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Leca® Letklinker 10-20; Hinge

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General information

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NPCR 012:2018 Part B for Thermal insulation products

Statement of liability:

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Declared unit:

1 m3 Leca® Letklinker 10-20; Hinge

Declared unit with option:

A1,A2,A3,A4

Functional unit:

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Management system:

ISO 14001 ISO 9001

Organisation no:

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Comparability:

EPD of construction products may not be comparable if they not comply with EN 15804 and seen in a building context.

Author of the Life Cycle Assessment:

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Approval:
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Product

Product description:

The EPD describes results for production of lightweight expanded clay aggregate, labelled Leca® letklinker, Leca® 10-20, from the factory in Hinge, Denmark.

Lightweight expanded clay aggregate is a granular ceramic material made from natural clay (see process description below). The main characteristic of expanded clay is low density combined with high strength.

Leca® letklinker is used in lightweight blocks and slabs, insulation fill, water treatment, lightweight fillings and geotechnical fills for thermal and sound insulation purposes. Thus Leca® letklinker is typically hidden in buildings or cast into concrete.

The density of Leca® 10-20 is 0.245 tonnes per m³. The thermal conductivity is 0.095 W/mK.

Further information or explanatory material may be obtained by contacting Leca Danmark A/S.

Product specification

The water content of the Leca® letklinker is 0% when the Leca® letklinker is produced at Leca Danmark A/S in Hinge. The storage conditions can change the water content of the Leca® letklinker up to 25%.

Different waste are recovered in the production process both as fuels as clay additives. See additional Tech info.

Leca® 10-20 is produced by using nearby clay and transported by using a conveyer belt to the factory.

Negligible amounts of packaging material is used for raw materials and auxiliaries received at Leca Danmark A/S so the potential environmental impacts from packaging is not included. Furthermore the final product Leca® letklinker is sold in bulk, so no packaging is used.

Materials	%
Clay	93 %
Waste/bio raw materials	7 %
Lime	<0,5 %

Technical data:

TECHNICAL DATA

PARAMETER - TEST METHOD VALUE UNIT GRADING²

Loose bulk density - EN 1097-3

0,67 ton/m³ ... 0-2
0,28 ton/m³ ... 2-4
0,29 ton/m³ ... 4-10
0,24 ton/m³ ... 10-20

Particle density - EN 1097-6 Annex C & E

1,210 kg/m³ ... 0-2
..500 kg/m³ ... 2-4
..560 kg/m³ ... 4-10
..400 kg/m³ ... 10-20

Compressibility and confined compressive strength - EN 13055-1 Annex A

..N/A³ MPa ... 0-2
..N/A³ MPa ... 2-4
1.06 MPa ... 4-10
0.75 MPa ... 10-20

Thermal conductivity - EN 12667

N/A (4) W/mK... 0-2
0,095 W/mK ... 2-4
0,095 W/mK ... 4-10
0,095 W/mK ... 10-20

Reaction to fire - A1 All gradings

² The grading is tested according to EN 933-1

³ Compressibility and confined compressive strength are not determined for gradings 0-2 and 2-4

(4) Thermal conductivity are not determined for grading 0-2

Market:

Denmark

Reference service life, product

Not relevant

Estimated service life, object

Not relevant

LCA: Calculation rules

Declared unit:

1 m³ Leca® Letklinker 10-20; Hinge

Cut-off criteria:

All major raw materials and essential energy is included. The production process for raw materials and energy flows with very small amounts (less than 0.1 % dry matter) are not included. In total, more than 99% of the material input is included. These cut-off criteria do not apply for non-energy related emissions (such as wastes, hazardous materials and substances).

Data quality:

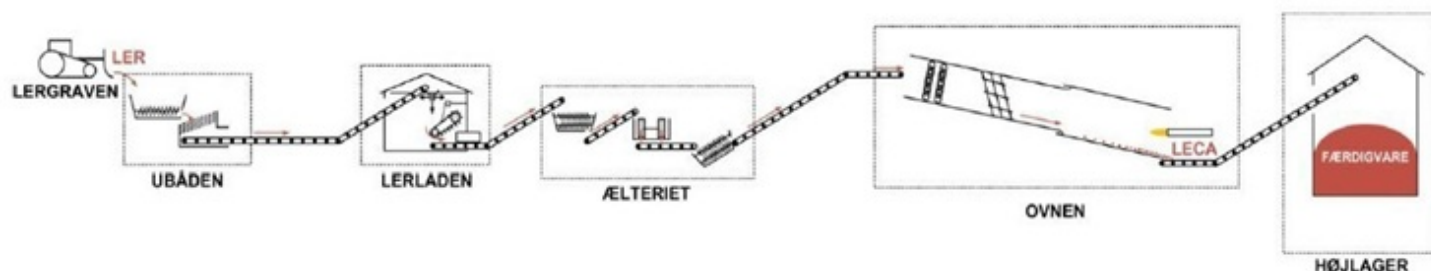
The CEPE database is used as basis for the raw material composition. Specific data for the product composition and raw material amounts has been provided by the manufacturer and represents the production of the declared product. Production site data was collected in 2015. Representative data from ecoinvent v3.2 was used for other processes. The data quality for the material input in A1 is presented in tabular form.

Allocation:

The allocation is made in accordance with the provisions of EN 15804. Incoming energy, water and waste production in-house is primarily allocated equally among all products through mass allocation. Specific allocation was performed for certain waste flows according to information provided by the site manager. VOC emissions have been allocated entirely to the production of solvent based paints. Effects of primary production of recycled materials is allocated to the main product in which the material was used. The recycling process and transportation of the material is allocated to this analysis.

System boundary:

The system boundary of the EPD follows the modular structure in line with EN 15804. This section describes the modules which are contained within the scope of this study. As the scope of the assessment is up to the point at which the lightweight clay aggregate is manufactured modules A1- A4 have been considered in this LCA



Additional information:

Clay is excavated and transported through a stone separator from the clay pit to the clay storage. In the pretreatment plant the clay and additives are mixed and transported to the kiln. The clay mix is dried in the first part of the kiln.

To promote circular economy, Leca A/S uses various resources as clay additives. Additives are typically waste fractions for example various sludge's substituting heavy fuel oil, mill scale as well as waste granulated mineral wool.

In the second part of the kiln the clay mix is expanded and burned at 1,150 °C. The expanded clay is cooled and stored until it is crushed and sorted into saleable fractions.

Expanded clay is delivered in bulk.

Leca Danmark A/S uses various resources as fuels. Fuel is waste solvents from medical industry, waste coal from aluminium industry, and other waste biofuels such as grinded wood, substituting fossil fuels. Besides these waste types, coal and natural gas is also needed as fuel.

LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

The following information describe the scenarios in the different modules of the EPD.

Transport from production place to user (A4)

Type	Capacity utilisation (incl. return) %	Type of vehicle	Distance km	Fuel/Energy consumption	Unit	Value (l/t)
Truck	55,0 %	Truck, lorry over 32 tonnes, EURO 6	100	0,022606	l/tkm	2,26
Railway					l/tkm	
Boat					l/tkm	
Other Transportation					l/tkm	

Assembly (A5)

	Unit	Value
Auxiliary	kg	
Water consumption	m ³	
Electricity consumption	kWh	
Other energy carriers	MJ	
Material loss	kg	
Output materials for waste treatment	kg	
Dust in the air	kg	
VOC emissions	kg	

Use (B1)

	Unit	Value

Maintenance (B2)/Repair (B3)

	Unit	Value
Maintenance cycle*		
Auxiliary		
Other resources		
Water consumption	m ³	
Electricity consumption	kWh	
Other energy carriers	MJ	
Material loss	kg	
VOC emissions	kg	

Replacement (B4)/Refurbishment (B5)

	Unit	Value
Replacement cycle*		
Electricity consumption	kWh	
Replacement of worn parts		

* Described above if relevant

Operational energy (B6) and water consumption (B7)

	Unit	Value
Water consumption	m ³	
Electricity consumption	kWh	
Other energy carriers	MJ	
Power output of equipment	kW	

End of Life (C1, C2)

	Unit	Value
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	
Collected as mixed construction waste	kg	
Reuse	kg	
Recycling		
Energy recovery		
To landfill	kg	

Transport to waste processing (C2)

Type	Capacity utilisation (incl. return) %	Type of vehicle	Distance km	Fuel/Energy consumption	Unit	Value (l/t)
Truck					l/tkm	
Railway					l/tkm	
Boat					l/tkm	
Other Transportation					l/tkm	

Scenarios after A1-A4 are not included

LCA: Results

System boundaries (X=included, MND=module not declared, MNR=module not relevant)

Product stage				Construction installation stage	User stage								End of life stage				Beyond the system boundaries
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction 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	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	.	MND

Environmental impact

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4
GWP	kg CO ₂ -eq	2,57E-02	5,34E-02	9,64E+01	2,03E+00
ODP	kg CFC11 -eq	2,34E-09	1,01E-08	5,35E-07	4,17E-07
POCP	kg C ₂ H ₄ -eq	6,79E-06	8,09E-06	5,03E-02	3,17E-04
AP	kg SO ₂ -eq	1,72E-04	1,26E-04	1,07E+00	5,23E-03
EP	kg PO ₄ ³⁻ -eq	7,22E-05	1,65E-05	4,85E-02	7,22E-04
ADPM	kg Sb -eq	1,19E-06	1,66E-07	1,44E-06	4,83E-06
ADPE	MJ	2,76E-01	8,07E-01	8,75E+02	3,33E+01

GWP Global warming potential; ODP Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; POCP Formation potential of tropospheric photochemical oxidants; AP Acidification potential of land and water; EP Eutrophication potential; ADPM Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources; ADPE Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources

Reading example: 9,0 E-03 = 9,0*10⁻³ = 0,009

*INA Indicator Not Assessed

Resource use

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4
RPEE	MJ	6,88E-02	1,19E-02	5,56E+01	6,05E-01
RPEM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
TPE	MJ	6,88E-02	1,19E-02	5,56E+01	6,05E-01
NRPE	MJ	4,29E-01	8,26E-01	8,82E+02	3,43E+01
NRPM	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
TRPE	MJ	4,29E-01	8,26E-01	8,82E+02	3,43E+01
SM	kg	3,04E+01	0,00E+00	1,90E-01	0,00E+00
RSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
NRSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,08E+02	0,00E+00
W	m ³	1,47E-04	1,56E-04	8,10E-02	8,13E-03

RPEE Renewable primary energy resources used as energy carrier; RPEM Renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; TPE Total use of renewable primary energy resources; NRPE Non renewable primary energy resources used as energy carrier; NRPM Non renewable primary energy resources used as materials; TRPE Total use of non renewable primary energy resources; SM Use of secondary materials; RSF Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF Use of non renewable secondary fuels; W Use of net fresh water

Reading example: 9,0 E-03 = $9,0 \cdot 10^{-3}$ = 0,009

*INA Indicator Not Assessed

End of life - Waste

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4
HW	kg	5,00E-07	4,86E-07	1,27E-04	1,83E-05
NHW	kg	9,90E-03	4,42E-02	3,90E+01	3,14E+00
RW	kg	INA*	INA*	INA*	INA*

HW Hazardous waste disposed; NHW Non hazardous waste disposed; RW Radioactive waste disposed

Reading example: 9,0 E-03 = $9,0 \cdot 10^{-3}$ = 0,009

*INA Indicator Not Assessed

End of life - Output flow

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4
CR	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MR	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,17E-04	0,00E+00
MER	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
EEE	MJ	INA*	INA*	INA*	INA*
ETE	MJ	INA*	INA*	INA*	INA*

CR Components for reuse; MR Materials for recycling; MER Materials for energy recovery; EEE Exported electric energy; ETE Exported thermal energy

Reading example: 9,0 E-03 = $9,0 \cdot 10^{-3}$ = 0,009

*INA Indicator Not Assessed

Additional requirements

Greenhouse gas emissions from the use of electricity in the manufacturing phase

National production mix from import, low voltage (production of transmission lines, in addition to direct emissions and losses in grid) of applied electricity for the manufacturing process (A3).

Electricity mix	Data source	Amount	Unit
Electricity, renewable electricity with Guarantee of Origin, DK (kWh)	Modified ecoinvent 3.6	16,90	g CO ₂ -ekv/kWh

Dangerous substances





The product contains no substances given by the REACH Candidate list.

Indoor environment

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