

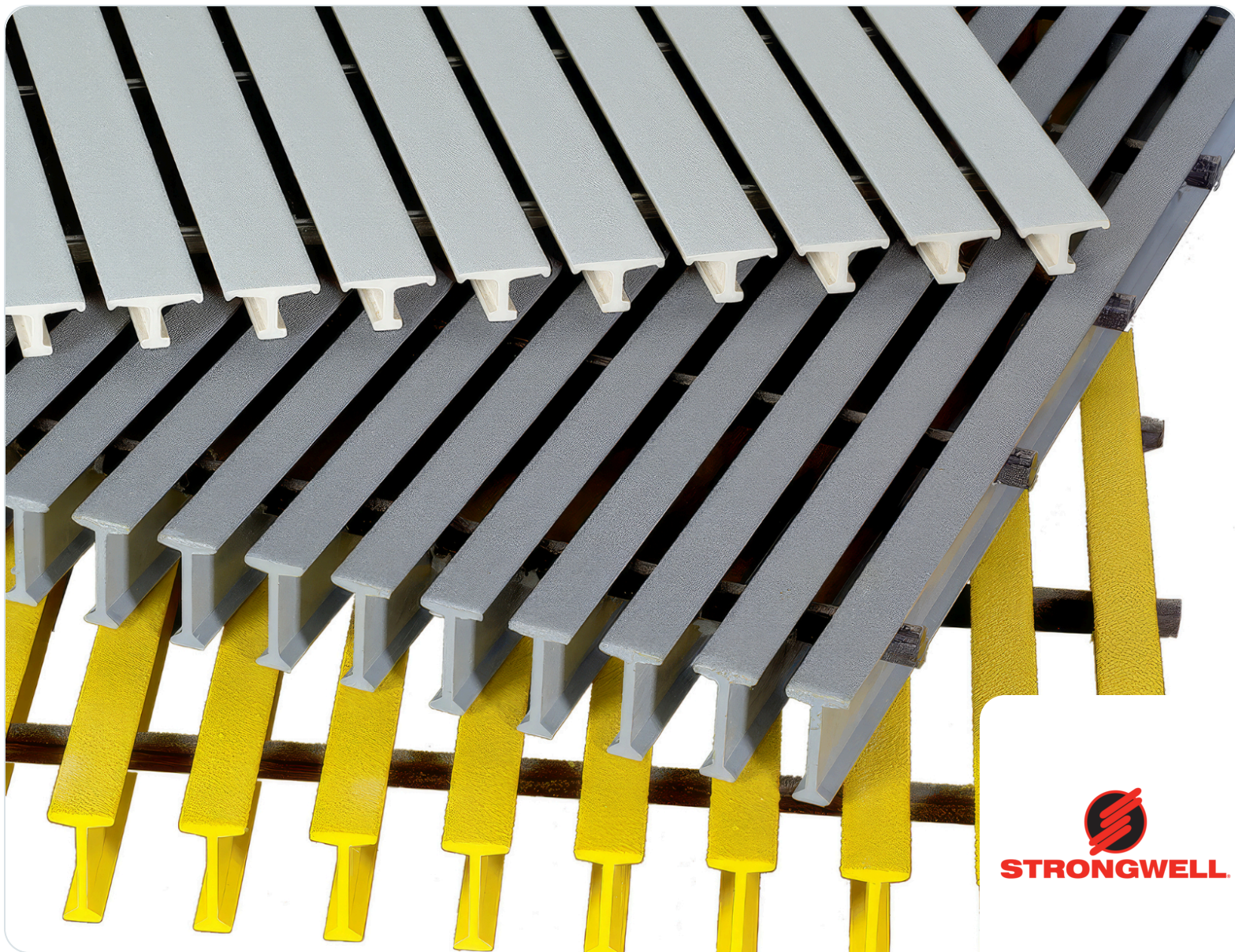


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DURAGRID® /DURADEK® VE

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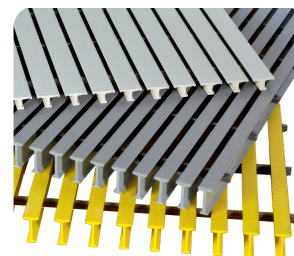
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Market(s) of Applicability:	Global

General Organization Information

Founded in 1956, Strongwell is a recognized world leader in pultrusion technology and pultruded fiber reinforced polymer (FRP) composites. With three facilities in the U.S. and one in Mexico, the company manufactures a wide variety of products for its diverse customer base, including structural shapes, grating, handrail, structural building panels, decking systems, composite armor, ladder rail, and many OEM products.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.strongwell.com/>

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Standard(s):	ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804+A2:2019/AC:2021
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Product Information

Declared Unit:	1 kg
Mass:	1 kg
Product Specificity:	 Product Average
	 Product Specific

Product Description

DURAGRID® /DURADEK® VE is a high strength fiberglass bar grating product manufactured by Strongwell Corporation, the EPD owner, using the pultrusion process, in which continuous glass fiber reinforcements are drawn through a thermosetting resin bath and shaped through a heated die to produce constant cross-section composite profiles. The vinyl ester resin system provides enhanced chemical resistance for industrial flooring, walkways, platforms, and trench covers in highly corrosive environments, including chemical processing, marine, and wastewater treatment applications where standard polyester grades are insufficient. The product is manufactured at Strongwell's Chatfield, Minnesota facility. Although the product carries a warranty of 1 year, it is expected to last the lifetime of the structure on which it is installed.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.strongwell.com/products/grating/>

Product Specifications

Product Classification Codes: EC3 - CastDecksAndUnderlayment

Product Composition Diagram

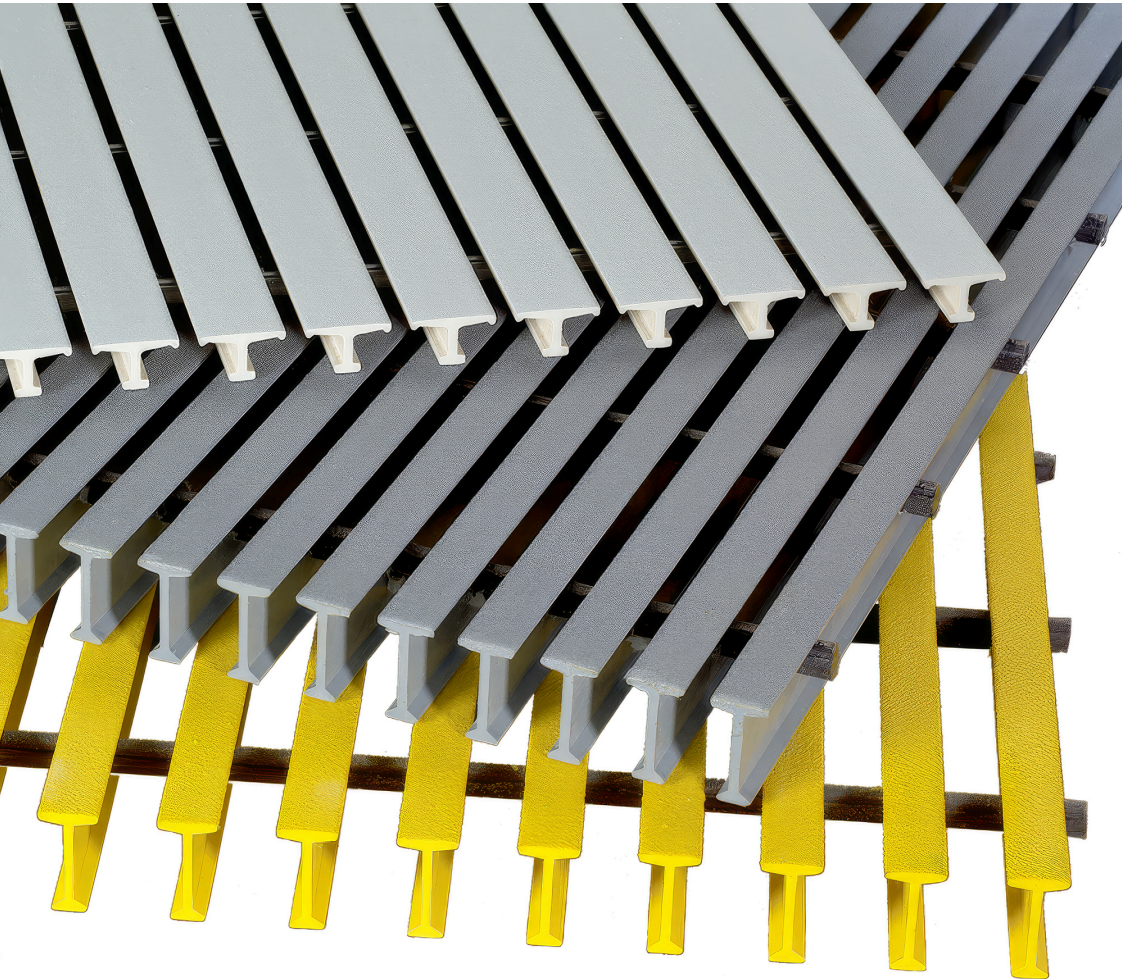


Table 1. Material Composition

Material/Component Category	Origin	kg Mass
Mat 1	U.S.	0.075
Pigment	U.S.	0.004
Roving 1	U.S.	0.591
Veil	U.S.	0.01
Vinyl Ester Resin	U.S.	0.304

Material/Component Category	Origin	kg Mass
Miscellaneous	U.S.	0.129

Packaging Material	Origin	kg Mass
Cardboard	U.S.	0.001
Plastic wrap	U.S.	0.004
Plywood	U.S.	0.056
Steel	U.S.	0.005
Wood Crate	U.S.	0.042

Biogenic Carbon Content	kg C per kg
Biogenic carbon content in product	0
Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging	0.043

Hazardous Materials
NA

EPD Data Specificity

Primary Data Year:2024

Manufacturing Specificity:

✗ Industry Average

✗ Manufacturer Average

✓ Facility Specific

Averaging:
Averaging was not conducted for this EPD

Table 2. System Boundary

Production	A1	Raw material supply	✓
	A2	Transport	✓
	A3	Manufacturing	✓
Construction	A4	Transport to site	✓
	A5	Assembly / Install	✓

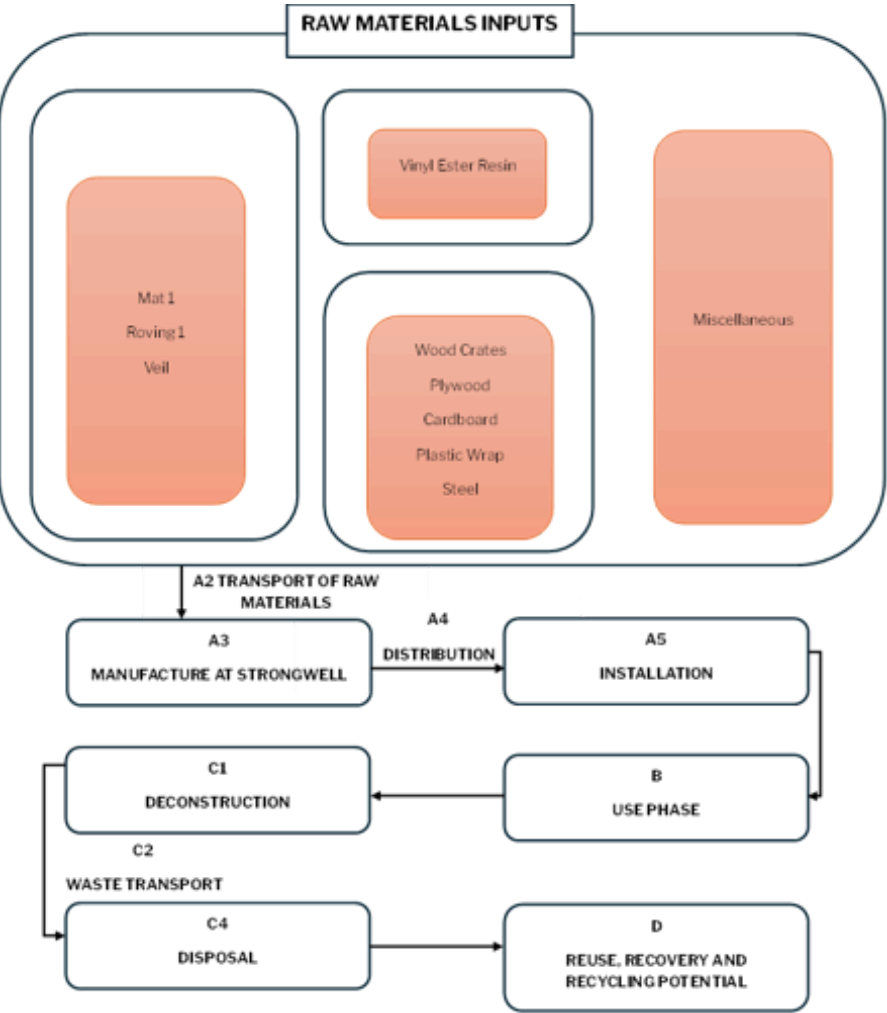
Use	B1	Use	✓
	B2	Maintenance	✓
	B3	Repair	✓
	B4	Replacement	✓
	B5	Refurbishment	✓
	B6	Operational Energy Use	✓
	B7	Operational Water Use	✓
End of Life	C1	Deconstruction	✓
	C2	Transport	✓
	C3	Waste Processing	✓
	C4	Disposal	✓
Benefits & Loads Beyond System Boundary	D	Recycling, Reuse Recovery Potential	✓

Note:
ND = Module not declared

Plants

 Strongwell Chatfield, MN Plant 1610 U.S. 52, Chatfield, MN 55923, USA

Product Flow Diagram



Software And Database

LCA Software:	⌵ SimaPro v. 10.3
LCI Foreground Database(s):	⌵ Ecoinvent v. 3.12 🌐 Europe/Global 🗑 Cut-off by classification ⌵ US LCI v. 1.2025-06.0 🌐 U.S. 🗑 Cut-off by classification
LCI Background Database(s):	⌵ Ecoinvent v. 3.12 🌐 Europe/Global 🗑 Cut-off by classification ⌵ US LCI v. 1.2025-06.0 🌐 U.S. 🗑 Cut-off by classification

A foreground LCI database is the database used to model the primary, site-specific data collected for this EPD. A background LCI database is the database used to model generic or non-specific data.

Data Quality

Primary (foreground) data were collected directly from Strongwell's Chatfield, MN manufacturing facility, covering material inputs, energy consumption, and waste generation for calendar year 2024. This data is considered temporally, geographically, and technologically representative of current DURAGRID® /DURADEK® VE

production. Primary data accuracy reflects non-verified, facility-submitted quantities from utility invoices and bills of materials; completeness is high, with all major material and energy flows captured and no data gaps identified.

Background data for raw material production were sourced from ecoinvent v3.12 and the USLCI database. Background data are generally representative in technological and geographic terms, reflecting US or US-adapted production conditions consistent with Strongwell's supply chain. Temporal representativeness varies by dataset.

A data quality assessment was carried out for all foreground and background datasets using a pedigree matrix (Weidema et al., 2013) across the five criteria of reliability, completeness, and temporal, geographical, and technological correlation, supplemented by a dataset-level assessment using the PEF Method (European Commission, 2021); the detailed evaluation is documented in the LCA report (Section 5.9 and Appendix S).

The reported impact assessment values in this EPD give no sufficient reason to believe that any of the employed generic material or process LCI data is not representative of DURAGRID® /DURADEK® VE and therefore should not introduce error to the reported impact category.

Table 3 presents the datasets for unit processes that individually contribute more than 10% to the GWP-GHG results of modules A1-A3.

Table 3. Data Sources

Process	Source type	Source	Reference year	Data category	Share of primary data, of GWP-GHG results for A1-A3
E-glass, at plant {US} E-glass, at plant	Database	USLCI+	2011	Secondary	0%
Epoxy resin, liquid {RoW} epoxy resin production, liquid Cut-off, U	Database	ecoinvent 3.12	2025	Secondary	0%
Electricity, medium voltage {US-MRO} market for electricity, medium voltage Cut-off, U	Database	ecoinvent 3.12	2025	Primary	25%

Life Cycle Module Description

A1-A3 - Module A1 covers the production of the primary raw materials, glass fiber reinforcement (mat and roving) and the thermosetting resin matrix, together with fillers and specialised additives. A raw material input is identified as "Miscellaneous"; these are proprietary formulation materials Strongwell has designated commercially sensitive, whose identities are withheld from public disclosure. No material has been excluded on this basis, each is fully accounted for in the inventory and modelled using a representative proxy dataset. Module A2 covers transport of these materials from suppliers to Strongwell's Chatfield, MN facility, based on supplier-specific distances by road. Module A3 covers manufacturing by pultrusion, in which the reinforcing fibers and liquid resin are pulled through a heated forming die to produce a constant-cross-section profile. Primary energy, VOC emissions, and manufacturing waste were collected as facility-specific primary data and allocated by mass. Manufacturing electricity is modelled on a market-based approach using a residual electricity mix for the facility's sub-regional grid. Product packaging and its inbound transport are included within A3.

A4-A5 - Module A4 covers transport of the finished product and its packaging from the facility to the installation site, based on weighted-average distances. Module A5 covers installation, including the field-assembly hardware required to fix the product and the energy consumed on site. All packaging reaches end of life at installation and is assumed to be landfilled. A4-A5 inputs are carried forward from Strongwell's previous LCA study and applied uniformly across all declared products.

B1-B7 - The product requires no maintenance, repair, or replacement over the service life of the structure and consumes no energy or water in use. Modules B1-B7 are included within the system boundary and declared as zero.

C1-C4 - Module C1 covers the energy for on-site deconstruction; C2 covers road transport of the product and residual hardware to disposal; C3 (waste processing) is null; and C4 covers final disposal, with the product and hardware assumed to be 100% landfilled. C1-C2 assumptions are carried forward from the previous LCA study.

D - As the product and hardware are entirely landfilled with no reuse, recycling, or energy recovery, Module D is declared as zero.

LCA Discussion

Allocation Procedure

Allocation follows the principles set forth in EN 15804+A2 and ISO 14040/14044, ensuring a transparent and consistent distribution of inputs and outputs across the life cycle stages of the product's life cycle. The allocation methods used in this study were selected to best align with the physical relationships within the production system. Where multiple products share common manufacturing processes, inputs and outputs are allocated by mass (kg) of product manufactured, consistent with the declared unit.

Cut-off Procedure

Cut-off criteria is applied in accordance with EN 15804+A2, ensuring that all relevant mass, energy, and environmental impact contributions are accounted for. Individual flows representing less than 1% of the total mass, energy, or environmental impact may be excluded, provided that their cumulative exclusion does not exceed 5% of the total impact for any environmental indicator. All known primary materials, production processes, and energy flows are included; infrastructure, capital equipment, and personnel-related impacts are excluded from the system boundary unless captured within background datasets. No material or energy input or output was deliberately excluded from the system boundary.

Renewable Electricity

Energy Attribute Certificates (EACs) such as
Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) or Power
Purchase Agreements (PPAs) are included in the
baseline reported results:

✗ No

Scenarios

Transport to the building/construction site (A4)

A4 Module

Fuel Type:	Diesel
Liters of Fuel:	33.662 l/100km
Vehicle Type:	Truck
Transport Distance:	1960 km
Capacity Utilization:	50 %
Packaging Mass:	0.108 kg
Weight of products transported:	1 kg
Capacity utilization volume factor:	=1
Assumptions for scenario development:	The finished product and its packaging are transported together from the manufacturing facility to the point of installation by truck, over a weighted-average distance of 1,960 km by road, with 10,900 km by ship/barge applied where oceanic transport is relevant. These distances are derived from Strongwell's previous LCA study of STRONGIRT®, DURAGRID® Grating, and Structural Channel, which established

representative distances reflective of Strongwell's regional distribution patterns. Since packaging travels with the finished product, the same distance and mode assumptions apply to both.

Installation in to the building/construction site (A5)

A5 Module

Ancillary Materials:	0.019 kg
Electricity Consumption:	0.005 kWh
Waste Materials at the Construction Site Before	0 kg
Waste Processing:	
Mass of Packaging Waste Specified by Type:	0.108 kg
Biogenic Carbon Contained in Packaging (kg C):	0.043 kg
Assumptions for scenario development:	Installation of the product requires field-assembly hardware and on-site energy, both carried forward from Strongwell's previous LCA study. A common fastener set is normalized to 1 kg of product (2.25 screws and washers per declared unit: ¼-inch screws at 3.5 g and #14 washers at 5 g, modelled as cold-rolled coil steel); installation energy reflects a 600 W drill operating for approximately 30 seconds, drawn from the US electricity consumption mix. Ancillary hardware is transported to the installation site by road, with a default 100 km distance assumption applied. All product packaging reaches end of life at the installation stage and is assumed to be 100% landfilled as a worst-case scenario, transported 100 km by truck to disposal; biogenic carbon in packaging waste is treated per the biogenic carbon methodology (Section 3.2.9 of the LCA report). No installation scrap or product loss is assumed at this stage.

Use (B1)

B1 Module

Maintenance (B2)

B2 Module

Repair (B3)

B3 Module

Replacement (B4)

B4 Module

Refurbishment (B5)

B5 Module

Operational Energy Use (B6) & Operational Water Use (B7)

B6 & B7 Modules

End of Life (C1 - C4)

C1 - C4 Modules

Collection Process

Collected with Mixed Construction Waste: 1.019 kg

Recovery

Reuse: 0 kg
Recycling: 0 kg
Landfill: 1.019 kg
Incineration: 0 kg
Incineration with Energy Recovery: 0 kg
Energy Conversion: 0 kg

Disposal

Product or Material for Final Disposal: 1 kg
Removals of Biogenic Carbon: 0 kg CO2

Assumptions for scenario development:

At end of life, the installed product and any residual attached hardware are removed and directed entirely to landfill, consistent with the previous LCA study. Deconstruction (C1) consumes on-site energy equal to the installation energy. End-of-life waste, including deconstructed hardware, is transported (C2) to the disposal facility by road (truck) over 100 km. Waste processing (C3) is null as no mechanical or chemical processing is assumed prior to disposal. At final disposal (C4), the product and hardware are assumed to be 100% landfilled with no recycling, reuse, or energy recovery. Landfill emissions are accounted over a 100-year period following disposal.

Reuse, Recovery and / or Recycling Potentials & Relevant Scenario Information (D)

D Module

Further assumptions for scenario development: Module D is declared and reported as zero. As the product and associated hardware are directed entirely to landfill at end of life, there are no net benefits or loads beyond the system boundary to credit. This reflects the predominant end-of-life pathway for FRP composite materials in North American markets, where established reuse, recycling, and energy recovery infrastructure for these materials remains limited at commercial scale.

Results

Table 4. Environmental Impact Assessment Results

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per 1 kg of product.

LCIA results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks.

Impact Category	Unit	Method	A1 - A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP- total	kg CO2 eq	EF3.1	4.28e+0	2.97e-1	9.58e-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.91e-3	1.09e-2	0	6.41e-3	0
GWP- fossil	kg CO2 eq	EF3.1	4.45e+0	2.97e-1	8.36e-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.91e-3	1.09e-2	0	6.40e-3	0
GWP-biogenic	kg CO2 eq	EF3.1	-1.77e-1	4.52e-5	1.22e-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1.93e-7	2.85e-6	0	2.13e-6	0
GWP-luluc	kg CO2 eq	EF3.1	2.55e-3	1.63e-4	4.59e-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.11e-6	0	3.63e-6	0
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	EF3.1	2.41e-7	4.60e-9	5.09e-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.50e-11	1.73e-10	0	1.87e-10	0
AP	mol H+ eq	EF3.1	1.66e-2	1.73e-3	2.69e-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.17e-6	2.87e-5	0	4.40e-5	0
PM	disease incidence	EF3.1	2.21e-7	2.41e-8	4.14e-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.27e-10	1.05e-9	0	1.03e-9	0
IRP	kBq U235 eq	EF3.1	1.53e+8	3.37e-3	8.88e+5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.88e+5	1.35e-4	0	8.99e-5	0
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	EF3.1	2.66e-2	2.28e-3	2.06e-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.97e-6	4.33e-5	0	6.85e-5	0
EP-fw	kg P eq	EF3.1	2.52e-3	2.94e-5	1.65e-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.01e-9	1.21e-6	0	5.62e-7	0
EP-marine	kg N eq	EF3.1	3.67e-3	6.17e-4	9.95e-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.22e-6	7.53e-6	0	1.74e-5	0
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	EF3.1	3.39e-2	6.78e-3	6.69e-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.47e-5	8.07e-5	0	1.89e-4	0
SQI	dimensionless	EF3.1	2.22e+1	3.50e+0	2.96e-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.59e-4	1.61e-1	0	3.07e-1	0
WDP	m3 world eq deprived	EF3.1	-7.26e+0	1.94e-2	-4.63e-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4.73e-2	8.11e-4	0	6.76e-3	0
ADP-fossil	MJ, net calorific value	EF3.1	5.71e+1	4.16e+0	8.20e-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.38e-2	1.59e-1	0	1.54e-1	0
ADP-minerals&metals	kg Sb eq	EF3.1	1.95e-5	8.08e-7	3.00e-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.53e-10	3.15e-8	0	9.52e-9	0

Note:

Not all abbreviated indicators listed below may be present in the results above. The inclusion of indicators varies based on PCR requirements.

Abbreviations:

GWP = Global Warming Potential, 100 years (may also be denoted as GWP-total, GWP-fossil (fossil fuels), GWP-biogenic (biogenic sources), GWP-luluc (land use and land use change)), ODP = Ozone Depletion Potential, AP = Acidification Potential, EP = Eutrophication Potential, SFP = Smog Formation Potential, POCP = Photochemical oxidant creation potential, ADP-Fossil = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources, ADP-Minerals&Metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources, WDP = Water deprivation potential, PM = Particular Matter Emissions, IRP = Ionizing radiation, human health, ETP-fw = Eco-toxicity (freshwater), HTP-c = Human toxicity (cancer), HTP-nc = Human toxicity (non-cancer), SQP = Soil quality index.

The results of the end-of-life stage (modules C1-C4) should be considered when using the results of the product stage (modules A1-A3).

Note:

Not all abbreviated indicators listed below may be present in the results above. The inclusion of indicators varies based on PCR requirements.

Abbreviations:

APRE or PERE = Renewable primary resources used as energy carrier (fuel), RPRM or PERM = Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material, RPRT or PERT = Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content, NRPRE or PENRE = Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel), NRPRM or PENRM = Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material, NRPRT or PENRT = Total non-renewable primary resources with energy content, SM = Secondary materials, RSF = Renewable secondary fuels, NRSF = Non-renewable secondary fuels, RE = Recovered energy, ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential, FW = Use of net freshwater resources, VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds.

Table 6. Waste and Output Flow Indicators

per 1 kg of product.

Indicator	Unit	A1 - A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NHWD	kg	1.13e-1	0	1.08e-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.02e+0	0
RWD	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR	kg	7.56e-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MER	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EET	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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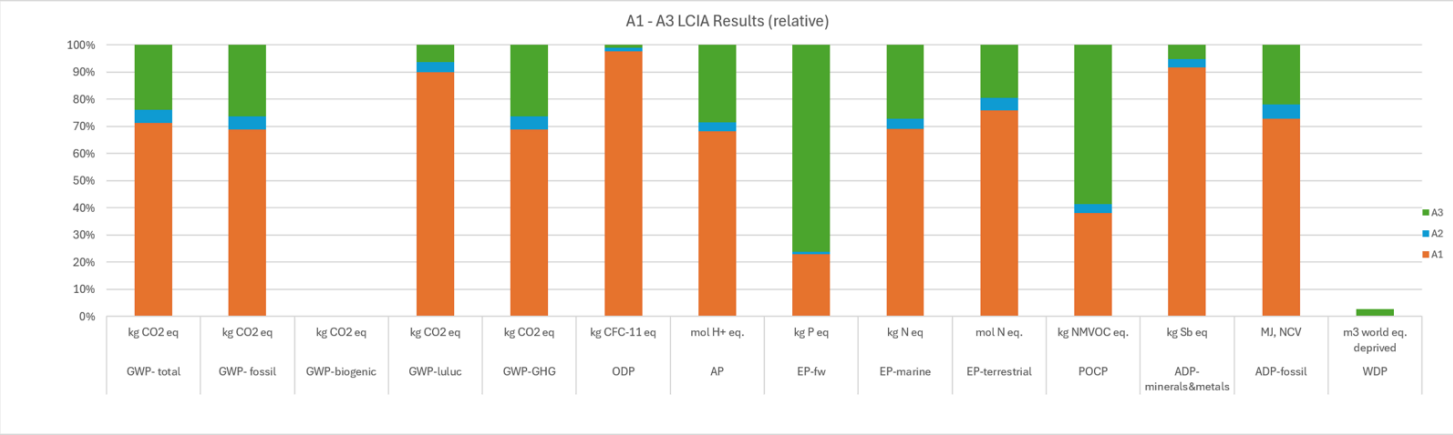
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Abbreviations:

HWD = Hazardous waste disposed, NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposed, RWD = Radioactive waste disposed, HLRW = High-level radioactive waste, ILLRW = Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, CRU = Components for re-use, MFR or MR = Materials for recycling, MER = Materials for energy recovery, MNER = Materials for incineration, no energy recovery, EE or EEE = Recovered energy exported from the product system, EET = Exported thermal energy.

Interpretation

The cradle-to-gate GWP of DURAGRID® /DURADEK® VE is 4.28E+00 kg CO₂ eq per kg of declared product. Raw material extraction (A1) is the dominant contributor at 71% of total GWP, primarily driven by vinyl ester resin and glass fiber reinforcement manufacturing. Transport of raw materials (A2) contributes 5%. The manufacturing stage (A3) accounts for 24% of GWP, primarily from electricity consumption at the MN facility using the US-MRO grid. Acidification potential (AP) is 1.66E-02 mol H⁺ eq. Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADP-fossil) is 5.71E+01 MJ, NCV. Net water deprivation potential (WDP) is negative (–7.26E+00 m³ world eq.). Photochemical ozone creation potential (POCP) is 2.66E-02 kg NMVOC eq. Freshwater eutrophication potential (EP-fw) is 2.52E-03 kg P eq. No secondary materials or renewable secondary fuels are used in the production of this product.



Additional Environmental Information

NA

Table 7. Other Environmental Impacts

Impact Category	Unit	Method	A1 - A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP- GHG	kg CO2 eq	IPCC AR5 GWP 100	4.45e+0	2.97e-1	8.36e-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.91e-3	1.09e-2	0	6.41e-3	0

Note:

Abbreviations:

GWP-IOBC/GWP- GHG = Climate change indicator with instantaneous oxidation of biogenic carbon. The GWP-IOBC indicator has zero contribution to GWP from biogenic carbon temporary stored in products and packaging. The GWP-IOBC indicator, also called GWP- GHG, is identical to GWP- total except that the characterization factor (CF) for biogenic CO2 is set to zero.

Further Information

Version History

This Environmental Product Declaration is the original version of the EPD for DURAGRID® /DURADEK® VE. The date published and registered declaration number are on the cover page. Any subsequent revision will be recorded here with a description of the change, and the current declaration will supersede all prior versions.

Intended Communication

Business-to-business (B2B)

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