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Tworzymy dla pokoleń

COMPRESSED HOLLOWCORE PANELS

SOBOTA PLANT

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BASIC INFORMATION

This declaration is the Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) based on EN 15804+A2 and verified according to ISO 14025 by an external auditor. It contains the information on the impacts of the declared construction materials on the environment and their aspects verified by the independent body according to ISO 14025. Basically, comparison or evaluation of EPD data is possible only if all the compared data were created according to EN 15804+A2.

Life cycle analysis (LCA): A1-A3, C1-C4 and D modules in accordance with EN 15804 (Cradle-to-Gate with options)

The year of preparing the EPD: 2023

Product standard: EN 14843, EN 15037-1

Service Life: 100 years

PCR: ITB-PCR A

Declared unit: 1 ton

Reasons for performing LCA: B2B

Representativeness: Poland, European, 2022



MANUFACTURER

POZ BRUK Sp. z o. o. Sp. j. is a Polish manufacturer of broad range of construction products with nearly 35 years of experience in the production of concrete prefabricated elements. The company's beginnings date back to 1985, with the start of the production of concrete blocks on vibrating tables. The first milestone in the company's development was the production of concrete pipes. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, with the start of economic transformation, decisions were made to purchase modern lines for the production of concrete paving blocks. The range of products was also systematically expanded with new designs, thicknesses and colors. The popularity of paving blocks and the ever-increasing demand led in 1997 to the opening of a second plant, in Sobota near Poznan. A system of prefabricated elements and ceilings produced in Sobota is a modern solution dedicated to the construction industry residential, service and industrial. It is perfect for both construction single-family detached semi-detached houses and terraced houses as well as multi-family residential blocks.



PRODUCTS DESCRIPTION

This EPD covers prestressed hollow core produced in Sobota manufacturing plant in Poland.



Prestressed concrete hollow core floor slabs are designed for the construction of floors in buildings of various structures (skeletal buildings with reinforced concrete and steel structures, as well as in buildings with masonry or prefabricated concrete walls). HC slabs produced by POZBRUK are made of high concrete C40/50 or C50/60 class and reinforced with 9.3 and 12.5 mm strings (steel grade Y1860S7 or equivalent). Holes in the slab (channels) ensure optimum cross-sectional load-bearing capacity (long-span roofs can be realized). Hollow cores are made according to the customer's needs. HC slabs can have different concrete classes, exposure classes, length, width, and height from 200 to 500 mm and various fire resistance classes, etc.

All additional technical information about the product is available on the manufacturer's website.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – general rules applied

Unit

The declared unit is 1 ton of product of prefabricated pre-stressed concrete HC hollow core panel.

System boundary

Type of the EPD is: cradle to gate - with options. The following life cycle stages were considered. Production stage including: A1 – Raw material extraction and processing, A2 – Transport to the manufacturer and A3 – Manufacturing, End-of-life stage: C1- Deconstruction, C2 – Transport to waste processing, C3 – Waste processing, C4 – Disposal (landfill). This includes provision of all materials, products and energy, packaging processing and its transport, as well as waste processing up to the end-of waste state or disposal of final residues. EPD includes D module- declaration of all benefits and loads beyond product system. Energy and water consumption, emissions as well as information on generated wastes were inventoried and were included.

Allocation

The allocation rules used for this EPD are based on general ITB PCR A v.1.6.. Production of the products is a line process conducted in factory Sobota (Poland). Allocation was done on product mass basis. To determine the recipe for the production of products, the exact specifications (concrete recipe) was used (based on producer declaration and data from production/formulation process). All impacts associated with the extraction and processing of raw materials used for the production of elements are allocated in module A1 of the LCA. Impacts were inventoried and 100% were allocated to the products production. Water and energy consumption, associated emissions and generated wastes are allocated to module A3.

System limits

It can be assumed that the total sum of omitted processes does not exceed 1% of all impact categories. In accordance with EN 15804+A2, machines and facilities (capital goods) required for the production as well as transportation of employees were not included in LCA. 99.8% materials submitted for the formulations and production data were taken into consideration. In the assessment, all available data from production have been considered, i.e. all raw materials/elements used as per formulation process, utilized thermal energy for heating, and electric power consumption. Thus, material and energy flows contributing less than 0.5 % of mass or energy have been considered. It can be assumed that the total sum of neglected processes does not exceed 0.5 % of energy use and mass per modules. Machines and facilities required during production are neglected. The production of etiquettes/printing was not considered.

Modules A1 and A2: Raw materials supply and transport

Raw materials such as aggregates, cement and steel come from national manufacturers. Manufacturing plant Sobota uses cement and steel from inventoried specific national suppliers. Data on transport of the different products to the manufacturing plants was collected and modelled. Means of transport include trucks and Polish and European fuel averages are applied.

Module A3: Production

Production process of hollow core starts immediately after the work is completed design. All of the components for precast production are coming by wheels deliveries or by train and stored in designated for it places. The production of concrete elements starts by cleaning the production track. At the same time, the steel strands is prepared by stretching along the length of the track and compression. Concrete is poured into the production machine which, moving along the track, forms the product. Ready elements are kept on the track until the minimum design parameters are achieved. After cured finished element is cut to required length and checked by the quality control department, and then taken to a warehouse, and directly to the customer. The production process is depicted schematically as can be seen below.

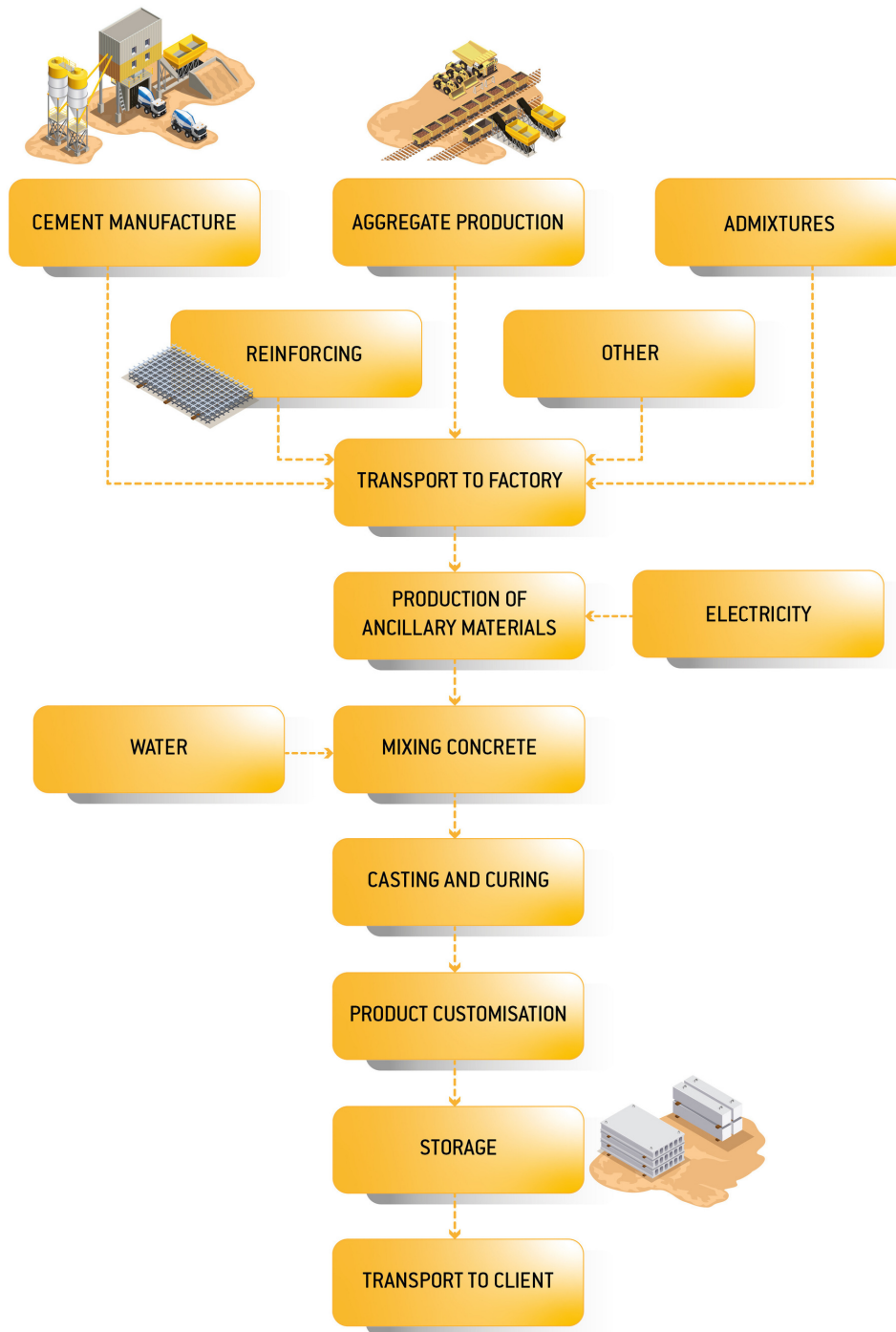
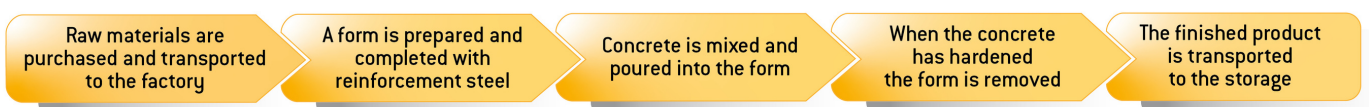


Figure 1 Manufacturing process scheme



Modules C and D: End-of-life (EOL)

In the adapted scenario, dismantling of products (C1) is performed as part of demolition processes, where environmental impacts from declared products can be considered as minor (<1%), the work of the excavator and its fuel consumption is assumed for the calculations. During the demolition process the major amount of the products contribute to the construction and demolition wastes which can be in a waste processing plant. It is assumed that 95% of steel and concrete may be recovered at the EoL cycle. Recovered material is transported to either to landfill or recycling site distant by approx. 100 km, on 16-32t lorry (EURO 5) with fuel consumption of 35 l per 100 km. In the adapted scenario 70% of the end of life product is recycled (steel and crushed concrete) and further used as aggregate for road foundation or ballast and for new steel production (credits presented in module D) while remaining 30% is forwarded to landfill in the form of mixed construction and demolition wastes. Environmental burdens declared in module C4 (landfill) are associated with waste-specific emissions to air, soil and groundwater. Regarding the recycling material of metals, the metal parts in the EoL are declared as end-of-waste status. Electricity at end-of-life (module D) has been modelled using an average EU-27 electricity mix as the location where the product reaches end-of-life is unknown.

Data collection period

The data for manufacture of the declared products refer to period between 01.09.2021 – 01.09.2022 (1 year). The life cycle assessments were prepared for Poland and Europe as reference area.

Data quality

The data selected for LCA originate from ITB-LCI questionnaires completed by POZ BRUK Sp. z o. o. Sp. j. and verified during data audit. No data collected is older than five years and no generic datasets used are older than ten years. The representativeness, completeness, reliability, and consistency is judged as good. The background data for the processes come from the following resources database Ecoinvent v.3.9.1 (sand, gravel, basalt, cement, dolomite, reinforcing steel, steel, adhesive fluid). Specific (LCI) data quality analysis was a part of the input data verification.

Assumptions and estimates

The impacts of the representative products were aggregated using weighted average.

Calculation rules

LCA was performed using ITB-LCA tool developed in accordance with EN15804+A2. Emission of greenhouse gases was calculated using the IPCC 2013 GWP method with a 100-year horizon. Emission of acidifying substances, Emission of substances to water contributing to oxygen depletion, Emission of gases that contribute to the creation of ground-level ozone, Abiotic depletion, and ozone depletion emissions were all calculated with the CML-IA baseline method.

Additional information

Polish electricity (Ecoinvent v 3.9.1 supplemented by actual national KOBIZEdata) emission factor used is 0.702 kg CO₂/kWh. As a general rule, no particular environmental or health protection measures other than those specified by law are necessary.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – Results

Declared unit

The declaration refers to declared unit (DU) – 1 ton of prefabricated element produced in Sobota, Poland. The following life cycle modules (Table 1) were included in the analysis. The following tables 2–5 show the environmental impacts of the life cycle of selected modules (A1–A3, C1+C4+D).

Table 4 System boundaries for the environmental characteristic of the product.

Environmental assessment information (MD – Module Declared, MND – Module Not Declared, INA – Indicator Not Assessed)																
Product stage			Construction process		Use stage							End of life			Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary	
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to construction site	Construction-installation process	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
MD	MD	MD	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MD	MD	MD	MD	MD

Table 5 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product – environmental impacts (DU: 1 ton)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Potential	eq. kg CO2	1.62E+02	1.58E+01	2.30E+01	2.01E+02	3.49E+00	1.67E+01	1.67E+01	5.37E-01	-2.31E+01
Greenhouse potential - fossil	eq. kg CO2	1.60E+02	1.56E+01	2.25E+01	1.98E+02	3.42E+00	1.66E+01	1.66E+01	5.31E-01	-2.31E+01
Greenhouse potential - biogenic	eq. kg CO2	1.56E+00	2.71E-01	5.70E-01	2.40E+00	1.00E-01	5.68E-02	5.68E-02	5.32E-03	-5.40E-02
Global warming potential - land use and land use change	eq. kg CO2	4.13E-02	1.50E-02	6.92E-03	6.32E-02	1.20E-03	6.52E-03	6.52E-03	5.38E-04	-4.43E-02
Stratospheric ozone depletion potential	eq. kg CFC 11	8.99E-07	2.79E-06	7.09E-07	4.40E-06	7.00E-08	3.85E-06	3.85E-06	1.62E-07	-2.27E-06
Soil and water acidification potential	eq. mol H+	4.04E-01	9.49E-02	2.18E-01	7.17E-01	3.80E-02	6.75E-02	6.75E-02	4.49E-03	-4.53E-01
Eutrophication potential - freshwater	eq. kg P	2.33E-02	3.69E-03	3.67E-02	6.37E-02	6.50E-03	1.12E-03	1.12E-03	1.53E-04	-2.03E-02
Eutrophication potential - seawater	eq. kg N	1.03E-01	3.22E-02	3.20E-02	1.67E-01	5.50E-03	2.04E-02	2.04E-02	1.55E-03	-4.73E-02
Eutrophication potential - terrestrial	eq. mol N	1.19E+00	3.46E-01	2.69E-01	1.81E+00	4.65E-02	2.22E-01	2.22E-01	1.68E-02	-6.06E-01
Potential for photochemical ozone synthesis	eq. kg NMVOC	3.26E-01	9.84E-02	7.65E-02	5.01E-01	1.30E-02	6.80E-02	6.80E-02	4.88E-03	-1.83E-01
Potential for depletion of abiotic resources - non-fossil resources	eq. kg Sb	5.10E-04	6.65E-05	9.66E-05	6.74E-04	1.67E-05	5.89E-05	5.89E-05	1.79E-06	-3.10E-03
Abiotic depletion potential - fossil fuels	MJ	8.50E+02	2.30E+02	3.71E+02	1.45E+03	5.80E+01	2.47E+02	2.47E+02	1.23E+01	-4.45E+02
Water deprivation potential	eq. m3	3.27E+01	2.76E+00	6.89E+00	4.23E+01	1.20E+00	1.14E+00	1.14E+00	7.11E-02	-2.65E+01

Table 6 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product – additional impacts indicators (DU: 1 ton)

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1-C4
Particulate matter	disease incidence	INA	INA
Potential human exposure efficiency relative to U235	eg. kBq U235	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems	CTUe	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (non-cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA
Potential soil quality index	dimensionless	INA	INA

Table 7 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product - the resource use (DU: 1 ton)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Consumption of renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	4.62E+01	1.34E+01	2.43E+01	8.39E+01	4.30E+00	3.54E+00	3.54E+00	0.00E+00	-4.77E+01
Consumption of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Total consumption of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	4.62E+01	1.34E+01	2.44E+01	8.40E+01	4.30E+00	3.54E+00	3.54E+00	2.15E-01	-4.77E+01
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	5.64E+02	2.30E+02	3.28E+02	1.12E+03	5.82E+01	2.47E+02	2.47E+02	0.00E+00	-3.34E+02
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	1.75E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.75E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Total consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	8.54E+02	2.30E+02	3.77E+02	1.46E+03	5.82E+01	2.47E+02	2.47E+02	1.33E+01	-4.41E+02
Consumption of secondary materials	kg	1.51E+01	1.92E-01	3.37E-02	1.53E+01	5.30E-03	8.27E-02	8.27E-02	3.03E-05	7.02E+02
Consumption of renew. secondary fuels	MJ	2.39E-03	8.40E-04	1.75E-04	3.40E-03	2.95E-05	9.11E-04	9.11E-04	7.93E-07	-1.47E-02
Consumption of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.65E-01	2.65E-01	4.70E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Net consumption of freshwater	m3	1.38E+00	7.60E-02	1.09E-01	1.57E+00	1.58E-02	3.10E-02	3.10E-02	2.06E-03	-7.04E-01

Table 8 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product - waste categories (DU: 1 ton)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste	kg	2.19E-03	7.19E-01	2.93E-01	1.01E+00	6.00E-04	2.77E-01	2.77E-01	1.73E-04	-2.33E+00
Non-hazardous waste	kg	6.75E+01	1.65E+01	3.17E-01	8.43E+01	3.12E-02	4.92E+00	4.92E+00	5.01E+01	-6.28E+01
Radioactive waste	kg	1.69E-03	8.46E-05	2.54E-04	2.03E-03	4.35E-05	1.84E-05	1.84E-05	7.49E-05	-6.38E-04
Components for re-use	kg	8.24E-06	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.24E-06	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	2.83E+00	8.43E-04	1.30E-01	2.96E+00	6.00E-05	7.64E-04	7.64E-04	2.89E-07	-4.52E-03
Materials for energy recovery	kg	7.58E-01	8.87E-06	3.30E-06	7.58E-01	5.25E-07	6.18E-06	6.18E-06	3.42E-09	-4.20E-04
Exported Energy	MJ	2.01E+00	0.00E+00	1.00E+00	3.02E+00	1.73E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-9.07E-01

Verification

The process of verification of this EPD is in accordance with ISO 14025 and ISO 21930.

After verification, this EPD is valid for a 5-year-period. EPD does not have to be recalculated after 5 years, if the underlying data have not changed significantly.

<p>The basis for LCA analysis was EN 15804 and ITB PCR A v 1.6.</p> <p>Independent verification corresponding to ISO 14025 (sub clause 8.1.3.)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> external <input type="checkbox"/> internal</p>
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Normative references

- ITB PCR A General Product Category Rules for Construction Products
- ISO 14025:2006, Environmental labels and declarations – Type III environmental declarations – Principles and procedures
- ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works – Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services
- ISO 14044:2006 Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidelines
- ISO 15686-1:2011 Buildings and constructed assets – Service life planning – Part 1: General principles and framework
- ISO 15686-8:2008 Buildings and constructed assets – Service life planning – Part 8: Reference service life and service-life estimation
- EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Core rules for the product category of construction products
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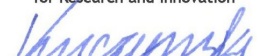
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