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Composite bars with diameters from Ø 6 mm to Ø 33 mm



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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, A4, C1-C4 and D modules in accordance with EN 15804+A2
(Cradle-to-Gate with options)

Product standards: IBDiM-KOT/2021/0793, SK TP-23/0028

The year of preparing the EPD: 2025

Service Life: 100 years for standard product

PCR: ITB-PCR A

Declared unit: 1 kg

Reasons for performing LCA: B2B

Representativeness: Slovakia, European, 2023

MANUFACTURER

Comrebars Sp. z o. o. ComRebars is an European manufacturer of composite bars with production plant in Stropkov, Slovakia. The technology of producing building materials from glass fibers allows to offer competitive prices and conditions compared to traditional steel bars. Company has a modern production line where produces composite bars in accordance with the technical approval IBDiM-KOT/2021/0793 and Factory Production Control. Comrebars operates based on research on material properties, as well as approvals for selected key foreign markets. The manufacturer provides comprehensive service from a design and construction team, which will ensure project optimization and technical support, thus giving a specific, ready-made solution. Since the company was founded in 2015, it has been cooperating with construction companies in Poland, and the products can be found in thousands of Polish and foreign roads, bridges, tunnels, in the foundations of hundreds of houses and housing estates, at railway stations, in industrial halls, water, aviation and military infrastructure.

PRODUCTS DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION

GFRP composite bars are the answer to the needs of the construction sector in terms of a successor to reinforcing steel, e.g. beams, slabs. For the production of prefabricated reinforced concrete elements. The bars can be used as poles in gardening and as posts for fences in pastures. ComRebars composite bars are not only cheaper per meter by up to 25% (than carbon steel and by up to 50-60% than galvanized and stainless steel), but also significantly reduce the required thickness of concrete. Other advantages of composite bars over steel bars:

they reduce material losses during cutting by 90% compared to steel;

- more cost-effective transport, logistics, personnel, speed and ease of installation that does not require as much heavy equipment and maintenance;
- due to their durability and non-reactivity, they do not require repair, replacement or renovation in concrete;
- composite bars are characterized by 2.5 times higher strength than AIII steel;
- are a durable, long-lasting material, resistant to water, including salt water and other aggressive environments, which is why they are used in ports and water infrastructure, where they easily replace several times more expensive stainless steel;
- nine times lighter than steel, increasing transport efficiency many times.

Composite bars are resistant to chlorides, acids and chemicals, can be used in acidic and alkaline environments. Due to this, they are great for the construction of sewage and in the aquatic environment. They do not create an obstacle to the penetration of electromagnetic waves. They are an electrical insulator and do not conduct electricity - they can be used in magnetic resonance units in medical centers. composite bars have a low thermal conductivity coefficient λ , they are a thermal insulator. composite bars have more than a hundred times lower thermal conductivity compared to steel bars. Below in Table 1, there are produced diameters of ComRebars composite bars covered by EPD.

Table 1. Produced diameters of ComRebars composite bars

Product Name	Diameters	Color
Composite bars Ø 6 mm	Ø 6 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 7 mm	Ø 7 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 8 mm	Ø 8 mm	Cream

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Composite bars Ø 9 mm	Ø 9 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 10 mm	Ø 10 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 11 mm	Ø 11 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 12 mm	Ø 12 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 14 mm	Ø 14 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 15 mm	Ø 15 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 16 mm	Ø 16 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 17 mm	Ø 17 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 18 mm	Ø 18 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 19 mm	Ø 19 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 20 mm	Ø 20 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 22 mm	Ø 22 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 25 mm	Ø 25 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 30 mm	Ø 30 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 31 mm	Ø 31 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 32 mm	Ø 32 mm	Cream
Composite bars Ø 33 mm	Ø 33 mm	Cream

[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 kg of product.

System boundary

The life cycle analysis (LCA) of the declared products covers: product stage – modules A1-A4, end of life – modules C1-C4 and benefits and loads beyond the system boundary – module D (cradle-to-gate with options) in accordance with EN 15804+A2 and ITB PCR A (v 1.6) . Energy and water consumption, emissions as well as information on generated wastes were inventoried and were included in the calculations. 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.

Allocation

The allocation rules used for this EPD are based on general ITB PCRA. Production of the Composite bars is a line process conducted in factory of Comrebars Sp. z o. o. located in Stropkov (Slovakia). Allocation was done on product mass basis. All impacts associated with the extraction and processing of raw materials used for the production of the declared product are allocated in module

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A1 of the LCA. Impacts from the global line production of Comrebars Sp. z o. o. were inventoried and 100% were allocated to Composite bars production. Water and energy consumption (electricity, natural gas), associated emissions and generated wastes are allocated to module A3. Packaging materials were taken into consideration.

System limits

Minimum 99.0% input materials and 100% energy consumption (electricity, natural gas) were inventoried in a processing plant and were included in the calculation. 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 or D. Machines and facilities required during production are neglected. The packaging products (stretch film, pallets, etc.) are included.

Modules A1 and A2: Raw materials supply and transport

Modules A1 and A2 represent the extraction and processing of raw materials (mainly fiberglass, and epoxy resin) and transport to the production site. The fiberglass used comes from foreign suppliers. Module A2 (transport) includes truck and sea transport and uses Polish, Slovak and European averages for fuel data.

Module A3: Production

The production of the Composite bars is carried out in factory of Comrebars Sp. z o. o. in Stropkov in Slovakia. The production includes the receipt of raw material deliveries for production, which are mainly fiberglass and epoxy resin. In the first stage of production, glass fibers in the form of roving are fed into the resin application tank where the fibers are impregnated. Then the combined main raw materials are fed into the forming dies where the composite rod is shaped. The next stage is curing, which is done by heating in a multi-zone cross-linking furnace and then cooling in a multi-stage cooler. The next stage is pulling the bars to obtain the required diameter. The final stage is cutting the finished composite bars to specific lengths. The finished composite bars are packed and shipped to customers. The diagram of the production process is shown in Figure 1.

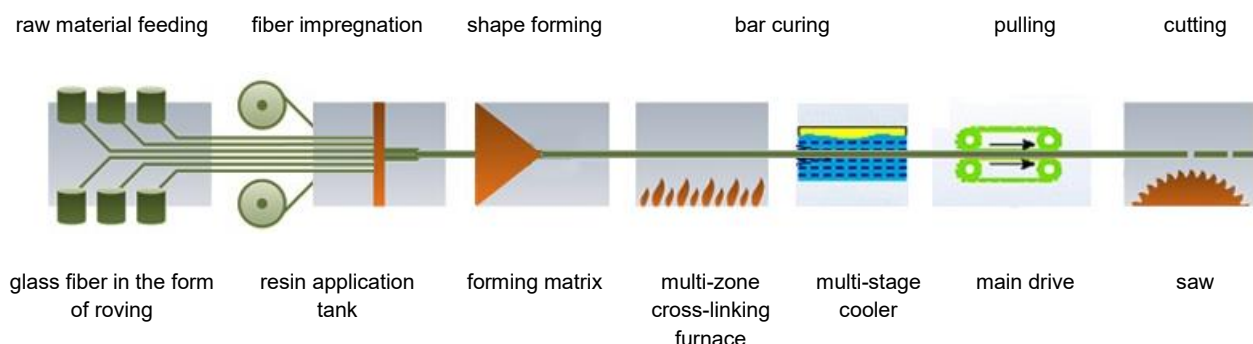


Figure 1. Diagram of the manufacturing process of composite bars

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Module A4: Transport to consumer

Transport of the Composite bars from plant to the recipient is carried out using trucks. Vehicle transport at distance 100 km is considered (emission standard: Euro 5) with 100% load capacity.

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

It is assumed that at the end of life, It is assumed that 100% of the products can be recovered together with the demolition material in crushed and mixed form. Materials recovered from dismantled products are prepared/crushed as aggregate for the sub-base (C3) 90% or landfilled 10% (module C4). According to the realistic treatment practice of industrial waste 10% of composite is forwarded to landfill in the form of mixed construction and demolition wastes. Utilization of packaging material which constitute less than 1 % of the total system flows was not taken into consideration. Module D includes the profits from the use of material as an aggregate in a new product system.

Data collection period

The data for manufacture of the declared products refer to period between 01.01.2023 – 31.12.2023 (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 Comrebars Sp. z o. o. 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.3.10. 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 EN 15804+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

Slovakia electricity emission factor used is 0.199 kg CO₂/kWh (National for 2023). As a general rule, no particular environmental or health protection measures other than those specified by law are necessary.

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LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – Results

Declared unit

The declaration refers to declared unit (DU) – 1 kg of Composite bars produced in Slovakia. The following life cycle modules (Table 2) were included in the analysis. The following tables 3-6 show the environmental impacts of the life cycle of selected modules (A1-A4+C1-C4+D).

Table 2 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	MD	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	NMD	MND	MD	MD	MD	MD	MD

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Table 3 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of the product – environmental impacts (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Potential	eq. kg CO ₂	3.29E+00	1.81E-01	7.32E-02	3.54E+00	1.67E-02	6.98E-03	1.67E-02	1.50E-02	1.06E-03	-9.00E-03
Greenhouse potential - fossil	eq. kg CO ₂	3.30E+00	1.81E-01	4.98E-02	3.53E+00	1.66E-02	6.85E-03	1.66E-02	1.50E-02	1.05E-03	-9.00E-03
Greenhouse potential - biogenic	eq. kg CO ₂	-1.50E-02	5.78E-05	8.09E-04	-1.41E-02	5.68E-05	2.00E-04	5.68E-05	5.11E-05	1.06E-05	-5.40E-07
Global warming potential - land use and land use change	eq. kg CO ₂	2.58E-03	7.11E-05	1.26E-05	2.67E-03	6.52E-06	2.40E-06	6.52E-06	5.87E-06	1.07E-06	-4.13E-05
Stratospheric ozone depletion potential	eq. kg CFC 11	6.81E-08	3.25E-09	1.72E-09	7.31E-08	3.85E-09	1.40E-10	3.85E-09	3.46E-09	3.20E-10	-1.69E-09
Soil and water acidification potential	eq. mol H ⁺	2.00E-02	2.16E-03	1.60E-05	2.22E-02	6.75E-05	7.60E-05	6.75E-05	6.07E-05	8.88E-06	-3.78E-04
Eutrophication potential - freshwater	eq. kg P	8.93E-04	9.91E-06	7.92E-07	9.04E-04	1.12E-06	1.30E-05	1.12E-06	1.01E-06	3.06E-07	-1.37E-05
Eutrophication potential - seawater	eq. kg N	4.06E-03	5.71E-04	5.47E-06	4.63E-03	2.04E-05	1.10E-05	2.04E-05	1.83E-05	3.06E-06	-3.36E-05
Eutrophication potential - terrestrial	eq. mol N	4.29E-02	6.31E-03	5.66E-05	4.93E-02	2.22E-04	9.30E-05	2.22E-04	2.00E-04	3.33E-05	-4.51E-04
Potential for photochemical ozone synthesis	eq. kg NMVOC	1.51E-02	1.92E-03	7.04E-05	1.71E-02	6.80E-05	2.60E-05	6.80E-05	6.12E-05	9.64E-06	-1.08E-04
Potential for depletion of abiotic resources - non-fossil resources	eq. kg Sb	2.44E-04	4.51E-07	7.87E-09	2.44E-04	5.89E-08	3.34E-08	5.89E-08	5.30E-08	3.56E-09	-2.68E-06
Abiotic depletion potential - fossil fuels	MJ	5.12E+01	2.43E+00	6.84E-01	5.43E+01	2.47E-01	1.16E-01	2.47E-01	2.22E-01	2.43E-02	-3.16E-01
Water deprivation potential	eq. m ³	8.14E-01	1.02E-02	2.13E+00	2.95E+00	1.14E-03	2.40E-03	1.14E-03	1.03E-03	1.41E-04	-2.34E-02

Table 4 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of the product – additional impacts indicators (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1-A4	C1-C4	D
Particulate matter	disease incidence	INA	INA	INA
Potential human exposure efficiency relative to U235	eg. kBq U235	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems	CTUe	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (non-cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA
Potential soil quality index	dimensionless	INA	INA	INA

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Table 5 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of the product - the resource use (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Consumption of renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	3,38E+00	3,40E-02	1,83E-01	3,60E+00	3,54E-03	8.60E-03	3,54E-03	3,19E-03	4,27E-04	-3,63E-02
Consumption of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	2,20E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,20E-01	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	3,60E+00	3,40E-02	1,79E-03	3,64E+00	3,54E-03	8.60E-03	3,54E-03	3,19E-03	4,27E-04	-3,63E-02
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	4,82E+01	2,43E+00	9,20E+00	5,99E+01	2,47E-01	1.16E-01	2,47E-01	2,22E-01	2,63E-02	-3,16E-01
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	2,95E+00	0,00E+00	5,86E-01	3,53E+00	0,00E+00	0.00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Total consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	5,12E+01	2,43E+00	6,84E-01	5,43E+01	2,47E-01	1.16E-01	2,47E-01	2,22E-01	2,63E-02	-3,16E-01
Consumption of secondary materials	kg	1,21E-02	1,12E-03	4,64E-03	1,79E-02	8,27E-05	1.06E-05	8,27E-05	7,44E-05	0,00E+00	-1,91E-04
Consumption of renew. secondary fuels	MJ	7,62E-03	1,05E-05	8,65E-08	7,63E-03	9,11E-07	5.91E-08	9,11E-07	8,20E-07	0,00E+00	-1,16E-05
Consumption of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	9.39E-05	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Net consumption of freshwater	m ³	2,19E-02	2,73E-04	3,18E-04	2,25E-02	3,10E-05	3.15E-05	3,10E-05	2,79E-05	3,79E-06	-5,73E-04

Table 6 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results of the product – waste categories (DU: 1 kg)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste	kg	1.96E-01	3.41E-03	3.18E-04	1.99E-01	2.77E-04	1.20E-06	2.77E-04	2.49E-04	3.83E-08	-2.21E-03
Non-hazardous waste	kg	6.92E+00	6.45E-02	1.59E-02	7.00E+00	4.92E-03	6.24E-05	4.92E-03	4.42E-03	1.00E-01	-6.15E-02
Radioactive waste	kg	6.63E-05	6.18E-07	8.80E-05	1.55E-04	1.84E-08	8.70E-08	1.84E-08	1.66E-08	1.48E-07	-8.34E-07
Components for re-use	kg	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	0.00E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	9.96E-04	1.02E-04	5.22E-07	1.10E-03	7.64E-07	1.20E-07	7.64E-07	6.87E-07	0.00E+00	-4.28E-06
Materials for energy recovery	kg	3.63E-06	1.20E-07	1.11E-08	3.76E-06	6.18E-09	1.05E-09	6.18E-09	5.56E-09	0.00E+00	-3.98E-07
Exported Energy	MJ	5.26E-02	7.59E-04	2.22E-05	5.34E-02	0.00E+00	3.46E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-8.59E-04

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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.

The basis for LCA analysis was EN 15804+A2 and ITB PCR A
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Normative references

- ITB PCR A General Product Category Rules for Construction Products (2023)
- Krajowa Ocena Techniczna nr IBDiM-KOT/2021/0793
- SK Technické posúdenie SK TP-23/0028
- 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
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CERTIFICATE No 746/2025 of TYPE III ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION

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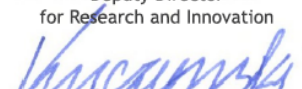
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