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# Environmental Product Declaration



Circuit breaker MHGV 12.06-12 K1

Direct replacement solution for HPA installed in MH switchgear

Production site: ABB Vaasa, Finland



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<b>Declared product</b>	MHGV 12.06-12 K1		
<b>Product description</b>	MHGV 12 06-12 K1 breakers are used in electrical distribution for control and protection of cables, transformer and distribution substations, motors, transformers, generators and capacitor banks. The Scope of the Medium voltage circuit breakers is to interrupt an electric current with a mechanical actuator.		
<b>Functional unit</b>	To manage and protect the electrical continuity of the circuit to which it is applied, at a use rate of 30% of service life and load factor of 50% of the rated current during a service life of 20 years in Europe.		
<b>Reference flow</b>	A single MHGV 12 06-12 K1 circuit breaker, including related accessories and packaging.		
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## General Information

This Environmental Product Declaration is a “specific product EPD” with extrapolation rules. A representative product configuration is declared as reference product, and the results can be extrapolated for other configurations according to the provided extrapolation rules. The EPD covers the following devices of the MHGV 12.06-12 K1, including related accessories and packaging:

- MHGV 12.06-12 K1 with PT1-VGE4 poles
- MGHV 12.06-12 K1 with PT1-VG4S poles

PT1-VGE4 and PT1-VG4S are embedded poles which are used to provide dielectric strength and protection of the vacuum interrupter.

General technical information of the products is presented below.

	Description	Config.1	Config.2
Device	Circuit Breaker	MHGV	MHGV
Size	Weight [Kg]	150,92	152,91
Ratings	Rated voltage [kV]	12	12
	Rated current [A]	630-1250	630-1250
	Rated short circuit breaking current [kA]	Up to 25	32
Pole type	Pole PT1	VGE4	VG4S

Reference product is MHGV 12.06 K1 with PT1-VGE4 poles.

The products are manufactured by ABB Vaasa located in Finland. The manufacturing site is certified according to the following standards:

- ISO 9001:2015 – Quality Management Systems
- ISO 14001:2015 – Environmental Management Systems
- ISO 45001:2018 – Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems
- ISO 50001:2018 – Energy management systems

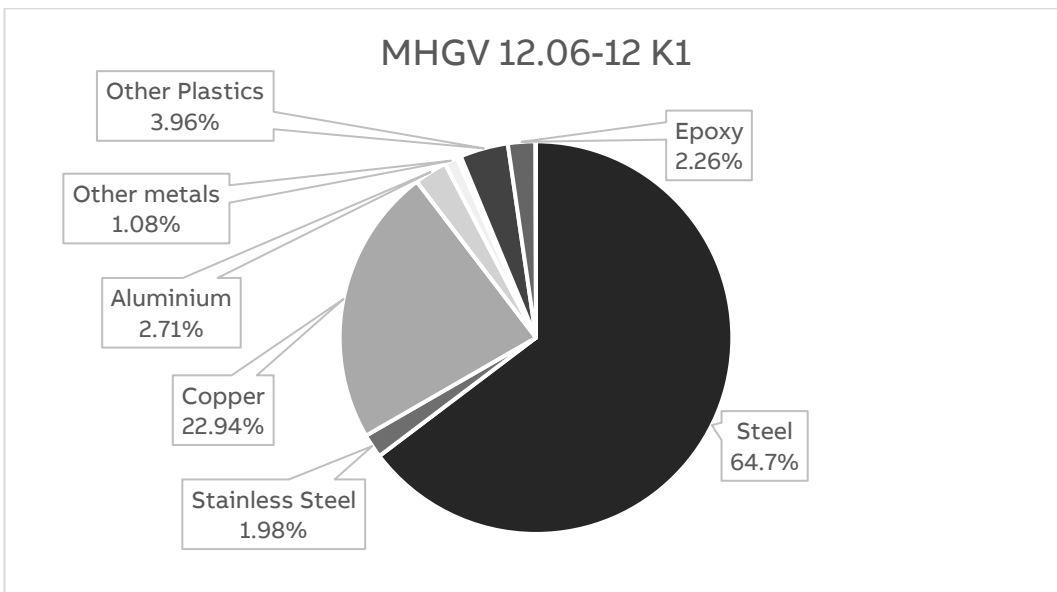
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# Constituent Materials

The constituent materials of the product are presented below.

Type	Material	Weight [kg]	Weight %
Metals	Steel, low-alloyed	73.04	64.70
	Steel, stainless	2.23	1.98
	Copper	25.90	22.94
	Aluminum	3.06	2.71
	Other metals	1.21	1.08
Plastics	Polycarbonate	0.04	0.03
	Polyamide	0.35	0.31
	Other plastics	4.47	3.96
Others	Epoxy resin	2.55	2.26
	Others	0.05	0.04
<b>Total</b>		<b>112.89</b>	<b>100</b>



The constituent materials of the packaging are presented below.

Material	Weight [kg]	Weight %
Wood	34.50	90.72
Steel	1.85	4.86
Plastics	0.93	2.45
Other	0.75	1.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.03</b>	<b>100</b>



# LCA Background Information

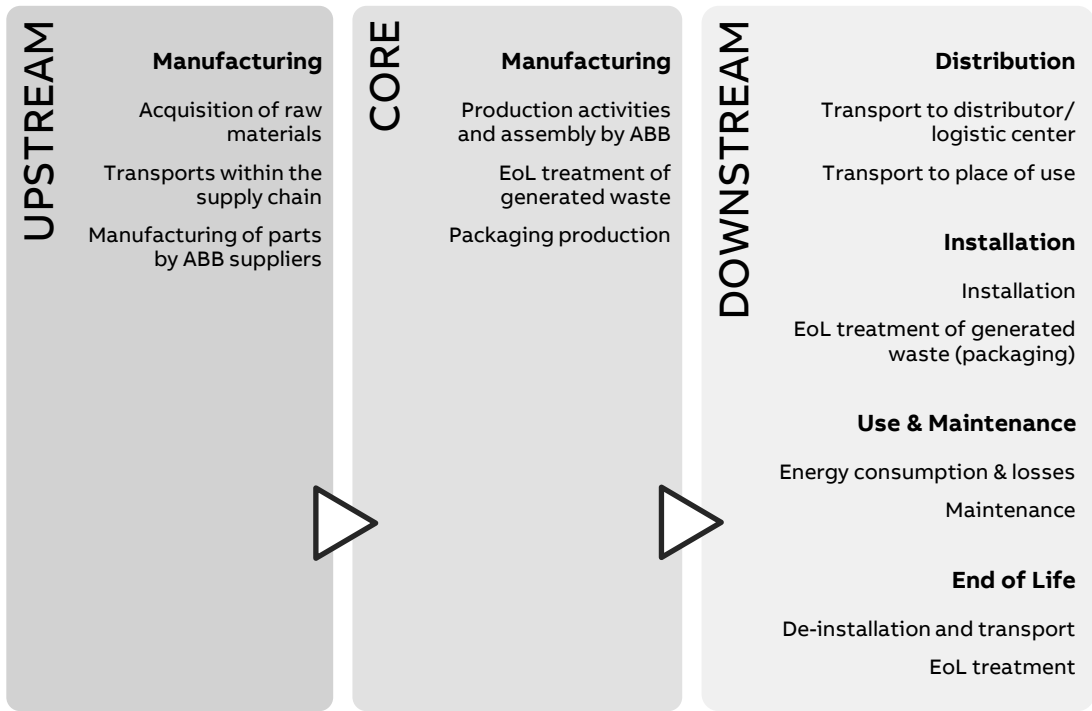
## Functional Unit

To manage and protect the electrical continuity of the circuit to which it is applied, at a use rate of 30% of service life and load factor of 50% of the rated current during a service life of 20 years in Europe. The reference flow is a single MHGV 12 06-12 K1 circuit breaker, including related accessories and packaging.

Note, the reference service life (RSL) of 20 years is a theoretical period selected for calculation purposes only – this is not representative for the minimum, average, nor actual service life of the product.

## System Boundaries

The life cycle assessment is a “cradle-to-grave” analysis, and the system boundaries are defined according to EN 50693, as required by the PCR. For transparency reasons, the manufacturing stage is further divided into an upstream and core stage.



## Data quality

Both primary and secondary data are used. The main sources for primary data are the bill of materials (BOM) and technical drawings.

For all processes for which primary data are not available, generic background data originating from the ecoinvent v3.9.1 database, with system model “allocation, cut-off by

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classification”, are used. The database Industry Data 2.0 is also used for Polyoxymethylene (POM)/EU-27 and Steel ElectroGalvanized which are not available byecoinvent. The LCA software used for the calculations is SimaPro 9.5.

### Allocation rules

The utility consumption and waste generation by ABB, in the core manufacturing stage, is allocated to the production of one reference product according to applicable rules. For the end-of-life allocation, the “Polluter Pays” principle is adopted according to what is defined in the CEN/TR 16970 standard. However, the potential benefits and avoided loads from recovery and recycling processes are not considered because it is not required by the PCR.

### Cut-off criteria

According to PCR EPDItaly007 “Electronic and electrical products and systems”, the cut-off criteria can be set to a maximum of 5% of the overall environmental impacts. According to PCR EPDItaly012, in this LCA, grease and stickers have been excluded as their weight is negligible. In addition, production, use and disposal of the packaging of components and semi-finished intermediates have been excluded for the same reason as stated before.

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# Inventory Analysis

## Manufacturing Stage (upstream)

The life cycle inventory in the upstream manufacturing stage is based on the primary data available from ABB. Datasets are applied accordingly, to the best of our knowledge, to represent each material, manufacturing process, and surface treatment.

Additionally, supply chain transports are added as far as data is available between ABB, the suppliers, and sub-suppliers. Only primary suppliers are considered. The rest of the transports are assumed to already be included inecoinvent's "market for"-processes.

## Manufacturing Stage (core)

In the core manufacturing stage, utility consumption and waste generation at the ABB manufacturing site are accounted for. The packaging materials and accessories associated with the product are also considered. Modelling decisions and assumptions that are highly relevant to the results are as following:

- 100% renewable electricity and district heating is considered, which is procured by the ABB manufacturing site through Guarantees of Origins (GO's).

## Distribution

The transport distance from the ABB manufacturing site to the site of installation is assumed to be 300 km by lorry, as suggested by the PCR EPDItaly012, as the actual distance is unknown.

	Dataset	Amount	Unit	Represent.
Transport	Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 {RER}	300	km	PCR

## Installation

The installation phase only implies manual activities, and no energy is consumed. Therefore, this phase only considers the end-of-life of the packaging materials used.

	Scenario	Transport	Representation
Packaging End-of-Life	Packaging waste by waste management operations (Eurostat, 2021)	100 km by lorry (assumption)	Europe

## Use

The use stage considers the reference power consumption over the reference service life as defined in the functional unit. This is calculated using the following formula, according to PCR EPDItaly012:

$$E_{use}[kWh] = \frac{P_{use} * 8760 * RSL * \alpha}{1000} = \frac{10.91 \text{ W} * 8760 \text{ hours} * 20 \text{ years} * 30 \%}{1000} = 573.68 \text{ kWh}$$

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Where:

- $E_{use}$  = Total energy use over the reference service life
- $P_{use}$  = Reference power consumption in watts
- $RSL$  = Reference Service Life in years
- $\alpha$  = Use time rate
- 8760 is the number of hours in a year
- 1000 is the conversion factor from W to kW

Energy mix	Source	Amount	Unit
European energy mix; <i>Electricity, medium voltage {RER} market group for   Cut-off, S</i>	Ecoinvent v3.9.1	0.362	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq/kWh

As far as maintenance is concerned, it is assumed that there are no scheduled interventions during the product’s service life, according to PCR EPDIItaly012.

### End of life

Decommissioning of the product only implies manual activities, and no energy is consumed. Therefore, this phase only considers the end-of-life of the product.

Product	Scenario	Transport	Representation
<b>End-of-Life</b>	IEC/TR 62635 (Annex D.3)*	100 km by lorry (assumption)	Europe

\*A conservative approach is adopted by considering all parts as either: requiring selective treatment, difficult to process, or going through a separation process; no individual part is considered as a single recyclable material.

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# Environmental Indicators

In accordance with the PCR EPDItaly007, the environmental impact indicators are determined by using the characterization factors and impact assessment methods specified in EN 15804:2012+A2:2019.

## MHGV 12.06 K1

Impact category	Unit	Total	Cradle-to-grave					
			UPSTREAM	CORE	DOWNSTREAM			
			Manufacturing		Distribution	Installation	Use and maintenance	End-of-life
<b>GWP – total</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	1.06E+03	7.88E+02	2.10E+01	8.48E+00	1.85E+01	2.07E+02	1.54E+01
<b>GWP – fossil</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	1.07E+03	8.12E+02	3.46E+01	8.47E+00	2.21E+00	2.00E+02	1.20E+01
<b>GWP – biogenic</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	-1.48E+01	-2.50E+01	-1.69E+01	7.71E-03	1.63E+01	7.36E+00	3.38E+00
<b>GWP – luluc</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	5.08E+00	1.24E+00	3.32E+00	4.14E-03	6.38E-04	4.99E-01	1.45E-02
<b>ODP</b>	kg CFC-11 eq.	1.96E-05	1.49E-05	7.67E-07	1.85E-07	2.43E-08	3.59E-06	1.32E-07
<b>AP</b>	mol H+ eq.	2.37E+01	2.23E+01	2.74E-01	3.50E-02	6.47E-03	1.00E+00	5.46E-02
<b>EP – freshwater</b>	kg P eq.	2.01E+00	1.81E+00	1.51E-02	5.96E-04	1.84E-04	1.82E-01	3.68E-03
<b>EP – marine</b>	kg N eq.	1.97E+00	1.66E+00	8.44E-02	1.34E-02	7.68E-03	1.78E-01	2.58E-02
<b>EP – terrestrial</b>	mol N eq.	2.36E+01	2.07E+01	9.50E-01	1.43E-01	2.76E-02	1.57E+00	1.46E-01
<b>POCP</b>	kg NMVOC eq.	7.15E+00	6.26E+00	2.82E-01	5.13E-02	9.15E-03	5.06E-01	4.62E-02
<b>ADP – minerals and metals</b>	kg Sb eq.	3.15E-01	3.14E-01	2.85E-04	2.74E-05	4.02E-06	3.97E-04	9.90E-05
<b>ADP – fossil</b>	MJ, net calorific value	1.53E+04	9.85E+03	5.95E+02	1.21E+02	1.69E+01	4.59E+03	1.34E+02
<b>WDP</b>	m <sup>3</sup> eq.	4.48E+02	3.65E+02	3.42E+01	4.90E-01	8.90E-02	4.69E+01	1.60E+00

GWP-fossil: Global Warming Potential fossil; 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; EP-freshwater: Eutrophication potential-freshwater compartment; EP-marine: Eutrophication potential-marine compartment; EP-terrestrial: Eutrophication potential-accumulated exceedance; POCP: Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals & metals: Abiotic Depletion for non-fossil resources potential; ADP-fossil: Abiotic Depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP: Water deprivation potential.

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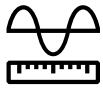
Resource use parameters	Unit	Total	Cradle-to-gate		Cradle-to-grave			
			UPSTREAM	CORE	DOWNSTREAM			
			Manufacturing		Distribution	Installation	Use and maintenance	End-of-life
PENRE	MJ, low cal. value	1.52E+04	9.79E+03	5.58E+02	1.21E+02	1.69E+01	4.59E+03	1.34E+02
PERE	MJ, low cal. value	4.19E+03	1.99E+03	1.31E+03	1.87E+00	3.70E-01	8.82E+02	1.29E+01
PENRM	MJ, low cal. value	9.24E+01	5.55E+01	3.68E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PERM	MJ, low cal. value	9.18E+02	4.28E+02	4.90E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PENRT	MJ, low cal. value	1.53E+04	9.85E+03	5.95E+02	1.21E+02	1.69E+01	4.59E+03	1.34E+02
PERT	MJ, low cal. value	5.11E+03	2.42E+03	1.80E+03	1.87E+00	3.70E-01	8.82E+02	1.29E+01
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	1.72E+01	1.02E+01	3.30E+00	1.72E-02	3.53E-03	3.59E+00	6.17E-02
MS	kg	3.79E+01	3.73E+01	5.91E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

PENRE: Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw material; PERE: Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw material; PENRM: Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw material; PERM: Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw material; PENRT: Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials); PERT: Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials); FW: Net use of fresh water; MS: Use of secondary materials; RFS: Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF: Use of non-renewable secondary fuels.

System output indicators	Unit	Total	Cradle-to-gate		Cradle-to-grave			
			UPSTREAM	CORE	DOWNSTREAM			
			Manufacturing		Distribution	Installation	Use and maintenance	End-of-life
HWD	kg	1.41E-01	1.31E-01	2.12E-03	7.69E-04	9.71E-05	5.82E-03	5.11E-04
NHWD	kg	3.42E+02	2.68E+02	1.98E+01	5.90E+00	1.44E+01	1.26E+01	2.07E+01
RWD	kg	5.16E-02	1.63E-02	1.61E-03	3.93E-05	7.17E-06	3.34E-02	2.61E-04
MER	kg	2.32E+01	2.80E+00	9.28E+00	0.00E+00	1.07E+01	0.00E+00	3.91E-01
MFR	kg	1.55E+02	2.98E+01	1.60E+01	0.00E+00	1.29E+01	0.00E+00	9.65E+01
CRU	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
ETE	MJ	9.62E+01	1.34E+01	3.50E+01	0.00E+00	4.54E+01	0.00E+00	2.48E+00
EEE	MJ	5.25E+01	6.87E+00	1.91E+01	0.00E+00	2.52E+01	0.00E+00	1.30E+00

HWD: hazardous waste disposed; NHWD: non-hazardous waste disposed; RWD: radioactive waste disposed; MER: materials for energy recovery; MFR: material for recycling; CRU: components for reuse; ETE: exported thermal energy; EEE: exported electricity energy.

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# Extrapolation rules

Due to the variations in environmental impacts present within the series, extrapolation rules are established according to EN 50693. To calculate the environmental impacts of the circuit breakers listed in table 18, it is necessary to use the following formula:

$$EI_{n,m} = a_{n,m} * EI_{rp,m}$$

Where:

- $EI_{nm}$  is the “m” environmental impact category of the “n” listed circuit breaker
- $a_{n,m}$  is a multiplicative coefficient of the “m” environmental impact category specified for the “n” listed circuit breaker
- $EI_{rp,m}$  is the “m” environmental impact category of the reference product “rp”

Product	PT1 Pole type	Rated Current [A]	Climate change - Total [kg CO2 eq]	Climate change - Fossil [kg CO2 eq]	Climate change - Biogenic [kg CO2 eq]	Climate change - Land use and LU change [kg CO2 eq]	Ozone depletion [kg CFC11 eq]	Acidification [mol H+ eq]	Eutrophication aquatic freshwater [kg P eq]	Eutrophication aquatic marine [kg N eq]	Eutrophication terrestrial [mol N eq]	Photochemical ozone formation [kg NMVOC eq]	Dep of ab res - minerals and metals [kg Sb eq]	Dep of ab res - fossils [MJ]	Water use [m3]
<b>MHGV*</b>	VGE4	630	1.06E+03	1.07E+03	-1.48E+01	5.08E+00	1.96E-05	2.37E+01	2.01E+00	1.97E+00	2.36E+01	7.15E+00	3.15E-01	1.53E+04	4.48E+02
<b>MHGV</b>	VGE4	1250	1.58	1.55	-0.46	1.29	1.54	1.12	1.27	1.26	1.20	1.21	1.00	1.88	1.31
<b>MHGV</b>	VG4S	630	0.98	0.98	1.00	0.98	1.25	1.00	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.93	1.00	0.98
<b>MHGV</b>	VG4S	1250	1.55	1.52	-0.43	1.26	1.77	1.12	1.24	1.23	1.17	1.18	0.94	1.86	1.29

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# Additional Environmental Information

## Circularity Values

The recyclability potential of the product (excluding packaging) is calculated by dividing “MFR: material for recycling” in the end-of-life stage by the total weight of the product. As a result, the recyclability potentials of the products are 85% as presented below. The results are representative for Europe according to IEC/TR 62635.

Configuration	Recyclability potential
MGHV 12.06-12 K1	85 %

The recyclability potential of the packaging is calculated by dividing “MFR: material for recycling” in the installation stage by the total weight of the packaging. The recyclability potential is representative for Europe according to Eurostat (2021). The results are presented below.

Packaging materials	Recyclability potential
	34 %

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

The ABB manufacturing site uses 100 % renewable energy, procured through Guarantees of Origins (GO's) and internal photovoltaic panels for the electricity.

Energy mix	Source	Amount	Unit
<i>ABB_Electricity 2023, Vaasa factory medium voltage {FI} market for electricity, medium voltage / Cut-off, U System</i>	Ecoinvent v3.9.1	0.0428	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq/kWh

## Dangerous substances

The product contains hazardous substances listed by REACH regulation. Said substances are mentioned as it follows. For further information about REACH and RoHS, please visit the ABB webpage: <https://new.abb.com/contact/form>.

Materials	CAS Number
Lead (Pb)	7439-92-1
Phosphorus (P)	7723-14-0
Chromium (Cr)	7440-47-3
Nickel (Ni)	7440-02-0
Sulfur (S)	7704-34-9

## Indoor environment

The product meets the requirements for low emissions.

## Carbon footprint

Carbon footprint has not been worked out for the product.

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