

# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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## MODULAR RESILIENT FLOORING Luxury vinyl tile (LVT)

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## Product

### Product description

This Environmental Product Declaration covers all styles and patterns of modular resilient flooring, LVT (Luxury Vinyl Tile).

### Application

Modular installation of resilient floor covering in commercial buildings

### Technical Data

Name	Value	Unit
Product form	Tiles (squares and planks)	-
Product thickness	4.5 - 5	mm
Total Weight	6540	grams/m <sup>2</sup>

ISO 10874 Classes 33/42



### Delivery Status

Available in a range of tile and plank sizes, mostly commonly 0.5 x 0.5 meter squares and 1.0 x 0.25 meter planks.

### Base Materials

Component	Value	Unit
Polyvinyl chloride	25 - 51	%
Di(2-ethylhexyl) terephthalate	9 -16	%
Limestone	51- 63	%
Titanium dioxide	<1	%
Carbon black	<1	%
Glass	<1	%

Produced through hot mixing and a continuous lamination process with an acoustic layer, a printed design layer, and a 0.55 mm wear layer. The product is then cut into tiles and packaged.

### Environment and health during manufacturing

- ISO 14001 Environmental Management System
- Compliance with Public Health and Environment requirements of NSF/ANSI 332 Sustainability Assessment for

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### Packaging

Planks and tiles are packaged in cardboard boxes. Packaging waste should be reused or sent local cardboard recycling facilities.

### Conditions of use

During the reference service life of the product, it should be cleaned in accordance with the product maintenance instructions including dust and damp mop cleaning and buffing. The frequency is dependent upon the expected foot traffic and local conditions.

### Environment and health during use

Product has low VOC emissions as indicated by compliance with the FloorScore Flooring Products Certification Program for Indoor Air Quality.

### Reference service life

The reference service life of this product is 15 years based on product warranty.

### Extraordinary effects

Fire:

Name	Value
EN13501-1 Reaction to Fire	Bfl-s1
ASTM E648 Radiant Panel	Class 1
ASTM E662 Smoke Density	<450

Water: The product is impervious to water, protecting the subfloor from leaks and spills. Exposure to flooding for long periods may result in damage to the product.

Mechanical destruction: The product is intended for commercial applications with heavy wear. Performance requires proper installation according to Interface installation guidelines.

### Re-use phase

The modular aspect of the product along with Tactile installation as opposed to glue-down methods allows for easy re-use of the product. The product is intended to be recycled through Interface's ReEntry 2.0 process.

### Disposal

At end of life the product should be returned to Interface through Interface's ReEntry 2.0 process by contacting Interface. Disposal in municipal landfill or commercial incineration facilities is permissible in accordance with local regulations.

### LCA: Calculation rules

### Declared unit

**Environment**



Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0.115	-
Mass	6.5	kg/m <sup>2</sup>

**System boundary**

This study includes all relevant cradle-to-grave environmental information for the life cycle of one square meter of carpet. The analysis period for each module is one fiscal year. The system boundaries include:

A1-A3 Product stage

- A1 raw material extraction and processing, and processing of recycled materials
- A2 transport to the factory
- A3 manufacturing including materials, packaging, energy, and waste disposal or recycling

A4-A5 Construction stage

- A4 transport to installation sites (Asia, US, and Europe)
- A5 installation including ancillary materials required for installation and trim-waste disposal

B2 Maintenance: Includes the energy for buffing and also the production and transport of cleaning agents. The treatment of the waste water from extraction cleaning is included.

C2 Transport of waste to local disposal

C4 Disposal

**Estimates and assumptions**

The datasets for materials upstream from manufacturing are a combination of information from the GaBi database and supplier provided datasets. Inventories for all materials are not available and when unavailable, conservative proxy datasets were chosen based on similarity of material.

**Cut-off criteria**

As dictated by the Part A: Calculation rules for the life cycle assessment and requirements, the cut-off criteria is less than 1% for energy use and less than 1% of total mass per unit process, the sum of which shall not exceed 5% of either energy or mass. If a flow met the cut-off criteria for exclusion, yet was thought to have significant environmental impact, then it was included.

**Background data**

The datasets for materials upstream from manufacturing are a combination of information from the GaBi database version 6.116 in 2016 and supplier provided datasets.

**Data quality**

The data quality ranges from good to very good. The temporal quality of the data is very good with both the

manufacturing specific data and the GaBi background data being from 2016.

**Period under review**

The data collection and the product described are an average product manufactured in 2016.

**Allocation**

Where relevant, the background data incorporates some allocation such as in the power mix. There are no co-products produced in the process, so the LCA model does not include allocation. No credits were taken for recycling of production waste.

**Comparability**

A comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all of the data sets were created according to EN15804 and the building contexts are taken into account.

**LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information**

**Declared unit**

Name	Value	Unit
Transport to the construction site (A4)		
Liters of fuel	0.040	l/100 km
Transport distance	7930	km
Capacity utilization	85	%
Installation in the building (A5)		
Auxiliary materials	0.004	kg
Maintenance (B2)		
Dust mop	7	1/week
Damp mop w/cleaner	1	1/week
Buffing	12	1/year
Electricity consumption	0.0792	MJ/year
Water	5.8	kg/year
Cleaning agent	0.119	kg/year
Reference service life (RSL)		
RSL	15	years
End of Life		
Transport to disposal	32.2	km
Landfilling	6.5	kg

LCA results

Description of the system boundary (X = included in LCA; MND = module not declared)

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PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS (BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY)
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement <sup>1)</sup>	Refurbishment <sup>1)</sup>	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction 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
X	X	X	X	X	MND	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	MND	X	MND

## Results of the LCA - Environmental impact potentials

CML 2001 - Jan. 2016

	A1-A3	A4 Asia	A4 EU	A4 US	A5	B2	C2	C4
GWP [kg CO2-Equiv.]	1.24E01	3.30E-01	1.39E00	1.00E00	5.32E-02	4.85E-01	1.03E-02	4.74E-01
ODP [kg R11-Equiv.]	1.31E-05	2.00E-12	5.72E-12	4.37E-12	6.64E-10	1.45E-08	6.74E-14	1.75E-11
AP [kg SO2-Equiv.]	5.95E-02	3.68E-03	3.53E-02	2.38E-02	1.71E-04	1.62E-03	7.79E-05	1.29E-03
EP [kg Phosphate-Equiv.]	4.75E-03	7.12E-04	3.92E-03	2.76E-03	1.05E-04	1.25E-04	2.05E-05	1.28E-03
POCP [kg Ethene-Equiv.]	4.49E-03	-8.05E-04	1.08E-03	3.95E-04	2.27E-05	2.15E-04	-3.33E-05	1.68E-04
ADPe [kg Sb-Equiv.]	5.74E03	4.35E-08	7.12E-08	6.12E-08	7.97E-09	7.01E-04	1.56E-09	9.09E-08
ADPf [MJ]	2.29E02	4.60E00	1.75E01	1.28E01	7.99E-01	1.06E01	1.47E-01	6.69E00

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	A1-A3	A4 Asia	A4 EU	A4 US	A5	B2	C2	C4
GWP [kg CO2-Equiv.]	1.22E01	3.30E-01	1.38E00	1.00E00	5.23E-02	4.83E-01	1.03E-02	4.68E-01
ODP [kg CFC 11-Equiv.]	1.75E-05	2.13E-12	6.08E-12	4.65E-12	8.68E-10	1.58E-08	7.17E-14	1.86E-11
AP [kg SO2-Equiv.]	5.84E-02	4.53E-03	3.79E-02	2.57E-02	1.75E-04	1.58E-03	1.06E-04	1.36E-03
EP [kg N-Equiv.]	3.32E-03	2.79E-04	1.38E-03	9.78E-04	5.05E-05	8.20E-05	8.32E-06	6.16E-04
SFP [kg O3-Equiv.]	5.25E-01	9.56E-02	7.08E-01	4.85E-01	2.44E-03	1.97E-02	2.41E-03	2.27E-02

Caption	GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential of land and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants; ADPE = Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources; SFP = Smog air
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## Results of the LCA - Resource use: declared unit and product

	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
PERE [MJ]	7	0.0655	-	0.0214	0.00237	-
PERM [MJ]	5.86	-	0.0401	0.111	-	-
PERT [MJ]	12.9	0.0655	0.0401	0.132	0.00237	-
PENRE [MJ]	25	4.62	-	0.2	0.147	-
PENRM [MJ]	228	-	0.844	11	-	-

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<b>PENRT [MJ]</b>	253	4.62	0.844	11.2	0.147	-
<b>SM [kg]</b>	0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>RSF [MJ]</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>NRSF [MJ]</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FW [m<sup>3</sup>]</b>	0.215	0.000807	3.54E-006	0.00496	2.98E-005	3.06E-005

Caption	PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non renewable primary energy excluding non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non renewable primary energy resources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water
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### Results of the LCA - Output flows and waste categories: declared unit and product

	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
<b>HWD [kg]</b>	7.58E-006	5.32E-009	3.1E-009	1.23E-010	1.88E-010	3.95E-008
<b>NHWD [kg]</b>	0.0296	0.000137	0.512	0.00119	4.97E-006	6.52
<b>RWD [kg]</b>	0.00432	7.43E-006	9.23E-006	0.000194	2.46E-007	0.000106
<b>CRU [kg]</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MFR [kg]</b>	0	-	-	-	-	0
<b>MER [kg]</b>	0	-	0	-	-	0
<b>EEE [MJ]</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>EET [MJ]</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

Caption	HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed; CRU = Components for re-use; MFR = Materials for recycling; MER = Materials for energy recovery; EEE = Exported electrical energy; EET = Exported thermal energy
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