

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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1. General Information

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Declared product / declared unit

1 kg of window fittings

Scope:

This ARGE EPD covers windows fittings designed to be integrated into window assemblies of varying materials and applications. The reference product used to calculate the impact this product group has on the environment is a window fitting composed primarily of zinc-based alloy, aluminium and steel and has been selected for the LCA (Life Cycle Assessment) because it is the product with the highest impact for 1 kg of product. A validity scope analysis has also been carried out to determine the limiting factors for window fittings covered by this EPD. In a preliminary study (simplified LCA), it has been confirmed that this EPD represents the worst-case condition and it can therefore be used to cover all window fittings manufactured in Europe by ARGE member companies. The owner of the declaration shall be liable for the underlying information and evidence; IBU shall not be liable with respect to manufacturer information, life cycle assessment data and evidences.

The EPD was created according to the specifications of EN 15804+A2. In the following, this standard will be referred to in simplified form as *EN 15804*.

Verification

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| The standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR | | |
| Independent verification of the declaration and data according to ISO 14025:2011 | | |
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EPD in verification

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(Independent verifier)

2. Product

2.1 Product description/Product definition

This EPD refers to mechanisms that allow the opening and closing of windows having a range of actions (e.g., pivoting, sliding, tilt and turn, etc.). It covers products with different raw material composition and different designs. For the use and application of the product the respective national provisions at the place of use apply.

2.2 Application

These products are designed to be integrated into window assemblies of varying materials and applications. Their purpose is to ensure the correct functionality of the window. They may be used for either interior or exterior windows.

2.3 Technical Data

Ideally, products should comply with a suitable technical specification.

EN 13126, parts 1-19, various publication dates,

Building hardware – Requirements and test methods for windows and door height windows, is an example of such a specification and some products will comply with this. The relevant grading structure is shown in the following table:

| Name | Value | Unit |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Category of use | - | Grade |
| Durability | 3, 4, 5 | Grade |
| Sash mass | - | Grade |
| Fire resistance | 0 | Grade |
| Safety | 1 | Grade |
| Corrosion resistance | 2, 3, 4 | Grade |
| Security – burglar resistance | - | Grade |
| Hinge grade | 2 - 17 | Grade |

2.4 Delivery status

The products are sold by unit. Deliveries of a single unit might be possible but will be an exception. Regular deliveries will cover a larger amount of window fittings as they are put on the market as "B2B" products and not for end-users.

2.5 Base materials/Ancillary materials

Composition of product analysed for this EPD:

The values given in the table below are for the product analysed for this EPD. Ranges of the values for other products covered by the validity scope analysis are shown in brackets.

| Name | Value | Unit |
|---|-------|------|
| Zinc (0.00% – 59.19%) | 59.19 | % |
| Steel (19.43% – 91.01%) | 19.43 | % |
| Aluminium (0.00% – 19.22%) | 19.22 | % |
| Stainless steel (0.00% – 6.60%) | 0.82 | % |
| Nylon 66 (0.67% – 5.23%) | 1.34 | % |
| ABS (0.00% – 0.06%) | 0 | % |
| Polyethylene high density (0.00% – 0.75%) | 0 | % |
| Nylon 6 (0.00% – 0.10%) | 0 | % |
| Polypropylene (0.00% – 0.13%) | 0 | % |
| Zinc-based alloy (0.00% – 10.79%) | 0 | % |
| ASA (0.00% – 0.21%) | 0 | % |

Zinc metal is produced using extractive metallurgy. The subcomponents made of zinc are made by die casting.

Aluminium is a non-ferrous metal produced from bauxite by the Bayer process. Subcomponents made of aluminium are made by extrusion.

Nylon 66 is a polyamide produced by the polycondensation of hexamethylenediamine and adipic acid in equal parts. This can then be combined with glass fibres to improve its mechanical properties. Subcomponents made of nylon are formed by injection moulding.

Steel is produced by combining iron with carbon as well as other elements depending on the desired characteristics. The subcomponents made of steel are formed by stamping.

Stainless steel is produced by combining iron with chromium as well as other elements depending on the desired characteristics. The subcomponents made of steel are formed by stamping.

1) This product/article/at least one partial article contains substances listed in the *ECHA candidate list* (date: 14.06.2023) exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass: Certain components may contain small amounts of lead (CAS no. 7439-92-1) as an alloying element.

2) This product/article/at least one partial article contains other cancerogen mutagen reprotoxic (CMR) substances in categories 1A or 1B which are not on the *ECHA candidate list*, exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass: no

3) Biocide products were added to this construction product or it has been treated with biocide products (this then concerns a treated product as defined by the (EU) *Ordinance on Biocide Products No. 528/2012*): no

2.6 Manufacture

The production of a windows fitting normally follows a 3-step procedure:

1. Prefabrication of the semi-finished products, this step might include a surface treatment on factory site or by external manufacturers.
2. Preassembly of assembly modules (onsite factory)
3. Final assembly (onsite factory)

The individual parts of the product are assembled manually.

2.7 Environment and health during manufacturing

Regular measurements of air quality and noise levels are performed by ARGE member manufacturers. The results shall

be within the compulsory safety levels. In areas where employees are exposed to chemical products, prescribed safety clothes and technical safety devices shall be provided. Regular health checks are mandatory for employees of production sites.

2.8 Product processing/Installation

The installation of the product could vary depending on the type of window and the specific situation but products shall not require energy consumption for installation.

2.9 Packaging

Normally each single product is packaged in paper. They are then packed by batch in a cardboard box and then get stacked on wooden pallets for transport to the customer (Door or window manufacturers). Waste from product packaging is collected separately for waste disposal (including recycling).

2.10 Condition of use

Once installed, the products shall require no servicing during their expected service lives. There shall be no consumption of water or energy linked to their use, and they shall not cause any emissions.

2.11 Environment and health during use

No environmental damage or health risks are to be expected during normal conditions of use.

2.12 Reference service life

The Reference Service Life is 30 years under normal working conditions. This corresponds to passing a mechanical endurance test of 25.000 cycles as specified in EN 13126. The Reference Service Life is dependent on the actual frequency of use and environmental conditions. It is required that installation, as well as maintenance of the product, must be

done in line with instructions provided by the manufacturer.

2.13 Extraordinary effects

Fire

There are no specific fire resistance requirements.

Water

The declared product is intended to be used in buildings under normal conditions (indoor or outdoor use). The product shall not emit hazardous substances in the event of flooding.

Mechanical destruction

Mechanical destruction of the declared product shall not materially alter its composition or have any adverse effect on the environment.

2.14 Re-use phase

Removal of window fittings (for re-use or re-cycling) shall have no adverse effect on the environment.

2.15 Disposal

Window fittings should be re-cycled wherever possible, providing that there is no adverse effect on the environment. The waste code in accordance with the *European Waste Code* is 17 04 07.

2.16 Further information

Details of all types and variants to be shown on the manufacturers' websites listed on <https://arge.org/members>

3. LCA: Calculation rules

3.1 Declared Unit

The declared unit for all products covered by ARGE EPD is 1 kg (of product). Since individual products will rarely weigh exactly 1 kg it is necessary to establish the exact weight of the product then use this as a correction factor to determine the true values for 1 kg of product in the tables (Section 5).

A total of three typical products (based on sales figures) have been evaluated, and the worst-case results are used in the tables.

Correction factor

| Name | Value | Unit |
|--------------------------|-------|------|
| Declared unit | 1 | kg |
| Mass of declared product | 1.47 | kg |

For IBU core EPDs (where clause 3.6 is part of the EPD): for average EPDs, an estimate of the robustness of the LCA values must be made, e.g., concerning the variability of the production process, geographical representativeness and the influence of background data and preliminary products compared to the environmental impacts caused by the actual production.

3.2 System boundary

Type of the EPD: "cradle to gate with options, with modules C1 – C4, and module D (A1-A3, C1-C3, D and additional modules)"

The analysis of the product life cycle includes the production

and transport of the raw materials, manufacture of the product and the packaging materials which are declared in modules A1-A3.

Losses during production are considered as waste and are sent for recycling. No recycling processes are taken into account except transport and electricity consumption for grinding the metals. When recycled metals are used as raw material only their transformation process is taken into account and not the extraction of the raw material.

A4 module represents the transport of the finished window fittings to the installation site.

There is no waste associated with the installation of the product. The A5 module therefore represents only the disposal of the product packaging.

The End-of-Life (EoL) stages are also considered. The transportation to the EoL disposal site is taken into account in module C2. Module C4 covers the disposal of the locks. Module C3 covers the recycling of the individual elements according to European averages, with the remaining waste divided between incineration and landfill. Such a mixed scenario is declared due to the complex material mix of the product and the dependency of the EoL-route on the EoL-route of the product the window fittings has been integrated into.

In practice, the end of life has been modelled as follows:

- when a material is sent for recycling, generic transport and electric consumption of a shredder is taken into account (corresponding to the process 'Grinding,

metals'). Only then, is the material considered to have attained the 'end of waste' state.

- each type of waste is modelled as a transport to the treatment site with a distance of 30 km. Parts sent for recycling include an electricity consumption (grinding) and a flow ('Materials for recycling, unspecified').

3.3 Estimates and assumptions

The LCA data of the declared windows fitting has been calculated from the production data of one ARGE member company, representing 3 different products. This company had been chosen by ARGE as being representative by means of its production processes and its market share. The window fittings chosen as representative for this calculation follow the "worst case" principle as explained under section 6. LCA interpretation.

3.4 Cut-off criteria

The cut-off criteria considered are 1% of renewable and non-renewable primary energy usage and 1% of the total mass of that unit process. The total neglected input flows per module shall be a maximum of 5% of energy usage and mass.

For this study, all input and output flows have been considered at 100%, including raw materials as per the product composition provided by the manufacturer and packaging of raw materials as well as the final product. Energy and water consumptions have also been considered at 100% according to the data provided.

With the approach chosen, no significant environmental impacts are known to have been cut-off.

3.5 Background data

For life cycle modelling of the considered product, all relevant background datasets are taken from *ecoinvent 3.8* (system model: cut-off by classification).

3.6 Data quality

The objective of this evaluation is to evaluate the environmental impacts generated by the products throughout their entire life cycles. To this end, *ISO 14040*, *ISO 14044* and *EN 15804* have been met regarding the quality of data on the following different criteria:

The time factor, the life cycle inventory data used comes from:

Data collected specifically for this study on the ARGE manufacturers' sites. Datasets are based on 1-year averaged data (time period: January 2013 to December 2013 considered representative for 2021).

In the absence of collected data, generic data from the *ecoinvent v.3.8* database has been used. This is updated regularly and is representative of current processes (the entire database having been updated in 2021).

Geography: Data comes from production sites of the ARGE manufacturers. Generic data comes from the *ecoinvent* database, representative of European production processes.

Technology: Material shaping technologies are based on European technology in the case of use of generic data.

3.7 Period under review

The data of the LCA is based on the annual production data of an ARGE member from 2013, considered also representative for the year 2023.

3.8 Geographic Representativeness

Land or region, in which the declared product system is manufactured, used or handled at the end of the product's lifespan: Europe

3.9 Allocation

The products covered by this EPD are produced in one production site. All data was provided by the manufacturer of the products per unit and then divided by the mass of the product to give a value per kg of product produced.

The assumptions relating to the EoL of the product are described in the section System Boundaries.

3.10 Comparability

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to *EN 15804* and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance, are taken into account.

The used background database has to be mentioned.

4. LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

Characteristic product properties biogenic carbon

Information on the biogenic carbon content at factory gate

| Name | Value | Unit |
|---|-------|------|
| Biogenic carbon content in product | 0 | kg C |
| Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging | | kg C |

The following information is the basis of the declared modules within the LCA in this EPD.

Transport to the building site (A4)

| Name | Value | Unit |
|---|-------|---------|
| Litres of fuel | 25.8 | l/100km |
| Transport distance | 3500 | km |
| Capacity utilisation (including empty runs) | 36 | % |

Installation into the building (A5)

| Name | Value | Unit |
|---------------|-------|------|
| Material loss | 0.144 | kg |

Reference service life

| Name | Value | Unit |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Reference service life | 30 | a |
| Test cycles over RSL (EN 13126) | 25'000 | cycles |

End of life (C1-C4)

| Name | Value | Unit |
|----------------------|-------|------|
| Collected separately | 1 | kg |
| Recycling | 0.317 | kg |
| Energy recovery | 0.314 | kg |
| Landfilling | 0.369 | kg |

It is assumed that a 16–32-ton truck is used to transport the product:

- Transport to shredding facility for metal recovery: 150 km
- Transport to municipal waste incineration plant: 50 km

- Transport to landfill: 30 km

Reuse, recovery and/or recycling potentials (D), relevant scenario information

Module D contains the benefits and loads beyond the system boundary related to the recycling of metals, which result from the treatment of recycled materials from the point of end-of-waste status to the point of substitution (as costs) and the substitution of primary resources (as benefits).

According to *EN 16710*, clause 6.4.3.3: 'In module D substitution effects are calculated only for the resulting net output flow.'

For building hardware, the following rules apply for the quantification of net output flows:

- all production scrap and cuttings leave modules A1-B3 as sorted scrap without allocated burdens from primary production;

the corresponding amounts are declared as material for recycling (MFR);

- net amounts of a metal leaving the product system are quantified as the material for recycling leaving modules A1-C4 minus the input of secondary scrap (secondary material, SM) to the product system

- in the case of brass and zinc alloys, which are composed of two different constituting metals, no difference shall be made between the input of secondary constituting metals (Cu and Zn; Cu and Sn) and its alloys (CuZn; CuSn).

Negative net output flows have not been considered in the quantification of module D.

It also includes the benefits and loads related to 'exported energy electricity' and 'exported energy heat' resulting from the energy recovery from plastic wastes in a MWIP as modelled in Modules A3, A5 and C4.

EPD in Verification

5. LCA: Results Please note – EPD in verification

In Table 1 "Description of the system boundary", the declared modules are indicated with an "X"; all modules that are not declared within the EPD but where additional data are available are indicated with "MND". Those data can also be used for building assessment scenarios. The values are declared with three valid digits in exponential form.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; ND = MODULE OR INDICATOR NOT DECLARED; MNR = MODULE NOT RELEVANT)

| Product stage | | | Construction process stage | | Use stage | | | | | | | End of life stage | | | | Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|---|
| Raw material supply | Transport | Manufacturing | Transport from the gate to the site | Assembly | Use | Maintenance | Repair | Replacement | Refurbishment | 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 | MND | MNR | MNR | MNR | MND | MND | X | X | X | X | X |

RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT according to EN 15804+A2: 1 kg of window fittings

| Parameter | Unit | A1-A3 | A4 | A5 | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | D |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| GWP-total | kg CO ₂ eq | 1.1E+01 | 6.52E-01 | 2.53E-01 | 0 | 1.54E-02 | 3.28E-03 | 1.95E-02 | -4.96E+00 |
| GWP-fossil | kg CO ₂ eq | 1.12E+01 | 6.52E-01 | 6.13E-02 | 0 | 1.54E-02 | 3.27E-03 | 1.95E-02 | -4.95E+00 |
| GWP-biogenic | kg CO ₂ eq | -2.09E-01 | 0 | 1.92E-01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GWP-luluc | kg CO ₂ eq | 2.7E-02 | 2.61E-04 | 1.38E-06 | 0 | 6.15E-06 | 8.16E-06 | 3.48E-06 | -1.53E-02 |
| ODP | kg CFC11 eq | 5.93E-07 | 1.51E-07 | 7.26E-10 | 0 | 3.56E-09 | 1.66E-10 | 1.3E-09 | -1.77E-07 |
| AP | mol H ⁺ eq | 8.63E-02 | 1.85E-03 | 2.21E-05 | 0 | 4.37E-05 | 1.68E-05 | 3.48E-05 | -3.67E-02 |
| EP-freshwater | kg P eq | 5.15E-04 | 4.65E-06 | 3.56E-08 | 0 | 1.1E-07 | 3.67E-07 | 7.34E-08 | -2.23E-04 |
| EP-marine | kg N eq | 1.3E-02 | 3.68E-04 | 8.1E-06 | 0 | 8.67E-06 | 2.16E-06 | 1.29E-05 | -4.98E-03 |
| EP-terrestrial | mol N eq | 1.39E-01 | 4.1E-03 | 8.8E-05 | 0 | 9.67E-05 | 2.5E-05 | 1.33E-04 | -5.57E-02 |
| POCP | kg NMVOC eq | 4.21E-02 | 1.58E-03 | 2.37E-05 | 0 | 3.72E-05 | 6.82E-06 | 3.97E-05 | -1.75E-02 |
| ADPE | kg Sb eq | 1.37E-03 | 2.31E-06 | 1.28E-08 | 0 | 5.45E-08 | 7.92E-09 | 1.74E-08 | -5.45E-04 |
| ADPF | MJ | 1.21E+02 | 9.89E+00 | 5.01E-02 | 0 | 2.33E-01 | 6.93E-02 | 9.47E-02 | -4.68E+01 |
| WDP | m ³ world eq deprived | 2.63E+00 | 3.01E-02 | 7.3E-04 | 0 | 7.09E-04 | 7.74E-04 | -9.77E-04 | -9.13E-01 |

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; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential

RESULTS OF THE LCA - INDICATORS TO DESCRIBE RESOURCE USE according to EN 15804+A2: 1 kg of window fittings

| Parameter | Unit | A1-A3 | A4 | A5 | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | D |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| PERE | MJ | 1.34E+01 | 1.39E-01 | -7.08E-01 | 0 | 3.28E-03 | 1.31E-02 | 3.96E-03 | -5.95E+00 |
| PERM | MJ | 1.78E+00 | 0 | -1.43E-02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PERT | MJ | 1.51E+01 | 1.39E-01 | -7.22E-01 | 0 | 3.28E-03 | 1.31E-02 | 3.96E-03 | -5.95E+00 |
| PENRE | MJ | 1.21E+02 | 9.89E+00 | 8.28E-01 | 0 | 2.33E-01 | 6.99E-02 | 2.75E-01 | -4.69E+01 |
| PENRM | MJ | 5.31E-01 | 0 | -7.78E-01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1.81E-01 | 0 |
| PENRT | MJ | 1.21E+02 | 9.89E+00 | 5.01E-02 | 0 | 2.33E-01 | 6.99E-02 | 9.47E-02 | -4.69E+01 |
| SM | kg | 3.45E-01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RSF | MJ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NRSF | MJ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FW | m ³ | 9.5E-02 | 1.05E-03 | 7.66E-05 | 0 | 2.47E-05 | 4.46E-05 | 2.17E-04 | -3.71E-02 |

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

RESULTS OF THE LCA – WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS according to EN 15804+A2: 1 kg of window fittings

| Parameter | Unit | A1-A3 | A4 | A5 | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | D |
|-----------|------|----------|----------|----------|----|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| HWD | kg | 9.5E-04 | 2.58E-05 | 2.39E-07 | 0 | 6.08E-07 | 2.46E-08 | 1.78E-07 | 2.9E-04 |
| NHWD | kg | 3.63E+00 | 5.2E-01 | 4.46E-03 | 0 | 1.23E-02 | 2.61E-04 | 3.69E-01 | -1.23E+00 |
| RWD | kg | 6.24E-04 | 1.43E-04 | 6.08E-07 | 0 | 3.37E-06 | 9.32E-07 | 1.22E-06 | -1.41E-04 |
| CRU | kg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| MFR | kg | 6.66E-01 | 0 | 8.09E-02 | 0 | 0 | 4.9E-01 | 0 | 0 |
| MER | kg | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EEE | MJ | 6.46E-03 | 0 | 5.77E-02 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7.66E-03 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----------|---|----------|---|---|---|----------|---|
| EET | MJ | 4.28E-02 | 0 | 3.83E-01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.07E-02 | 0 |
|-----|----|----------|---|----------|---|---|---|----------|---|

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

RESULTS OF THE LCA – additional impact categories according to EN 15804+A2-optional: 1 kg of window fittings

| Parameter | Unit | A1-A3 | A4 | A5 | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | D |
|-----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| PM | Disease incidence | 8.64E-07 | 5.24E-08 | 3.1E-10 | 0 | 1.23E-09 | 4.5E-11 | 9.67E-10 | -3.81E-07 |
| IR | kBq U235 eq | 2.93E-01 | 4.29E-02 | 1.88E-04 | 0 | 1.01E-03 | 6.31E-04 | 4.03E-04 | -6.06E-02 |
| ETP-fw | CTUe | 5.14E+02 | 7.76E+00 | 1.05E-01 | 0 | 1.83E-01 | 3.49E-02 | 2.77E+01 | -2.11E+02 |
| HTP-c | CTUh | 3.66E-08 | 2.5E-10 | 3.73E-12 | 0 | 5.88E-12 | 9.32E-13 | 1.2E-11 | -8.8E-09 |
| HTP-nc | CTUh | 9.87E-07 | 7.84E-09 | 1.6E-10 | 0 | 1.85E-10 | 3.03E-11 | 1.34E-10 | -2.88E-07 |
| SQP | SQP | 6.41E+01 | 6.89E+00 | 3.02E-02 | 0 | 1.62E-01 | 1.07E-02 | 1.62E-01 | -1.41E+01 |

PM = Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions; IR = Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235; ETP-fw = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems; HTP-c = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (cancerogenic); HTP-nc = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (not cancerogenic); SQP = Potential soil quality index

Disclaimer 1 –

for the indicator 'Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235'. This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.

Disclaimer 2 –

for the indicators 'abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources', 'abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources', 'water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption', 'potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems', 'potential comparative toxic unit for humans – cancerogenic', 'Potential comparative toxic unit for humans - not cancerogenic', 'potential soil quality index'. The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experienced with the indicator.

6. LCA: Interpretation

Figure 1 illustrates the relative contributions of the different modules along the life cycle of the declared products.

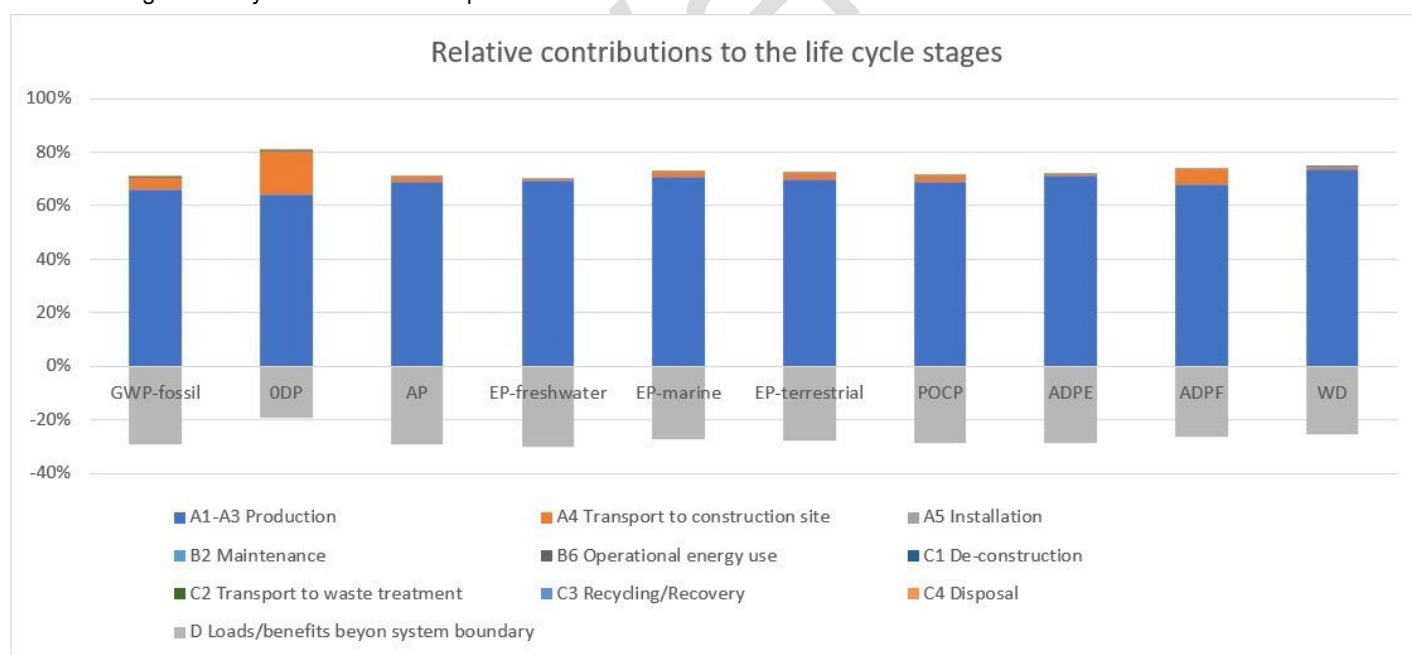


Figure 1: Environmental impacts of window fittings (WF) along its life cycle

The largest part of environmental impacts is caused during production (modules A1-A3); comparably small impacts are caused during the transport of the product to the construction site (via the manufacturer of the product, which the window fitting has been integrated into).

All the other modules related to the product life cycle are not significant.

Benefits and burdens beyond the system boundary (module D) are in the order of 20 % to 30 % of the impacts over the product life cycle (modules A1-A3) and relate basically to the recycling of metals.

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