

ThyssenKrupp Elevator

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ThyssenKrupp Elevator's Sustainability Initiatives Expand to Manufacturing Practices

Featuring Powder Coat Finishing and Particleboard with No Added Urea-Formaldehyde

Middleton, TN (NOVEMBER 3, 2009) – ThyssenKrupp Elevator, the world's premier manufacturer, installer and service provider of vertical and horizontal transportation, announced the standardization of sustainable materials in its manufacturing production. As part of its ongoing commitment to green building practices the company will use powder coat finishing and particleboard with no added urea-formaldehyde as standard components in all new elevator interiors.

ThyssenKrupp Elevator's Middleton, Tennessee manufacturing facility will finish all of its elevator frames, doors, cab walls and cab tops with powder coat. The new, environmentally preferable powder coat system eliminates the use of oil-based paint and solvents. The process eradicates the need to suspend paint particles within liquid and instead uses electrostatically charged powdered material, which is sprayed onto the elevator part and then finished by placing it in an oven. By decreasing the paint's overall drying time, the powder coat system generates a 45% reduction in energy consumption. It also significantly reduces hazardous waste and VOC (volatile organic compounds) levels at the Middleton, TN facility.

The facility will also exclusively produce elevator panels, laminate plastic walls and wooden ceilings using particleboard with no added urea-formaldehyde. The new particleboard product, meets all the requirements of LEED EQ 4.4-Low-Emitting-Composite Wood and Agrifiber products, which requires any particleboard used to contain no added urea-formaldehyde. The particleboard is UL approved and Class A/Class fire-rated, which is ideal for interior elevator panels, walls and ceilings.

“These initiatives are part of the company’s ongoing efforts to operate in the most sustainable manner possible, insuring the optimum indoor environmental quality for our employees as well as the riding public,” said Sasha Bailey, corporate sustainability manager for ThyssenKrupp Elevator Americas Business Unit.

About ThyssenKrupp Elevator

ThyssenKrupp Elevator, Americas Business Unit, is the largest producer of elevators in North America, with over 14,000 employees, more than 200 branch and service locations, and sales of over 2.5 billion US dollars. ThyssenKrupp Elevator, Americas Business Unit, oversees all business for the operations in the USA, Canada, Central and South America. It is part of ThyssenKrupp Elevator AG, one of the leading elevator companies in the world, represented at over 800 locations in more than 60 countries. With nearly 40,000 employees, the company generated sales of approximately 5.0 billion euros in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2008. Its capabilities include passenger and freight elevators, escalators and moving walks, stair and platform lifts, passenger boarding bridges as well as quality service for all products.

ThyssenKrupp Elevator is a part of one of the two business divisions of ThyssenKrupp AG, a global conglomerate with business activities focused on the areas of materials and technologies. The conglomerate has some 199,000 employees in more than 70 countries, with sales totaling over 53 billion euros. ThyssenKrupp operations can be found in every state in the U.S. There are 70 ThyssenKrupp companies in more than 400 locations accounting for 25,000 employees and more than 9.7 billion US dollars in annual sales.

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