

## **ECOPHON AKUSTO WALL C/SUPER G**

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## SUMMARY ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

Content summary	
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Registration No	S-P-12642
Owners declaration by	Saint-Gobain Ecophon AB Box 500 265 03 Hyllinge Sweden
Declaration as construction products	The products to be verified herein are acoustic glass wool panels made for sound absorbing ceilings.  The present environmental product declaration complies with standard ISO 14025 and describes the environmental impact. Its purpose is to promote compatible and sustainable environmental development of related construction methods.  Reference PCR documents: EN 15804 as the core PCR + International EPD System Product Category Rules – PCR for constructions products, Acoustical ceiling and wall solutions (c-PCR-014; appendix to PCR 2019:14). EPD of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804.
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## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Product description and description of use:

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) describes the environmental impact of 1 m<sup>2</sup> of acoustic ceiling with the intended use to increase sound absorption in a room to create a better indoor environment.

The EPD covers products produced at Ecophon production site in Sweden, Denmark, Poland, and Finland. Ecophon ceilings consists of a high-quality glass wool in different densities and thicknesses. The glass wool is covered with a painted or woven surface layer and cut into panels of different sizes and edge designs.



The structure of glass wool gives the material excellent sound energy absorption properties. Sound absorption is the main function of acoustic glass wool panels. The panels are also light, stable, and easy to handle and cut.

Acoustic glass wool panels are commonly used in schools, offices, and health care facilities where there is a need for noise reduction to improve the indoor environment. The acoustic panels need no maintenance and do not age. They can last as long as the building itself. For aesthetic reasons, normal room surface cleaning is advised.

Description of the main product components and materials for 1 m<sup>2</sup> of product:

Parameter	Value (Weight in %)	Post-consumer recycled content		
Product thickness	40 mm mm	-		
Glass wool	82%	70%		
Waterborne paint	3%	-		
Glass tissue	14%	-		
Waterborne glue	3%	-		
Plastic wrapping	0,038 g	-		

The total weight of the product is calculated to 4,6 kg / m<sup>2</sup>. The product does not contain any biogenic carbon.

All raw materials contributing more than 5% to any environmental impact are listed in the table above. At the date of issue of this environmental declaration, there is no substance of very high concern (SVHC) in concentration above 0.01% by weight.

	Biogenic carbon [kgC/m²]
Packaging	0,2228
Product	0

<sup>1</sup> kg biogenic carbon is equivalent to 44/12 kg of CO2.

The stored biogenic carbon in the packaging material is as GWP indicator balanced out A5 and zero over the life cycle. The same approach is used for energy stored in the packaging materials.

If there in future occur production changes that generate an increased impact larger than 10% the EPD will be updated and re-verified.



## OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS

Regarding the indoor environment, the Akusto Wall C/Super G product are certified for or fulfil regulations according to the table below. Certificates for all Ecophon products are available in the <a href="Download centre">Download centre</a>.

#### **Certificate and Regulations**

French VOC A+

Finnish M1

**Eurofins Indoor Air Comfort Gold** 



## LCA CALCULATION INFORMATION

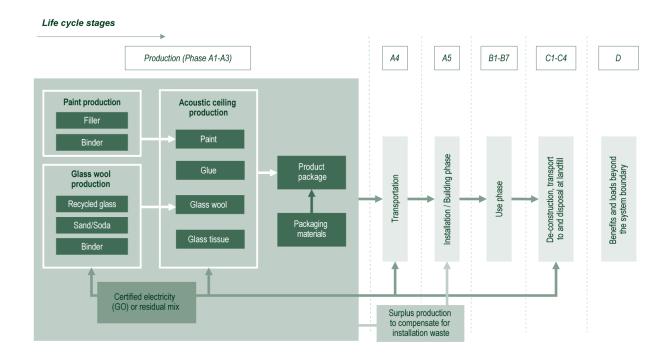
Declared unit	1m² of acoustic celling panel.
Functional unit	1m² acoustic ceiling with sound absorption class A installed at an ODS of 200mm according to ISO 354.
Conversion factor to kg	1 kg is the equivalent of 0,22 m².
System boundaries	Cradle to grave: A1-A3, A4-A5, B, C1-C4 and D This EPD covers the environmental impact of acoustic panels without grid or suspension system.
Reference Service Life (RSL)	50 years
Cut-off rules	The use of cut-off criterion on mass inputs and primary energy at the unit process level (1%) and at the information module level (5%).  Flows related to human activities such as employee transport are excluded.  Packaging materials from waste handling in A5 is not accounted for as potential benefit in module D.  The construction of plants, production of machines and transportation systems are excluded since the related flows are supposed to be negligible compared to the production of the building product when compared at these systems lifetime level.
Allocations	Allocation criteria are based on mass.
Geographical coverage and time period	For A1-A3: Global For A4: European covering (2019)

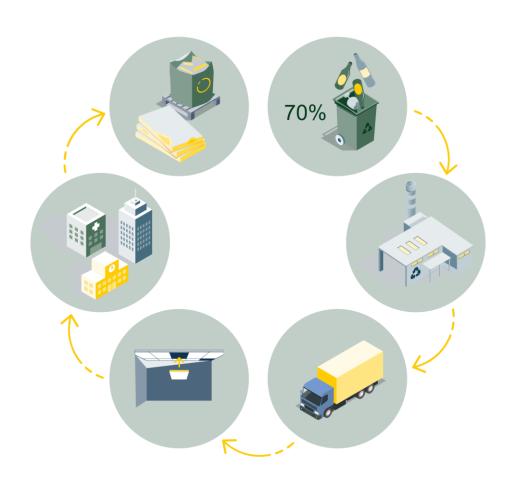
According to EN 15804, EPD of construction products might not be comparable if they do not comply with this standard. According to ISO 21930, EPD's might not be comparable if they are from different EPD administrating schemes.



## **LIFE CYCLE STAGES**

## Flow diagram of the Life Cycle







#### Product stage, A1-A3

#### Description of the stage:

The product stage of the glass wool products is divided into 3 modules: A1 "Raw material and supply", A2 "Transport to the manufacturer" and A3 "Manufacturer". The aggregation of the modules A1, A2 and A3 is a possibility considered by the EN 15 804 standard. This rule is applied in this EPD.

#### A1 Raw material supply

This module takes into account the extraction and processing of all raw materials and energy which occur upstream to the studied manufacturing process. Specifically, the glass wool raw material supply covers production of the binder components and sourcing (quarry) of raw materials for fiber production, e.g. sand and borax. Besides these raw materials, recycled materials (glass cullet) are also used as input.

Other major raw materials (paint, glass tissue and glue) are mainly modelled with specific data. Manufacturing of glass wool accounts for either GOs (Guarantee of Origins), or residual mix, and all other processes use residual mix.

#### A2 Transport to the manufacturer

The raw materials are transported to the manufacturing site. In our case, the modelling includes: road, boat or train transportations (average values) of each raw material.

#### A3 Manufacturing

Mineral wool ceiling panels are produced in a continuous online process starting with applying glass tissue on the mineral wool baseboard. The panels are cut into correct size and the edges of the panels are painted. After drying the panels are packed in cardboard boxes. The manufacturing of ceilings accounts for GOs or residual mix as presented in the table below with emission factors.

	Electricity emission factor [gCO₂eq./kWh]
Hyllinge (SE) (GO)	4

Manufacturing covers all processes linked to production, which comprises various related operations besides on-site activities such as grinding, painting and drying, packaging and internal transportation. Packaging-related flows in the production process and all up-stream packaging are included in the manufacturing module, i.e. wooden pallets, cardboard and PE-film.

#### Construction process stage, A4-A5

The construction process is divided into 2 modules: A4 "Transport to the building site" and A5 "Installation in the building.

Description of scenarios and additional technical information:

#### A4 Transport to the building site

This module includes transport from the production gate to the building site. Transport is calculated based on a scenario with the parameters described in the following table.



Parameter	Value
Fuel type, consumption of fuel and vehicle or vehicle type used for transport	Average truck trailer with a 24t payload, diesel consumption 31.7 litres for 100 km
Distance	475 km (based on transports in 2019)
Capacity utilisation (including empty returns)	90% of the capacity in volume 100% of empty returns
Bulk density of transported products (if available)	50 - 120 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Volume capacity utilisation factor (if available)	0.45

The transport distance has been calculated from a European average transport for Ecophon in 2019 from the parameters in the table above.

#### A5:1 Installation in the building

This module includes waste of products during the implementation, i.e. the additional production processes to compensate the loss and the waste processing which occur in this stage.

Scenarios used for quantity of product wastage and waste processing are:

Parameter	Value
Waste of materials on the building site before waste processing, generated by the product's installation	5%
Output materials (specified by type) as results of waste processing at the building site e.g. of collection for	Packaging waste is 100 % landfilled.
recycling, for energy recovering, disposal	Ceiling panel losses are landfilled

#### A5:2 Energy usage

As a general figure the time to install 1  $m^2$  ceiling is considered to be 20 minutes. During this time the installer is considered to use handheld appliances for about 5% of this time which in this case results in 1 minute. A handheld device such as a cordless screwdriver is considered to have a power of 0.7 kilowatt. Therefore, in one minute it will consume a total energy of 0.7\*60 = 4.2 kilojoule = 0.0042 MJ, per  $m^2$  ceiling. In this context it is a negligible contribution and will not be part of the LCA calculation (lower than 0.1% of the total energy consumption).

#### Use stage (excluding potential savings), B1-B7

#### Description of the stage:

The use stage is divided into 7 modules, B1 "Use", B2 "Maintenance", B3 "Repair", B4 "Replacement", B5 "Refurbishment", B6 "Operational energy use", B7 "Operational water use"

Description of scenarios and additional technical information:

Once installation is complete, no actions or technical operations are required during the use stages until the end of life stage. Therefore, acoustic ceiling panels have no impact (excluding potential energy savings) on this stage.



#### **End-of-life stage C1-C4**

Description of the stage:

The end-of life stage is divided into 4 modules; C1 "De-construction, demolition", C2 "Transport to waste processing", C3 "Waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling", C4 "Disposal".

Description of scenarios and additional technical information:

#### C1, De-construction, demolition

The dismantling of acoustic ceiling panels takes part during renovation or demolition of the building. In this case, the environmental impact is assumed to be very small and can be neglected.

#### C2, Transport to waste processing

The model for transportation (see A4, Transportation to the building site) is applied.

C3, Waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling;

The product is considered to be landfilled without reuse, recovery or recycling.

#### C4, Disposal;

The product is assumed to be 100% landfilled.

Parameter	Value/description
Collection process specified by type	4,6 kg of acoustic ceiling (collected with mixed construction waste)
Recovery system specified by type	No reuse, recycling or energy recovery
Disposal specified by type	Landfill, 4,6 kg
Assumptions for scenario development (e.g. transportation)	Average truck trailer with a 24t payload, diesel consumption 31.7 litres for 100 km
, , ,	50 km (distance to landfill)

#### Reuse/recovery/recycling potential, D

No benefits beyond system boundary, this module is declared as zero.



## LCA RESULTS

LCA model, aggregation of data and environmental impact are calculated through the GaBi Professional software. Secondary data is mainly taken from Ecoinvent 3.6 with some GaBi datasets.

Raw materials and energy consumption, as well as transport distances have been taken directly from the manufacturing plants of Saint-Gobain Ecophon in 2022.

Modules declared, geographical scope, share of specific data, and variation between sites (last two percentages given in GWP indicator) are stated in the following table.

	Product phase			Construction process phase		Use phase					End of life phase				Resource recovery phase		
	Raw material and supply	Transport to the manufacturer	Manufacturing	Transport to the building site	Installation in the building	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport to waste processing	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling- potential
Module	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	В1	B2	В3	B4	B5	B6	В7	C1	C2	СЗ	C4	D
Modules declared	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	x	Х	Х	х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	MND
Geography	SE, BE, FR, DK, PL, DE, FI, GB, EU, GLO	SE, BE, FR, DK, PL, DE, FI, GB, EU, GLO	SE	GB, EU, GLO	EU, GLO								GB, EU, GLO	GB, EU, GLO	GB, EU, GLO	GB, EU, GLO	-
Specific data	< 30 %															-	
Variation sites				-													-

Summary of the LCA results are detailed in the tables below.

All results in the EPD are written in logarithmic base of ten. Reading example:  $5.2E - 03 = 5.2*10^{-3} = 0,0052$ .



## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The EPD use the EN 15804 reference package version 'EN 15804 EF 3.1'.

Environmental impacts										
Parameters	Product stage		Construction process stage		Use stage End-of-life stage					
	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1–B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
Climate change - total [kg CO2 eq.]	5.60E+00	1.29E-01	1.37E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.13E-03	0.00E+00	1.73E-01	0.00E+00	
Climate change - fossil [kg CO2 eq.]	6.83E+00	1.30E-01	3.70E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.15E-03	0.00E+00	2.67E-02	0.00E+00	
Climate change - biogenic [kg CO2 eq.]	-1.23E+00	-6.30E-04	9.99E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.53E-05	0.00E+00	1.46E-01	0.00E+00	
Climate change - land use and land use change [kg CO2 eq.]	7.16E-03	2.36E-06	3.60E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.73E-08	0.00E+00	3.74E-05	0.00E+00	
Ozone depletion [kg CFC 11 eq]	3.58E-06	1.49E-14	1.79E-07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.62E-16	0.00E+00	4.79E-17	0.00E+00	
Acidification [Mole of H+ eq.]	4.78E-02	2.10E-04	2.46E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.09E-06	0.00E+00	1.27E-04	0.00E+00	
Eutrophication, freshwater [kg P eq.]	1.12E-03	2.62E-08	6.15E-05	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.35E-10	0.00E+00	3.87E-06	0.00E+00	
Eutrophication, marine [kg N eq. ]	1.05E-02	8.95E-05	5.87E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.17E-06	0.00E+00	6.38E-05	0.00E+00	
Eutrophication, terrestrial [Mole of N eq.]	1.53E-01	9.86E-04	7.92E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.39E-05	0.00E+00	4.04E-04	0.00E+00	
Photochemical ozone formation, human health [kg NMVOC eq.]	2.96E-02	1.94E-04	1.63E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.71E-06	0.00E+00	1.65E-04	0.00E+00	
Resource use, mineral and metals [kg Sb eq.]	4.58E-05	1.78E-09	2.29E-06	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.33E-11	0.00E+00	1.21E-09	0.00E+00	
Resource use, fossils [MJ]	1.20E+02	1.78E+00	6.27E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.31E-02	0.00E+00	2.55E-01	0.00E+00	



## **RESOURCE USE**

	Resource use										
	Parameters	Product stage				Use stage End-of-life stage					
		A1-A3	A4	A5	B1–B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
*	Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials [MJ]	9.66E+01	9.88E-02	4.84E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.39E-03	0.00E+00	2.20E-02	0.00E+00	
*	Use of renewable primary energy used as raw materials [MJ]	8.84E+00	0.00E+00	-8.84E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
	Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials) [MJ]	1.05E+02	9.88E-02	-4.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.39E-03	0.00E+00	2.20E-02	0.00E+00	
Ü	Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw material [ M]	1.14E+02	1.78E+00	5.96E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.32E-02	0.00E+00	2.55E-01	0.00E+00	
O	Use of non-renewable primary energy used as raw materials [MJ]	1.24E+01	0.00E+00	6.20E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.30E+01	0.00E+00	
	Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials) [MJ]	1.27E+02	1.78E+00	6.58E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.32E-02	0.00E+00	-1.28E+01	0.00E+00	
	Use of secondary material [kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
5	Use of renewable secondary fuels [MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
<b>%</b>	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels [MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
	Use of net fresh water [m³]	1.15E-01	7.65E-06	5.73E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.85E-07	0.00E+00	2.49E-05	0.00E+00	

The energy stored in packaging material leave system boundary in A5 and energy stored in the product at end-of-life in C4 and is therefore reported with a negative figure in A5 respectively C4, and zero over the life-cycle. This approach is in accordance with Option A as presented in PCR 2019:14.



## **WASTE CATEGORIES**

Waste categories										
	Parameters	Product stage	Construction process stage		Use stage End-of-life stage					Reuse, recovery, recycling
		A1-A3	A4	A5	B1-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
	Hazardous waste disposed [kg]	2.34E-07	0.00E+00	1.17E-08	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.74E-11	0.00E+00
Ŷ	Non-hazardous waste disposed [kg]	1.29E+00	0.00E+00	2.71E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.60E+00	0.00E+00
₩ W	Radioactive waste disposed [kg]	4.24E-04	0.00E+00	2.13E-05	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.72E-06	0.00E+00



## **OUTPUT FLOW**

Output flows											
	Parameters	Product stage	Construction process stage		Use stage	End-of-life stage			Reuse, recovery, recycling		
		A1-A3	A4	A5	B1–B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
(a)	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	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
	Materials for recycling [kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
<b>3.</b>	Materials for energy recovery [kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
3	Exported energy [MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	



# **ADDITIONAL INDICATORS FROM EN** 15804

Environmental impacts										
Parameters		Product stage	Construction	process stage	Use stage		Reuse, recovery, recycling			
		A1-A3	A4	A5	B1-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
	GWP-GHG [kg CO2 eq.]	6.83E+00	1.30E-01	3.71E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.15E-03	0.00E+00	2.67E-02	0.00E+00

GWP-GHG is calculated with the same characterisation factors as in EN 15804+A2 (EN 15804 EF 3.1).



# APPENDIX: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ACCORDING TO EN 15804:2012+A1 AND CML 2012

	Parameters	ters Product stage Construction pr		process stage	Use stage		Reuse, recovery, recycling			
		A1-A3	<b>A</b> 4	A5	B1-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
	Global Warming Potential (GWP) [kg CO2 eq.]	7.06E+00	1.30E-01	5.32E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.14E-03	0.00E+00	1.35E-01	0.00E+00
(3)	Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) [kg R11 eq.]	3.58E-06	1.49E-14	1.79E-07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.62E-16	0.00E+00	4.79E-17	0.00E+00
<b>6</b>	Acidification potential (AP) [kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	4.78E-02	2.10E-04	2.46E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.09E-06	0.00E+00	1.27E-04	0.00E+00
	Eutrophication potential (EP) [kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3-</sup> eq.]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Photochemical ozone creation (POPC)[Ethene eq.]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources (ADP-elements) [kg Sb eq.]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADP-fossil fuels) [MJ/FU]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

Aggregation of Global Warming Potential (GWP) results from A1 to C4, according to EN 15804:2012+A1: 7.86 kg  $CO_2$  eq. /  $m^2$ .





**ISO 354:2003**: Acoustics – Measurement of sound absorption in a reverberation room

Reach: EU REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006

**LCA report:** Project report on LCA for Ecophon 2024-06-04

EN 15804:2012+A2:2019: Sustainability of construction works

- Environmental product declarations

**c-PCR-014** "Acoustical ceiling and wall solutions" (complementary PCR; complementary to to PCR 2019:14)

PCR 2019:14 Construction products (EN 15804+A2), version 1.3.3





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