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# Plain and decorative linoleum according to EN ISO 24011

#### Owner of the declaration

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### Declared product / declared unit

1m<sup>2</sup> plain and decorative linoleum

#### Scope:

In this EPD plain and decorative linoleum floor coverings are declared. The application of this EPD is restricted to plain and decorative linoleum floor coverings produced by the members of the European Resilient Flooring Manufacturers' Institute (ERFMI). Data are based upon production during 2017 in Europe. Data have been provided by 3 companies of ERFMI which represent 100% of ERFMI members.

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

The EPD was created according to the specifications of *EN 15804+A1*. In the following, the standard will be simplified as *EN 15804*.

#### Verification

The standard *EN 15804* serves as the core PCR Independent verification of the declaration and data according to *ISO 14025:2010* 

internally

externally

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# **Product**

### Information about the enterprise

ERFMI is the European Resilient Flooring Manufacturers' Institute. Our members offer a wide variety of durable, flexible and impermeable flooring products made of both synthetic and natural material. The overwhelming choice in colour, design, size and construction means there is a resilient floor covering for any interior surface and budget.

# Product description/Product definition

Resilient floor coverings are an entire product family of flexible flooring solutions available in sheet, tiles and planks. It is classified in heterogeneous or homogeneous composition based on plastics, linoleum, cork or rubber. Resilient floor coverings can provide different functionalities (acoustic, static control, slip resistance, easy maintenance etc.) to match a wide range of domestic, commercial and industrial applications. It is available in an enormous range of patterns and colours fitting with inspiration and decorative needs.

Plain and decorative linoleum flooring coverings are produced by calendaring a homogenous mixture of linoleum cement, cork floor and/or wood floor, pigments and inorganic fillers onto a fibrous backing. The product is then converted to its final form by an oxidative curing process.

For the placing on the market of the product on the EU/EFTA (with exception of Switzerland) Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 (CPR) applies. The product needs a Declaration of Performance taking into consideration /EN 14041: 2004/AC 2006 Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings. Essential characteristics/and the CE-marking.

For the application and use the respective national provisions apply.

#### **Application**

According to /EN ISO 10874/ the area of application for resilient floor coverings is indicated by use classes. The declared product group covers the use classes 23, 34 and 43.



#### **Technical Data**

The following table contains the construction data of the declared product group:

#### Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Product thickness	2.4	mm
Surface weight	3.1	kg/m²
Product Form	sheet and tile	-

The data set out in the Declaration of Performance apply.

### Base materials/Ancillary materials

The product group has the following composition:

- Additives 10%
- Filler 20%
- Pigments 4%
- Linseed oil, jute, wood/cork flour 54%
- Auxiliaries <1%</li>

- Lacquer <1%</li>
- Flooring Recyclate (Linoleum) 10%

#### Reference service life

The service lifetime of a floor covering for a certain application on a floor is too widespread to give one common number. For this EPD model the reference service lifetime (RSL) is set to one year. This means that all impacts for the use phase are based on the cleaning and maintenance model for one year. Depending on the area of use based on /EN ISO 10874/, the technical lifetime advised by the manufacturer and the estimated time on the floor by the customer, the service lifetime can be determined. The use phase impacts should be calculated with the foreseen service life to arrive at the total environmental impact /EN 16810/.

ERFMI provides an online tool for the calculation of a specific service life on the ERFMI home page (www.erfmi.com) for the end-user.

# LCA: Calculation rules

### **Declared Unit**

1m<sup>2</sup> of floor covering.

#### **Declared unit**

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>
Grammage	3.1	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg ( in kg/m² )	3.1	-
Layer thickness	0.0024	m

The declaration refers to an average product from 4 production sites of ERFMI members. The data have been weighted according to the annual square meters produced by each site. The life cycle impact assessment is conducted based on the vertical average.

# System boundary

Type of EPD: cradle to grave

Modules A1-A3 include processes that provide materials and energy input for the system, manufacturing and transport processes up to the factory gate, as well as waste processing.

Module A4 includes transport of the floor covering to the place of installation.

Module A5 includes the production of offcuts and adhesive for the installation of the floor covering, and incineration of offcuts and packaging material.

Module B2 is including provision of cleaning agent, energy and water consumption for the cleaning of the floor covering incl. waste water treatment. The LCA results in this EPD are declared for a one-year usage.

Module C1 considers electricity supply for the deconstruction of the flooring.

Module C2 includes transportation of the postconsumer waste to waste processing.

End of life scenarios are declared for:

- 100% incineration in a waste incineration plant (WIP) (Scenario 1, C3/1)
- 100% landfilling (Scenario 2, C4/2)

Module D declares potential benefits from all net flows given in module A5 and C3 (for incineration and related energy substitution) that leave the product boundary system after having passed the end-of-waste state.

Module D is declared for each scenario separately.

### 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.

As background database /GaBi ts/ is used.

# LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

The following technical information is a basis for the declared modules

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Name	Value	Unit

Transport distance	2000	km
Capacity utilisation (including empty runs)	85	%

Installation in the building (A5)



Name	Value	Unit
Material loss (installation waste	6	%
Auxiliary (adhesive)	0.435	kg

Biogenic carbon incorporated in the packaging material is released as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in module A5.

# Maintenance (B2)

Name	Value	Unit
Water consumption	0.003	m <sup>3</sup>
Electricity consumption	0.55	kWh
Maintenance cycle (vacuum cleaning	156	number/
& wet cleaning)	130	a
Auxiliary (detergent)	0.04	kg

# End of Life (C1-C4)

Name	Value	Unit
Energy recovery [100%, Scenario 1]	3.1	kg
Landfilling [100%, Scenario 2]	3.1	kg

# Reuse, recovery and/or recycling potentials (D), relevant scenario information

For module D the potential benefits given in module A5 and C3 are declared. For waste incineration combustion in a WIP (R1 > 0.6) with energy recuperation is considered.

Biogenic carbon incorporated in the product is released as  $CO_2$  emissions in the end of life.



# LCA: Results

The results for module B2 refer to a period of one year. For the calculation of the impact of B2 for a certain service life the values for B2 have to be multiplied by the estimated service life in years. ERFMI provides an online tool for this calculation on the ERFMI home page (www.erfmi.com ) for the end-user.

Scenario 1 applies to 100% incineration.

Scenario 2 applies to 100% landfilling.

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

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	PRODUCT STAGE CONSTR		OCESS	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
	<b>A1</b>	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	С3	C4	D
	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	MND	Χ	MNR	MNR	MNR	MND	MND	Х	Х	Х	Х	X

# RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT according to EN 15804+A1: 1 m<sup>2</sup> plain and decorative linoleum (3.1 kg/m²)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C1	C2	C3/1	C4/2	D/1	D/2
GWP	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	2.78	0.30	0.96	0.28	0.01	0.03	5.55	0.22	-1.07	-0.10
ODP	[kg CFC11-Eq.]	6.85E-12	8.07E-15	1.67E-12	1.03E-12	5.53E-14	7.80E-16	1.17E-13	5.86E-14	-2.36E-12	-2.14E-13
AP	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	2.78E-2	6.45E-4	2.76E-3	7.28E-4	3.53E-5	6.24E-5	1.82E-3	5.93E-4	-1.82E-3	-1.65E-4
EP	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3</sup> -Eq.]	1.84E-2	1.63E-4	1.41E-3	9.38E-5	3.31E-6	1.58E-5	4.54E-4	6.06E-4	-1.96E-4	-1.78E-5
POCP	[kg ethene-Eq.]	1.32E-3	-2.11E-4	2.02E-4	5.93E-5	2.21E-6	-2.04E-5	1.16E-4	6.48E-5	-1.42E-4	-1.29E-5
ADPE	[kg Sb-Eq.]	1.10E-5	2.43E-8	8.81E-7	1.64E-7	6.61E-9	2.34E-9	5.78E-8	4.75E-8	-3.07E-7	-2.77E-8
ADPF	[MJ]	97.98	4.02	19.81	3.36	0.13	0.39	1.34	3.15	-14.75	-1.34

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 - INDICATORS TO DESCRIBE RESOURCE USE according to EN 15804+A1: 1 m² plain and decorative linoleum (3.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C1	C2	C3/1	C4/2	D/1	D/2
PERE	[MJ]	20.80	0.22	9.34	1.59	0.09	0.02	49.51	0.24	-3.66	-0.33
PERM	[MJ]	49.30	0.00	-1.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	-49.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
PERT	[MJ]	70.10	0.22	7.99	1.59	0.09	0.02	0.21	0.24	-3.66	-0.33
PENRE	[MJ]	91.38	4.04	20.82	5.13	0.23	0.39	14.24	3.27	-18.80	-1.70
PENRM	[MJ]	12.70	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	-12.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENRT	[MJ]	104.08	4.04	20.58	5.13	0.23	0.39	1.54	3.27	-18.80	-1.70
SM	[kg]	0.83	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSF	[MJ]	IND	IND	IND							
NRSF	[MJ]	IND	IND	IND							
FW	[m³]	4.32E+0	4.10E-4	2.79E-1	2.47E-3	1.16E-4	3.96E-5	1.27E-2	-8.40E-6	-4.99E-3	-4.52E-4

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 Caption 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 - WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS according to EN 15804+A1: m<sup>2</sup> plain and decorative linoleum (3.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	<b>A</b> 5	B2	C1	C2	C3/1	C4/2	D/1	D/2
HWD	[kg]	5.96E-7	2.33E-7	8.80E-8	2.43E-9	1.07E-10	2.26E-8	8.71E-10	1.39E-8	-7.67E-9	-6.95E-10
NHWD	[kg]	7.27E-1	3.38E-4	5.48E-2	8.38E-3	1.60E-4	3.27E-5	1.18E-2	3.08E+0	-8.11E-3	-7.34E-4
RWD	[kg]	2.41E-3	5.52E-6	3.05E-4	7.02E-4	3.77E-5	5.34E-7	8.18E-5	4.64E-5	-1.61E-3	-1.46E-4
CRU	[kg]	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
MFR	[kg]	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
MER	[kg]	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	3.10	IND
EEE	[MJ]	IND	IND	0.39	IND	IND	IND	6.32	IND	IND	IND
EET	[MJ]	IND	IND	0.69	IND	IND	IND	11.20	IND	IND	IND

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



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