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Product

SPC with IXPE backing

(UNSPSC Class Code 30161707)

Functional Unit

The functional unit is one square meter of flooring over a 75-year period

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In accordance with ISO 21930:2017, EPDs are comparable only if they comply with the core PCR, use the same sub-category PCR where applicable, include all relevant information modules and are based on equivalent scenarios with respect to the context of construction works.

1. CFL Flooring

CFL Flooring (Creative Flooring Solutions) is the largest manufacturer of Rigid Luxury Vinyl and other hybrid flooring products worldwide. The company has grown into a worldwide pioneer committed to developing, and manufacturing and marketing sustainable value-added flooring products.

CFL unites over 4500 associates across different locations (USA, China, Europe and Vietnam) that combine years of technical flooring expertise and work towards the common vision of leading flooring innovation. Its extensive patent portfolio made up of hundreds of patents granted and filed is a core element in fulfilling its vision and protecting the value offered to its customers.

2. Product

2.1 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

CFL's SPC flooring with IXPE backing is a rigid core vinyl flooring designed for both residential and commercial applications. The product is waterproof, easy to install & maintain, and is suitable for all areas of your home, thanks to its exceptional dimensional stability and durability. The product features ultra low VOC emission which contributes to better indoor air environment. CFL's SPC Vinyl floors include an attached IXPE backing, significantly improving sound reduction, making it the ideal product for busy households.

The SPC flooring is made primarily from polyvinyl chloride (PVC), calcium carbonate (mineral reinforcement), plasticizers and additives (i.e., pigments and stabilizers) with an IXPE backing.

2.2 PRODUCT FLOW DIAGRAM

A flow diagram illustrating the production processes and life cycle phases included in the scope of the EPD is provided below.

2.3 APPLICATION

The products provide the primary function of flooring for interior applications. The flooring products are used in various residential and commercial applications including retail, healthcare, education, and hospitality.

2.4 DECLARATION OF METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

The scope of the EPD is cradle-to-grave, including raw material extraction and processing, transportation, product manufacture, product delivery, installation and use, and product disposal. The life cycle phases included in the product system boundary are shown below.

Cut-off and allocation procedures are described below and conform to the PCR and ISO standards.

Table 1. *Life cycle phases included in the product system boundary.*

Product			Construction Process		Use							End-of-life				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Raw material extraction and processing	Transport to manufacturer	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction - installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, recovery and/or recycling potential
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	MND

X = included | MND = Module Not Declared

2.5 TECHNICAL DATA

Technical specifications for the SPC flooring product are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2. *Product specifications for SPC flooring with IXPE backing.*

Characteristic			Description			
Sustainable certifications			FloorScore (SCS), Assure (SCS), GreenGuard Gold (UL), IAC Gold (EuroFins).			
VOC emissions test method			CDPH, EN 16516, ISO16000-3-6-9-11, ASTM D5116-10.			
Characteristic			**Nominal Value**	**Unit**	**Minimum Value**	**Maximum Value**
Product thickness			5.0 (0.20)	mm (in)	4.0 (0.16)	8.0 (0.31)
Wear layer thickness (where applicable)			0.6 (0.02)	mm (in)	0.2 (0.01)	0.7 (0.03)
Product weight			8,041 (26.35)	g/m^2 (oz/ft^2)	6,046 (19.81)	13,471 (44.15)
Product Form	Tiles	Width	405.0 (15.94)	mm (in)	300.0 (11.81)	615.0 (24.21)
		Length	810.0 (31.89)	mm (in)	600.0 (23.62)	1,230 (48.43)
Product Form	Planks	Width	192.0 (7.56)	mm (in)	108.0 (4.25)	234.0 (9.21)
		Length	1,235 (48.62)	mm (in)	615.0 (24.21)	2,260 (88.98)

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The products are tested to the following standards:

ASTM Standard	Description	ISO Standard	Description
ASTM F925	Standard Test Method for Resistance to Chemicals of Resilient Flooring	ISO 4918	Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Castor chair test
ASTM F2199	Standard Test Method for Determining Dimensional Stability of Resilient Floor Tile after Exposure to Heat	EN ISO 16581	Resilient and laminate floor coverings - Determination of the effect of simulated movement of a furniture leg
ATSM F1514	Standard Test Method for Measuring Heat Stability of Resilient Flooring by Color Change	ISO 24334	Laminate floor coverings — Determination of locking strength for mechanically assembled panels
ASTM F1515	Standard Test Method for Measuring Light Stability of Resilient Flooring by Color Change	ISO 24337	Laminate floor coverings — Determination of geometrical characteristics
ASTM 1914	Standard Test Methods for Short-Term Indentation and Residual Indentation of Resilient Floor Covering	EN 12664	Determination of thermal resistance by means of guarded hot plate and heat flow meter methods.
ASTM F2421	Standard Test Method for Measurement of Resilient Floor Plank by Dial Gauge	ISO 23999	Resilient floor coverings — Determination of dimensional stability and curling after exposure to heat
ASTM F970	Standard Test Method for Measuring Recovery Properties of Floor Coverings after Static Loading	ISO 10582	Resilient floor coverings — Heterogeneous poly(vinyl chloride) floor covering — Specifications
ASTM F387	Standard Test Method for Measuring Thickness of Resilient Floor Covering With Foam Layer	EN 438	High-pressure decorative laminates (HPL) - Sheets based on thermosetting resins - Part 1: Introduction and general information
ASTM F3261	Standard Specification for Resilient Flooring in Modular Format with Rigid Polymeric Core	DIN 51130	Testing of floor coverings - Determination of the anti-slip property - Workrooms and fields of activities with slip danger - Walking method - Ramp test
ASTM F410	Standard Test Method for Wear Layer Thickness of Resilient Floor Coverings by Optical Measurement	EN 13893	Resilient, laminate and textile floor coverings - Measurement of dynamic coefficient of friction on dry floor surfaces

2.6 MARKET PLACEMENT/APPLICATION RULES

Technical specifications of the flooring products are summarized below. Detailed product performance results can be found on the manufacturer's website www.cflflooring.com.

2.7 PROPERTIES OF DECLARED PRODUCT AS DELIVERED

The LVT flooring products are delivered for installation in the form of tiles and planks of various dimensions.

2.8 MATERIAL COMPOSITION

The SPC flooring is made primarily from polyvinyl chloride (PVC), calcium carbonate (mineral reinforcement), plasticizers and additives (i.e., pigments and stabilizers). The product is structured with multiple layers including an IXPE backing layer, a high definition photographic layer, a PVC wear layer and a polyurethane (PU) protective layer.

Table 3. *Material content for the SPC flooring products in kg per square meter and percent of total mass.*

Material	kg/m² (percent)
PVC	1.84
	23%
$CaCO_3$	3.22
	40%
Plasticizer	8.60×10^{-3}
	0.11%
Stabilizer	6.73×10^{-2}
	0.84%
IXPE	0.135
	1.7%
Regrind	2.66
	33%
Other	0.108
	1.3%
Total Product	**8.04**
	100%

No substances required to be reported as hazardous are associated with the production of this product.

2.9 MANUFACTURING

The products are manufactured at the production facility in China. The manufacturer provided primary data for their annual production, resource use and electricity consumption and waste generation at the facility. Electricity consumption is modeled using Ecoinvent datasets for the regional electricity grid resource mix.

The production of luxury vinyl tile flooring involves the following general manufacturing processes. The raw materials are first mixed and heated. The mixture is then calendared into a sheet to create the backing or the transparent wear layers. The sheets are cut and laminated with a print film. The semi-finished product is coated with a lacquer and annealed. Finally, the product is cut into tiles or planks and packaged. Quality checks are made at each step of the production process.

2.10 PACKAGING

The products are packaged for shipment using paper, plastic wrap, corrugated board and wooden pallets.

Table 4. *Material content for the flooring product packaging in kg per square meter of flooring.*

Material	kg/m² (percent)
Corrugated	1.25×10^{-2}
	82%
Paper	3.00×10^{-5}
	0.2%
Plastic	1.31×10^{-4}
	0.85%
Wood	2.64×10^{-3}
	17%
Total Packaging	**1.53×10^{-2}**
	100%

2.11 PRODUCT INSTALLATION

Installation of the product is accomplished using hand tools with negligible impacts. The impacts associated with packaging disposal are included with the installation phase as per PCR requirements.

2.12 USE CONDITIONS

No special conditions of use are noted.

2.13 REFERENCE SERVICE LIFE

The Reference Service Life (RSL) of the flooring products varies based on the manufacturer's warranted lifetime.

2.14 RE-USE PHASE

The flooring products are not reused at end-of-life.

2.15 DISPOSAL

At end-of-life, the products are disposed of in a landfill.

2.16 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on the product can be found on the manufacturer's website www.cflflooring.com.

3. LCA: Calculation Rules

3.1 FUNCTIONAL UNIT

The functional unit used in the study is defined as 1 m^2 of floor covering installed for use over a 75-year period. The corresponding reference flow for each product system is presented in Table 5. For the present assessment, a reference service lifetime (RSL) corresponding to the manufacturer's warranted lifetime is assumed. The total number of required product lifecycles during the 75-year period over which the product system is modeled is also summarized for the products in Table 5.

Table 5. *Reference flow and RSL for the LVT flooring products.*

Reference flow (kg/m^2)	Reference Service Life – RSL (years)	Total # of Products Modeled
8.04	15	5

3.2 SYSTEM BOUNDARY

The scope of the EPD is cradle-to-grave, including raw material extraction and processing, transportation, product manufacture, product delivery, installation and use, and product disposal. The life cycle phases included in the EPD scope are described in Table 6 and illustrated in Figure 1.

Table 6. *The modules and unit processes included in the scope for the flooring product system.*

Module	Module description from the PCR	Unit Processes Included in Scope
A1	Extraction and processing of raw materials; any reuse of products or materials from previous product systems; processing of secondary materials; generation of electricity from primary energy resources; energy, or other, recovery processes from secondary fuels	Extraction and processing of raw materials for the flooring components.
A2	Transport (to the manufacturer)	Transport of component materials to the manufacturing facility
A3	Manufacturing, including ancillary material production	Manufacturing of flooring products and packaging (incl. upstream unit processes)
A4	Transport (to the building site)	Transport of product (including packaging) to the building site
A5	Construction-installation process	The product is installed using the manufacturer's recommended, or similar, adhesives with negligible impacts. Only impacts from packaging disposal are included in this phase.
B1	Product use	Use of the flooring in a commercial building setting. There are no associated emissions or impacts from the use of the product
B2	Product maintenance	Maintenance of products over the 75-year ESL, including periodic cleaning.
B3	Product repair	The flooring is not expected to require repair over its lifetime.
B4	Product replacement	The materials and energy required for replacement of the product over the 75-year ESL of the assessment are included in this phase
B5	Product refurbishment	The flooring is not expected to require refurbishment over its lifetime.
B6	Operational energy use by technical building systems	There is no operational energy use associated with the use of the product
B7	Operational water use by technical building systems	There is no operational water use associated with the use of the product
C1	Deconstruction, demolition	Demolition of the product is accomplished using hand tools with no associated emissions and negligible impacts
C2	Transport (to waste processing)	Transport of flooring product to waste treatment at end-of-life
C3	Waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling	The product is disposed of by landfilling which require no waste processing
C4	Disposal	Disposal of flooring product in municipal landfill
D	Reuse-recovery-recycling potential	Module Not Declared

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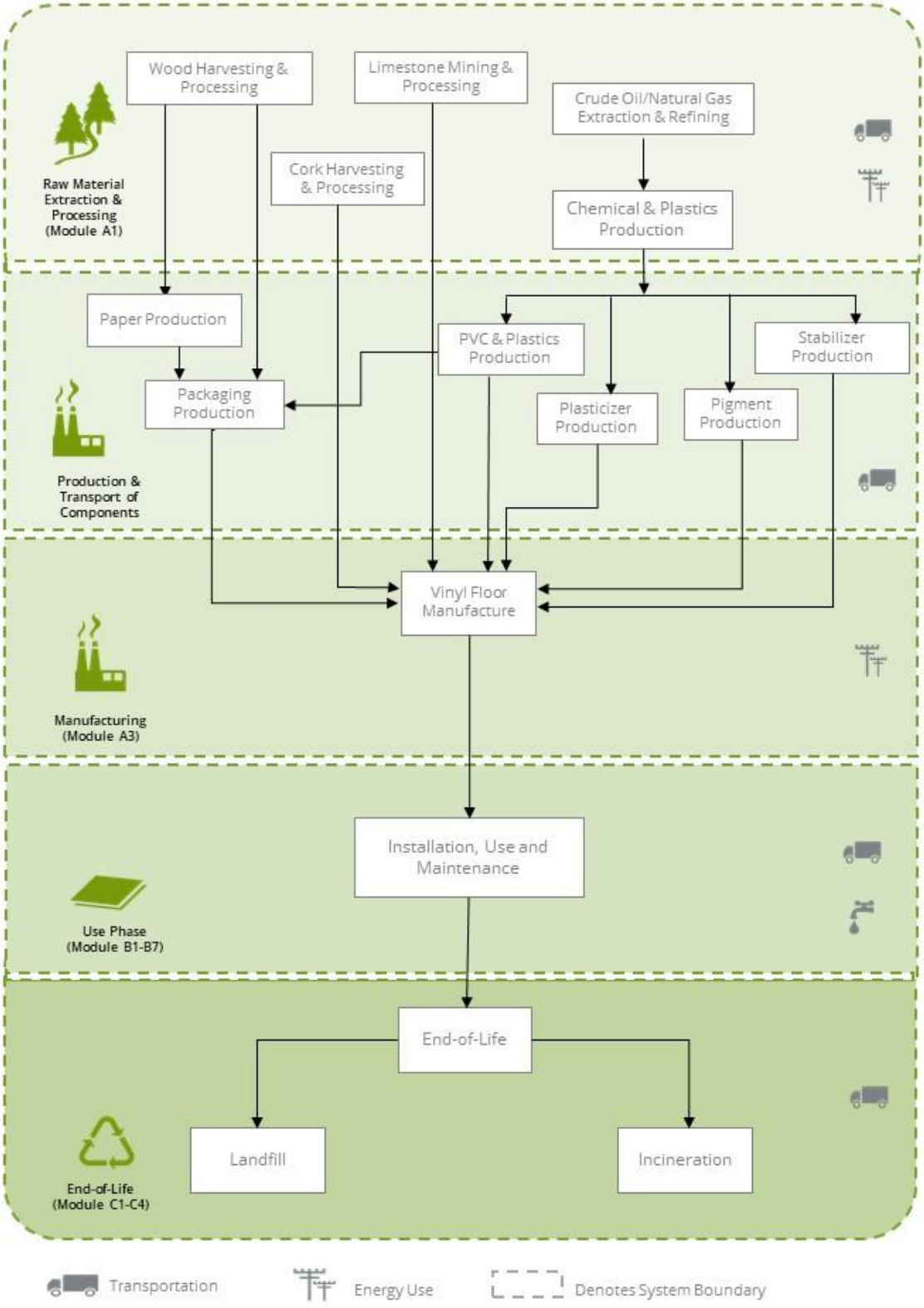

Figure 1. *Flow diagram for the life cycle of the LVT flooring products.*

3.3 PRODUCT SPECIFIC CALCULATION FOR USE PHASE

The recommended cleaning regime is highly dependent on the use of the premises where the floor covering is installed. In high traffic areas more frequent cleaning will be needed compared to areas where there is low traffic. For the purposes of this EPD, average maintenance (moderate traffic levels) is presented based on typical installations.

3.4 UNITS

All data and results are presented using SI units.

3.5 ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

- Electricity use at the manufacturing facility was allocated to the products based on the product area as a fraction of the total production.
- The manufacturing facility under review are located in China. Ecoinvent inventory datasets for the appropriate regional energy grid was used to model resource use and emissions from electricity use at the manufacturing facility.
- Life cycle inventory data for the plasticizer, dioctyl terephthalate (DOTP), were not available. Inventory data developed for diisoheptyl phthalate (DIHP) was used as a surrogate to represent DOTP in the LCA model.
- Inventory data for some material components were unavailable and modeled using proxy datasets from the Ecoinvent LCI databases.
- The Reference Service Life (RSL) of the products was modeled based on information provided by the manufacturer assuming their products are installed and maintained as recommended and used for the specific application noted.
- Downstream transport was modeled based on information provided by the manufacturer representing transport for product distribution to North America.
- The maintenance phase of the product life cycle was modeled based on information provided by the manufacturer including recommended installation and cleaning methods, as well as cleaning frequency.
- For the product end-of-life, disposal of product and product packaging is modeled based on the PCR guidance regarding recycling rates of product and packaging materials.
- For final disposal of the packaging material and flooring products at end-of-life, all materials are assumed to be transported 20 miles by diesel truck to either a landfill or material reclamation facility (for recycling). Datasets representing disposal in a landfill and waste incineration are from Ecoinvent.

The PCR requires the results for several inventory flows related to construction products to be reported including energy and resource use and waste and outflows. These are aggregated inventory flows, and do not characterize any potential impact; results should be interpreted taking into account this limitation.

3.6 CUT-OFF RULES

According to the PCR, processes contributing greater than 1% of the total environmental impact indicator for each impact are included in the inventory. No data gaps were allowed which were expected to significantly affect the outcome of the indicator results. No known flows are deliberately excluded from this EPD.

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3.7 DATA SOURCES

Primary data were provided for the manufacturing facility. The sources of secondary LCI data are the Ecoinvent database.

Table 7. *Data sources for the LVT flooring products.*

Component	Dataset	Data Source	Publication date
PRODUCT			
PVC			
Polyvinyl Chloride	polyvinylchloride production, bulk polymerisation | polyvinylchloride, bulk polymerised | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021
Filler			
Calcium Carbonate	limestone production, crushed, washed | limestone, crushed, washed | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021
Plasticizer			
PVC Plasticizer*	diisoheptyl phthalate (DIHP)* {GLO} | market for | Alloc Rec U System	EI v3.8	2021
Stabilizer			
Stabilizer	market for chemical, organic | chemical, organic | Cutoff, S/GLO	EI v3.8	2021
	market for chemicals, inorganic | chemical, inorganic | Cutoff, S/GLO	EI v3.8	2021
	market for limestone, crushed, washed | limestone, crushed, washed | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021
	market for zinc oxide | zinc oxide | Cutoff, S/GLO	EI v3.8	2021
Pigments			
Carbon Black	market for carbon black | carbon black | Cutoff, S/GLO	EI v3.8	2021
Backing			
IXPE	polyethylene production, low density, granulate | polyethylene, low density, granulate | Cutoff, S/RoW; market for fatty acid | fatty acid | Cutoff, S/GLO; ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer production | ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer | Cutoff; chemical production, inorganic | chemical, inorganic | Cutoff, S/GLO	EI v3.8	2021
PACKAGING			
Cardboard	containerboard production, linerboard, kraftliner | containerboard, linerboard | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021
Wrapping film	packaging film production, low density polyethylene | packaging film, low density polyethylene | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021
Plastics	polyethylene terephthalate production, granulate, amorphous | polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous | Cutoff, S/RoW; polyethylene production, low density, granulate | polyethylene, low density, granulate | Cutoff, S/RoW; polypropylene production, granulate | polypropylene, granulate | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021
Wood	market for EUR-flat pallet | EUR-flat pallet | Cutoff, S/GLO	EI v3.8	2021
TRANSPORT			
Road transport	market for transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 | transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021
Rail transport	transport, freight train, diesel | transport, freight train | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021
Ship transport	transport, freight, sea, container ship | transport, freight, sea, container ship | Cutoff, S/GLO	EI v3.8	2021
RESOURCES			
Grid electricity - China	market group for electricity, medium voltage | electricity, medium voltage | Cutoff, S/CN	EI v3.8	2021
Heat – natural gas	heat production, natural gas, at boiler modulating >100kW | heat, district or industrial, natural gas | Cutoff, S/RoW	EI v3.8	2021

3.8 DATA QUALITY

The data quality assessment addressed the following parameters: time-related coverage, geographical coverage, technological coverage, precision, completeness, representativeness, consistency, reproducibility, sources of data, and uncertainty.

Table 8. *Data quality assessment for the flooring product system.*

Data Quality Parameter	Data Quality Discussion
Time-Related Coverage: Age of data and the minimum length of time over which data is collected	The most recent available data are used, based on other considerations such as data quality and similarity to the actual operations. Typically, these data are less than 5 years old (typically 2016). All of the data used represented an average of at least one year's worth of data collection, and up to three years in some cases. Manufacturer-supplied data (primary data) are based on annualized production for 2021.
Geographical Coverage: Geographical area from which data for unit processes is collected to satisfy the goal of the study	The data used in the analysis provide the best possible representation available with current data. Electricity use for product manufacture is modeled using representative data for regional power mixes from the Ecoinvent LCI database. Surrogate data used in the assessment are representative of global or North American operations. Data representative of global operations are considered sufficiently similar to actual processes. Data representing product disposal are based on US statistics.
Technology Coverage: Specific technology or technology mix	For the most part, data are representative of the actual technologies used for processing, transportation, and manufacturing operations. Representative datasets, specific to the type of material, are used to represent the actual processes, as appropriate.
Precision: Measure of the variability of the data values for each data expressed	Precision of results are not quantified due to a lack of data. Data collected for operations were typically averaged for one or more years and over multiple operations, which is expected to reduce the variability of results.
Completeness: Percentage of flow that is measured or estimated	The LCA model included all known mass and energy flows for production of the flooring products. In some instances, surrogate data used to represent upstream and downstream operations may be missing some data which is propagated in the model. No known processes or activities contributing to more than 1% of the total environmental impact for each indicator are excluded.
Representativeness: Qualitative assessment of the degree to which the data set reflects the true population of interest	Data used in the assessment represent typical or average processes as currently reported from multiple data sources and are therefore generally representative of the range of actual processes and technologies for production of these materials. Considerable deviation may exist among actual processes on a site-specific basis; however, such a determination would require detailed data collection throughout the supply chain back to resource extraction.
Consistency: Qualitative assessment of whether the study methodology is applied uniformly to the various components of the analysis	The consistency of the assessment is considered to be high. Data sources of similar quality and age are used; with a bias towards Ecoinvent v3.8 data where available. Different portions of the product life cycle are equally considered.
Reproducibility: Qualitative assessment of the extent to which information about the methodology and data values would allow an independent practitioner to reproduce the results reported in the study	Based on the description of data and assumptions used, this assessment would be reproducible by other practitioners. All assumptions, models, and data sources are documented.
Sources of the Data: Description of all primary and secondary data sources	Data representing energy use at manufacturing facility represent an annual average and are considered of high quality due to the length of time over which these data are collected, as compared to a snapshot that may not accurately reflect fluctuations in production. For secondary LCI data, Ecoinvent v3.8 LCI data are used.
Uncertainty of the Information: Uncertainty related to data, models, and assumptions	Uncertainty related to materials in the products and packaging is low. Actual supplier data for all upstream operations were not available and the study relied upon the use of existing representative datasets. These datasets contained relatively recent data (<10 years) but lacked geographical representativeness. Uncertainty related to the impact assessment methods used in the study are high. The impact assessment method required by the PCR includes impact potentials, which lack characterization of providing and receiving environments or tipping points.

3.9 PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

The period of review calendar year 2021.

3.10 ALLOCATION

Manufacturing resource use was allocated to the products based on surface area. Impacts from transportation were allocated based on the mass of material and distance transported.

3.11 COMPARABILITY

The PCR this EPD was based on was not written to support comparative assertions. EPDs based on different PCRs, or different calculation models, may not be comparable. When attempting to compare EPDs or life cycle impacts of products from different companies, the user should be aware of the uncertainty in the final results, due to and not limited to, the practitioner's assumptions, the source of the data used in the study, and the specifics of the product modeled.

4. LCA: Scenarios and Additional Technical Information

Delivery and Installation stage (A4 - A5)

Distribution of the flooring products to the point of installation is included in the assessment based on information provided by the manufacturer. Transportation parameters for modeling transport to consumer markets are summarized in Table 9.

Table 9. *Product distribution parameters by transport mode and consumer market.*

Parameter	Value			
Diesel truck – Fuel utilization (L/100 km)	18.7			
Diesel truck – Capacity utilization (%)	76%			
Diesel rail – Fuel utilization (g/tkm)	10			
Diesel rail – Capacity utilization (%)	76%			
Ocean freighter – Fuel utilization (g/tkm)	2.5			
Ocean freighter – Capacity utilization (%)	65%			
Product	Transport distance (km)			
	Truck	Rail	Ship	Mass (kg)
SPC with IXPE backing	203	178	13,560	8.06

Installation of the product is accomplished using hand tools with no associated emissions and negligible impacts. The impacts associated with packaging disposal are included with the installation phase as per PCR requirements.

Table 10. *Installation parameters for the LVT flooring products, per 1 m^2 (A5).*

Parameter	Value			
Ancillary materials	neg.			
Net freshwater consumption (m^3)	-			
Electricity consumption (kWh)	-			
Product loss per functional unit (kg)	negligible			
Waste materials generated by product installation (kg)	negligible			
Output materials resulting from on-site waste processing (kg)	na			
Direct emissions (kg)	-			
Product	Mass of packaging waste (kg)			Biogenic carbon in packaging (kg CO_2)
	Plastic	Paper/Corrugate	Wood	
SPC with IXPE backing	1.31×10^{-4}	1.26×10^{-2}	2.64×10^{-3}	0.240

Use stage (B1)

No impacts are associated with the use of the product over the Reference Service Lifetime.

Maintenance stage (B2)

According to the manufacturer, typical maintenance involves regular sweeping and damp mopping. The present assessment is based on a recommended weekly cleaning schedule including sweeping and mopping with a neutral cleaner.

Table 11. *Maintenance parameters for the flooring products, per 1 m^2.*

Parameter	Unit	Value
Maintenance process	-	Damp mopping
Net freshwater consumption	$m^3/m^2/yr$	0.0058
Cleaning agent	$kg/m^2/yr$	0.0119
Further assumptions	-	Moderate traffic

Repair/Refurbishment stage (B3; B5)

Product repair and refurbishment are not relevant during the lifetime of the product.

Replacement stage (B4)

The materials and energy required for replacement of the product over the 75-year estimated service lifetime of the assessment are included in this stage.

Building operation stage (B6 – B7)

There is no operational energy or water use associated with the use of the product.

Disposal stage (C1 - C4)

The disposal stage includes demolition of the products (*C1*); transport of the flooring products to waste treatment facilities (*C2*); waste processing (*C3*); and associated emissions as the product degrades in a landfill (*C4*). For the LVT flooring products, no emissions are generated during demolition (*C1*) while no waste processing (*C3*) is required for landfill disposal.

Transportation of waste materials at end-of-life (*C2*) assumes a 20 mile (~32 km) average distance to disposal, consistent with assumptions used in the US EPA WARM model. The recycling rates used for the product packaging are based on national waste disposal statistics regarding recycling rates for North America as specified in the PCR. No recycling of the product materials is assumed at end-of-life. The relevant disposal statistics used for the packaging are summarized in Table 13.

Table 12. *Recycling rates for packaging materials at end-of-life.*

Material	Recycling Rate
Packaging	
Paper & Pulp	78%
Wood	26%
Plastics	15%
Disposal of Non-recyclables	
Landfill	80%
Incineration	20%

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Table 13. *End-of-life disposal scenario parameters for the flooring product.*

Parameter	Value
Assumptions for scenario development	100% landfill
Collection process	
Collected with mixed construction waste (kg)	8.06
Recovery	n/a
Landfill disposal (kg)	8.06
Removals of biogenic carbon (kg CO_2 eq)	n/a

5. LCA: Results

Results of the Life Cycle Assessment are presented below. It is noted that LCA results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks. All LCA results are stated to three significant figures in agreement with the PCR for this flooring product and therefore the sum of the total values may not exactly equal 100%.

The following environmental impact category indicators are reported using characterization factors based on the U.S. EPA's Tool for the Reduction and Assessment of Chemical and Other Environmental Impacts – TRACI 2.1 and CML-IA.

CMLI-A Impact Category	Unit	TRACI 2.1 Impact Category	Unit
Global Warming Potential **(GWP)**	kg CO_2 eq	Global Warming Potential **(GWP)**	kg CO_2 eq
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer **(ODP)**	kg CFC 11 eq	Ozone Depletion Potential **(ODP)**	kg CFC 11 eq
Acidification Potential of soil and water **(AP)**	kg SO_2 eq	Acidification Potential **(AP)**	kg SO_2 eq
Eutrophication Potential **(EP)**	kg PO_4^{3-} eq	Eutrophication Potential **(EP)**	kg N eq
Photochemical Oxidant Creation Potential **(POCP)**	kg C_2H_4 eq	Smog Formation Potential **(SFP)**	kg O_3 eq
Abiotic depletion potential **(ADP-elements)** for non-fossil resources	kg Sb eq	Fossil Fuel Depletion Potential **(ADP_{fossil})**	MJ Surplus, LHV
Abiotic depletion potential **(ADP-fossil fuels)** for fossil resources	MJ, LHV		

These impact categories are globally deemed mature enough to be included in Type III environmental declarations. Other categories are being developed and defined and LCA should continue making advances in their development. However, the EPD users shall not use additional measures for comparative purposes.

The following inventory parameters, specified by the PCR, are also reported.

Resources	Unit	Waste and Outflows	Unit
RPR_E: Renewable primary resources used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, LHV	**HWD:** Hazardous waste disposed	kg
RPR_M: Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, LHV	**NHWD:** Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg
$NRPR_E$: Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, LHV	**HLRW:** High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg
$NRPR_M$: Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, LHV	**ILLRW:** Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg
SM: Secondary materials	MJ, LHV	**CRU:** Components for re-use	kg
RSF: Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, LHV	**MR:** Materials for recycling	kg
NRSF: Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, LHV	**MER:** Materials for energy recovery	kg
RE: Recovered energy	MJ, LHV	**EE:** Recovered energy exported from the product system	MJ, LHV
FW: Use of net freshwater resources	m^3	-	-

Modules B1, B3, B5, B6 and B7 are not associated with any impact and are therefore declared as zero. In addition, module C1 is likewise not associated with any impact as the floor is manually deconstructed. Additionally, as the LVT flooring products do not typically contain significant amounts of bio-based materials, biogenic carbon emissions and removals are not declared. Module D is not declared. In the interest of space and table readability, these modules are not included in the results presented below.

Table 14. *Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) results for the **SPC with IXPE backing** flooring products over a 75-yr time horizon. Results reported in MJ are calculated using lower heating values. All values are rounded to three significant digits.*

Impact Category	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B2	B4	C2	C4
CML-IA									
GWP (kg CO_2 eq)	6.92	0.410	4.21	1.38	4.19×10^{-3}	8.37	62.9	0.328	2.47
	8%	0.47%	4.8%	1.6%	0.0048%	9.6%	72%	0.38%	2.8%
AP (kg SO_2 eq)	2.79×10^{-2}	1.60×10^{-3}	1.07×10^{-2}	2.84×10^{-2}	3.65×10^{-6}	3.91×10^{-2}	0.284	1.53×10^{-3}	8.03×10^{-4}
	7.1%	0.41%	2.7%	7.2%	0.00093%	9.9%	72%	0.39%	0.2%
EP (kg $(PO_4)^{3-}$ eq)	8.87×10^{-3}	3.69×10^{-4}	1.00×10^{-2}	3.38×10^{-3}	1.11×10^{-5}	1.49×10^{-2}	0.181	3.27×10^{-4}	2.23×10^{-2}
	3.7%	0.15%	4.2%	1.4%	0.0046%	6.2%	75%	0.14%	9.2%
POCP (kg C_2H_4 eq)	1.72×10^{-3}	5.45×10^{-5}	7.85×10^{-4}	7.42×10^{-4}	8.60×10^{-7}	2.62×10^{-3}	1.55×10^{-2}	5.04×10^{-5}	5.22×10^{-4}
	7.8%	0.25%	3.6%	3.4%	0.0039%	12%	70%	0.23%	2.4%
ODP (kg CFC-11 eq)	2.86×10^{-6}	7.13×10^{-8}	3.38×10^{-8}	2.22×10^{-7}	1.20×10^{-10}	4.13×10^{-7}	1.30×10^{-5}	5.67×10^{-8}	2.12×10^{-8}
	17%	0.43%	0.2%	1.3%	0.00072%	2.5%	78%	0.34%	0.13%
ADPE (kg Sb eq)	1.01×10^{-4}	1.42×10^{-6}	2.43×10^{-6}	2.69×10^{-6}	8.41×10^{-10}	1.68×10^{-4}	4.33×10^{-4}	2.88×10^{-7}	4.01×10^{-7}
	14%	0.2%	0.34%	0.38%	0.00012%	24%	61%	0.041%	0.057%
ADPF (MJ eq)	146	6.08	21.9	18.2	9.89×10^{-3}	186	796	4.49	2.21
	12%	0.51%	1.9%	1.5%	0.00084%	16%	67%	0.38%	0.19%
TRACI 2.1									
GWP (kg CO_2 eq)	6.84	0.409	3.81	1.38	3.49×10^{-3}	8.29	59.2	0.328	2.03
	8.3%	0.5%	4.6%	1.7%	0.0042%	10%	72%	0.4%	2.5%
AP (kg SO_2 eq)	2.86×10^{-2}	1.87×10^{-3}	1.16×10^{-2}	3.04×10^{-2}	4.57×10^{-6}	4.02×10^{-2}	0.304	1.89×10^{-3}	1.66×10^{-3}
	6.8%	0.44%	2.8%	7.2%	0.0011%	9.6%	72%	0.45%	0.39%
EP (kg N eq)	1.72×10^{-2}	4.47×10^{-4}	2.41×10^{-2}	1.94×10^{-3}	2.87×10^{-5}	2.94×10^{-2}	0.419	2.40×10^{-4}	6.08×10^{-2}
	3.1%	0.081%	4.4%	0.35%	0.0052%	5.3%	76%	0.043%	11%
SFP (kg O_3 eq)	0.364	4.48×10^{-2}	0.183	0.577	1.18×10^{-4}	0.467	4.96	5.35×10^{-2}	1.81×10^{-2}
	5.5%	0.67%	2.7%	8.6%	0.0018%	7%	74%	0.8%	0.27%
ODP (kg CFC-11 eq)	2.95×10^{-6}	9.50×10^{-8}	5.87×10^{-8}	2.95×10^{-7}	1.60×10^{-10}	5.08×10^{-7}	1.40×10^{-5}	7.56×10^{-8}	2.83×10^{-8}
	16%	0.53%	0.33%	1.6%	0.00089%	2.8%	78%	0.42%	0.16%
FFD (MJ eq)	19.4	0.868	0.710	2.67	1.46×10^{-3}	24.8	98.3	0.676	0.294
	13%	0.59%	0.48%	1.8%	0.00099%	17%	67%	0.46%	0.2%

Table 15. *Resource use and waste flows for the **SPC with IXPE backing** products over a 75-yr time horizon. Results reported in MJ are calculated using lower heating values. All values are rounded to three significant digits.*

Parameter	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B2	B4	C2	C4
Resources									
RPR_E (MJ)	5.45	$6.94x10^{-2}$	2.12	0.162	$8.94x10^{-5}$	17.8	31.6	$1.71x10^{-2}$	$7.17x10^{-2}$
	9.5%	0.12%	3.7%	0.28%	0.00016%	31%	55%	0.03%	0.13%
RPR_M (MJ)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
$NRPR_E$ (MJ)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
$NRPR_M$ (MJ)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
SM (kg)	2.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.6	0.00	0.00
	20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	80%	0%	0%
RSF/NRSF (MJ)	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.
RE (MJ)	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.
FW (m^3)	0.532	$4.25x10^{-3}$	0.108	$8.89x10^{-3}$	$6.91x10^{-6}$	1.16	2.63	$1.42x10^{-3}$	$3.93x10^{-3}$
	12%	0.095%	2.4%	0.2%	0.00016%	26%	59%	0.032%	0.088%
Wastes									
HWD (kg)	$9.22x10^{-5}$	$1.63x10^{-5}$	$9.19x10^{-6}$	$2.62x10^{-5}$	$2.54x10^{-8}$	$1.00x10^{-4}$	$6.47x10^{-4}$	$1.22x10^{-5}$	$5.64x10^{-6}$
	10%	1.8%	1%	2.9%	0.0028%	11%	71%	1.3%	0.62%
NHWD (kg)	0.861	0.313	3.22	0.258	$3.90x10^{-3}$	0.782	50.9	$2.29x10^{-2}$	8.06
	1.3%	0.48%	5%	0.4%	0.006%	1.2%	79%	0.035%	13%
HLRW (kg)	$2.75x10^{-5}$	$3.12x10^{-7}$	$2.15x10^{-6}$	$6.45x10^{-7}$	$4.27x10^{-10}$	$2.19x10^{-5}$	$1.24x10^{-4}$	$7.10x10^{-8}$	$3.77x10^{-7}$
	16%	0.18%	1.2%	0.36%	0.00024%	12%	70%	0.04%	0.21%
ILLRW (kg)	$1.60x10^{-4}$	$3.99x10^{-5}$	$2.06x10^{-5}$	$1.25x10^{-4}$	$6.71x10^{-8}$	$1.35x10^{-4}$	$1.56x10^{-3}$	$3.18x10^{-5}$	$1.24x10^{-5}$
	7.7%	1.9%	0.99%	6%	0.0032%	6.5%	75%	1.5%	0.6%
CRU (kg)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MR (kg)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	$1.06x10^{-2}$	0.00	$4.22x10^{-2}$	0.00	0.00
	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	0%	80%	0%	0%
MER (kg)	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.
EE (MJ)	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.

INA = Indicator not assessed | Neg. = Negligible

6. LCA: Interpretation

The contributions to total impact indicator results are dominated by the product replacement phase of the assessment. Of the remaining life cycle phases, the raw material extraction and processing and product maintenance phases are the generally largest contributors to the overall impacts, depending on the specific indicator. followed by the product manufacturing and distribution phases.

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