

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION (EPD) ACCORDING TO STANDARD SN EN 15804+A2:2019

**swissporEPS, insulation products made of
expanded polystyrene (incl. swissporEPS
standard, swissporPERIMETER,
swissporROLL)**

The SN EN 15804+A2 [1] standard serves as PCR^{a)}

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DECLARATION OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Name and address of the manufacturer

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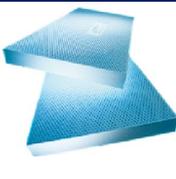
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Application of the product

The function of expanded polystyrene (EPS) products is the thermal insulation of new or renovated buildings and thus the reduction of heating energy consumption. The thickness of the insulation boards to be installed depends on the thermal conductivity of the building materials and the desired thermal performance of the building.

Product identification

EPS insulation products are rigid boards, which are installed on facades, roofs or floors (under subfloor/screed). They have different dimensions and colors. The average product studied, swissporEPS, includes various insulation boards whose thermal conductivity ranges from 0.033 W/(m.K) to 0.038 W/(m.K). The average product is derived from all commercialized products listed below:

swissporEPS Standard	swissporPERIMETER	swissporROLL
swissporEPS 15 swissporEPS 20 swissporEPS 30 swissporEPS 40 swissporEPS 150 swissporEPS 150 Sol swissporEPS Roof swissporEPS-T swissporEPS-T HD swissporEPS Sockelplatte	swissporEPS Perimeter swissporEPS Perimeter Panel	swisspor Roll EPS-T PE Plus swisspor Roll EPS-T Typ 2 swisspor Roll EPS-T Typ 3 swisspor Roll EPS-T Typ 4 swisspor Roll EPS PE Plus swisspor Roll EPS Typ 2 swisspor Roll EPS Typ 3 swisspor Roll EPS-T HD
		

Declared unit

The declared unit is 1 kg of EPS insulation boards. The boards have an average density of 16.8 kg/m³. The average density was calculated according to the produced quantities of the

individual commercialized products on which the average product is based. The packaging material was taken into account in the LCA.

Description of the main components

The swissporEPS insulation boards essentially consist of polystyrene and, in part, various coatings (swissporROLL).

The polystyrene is supplied in bulk in the form of loose balls. The balls contain pentane, a solvent commonly used in organic chemistry. The polystyrene expands when the pentane-added spheres are exposed to water vapor. During this process, the spheres increase in volume, agglomerate and are foamed into the desired shapes.

The coatings are made of polyethylene (PE), kraft paper, polypropylene (PP), and/or aluminum. These materials come from non-renewable mineral resources (PE, PP, aluminum) and renewable biological resources (kraft paper).

Program holder

The program holder of the EPD is the company swisspor Management AG.

Considered phases

The following life cycle phases were considered:

- the manufacturing phase up to the factory gate (phases A1 to A3);
- the transport and waste treatment phase at the end of the life cycle (phases C1 to C4);
- the benefits and impacts across system boundaries (Module D).

EPDs of construction products are not comparable if they do not comply with the SN EN 15804+A2:2019 standard [1].

Variability of results (average product)

The variability of the results between the products listed in this EPD is low. The main product (expanded polystyrene) is the same in all products, and only the type of coating leads to minor variations.¹

Declaration of the material product content according to the candidate list for an authorization by the European Chemicals Agency (REACH Regulation)

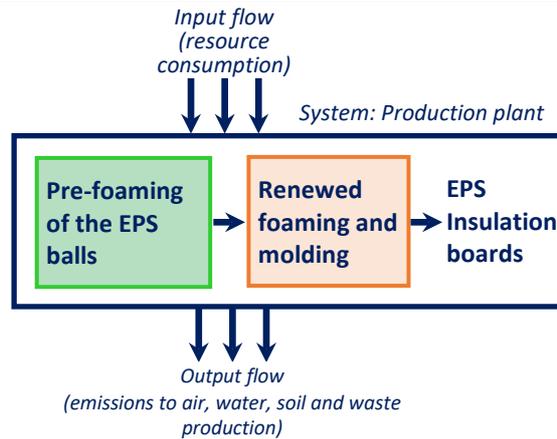
The company confirms that its EPS products do not contain any substances included in the candidate list for authorization of substances of very high concern by the European Chemicals Agency.

¹ As an indication, the deviations for the fossil global warming and non-renewable primary energy indicators therefore remain systematically below $\pm 40\%$, the maximum value established in a national annex to the EN 15804+A2 standard in France as a benchmark for indicating impacts for these two indicators for an average product resulting from a summary of commercial products and/or manufacturers.

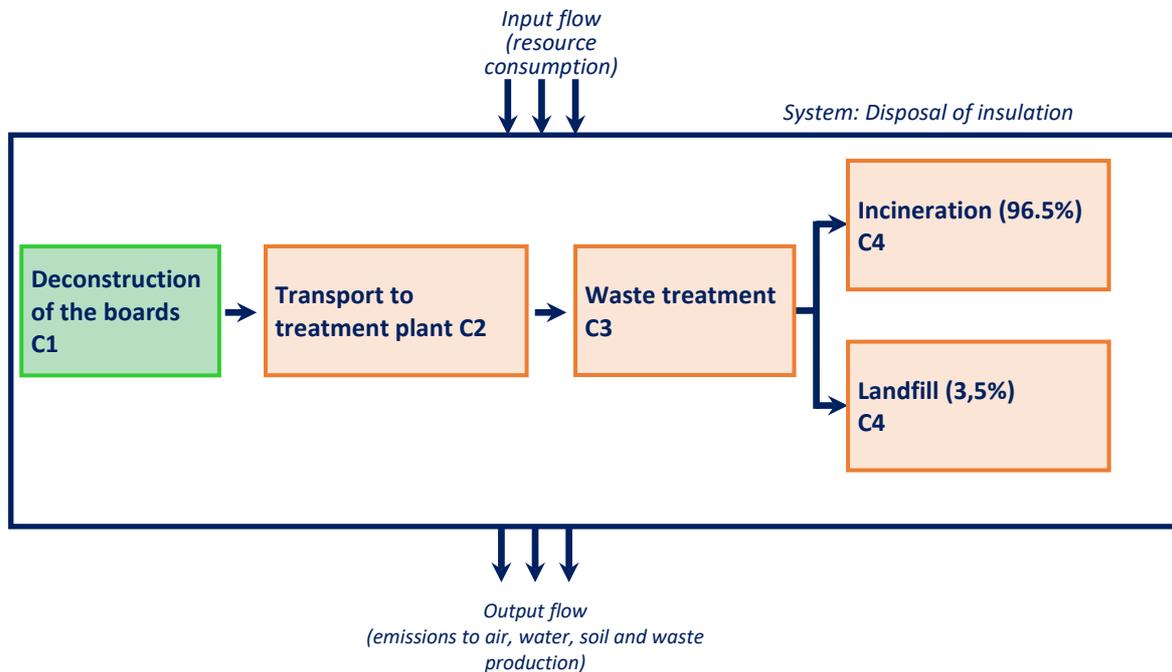
DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS FROM THE LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

General information

The following figures show the flowcharts of the processes covered in the LCA for each of the life cycle phases considered.



Simplified representation of the processes in the manufacturing phase of swissporEPS insulation boards (phases A1 -> A3)



Simplified scheme of the disposal processes (phases C1 -> C4)

Rules for the declaration of information from the LCA by module

This is an EPD of the "cradle to gate" type with modules C1-C4 and module D, issued by the company swisspor Management AG.

Information on the system boundaries (X = included in the LCA; NDM = non-declared module)																
Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction/installation process	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	NDM	NDM	NDM	NDM	NDM	NDM	NDM	NDM	NDM	X	X	X	X	X

Parameters for the description of environmental impacts

1. environmental impact indicators

Indicator	unit	Product stage A1–A3	End of life stage C1 (Demolition)	End of life stage C2 (Transport)	End of life stage C3 (Waste processing)	End of life stage C4 (Disposal)	Module D
Global Warming Potential – total (GWP-total)	kg CO2 eq.	4,13	6,83E-3	1,7E-3	2,34E-3	3,09	-2,68E-1
Global Warming Potential – fossil fuels (GWP-fossil)	kg CO2 eq.	4,10	6,82E-3	1,69E-3	2,26E-3	3,09	-3,09E-1
Global Warming Potential – biogenic (GWP-biogenic)	kg CO2 eq.	2,37E-2	9,48E-6	5,58E-6	7,83E-5	2,79E-4	4,16E-2
Global Warming Potential – luluc (GWP-luluc)	kg CO2 eq.	7,44E-4	1,13E-6	6,91E-6	4,15E-6	3,64E-5	-2,82E-4
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer (ODP)	kg CFC-11 eq.	6,22E-8	1,03E-10	5,3E-11	2,49E-10	3,26E-9	-3,47E-8
Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance (AP)	mol H+ eq.	1,38E-2	3,25E-5	6,3E-6	6,75E-6	3,99E-4	-8,88E-4
Eutrophication potential - freshwater (EP-freshwater)	kg P eq.	1,47E-4	3,03E-7	1,39E-7	1,4E-6	3,87E-6	-1,15E-4
Eutrophication potential - marine (EP-marine)	kg N eq.	2,14E-3	1,24E-5	2,06E-6	2,24E-6	2,25E-4	-2,65E-4
Eutrophication potential - terrestrial (EP-terrestrial)	mol N eq.	2,33E-2	1,34E-4	2,07E-5	2,13E-5	1,99E-3	-2,75E-3
Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (POCP)	kg NMVOC eq.	2,02E-2	4,25E-5	7,71E-6	6,66E-6	5,03E-4	-9,66E-4
Abiotic depletion potential - non-fossil resources (ADPE) ²	kg Sb eq.	9,06E-7	3,09E-9	4,15E-9	3,41E-9	4,99E-8	-3,43E-7
Abiotic depletion potential - non-fossil resources (ADPF) ²	MJ	89,18	8,53E-2	2,34E-2	0,10	0,47	-1,06E+1
Water (user) deprivation potential (WDP) ²	m ³ world eq. deprived	358,17	0,18	9,47E-2	4,87	2,18	-3,83E+2
Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions (PM)	Disease incidence	1,29E-7	1,53E-10	1,4E-10	5,69E-11	2,15E-9	-3,55E-8
Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235 (IRP) ³	kBq U235-eq.	5,84E-2	2,16E-4	1,47E-4	8,73E-3	2,66E-3	-6,9E-1
Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems (ETP-fw) ²	CTUe	4,70	7,59E-2	2,58E-2	3,27E-2	15,82	-2,25E+0
Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans - cancer effects (HTP-c) ²	CTUh	7,37E-10	4,05E-12	5,28E-13	1,16E-12	1,93E-10	-1,8E-10
Potential Comparative Toxic Unit for humans - non-cancer effects (HTP-nc) ²	CTUh	1,2E-8	5,98E-11	2,91E-11	1,71E-11	7,91E-9	-2,64E-9
Potential Soil quality index (SQP) ²	dimensionless	1,78	4,39E-3	-3,66E-3	1,82E-2	4,4E-2	-1,24E+1

² Disclaimer 1: Results for these environmental impact categories should be used with caution due to high uncertainties in these results or limited experience with this indicator.

³ Disclaimer 2: This impact category mainly concerns the possible effects on human health of low-dose ionizing radiation from the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider the consequences of possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure, or disposal of radioactive waste in underground facilities. This indicator also does not measure potential ionizing radiation from soil, radon, and certain building materials.

2. indicators to describe the use of resources.

Indicator	unit	Product stage A1–A3	End of life stage C1 (Demolition)	End of life stage C2 (Transport)	End of life stage C3 (Waste processing)	End of life stage C4 (Disposal)	Module D
Use of renewable primary energy as energy carrier (PERE)	MJ	2,54	8,24E-4	1,2E-3	2,59E-2	1,36E-2	-5,51E+0
Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials (PERM)	MJ	7,47E-2	0	0	0	0	0
Total use of renewable primary energy (PERT)	MJ	2,61	8,24E-4	1,2E-3	2,59E-2	1,36E-2	-5,51E+0
Use of non renewable primary energy as energy carrier (PENRE)	MJ	57,59	8,53E-2	2,35E-2	0,10	0,47	-1,06E+1
Use of non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials (PENRM)	MJ	31,59	0	0	0	0	0
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resource (PENRT)	MJ	89,18	8,53E-2	2,35E-2	0,10	0,47	-1,06E+1
Use of secondary material (SM)	kg	1,33E-3	0	0	0	0	0
Use of renewable secondary fuels (RSF)	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels (NRSF)	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net use of fresh water (FW)	m ³	8,34	4,15E-3	2,22E-3	0,11	5,09E-2	-8,91E+0

3. environmental information describing categories of waste

Indicator	unit	Product stage A1–A3	End of life stage C1 (Demolition)	End of life stage C2 (Transport)	End of life stage C3 (Waste processing)	End of life stage C4 (Disposal)	Module D
Hazardous waste disposed (HWD)	kg	5,14E-2	9,5E-5	3,63E-5	2,75E-5	4,71E-2	-1,84E-3
Non hazardous waste disposed (NHWD)	kg	9,16E-2	1,79E-4	1,97E-4	5,29E-4	4,25E-2	-4,02E-2
Radioactive waste disposed (RWD)	kg	7,23E-6	3,05E-8	1,93E-8	1,06E-6	3,58E-7	-8,4E-5

4. environmental information to describe output flows

Indicator	unit	Product stage A1–A3	End of life stage C1 (Demolition)	End of life stage C2 (Transport)	End of life stage C3 (Waste processing)	End of life stage C4 (Disposal)	Module D
Components for re-use (CRU)	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials for recycling (MFR)	kg	3,1E-2	0	0	0	0	2,62E-2
Materials for energy recovery (MER)	kg	2,54E-3	0	0	0	0	0
Exported electrical energy (EEE)	MJ	2,39E-2	0	0	0	3,93	0
Exported thermal energy (EET)	MJ	4,67E-2	0	0	0	7,60	0

The results of the environmental impact indicators in Figure 1 were calculated using the characterization factors of the environmental impact assessment methods included in the EN 15804+A2 standard and implemented in the Simapro version 9.1 software (see the accompanying report to this EPD)[3].

The deconstruction (C1), transport to disposal (C2), and waste treatment prior to disposal (C3) steps represent minimal impacts compared to the production step (A1-A3) and, to a lesser extent, the product disposal step (C4) in almost all impact categories (see Figure 1).

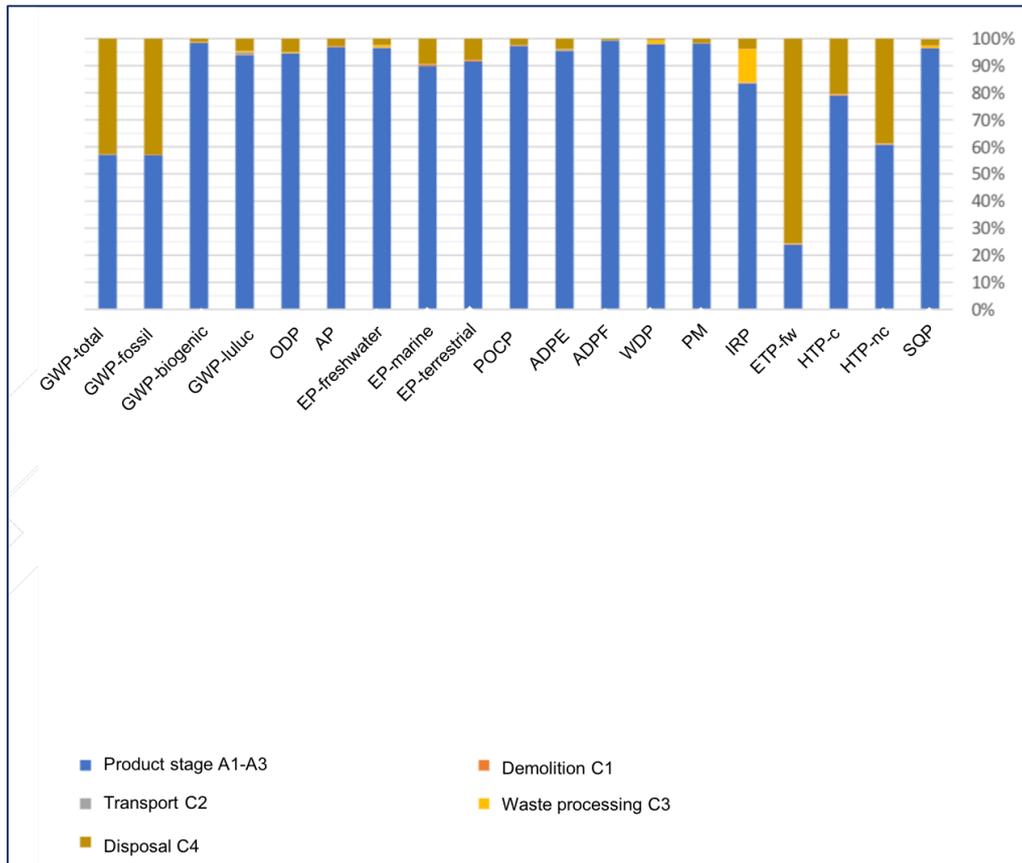


Figure 1: Contributions of life cycle phases to impacts by category.

SCENARIOS AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Disposal

The disposal scenario at the end of the service life of swissporEPS insulation materials corresponds to the average disposal processes identified in Switzerland in the KBOB database. This average scenario includes 96.5 % waste incineration with energy recovery and 3.5 % landfilling. The energy recovery efficiency reported in the KBOB database is 28.51% for heat and 15.84% for electricity. According to the SN EN 15804+A2:2019 standard, the overall efficiency is less than 60%, so it cannot be assumed that the material is intended for energy recovery. However, the energy recovered during combustion is still counted in the calculation of module D.

Process	Unit (per declared unit)	End of life stage C1–C4
Collection method specified by type	kg collected separately	0,00
	kg collected as mixed construction waste	1,00
Retrieval method specified by type	kg for reuse	0,00
	kg for recycling	0,00
	kg for energy recovery	0,00
Disposal, specified by type	kg Product or material for final disposal, incineration	0,965
	kg Product or material for final disposal, landfill	0,035
Efficiency of energy recovery during combustion, specified by type	% Heat	28,51%
	% Electricity	15,84%

Other impact indicators

The method report [3] served as the methodological basis for calculating the environmental impact indicators required by the SN EN 15804+A2:2019 standard as well as the indicators commonly used in Switzerland for construction products. These additional indicators correspond to the KBOB list 2009/1:2022:

- Environmental impact points (UBP) according to the ecological scarcity method 2021;
- Global warming potential;
- non-renewable primary energy
- renewable primary energy

The table below contains the impact data verified by Martina Alig according to KBOB recommendation 2009/1:2022:

Indicator	unit	Product stage A1–A3	End of life stage C1–C4
Environmental impact points (ecological scarcity method 2021)	UBP	5560	3270
Greenhouse gas emissions	kg CO2 eq.	3,89	3,09
Primary energy, non-renewable	kWh	26,7	0,20
Energetically recovered (production)	kWh	17,4	
Recycled as material (production)	kWh	9,22	
Primary energy, renewable	kWh	0,73	0,012
Energetically recovered (production)	kWh	0,73	
Recycled as material (production)	kWh	0	
Biogenic carbon content	kg C	0	0

LITERATURE

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