



# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

*In accordance with EN 15804 and ISO 14025*

## ACUSTILAINE 75

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**ISOVER**  
SAINT-GOBAIN

## General information

**Manufacturer:** Saint-Gobain ISOVER Ibérica SL

**PCR identification:** Saint-Gobain Methodological Guide for Construction Products 1.2(2'14 13)

**Product name and manufacturer represented:** ACUSTILAINE 75; Saint-Gobain ISOVER Azuqueca (Spain)

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## Product description

### Product description and description of use:

This EPD describes the environmental impacts of 1 m<sup>2</sup> of mineral wool.

The production site of Saint-Gobain ISOVER Ibérica SL Azuqueca (Spain) uses natural and abundant raw materials (volcanic rock), using fusion and fiberising techniques to produce stone 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  $\lambda$ , is 0.025 W/(m.K) (watts per meter Kelvin degree). The thermal conductivity of mineral wool is close to immobile air as its  $\lambda$  varies from 0.030 W/(m.K) for the most efficient to 0.040 W/(m.K) to the least.

With its entangled structure, mineral 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.

Mineral wool insulation (stone wool) is used in buildings as well as industrial facilities. It ensures a high level of comfort, lowers energy costs, minimizes carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) 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.

Mineral wool products last for the average building's lifetime (which is often set at 50 years as a default), or as long as the insulated building component is part of the building.

**Technical data/physical characteristics:**

The thermal resistance of the product equals: 1 K.m<sup>2</sup>.W<sup>-1</sup>  
 The thermal conductivity of mineral wool is: 0.034 W/(m.K)  
 Reaction to fire: A1  
 Acoustic properties: Until- Aw= 1

**Description of the main product components and or materials:**

PARAMETER	VALUE
Quantity of wool for 1 m <sup>2</sup> of product	2,550 g
Thickness of wool	34 mm
Surfacing	None
Packaging for the distribution and transportation	Polyethylene: 32g/m <sup>2</sup> Wood pallet: 108 g/m <sup>2</sup>
Product used for the Installation:	None

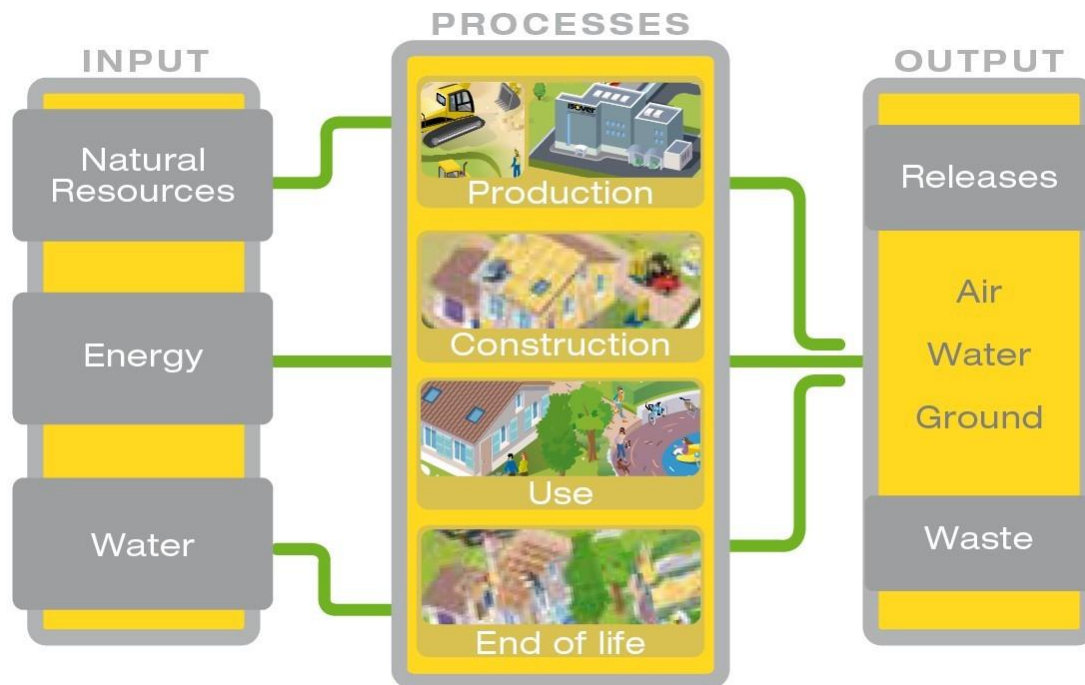
**LCA calculation information**

<b>FUNCTIONAL UNIT</b>	Providing a thermal insulation on 1 m <sup>2</sup> with a thermal resistance of equals 1.00 K.m <sup>2</sup> .W <sup>-1</sup>
<b>SYSTEM BOUNDARIES</b>	Cradle to Grave: Mandatory stages = A1-3, A4-5, B1-7, C1-4 and Optional stage = D
<b>REFERENCE SERVICE LIFE (RSL)</b>	50 years
<b>CUT-OFF RULES</b>	<p>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%);</p> <p>Flows related to human activities such as employee transport are excluded;</p> <p>The construction of plants, production of machines and transportation systems is 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;</p>
<b>ALLOCATIONS</b>	Allocation criteria are based on mass
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE AND TIME PERIOD</b>	Azuqueca (Spain) 2012

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

# Life cycle stages

## Flow diagram of the Life Cycle



## Product stage, A1-A3

**Description of the stage:** The product stage of the mineral 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 scenarios and additional technical information:

#### 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 raw material supply covers production binder components and sourcing (quarry) of raw materials for fiber production, e.g. basalt and slag for stone wool. Besides these raw materials, recycled materials (briquettes) are also used as input.

#### A2, transport to the manufacturer

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

#### A3, manufacturing

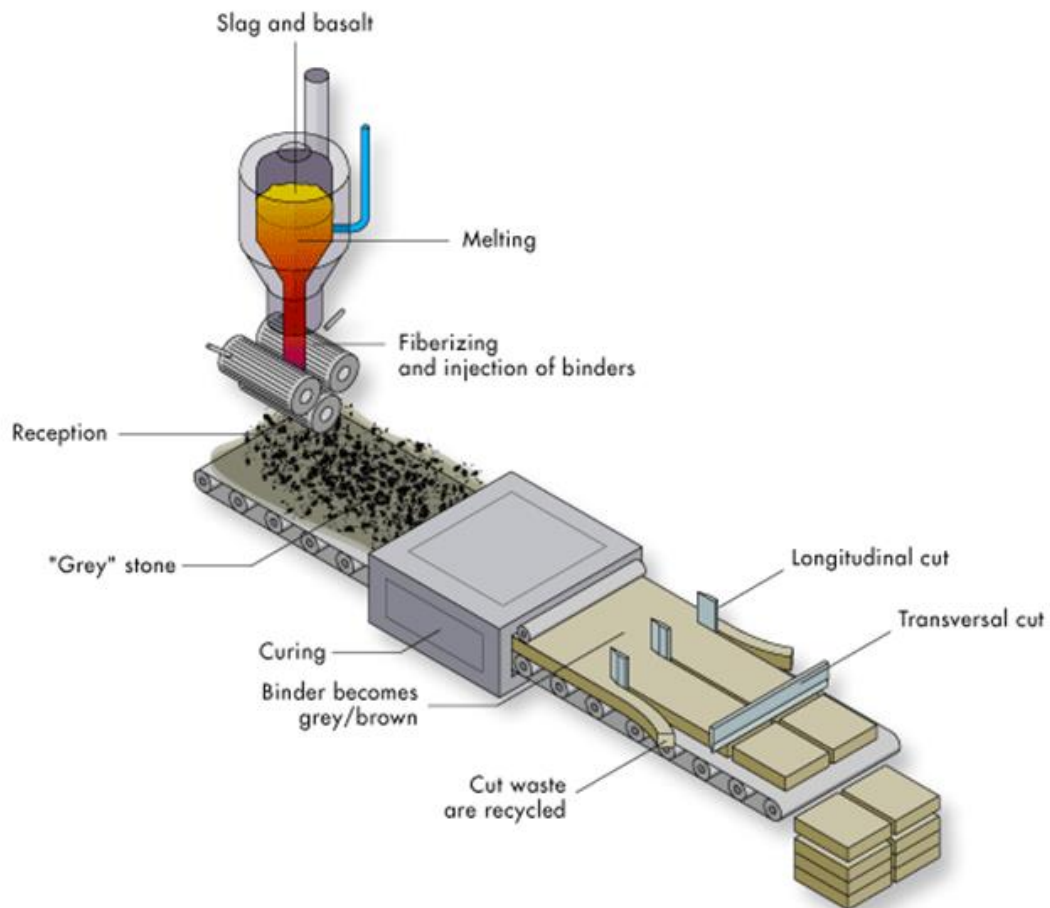
This module includes manufacturing of products and manufacturing of packaging. Specifically, it covers stone production, binder production, stone wool fabrication (including melting and fiberization see process flow diagram) and packaging.

The production of packaging material is taking into account at this stage.

The product contain in its composition a recycled content above 50% distributed in the following way:

PRECONSUMER 48,1% POST CONSUMER 3,75%

## Stone wool production



### Construction process stage, A4-A5

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

**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
Fuel type and consumption of vehicle or vehicle type used for transport e.g. long distance truck, boat, etc.	Average truck trailer with a 24t payload, diesel consumption 38 liters for 100 km
Distance	1900 km
Capacity utilisation (including empty returns)	100 % of the capacity in volume 30 % of empty returns
Bulk density of transported products	75 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Volume capacity utilisation factor	1 (by default)

**A5, Installation in the building:** This module includes

- Wastage of products: see following table 5 %. These losses are landfilled (landfill model for stone wool see chapter end of life),
- Additional production processes to compensate for the loss,
- Processing of packaging wastes: they are 100 % collected and modeled as recovered matter.

PARAMETER	VALUE
Wastage of materials on the building site before waste processing, generated by the product's installation (specified by type)	5 %
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 Stone wool losses are landfilled

### 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 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 mineral wool insulation products have no impact (excluding potential energy savings) on this stage.

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

**Description of the stage:**

The stage includes the different modules of end-of-life detailed below.

#### **C1, de-construction, 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 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 stone wool is assumed to be 100% landfilled.

**Description of scenarios and additional technical information:** See below

#### End-of-life:

PARAMETER	VALUE/DESCRIPTION
Collection process specified by type	2550 g (collected with mixed construction waste)
Recovery system specified by type	No re-use, recycling or energy recovery
Disposal specified by type	2550 g are landfilled
Assumptions for scenario development (e.g. transportation)	Average truck trailer with a 24t payload, diesel consumption 38 liters for 100 km 25 km








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









Description of the stage: Packaging wastes from module A5 are reported in this module as recovered matter.




## LCA results





LCA model, aggregation of data and environmental impact are calculated from the TEAM™ software 5.1.

Resume of the LCA results detailed on the following tables.

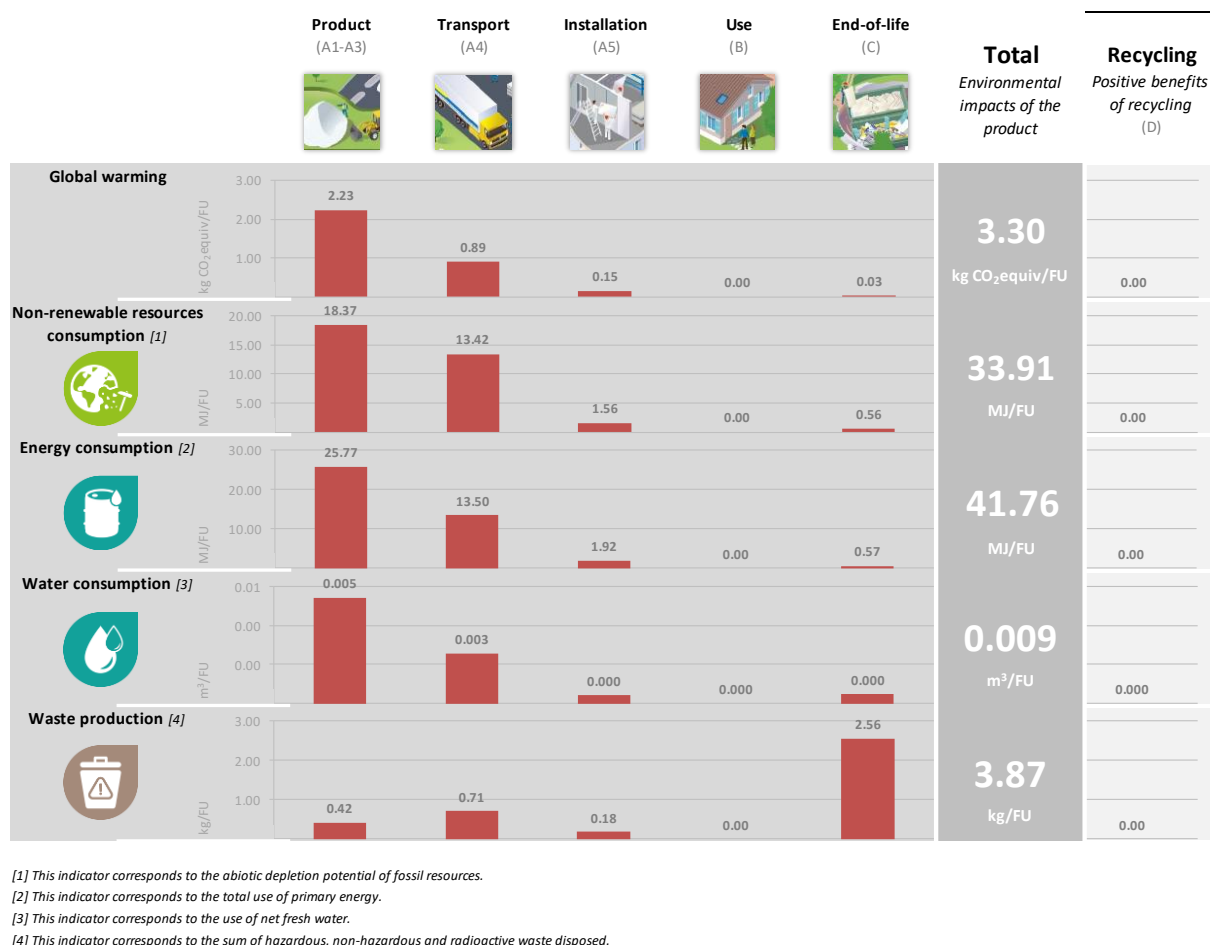
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS															
Parameters	Product stage	Construction process stage		Use stage							End-of-life stage				D Reuse, recovery, recycling
	A1 / A2 / A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstruction / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	
 Global Warming Potential (GWP) - <i>kg CO2 equiv/FU</i>	2.23E+00	8.90E-01	1.51E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.16E-02	0	1.36E-02	MND
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.															
 Ozone Depletion (ODP) <i>kg CFC 11 equiv/FU</i>	7.61E-08	1.62E-07	9.93E-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.12E-09	0	4.57E-09	MND
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) <i>kg SO2 equiv/FU</i>	2.12E-02	2.97E-03	1.16E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.88E-05	0	1.03E-04	MND
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) <i>kg (PO4)3- equiv/FU</i>	1.25E-03	5.10E-04	8.75E-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.67E-06	0	1.85E-05	MND
Excessive enrichment of waters and continental surfaces with nutrients, and the associated adverse biological effects.															
 Photochemical ozone creation (POPC) <i>Ethene equiv/FU</i>	1.80E-03	8.51E-04	1.32E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.11E-05	0	2.87E-05	MND
Chemical reactions brought about by the light energy of the sun. The reaction of nitrogen oxides with hydrocarbons in the presence of sunlight to form ozone is an example of a photochemical reaction.															
 Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources (ADP-elements) - <i>kg Sb equiv/FU</i>	9.59E-07	1.68E-06	1.34E-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.20E-08	0	1.18E-08	MND
 Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADP-fossil fuels) - <i>MJ/FU</i>	1.84E+01	1.34E+01	1.56E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.75E-01	0	3.89E-01	MND
Consumption of non-renewable resources, thereby lowering their availability for future generations.															

Resource Use															
Parameters	Product stage	Construction process stage		Use stage							End-of-life stage				D Reuse, recovery, recycling
	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	
 Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials - MJ/FU	8.31E+00	1.66E-01	4.23E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.17E-03	0	9.99E-03	0
 Use of renewable primary energy used as raw materials MJ/FU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials) MJ/FU	8.31E+00	1.66E-01	4.23E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.17E-03	0	9.99E-03	0
 Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials - MJ/FU	1.75E+01	1.33E+01	1.49E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.74E-01	0	3.86E-01	0
 Use of non-renewable primary energy used as raw materials MJ/FU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy resources used as raw materials) - MJ/FU and primary	1.75E+01	1.33E+01	1.49E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.74E-01	0	3.86E-01	0
 Use of secondary material kg/FU	6.56E-01	0	3.28E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.1E-02
 Use of renewable secondary fuels- MJ/FU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
 Use of non-renewable secondary fuels - MJ/FU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
 Use of net fresh water - m3/FU	5.43E-03	2.58E-03	4.21E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.37E-05	0	4.25E-04	0

WASTE CATEGORIES															
Parameters	Product stage	Construction process stage		Use stage							End-of-life stage				D Reuse, recovery, recycling
	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	
 Hazardous waste disposed <i>kg/FU</i>	6.59E-02	8.73E-03	3.62E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.14E-04	0	1.99E-04	0
 Non-hazardous waste disposed <i>kg/FU</i>	3.50E-01	7.00E-01	1.79E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.16E-03	0	2.55E+00	0
 Radioactive waste disposed <i>kg/FU</i>	1.61E-05	9.11E-05	5.52E-06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.19E-06	0	2.58E-06	0

Output flows															
Parameters	Product stage	Construction process stage		Use stage							End-of-life stage				D Reuse, recovery, recycling
	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	
 Components for re-use <i>kg/FU</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
 Materials for recycling <i>kg/FU</i>	1.11E+00	0	2.02E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
 Materials for energy recovery <i>kg/FU</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
 Exported energy <i>MJ/FU</i>	1.69E-07	0	8.20E-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# LCA interpretation



## TABLA DE CONVERSIÓN DE ESPESORES

This EPD covers the range of all product thicknesses, using a multiplication factor to determine their individual environmental impacts. In order to calculate the multiplication factors, a reference unit equal to that specified in the product description section has been selected, the thickness to which the indicated results refer.

Espesor del producto (mm)	Factor de Multiplicación
34	1.00
40	1.18
50	1.47
60	1.77
70	2.06
80	2.35
100	2.94
110	3.24
ES	(ES/34)