

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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ISOVER InsulSafe 33

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The environmental impacts of this product have been assessed over its whole life cycle. Its Environmental Product Declaration has been verified by an independent third party.

General information

Manufacturer: Saint-Gobain Italia SpA., Via Gaetano Donizetti, 28, 24043 Vidalengo BG, Italie **Programme used:** The International EPD® System. More information at www.environdec.com

EPD registration/declaration number: S-P-02016

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(EN 15804:2012+A1) and its Sub-PCR-I Thermal insulation products (EN 16783)

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Product name and manufacturer represented: ISOVER InsulSafe; Saint-Gobain Italia SpA.

Owner of the declaration: Saint-Gobain Italia SpA.

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Product description

Product description and description of use:

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD®) describes the environmental impacts of 1 m^2 of mineral wool with a thermal resistance of 1.0 $K^*m^{2*}W^{-1}$.

The production site of Saint-Gobain Italia SpA. in Vidalengo uses natural and abundant raw materials (sand), using fusion and fiberising techniques to produce glass wool. The products obtained come in the form of a "mineral wool mat" consisting of a soft, airy structure.

On Earth, naturally, the best insulator is dry immobile air at 10° C: its thermal conductivity factor, expressed in λ , is 0.025 W/(m.K) (watts per meter Kelvin degree). The thermal conductivity of glass wool is close to immobile air as its lambda varies from 0.031 W/(m.K) for the most efficient to 0.043 W/(m.K) to the least.

With its entangled structure, glass wool is a porous material that traps the air, making it one of the best insulating materials. The porous and elastic structure of the wool also absorbs noise in the air, knocks and offers acoustic correction inside premises. Mineral wool containing incombustible materials does not fuel fire or propagate flames.

Glass wool insulation (glass wool) is used in buildings as well as industrial facilities. It ensures a high level of comfort, lowers energy costs, minimizes carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, prevents heat loss through pitched roofs, walls, floors, pipes and boilers, reduces noise pollution and protects homes and industrial facilities from the risk of fire.

Glass wool products last for the average building's lifetime (which is often set at 60 years as a default), or as long as the insulated building component is part of the building.

Description of the main product components and or materials:

Main components

Mineral wool	90-95 %	(REACH registration number 01-2119472313-44-0041)
Binder	0-10%	

Technical data/physical characteristics:

Physical characteristic	Test method	Blow density	Value	Unit
Reaction to fire	EN 13501-1	15-30 kg/m ³	A1	-
Short-term water absorption (by partial immersion)	EN 1609	-	≤1	Kg/m²
Settlement	EN 14064-1	15-30 kg/m ³	S1	-
		15 kg/m ³	0,041	W/(m.K)
Thermal conductivity	EN 12667	25 kg/m ³	0,035	W/(m.K)
		30 kg/m ³	0,033	W/(m.K)

Description of the main components and/or materials for 1 m² of product with a thermal resistance of 1 K.m².W⁻¹ for the calculation of the EPD[®]:

PARAMETER	VALUE
Quantity of wool for 1 m ² of product	0,62 kg
Thickness of wool	41 mm
Surfacing	None
Packaging for the transportation and distribution	Polyethylene: 8,6 g/m² Wooden pallet: 25 g/m²
Product used for the Installation	Blowing machine

During the life cycle of the product any hazardous substance listed in the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) for authorization" has not been used in a percentage higher than 0,1% of the weight of the product.

The verifier and the program operator do not make any claim nor have any responsibility of the legality of the product.

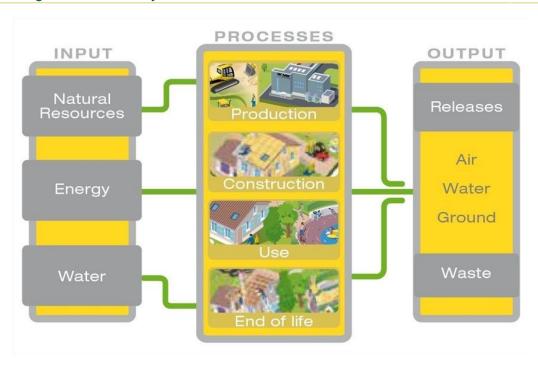
LCA calculation information

FUNCTIONAL UNIT	Providing a thermal insulation on 1 m ² of product with a thermal resistance of 1 K.m ² .W ⁻¹
SYSTEM BOUNDARIES	Cradle to Grave: Mandatory stages = A1-3, A4-5, B1-7, C1-4. Optional stage = D not taken into account
REFERENCE SERVICE LIFE (RSL)	50 years
CUT-OFF RULES	In the case that there is not enough information, the process energy and materials representing less than 1% of the whole energy and mass used can be excluded (if they do not cause significant impacts). The addition of all the inputs and outputs excluded by module cannot be bigger than the 5% of the whole mass and energy used, as well of the emissions to environment occurred." Flows related to human activities such as employee transport are excluded. 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. The polluter pays as well the modularity principles have been followed
ALLOCATIONS	Allocation criteria are based on mass
GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE AND TIME PERIOD	Production data: Italy, 2019 Transportation data: Italy 2019. Background data: Ecoinvent (from 2015 to 2018) and GaBi (from 2013 to 2019)

- "EPDs of construction products may be not comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804"
- "Environmental Product Declarations within the same product category from different programs may not be comparable"

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 subdivided into 3 modules A1, A2 and A3 respectively "Raw material supply", "transport" and "manufacturing".

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.

Description of the scenarios and other additional technical information:

A1, Raw materials 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 raw material supply covers production of binder components and sourcing (quarry) of raw materials for fiber production, e.g. sand and borax for glass wool. Besides these raw materials, recycled materials (agglomerates) are also used as input.

Packaging material data is based on the most common product dimensions used

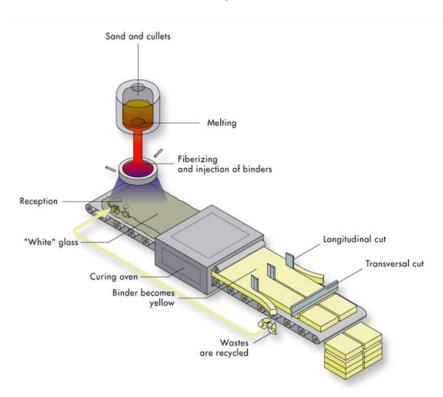
A2, Transport to the manufacturer

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

A3, Manufacturing

This module includes the manufacturing of the product and packaging materials. Specifically, it covers the manufacturing of glass, resin, glass wool (including the processes of fusion and fiberizing showed in the flow diagram), and the packaging.

Glass wool production



Construction process stage, A4-A5

Description of the stage: the construction process is divided into 2 modules: A4, transport to the building site and A5, installation in the building.

A4, Transport to the building site: this module includes transport from the production gate to the building site.

Transport is calculated on the basis of a scenario with the parameters described in the following table.

PARAMETER	VALUE/DESCRIPTION							
Fuel type and consumption of vehicle or vehicle type used for transport e.g. long distance truck, boat, etc.	Average truck trailer with a 27t payload, diesel consumption 38 liters for 100 km							
Distance	456 km							
Capacity utilisation (including empty returns)	100% of the capacity in volume 37% capacity utilization in mass including 30 % of empty returns in mass							
Bulk density of transported products*	15-30 kg/m ³							
Volume capacity utilisation factor	1							

A5, Installation in the building: this module includes:

- Waste produced during the installation of the product (see value in percentage shown in the next table). These losses are sent to landfill (see landfill model for mineral wool at End of life chapter)
- Additional manufacturing processes to compensate losses
- Packaging waste processing, which are 100% collected and recycled and modeled as recovered matter
- Energy used by blowing machine

PARAMETER	VALUE/DESCRIPTION						
Wastage of materials on the building site before waste processing, generated by the product's installation (specified by type)	2 %						
Distance	25 km to landfill by truck						
Output materials (specified by type) as results of waste processing at the building site e.g. of collection for recycling, for energy recovering, disposal (specified by route)	Packaging wastes are 100 % collected and modeled as recovered matter. Following a conservative methodology mineral wool losses are considered to be landfilled.						
Energy used for installation	0,0432 MJ of Diesel/kg of blowing wool						

Use stage (excluding potential savings), B1-B7

Description of the stage: the use stage is divided into the following modules:

- B1: Use
- B2: Maintenance
- B3: Repair
- B4: Replacement
- B5: Refurbishment
- B6: Operational energy use
- B7: Operational water use

Description of the 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 glass wool insulation products have no impact (excluding potential energy savings) on this stage.

End of Life Stage, C1-C4

Description of the stage: this stage includes the next modules:

C1, Deconstruction, demolition

The de-construction and/or dismantling of insulation products take part of the demolition of the entire building. In our case, the environmental impact is assumed to be very small and can be neglected

C2, Transport to waste processing

The model use for the 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 glass wool is assumed to be 100% landfilled.

Description of the scenarios and additional technical information:

End of life:

PARAMETER	VALUE/DESCRIPTION							
Collection process specified by type	The entire product, including any surfacing is collected alongside any mixed construction waste 0,62 kg of glass wool (collected with mixed construction waste)							
Recovery system specified by type	There is no recovery, recycling or reuse of the product once it has reached its end of life phase.							
Disposal specified by type	The product alongside the mixed construction waste from demolishing will go to landfill 0,62 kg g of glass wool are landfilled							
Assumptions for scenario development (e.g. transportation)	The waste going to landfill will be transported by truck with 27 t payload, using diesel as a fuel consuming 38 liters per 100km. Distance covered is 25 km							

Reuse/recovery/recycling potential, D

Description of the stage: module D has not been taken into account.

LCA results

LCA model, aggregation of data and environmental impact are calculated from the GaBi software (version 8.7). CML 4.1 impact method has been used, together with thinkstep 8.7 (2018) and Ecoinvent v3.3 databases to obtain the inventory of generic data.

Raw materials and energy consumption, as well as transport distances have been taken directly from the manufacturing plant (Production data according 2019)

Syst	System boundaries (X=included, MND=module not declared)															
Product stage Construction installation stage								Use s	tage		End of life stage				Beyond the system boundaries	
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation stage	Use	Maintenance Repair Replacement Returbishment Returbishment Operational energy use Operational water use De-construction demolition Transport Waste processing Disposal							Reuse-Recovery- Recycling-potential			
A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1 B2 B3			B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	СЗ	C4	D
X	Х	Х	X	X	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	MND

All figures refer to a functional unit of 1 m^2 of mineral wool with a thermal resistance of 1.0 K*m2*W-1 of the reference product (15 kg/m² of density and 41mm of thickness). The result to the rest of densities and thickness are indicated in additional information chapter.

				E	ENVIRON	MENTAL	IMPACT:	3								
	Product stage		ruction s stage				Use stage					End-of-li	ife stage		ery,	
Parameters	A1 / A2 / A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstructio n / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling	
Global Warming Potential	9,60E-01	1,83E-02	2,28E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,97E-04	0	9,74E-03	MND	
(GWP) - kg CO2 equiv/FU		The global warming potential of a gas refers to the total contribution to global warming resulting from the emission of one unit of that gas relative to one unit of the reference gas, carbon dioxide, which is assigned a value of 1.														
	2,29E-08	2,80E-18	9,18E-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,37E-19	0	5,44E-17	MND	
Ozone Depletion (ODP) kg CFC 11 equiv/FU		Destruction of the stratospheric ozone layer which shields the earth from ultraviolet radiation harmful to life. This destruction of ozone is caused by the breakdown of certain chlorine and/or bromine containing compounds (chlorofluorocarbons or halons), which break down when they reach the stratosphere and then catalytically destroy ozone molecules.														
Acidification potential (AP)	2,33E-03	7,62E-05	5,79E-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,69E-06	0	5,56E-05	MND	
kg SO2 equiv/FU	Acid depositions have negative impacts on natural ecosystems and the man-made environment incl, buildings. The main sources for emissions of acidifying substances are agriculture and fossil fuel combustion used for electricity production, heating and transport.															
Eutrophication potential (EP) kg (PO4)3- equiv/FU	4,59E-04	1,87E-05	1,16E-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,05E-07	0	6,30E-06	MND	
ng (1 04)3- equivil 0			Exc	essive enric	hment of wa	ters and cor	ntinental sur	aces with n	utrients, and	the associa	ted adverse	biological ef	fects.			
Photochemical ozone creation (POPC)	1,74E-04	2,79E-06	4,25E-06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,35E-07	0	4,58E-06	MND	
kg Ethene equiv/FU			The reaction	n of nitrogen					the light end			a photoche	mical reaction	on.		
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil ressources (ADP-elements) - kg Sb equiv/FU	3,52E-05	2,43E-10	7,05E-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,19E-11	0	3,31E-09	MND	
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil ressources (ADP-fossil	9,53E+00	2,55E-01	2,41E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,25E-02	0	1,30E-01	MND	
fuels) - MJ/FU				Consu	ımption of no	on-renewable	e resources	thereby low	vering their a	vailability fo	r future gen	erations.				

RESOURCE USE Product Construction D Reuse, recovery, recycling Use stage End of life stage process stage B4 Replacement B6 Operational energy use **Parameters** C4 Disposal å Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary 1,18E-01 5.88E+00 0 0 0 0 0 0 2.87E-04 0 1.71E-02 5.85E-03 0 MND energy resources used as raw materials - MJ/FU Use of renewable primary energy 1.74E-02 0 3.49E-04 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 MND used as raw materials MJ/FU Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary 5,90E+00 5,85E-03 1,19E-01 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2,87E-04 0 1,71E-02 MND energy resources used as raw materials) MJ/FU Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable 0 0 1,08E+01 2,56E-01 2,68E-01 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1,25E-02 1,34E-01 MND primary energy resources used as raw materials - MJ/FU Use of non-renewable primary energy used as raw materials 0 0 3,44E-01 0 6,89E-03 0 0 0 0 0 0 MND MJ/FU Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and 1,12E+01 2,56E-01 2,75E-01 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1,25E-02 0 1,34E-01 MND primary energy resources used as raw materials) - MJ/FU Use of secondary material 4.36E-01 0 8,72E-03 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 MND kg/FU Use of renewable secondary 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 MND fuels- MJ/FU Use of non-renewable secondary 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 MND fuels - MJ/FU Use of net fresh water - m3/FU 0 0 0 0 0 9,56E-08 0 3,38E-05 4,60E-02 1,95E-06 9,25E-04 0 0 0 MND

	WASTE CATEGORIES														
	Product stage	Constr proces					Use stage	End-of-life stage				very,			
Parameters	A1 / A2 / A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstruction / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling
Hazardous waste disposed kg/FU	7,42E-09	9,16E-10	2,41E-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,49E-11	0	2,29E-09	MND
Non-hazardous waste disposed kg/FU	7,24E-02	3,10E-06	1,41E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,52E-07	0	6,24E-01	MND
Radioactive waste disposed kg/FU	4,06E-04	2,98E-07	8,16E-06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,46E-08	0	1,78E-06	MND

	OTHER OUTPUT FLOWS															
				ruction ss stage				Use stage				End-of-l	life stage		ery,	
Parameters		A1 / A2 / A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstructio n / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling
	Components for re-use kg/FU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MND
	Materials for recycling kg/FU	3,99E-02	0	1,05E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MND
(3)	Materials for energy recovery kg/FU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MND
	Exported energy MJ/FU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MND

LCA interpretation

The following figure refers to a functional unit 1 m^2 of mineral wool with a thermal resistance of 1.0 $K^*m^{2*}W^{-1}$ of the reference product (15 kg/m^2 of density and 41mm of thickness).



- [1] This indicator corresponds to the abiotic depletion potential of fossil resources.
- $\label{prop:cond} \ensuremath{\text{[2]}} \textit{ This indicator corresponds to the total use of primary energy.}$
- [3] This indicator corresponds to the use of net fresh water.
- [4] This indicator corresponds to the sum of hazardous, non-hazardous and radioactive waste disposed.

Global Warming Potential (Climate Change) (GWP)

When analyzing the above figure for GWP, it can clearly be seen that the majority of contribution to this environmental impact is from the production modules (A1 - A3). This is primarily because the sources of greenhouse gas emissions are predominant in this part of the life cycle. CO2 is generated upstream from the production of electricity and is also released on site by the combustion of natural gas. We can see that other sections of the life cycle also contribute to the GWP; however the production modules contribute to over 80% of the contribution. Combustion of fuel in transport vehicles will generate the second highest percentage of greenhouse gas emissions together the waste during the installation stage.

Non-renewable resources consumptions

We can see that the consumption of non – renewable resources is once more found to have the highest value in the production modules. This is because a large quantity of natural gas is consumed within the factory, and non – renewable fuels such as natural gas and coal are used to generate the large amount of electricity we use. The contribution to this impact from the other modules is very small and primarily due to the non – renewable resources consumed during transportation.

Energy Consumptions

As we can see, modules A1 - A3 have the highest contribution to total energy consumption. Energy in the form of electricity and natural gas is consumed in a vast quantity during the manufacture of glass mineral wool so we would expect the production modules to contribute the most to this impact category.

Water Consumption

As we don't use water in any of the other modules (A4 - A5, B1 - B7, C1 - C4), we can see that there is no contribution to water consumption. For the production phase, water is used within the manufacturing facility and therefore we see the highest contribution here. However, we recycle a lot of the water on site so the contribution is still relatively low.

Waste Production

Waste production does not follow the same trend as the above environmental impacts. The largest contributor is the end of life module. This is because the entire product is sent to landfill once it reaches the end of life state. However, there is still an impact associated with the production module since we do generate waste on site. The following small impact associated with installation is due to the loss rate of product during implementation.

Additional information

Environmental Positive Contribution

Recycled material content

Isover glass wool's recycled glass content is on the average 64%. Recycled glass content calculation is based on the product weight and calculated according to the ISO 14021:2016 using the 2019 raw material and production data.

Health and safety

Isover glass wool is in accordance with Note Q of the Regulation (EC) n. 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as currently in force and fulfills the Minimal Environmental Criteria as described in Italian Regulation.

Influence of particular thicknesses

All the results in the table of this EPD refer to Isover InsulSafe 33 with a thickness of 41 mm for a functional unit of 1 m² with a thermal resistance equals to 1.00 m² K/W.

Isover InsulSafe is a semi-finished product that can be installed at different densities and to different thicknesses. The environmental impact of the product installed can be estimated by multiplying with the factors give in table below.

In the next table the multiplication factors are shown for every specific thickness of the product density.

In order to obtain the environmental performance associated with every specific thickness, the results expressed in this EPD® must be multiplied by its corresponding multiplication factor. To obtain this factor, a conservative principle has been followed, being the real impact of the product slightly lower than that indicated in the table.

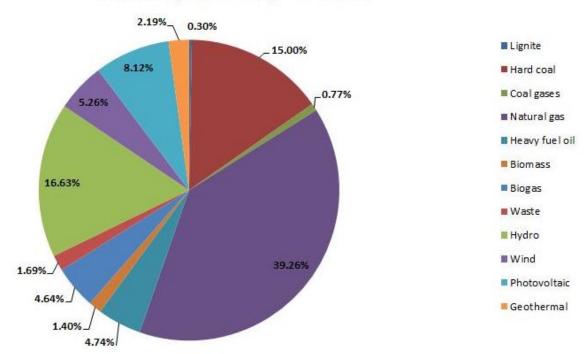
If there is a need for environmental performance for a thickness not presented in the table below, please use a thickness just above it.

Product thickness (mm)	Multiplication factor λ 0,041 15 kg/m³	Multiplication factor λ 0,035 25 kg/m³	Multiplication factor λ 0,033 30 kg/m³
33			1,61
35		1,42	1,71
41	1	1,67	2,00
50	1,22	2,03	2,44
60	1,46	2,44	2,93
70	1,71	2,85	3,42
80	1,95	3,25	3,91
90	2,20	3,66	4,39
100	2,44	4,07	4,88
150	3,66	6,10	7,32
200	4,88	8,14	9,77
250	6,10	10,17	12,21
300	7,32	12,20	14,65
350	8,54	14,24	17,09
400	9,76	16,27	19,53

Electricity description

TYPE OF INFORMATION	DESCRIPTION		
Location	Representative of average production in Italy		
Geographical representativeness description	- Biomass: 1.40%		
Reference year	2016		
Type of data set	Cradle to gate from Thinkstep database		
Source	Gabi database from International Energy Agency - 2015		
Kg CO2 eq/ kWh	0,44		

Electricity Mix - Italy - IT - 2015



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