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## The FloorPrep Report: Compotite Corporation

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This Los Angeles, California-based supplier was originally named: **Compotite Shower Pan**, founded in Los Angeles in 1938 to manufacture and market "Compotite", a patented material developed by G.A. Morthland as a waterproofing substitute for lead shower pans in homes. The company incorporated twenty years later in 1958. Shortly thereafter, **Compotite** was included in all model plumbing codes and sold nationwide for the purpose of waterproofing shower floors under a thick-bed mortar setting of ceramic tile or marble. The company introduced its **Composeal Blue Vinyl Shower Pan** in 1979. Within six (6) years, because of its popularity, its ease of installation and its economic price, **Composeal** completely replaced **Compotite** by 1985. **Composeal** is made from high density, PVC resins and calendered into a strong waterproof, puncture resistant, chemical resistant and mildew resistant membrane. It meets or exceeds the requirements of the three (3) major plumbing codes: **UPC/IAPMO, SBCCI, BOCA** and the new **International Plumbing Code**. It also meets the **ASTM** and **Ceramic Tile Institute** requirements for non-bonded waterproof membranes. The required logos for these agencies are printed every 2 feet on the membrane for easy on-site certification by the building inspector. **Composeal** is sold through more than 450 tile and plumbing wholesale distributors in 100 foot rolls, four (4), five (5) or six (6) feet wide, in 40 mil gauge ( 40/1000" or 1/25" thick). **Composeal 30 mil** is also available in **UPC** code areas. Seven (7) years later, in 1992, **Composeal Gold 40 mil** bondable waterproof and crack suppression membrane for use with thin-set tile or marble installations was added to **Compotite's** product line. **Composeal Gold** notably meets the American National Standard: **ANSI A118.10 Standard for Load Bearing, Bonded, Waterproof Membranes for Thin-set Ceramic Tile and Dimension Stone Installations**, -----and----- is sold in 90 foot rolls, 5 feet wide through tile distributors across the country. **Bonsal American** has marketed **Composeal** products to the tile industry in the Eastern USA since 1994. **Composeal** products are manufactured in the USA and warehoused in **Reno, NV; Dallas, TX; Birmingham, AL; St. Petersburg, FL; and Charlotte, NC**. **Compotite** is a privately held California Corporation. **Joan M. Hutchins** succeeded her father, **Andrew Morthland**, as **CEO** in 1988. She, and her sister, **Patricia Draper** have five (5) sons and one (1) daughter between them. The Los Angeles office, located in the original 1938 warehouse, is managed by **Anna Evans** who joined **Compotite** in 1982.