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CREATION

GERFLOR



Creation – LVT commercial flooring system with Polyurethane PUR+[®] surface treatment



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When it comes to sustainability, we also set ourselves to the highest standards. We believe in developing great products that not only perform, but also contribute to achieving high indoor air quality and top contribution to all green building certification schemes.

All our products are 100% recyclable and 100% FloorScore certified, meaning that our products have been independently third party certified to comply with strict volatile organic compounds (VOC) emissions criteria.”. All Gerflor new products are developed with a view to optimize the environmental impact at every stage of the product’s life. This includes assessment of the manufacture, installation, ongoing maintenance, eventual uplift and recycling of the products. As part of this momentum, Gerflor has decided to take a leadership position by publishing an EPD for each of its product ranges.



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Product definition

Product classification and description

Product Designation: "Creation"

This environmental product declaration covers the "Creation" collection of resilient flooring produced by Gerflor. The product is LVT commercial flooring system with Polyurethane PUR+[®] surface treatment.

Range of application

Creation LVT commercial flooring is classified in accordance with EN ISO 10874 and in reference to the FCSS (Floor Covering Standard Symbols) to be installed in various areas of application, such as : healthcare, education, housing, ...

Product standard

The product has technical specifications compliant with the standard EN 14041 – Resilient, textile and stratified floor coverings: Essential characteristics.

The products considered in this EPD meet or exceed one of the following Technical Specifications:

ASTM F 1700 – Solid Vinyl Floor Tile

ISO 10582 – Resilient floor coverings – Heterogeneous polyvinyl chloride floor covering

Specification Fire Testing:

Class 1 when tested in accordance with ASTM E 648/NFPA 253, Standard Test Method for Critical Radiant Flux

The product also possesses the following characteristics:

- EN 13501-1 Fire Behavior $B_{fl} - s1$

Accreditation

- Floorscore
- BRE Certification
- NF UPEC by CSTB
- M1 - Emission Classification of Building Materials

Delivery status

Characteristics	Nominal Value	Unit	Standard
Product Thickness	2.2	mm	-
Product Weight	3,81	kg/m ²	-
Abrasion Resistance	≤ 2.0	mm ³	ISO 4649 (Met. A-5N)
Tiles Size	0.608 x 0.608	m	-
Type of Manufacture	Pressed and calendered	-	-
Density	1731	kg/m ³	-

Table 1: Product Characteristics

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Material Content

Product composition

Component	Mass %
Vinyl	40.9%
Plasticizer	12.8%
Filler	43.8%
Additives	2.2%
Pigments	0.2%

Table 2: content description

Product Manufacturing

Production process

The production of the LVT commercial flooring is divided into the following stages

- Grinding: Vinyl compound is grinded to obtain granulate that will be heated to form Vinyl tiles
- Calendering: The tiles are then calendered to get the desired shape.
- Surface treatment: The Polyurethane PUR+ ® surface treatment is then applied to get the best durability possible.
- Shaping: tiles are cut at the desired dimensions.
- Packaging: The final product is packed into cardboard boxes and stacked onto pallets ready for shipping.

Production waste

All production waste are stocked appart in order to be reused for further product fabrication. They are all internally reused.

Concerning other wastes, they are recycled externally whenever a process exists.

Health, safety and environmental aspects during production

All production sites comply with the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.

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Delivery and Installation

Delivery

It is considered a production in France for the Creation product. It is then sent to the US market. Distances taken in account are described here below.

- Transport distance 16-32T truck (factory to distributor): 2 185 km
- Transport distance transoceanic freight: 6 400 km
- Transport distance 16-32T truck (distributor to client): 50 km.

Installation

The product is installed by hand using acrylic. Approximately 325g/m² of this water-based low emission adhesive is used to fix the flooring in place.

Waste

During the installation approximately 7% of the material is lost as off-cuts – this waste is generally sent to landfill but a recycling process can be set off by Gerflor. Currently, as a minority of customer applies this recycling process, it has not been taken in account.

Packaging

All packaging materials are recyclable. Cardboard, wooden pallet and paper are then considered recycled on the installation site.

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Use Stage

Reference Service Life (RSL)

For this product, the stated RSL is 25 years. It should be noted, however, that the service life of a LVT commercial flooring may vary depending on the amount and nature of floor traffic and the type and frequency of maintenance. The manufacturer has provided this service life on the basis of his experience of flooring manufacture and supply. This RSL is applicable as long as the product use complies with that defined by ISO 14041 and ISO10 874 in accordance with the product's classification.

Extraordinary Effects

Water - The product is impermeable to water.

Mechanical damage - Mechanical damage does not chemically alter the product.

Cleaning and maintenance

Daily cleaning of the installed floor involves a mechanical cleaning with detergent which has been included in this study.

Prevention of structural damage

To avoid excessive wear, usage should be restricted to the stated areas of application as outlined by the norm ISO 10 874.

Health aspects during usage

Creation is compliant with Floorscore and LEEDv4 Platinum specifications.

End of Life

Although it is technically possible to recycle 100% of LVT commercial floorings to create other products, this is not commonly applied by the customers, and as such the majority is sent to landfill.

Scenarios

For the purpose of this LCA, it has been assumed that 100% of the product is sent to landfill at the end of its useful life. The transport between construction site and landfill facility is by truck, with an estimated distance of 30 km.

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Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

A full Life Cycle Assessment has been performed according to ISO 14040, ISO 14044 and in compliance with EN15804.

This LCA comprises the following steps:

- Production Stage A1-A3 (raw materials, transport, manufacturing)
- Construction Stage A4-A5 (delivery of final product, installation in the building)
- Use Stage B1-B7 (use, maintenance, repair, replacement, refurbishment, energy, water)
- End of Life C1-C4 (deconstruction, transport, waste processing, disposal)

Functional Unit description

The functional unit is one square meter of installed product. The reference service life considered is 25 years.

	Value	Unit
Functional Unit	1	m ²
Conversion factor to 1kg	0.262	-

Table 3: Functional Unit

Cut-off criteria

The cut-off criteria shall be 1% of renewable and non-renewable primary energy usage and 1% of the total mass of that unit process. The total neglected input flows per module shall be a maximum of 5% of energy usage and mass.

For this study, all input and output flows have been considered at 100%, including raw materials as per the product composition provided by the manufacturer and packaging of raw materials as well as the final product. Energy and water consumptions have also been considered at 100% according to the data provided.

LCA data

As a general rule, specific data derived from specific production processes or average data derived from specific production processes have been used as the first choice as a basis for calculating an EPD.

To model the life cycle of the product in question, the software SimaPro 8.2, developed by PRé, has been used in conjunction with the LCA database ecoinvent v3.2.

Data quality

The requirements for data quality and LCA data are in accordance with the specifications of the PCR.

Temporal Coverage – producer specific data is averaged over 1 year of production and from within the last 5 years (2013-2014). Generic data is taken from the ecoinvent 3.2 database, the entirety of which was updated in 2015 with the introduction of the Version 3. Inputs to and outputs from the system are accounted for over a period of 100 years from the year for which the data set is deemed relevant.

Technological Coverage – the technological coverage of the data reflects the physical reality of the declared product.

Geographical Coverage – whenever possible, country specific data reflecting the reality of the Gerflor supply chain

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has been used. If country specific data is unavailable, European regional data is used in preference to global data sources.

System Boundaries

A1 – A3: includes the provision of all raw materials and their packaging, transport to the production site and energy consumption during the manufacturing of the product, as well as processing of waste generated by the factory.

A4 – A5: includes the transport from the factory to the final customer, packaging of the final product and the installation of the product, as well as all consumables and energy required and processing of waste generated during the installation.

B1 – B7: includes provision and transport of all materials, products and services related to the use phase of the product, as well as their related energy and water consumption, and the processing of any resulting waste.

C1 – C4: includes provision and transport of all materials, products and services related to the end of life phase of the product, including energy and water consumption, as well as the end of life processing of the product.

	Production Stage			Construction Process Stage		Use Stage							End-of-Life Stage				Next product System
	Raw material supply (extraction, processing, recycled material)	Transport to manufacturer	Manufacturing	Transport to building site	Installation into building	Use / application	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction / demolition	Transport to EoL	Waste processing for reuse, recovery or recycling	Disposal	Reuse, recovery or recycling potential
Modules	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Accounted for:	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	X*	X*	X*	X	MND	X	MND

Table 4: Scope of the study

*module has been considered but has no associated inputs/outputs, therefore does not appear in the results.

Allocation

The overall values for the factory's material and energy consumptions during a period of one year have been divided by the annual production of each product to supply a value per square meter of flooring produced. All factory data is measured in square meters, and it is assumed that the process consumptions are governed by area of flooring processed rather than mass.

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Comparability

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to /EN 15804/ and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance, are taken into account.

LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

Transport to the construction site (A4)

Name	Value	Unit
Liters of fuel (truck)	45	l/100km
Transport distance (truck)	2 185	km
Capacity utilization (including empty runs)	36	%
Transport distance (rail)	0	km
Transport distance (boat)	6 400	km

Installation in the building (A5)

Name	Value	Unit
Adhesive	0.325	kg
Water consumption	0	m ³
Electricity consumption	0	kWh
Other energy carriers	0	MJ
Material Loss	7	%
Output substances following waste treatment on site	0	kg
Dust in the air	0	kg

Use (B1)

Name	Value	Unit
VOC emissions	< 1000	µg/m ²

Maintenance (B2)

Name	Value	Unit
Maintenance cycle	365	Number/year
Water consumption	0.39	m ³
Detergent	0,50	m ³
Electricity consumption	13.8	kWh

Reference Service Life

Name	Value	Unit
Reference Service Life	25	years

End of Life (C1-4)

Name	Value	Unit
Collected separately	0	kg
Collected as mixed construction waste	0	kg
Reuse	0	kg
Recycling	0	kg
Energy recovery	0	kg
Landfill	2.88	kg

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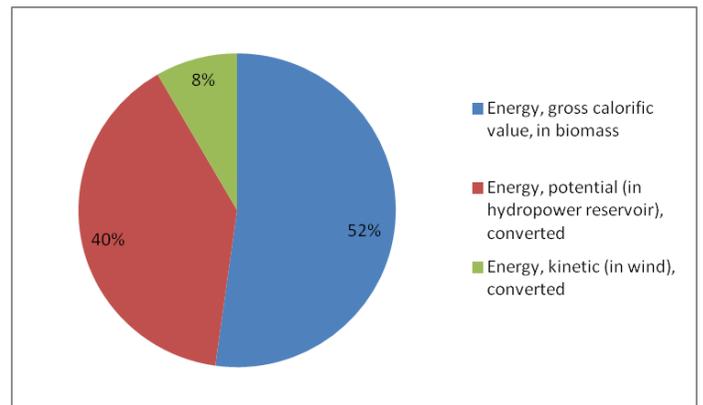
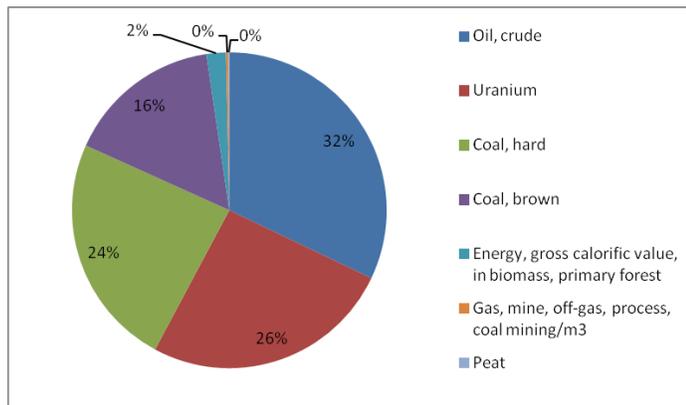
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Results

Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) analysis

Indicator	Units	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	C2	C4
Non renewable primary energy by resource										
Total of all compartments	MJ, net CV	1.31E+02	4.50E+00	9.16E+01	6.72E+00	3.29E+01	-	1.59E+02	2.23E-01	7.95E-01
Gas, natural/m3	MJ, net CV	3.79E+01	2.61E-01	1.90E+01	4.00E-01	8.25E+00	-	4.45E+01	1.30E-02	7.60E-02
Oil, crude	MJ, net CV	3.46E+01	3.76E+00	2.45E+01	5.50E+00	9.79E+00	-	1.13E+01	1.87E-01	5.77E-01
Uranium	MJ, net CV	1.96E+01	7.71E-02	2.81E+01	1.50E-01	5.02E+00	-	1.95E+01	3.83E-03	2.73E-02
Coal, hard	MJ, net CV	1.20E+01	3.41E-01	7.37E+00	5.55E-01	5.73E+00	-	4.12E+01	1.69E-02	9.40E-02
Coal, brown	MJ, net CV	4.50E+00	5.68E-02	2.27E+00	1.09E-01	1.65E+00	-	3.63E+01	2.82E-03	1.95E-02
Energy, gross calorific value, in biomass, primary forest	MJ, net CV	7.48E-02	8.20E-05	3.51E-02	1.18E-04	7.88E-03	-	5.48E+00	4.07E-06	1.39E-05
Gas, mine, off-gas, process, coal mining/m3	MJ, net CV	9.98E-02	4.39E-03	8.16E-02	7.19E-03	7.19E-02	-	4.12E-01	2.18E-04	1.18E-03
Peat	MJ, net CV	1.35E-01	9.11E-04	7.26E-02	1.90E-03	4.16E-02	-	4.15E-02	4.52E-05	2.49E-04
Renewable primary energy by resource										
Total of all compartments	MJ, net CV	3.99E+00	5.77E-02	6.33E+00	9.56E-02	1.98E+00	-	3.82E+01	2.86E-03	2.41E-02
Energy, gross calorific value, in biomass	MJ, net CV	1.41E+00	2.75E-02	4.18E+00	4.00E-02	1.16E+00	-	1.95E+01	1.36E-03	1.35E-02
Energy, potential (in hydropower reservoir), converted	MJ, net CV	2.09E+00	2.58E-02	1.70E+00	4.68E-02	6.55E-01	-	1.54E+01	1.28E-03	9.27E-03
Energy, kinetic (in wind), converted	MJ, net CV	4.03E-01	4.29E-03	4.11E-01	8.59E-03	1.54E-01	-	3.24E+00	2.13E-04	1.35E-03

Table 5: Energy usage by source



Figures 1 & 2: Graphs showing the sources of non-renewable (Left) and renewable (Right) energy

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Indicator	Units	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	C2	C4
Input flow indicators										
Use of renewable primary energy excluding the renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, calorific value ([Hi] lower calorific value)	3.74E+00	5.77E-02	3.65E+00	9.56E-02	1.78E+00	-	3.82E+01	2.86E-03	2.41E-02
Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, calorific value ([Hi] lower calorific value)	2.48E-01	-	2.68E+00	-	2.05E-01	-	-	-	-
Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	MJ, calorific value ([Hi] lower calorific value)	3.99E+00	5.77E-02	6.33E+00	9.56E-02	1.98E+00	-	3.82E+01	2.86E-03	2.41E-02
Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, calorific value ([Hi] lower calorific value)	6.64E+01	4.50E+00	6.23E+01	6.72E+00	1.60E+01	-	1.59E+02	2.23E-01	7.95E-01
Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, calorific value ([Hi] lower calorific value)	6.51E+01	-	2.93E+01	-	1.68E+01	-	-	-	-
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	MJ, calorific value ([Hi] lower calorific value)	1.31E+02	4.50E+00	9.16E+01	6.72E+00	3.29E+01	-	1.59E+02	2.23E-01	7.95E-01
Use of secondary materials	kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ, calorific value ([Hi] lower calorific value)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, calorific value ([Hi])	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net use of fresh water resources	m ³	2.13E-01	9.54E-04	1.24E-01	1.44E-03	6.26E-02	-	6.68E-01	4.74E-05	8.39E-04
Output flow indicators										
Water Pollution	m ³	8.26E-01	1.07E-01	6.83E-01	1.58E-01	9.10E-01	-	7.13E+00	5.33E-03	3.85E-02
Air Pollution	m ³	2.63E+02	3.82E+01	1.56E+02	5.90E+01	1.66E+02	9.09E-03	1.13E+03	1.89E+00	5.22E+00
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	5.54E-02	2.17E-03	4.62E-02	3.06E-03	1.19E-01	-	2.24E-01	1.08E-04	5.87E-04
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	4.37E-01	2.31E-01	4.73E-01	2.99E-01	9.48E-01	-	3.12E+00	1.15E-02	2.90E+00
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	1.26E-04	3.03E-05	4.00E-04	4.50E-05	8.89E-05	-	3.50E-04	1.51E-06	4.59E-06
Components for re-use	kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Materials for recycling	kg	-	-	4.87E-02	-	1.71E-01	-	-	-	-
Materials for energy recovery	kg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exported energy	MJ, heating value ([Hi] lower heating value) per energy carrier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 6: Input / Output Flow Indicators

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Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA)

LCIA results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks. Module B2 – Maintenance has been evaluated for the entire life cycle of the product. The following table shows the impact assessment results for the product:

Indicator	Units	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	C2	C4
TRACI Indicators										
Global Warming Air	kg CO2 equiv.	3.84E+00	2.95E-01	2.11E+00	4.36E-01	1.38E+00	-	9.67E+00	1.44E-02	2.56E-01
Ozone Depletion Air	kg CFC 11 equiv.	1.78E-07	7.21E-08	4.14E-07	1.04E-07	1.61E-07	-	8.84E-07	-	-
Acidification Air	kg SO2 equiv.	1.33E-02	1.35E-03	8.12E-03	3.20E-03	6.88E-03	-	3.18E-02	6.58E-05	2.75E-04
Eutrophication	kg N equiv.	1.64E-03	1.81E-04	1.17E-03	2.94E-04	1.08E-03	-	1.33E-02	8.84E-06	4.08E-04
Smog Air	kg O3 equiv.	1.76E-01	3.18E-02	1.04E-01	6.22E-02	7.48E-02	3.60E-06	3.26E-01	-	-
EN 15804 Indicators										
Global Warming Potential (GWP)	kg CO2 equiv.	3.84E+00	2.90E-01	2.11E+00	4.36E-01	1.38E+00	-	9.67E+00	1.44E-02	2.56E-01
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer, (ODP)	kg CFC 11 equiv.	1.50E-07	5.34E-08	3.49E-07	7.86E-08	1.32E-07	-	6.96E-07	2.65E-09	7.92E-09
Acidification Potential of soil and water (AP)	kg SO2 equiv.	1.33E-02	1.15E-03	8.15E-03	2.97E-03	7.06E-03	-	3.20E-02	5.72E-05	2.29E-04
Eutrophication Potential (EP)	kg (PO4) equiv.	1.50E-03	2.01E-04	9.36E-04	3.83E-04	7.76E-04	-	7.51E-03	9.96E-06	1.95E-04
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone (POCP)	kg ethene equiv.	3.71E-03	1.29E-04	1.94E-03	2.35E-04	9.95E-04	3.77E-07	3.16E-03	6.38E-06	6.83E-05
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-elements) for non fossil resources	kg Sb equiv.	2.55E-06	8.73E-07	1.74E-06	1.11E-06	8.04E-06	-	2.00E-05	4.33E-08	4.45E-08
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-fossil fuels) for fossil resources	MJ, calorific value (Hi] lower calorific value)	8.91E+01	4.42E+00	5.32E+01	6.57E+00	2.55E+01	-	1.34E+02	2.20E-01	7.68E-01

Table 7: Environmental Impact Indicators

All EN 15804 indicators have been calculated using the method CML 4.1 (October 2012). TRACI impacts have been calculated using the method TRACI 2.1 v1.03 (2015).

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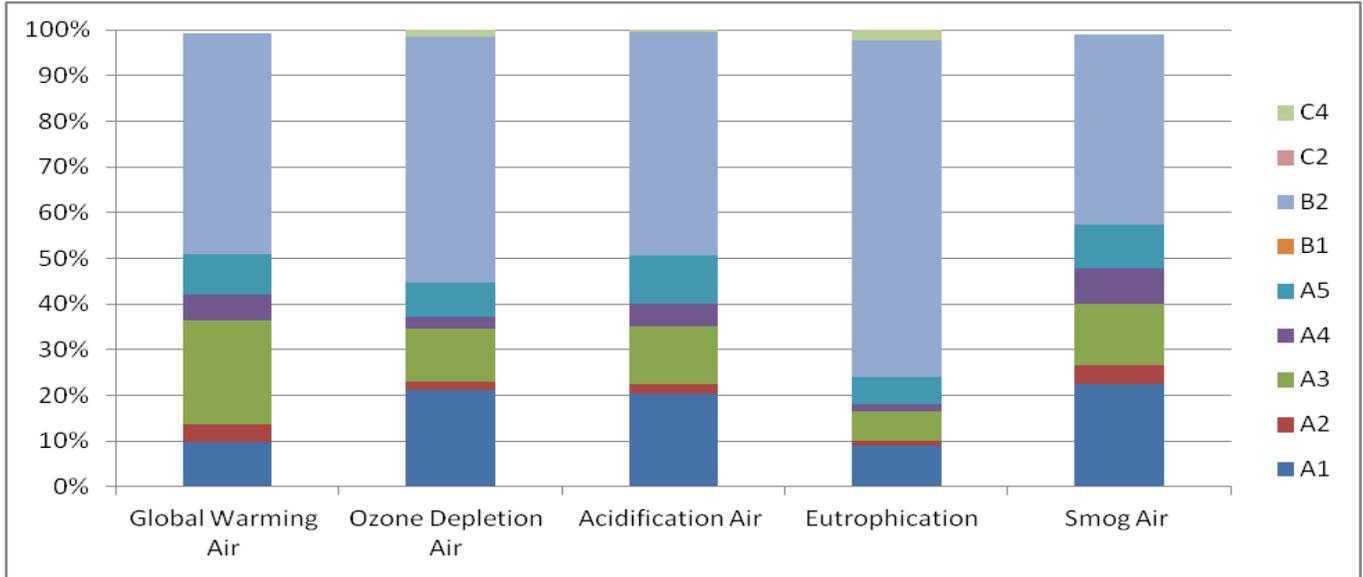


Figure 3: Graph depicting the impact indicators as calculated by the TRACI method

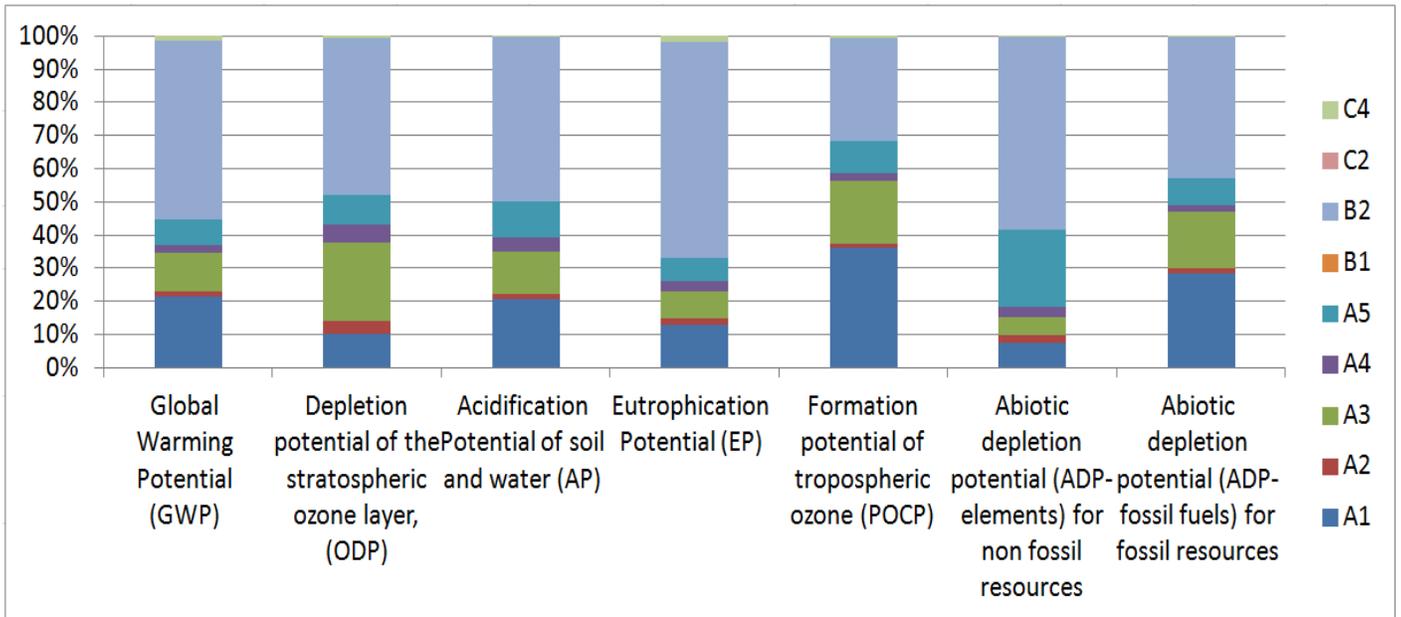


Figure 4: Graph depicting impact indicator results calculated according to EN 15804

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Interpretation

The primary contributor to the environmental impacts of the product is the Stage B2 – Maintenance stage. This is because of the scenario of both long reference service life (RSL) of 25 years and the assumption of a daily cleaning by using a machine and detergent. Then comes A1 – Extraction and transformation of the raw materials. Stage A3 – Manufacturing has the third greatest impact on average across the indicators, primarily due to the electricity usage during the production process. Very close comes the Stage A5 – Installation also has high impacts, due to the quantity of product wasted during an average installation.

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Requisite Evidence



FloorScore®

Indoor Air Quality Certified to SCS-EC10.3-2014 v3.0
Conforms to the CDPH/EHLB Standard Method v1.1-2010
(effective January 1, 2012) for the school classroom and private
office parameters when modeled as Flooring.

Measured Concentration of Total Volatile Organic Compounds
(TVOC): Less than/equal to 0.5 mg/m³ (in compliance with
CDPH/EHLB Standard Method v1.1-2010)

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