

Environmental Product Declaration



THE INTERNATIONAL EPD® SYSTEM



In accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 for:

White EPS (expanded polystyrene) thermal insulation sheet from Masterplast Nyrt.



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Product list: EPS 30, EPS LF, EPS EF, EPS 70, EPS 80, EPS 100N, EPS HR 100, EPS 120, EPS 150, EPS 200

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Company information

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Description of the organisation: The Masterplast group, founded in 1997, is the largest Hungarian-owned construction material manufacturing company in the Central European region. With its subsidiaries, it ensures direct market presence in 10 European countries and is present in the majority of European countries through its export partners. It has a decisive position in the market of facade thermal insulation, high-roof insulation and dry construction system components. Its product background is primarily ensured by production and strategic manufacturer collaborations at its ISO and TÜV certified manufacturing bases in Hungary, Serbia and Germany.

Masterplast provides competitive business services to its partners with a built-in customer-oriented sales system, continuous monitoring of the quality of manufactured and distributed products, a stable product supply background and flexible logistics solutions. The company considers the aspects of sustainability, energy efficiency and environmental protection to be extremely important both in its internal processes and in the production and development of its products.

The EPS insulation materials produced by Masterplast stand out not only with their excellent thermal insulation properties, but also play a key role in increasing energy efficiency and achieving the EU's zero neutrality goals. As part of the company's commitment to sustainable architecture, Masterplast products contribute to reducing the carbon emissions of buildings, which is not only essential for environmental protection, but also offers significant benefits to consumers by reducing heating and cooling costs.

Name and location of production site(s): The Masterplast group has production sites in 9 different locations, producing different products. White EPS sheet products are produced in the following Masterplast group companies and sites:

Company (member of Masterplast group)	White EPS sheet producing site address
Masterplast YU d.o.o	Bodrogvari Ferenc str. 172., Subotica, Serbia 24000
MASTERFOAM Ltd.	Jászapáti úti industrial park 1., Kál, Hungary 3350
T-CELL Plaszтик Ltd.	Szováti útfél 3/B, Hajdúszoboszló, Hungary 4200
	Zrínyi Miklós str. 101., Zalaegerszeg, Hungary 8900

Product information

Product name: **White EPS (expanded polystyrene) thermal insulation sheet**

Product identification: EPS 30, EPS LF, EPS EF, EPS 70, EPS 80, EPS 100N, EPS HR 100, EPS 120, EPS 150, EPS 200

Product description: White EPS sheets are produced by expanding PS beads (that already contain all necessary additives like blowing agent, flame retardant) in a mould. The volume of the mould and the quantity of the added PS beads determine the density of the product. After the expansion, the product is cut to the desired dimensions and packaged to protect it during storage and transportation.

The products' application is wide, they can be used as thermal insulation:

- of building structures in the ground,
- in a floor on the ground or on a ceiling that cools downwards, under a screed or concrete,

- in an upward-cooling ceiling, in the interior, as large-panel covering placed under screed or concrete base, with normal load capacity, protected by waterproofing,
- in a straight layered, single-skin, warm roof that cannot be walked on,
- in an extensive green roof,
- in facade thermal insulation systems, installed above the plinth line.

During installation, the sheets are laid next to each other on a horizontal surface, glued or mechanically fixed (e.g. doweled) on an inclined or vertical surface.

Product components and materials:

The raw material of product group is white expandable polystyrene bead, which contains polystyrene as the polymer base, a flame retardant, and a blowing agent. Masterplast is not adding any other materials to the product during the production.

Product properties:

The key technical properties of the covered product portfolio are shown in the next table:

Property	Thermal conductivity (W/mK)	Flexural strength (kPa)	Compression strength at 10% compression (kPa)	Fire protection class
Standard	EN 12667	EN 12089	EN 826	EN 13501-1
EPS 30	0,044	50	≥ 30	E
EPS LF	0,043	75	≥ 50	E
EPS EF	0,04	100	≥ 60	E
EPS 70	0,04	115	≥ 70	E
EPS 80	0,038	125	≥ 80	E
EPS 100N	0,037	135	≥ 90	E
EPS HR 100	0,036	150	≥ 100	E
EPS 120	0,035	170	≥ 120	E
EPS 150	0,033	200	≥ 150	E
EPS 200	0,033	250	≥ 200	E

UN CPC code: 369: Other plastic products

Geographical scope: the majority of the raw materials (A1) are produced in Europe, the product is manufactured (A3) in Serbia and Hungary, and built into (A5) houses in Europe, where the end-of-life phase also takes place (C1-C4 and D modules).

Multiple products: This EPD is representative of the average white EPS thermal insulation sheet produced by Masterplast group. The list of the products covered by this EPD can be found at the Product identification paragraph. The chemical composition is the same for all listed products, the difference in physical properties are originating from the different expansion ratios. The average was calculated based on the share by weight of each covered product within the product group. While there are some products where the GWP-GHG indicator results for A1-A3 differs from the average by more than 10%, the products' share that are within the 10% limit is almost 90% of the complete production, which justifies the chosen product grouping and calculation approach.

LCA information

Declared unit: **1 m² white EPS insulation with R value of 1 m²K/W** (38 mm thickness, 0,5863 kg weight) at the factory gate, ready for distribution.

Reference service life: If applied correctly the lifetime of EPS insulation is equal to the building's lifetime, usually without requiring any maintenance. Durability studies on applied EPS show no loss of technical properties after 35 years. Additional tests with products under artificial aging show that "no deficiencies are to be expected from EPS fills placed in the ground over a normal life cycle of 100 years." (Long-term Behaviour 2004; Long-term performance 2001)

Time representativeness:

Reference years:

- 2023.01.01 – 2023.12.31 for Subotica, Hajdúszoboszló and Zalaegerszeg plants
- 2023.06.01 – 2024.05.31 for Kál plant (because EPS production at Kál started in 2023).

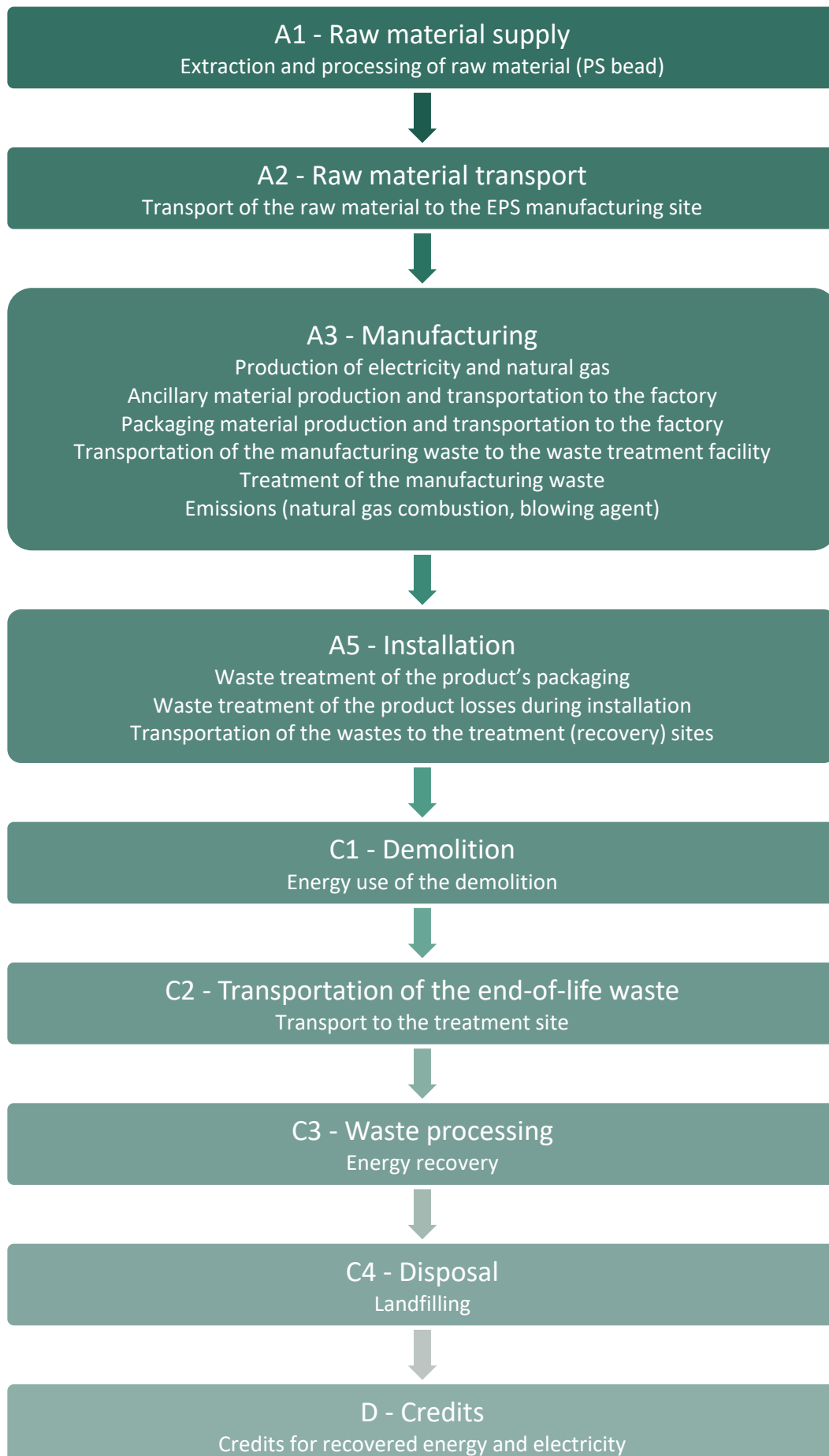
Database(s) and LCA software used: The LCA model for production was made using the LCA for Experts software (LfE, formerly known as GaBi Professional) system for life cycle engineering, developed by Sphera (version 10, 2024).

Applied databases are:

- Managed LCA content (Sphera) database (version 10, 2024),
- Ecoinvent database (version 3.10, 2024).

Description of system boundaries:

Cradle to gate (Modules A1 to A3) with modules A5, C1-C4 and module D. Infrastructure/capital goods are excluded from upstream, core and downstream processes. The "Polluter pays" principle has been applied.



Process diagram of the EPS manufacturing process (A3):



Scenario information:

Installation (A5)

Due to the various application possibilities of the covered products, a wide range of ancillary materials can be used in varying quantities. Selecting only one scenario to observe is not reasonable and the choice was made to exclude the ancillary materials from this module.

The installation's energy need also varies significantly depending on the exact application method, so estimates could not be made for it. However, previous studies¹ indicate that this energy need is negligible (less than 0,1%) compared to the total energy need, so this omission does not come with any significant effects on the impacts.

Masterplast is operating a waste recovery system² in their main market (Hungary), so the consumers have the possibility to send their installation scrap back to Masterplast where it is used as an input in the EPS production process. (Due to the recent start of the program, this waste is not yet included in the input flows.) In other countries, similar collection schemes are also available as this type of scrap can be used in any EPS production.

The packaging of the products can be recycled, so the transport to a recovery site is assumed.

Demolition (C1)

Limited information is available on the energy demand of demolitions and no information was available for the removal of the EPS product specifically. The most common building structure in the market served by Masterplast is concrete, so the general energy of the demolition of a concrete structure was assumed, which is 0,07 MJ/kg according to the JRC report¹.

Transport to waste processing (C2)

The transport distance was assumed to be 100 km and the transportation method to be a truck.

Waste processing (C3)

According to the THE EPS-INDUSTRY'S JOURNEY TOWARDS CIRCULARITY report³, out of all the EPS construction waste, 66% is going to incineration with energy recovery and 10% is going to recycling. However, this construction waste includes the wastes generated during installation and it is reasonable to assume that only this type of pure waste can be recycled currently, and the EOL product extracted during demolition has 0% recycling rate.

The ratio of energy recovery and landfilling is assumed to stay constant, which means that 73,3% of the waste would be incinerated with energy recovery and the rest is landfilled.

Disposal (C4)

The rest of the EPS construction waste (26,6%) is assumed to end up on a landfill based on the same report³ and same assumptions as in module C3.

Benefits (D)

¹JRC Report - Model for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of buildings (2018)

² <https://www.masterplast.hu/hungarocell-zold-program/>

³ <https://eumeps.eu/images/website/the-eps-industry-s-journey-towards-circularity-progress-report-final.pdf>

Benefits are calculated based on the heat and electricity generation during the energy recovery of the EOL EPS waste. The used process describes the benefits from the incineration with average substituted heat and electricity.

Allocation:

Since the covered product portfolio is produced in the same plants and same machinery as the grey EPS products of Masterplast, physical allocation was used for the materials and energies that were shared between the two product groups.

There is also a co-product called Sole, which is used as packaging of other products. Economic allocation was applied between the EPS products (white and grey) and the Sole co-product. The Sole co-product holds no value, which means that it receives 0% of the impact.

Cut-off criteria:

Cut-off rules were not needed to be applied. In some cases, proxy data were used to achieve 100% completeness, as this is better than data gaps.

Data quality:

At the selection of the most suitable process, it is important to apply the local – country specific – process. Therefore, the country specific processes were chosen, for example in case of the electricity, thermal energy, but other cases – when there was no typical country specific process available – average European processes were selected. In some cases, only processes from other European countries were available.

Generic data used in the LCA study are not older than 5 years and site-specific data are not older than 2 years.

Documentation of the used energy

Module	Process					
	Name	Provider	Reference year	Validity	Factor (kg CO ₂ eq / kWh)	Share within consumption (%)
A3	HU: electricity, medium voltage, residual mix	ecoinvent	2022		0,4129	49,6
	RS: electricity, medium voltage, residual mix	ecoinvent	2022		1,1152	44,1
	HU: Electricity from photovoltaic	Sphera	2020	2026	0,0308	6,3
C	RER: Electricity grid mix	Sphera	2020	2026	0,3016	-

Electricity grid factors used in the Study (kg CO₂ eq./ kWh) - Source: GaBi professional 10. Characterisation factor: EN15804+A2 (based on EF3.1), Climate Change - total

Modules declared, geographical scope, share of specific data (in GWP-GHG results) and data variation (in GWP-GHG results):

	Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Resource recovery stage
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	X	X	X	ND	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X	X	X	X	X
Geography	RER	GLO	HU, RS	-	RER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	RER	RER	RER	RER	RER
Specific data used	20,7%					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – products	-31,4%, +66,2%					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – sites	0,87%					-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

When a module is accounted for, the box in the last row is then marked with an “X”.

When a module is not accounted for, the box in the last row is then marked with “ND”, not declared.

Content information

Product components	Weight, kg	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Biogenic material, weight-% and kg C/kg
Polystyrene with flame retardant	0,5863	0	0 resp. 0
TOTAL	0,5863	0	0 resp. 0
Packaging materials	Weight, kg	Weight-% (versus the product)	Weight biogenic carbon, kg C/kg
LDPE film	8,34E-03	1,423%	0
Stretch film	2,14E-03	0,366%	0
Self-adhesive label	2,47E-04	0,042%	0,3560
Total	1,07E-02	1,831%	0,0081

Environment/ hazardous properties: No substance listed under the REACH Regulation is present in either of these products, either above the limits for registration with the European Chemicals Agency or in excess of 0,1 weight-% of the products.

Results of the environmental performance indicators

The environmental impacts of the declared unit for the following impact categories were reported in the EPD according to EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021.

Mandatory impact category indicators according to EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 (based on EF 3.1)

Results per declared unit (1 m ² of white EPS with R=1 m ² K/W thermal resistance)								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-fossil	kg CO ₂ eq.	1,72E+00	1,74E-04	3,37E-03	5,91E-03	1,43E+00	4,55E-03	-5,35E-01
GWP-biogenic	kg CO ₂ eq.	3,47E-03	0,00E+00	3,03E-05	0,00E+00	3,37E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
GWP-luluc	kg CO ₂ eq.	1,31E-03	2,95E-06	5,12E-07	1,00E-04	2,63E-06	1,68E-05	-4,90E-05
GWP-total	kg CO ₂ eq.	1,72E+00	1,77E-04	3,40E-03	6,01E-03	1,43E+00	4,57E-03	-5,35E-01
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	1,62E-09	1,77E-17	7,64E-14	6,00E-16	7,06E-14	1,50E-14	-4,86E-12
AP	mol H ⁺ eq.	3,92E-03	1,08E-06	6,52E-06	3,67E-05	1,26E-04	2,73E-05	-5,68E-04
EP-freshwater	kg P eq.	1,41E-04	7,48E-10	1,40E-08	2,54E-08	1,52E-08	2,61E-06	-9,06E-07
EP-marine	kg N eq.	1,05E-03	5,30E-07	1,63E-06	1,80E-05	2,83E-05	5,87E-06	-1,72E-04
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	1,11E-02	5,88E-06	1,70E-05	2,00E-04	6,00E-04	6,44E-05	-1,85E-03
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	3,05E-02	1,02E-06	4,30E-06	3,45E-05	8,35E-05	1,88E-05	-4,88E-04
ADP-minerals&metals*	kg Sb eq.	1,67E-05	1,49E-11	6,31E-10	5,07E-10	7,33E-10	3,03E-10	-4,71E-08
ADP-fossil*	MJ	5,28E+01	2,29E-03	7,08E-02	7,77E-02	1,54E-01	7,70E-02	-9,57E+00
WDP*	m ³	1,90E-01	2,61E-06	9,32E-04	8,87E-05	1,16E-01	5,89E-04	-5,95E-02
Acronyms	GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption							

Disclaimers:

- Infrastructure/capital goods are excluded in upstream, core and downstream processes.
- The results of modules A1-A3 should not be used without considering the results of module C.
- The environmental impacts of the declared unit for the following results of the indicators and the corresponding disclaimers were reported in the EPD according to EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021, JRC characterization factors (based on EF3.1).
- The estimated impact results are only relative statements which do not indicate the end points of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety margins or risks.

Additional mandatory and voluntary impact category indicators

Results per declared unit (1 m ² of white EPS with R=1 m ² K/W thermal resistance)								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-GHG	kg CO ₂ eq.	1,72E+00	1,77E-04	3,37E-03	6,01E-03	1,43E+00	4,57E-03	-5,35E-01

Results per declared unit (1 m ² of white EPS with R=1 m ² K/W thermal resistance)								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Particulate matter	Disease incidences	2,80E-08	6,93E-12	5,45E-11	2,35E-10	7,28E-10	2,82E-10	-4,65E-09
Ionising radiation, human health	kBq U235 eq.	5,35E-02	4,13E-07	1,86E-03	1,40E-05	1,41E-03	1,49E-04	-1,18E-01
Ecotoxicity, freshwater	CTUe	2,57E+01	1,68E-03	2,05E-02	5,72E-02	6,31E-02	1,67E-01	-1,37E+00
Human toxicity, cancer	CTUh	8,06E-10	3,39E-14	1,15E-12	1,15E-12	7,99E-12	2,47E-12	-1,10E-10
Human toxicity, non-cancer	CTUh	2,33E-08	1,51E-12	1,77E-11	5,11E-11	5,69E-11	5,18E-11	-2,57E-09

Disclaimer: The ionising radiation, human health impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator. The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experienced with the indicator.

Resource use indicators

Results per declared unit (1 m ² of white EPS with R=1 m ² K/W thermal resistance)								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	1,21E+00	1,93E-04	5,11E-02	6,57E-03	4,45E-02	1,16E-02	-3,25E+00
PERM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PERT	MJ	1,21E+00	1,93E-04	5,11E-02	6,57E-03	4,45E-02	1,16E-02	-3,25E+00
PENRE	MJ	5,28E+01	2,29E-03	7,08E-02	7,77E-02	1,54E-01	7,70E-02	-9,57E+00
PENRM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PENRT	MJ	5,28E+01	2,29E-03	7,08E-02	7,77E-02	1,54E-01	7,70E-02	-9,57E+00
SM	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
RSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
NRSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

Results per declared unit (1 m ² of white EPS with R=1 m ² K/W thermal resistance)								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
FW	m ³	7,99E-03	2,17E-07	3,91E-05	7,38E-06	2,72E-03	1,76E-05	-2,50E-03
Acronyms	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 re-sources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water							

Waste indicators

Results per declared unit (1 m ² of white EPS with R=1 m ² K/W thermal resistance)								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1,39E-03	7,40E-14	1,02E-10	2,51E-12	9,26E-11	1,90E-11	-6,58E-09
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1,83E-02	3,56E-07	5,84E-05	1,21E-05	5,18E-03	1,54E-01	-5,03E-03
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	2,08E-04	2,96E-09	1,13E-05	1,00E-07	8,84E-06	1,09E-06	-7,19E-04

Output flow indicators

Results per declared unit (1 m ² of white EPS with R=1 m ² K/W thermal resistance)								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Components for re-use	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Material for recycling	kg	2,73E-03	1,66E-02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	1,64E-06	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	4,25E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,58E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	4,59E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

Variation of the results:

The presented results can be converted to each product specifically by multiplying them with following conversion factors:

Product	Conversion factor (-)
EPS 30	0,686
EPS LF	0,820
EPS EF	0,913
EPS 70	0,945
EPS 80	0,972
EPS 100N	1,069
EPS HR 100	1,103
EPS 120	1,238

Product	Conversion factor (-)
EPS 150	1,392
EPS 200	1,622

The same conversion factors can be applied for all calculated impact categories.

The variations for the complete product portfolio, for all impact categories are -31,4% and +66,2%.

This high variation occurs because the results are proportional to the unit weight of each product, and the unit weights are different because of the different expansion ratio of each product. (In this case the unit weight is defined as the weight of 1 m² product with an R value of 1 m²K/W.)

Identification of significant issues

The contributions of the modules were assessed based on their contributions to the complete life cycle (all declared modules except D).

At most of the declared parameters the A1 module is the most significant life cycle phase. This includes the production of expandable PS beads and has a very significant contribution to the impact assessment results because it has the largest share in 7 of the 13 mandatory impact categories and it is significant in almost all categories: GWP-fossil (42,07%), GWP-biogenic (127,46%), GWP-luluc (22,15%), GWP-total (42,13%), ODP (42,45%), AP (60,62%), EP-marine (60,72%), EP-terrestrial (60,23%), POCP (10,13%), ADP-minerals&metals (99,40%), ADP-fossil (86,90%), WDP (42,89%).

The A2 module, the transportation of the expandable PS beads by truck and ship is significant in some categories: GWP-luluc (66,17%), AP (11,87%), EP-marine (20,84%), EP-terrestrial (21,19%).

The A3 module is significant in multiple impact categories: GWP-fossil (10,06%), GWP-total (10,04%), ODP (52,31%), AP (22,70%), EP-freshwater (90,80%), EP-marine (13,50%), POCP (87,79%), ADP-fossil (10,71%), WDP (18,46%).

The A5, C1, C2, and C4 modules are not significant in any impact categories.

Completeness, consistency and sensitivity checks

The LCA study is complete; there are no relevant life cycle phases or processes excluded.

Consistency of the used data is good: high quality specific data have been collected for the A3 module, while the best available generic data have been selected for A1 and for all other life cycle processes.

Sensitivity check would be useful concerning the representativeness of the proxy for the organic flame retardant. Such analysis is not possible because of the lack of background information.

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