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# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION In accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 for

# ALPHATOIT

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## **General information**

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Product name and manufacturer represented: ALPHATOIT, - Saint-Gobain Isover Ibérica SL

Owner of the declaration: Saint-Gobain Isover Ibérica SL.

#### Scope: The LCA is based on 2018 production data for Azuqueca de Henares This EPD covers information modules A1 to C4 + module D (cradle to grave) as defined in EN 15804:2012+A2:2019

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The intended use of this EPD is for B2B communication.

## **Product description**

### Product description and description of use

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD<sup>®</sup>) describes the environmental impacts of 1 m<sup>2</sup> of installed mineral wool with a thermal resistance of 2,55 K.m<sup>2</sup>.W<sup>-1</sup> (for 100 mm) "and with a useful life of 50 years.

This EPD, applies for one specific product coming from one single plant Azuqueca de Henares, Spain.

The production site of Saint-Gobain Isover Ibérica SL. uses natural and abundant raw materials (sand), using fusion and fiberizing techniques to produce mineral wool. The products obtained come in the form of a "mineral wool mat" consisting of a soft and 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 0,045 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 insulations 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.

Product components	Weight, kg	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Pre-consumer material, weight-%	Renewable material, weight-%
Mineral Wool	96,5 %	2,00 %	33 %	0,00 %
Binder rate (into wool mat)	3,5 %	0,00 %	0	0,00 %
TOTAL	15 kg	2,00 %	33 %	0.00 %

#### Technical data/physical characteristics (for a thickness of 100 mm):

Thermal resistance of the Product: 2,55 K.m<sup>2</sup>.W<sup>-1</sup> The thermal conductivity of the mineral wool is: **0.039 W/(m·K)** (EN-12667/EN12939) Reaction to fire: **Class A1** (EN 13501-1) Acoustic properties: hasta **Aw 1** Water vapor transmision:  $\mu$ =1 (EN 12086)

### Declaration of the main product components and/or materials

PARAMETER	VALUE
Quantity of wool for 1 m <sup>2</sup> of product	15,00 Kg
Thickness of wool	100 mm
Surfacing	None
Packaging for the transportation and distribution	Polyetilhene and wood palet.

#### Product used for the Installation

None

At the date of issue of this declaration, there is no "Substance of Very High Concern" (SVHC) in concentration above 0.1% by weight, and neither do their packaging, following the European REACH regulation (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals).

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

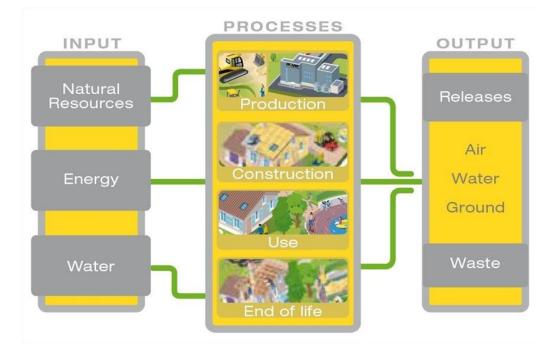
## LCA calculation information

EPD TYPE	Cradle to grave and module D
FUNCTIONAL UNIT	Providing a thermal insulation on 1 m <sup>2</sup> of installed mineral wool with a thermal resistance of 2,55 K.m <sup>2</sup> .W <sup>-1</sup> (for 100 mm) "and with a useful life of 50 years
SYSTEM BOUNDARIES	Cradle to grave and module D Mandatory Stages = A1-A3 ; B1-B7 ; C1-C4 and D
REFERENCE SERVICE LIFE (RSL)	50 years
CUT-OFF RULES	All significant parameters shall be included. According to EN 15804:2012+A2:2019, mass flows under 1% of the total mass input; and/or energy flows representing less than 1% of the total primary energy usage of the associated unit process may be omitted. However, the total amount of energy and mass omitted must not exceed 5% per module. 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.
ALLOCATIONS	Allocation has been avoided when possible. For those cases (specify which ones) a physical allocation based on mass is used.
GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE AND TIME PERIOD	Italy 2019

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## Life cycle stages

### Flow diagram of the Life Cycle



The scenarios included are currently in use and are representative for one of the most probable alternative

The "polluter payer principle" as well as the "modularity principle" have been followed.

### A1-A3, Product stage

**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 15804:2012+A2:2019 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 mineral wool. Besides these raw materials, recycled materials (agglomerates) are also used as input.

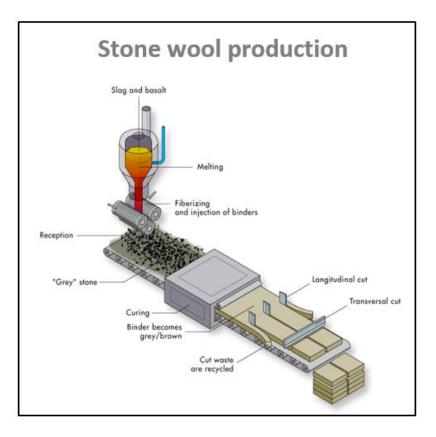
#### A2, Transport to the manufacturer

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

#### A3, Manufacturing

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

The product contain in its composition a recycled content above 35% (distributed in the following way: Preconsumer >33% and postconsumer >2%).



## A4-A5, Construction process stage

**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 (27 t payload) with a real 9,36 t payload, diesel consumption 38 liters for 100 km
Distance	1900 km
Capacity utilisation (including empty returns)	<ul><li>100% of the capacity in volume</li><li>30% of empty returns</li><li>% assumed in Ecoinvent database</li></ul>
Bulk density of transported products*	150 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Volume capacity utilisation factor	1

#### A5, Installation in the building: this module includes:

No additional accessory was taken into account for the implementation phase insulation product. No energy is needed to install the product (manual installation without tool)

PARAMETER	VALUE/DESCRIPTION
Wastage of materials on the building site before waste processing, generated by the product's installation (specified by type)	5%
Distance	50 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,	Packaging wastes are 100% collected and modeled as recovered matter
disposal (specified by route)	Mineral wool losses are landfilled

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

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

### C1-C4, End of Life Stage

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 mineral wool is assumed to be 100% landfilled.

#### Description of the scenarios and additional technical information:

PARAMETER	VALUE/DESCRIPTION
Collection process specified by type	The entire product, including any surfacing is collected alongside any mixed construction waste 15000 g of mineral 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
	15000 g of mineral wool are landfilled
Assumptions for scenario development (e.g. transportation)	We assume that the waste going to landfill will be transported by truck with 24 tons payload, using diesel as a fuel consuming 38 liters per 100km. Distance covered is 50 km

### D, Reuse/recovery/recycling potential

Description of the stage: An end of life recycling 0% (100% of wastes are landfilled) has been assumed using local demolition waste data and adjusted considering the recyclability of the product.

## **LCA results**

As specified in EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 and also the Product-Category Rules. NPCR 12 rev. Insulation materials, epd-norge.no (2012), the environmental impacts are declared and reported using the baseline characterization factors are from the ILCD

Raw materials and energy consumption, as well as transport distances have been taken directly from the manufacturing plan).

All the results refer to 100 mm of thickness with value of  $R = 2,55 \text{ m}^2$ .K.W<sup>-1</sup>.

		ODU( TAGI		CONSTR N ST/				USE	: ST/	AGE			E١	ND OI STA		E	BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDAR Y
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction-Installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-recovery
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	В4	B5	B6	Β7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Module declared	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	
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# **Environmental Impacts**

The estimated impact results are only relative statements which do not indicate the end points of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety margins or risks.

		Product stage	Constructi on stage		Use stage								End of li	Reuse, Recovery Recycling		
	Environmental indicators	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
	Climate Change [kg CO2 eq.]	2,04E+01	1,89E+00	3,01E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,30E-02	0	2,81E-01	0
	Climate Change (fossil) [kg CO2 eq.]	1,98E+01	1,85E+00	2,45E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,24E-02	0	2,35E-01	0
	Climate Change (biogenic) [kg CO2 eq.]	6,26E-01	4,63E-02	5,61E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,63E-04	0	4,45E-02	0
	Climate Change (land use change) [kg CO2 eq.]	8,78E-03	1,08E-04	4,64E-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,31E-06	0	6,78E-04	0
	Ozone depletion [kg CFC-11 eq.]	4,09E-06	2,72E-16	9,84E-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,31E-18	0	8,73E-16	0
3	Acidification terrestrial and freshwater [Mole of H+ eq.]	1,24E-01	1,10E-02	1,57E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,32E-04	0	1,69E-03	0
	Eutrophication freshwater [kg P eq.]	4,91E-03	3,55E-07	6,96E-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,31E-09	0	4,04E-07	0
	Eutrophication freshwater [Kg of PO43]	1,51E-02	1,09E-06	2,14E-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,32E-08	0	1,24E-06	0
	Eutrophication marine [kg N eq.]	2,37E-02	5,47E-03	7,61E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,55E-05	0	4,35E-04	0
	Eutrophication terrestrial [Mole of N eq.]	2,51E-01	6,00E-02	8,34E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,19E-04	0	4,78E-03	0
	Photochemical ozone formation - human health [kg NMVOC eq.]	1,23E-01	1,03E-02	1,45E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,23E-04	0	1,32E-03	0
	Resource use, mineral and metals [kg Sb eq.]	4,51E-05	2,21E-08	4,15E-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,69E-10	0	2,11E-08	0
	Resource use, energy carriers [MJ]	2,46E+02	2,55E+01	3,36E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,09E-01	0	3,09E+00	0
Ö	Water scarcity [m <sup>3</sup> world equiv.]	3,35E+00	1,80E-03	1,46E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,18E-05	0	2,47E-02	0

## **Resources Use**

		Product stage	Construc	tion stage			U	se sta	ge				End of I	D Reuse, recovery, recycling		
	Resources Use indicators	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
<b>*</b>	Use of renewable primary energy (PERE) [MJ]	6,21E+01	6,17E-01	9,74E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,50E-03	0	4,05E-01	0
<b>*</b>	Primary energy resources used as raw materials (PERM) [MJ]	3,32E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>*</b>	Total use of renewable primary energy resources (PERT) [MJ]	6,24E+01	6,17E-01	9,74E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,50E-03	0	4,05E-01	0
0	Use of non-renewable primary energy (PENRE) [MJ]	2,32E+02	2,55E+01	3,37E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,10E-01	0	3,09E+00	0
0	Non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials (PENRM) [MJ]	1,31E+01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O	Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (PENRT) [MJ]	2,46E+02	2,55E+01	3,37E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,10E-01	0	3,09E+00	0
	Input of secondary material (SM) [kg]	5,41E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*	Use of renewable secondary fuels (RSF) [MJ]	1,12E-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Use of non renewable secondary fuels (NRSF) [MJ]	1,32E-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Use of net fresh water (FW) [m3]	8,54E-02	1,12E-04	5,27E-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,36E-06	0	7,79E-04	0

# Waste Category & Output flows

		Product stage	Construct	ion stage	e Use stage								D Reuse, recovery, recycling			
	Waste Category & Output Flows	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 (HWD) [kg]	1,22E-07	1,65E-09	2,49E-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,00E-11	0	4,71E-08	0
	Non-hazardous waste disposed (NHWD) [kg]	1,04E+00	5,17E-04	7,53E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,28E-06	0	1,55E+01	0
Ī	Radioactive waste disposed (RWD) [kg]	3,85E-04	2,90E-05	5,35E-06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,52E-07	0	3,51E-05	0
	Components for re-use (CRU) [kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Materials for Recycling (MFR) [kg]	1,42E+01	0	3,20E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Material for Energy Recovery (MER) [kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Exported electrical energy (EEE) [MJ]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Information on biogenic carbon content

		Product stage
	Biogenic Carbon Content	A1 / A2 / A3
9	Biogenic carbon content in product [kg]	0,00E+00
9	Biogenic carbon content in packaging [kg]	1,42E-02

Note: 1 kg biogenic carbon is equivalent to 44/12 kg CO<sub>2</sub>.

There is no biogenic carbon in mineral product. Every thickness considered in this EPD have the same value to biogenic carbon 0 kg C.

# LCA interpretation

		Product (A1-A3)	Transport (A4)	Installation (A5)	Use (B)	End-of-life (C)	<b>Total</b> Environmental impacts of the product	Recycling Positive benefits of recycling (D)
Global warming								
	20,00	20,37					22,87	
	10,00 - 0,00 - 0,00 -		1,89	0,30	0,00	0,30	kg CO <sub>2</sub> equiv/FU	0,00
Non-renewable resources	300,00	245,58						
consumption [1]	200,00						277,8	
	04/FW 100,00		25,50	3,36	0,00	3,40	MJ/FU	0,00
Energy consumption [2]	− 0,00 ⊥ 400,00 ⊤							
	300,00	308,03					241 4	
	200,00 —						341,4	
			26,12	3,47	0,00	3,81	MJ/FU	0,00
Water consumption [3]	0,10	0,085						
							0,09	
			0,000	0,000	0,000	0,001	m³/FU	0,000
Waste production [4]	20,00					15,50		
	15,00						17,29	
	10,00	1,04		0,75			kg/FU	
	×	1,04	0,00	0,75	0,00			0,00

[1] This indicator corresponds to the abiotic depletion potential of fossil resources.

[2] 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.

#### 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 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 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 a still an impact associated with the production module since we do generate waste on site. The very small impact associated with installation is due to the loss rate of product during implementation.

## Influence of particular thicknesses

The following table shows the multiplication factors for each individual thickness in the product family. In order to determine the environmental impacts associated with a given product thickness, the results expressed in this EPD must be multiplied by the corresponding multiplication factor.

Product thickness (mm)	Multiplication Factor		
40	0,40		
60	0,60		
80	0,80		
100	1,00		
(ES)	(ES/100)		

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