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Polyurethane thermal insulation spray foam (closed-cell;  
density 40 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

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## General Information

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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 closed-cell PU spray foam of a density of 40 kg/m<sup>3</sup> without facing.

### Application

The PU in-situ foam covered by this EPD is applied for the thermal insulation of residential and commercial buildings according to /EN 14315-1/ (e.g. interior and exterior insulation for roofs, floors, ceilings and walls).

### Technical Data

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

### Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Gross density	40	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Thermal conductivity	0.026	W/(mK)

Closed-cell content	> 90	%
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### Base materials / Ancillary materials

#### Core material (100 % of the weight of the declared unit):

Closed-cell polyurethane foam made from MDI (50 %), polyols (31 %), HFC (5 %) and additives (14 %).

The polyurethane spray foam 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 use are arithmetic averages of the inputs and outputs per ton produced over one reference year from different PU Europe producers and applicators. Since the same machinery and similar process conditions are applied across Europe, using the 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 polyurethane insulation spray foam with the following specifications:

### Declared unit

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>
Gross density	40	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0.192	m <sup>2</sup> /kg
Thickness	13	cm
Thermal conductivity	0.026	W/mK
Weight of declared unit	5.2	kg/m <sup>2</sup>

This provides a thermal resistance R = 5 m<sup>2</sup> 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. The product is manufactured in accordance with /EN 14315-1/ "Thermal insulation products for buildings – in-situ formed sprayed rigid polyurethane (PUR) and polyisocyanurate (PIR) foam products – Part 1: specification for the rigid foam spray system before installation".

### System boundary

This life cycle assessment for the production of polyurethane insulation spray foam 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 polyurethane insulation spray foam. 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 spray foam (energy demands, waste, auxiliaries etc.) at construction site
- 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	40	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Capacity utilization (including empty runs)	85	%

### Installation into the building (A5)

Name	Value	Unit
Pump energy consumption	17.9	kWh
Emissions to air of blowing agents	10	%

## 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	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	MND	X	X	X	X

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: 1 m<sup>2</sup> installed PU insulation spray foam – thickness of 13.0 cm (closed-cell; density 40 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Parameter	Unit	A1 - A3	A4	A5	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	16.6	0.377	38.2	0.04	0.139	11.5	-7.05
ODP	[kg CFC11-Eq.]	2.11E-5	6.58E-12	1.32E-10	6.96E-13	1.25E-10	1.15E-10	-2.31E-9
AP	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	4.32E-2	2.36E-3	6.12E-4	2.43E-4	6.59E-4	4.74E-3	-1.85E-2
EP	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>-</sup> -Eq.]	5.49E-3	5.66E-4	1.06E-4	5.82E-5	3.47E-5	1.17E-3	-1.3E-3
POCP	[kg Ethen Eq.]	6.68E-3	-9.54E-4	3.83E-5	-9.76E-5	3.88E-5	3.16E-4	-1.62E-3
ADPE	[kg Sb Eq.]	3.97E-5	1.4E-8	1.28E-8	1.48E-9	1.92E-8	8.01E-8	-5.46E-7
ADPF	[MJ]	354	5.2	0.784	0.55	1.58	2.84	-97.3

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 spray foam – thickness of 13.0 cm (closed-cell; density 40 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Parameter	Unit	A1 - A3	A4	A5	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	[MJ]	19.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERM	[MJ]	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
PERT	[MJ]	19.4	0.205	0.157	0.022	0.409	0.178	-7.62
PENRE	[MJ]	248	-	-	-	-	-	-
PENRM	[MJ]	130	-	-	-	-	-	-
PENRT	[MJ]	378	5.22	1.12	0.552	2.46	3.2	-113
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 spray foam – thickness of 13.0 cm (closed-cell; density 40 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Parameter	Unit	A1 - A3	A4	A5	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NHWD	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RWD	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRU	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
MFR	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.443
MER	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.33
EEE	[MJ]	0	0	2.47	0	0	16.9	-
EET	[MJ]	0	0	6.85	0	0	46.6	-

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

Results of the LCA - output flows and waste categories: LCI data of raw materials not adapted because of recent change in methodology.

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