

Environmental product declaration

in accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804+A2

Protecta FR Backing



Polyseam®

The Norwegian EPD Foundation

Owner of the declaration:

Polyseam AS

Product:

Protecta FR Backing

Declared unit:

1 m²

This declaration is based on Product Category Rules:

CEN Standard EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 serves as core PCR.

NPCR 012:2022 Part B for Thermal insulation products

Program operator:

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General information

Product

Protecta FR Backing

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Statement of liability:

The owner of the declaration shall be liable for the underlying information and evidence. EPD Norway shall not be liable with respect to manufacturer information, life cycle assessment data and evidences.

Declared unit:

1 m² Protecta FR Backing

Declared unit with option:

A1,A2,A3,A4,A5,C1,C2,C3,C4,D

Functional unit:

1 m² Protecta FR Backing. The backing is 25mm thick and has a 128 kg/m³ density. Thermal conductivity: 0,0036 W/mK.

General information on verification of EPD from EPD tools:

Independent verification of data, other environmental information and the declaration according to ISO 14025:2010, § 8.1.3 and § 8.1.4. Verification of each EPD is made according to EPD-Norway's guidelines for verification and approval requiring that tools are i) integrated into the company's environmental management system, ii) the procedures for use of the EPD tool are approved by EPD-Norway, and iii) the process is reviewed annually by an independent third party verifier. See Appendix G of EPD-Norway's General Programme Instructions for further information on EPD tools

Verification of EPD tool:

Independent third party verification of the EPD tool, background data and test-EPD in accordance with EPD-Norway's procedures and guidelines for verification and approval of EPD tools.

Third party verifier:

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Management system:

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Organisation no:

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Year of study:

2022

Comparability:

EPD of construction products may not be comparable if they not comply with EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 and seen in a building context.

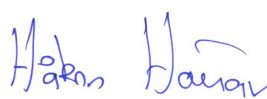
Development and verification of EPD:

The declaration is created using EPD tool lca.tools ver EPD2022.03, developed by LCA.no. The EPD tool is integrated in the company's management system, and has been approved by EPD Norway.

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Reviewer of company-specific input data and EPD: Wol Hluchan

Approved:



Håkon Hauan
Managing Director of EPD-Norway

Product

Product description:

Protecta FR Backing is made from special alkaline earth silicate (AES) fibres that have been uniquely engineered to offer advantages in high temperature insulation applications. These wool blanket products are lightweight, have low thermal conductivity, low heat storage and excellent resistance to thermal shock.

It is also suitable for use in a wide range of high temperature applications such as furnace lining and blast furnace operation. It can also be used in fire-stopping applications as an easy-to-install, thermal backing material for fire protection sealants. FR Backing is user friendly and considered a superior alternative to stonewool as it is easier to shape and fit and its high temperature endurance.

Product specification

Materials	Value	Unit
MATERIALS		
Mineral	100	%
PACKAGING		
Packaging - Cardboard	0,08	kg
Packaging - Plastic	0,00	kg
Packaging - Wood	0,08	kg

Technical data:

For more information, please see <https://protecta.co.uk/product/fire-rated-backing/>

Market:

Global.

Reference service life, product

60 years, if installed correctly.

Reference service life, building or construction works

60 years.

LCA: Calculation rules

Declared unit:

1 m2 Protecta FR Backing

Cut-off criteria:

All major raw materials and all the essential energy is included. The production processes for raw materials and energy flows with very small amounts (less than 1%) are not included. These cut-off criteria do not apply for hazardous materials and substances.

Allocation:

The allocation is made in accordance with the provisions of EN 15804+A2. Incoming energy and water and waste production in-house is allocated equally among all products through mass allocation. Effects of primary production of recycled materials is allocated to the main product in which the material was used. The recycling process and transportation of the material is allocated to this analysis.

Data quality:

Specific data for the product composition are provided by the manufacturer. The data represent the production of the declared product and were collected for EPD development in the year of study. Background data is based on EPDs according to EN 15804 and different LCA databases. The data quality of the raw materials in A1 is presented in the table below.

Materials	Source	Data quality	Year
Mineral	ecoinvent 3.6	Database	2019
Packaging - Cardboard	Modified ecoinvent 3.6	Database	2019
Packaging - Plastic	ecoinvent 3.6	Database	2019
Packaging - Wood	ecoinvent 3.6	Database	2019
Packaging - Wood	Modified ecoinvent 3.6	Database	2019

System boundaries (X=included, MND=module not declared, MNR=module not relevant)

Product stage			Construction installation stage		Use stage								End of life stage				Beyond the system boundaries
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	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	X	X	X	X	X	

System boundary:

The life cycle analysis is a cradle-to-grave study, excluding the use phase (B1-B7). It includes the extraction and production of raw materials and packaging, transportation to the manufacturing site, the production process itself, transportation to the construction site, waste management during product installation, demolition, transportation to waste treatment, the waste treatment process, landfill of materials, as well as avoided emissions and resource use in a new product.

A4: Transportation from the factory in England to the market is included, based on an average distance calculated from all the countries where we export this product.

A5: Manual installation is assumed, and electricity is not accounted for. No sealants/adhesives are included. Our fire-rated products are system-approved and have EPDs for the necessary products. We expect the EPDs for the used products to be attached as documentation. 0% material loss is included during installation. All packaging is sent for average waste treatment.

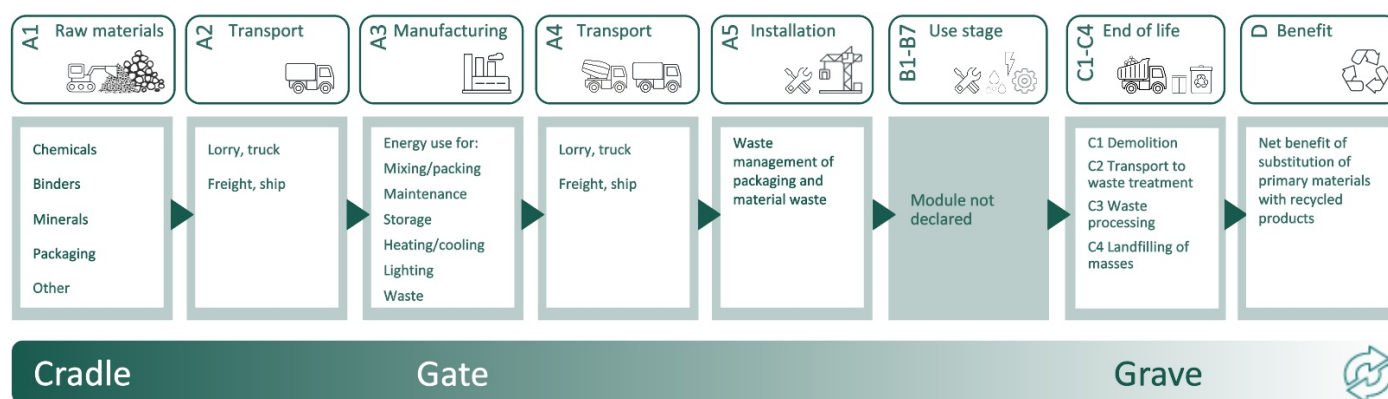
C1: Average datasets are used for demolition.

C2: 50 km of transportation to the nearest waste treatment facility is assumed.

C3: No part of the product is assumed to be sent for incineration. 98% of the product is assumed to be reused in a new project.

C4: 2% of the product is assumed to be sent to landfill due to contamination of sealant during installation, as well as damage during dismantling.

D: 98% of the product is assumed to be reused since the material does not lose its insulation value. Extraction and processing of new material are deducted.



Additional technical information:

Protecta FR Backing can be easily removed and reused if the product is undamaged.

Polyseam's factory is certified according to the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems (EMS). It provides a framework for organisations to design and implement an EMS, and continually improve their environmental performance.

Learn more: <https://www.polyseam.com/sustainability/>














LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

The following information describe the scenarios in the different modules of the EPD.

Transport from production place to user (A4)	Capacity utilisation (incl. return) %	Distance (km)	Fuel/Energy Consumption	Unit	Value (Liter/tonne)	
Ship, Ferry, Sea (km)	50,0 %	340	0,034	l/tkm	11,56	
Ship, Freight, Transoceanic (km)	65,0 %	4263	0,003	l/tkm	12,79	
Truck, unspecified (kgkm) - Rest-of-World	48,7 %	300	0,051	l/tkm	15,30	
Truck, unspecified (kgkm) - Rest-of-World	48,7 %	249	0,051	l/tkm	12,70	
Assembly (A5)		Unit	Value			
Waste, packaging, pallet, EUR wooden pallet, reusable, to average treatment (kg)	kg	0,01				
Waste, packaging, cardboard, to average treatment (kg)	kg	0,08				
Waste, packaging, pallet, EUR wooden pallet, single use, to average treatment (kg)	kg	0,07				
Waste, packaging, plastic film (LDPE), to average treatment (kg)	kg	0,00				
De-construction demolition (C1)		Unit	Value			
Demolition of building and mixed material collection, 0,012kWh per kg demolished material (kg)	kg/DU	3,37				
Transport to waste processing (C2)		Capacity utilisation (incl. return) %	Distance (km)	Fuel/Energy Consumption	Unit	Value (Liter/tonne)
Truck, over 32 tonnes, EURO 6 (km) - Europe	53,3 %	50	0,023	l/tkm	1,15	
Waste processing (C3)		Unit	Value			
Waste, Components for reuse (kg)	kg/DU	3,30				
Disposal (C4)		Unit	Value			
Waste, stone wool, to landfill (kg)	kg/DU	0,07				
Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries (D)		Unit	Value			
Substitution of mineral fiber (kg)	kg/DU	3,30				

LCA: Results

The LCA results are presented below for the declared unit defined on page 2 of the EPD document.

Environmental impact												
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
 GWP-total	kg CO ₂ -eq	6,41E+00	1,07E+00	1,11E+01	5,14E-01	2,62E-01	1,35E-02	1,47E-02	0,00E+00	3,58E-04	-6,56E+00	
 GWP-fossil	kg CO ₂ -eq	6,63E+00	1,07E+00	1,11E+01	5,14E-01	3,28E-03	1,35E-02	1,47E-02	0,00E+00	3,58E-04	-6,54E+00	
 GWP-biogenic	kg CO ₂ -eq	-2,24E-01	3,43E-04	1,76E-02	1,72E-04	2,58E-01	2,53E-06	6,28E-06	0,00E+00	2,40E-07	-1,06E-02	
 GWP-luluc	kg CO ₂ -eq	6,75E-03	6,20E-04	1,30E-03	2,64E-04	9,23E-07	1,06E-06	4,47E-06	0,00E+00	9,98E-08	-2,52E-03	
 ODP	kg CFC11-eq	7,81E-07	2,30E-07	7,59E-08	1,09E-07	5,82E-10	2,91E-09	3,54E-09	0,00E+00	1,47E-10	-6,52E-07	
 AP	mol H ⁺ -eq	5,29E-02	2,52E-02	5,82E-02	9,96E-03	2,16E-05	1,41E-04	4,72E-05	0,00E+00	3,40E-06	-2,98E-02	
 EP-FreshWater	kg P -eq	2,37E-04	6,09E-06	2,40E-04	3,47E-06	3,37E-08	4,91E-08	1,17E-07	0,00E+00	4,01E-09	-1,81E-04	
 EP-Marine	kg N -eq	6,61E-03	6,42E-03	1,19E-02	2,61E-03	8,73E-06	6,22E-05	1,03E-05	0,00E+00	1,17E-06	-4,79E-03	
 EP-Terrestrial	mol N -eq	9,31E-02	7,14E-02	1,31E-01	2,90E-02	9,32E-05	6,74E-04	1,15E-04	0,00E+00	1,29E-05	-6,02E-02	
 POCP	kg NMVOC-eq	2,08E-02	1,87E-02	3,40E-02	7,66E-03	2,46E-05	1,88E-04	4,53E-05	0,00E+00	3,74E-06	-2,96E-02	
 ADP-minerals&metals ¹	kg Sb-eq	8,72E-04	1,43E-05	2,74E-05	8,22E-06	6,27E-08	2,07E-08	2,61E-07	0,00E+00	3,28E-09	-6,76E-05	
 ADP-fossil ¹	MJ	6,93E+01	1,45E+01	9,75E+01	7,14E+00	4,08E-02	1,85E-01	2,38E-01	0,00E+00	1,00E-02	-1,89E+02	
 WDP ¹	m ³	1,04E+02	5,20E+00	5,77E+00	1,96E+00	5,86E-02	3,94E-02	1,83E-01	0,00E+00	3,09E-03	-7,21E+01	







GWP-total = Global Warming Potential total; GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption

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*INA Indicator Not Assessed

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Remarks to environmental impacts











Additional environmental impact indicators												
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
 PM	Disease incidence	4,31E-07	3,13E-08	7,86E-07	2,56E-08	2,80E-10	1,71E-08	1,35E-09	0,00E+00	6,60E-11	-3,01E-07	
 IRP ²	kgBq U235 -eq	2,08E-01	6,19E-02	6,41E-02	3,02E-02	1,60E-04	8,08E-04	1,04E-03	0,00E+00	4,11E-05	-1,27E-01	
 ETP-fw ¹	CTUe	1,94E+02	9,47E+00	2,94E+02	5,01E+00	4,99E-02	1,01E-01	1,74E-01	0,00E+00	5,92E-03	-8,89E+01	
 HTP-c ¹	CTUh	7,25E-09	0,00E+00	2,69E-09	0,00E+00	4,00E-12	3,00E-12	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	-1,13E-08	
 HTP-nc ¹	CTUh	1,17E-07	5,22E-09	1,22E-07	4,84E-09	1,67E-10	9,40E-11	1,68E-10	0,00E+00	4,00E-12	-5,72E-08	
 SQP ¹	dimensionless	5,60E+01	5,73E+00	2,07E+01	3,62E+00	2,52E-02	2,25E-02	2,73E-01	0,00E+00	2,05E-02	-1,11E+01	

PM = Particulate Matter emissions; IRP = Ionizing radiation – human health; ETP-fw = Eco toxicity – freshwater; HTP-c = Human toxicity – cancer effects; HTP-nc = Human toxicity – non cancer effects; SQP = Potential Soil Quality Index (dimensionless)

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2. This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.

Resource use												
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
 PERE	MJ	7,56E+00	1,30E-01	9,92E+00	6,56E-02	7,67E-04	1,01E-03	3,00E-03	0,00E+00	8,09E-05	-2,90E+00	
 PERM	MJ	2,40E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	-2,40E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	
 PERT	MJ	9,96E+00	1,30E-01	9,92E+00	6,56E-02	-2,40E+00	1,01E-03	3,00E-03	0,00E+00	8,09E-05	-2,90E+00	
 PENRE	MJ	6,93E+01	1,45E+01	9,75E+01	7,14E+00	4,08E-02	1,85E-01	2,38E-01	0,00E+00	1,00E-02	-6,27E+01	
 PENRM	MJ	4,25E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	-4,25E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	-1,27E+02	
 PENRT	MJ	6,93E+01	1,45E+01	9,75E+01	7,14E+00	-1,64E-03	1,85E-01	2,38E-01	0,00E+00	1,00E-02	-1,89E+02	
 SM	kg	3,84E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,71E-06	0,00E+00	
 RSF	MJ	1,04E-01	3,47E-03	3,03E-03	1,44E-03	2,35E-05	0,00E+00	1,05E-04	0,00E+00	1,88E-06	-6,86E-02	
 NRSF	MJ	1,07E-02	3,05E-02	4,79E-02	1,09E-02	1,95E-04	0,00E+00	3,51E-04	0,00E+00	9,63E-06	-1,50E-02	
 FW	m ³	1,37E-01	1,09E-03	2,75E-02	6,16E-04	2,51E-05	9,55E-06	2,71E-05	0,00E+00	1,07E-05	-1,10E-01	

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 materials; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Net use of fresh water

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
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End of life - Waste												
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
	HWD	kg	3,68E-02	7,73E-04	3,85E-02	4,78E-04	0,00E+00	5,46E-06	1,30E-05	0,00E+00	7,76E-07	-8,89E-03
	NHWD	kg	1,21E+00	3,48E-01	9,23E-01	2,40E-01	1,52E-01	2,20E-04	2,07E-02	0,00E+00	6,80E-02	-3,63E-01
	RWD	kg	2,02E-04	9,91E-05	5,67E-05	4,82E-05	0,00E+00	1,29E-06	1,63E-06	0,00E+00	6,57E-08	-1,35E-04

HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed

*Reading example: 9,0 E-03 = $9,0 \cdot 10^{-3} = 0,009$

*INA Indicator Not Assessed

End of life - Output flow												
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
	CRU	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,05E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	3,30E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
	MFR	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	7,40E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,55E-06	0,00E+00
	MER	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,39E-01	0,00E+00	7,10E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,06E-08	0,00E+00
	EEE	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,26E-02	0,00E+00	5,39E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,78E-07	0,00E+00
	EET	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	1,25E+00	0,00E+00	8,15E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,69E-06	0,00E+00

CRU = Components for re-use; MFR = Materials for recycling; MER = Materials for energy recovery; EEE = Exported energy electrical; EET = Exported energy thermal

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Biogenic Carbon Content		
Indicator	Unit	At the factory gate
Biogenic carbon content in product	kg C	0,00E+00
Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging	kg C	7,05E-02

Note: 1 kg biogenic carbon is equivalent to 44/12 kg CO₂

Additional requirements

Greenhouse gas emissions from the use of electricity in the manufacturing phase

National production mix from import, low voltage (production of transmission lines, in addition to direct emissions and losses in grid) of applied electricity for the manufacturing process (A3).

Electricity mix	Source	Amount	Unit
Electricity, B (kWh)	ecoinvent 3.6	1102,91	g CO ₂ -eq/kWh

Dangerous substances

The product contains no substances given by the REACH Candidate list.

Indoor environment

Can be used on projects following the BREEAM UK New Construction Manual 2023 v6.1.

Additional Environmental Information

Additional environmental impact indicators required in NPCR Part A for construction products											
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWPIOBC	kg CO ₂ -eq	6,66E+00	1,07E+00	1,05E+01	5,14E-01	3,28E-03	1,35E-02	1,47E-02	0,00E+00	3,58E-04	-6,56E+00

GWPIOBC: Global warming potential calculated according to the principle of instantaneous oxidation. In order to increase the transparency of biogenic carbon contribution to climate impact, the indicator GWP-IOBC is required as it declares climate impacts calculated according to the principle of instantaneous oxidation. GWP-IOBC is also referred to as GWP-GHG in context to Swedish public procurement legislation.

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