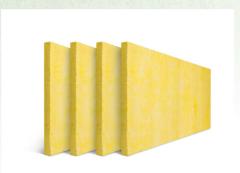


# **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

In accordance with EN 15804 and ISO 14025

Multimax 30 120mm

Date of realisation: 2 september 2013 Version: 1.2





## **General information**

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PCR identification: Saint-Gobain Methodological Guide for Construction Products (2012)

Product name and manufacturer represented: MULTIMAX 30 120 mm.

Production site: Saint-Gobain Isover Etten-leur (Netherland) **Declaration issued:** 2 09 2013, **valid until:** 2 09 2018

## **Product description**

#### Product description and description of use:

This EPD describes the environmental impacts of 1 m<sup>2</sup> of mineral wool.

The production site of Saint-Gobain Isover Etten-leur (Netherland) uses natural and abundant raw materials (sand), using fusion and fiberising techniques to produce glass wool. The products obtained come in the form of a "mineral wool mat" consisting of a soft, airy structure

On Earth, naturally, the best insulator is dry immobile air at  $10^{\circ}$ : its thermal conductivity factor, expressed in  $\lambda$ , is 0.025 W/(m.K) (watts per meter Kelvin degree). The thermal conductivity of mineral wool is close to immobile air as its lambda varies from 0.030 W/(m.K) for the most efficient to 0.040 W/(m.K) to the least.

With its entangled structure, mineral wool is a porous material that traps the air, making it one of the best insulating materials. The porous and elastic structure of the wool also absorbs noise in the air, knocks and offers acoustic correction inside premises. Mineral wool containing incombustible materials does not fuel fire or propagate flames.

Mineral wool insulation (glass wool) is used in buildings as well as industrial facilities. It ensures a high level of comfort, lowers energy costs, minimizes carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, prevents heat loss through pitched roofs, walls, floors, pipes and boilers, reduces noise pollution and protects homes and industrial facilities from the risk of fire.

Mineral wool products last for the average building's lifetime (which is often set at 50 years as a default), or as long as the insulated building component is part of the building.

#### Technical data/physical characteristics:

The thermal resistance of the product equals: 4.00 K.m2.W-1

The thermal conductivity of mineral wool is: 0.030 W/(m.K)

Reaction to fire: The product is classified → A2-s1, d0 according to NBN EN 13501-1 standard.

Acoustic properties: see the technical brochure of the product

#### Description of the main product components and or materials:

PARAMETER	VALUE
Quantity of wool for 1 m <sup>2</sup> of product	4.920 kg
Thickness of wool	120 mm
Surfacing	none
Packaging for the distribution and transportation	Polyethylene: 130 g/m <sup>2</sup> Wood pallet: 434 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Product used for the Installation:	None

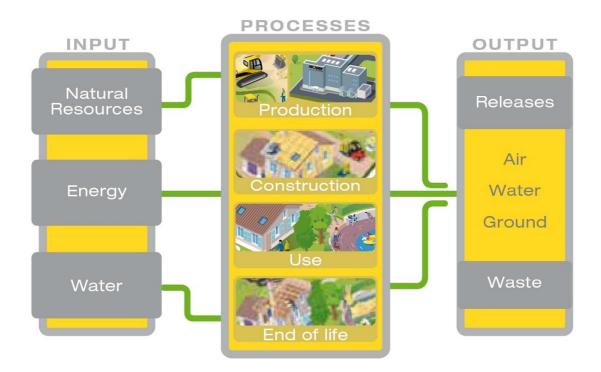
# LCA calculation information

FUNCTIONAL UNIT	Providing a thermal insulation on 1 m² with a thermal resistance of equals 4.00 K.m2.W-1.
SYSTEM BOUNDARIES	Cradle to Grave: Mandatory stages = A1-3, A4-5, B1-7, C1-4 and Optional stage = D
REFERENCE SERVICE LIFE (RSL)	50 years
CUT-OFF RULES	The use of cut-off criterion on mass inputs and primary energy at the unit process level (1%) and at the information module level (5%);  Flows related to human activities such as employee transport are excluded  The construction of plants, production of machines and transportation systems is excluded since the related flows are supposed to be negligible compared to the production of the building product when compared at these systems lifetime level;
ALLOCATIONS	Allocation criteria are based on mass
GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE AND TIME PERIOD	Etten-leur (Netherland) and year of production data: 2012.

According to EN 15804, EPD of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with this standard. According to ISO 21930, EPD might not be comparable if they are from different programmes.

## Life cycle stages

#### Flow diagram of the Life Cycle



### Product stage, A1-A3

**Description of the stage:** The product stage of the mineral wool products is subdivided into 3 modules A1, A2 and A3 respectively "Raw material supply", "transport" and "manufacturing".

The aggregation of the modules A1, A2 and A3 is a possibility considered by the EN 15 804 standard. This rule is applied in this EPD.

Description of scenarios and additional technical information:

#### A1, Raw material supply

This module takes into account the extraction and processing of all raw materials and energy which occur upstream to the studied manufacturing process.

Specifically, the raw material supply covers production binder components and sourcing (quarry) of raw materials for fiber production, e.g. sand and borax for glass wool. Besides these raw materials, recycled materials (glass cullet) are also used as input.

#### A2, transport to the manufacturer

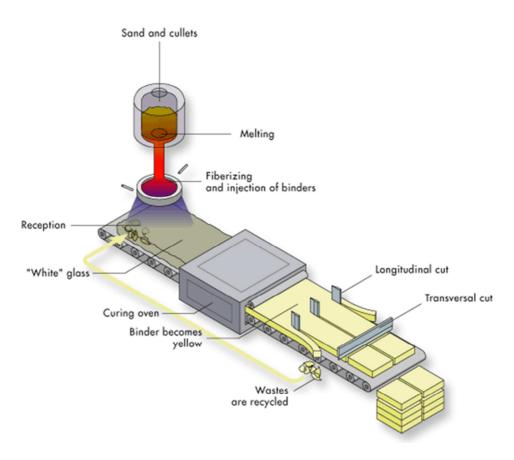
The raw materials are transported to the manufacturing site. In our case, the modeling include: road transportations (average values) of each raw material.

#### A3, manufacturing

This module includes manufacturing of products and manufacturing of packaging. Specifically, it covers glass production, binder production, glass wool fabrication (including melting and fiberization see process flow diagram) and packaging.

The production of packaging material is taking into account at this stage.

# **Glass wool production**



### Construction process stage, A4-A5

**Description of the stage:** The construction process is divided into 2 modules: transport to the building site A4 and installation A5.

**A4, Transport to the building site:** This module includes transport from the production gate to the building site.

Transport is calculated on the basis of a scenario with the parameters described in the following table.

PARAMETER	VALUE
Fuel type and consumption of vehicle or vehicle type used for transport e.g. long distance truck, boat, etc.	Average truck trailer with a 24t payload, diesel consumption 38 liters for 100 km
Distance	125 km
Capacity utilisation (including empty returns)	100 % of the capacity in volume 30 % of empty returns
Bulk density of transported products	12 kg/m3 (average)
Volume capacity utilisation factor	1 (by default)

#### A5, Installation in the building: This module includes

 Wastage of products: see following table 5 %. These losses are landfilled (landfill model for glass wool see chapter end of life),

- Additional production processes to compensate for the loss,
- Processing of packaging wastes: they are 100 % collected and modeled as recovered matter.

PARAMETER	VALUE
Wastage of materials on the building site before waste processing, generated by the product's installation (specified by type)	5 %
Output materials (specified by type) as results of waste processing at the building site e.g. of collection for recycling, for energy recovering, disposal (specified by route)	Packaging wastes are 100 % collected and modeled as recovered matter Glass wool losses are landfilled

### Use stage (excluding potential savings), B1-B7

**Description of the stage:** The use stage is divided into the following modules:

- B1: Use
- B2: Maintenance
- B3: Repair
- B4: Replacement
- B5: Refurbishment
- B6: Operational energy use
- B7: Operational water use

#### Description of scenarios and additional technical information:

Once installation is complete, no actions or technical operations are required during the use stages until the end of life stage. Therefore mineral wool insulation products have no impact (excluding potential energy savings) on this stage.

#### End-of-life stage C1-C4

#### Description of the stage:

The stage includes the different modules of end-of-life detailed below.

#### C1. de-construction, demolition

The de-construction and/or dismantling of insolation products take part of the demolition of the entire building. In our case, the environmental impact is assumed to be very small and can be neglected.

#### C2, transport to waste processing

The model use for the transportation is applied.

#### C3, waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling;

The product is considered to be landfilled without reuse, recovery or recycling.

#### C4, disposal;

The glass wool is assumed to be 100% landfilled.

Description of scenarios and additional technical information: See below

#### End-of-life:

PARAMETER	VALUE/DESCRIPTION
Collection process specified by type	4.920 kg (collected with mixed construction waste)
Recovery system specified by type	No re-use, recycling or energy recovery
Disposal specified by type	4.920 kg are landfilled

Assumptions for scenario development (e.g. transportation)

Average truck trailer with a 24t payload, diesel consumption 38 liters for 100 km

25 km

## Reuse/recovery/recycling potential, D

Description of the stage: Packaging wastes from module A5 are reported in this module as recovered matter.

# LCA results

LCA model, aggregation of data and environmental impact are calculated from the TEAM™ software 5.1.

Resume of the LCA results detailed on the following tables.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS																
	Product stage		ruction s stage				Use stage					ery,				
Parameters	A1/A2/A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstructio n / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling	
Global Warming Potentia	9.2E+00	2.2E-01	4.7E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.8E-02	0	0	0	
(GWP) - kg CO2 equiv/FU		The global warming potential of a gas refers to the total contribution to global warming resulting from the emission of one unit of that gas relative to one unit of the reference gas, carbon dioxide, which is assigned a value of 1.														
	3.1E-07	1.5E-07	2.3E-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.9E-08	0	0	0	
Ozone Depletion (ODP)  kg CFC 11 equiv/FU		Destruction of the stratospheric ozone layer which shields the earth from ultraviolet radiation harmful to life.  This destruction of ozone is caused by the breakdown of certain chlorine and/or bromine containing compounds (chlorofluorocarbonsor halons),  Which break down when they reach the stratosphere and then catalytically destroy ozone molecules.														
Acidification potential (AP)	5.7E-02	1.3E-03	2.9E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.6E-04	0	0	0	
kg SO2 equiv/FU		Acid depositions have negative impacts on natural ecosystems and the man-made environment incl. buildings.  The main sources for emissions of acidifying substances are agriculture and fossil fuel combustion used for electricity production, heating and transport.														
Eutrophication potential (EP) kg (PO4)3- equiv/FU	8.6E-03	3.2E-04	4.5E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.1E-05	0	1.9E-05	0	
31, 5 % 34		Excessive enrichment of waters and continental surfaces with nutrients, and the associated adverse biological effects.														
Photochemical ozone creation (POPC)	2.8E-03	2.9E-05	1.4E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.7E-06	0	0	0	
Ethene equiv/FU			The reaction	n of nitrogen					the light ene			f a photoche	mical reaction	on.		
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil ressources (ADP elements) - kg Sb equiv/FU		3.2E-11	1.4E-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.0E-12	0	0	0	
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil ressources (ADP-foss		2.7E+00	8.2E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.4E-01	0	0	0	
fuels) - MJ/FU				Consi	umption of no	on-renewab	le resources	thereby lov	vering their a	vailability fo	or future gen	erations.				

					RES	OURCE	USE								
	Product stage		ruction s stage				Use stage				End-of-life stage				ery,
Parameters	A1 / A2 / A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishme nt	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstructi on / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling
Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials - M.I/FI	1.0E+01	1.5E-03	5.2E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.9E-04	0	0	0
Use of renewable primary energy used as raw materials MJ/FU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials) <i>MJ/FU</i>	1.0E+01	1.5E-03	5.2E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.9E-04	0	0	0
Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials - MI/FI	1.7E+02	2.7E+00	8.9E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.4E-01	0	0	0
Use of non-renewable primary energy used as raw materials MJ/FU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials) - M.I/FI I	1.7E+02	2.7E+00	8.9E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.4E-01	0	0	0
Use of secondary material kg/FU	3.0E+00	0	1.5E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.0E-01
Use of renewable secondary fuels- MJ/FU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels - MJ/FU	-	·	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use of net fresh water - m3/FU	3.2E-02	2.6E-04	1.6E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.2E-05	0	0	0

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	Product stage	Constr proces	ruction s stage				Use stage			ery,					
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Hazardous waste disposed kg/FU	3.4E-02	6.3E-05	1.7E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.8E-06	0	0	0
Non-hazardous waste disposed kg/FU	7.8E-01	2.3E-04	5.3E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.9E-05	0	4.9E+00	0
Radioactive waste disposed kg/FU	9.9E-05	4.4E-05	7.2E-06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.5E-06	0	0	0

						OUT	PUT FLO	ows								
Parameters		Product stage		ruction s stage				Use stage			ery,					
		A1 / A2 / A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstructio n / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling
	Components for re-use kg/FU	-	·	·	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Materials for recycling kg/FU	3.5E-01	1.1E-06	7.2E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.4E-07	0	0	0
(3)	Materials for energy recovery kg/FU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Exported energy  MJ/FU	9.7E-01	0	4.8E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# **LCA** interpretation



 $<sup>\</sup>begin{tabular}{l} [1] This indicator corresponds to the abiotic depletion potential of fossil resources. \end{tabular}$ 

<sup>[2]</sup> This indicator corresponds to the total use of primary energy.

<sup>[3]</sup> This indicator corresponds to the use of net fresh water.

 $<sup>\</sup>label{thm:constraints} \textit{[4] This indicator corresponds to the sum of hazardous, non-hazardous and radioactive waste disposed.}$