

# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

as per /EN 16810/ and  
as per ISO 14025 and EN 15804+A1

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## General Information

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#### Declared product / declared unit

1m<sup>2</sup> Cork floor tiles

#### Scope:

In this EPD cork floor tiles are declared. The application of this EPD is restricted to cork floor tiles 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 one company 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.

Cork floor tiles are produced of cork and binders. The

cork is produced by stripping the bark from cork oak trees every nine years. Primarily this cork is treated in a boiling process and used for wine cork stoppers. Leftovers from the wine cork stoppers industry and bark cork trees from pruning are granulate in different sizes. For the flooring production the cork granules are mixed with an adhesive. This mixture is cured under temperature and pressure. The cork flooring surface is finally decorated with colour and finished with a UV varnish in order to guarantee wear resistance of the surface.

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 class 23.

## Technical Data

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

### Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Product thickness	4	mm
Surface weight	2.0	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Product Form	tiles	-

The data set out in the Declaration of Performance apply.

## Base materials/Ancillary materials

The product group has the following composition:

- Additives 10%
- Cork (broken, shred, veneer) 87%

- Lacquer 3%

## 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](http://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	2	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg ( in kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	2	-
Layer thickness	0.004	m

The declaration refers to an average product from one production site of one ERFMI member. The life cycle impact assessment is conducted based on annual square meters produced by the site.

### 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

### Transport to the construction site (A4)

Name	Value	Unit
Transport distance	2000	km

Capacity utilisation (including empty runs)	85	%
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### Installation in the building (A5)

Name	Value	Unit
Auxiliary (adhesive)	0.3	kg

Material loss (installation waste)	4.5	%
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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 & wet cleaning)	156	number/a
Auxiliary (detergent)	0.04	kg

## End of Life (C1-C4)

Name	Value	Unit
Energy recovery [100%, Scenario 1]	2	kg
Landfilling [100%, Scenario 2]	2	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<sub>2</sub> 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](http://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)**

PRODUCT STAGE		CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE			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
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X	X	X	MND	X	MNR	MNR	MNR	MND	MND	X	X	X	X	X

## RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT according to EN 15804+A1: 1 m<sup>2</sup> cork floor tiles (2.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C1	C2	C3/1	C4/2	D/1	D/2
GWP	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	-2.74	0.22	0.82	0.28	0.01	0.02	3.59	0.14	-0.98	-0.19
ODP	[kg CFC11-Eq.]	4.57E-12	6.05E-15	1.07E-12	1.03E-12	5.53E-14	5.05E-16	7.57E-14	3.79E-14	-2.16E-12	-4.21E-13
AP	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	4.84E-3	4.83E-4	9.21E-4	7.28E-4	3.53E-5	4.04E-5	1.18E-3	3.84E-4	-1.66E-3	-3.25E-4
EP	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3</sup> -Eq.]	1.28E-3	1.22E-4	2.21E-4	9.38E-5	3.31E-6	1.02E-5	2.94E-4	3.92E-4	-1.79E-4	-3.51E-5
POCP	[kg ethene-Eq.]	6.70E-4	-1.58E-4	1.16E-4	5.93E-5	2.21E-6	-1.32E-5	7.52E-5	4.19E-5	-1.30E-4	-2.54E-5
ADPE	[kg Sb-Eq.]	3.02E-6	1.82E-8	2.70E-7	1.64E-7	6.61E-9	1.52E-9	3.74E-8	3.08E-8	-2.80E-7	-5.48E-8
ADPF	[MJ]	35.68	3.01	11.05	3.36	0.13	0.25	0.87	2.04	-13.47	-2.65

Caption: 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 m<sup>2</sup> cork floor tiles (2.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C1	C2	C3/1	C4/2	D/1	D/2
PERE	[MJ]	28.81	0.17	7.70	1.59	0.09	0.01	30.53	0.16	-3.34	-0.65
PERM	[MJ]	30.40	0.00	-2.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	-30.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
PERT	[MJ]	59.21	0.17	5.23	1.59	0.09	0.01	0.13	0.16	-3.34	-0.65
PENRE	[MJ]	28.22	3.02	11.91	5.13	0.23	0.25	9.60	2.11	-17.18	-3.37
PENRM	[MJ]	8.60	0.00	-0.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	-8.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
PENRT	[MJ]	36.82	3.02	11.39	5.13	0.23	0.25	1.00	2.11	-17.18	-3.37
SM	[kg]	0.48	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RSF	[MJ]	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
NRSF	[MJ]	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND
FW	[m <sup>3</sup> ]	1.30E-2	3.07E-4	3.58E-3	2.47E-3	1.16E-4	2.57E-5	8.20E-3	-5.43E-6	-4.56E-3	-8.91E-4

Caption: 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 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: 1 m<sup>2</sup> cork floor tiles (2.0 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C1	C2	C3/1	C4/2	D/1	D/2
HWD	[kg]	1.40E-7	1.75E-7	3.91E-8	2.43E-9	1.07E-10	1.46E-8	5.64E-10	9.03E-9	-7.01E-9	-1.37E-9
NHWD	[kg]	2.55E-2	2.53E-4	9.84E-3	8.38E-3	1.60E-4	2.11E-5	7.64E-3	1.99E+0	-7.41E-3	-1.45E-3
RWD	[kg]	4.51E-4	4.14E-6	1.31E-4	7.02E-4	3.77E-5	3.46E-7	5.29E-5	3.00E-5	-1.47E-3	-2.87E-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	2.00	IND
EEE	[MJ]	IND	IND	0.18	IND	IND	IND	4.09	IND	IND	IND
EET	[MJ]	IND	IND	0.33	IND	IND	IND	7.27	IND	IND	IND

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; EEE = Exported electrical energy; EEE = Exported thermal energy



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