

Vantage and LEED Certification

As conservation and sustainability become more and more important to the construction and renovation industries, consumers are asking more questions about ways to be friendlier to the environment as well as preserve energy.

Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) provides a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations, and maintenance solutions in both commercial and residential settings.

LEED is an internationally recognized benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings and homes. LEED also provides the building industry with consistent, credible standards for the design and maintenance of buildings and homes that are healthier for their occupants, energy efficient, and cost efficient.

LEED certification is based on LEED credits that are awarded in five categories of performance. Architects and building planners apply for this certification, and a building project must meet prerequisites to be registered. LEED applies to green building projects, and the USGBC does not endorse or certify the products or services of any company. However, individual manufacturers' products can contribute credits under the LEED rating system.

There are four levels of certification that can be awarded by LEED, each with a minimum point requirement. A minimum of 40 points must be attained to reach the certified level of recognition by LEED for commercial projects, and 45 points for residential projects. Beyond that, additional points move the applicant into Silver, Gold, and then Platinum levels.

Project Qualification Level	Commercial Minimum Point Value Required	Residential Minimum Point Value Required
Certified	40 points	45 points
Silver	50 points	60 points
Gold	60 points	75 points
Platinum	80 points	90 points

For residential projects, Vantage solutions can contribute up to 33 points toward LEED certification in the following areas:

- Innovation and Design – 7 points
- Water Efficiency – 4 points
- Energy and Atmosphere – 19 points
- Awareness and Education – 3 points

For commercial projects, Vantage solutions can contribute up to 39 points toward LEED certification in the following areas:

- Sustainable Sites – 1 point
- Water Efficiency – 4 points
- Energy and Atmosphere – 24 points
- Indoor Environmental Quality – 4 points
- Innovative Design – 6 points

Please contact your local Vantage Dealer for more details, or visit www.vantagecontrols.com to find an authorized Vantage dealer near you.