

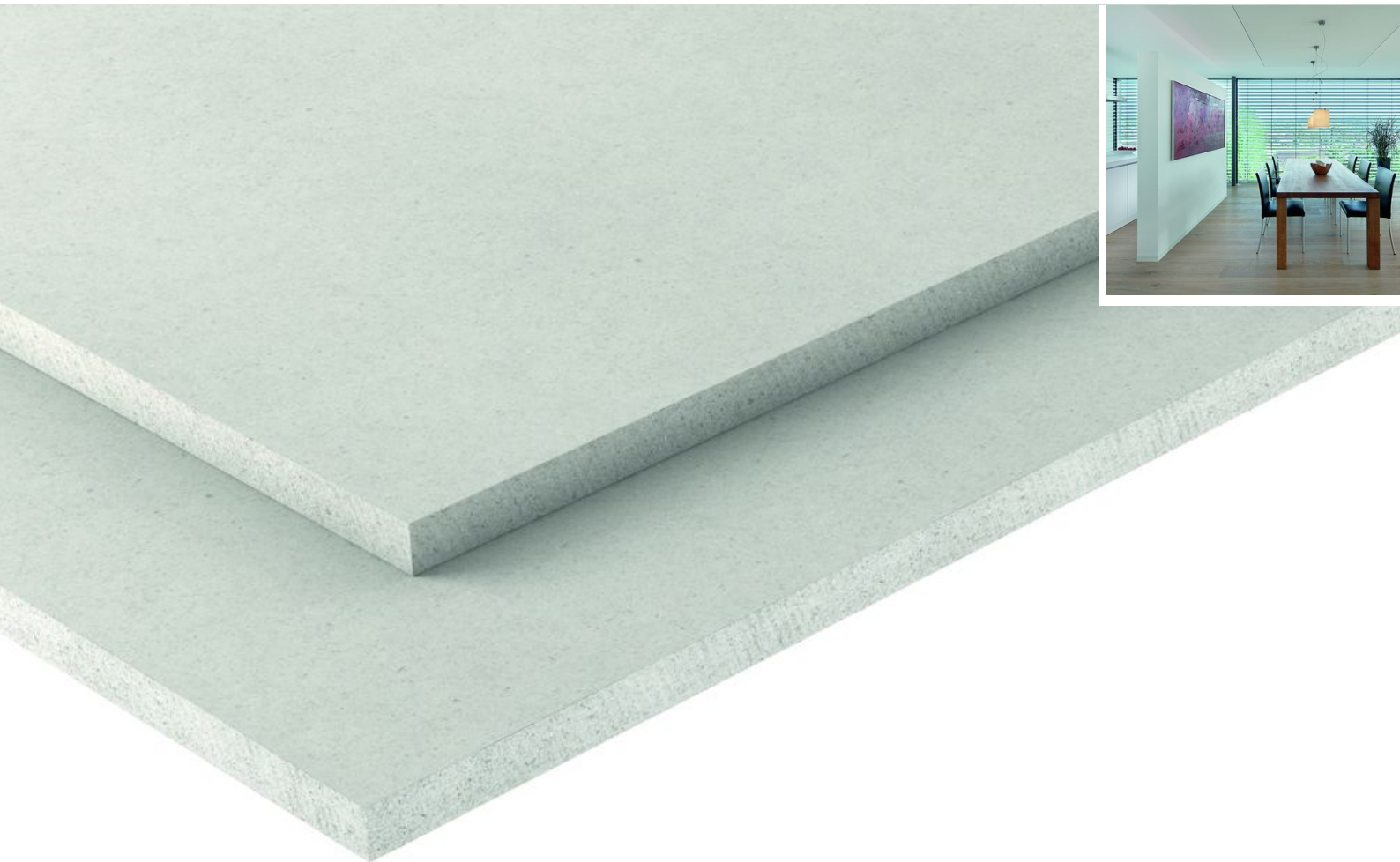
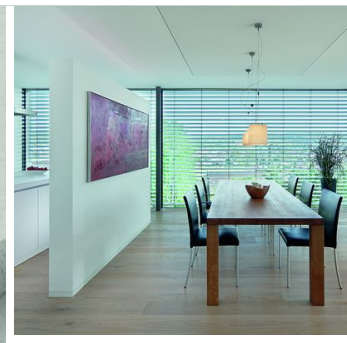
# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

as per ISO 14025 and EN 15804

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### Flooring Elements

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#### Declared product / Declared unit

1 m<sup>2</sup> Fermacell flooring element. The environmental impacts of 3 sheathings based on an area of 1 m<sup>2</sup> are also outlined in the Annex to this EPD.

#### Scope:

This Environmental Product Declaration refers to coated flooring elements comprising 2 Fermacell gypsum fibreboards glued to each other in an offset arrangement. Specific data was averaged from 3 Fermacell plants (Münchehof, Sieglingen and Wijchen) as a data basis. The LCA comprises the recovery of raw materials and energy, raw material transport and the actual manufacturing phase for coated flooring elements. The analysis involves 1 m<sup>2</sup> of an average flooring element (coated) with an average density of 1.18 t/m<sup>3</sup>. As the flooring elements can be sheathed, the LCA parameters for specific calculation of sheathed product variants are outlined in the Annex to this EPD. The owner of the declaration shall be liable for the underlying information and evidence; the IBU shall not be liable with respect to manufacturer information, life cycle assessment data and evidences.

#### Verification

The CEN Norm /EN 15804/ serves as the core PCR  
Independent verification of the declaration  
according to /ISO 14025/

☐ internally ☒ externally



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## Product

### Product description / Product definition

FERMACELL flooring elements comprise FERMACELL gypsum fibreboards glued to each other; special structural panels made of plaster and cellulose fibres.

Directive (EU) No. 305/2011 (CPR) applies for placing the product on the market in the EU/EFTA (with the exception of Switzerland). The product requires a Declaration of Performance taking consideration of the European Technical Approval /ETA-03/006/ and CE marking.

### Application

FERMACELL flooring elements are suitable for practical production of dry construction flooring structures.

Use is governed by the respective national regulations.

### Technical Data

The product's performance values correspond with the Declaration of Performance in terms of its essential properties in accordance with /ETA -03/006/.

### Base materials / Ancillary materials

#### Raw materials:

- Beta-hemihydrate: 80 – 85% (approx. 18% from returns)

- Cellulose fibres: 15 – 20%

#### Ancillary materials / Additives:

- Retarders: < 0.2%

- Accelerators: 2 – 4 %

- Coating agents: total approx. 90-110 g/m<sup>2</sup> (on both sides)

Packaging materials (PE shrink film, reusable wooden pallets) are used as ancillary materials. No other additives are used.

#### Material definitions:

**Beta-hemihydrate:** Beta-hemihydrate ( $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 1/2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) arises when burning gypsum ( $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) under a normal atmosphere and at temperatures of 130 to 170 °C by removing the water of crystallisation. Gypsum or calcium sulphate is a mineral in the hydrated sulphates class. Gypsum occurs in nature and can also be manufactured industrially, e.g. via flue gas desulphurisation while burning coal.

Furthermore, production residue (grinding dust, trimmings or even customer returns) is used to produce beta-hemihydrate by calcining in the returns plant. Returns account for an average share of approx. 18%. Returns do not contain any other building materials, e.g. building rubble.

**Cellulose fibres:** Cellulose fibres are manufactured by recycling waste paper. The waste paper is pre-crushed in a special crushing machine before defibering in a fibre mill.

**Retarders:** Beta-hemihydrate sets immediately after pressing and is adjusted accordingly. Various fruit acids (e.g. citric acid  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{O}_7$ ) and modified protein hydrolysate (e.g. Retardan) can be used as retarders. Nowadays, citric acid is manufactured using a transgenic variant of "Aspergillus niger".

**Accelerators:** Grinding dust from production (i.e. calcium sulphate) is used as an accelerator.

**Coating agents:** The coating agent has the task of binding the dust while providing a slightly water-resistant impregnation of the surface. The coating agent involves an aqueous solution including a biological hydrocolloid made from renewable plant seeds.

The base materials / ancillary materials for sheathing are:

Sheathing material	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
EPS	0.2
Wood fibre	2.5
Mineral wool	1.65

#### Reference service life

Building product life cycles are dependent on the respective building design, use and maintenance.

## LCA: Calculation rules

#### Declared Unit

This core EPD refers to the manufacture of 1 m<sup>2</sup> FERMACELL flooring element.

#### Declared unit

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>
Unit area	29,50	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0.034	-

Furthermore, the environmental profiles for 3 sheathings based on the above specifications are depicted in the Annex. The environmental profiles for sheathings were calculated for installation on one side. Any additional adhesive / fixing agents required are included in the sheathing results.

#### System boundary

The selected system boundaries comprise manufacture of the product, including the extraction of raw materials through to the ready-packaged product at the plant gate (cradle-to-gate).

The review framework comprises the following details:

- Raw material supply
- Energy supply

- Transporting and packaging the raw materials and primary products
- Manufacture (energy, waste, emissions)

Use is not included in the calculation on account of the multiple application and construction possibilities. Disposal of the product under review is not sufficiently quantifiable on account of its long service life and is therefore not included in the analysis.

On the input side, all material flows integrated in the system and greater than 1% of its entire mass or contributing more than 1% to the primary energy consumption are taken into consideration. On the output side, all material flows are recorded which leave the system and whose environmental effects are greater than 1% of all effects in a category taken into consideration.

#### 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.

## LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

Not of relevance for this cradle-to-gate EPD

## LCA: Results

The environmental impacts associated with 1 m<sup>2</sup> average un-sheathed flooring element with a unit weight of 29.50 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, manufactured by FERMACELL GmbH, are outlined below. The following tables depict the results of the indicators of the estimated impact, use of resources, waste and other output flows. Modules marked "x" as per /EN 15804/ are addressed here.

The environmental impacts and indicators for the Life Cycle Inventory Analysis for the various sheathings are indicated in the Annex.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; MND = MODULE NOT DECLARED)

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	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: 1 m<sup>2</sup> fermacell flooring element

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3
Global warming potential	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	2.50E+0
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer	[kg CFC11-Eq.]	4.80E-11
Acidification potential of land and water	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	3.96E-3
Eutrophication potential	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3</sup> -Eq.]	6.95E-4
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants	[kg ethene-Eq.]	1.38E-4
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources	[kg Sb-Eq.]	1.69E-4
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources	[MJ]	3.64E+1

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - RESOURCE USE: 1 m<sup>2</sup> fermacell flooring element

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3
Renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	7.82E+0
Renewable primary energy resources as material utilization	[MJ]	3.72E-2
Total use of renewable primary energy resources	[MJ]	7.85E+0
Non-renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	3.87E+1
Non-renewable primary energy as material utilization	[MJ]	5.49E-3
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	[MJ]	3.87E+1
Use of secondary material	[kg]	7.03E+0
Use of renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+0
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+0
Use of net fresh water	[m <sup>3</sup> ]	1.32E-2

### RESULTS OF THE LCA – OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES:

#### 1 m<sup>2</sup> fermacell flooring element

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3
Hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	3.47E-7
Non-hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	5.34E-2
Radioactive waste disposed	[kg]	8.97E-4
Components for re-use	[kg]	0.00E+0
Materials for recycling	[kg]	0.00E+0
Materials for energy recovery	[kg]	0.00E+0
Exported electrical energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0
Exported thermal energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0

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