

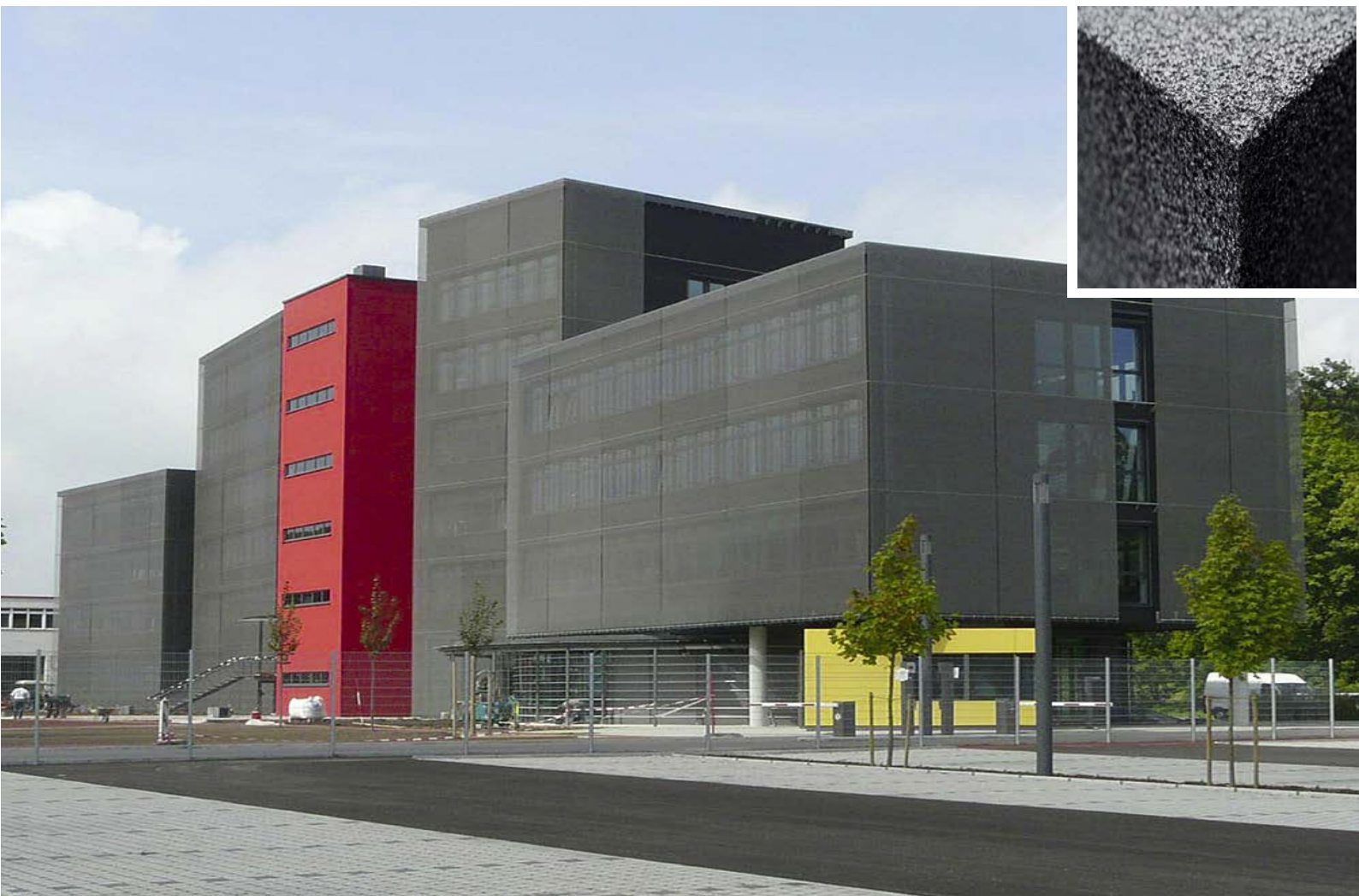
# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

as per ISO 14025 and EN 15804

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## 1. General information

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### FOAMGLAS® W+F and FOAMGLAS® T3+

**Holder of the Declaration**

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**Declared product / Declared unit**

1 kg unclad uncoated **FOAMGLAS® W+F** und **FOAMGLAS® T3+** cellular glass insulation material

**Scope:**

This document refers to the production of 1 kg uncoated "**FOAMGLAS® W+F**" cellular glass manufactured in Belgium at the Tessenderlo production facility of Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV. The environmental impacts of the coated product "**FOAMGLAS® W+F**" are to be assessed with the help of a markup factor in the amount of 13%.

The LCA results of "**FOAMGLAS® W+F**" can be regarded as representative of the "**FOAMGLAS® T3+**" product. On account of the 5% lower apparent density, the LCA results of "**FOAMGLAS® T3+**" are also about 5% below those of "**FOAMGLAS® W+F**", since the manufacturing process as well as the raw materials used are practically identical. Accordingly, the results of "**FOAMGLAS® W+F**" can be interpreted as the "*worst case*" for "**FOAMGLAS® T3+**".

The owner of the Declaration is liable for the information and evidence on which it is based; no liability can be accepted by IBU with regard to manufacturer's information, LCA data and evidence.

**Verification**

The DIN EN 15804 CEN standard serves as the core PCR.

Verification of the EPD by an independent third party as per ISO 14025

internal       external

Matthias Schulz,  
(Independent auditor appointed by the SVA)

## 2. Product

### 2.1 Product description

**FOAMGLAS®** is an insulating material made of foam glass for building construction and industrial installations. It is used to manufacture dimensionally-accurate slabs, boards, pipe shells, segments and other special elements.

**FOAMGLAS®** slabs and elements are largely manufactured from high-quality recycled glass (e.g. windscreens) and mineral base materials such as sand and without the use of binding agents. They display a closed-cell structure. The product **FOAMGLAS® W+F** is declared with an apparent density of 100 kg/m<sup>3</sup> (± 15 %). The products are supplied in thicknesses of 40 mm to 140 mm, e.g. as pressure-resistant slabs. The use of coated or uncoated **FOAMGLAS®** is application-dependent. The uncoated slab is frequently used for

indoor insulation, and then coated with various types of plaster.

For roofs, **FOAMGLAS®** is either coated with hot bitumen before the sealing sheets are applied, or special boards are used, for example **FOAMGLAS® READY BOARD**. This factory-fitted coating is a thin bitumen coating in conjunction with foil or non-woven fabric.

The products by **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV** are produced in the Tessenderlo plant (Belgium).

### 2.2 Application

**FOAMGLAS®** insulation material is used for the entire building envelope.

- All areas of application comply with DIN 4108 or other local application guidelines for roofs, walls, ceilings, perimeters and other special applications.
- Building systems (air ducts, cold water systems, conduits)
- Technical insulation (insulation of pipes, containers, tanks and apparatus)
- Fire safety elements (fire protection upgrades for walls, connections and pipe ducts)

### 2.3 Technical data

#### Structural data

Description	Value	Unit
Thermal conductivity to DIN EN 13167	0.038	W/(mK)
Rated thermal conductivity value Only valid for Germany (acc. to general building inspection approval)	0.04	W/(mK)
Water vapour diffusion resistance factor (DIN EN ISO 10456)	-	-
Water vapour diffusion equivalent air layer thickness	-	m
Sound absorption coefficient	-	%
Apparent density (DIN EN 13501-1)	100	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Compressive strength to DIN EN 826	400	N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Reaction to fire as per DIN EN 13501-1	non-inflammable A1	
Melting point to DIN 4102-17	> 1,000	°C

The specification of the sound absorption coefficient is irrelevant for the product FOAMGLAS®.

#### 2.4 Placing on the market / Application rules

Directive (EU) No. 305/2011 of 9 March 2011 applies for placing the product on the market in the EU/EFTA. The products require a Declaration of Performance

taking account of the harmonised European Standard DIN EN 13167:2013-03 and CE marking.

For use, the respective national regulations apply, in Germany the general building inspection approval of the DIBt for FOAMGLAS® insulation materials by Deutsche FOAMGLAS® GmbH No. Z-23.15-1403.

#### 2.5 Delivery status

FOAMGLAS® W+F slabs are available in the following dimensions: 600 x 450 mm, 300 x 450 mm. Board thickness: 40 – 140 mm. Gross density: 100 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Other dimensions available on request

#### 2.6 Base materials / Ancillary materials

##### Average composition of FOAMGLAS® W+F

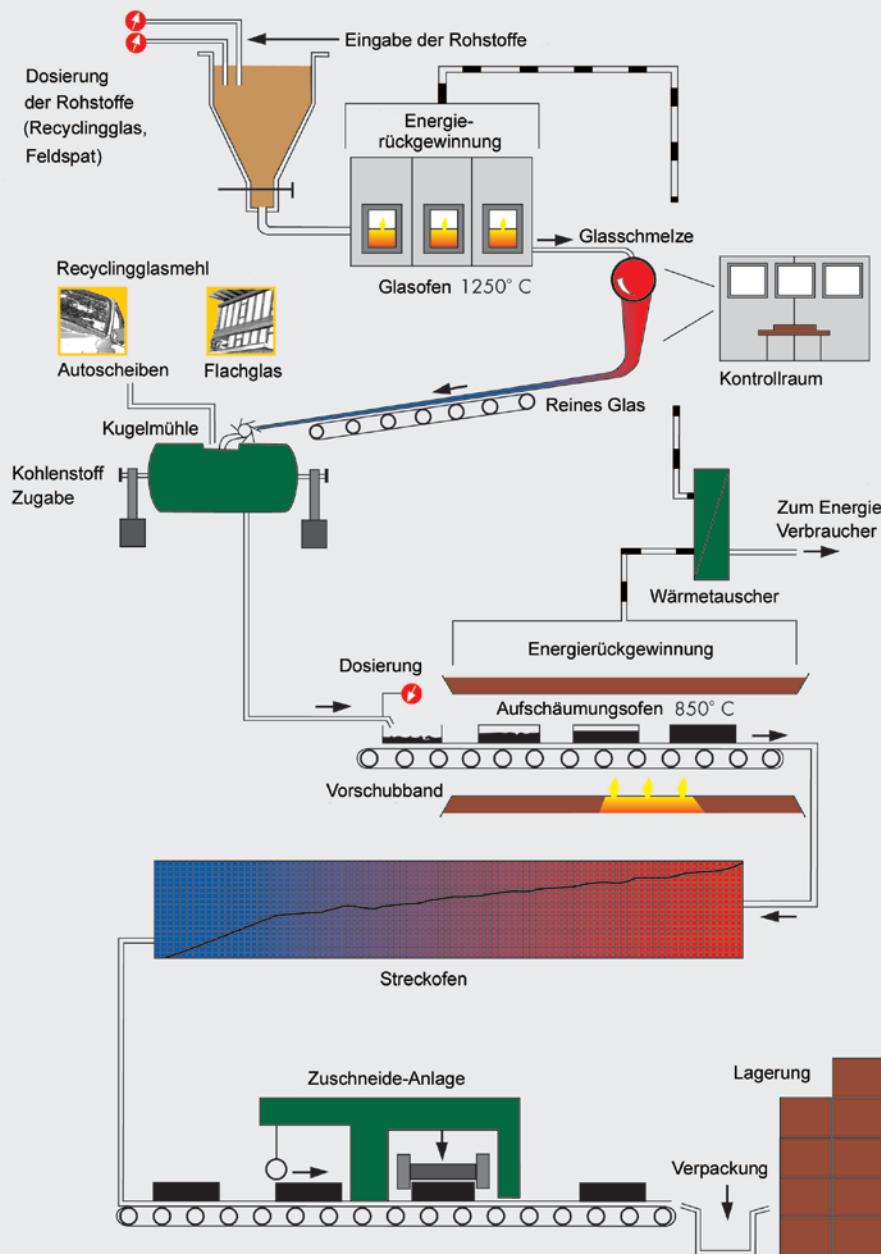
Description Value Unit  
 Recycled glass ≥ 60 % by weight  
 Feldspar ≤ 20 % by weight  
 Sand ≤ 15 % by weight  
 Soda (disodium carbonate) ≤ 10 % by weight  
 Ferric oxide ≤ 5 % by weight  
 Sodium nitrate ≤ 1 % by weight  
 Sodium sulphate ≤ 1 % by weight  
 Carbon ≤ 1 % by weight

FOAMGLAS® consists of naturally occurring mineral base materials. An auxiliary material is used for the process, e.g. aluminium hydroxide (≤1%).

#### 2.7 Production

A first step involves weighing, crushing and mixing the raw materials followed by melting at 1250 °C in the electrode furnace. Using electrical energy for melting guarantees a homogeneous melt.

Once the melt has cooled, the glass is finely ground in ball mills with the aid of corundum cylinders. Some of the recycled glass used can be ground and foamed directly without necessarily being melted first. It is combined with the pretreated powder mixture and poured into foaming moulds made of stainless steel. The mixture then runs through a foaming process at 850 °C followed by a controlled cooling process. Stressless cooling is followed by cutting and packing.



Quality assurance:  
 Quality is assured through internal and external monitoring. The product complies with the Declaration of Performance. It also bears the CEN Keymark certificate in accordance with DIN EN 13167 and DIN EN 13172.

Electricity requirements are fully guaranteed by purchasing a certified electricity mix from hydropower plants.

**2.8 Environment and health during production**

During the entire manufacturing process, no other health protection measures extending beyond the



legally specified industrial protection measures for commercial enterprises.  
Health and safety management in accordance with BS OHSAS 18001:2007

**Environmental protection during manufacturing:**

Water/Soil:

Water incurred during manufacturing and plant cleaning is treated mechanically in a waste water treatment system on the plant site and re-used in the production process. Waste water corresponds with the local specifications and the low Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> suspended particles contained in the waste water support waste water cleaning.

Noise:

The noise emissions into the environment by production equipment fall short of the permissible limit values.

The requirements concerning quality management, environmental management and energy management are complied with: (DIN EN ISO 9001:2008-12, DIN EN ISO 14001:2009-11, DIN EN ISO 50001:2011-12)

**2.9 Product processing/installation**

Recommendations on product processing depend on the respective product and system and are outlined in the respective documentation and data sheets (available at [www.foamglas.com](http://www.foamglas.com)).

The product does not contain any concentrations of substances known to be hazardous to health. Dust incurred during sawing is inert and non-crystalline.

Depending on requirements, **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> elements are installed dry or using mineral or bituminous adhesives. The insulating slabs are laid in a lattice structure (offset) and, depending on the moisture load, with open or glued joints and butt-jointed.

The professional liability associations' rules apply. When processing the products under review, conventional industrial protection measures must be observed in accordance with information supplied by the manufacturer.

According to the present state of knowledge, hazards for water, air and soil cannot arise if **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> is processed as intended.

**2.10 Packaging**

Re-usable wooden pallets, PE shrink foil and cardboard elements serve as packaging material. Packaging material (PE foil and cardboard) is disposed of on the building site. Thermal utilisation takes place.

**2.11 Utilisation state**

Material composition does not alter during use. **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> products can be used practically indefinitely when used for the intended purpose. They are impervious to moisture, pests, acids and chemicals.

**2.12 Environment and health during use**

Ingredients: No particular features regarding the material composition for the period of use. In accordance with official emission measurements for indoor air,

**FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> is an insulating material which does not display VOC (volatile organic compounds) or carcinogenic emissions after 3 and 28 days (see section 7.2) according to the German Committee for the Health-Related Evaluation of Building Products

(AgBB scheme). (emissions test as per DIN EN ISO 16000-6/9).

**2.13 Reference Service Life**

Material composition does not alter during use. **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> products can be used practically indefinitely when used for the intended purpose. They are impervious to moisture, pests, acids and chemicals.

**2.14 Extraordinary effects**

**Fire**

**FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> is classified as Euro class A1 in accordance with DIN EN 13501-1:2010-01 and building material class A1 as per DIN 4102-1:1998-05. Class A1 building products do not display any hazard potential regarding smoke development, flammability or burning drips. The melting temperature of **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> insulating slabs is above 1000 °C (DIN 4102-17) and the maximum application limit temperature is approx. 430 °C.

**Fire protection**

Description	Value
Building material class / Euro class	A1
Burning drips	No
Smoke gas development	No

**Water**

Thanks to its closed-cell structure, exposure to moisture cannot impair the insulating properties of **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup>. Even when exposed to water over long periods of time (e.g. floods), the insulating material remains intact. In accordance with the general building inspectorate approval (Z-23.5-103), **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> remains functional over the long term even when exposed to pressing water at an immersion depth of up to 12 metres. **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> does not represent an environmental hazard, even when exposed to water for longer periods of time (please refer to section 7.1 Eluate test).

**Mechanical destruction**

**FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> is extremely resilient in all respects, and there is no risk of mechanical destruction if used for the intended purpose. It does not represent any environmental hazards thanks to its mineral composition. See Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> and natureplus certificate.

**2.15 Re-use phase**

When sorted, the declared products can be re-ground and re-used as additives in the manufacture of **FOAMGLAS**<sup>®</sup> (material recycling). Otherwise sorted products - even those still bearing adhesive - are suitable for re-use as filling material in civil engineering, road construction or for sound barriers, for example (material recycling).

**2.16 Disposal**

Where the recycling options referred to above are not practical, foam glass residue incurred on the construction site as well as residue from de-construction can be easily deposited without preliminary treatment in Class I landfills thanks to their

non-leaching mineral components. Packaging can be utilised thermally. The waste code number as per the List of Wastes Ordinance (AVV) for **FOAMGLAS®** (uncontaminated) is 17 06 04. In combination with bituminous waterproofing substances and adhesive, waste code number 17 09 04 is for unsorted waste.

**2.17 Further information**

Further information on **FOAMGLAS®** insulating materials is available online on the manufacturer's website: [www.foamglas.com](http://www.foamglas.com).

**3. LCA: Calculation Rules**

**3.1 Declared unit**

The Declaration refers to the life cycle of **1kg FOAMGLAS® W+F and FOAMGLAS® T3+**. The apparent density of the product is 100 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Declared unit**

Description	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	kg
Gross density	100	kg/m <sup>3</sup>

**3.2 System boundary**

Type of EPD: cradle to plant gate  
 The LCA addresses the life cycle stage of production. The product stage comprises Modules A1 (Raw material supply), A2 (Transport) and A3 (Production). The following individual processes were included in the product stage **A1–A3** of production:

- Processes for providing preliminary products and energy
- Transporting the raw materials and preliminary materials to the plant
- Manufacturing process in the plant including energy-related expenses, disposal of residual materials and emissions
- Production of packaging

The packaging material volumes considered involve annual consumption / annual purchase volumes.

Module A4 takes account of transportation to the construction site. The utilisation of the packaging materials is assigned to Module **A5**. Environmental effects caused by installation losses are not included in the LCA results, since these depend on the construction project and thus vary. To calculate the additional environmental burdens caused by the production and disposal of these installation losses, the LCA results for a specific installation loss can be calculated (e.g. installation loss 3%, multiplication of the LCA results by 1.03). Landfilling with residual materials is assigned to Module **C4**.

Credits based on the thermal utilisation of the residual materials are assigned to Module **D**.

**3.3 Estimates and assumptions**

In the product system, external cullet or waste glass is used as a neutral preliminary product within the framework of the LCA. This recycled glass is regarded as a waste product and is therefore calculated as input without loads.

According to **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV**, the average transportation distance was defined as 350 km.

**3.4 Cut-off criteria**

All data data from the operating data survey were taken into consideration in the analysis. Processes whose entire contribution towards the final

manufacturing result in terms of mass and less than 1% were ignored.

It can be assumed that the processes ignored would each have contributed less than 5 % to the impact categories under review.

Machinery, plants and infrastructure required in the manufacturing process were not considered.

**3.5 Background data**

"**GaBi 6**" - the software system for comprehensive analysis (GaBi 6) developed by **thinkstep AG** - was used to model the **FOAMGLAS®** life cycle. The data sets contained in the GaBi data base are documented in the online GaBi documentation (GaBi 6 Doku). The basic data in the GaBi data base was applied for energy, transport, preliminary products and auxiliaries. No data records from other data bases were used. The Life Cycle Assessment was drawn up for Belgium as a reference area. This means that apart from the production processes under these marginal conditions, the upstream stages also of relevance for Belgium such as provision of energy carriers were used.

**Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV** procures electricity from Norwegian run-of-river power stations, for which the hydropower mix for 2009 was applied.

**3.6 Data quality**

All of the background data sets of relevance for the LCA were taken from the **GaBi 6 software data base**. The background data used for the LCA was last revised less than 4 years ago.

**Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV** supplied current primary production data for 2013. These production data were examined for plausibility. According to the manufacturer, there is very good representativity of the declared product.

The corresponding data sets were available in the data base for all preliminary products used. The data quality can be regarded as very good.

**3.7 Period under review**

The data in this LCA are based on primary data on **FOAMGLAS® W+F** production in 2013 supplied by **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV**. The volumes of raw materials, energy, auxiliaries and consumables used are considered as average annual values.

**3.8 Allocation**

The plastic waste incurred is burned in a waste incineration plant. It is modelled in an input-specific manner in the model, whereby any emissions incurred are taken consideration of in the model (Module A3). In line with its elementary composition and ensuing calorific values, thermal utilisation used as input is calculated in Module A3.

The energy resulting from the utilisation of plastic waste in Module A5 is credited in Module D. First the weight of input consumed and output generated is recorded in the plant. These production data are then offset against the sales figures of the individual products by multiplying the cubic metres sold

by the density of the product. Accordingly, allocation by weight was used.

compared have been drawn up in accordance with EN 15804 and the building context and/or product-specific performance characteristics are taken into consideration.

### 3.9 Comparability

As a general rule, a comparison or evaluation of EPD data is only possible when all of the data sets to be

## 4. LCA: Scenarios and other technical information

### Transport to construction site (A4)

Description	Value	Unit
Litres of fuel	1.1	l/100 km
Transport distance	350	km
Capacity utilisation (including empty runs)	85	%

### Construction installation process (A5)

Description	Value	Unit
Output materials following waste treatment on the building site (paper)	0.007	kg
Output materials following waste treatment on the building site (plastic)	0.0087	kg

### End of Life (C1 - C4)

Description	Value	Unit
Collected separately (cellular glass)	1	kg
For landfilling (cellular glass)	1	kg

### Re-use, recovery and recycling potential (D), relevant scenario information

Description	Value	Unit
Thermal utilisation of plastic from the packaging	0.0087	kg

## 5. LCA: Results

The environmental impacts of the coated product "FOAMGLAS® W+F" are to be assessed with the help of a markup factor in the amount of 13%. This markup factor was calculated on the basis of the GWP and PENRT. This can therefore be relatively safely used for GWP and PENRT. There may be greater uncertainty with the other indicators. Environmental effects caused by installation losses are not included in the LCA results, since these depend on the construction project and thus vary. To calculate the additional environmental burdens caused by the production and disposal of these installation losses, the LCA results for a specific installation loss can be calculated (e.g. installation loss 3%, multiplication of the LCA results by 1.03).

### SYSTEM BOUNDARIES (X = INCLUDED IN THE LCA; MND = MODULE NOT DECLARED)

Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage								End-of-Life stage				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
Raw material supply	Transport	Production	Transport from manufacturer to site	Assembly	Use / Application	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Re-use, recovery or 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	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X

### LCA RESULTS: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: 1 kg FOAMGLAS® W+F or FOAMGLAS® T3+

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Global Warming Potential	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> equiv.]	1.26E+0	1.69E-2	2.20E-2	1.35E-2	-9.71E-3
Ozone Depletion Potential	[kg CFC11 equiv.]	2.52E-11	8.09E-14	2.65E-14	1.84E-13	-1.13E-11
Acidification Potential	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> equiv.]	2.89E-3	7.74E-5	5.39E-6	8.62E-5	-1.12E-5
Eutrophication Potential	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3</sup> equiv.]	3.48E-4	1.77E-5	4.30E-7	1.18E-5	-1.59E-6
Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential	[kg ethene equiv.]	2.22E-4	-2.50E-5	2.93E-7	8.09E-6	-1.55E-6
Abiotic Depletion Potential non-Fossil Resources	[kg Sb equiv.]	6.78E-6	6.37E-10	3.16E-9	5.10E-9	-6.95E-10
Abiotic Depletion Potential Fossil Resources	[MJ]	1.93E+1	2.33E-1	1.02E-2	1.78E-1	-1.58E-1

### LCA RESULTS: USE OF RESOURCES: 1 kg FOAMGLAS® W+F or FOAMGLAS® T3+

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	8.66E+0	9.19E-3	1.06E-3	1.54E-2	-9.49E-3
Renewable primary energy as material utilisation	[MJ]	0.00E+0	-	-	-	-
Total use of renewable primary energy sources	[MJ]	8.66E+0	9.19E-3	1.06E-3	1.54E-2	-9.49E-3
Non-renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	1.98E+1	2.34E-1	1.16E-2	1.86E-1	-2.19E-1
Non-renewable primary energy as material utilisation	[MJ]	0.00E+0	-	-	-	-
Total use of non-renewable primary energy sources	[MJ]	1.98E+1	2.34E-1	1.16E-2	1.86E-1	-2.19E-1
Use of Secondary Materials	[kg]	4.70E-1	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Renewable Secondary Fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Non-renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Net use of fresh water	[m³]	1.46E-2	6.49E-6	5.39E-5	-7.11E-4	-2.40E-5

### LCA RESULTS: OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES:

#### 1 kg FOAMGLAS® W+F or FOAMGLAS® T3+

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Hazardous waste for disposal	[kg]	4.76E-4	5.33E-7	1.46E-6	8.36E-6	-1.97E-5
Disposed of, non-hazardous waste	[kg]	4.55E-2	2.94E-5	2.22E-3	1.00E+0	-5.17E-5
Disposed of, radioactive waste	[kg]	2.06E-4	3.06E-7	5.62E-7	3.25E-6	-2.40E-5
Components for re-use	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-
Materials for recycling	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-
Materials for energy recovery	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	8.70E-3	0.00E+0	-
Exported electrical energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-4.24E-2
Exported thermal energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-1.02E-1

## 6. LCA: Interpretation

The greatest contribution to the **Global Warming Potential (GWP, 100 years)** is made by the production phase (approx. 96 %) (Module A1-A3), The energy supply accounts for approx. 53 % of this (96 % of this through thermal energy). The manufacture of the preliminary products contributes approx. 33 % to the GWP. Approx. 5 % is attributable to the actual production stage and approx. 4 % to the production of the auxiliaries and packaging. At 99 %, the **Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)** is dominated by the production phase (Module A1-A3).

Of this, 33 % can be attributed to the manufacture of the preliminary products (in particular ferric oxide with 51 %), 12 % to the production of the auxiliary materials (in particular aluminium hydroxide with 99 %), 40 % to the production of the packaging (in particular packaging paper with 73 %), and 19 % to the supply of energy.

The **Acidification Potential (AP)** is characterised 51 % by Module A1 (raw materials) and 42 % by Module A3 (production). In terms of raw materials, sodium carbonate has the greatest influence at approx. 50 %.



During the production of **FOAMGLAS® W+F**, energy consumption accounts for 17 % and the production of auxiliaries makes a contribution of 6 %.

The greatest contribution (62%) to the **Eutricification Potential (EP)** is made by the provision of raw materials, especially sodium carbonate (approx. 61 %). 29 % of the entire EP is incurred during the production phase, whereby energy supply (98 % through thermal energy) makes a contribution of 21 %.

The **Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (POCP)** is characterised 43 % by Module A1 (raw materials) and 69 % by Module A3 (production). In terms of raw materials, sodium carbonate has the greatest influence at 68 %. During the production of **FOAMGLAS® W+F**, energy consumption represents the primary influence at 47 % (99 % through thermal energy). Sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and the group of NMVOC in particular contribute to the POCP. Transport leads to a credit in terms of POCP. due to the fact that nitrogen oxide emissions incurred during transport have a negative characterisation factor in the impact estimate as per CML 2001 – valid as at 2013. With the result that not only the credits are negative for the creation of photo oxidants but also the loads. Despite the apparently paradox results that more transports would lead to an increased number of credits, the model does not contain any errors here. Methods other than the one selected (CML 2010) for estimating the impact of POCP (e.g. ReCiPe) have avoided negative characterisation factors in order to

facilitate interpretation of the results and set the nitrogen monoxide characterisation factor at zero.

The **Abiotic Depletion Potential (ADP elementary)** is largely (96 %) caused by Module A1 (raw materials), Approx. 55 % is attributable to the production of sodium sulphate and 38 % is accounted for by sodium carbonate.

The **Abiotic Depletion Potential (ADPF)** is primarily the result of the upstream chains in Module A3 (66 %). Approx. 60 % of the ADP fossil is caused by the use of energy (99 % through thermal energy). Approx. 32 % is attributable to production of the preliminary products.

The **Total primary energy requirements** are divided among non-renewable energy carriers (approx. 70 %) and renewable energy (approx. 30 %).

The **Total use of renewable primary energy sources (PERT)** is largely (93 %) the result of using electrical energy during the production process. This is necessitated by **Pittsburgh Corning Europe NV** procuring electricity from hydropower.

When considering the **Total use of non-renewable primary energy sources (PENRT)**, the upstream chains associated with manufacturing preliminary products and the use of energy account for approx. 34 % and 58 %, respectively. Iron oxide, kaolin and sodium carbonate (each 30 %) are manufactured using non-renewable energy sources. During the actual production stage, 99 % of the energy used is accounted for by natural gas (thermal energy).

## 7. Requisite evidence

### FOAMGLAS® eluate test

Eidgenössische Materialprüfungs- und Forschungsanstalt EMPA  
Eluate test report for **FOAMGLAS®** No.123544A  
**Process:** Testing **FOAMGLAS®** pieces in accordance with the TOW directive (Technical Ordinance on Waste). Test report No. 123544  
**Results:**  
Where the recycling options referred to above are not practical, **FOAMGLAS®** residue incurred on the construction site as well as residue from de-construction can be easily deposited without preliminary treatment in Class I landfills thanks to their non-leaching mineral components.

### FOAMGLAS® emissions test

**Process:** Testing the product emissions in line with the AgBB/DIBt method (DIN EN ISO 16000-6/9). (Test report by Bremer Umweltinstitut H3989 FM and Laboratoire EXCELL No. 2010-10-050-1.  
**Results:**  
In accordance with official emission measurements for indoor air, **FOAMGLAS®** is an insulating material which does not display VOC (volatile organic compounds) or carcinogenic emissions after 3 and 28 days according to the AgBB scheme.

## 8. References

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