

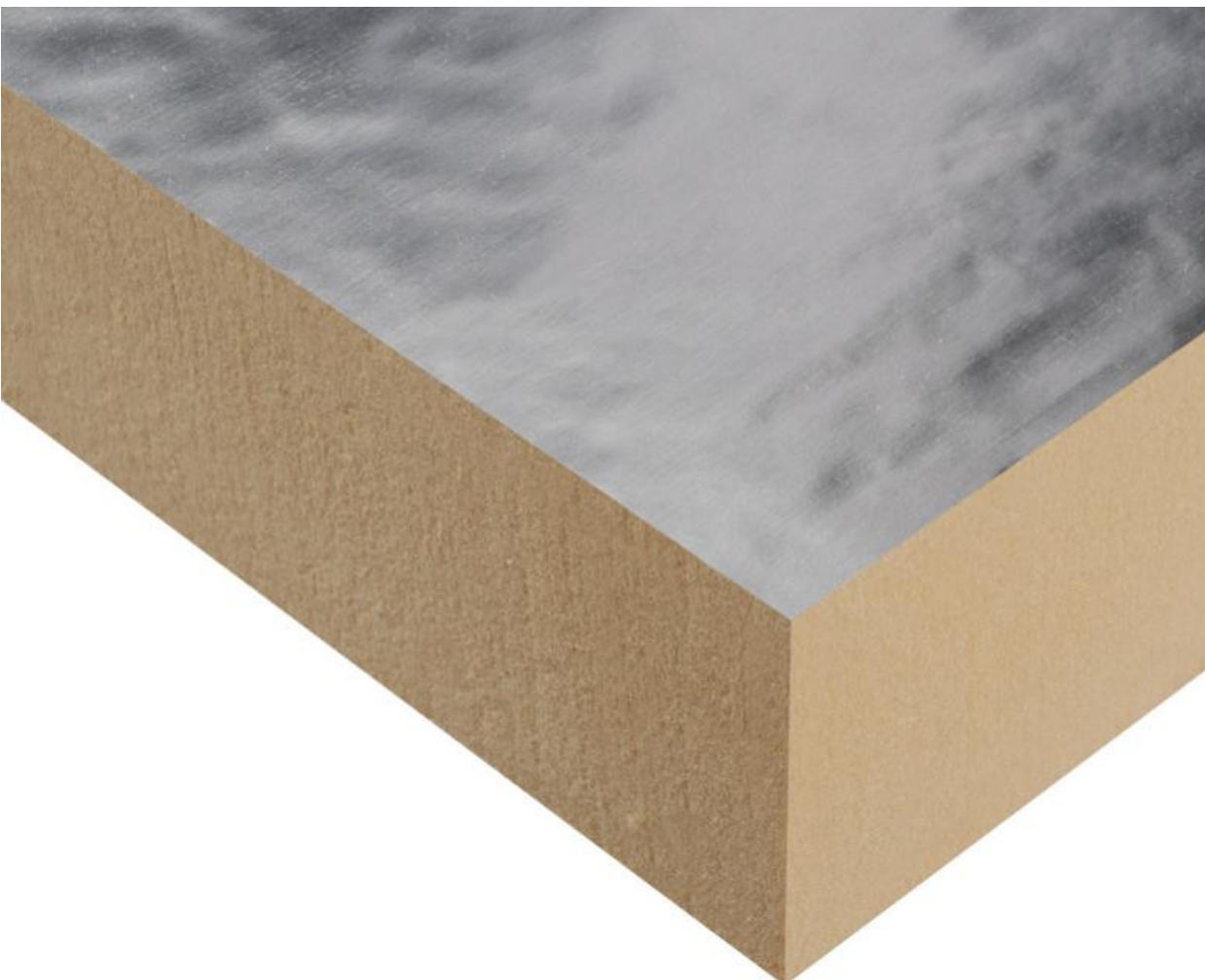
# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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## Product

### Product description

Polyurethane (PU) is a high performance thermal insulation material offering the lowest thermal conductivity of all insulation products commonly available in the market. It offers excellent compressive strength at low densities. PU includes both PUR (polyurethane) and PIR (polyisocyanurate) products.

The product covered by this EPD is a factory-made, closed-cell PU foam board with a multi-layer facing.

### Application

The PU board covered by this EPD is applied for the thermal insulation of residential and commercial buildings according to /EN 13165/ (e.g. interior and exterior insulation for roofs, floors, ceilings and walls).

### Technical Data

In this Life Cycle Assessment, a PU insulation board with the following properties has been regarded:

#### Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Gross density	31	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Thermal conductivity	0.023	W/(mK)

### Base materials / Ancillary materials

**Core material** (about 92 % of the weight of the declared unit):

Closed-cell polyurethane foam made from MDI (60.5 %), polyols (29 %), pentane (5 %) and additives (5.5 %).

**Facing** (about 8 % of the weight of the declared unit):

Multi-layer mainly consisting of paper (52 %), aluminium foil (26 %) and LDPE (19.5 %).

The PU board for insulation does not contain substances which are included in the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation".

Default values on packaging (use and waste), production waste, air emission and energy used are arithmetic averages of the inputs and outputs per ton produced over one reference year from different PU Europe manufacturers. Since the same machinery and similar process conditions are applied across Europe, using same base chemicals, they can be considered valid.

### Reference service life

The reference service life is 50 years.

## LCA: Calculation rules

### Declared Unit

The declared unit is 1 m<sup>2</sup> of PU thermal insulation board with multi-layer facing and with the following specifications:

### Declared unit

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>
Gross density	31	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0.258	m <sup>2</sup> /kg
Thickness	11.5	cm
Thermal conductivity	0.023	W/mK
Weight of declared unit	3.87	kg/m <sup>2</sup>

This provides a thermal resistance  $R = 5 \text{ m}^2 \text{ K/W}$ .

The LCI (Life Cycle Inventory) data used in this report is the weighted average of the data supplied by individual members of PU Europe, who manufacture products meeting this specification. The product is manufactured in accordance with /EN 13165/ "Thermal insulation products for buildings – Factory made rigid polyurethane foam (PUR) products – Specification".

### System boundary

This life cycle assessment for the production of the polyurethane insulation board considers the life cycle from the supply of raw materials to the manufacturer's

gate (cradle-to-gate with options). It also includes the transport to the construction site, the installation and the end-of-life stage of the used PU thermal insulation board. The life cycle is split into the following individual phases:

- A1 - Raw material formulation (foam materials)
- A2 - Raw material transport
- A3 - Production of the polyurethane insulation board (energy demands, waste, auxiliaries etc.) and packaging material
- A4 - Transport system house to warehouse and from warehouse to the construction site
- A5 - Emissions during installation and packaging disposal
- C2 - Transport of the used product from the building site to the waste management site
- C3/C4 - End-of-Life: waste management (thermal recovery)
- D - Benefits and loads beyond system boundary

### Comparability

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to /EN 15804/ and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance, are taken into account.

## LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

### Transport to the building site (A4)

Name	Value	Unit
Litres of fuel	0.00159	l/100km
Transport distance	100	km
Gross density of products transported	31	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Capacity utilization (including empty runs)	85	%

### Installation into the building (A5)

Name	Value	Unit
Material loss	5 %	kg
Packaging waste	0.35	kg/m <sup>2</sup>

### End of life (C1-C4)

Name	Value	Unit
Reuse	0	kg
Recycling	0.08	kg
Energy recovery	3.74	kg
Landfilling	0	kg
Waste processing (C3) Energy for shredding	0.772	MJ

## LCA: Results

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; MND = MODULE NOT DECLARED)

PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement <sup>1)</sup>	Refurbishment <sup>1)</sup>	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X	X	X

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: 1 m<sup>2</sup> installed PU insulation board – thickness of 11.5 cm

Parameter	Unit	A1 - A3	A4	A5	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	12	0.298	0.566	0.056	0.103	8.25	-5.05
ODP	[kg CFC11-Eq.]	1.85E-5	5.2E-12	9.93E-12	9.78E-13	9.28E-11	8.16E-11	-1.81E-9
AP	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	3.07E-2	1.74E-3	2.08E-4	3.27E-4	4.89E-4	3.31E-3	-1.52E-2
EP	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>-3</sup> -Eq.]	4.21E-3	4.15E-4	4.58E-5	7.81E-5	2.58E-5	8.15E-4	-9.25E-4
POCP	[kg Ethen Eq.]	1.21E-2	-6.93E-4	1.42E-5	-1.3E-4	2.88E-5	2.22E-4	-1.09E-3
ADPE	[kg Sb Eq.]	1.88E-5	1.11E-8	4.52E-9	2.09E-9	1.42E-8	6.23E-8	-6.03E-7
ADPF	[MJ]	257	4.11	0.186	0.772	1.17	2.03	-68.6

Caption: GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential of land and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants; ADPE = Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - RESOURCE USE: 1 m<sup>2</sup> installed PU insulation board – thickness of 11.5 cm

Parameter	Unit	A1 - A3	A4	A5	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	[MJ]	16.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERM	[MJ]	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERT	[MJ]	16.6	0.162	0.024	0.03	0.303	0.131	-8.69
PENRE	[MJ]	186	-	-	-	-	-	-
PENRM	[MJ]	89.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
PENRT	[MJ]	275	4.12	0.237	0.775	1.82	2.29	-81.3
SM	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RSF	[MJ]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	[MJ]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW	[m <sup>3</sup> ]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Caption: PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non renewable primary energy excluding non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non renewable primary energy resources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water

### RESULTS OF THE LCA – OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES:

#### 1 m<sup>2</sup> installed PU insulation board – thickness of 11.5 cm

Parameter	Unit	A1 - A3	A4	A5	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NHWD	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RWD	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRU	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
MFR	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.08
MER	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.74
EEE	[MJ]	0	0	0.877	0	0	12.2	-
EET	[MJ]	0	0	2.41	0	0	33.3	-

Caption: HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed; CRU = Components for re-use; MFR = Materials for recycling; MER = Materials for energy recovery; EEE = Exported electrical energy; EEE = Exported thermal energy

\*FW, HWD, NHWD, RWD: Not all of the used inventories for the calculation of the LCA support the methodological approach for the declaration of water and waste indicators. The material amounts, displayed with these inventories contribute to 29 % to the production. This is significant, as > 3 % (referring to the mass of the declared unit). The indicators are not declared (decision of IBU advisory board 2013-01-07).

\*\*SM: Only the foreground system is considered.

\*\*\*MFR: No credit is given for the amount of recycled steel entering the system without loads.

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