

# **EUROFAST FASTENING SCREWS FOR SANDWICH** PANELS & EUROFAST FASTENING SCREWS FOR METAL MEMBERS AND SHEETING

### **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, A4-A5 and D modules in accordance with EN 15804 (Cradle-to-Gate)

The year of preparing the EPD: 2023 Product standard: EAD 330046-01-0602

Service Life: 25 years - general assumption of EAD. For fasteners, it depends on the corrosive environment. The life expectancy of fasteners made of a different material or with a protective coating can be found in table 6

PCR: ITB-PCR A Declared unit: 1 kg

Reasons for performing LCA: B2B Representativeness: Global, 2021

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Figure 1: The view of VAN ROIJ FASTENERS EUROPE B.V. manufactury

# **MANUFACTURER**

Despite the fact that fasteners are a relatively small part of the overall Flat roof and Cladding construction, they play a critical role in the overall quality and safety of the system.

Eurofast is **manufacturer** of the leading fastener brand Eurofast® and a **full-service technical consultancy firm**, for mechanically fastening the building envelope. So that every building envelope can be fastened to a high quality. At Eurofast they strive to unburden their customers as much as possible in their process of finding the best suitable mechanical fastening solution, for their specific situation. This ensures that every building envelope is fastened to the highest possible standard.

# PRODUCTS DESCRIPTION

Eurofast offers a wide range of fastening products for mechanically fastening flat roof and cladding constructions of industrial and commercial buildings. Complemented with a full-service package, installation equipment and necessities to support their customer at every step of the fastening process.

The Eurofast cladding solutions are applicable for fastening sandwich panel, metal members & sheeting and ventilated façade.

All of the fastening solutions of Eurofast meet the highest international requirements and standards. To guarantee these requirements and standards and to ensure that their customers always receive high quality products, they perform nonstop quality control on their production products in their Quality Control Centre.

The quality of the production processes and the Eurofast® products is constantly monitored, assessed and guaranteed. From material input to end product output. Based on a comprehensive series of carefully performed tests.

Each Eurofast fastener can be supplied with technical documentation.



# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) - general rules applied

# UNIT

The declared unit is 1 kg of product of Eurofast fastening screws for sandwich panels or Eurofast fastening screws for metal members and sheeting.

# SYSTEM BOUNDARY

Modules A1-A3, are taken into consideration in the LCA: A1 Production of preliminary products, A2 Transport to plant, A3 Production (incl. provision of energy, production of packaging as well as auxiliaries and consumables, waste treatment). Energy and water consumption, emissions as well as information on generated wastes were inventoried in European plants and were included in the calculation. It can be assumed that the total sum of omitted processes does not exceed 5% 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. The product is understood as an element of other systems and complex construction products.

# **ALLOCATION**

The allocation rules used for this EPD are based on general ITB's document PCR A (EN 15804+A2). Input and output data from the production is inventoried and allocated to the production on the mass basis. The declared product recipe was used for the calculations, based on specific substances included in the production and energy consumption divided for 3 elements:tubes, screws, termination bars and pressure plates.

# SYSTEM LIMITS

All raw 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 1% of mass or energy have been considered. It can be assumed that the total sum of neglected processes does not exceed 1% of energy usage and mass per modules A. Machines and facilities required during production are neglected. The production of etiquettes/printing was not considered.

# **MODULES A1 & A2: RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT**

Raw materials (steel) come from different manufacturers. All screws are manufactured in Taiwan and transported to Europe. Eurofast Poland Sp. z o.o. provides crew painting process. Data on transport of the different products to the manufacturing plants is collected and modelled. Means of transport include ships from Taiwan, trucks and European fuel averages are applied. More detailed information is available in the respective manufacturer's documentation (e.g. product data sheets).



# **MODULE A3: PRODUCTION**

VAN ROIJ FASTENERS EUROPE B.V. produces Eurofast fastening screws for sandwich panels or Eurofast fastening screws for metal members and sheeting. The production process is depicted schematically as can be seen below. The screws are processed and coated in Stawiguda plant in Poland.

NO.	Description	Manufacturing Equipment	Sepcification /Basis	Measurment device	Inspection frequency	Inspection method	Staff	Inspection record /relevant report	Accept /Reject	Handling on abnormal situation
1	Wire	-	Diameter/Material	Micrometer	every lot	checking information	QC Dept.	Purchasing progress control sheet /Test certificate	Reject when the spec. is wrong	retum to supplier
2	First samples inspection	Head stamping, Drill-point, Thread rolling, Cutting machine	Per the drawing	caliper and 2D projector	For needed forming process	pick 5 pcs/time	QC Dept.	inspection record	Reject when the spec. is wrong	feed back to production staff
3	Head stamping	Head stamping machine	Per the drawing and production inspection record sheet	caliperetc	once/day and continuously	first samples 5pcs/time	Production staff	production inspection record sheet	Reject when the spec. is wrong	feedback to head stamping supervisor
4	Drilling point	Drill-point pinching machine	Per the drawing and production inspection record sheet	caliperetc	once/day and continuously	first samples 5pcs/time	Production staff	production inspection record sheet	Reject when the spec. is wrong	feedback to drilling point supervisor
5	Threading	Thread rolling machine	Per the drawing and production inspection record sheet	caliperetc	once/day and continuously	first samples 5pcs/time	Production staff	production inspection record sheet	Reject when the spec. is wrong	feed back to plant manager
6	Cutting	Thread cutting machine	Per the drawing and production inspection record sheet	caliperetc	once/day and continuously	first samples 5pcs/time	Production staff	production inspection record sheet	Reject when the spec. is wrong	feed back to cutting supervisor
7	Circuit inspection	Head stamping machine, Drill-point pinching machine, Thread rolling machine	Per the drawing	caliperetc	at least 2 times/day	randomly pick for 5 pcs/time	QC Dept.	circuit inspection unqualified record	Reject when the spec. is wrong	feed back to plant manager or relevant supervisors
8	Embrittlement test (if necessary)	Embrittlement tooling	Per the drawing	torque machine	every lot	50 pcs/lot	QC Dept.	Embrittlement test record sheet	Reject when the spec. is wrong	feed back to supplier
9	Drilling test (if necessary)	Drilling machine	Per the drawing	different thickness of steel	every lot	10 pcs/lot	QC Dept.	Drilling test record sheet	Reject when the spec. is wrong	feed back to supplier
10	Final inspection for finished product	-	Per the drawing	caliperetc	every lot	10 pcs/lot	QC Dept.	Inspection report	Reject when the spec. is wrong	issue abnormal condition dealing sheet
11	Packing	Packing machine	Per the production instruction sheet, the rusty screws cannot be packed	By visual	Per barrel	by scale	Packing staff	packing list	Reject when the spec. is wrong	issue abnormal condition dealing sheet

Figure 2 Manufacturing process scheme



# 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 VAN ROIJ FASTENERS EUROPE B.V. 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 (oil, wax, chromium/stainless steel, foil, folding boxboard carton, plastic film, packing film LDPE, EUR-flat pallet). Specific (LCI) data quality analysis was a part of the input data verification. Where no background data was available, data gaps were complemented by manufacturer information and literature research.

# **ASSUMPTIONS & 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 where all calculated with the CML-IA baseline method.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Polish electricity (Eocinvent v 3.9.1 supplemented by actual national Kobize data) emission factor used is 0.698 kg CO2/kWh. As a general rule, no particular environmental or health protection measures other than those specified by law are necessary.

# **HEALTH ASPECTS**

Product does not contain CFC, HCFC, does not emit TVOC, MDI, ammonia, formaldehyde; does not affect the ozone layer.



# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) - results

# **DECLARED UNIT**

The declaration refers to declared unit (DU) - 1 kg of Eurofast fastening screws for sandwich panels or Eurofast fastening screws for metal members and sheeting produced. 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).

	Env	rironme	ental ass	sessmer	nt inform	nation (N	ID – Mod	lule Dec	lared, M	ND – Mo	odule No	t Declar	ed, INA – Inc	licator No	t Assess	sed)
Prod	duct st	age	Cons tion pr	struc- rocess			U	se stag	е				End o	f life		Benefits and loads be- yond 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 demo- lition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	xReuse-recovery-recy- cling potential
A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	В1	B2	В3	B4	В5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
MD	MD	MD	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

Table 1: System boundaries for the environmental characteristic of the product.

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3
Global Warming Potential	eq. kg CO <sub>2</sub>	2.66E+00
Greenhouse potential - fossil	eq. kg CO <sub>2</sub>	2.63E+00
Greenhouse potential - biogenic	eq. kg CO <sub>2</sub>	1.87E-02
Global warming potential - land use and land use change	eq. kg CO <sub>2</sub>	5.84E-03
Stratospheric ozone depletion potential	eq. kg CFC 11	1.63E-07
Soil and water acidification potential	eq. mol H+	4.80E+01
Eutrophication potential - freshwater	eq. kg P	1.25E-03
Eutrophication potential - seawater	eq. kg N	3.59E-03
Eutrophication potential - terrestrial	eq. mol N	3.68E-02
Potential for photochemical ozone synthesis	eq. kg NMVOC	1.43E-02
Potential for depletion of abiotic resources - non-fossil resources	eq. kg Sb	1.41E-05
Abiotic depletion potential - fossil fuels	MJ	2.92E+01
Water deprivation potential	eq. m³	1.45E+00

Table 2: Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product – environmental impacts (DU: 1 kg)



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

Table 3: Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product – additional impacts indicators (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3
Consumption of renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	1.87E+00
Consumption of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	0.00E+00
Total consumption of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	1.87E+00
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	2.71E+01
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	6.30E-01
Total consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	2.92E+01
Consumption of secondary materials	kg	2.97E-01
Consumption of renew. secondary fuels	MJ	4.36E-04
Consumption of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	9.39E-04
Net consumption of freshwater	m³	2.27E-02

Table 4: Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product - the resource use (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3
Hazardous waste	kg	5,86E-01
Non-hazardous waste	kg	4,06E+00
Radioactive waste	kg	6,07E-05
Components for re-use	kg	0,00E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	3,95E-04
Materials for energy recovery	kg	3,29E-06
Exported Energy	MJ	4,47E-02

Table 5: Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product – waste categories (DU: 1 kg)



Fastener material / Coating type	Environment corrosivity category according to EN ISO 12944-1:2017 and EN ISO 12944-2:2017
Carbon steel / zinc coating 12 µm	C1, C2 H
Carbon steel / zinc coating with additional Premium coating	C1, C2 VH, C3 H
Carbon steel / zinc coating with additional Super Premium coating	C1, C2 VH, C3 VH, C4 H
Fastener type / fastener material	Environment corrosivity category according to EN ISO 9223:2012
Fastener type / fastener material  Fastener made of stainless steel grade AISI 305	
	ISO 9223:2012

Designations:

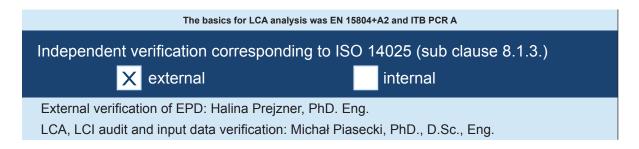
Table 6: Fasteners expected service life

H - high (15 years to 25 years)

**VH** – Very high (over 25 years)

# **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.



Note 1: The declaration owner has the sole ownership, liability and responsibility for the for the information provided and contained in EPD. Declarations within the same product category but from different programmes may not be comparable. Declarations of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804 + A2. For further information about comparability, see EN 15804+A2 and ISO 14025. Depending on the application, a corresponding conversion factor such as the specific weight per surface area must be taken into consideration.

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# **NORMATIVE REFERENCES**

- ITB PCR A General Product Category Rules for Construction Products
- EAD 330046-01-0602
- 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
- ISO 14067:2018 Greenhouse gases Carbon footprint of products Requirements and guidelines for quantification
- PN-EN 15942:2012 Sustainability of construction works Environmental product declarations Communication format business-to-business
- KOBiZE Wskaźniki emisyjności CO2, SO2, NOx, CO i pyłu całkowitego dla energii elektrycznej, grudzień 2020

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# CERTIFICATE № 506/2023 of TYPE III ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION

### Products:

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confirms the correctness of the data included in the development of Type III Environmental Declaration and accordance with the requirements of the standard

# EN 15804+A2

Sustainability of construction works.

Environmental product declarations.

Core rules for the product category of construction products.

This certificate, issued on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 is valid for 5 years or until amendment of mentioned Environmental Declaration

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