Polyurethane (PU) board:
Foam without facing
1 kg
Product name:

PU Board without facing (1kg)

Company name:

PU Europe

For the verification process, the following report is needed to complete the information about the LCA-model and is available at IBU (Institut für Bauen und Umwelt e.V.):

“Background Report for Polyurethane Insulation Board EPD Generator”
Version: "Update March 2014"
1 How to use this EPD- and LCA-tool for PU boards and sandwich elements

This tool enables the user to generate Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) and LCAs for Polyurethane boards and sandwich elements with different recipes and facings. The tool uses the input values to calculate the environmental impact figures that are required for EPDs and/or LCAs.

In order to get the EPDs verified, all the used data must be mentioned including their origin. The plausibility of the data must be demonstrated and the average breakdown must be explained. This is to be filled in into the part "Handbook" at the end of this report. There you can find more detailed instructions what to fill in. The input values themselves are filled in automatically in a table at the end of the handbook.

With this tool you can also calculate the environmental impacts of the use stage (which is not part of the EPD) including climate adaption, heating energy sources and prices, as well as the End of Life (EoL) including transport to EoL but this is not part of the EPD and does not lead to a verified EPD.

GaBi Envision and the EPD- and LCA-tool

On left side of the tool-window in GaBi Envision, all values for the parameters have to be entered.

On the right side of this tool, you will then find:

1) EPD: automatically generated results for an IBU European Core EPD

2) Report: a customized report for detailed information for the members of PU Europe (not part of the verified EPD)

3) Handbook: the handbook explains in part A which limitations there are for the tool for generation of verified EPDs and in part B what to enter for the input parameters. Furthermore, there is a table in part C where the data sources have to be entered and the table in part D shows automatically all entered input values.
ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION  
as per ISO 14025

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PU Europe – PU Board without facing (1kg)

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Summary
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Declaration number

This Declaration is based on the PCR document:
Insulating materials made of foam plastics, 7-2013 (PCR tested and approved by the independent expert committee)

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Date of issue
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Declared Product / Declared Unit
1 m² PU thermal insulation board without facing and a thickness of 3.2 cm. The data presented here provide a complete picture of the performance during production, installation and end-of-life.

Scope:
This EPD is a generic association EPD covering PU insulation boards produced by PU Europe members. These members represent 90% of this market segment and use similar production techniques across Europe. The EPD therefore represents an average of these producers. 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.

Verification
CEN standard EN 15804 serves as core PCR

Third party independent verification of the declaration according to ISO 14025:

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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 factory-made, closed-cell PU foam board without facing.

Application
The PU board covered by this EPD is used for the thermal insulation of residential and commercial buildings according to /EN 13165/ (e.g. interior and exterior insulation for roofs, floors, ceilings and walls).

Technical Data
In this Life Cycle Assessment, a PU insulation board with the following properties has been regarded:
- thickness = 3.2 cm
- thermal conductivity = 0.028 W/m*K
- foam density = 31 kg/m³
- total weight per m² = 0.992kg/m²

This provides a thermal resistance R = 1.14 m² KW.

Base materials / Ancillary materials
Closed-cell polyurethane foam made from MDI (60.5 %), polyols (29 %), pentane (5 %) and additives (5.5 %).

The PU board for insulation does not contain substances which are included in the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation".

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Default values on packaging (use and waste), production waste, air emission and energy used are arithmetic averages of the inputs and outputs per ton produced over one reference year from different PU Europe manufacturers. Since the same machinery and similar process conditions are applied across Europe, using 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 m² of PU thermal insulation board without facing and with the following specifications:

- A thickness of 3.2 cm,
- A declared thermal conductivity of 0.028 W/m*K,
- A density of the foam of 31 kg/m³
- Weight of declared unit: 0.992 kg/m²
- Conversion factor to 1 kg: 1.01 m²/kg

This provides a thermal resistance $R = 1.14$ m² 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, who manufacture products meeting this specification. The product is manufactured in accordance with /EN 13165/ “Thermal insulation products for buildings – Factory made rigid polyurethane foam (PUR) products – Specification”.

System boundaries
This life cycle assessment for the production of the polyurethane insulation board 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 PU thermal insulation board. 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 board (energy demands, waste, auxiliaries etc.) and packaging material
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 construction site (A4)

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<td>Transport distance [Distance]</td>
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<td>Capacity utilisation (including empty runs) [%]</td>
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#### Installation in the building (A5)

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<td>Packaging waste [kg/m²]</td>
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#### Reference service life

- Reuse [waste type] [quantity]: 0 kg
- Recycling [waste type] [quantity]: 0 kg
- Energy recovery [waste type] [quantity]: 1.04 kg
- Landfilling [waste type] [quantity]: 0 kg
- Waste processing (power from grid for shredding) [waste type] [quantity]: 0.198 kg
### RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: 1 m² installed PU insulation board

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<th>C4</th>
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**Caption:**
GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential of land and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POC = 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 m² installed PU insulation board

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**Caption:**
PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of non 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.

**Note:**
(1) The modules Replacement (B4) and Refurbishment (B5) are normally not relevant on the product. For clarity reasons, those two modules have been deleted in the following tables. If one or both modules are declared respective columns can be inserted.

**EPD – PU Europe – PU Board without facing (1kg)**
### RESULTS OF THE LCA - OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES: 1 m² installed PU insulation board

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<th>Parameter</th>
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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; EE = Exported energy per energy carrier

*FW, HWD, NHWD, RWD: Not all of the used inventories for the calculation of the LCA support the methodological approach for the declaration of water and waste indicators. The material amounts, displayed with these inventories contribute to 29% to the production. This is significant, as > 3% (referring to the mass of the declared unit). The indicators are not declared (decision of IBU advisory board 2013-01-07).

**SM: Only the foreground system is considered.

***MFR: No credit is given for the amount of recycled steel entering the system without loads.
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