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NON-REINFORCED EPDM MEMBRANE

SINGLE PLY ROOFING INDUSTRY (SPRI)



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DECLARATION INFORMATION

Declaration						
Program Operator: Company:	ASTM International Single Ply Roofing Industry 465 Waverley Oaks Road, Suite 421 Waltham, MA 02452 Tel: (781) 647-7026 Email: info@spri.org	INTERNATIONAL www.astm.org				
Product Informat	ion	Validity / Applicability				
Membrane Product Definition:	n-Reinforced EPDM Single Ply Roofing Non-Reinforced ethylene propylene diene ngle Ply Roofing Membrane	Period of Validity: This declaration is valid for a period of 5 years from the date of publication.				
	Business-to-business (B2B)	Geographic Scope: North America				
PCR Reference: Core PCR: ISO Sub-category Roofing Mem	21930:2017 (ISO, 2017) PCR: Product Category Rules for Single Ply branes (NSF International, 2019)	PCR Review was conducted by: Thomas P. Gloria, Ph.D., Industrial Ecology Consultants Bill Stough, Sustainable Research Group Jack Geibig, EcoForm				
Product Applicat	ion and/or Characteristics					
Single ply, non-reinf building applications	•	50, and 90 mil thicknesses are used as a roofing protective layer for				
Content of the D	eclaration					
Details of rawDescription ofLife Cycle Asse	tion and physical building-related data materials and material origin how the product is manufactured essment results vironmental information					
Verification						
Independent verifica to ISO 21930:2017 a	tion of the declaration and data, according nd ISO 14025:200	□ internal ⊠external				
This declaration and 14025.	the rules on which this EPD is based have been	n examined by an independent verifier in accordance with ISO				
comparisons. The results the construction level. Th	shall not be used for comparisons without knowledge of	n a declared unit and therefore do not provide sufficient information to establish how the physical properties of the EPDM product impact the precise function at nctional unit basis before any comparison is attempted. See Section 3.10 For nt programs (ISO 14025) may not be comparable.				



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EPD SUMMARY

This document is a Type III environmental product declaration by Single Ply Roofing Industry (SPRI) that is certified by ASTM International (ASTM) as conforming to the requirements of ISO 21930 and ISO 14025. ASTM has assessed that the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) information fulfills the requirements of ISO 14040 in accordance with the instructions listed in the referenced product category rules. The intent of this document is to further the development of environmentally compatible and sustainable construction methods by providing comprehensive environmental information related to potential impacts in accordance with international standards.

No comparisons or benchmarking is included in this EPD. Environmental declarations from different programs based upon differing PCRs may not be comparable. In general, EPDs may not be used for comparability purposes when not considered in a construction works context. Given this PCR ensures products meet the same functional requirements, comparability is permissible provided the information given for such comparison is transparent and the limitations of comparability explained. Only EPDs prepared from cradle-to-grave life-cycle results, and based on the same function, quantified by the same functional unit, and taking account of replacement based on the product reference service life (RSL) relative to an assumed building service life, can be used to assist purchasers and users in making informed comparisons between products. When comparing EPDs created using this PCR, variations and deviations are possible. Example of variations: Different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to different results for upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared.

SCOPE AND BOUNDARIES OF THE LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

The Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) was performed according to ISO 14040 (ISO, 2020a) and ISO 14044 (ISO, 2020b) following the requirements of the ASTM EPD Program Instructions and the referenced PCR.

System Boundary: Cradle-to-gate

Allocation Method: Mass allocation was selected since the environmental burden in the industrial process (energy consumption, emissions, etc.) is primarily governed by the mass throughput of each sub-process.

Declared Unit: 1 m^2 of single ply roofing membrane for a stated product thickness. Environmental performance results therefore represent the industry average production of EPDM, normalized to 1 m^2 .



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GENERAL INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY/ORGANIZATION

The following SPRI members provided data for the product under study:



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The product system evaluated in this report is a single ply non-reinforced EPDM roofing membrane at the finished nominal thicknesses produced by SPRI members. See Table 1 for membrane specification and standard.

Roof System	Roof System Component	Declared Thicknesses and Weights	Standard
Non-Reinforced ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM)	Membrane	45 mils: 1.38 kg/m ² 60 mils: 1.81 kg/m ² 90 mils: 2.82 kg/m ²	ASTM D4637

Table 1 Membrane specification and standard



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Flow Diagram

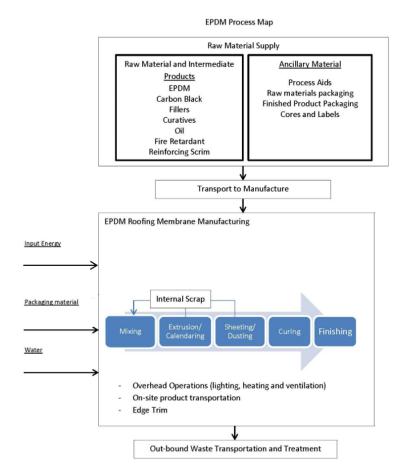


Figure 1. EPDM production process map (courtesy of Johns Manville)

PRODUCT AVERAGE

The 2019 production data used in this EPD considers non-reinforced EPDM roofing membranes produced by the participating members of SPRI in four (4) sites in North America during the year. The participating facilities are:

- Carlisle, PA
- Greenville, IL

- Prescott, AR
- Milan, OH

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Results are weighted according to production totals at participating facilities.



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APPLICATION

Non-reinforced EPDM membranes are utilized in commercial roofing systems and provide excellent long term weatherability, hail resistance, and repairability. EPDM membranes are typically used in low slope (roof slope < 2:12) applications, however they can also be used in steep slope applications. The maximum slope roof membrane products can be used at is typically determined by the maximum slope they can achieve and still meet building code required fire classifications.

There are many variables that must be considered when deciding which single ply membrane to select for a particular job. Some examples of variables that should be considered are meeting local building and energy code requirements, roof layout (e.g., are there numerous penetrations?), required design life, cost (initial and over the required design life), and product instillation expertise of the roofing contractor.

MATERIAL COMPOSITION

Table 2 shows the input material for non-reinforced EPDM roofing membranes and their material percentages for the three membrane thicknesses.

Material	% Composition
Base resin (EPDM)	26.3
Filler	15.8
Paraffinic oil	18.9
Pigment	23.4
EPDM scrap (internal)	4.7
Fire retardant	8.3
Activator	<1
Curative	2.0
Polyester scrim	0
Processing aid	<1

Table 2 Average composition of non-reinforced EPDM roofing membrane

MANUFACTURING

The main material input into the manufacturing process is EPDM rubber in the form of pellets and (uncured) scrap. Additional materials include various additives, which aid in the manufacturing process (e.g., accelerators) and which enhance the membrane's performance (e.g., fire retardants and pigments). The mix is heated, stirred and extruded into a sheet. The sheet is then pressed to achieve the specified thickness, cut and rolled up along with protective plastic sheeting. EPDM scrap



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generated during the aforementioned steps can be directly looped back as a material input, before the subsequent curing (or vulcanizing) process alters the rubber material irreversibly, making it unfit as a scrap input. Curing entails the rolled up membrane being wrapped to create pressure and placed in an oven. Once cured, the membrane sheet maintains its shape and size. Optionally, a reinforcing polyester scrim can be applied to the membrane before curing, producing reinforced EPDM (see SPRI's EPD for EPDM reinforced roofing membranes for details). The finished product is allowed to cool on rollers, then transferred onto large cardboard rolls and wrapped in plastic film to be shipped to building sites for installation.

TRANSPORTATION

Primary data on inbound transportation of raw materials and packaging mateiral were collected. These materials included base resin (EPDM), fillers, pigments, curatives, activators, processing aids, etc. Transportation to the customer or construction site is outside the scope of this EPD.

PRODUCT INSTALLATION

Installation is outside the scope of this EPD.

USE

Product use is outside the scope of this EPD.

REUSE, RECYCLING, AND ENERGY RECOVERY

Product reuse, recycling, and incineration for energy recovery is outside the scope of this EPD.

DISPOSAL

Product disposal is outside the scope of this EPD.



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METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

DECLARED UNIT

1 m² of single ply roofing membrane for a stated product thickness. Environmental performance results therefore represent the industry average production of EPDM, normalized to 1 m². The reference service life is not specified. Since the use stage is not included in the system boundary, no reference service life needs to be defined for the analysis.

SYSTEM BOUNDARY

System boundaries are summarized in Figure 2 for the analysis scope of "cradle-to-gate". Excluded modules are indicated by "MND" or "module not declared". As is typical of works of life cycle assessment, the construction and maintenance of capital equipment, such as production equipment in the manufacturing stage, are not included in the system, nor are human labor and employee commute. The use stage is also outside the scope of this study.

PRO	DUCT ST	AGE	CONST ION PR STA	OCESS	USE STAGE					END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY		
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from gate to site	Assembly/Install	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Building Operational Energy Use During Product Use	Building Operational Water Use During Product Use	Deconstruction	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
Х	Х	Х	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

Figure 2 Life cycle stages included in system boundary

CUT-OFF RULES

Per the PCR, the cut-off criteria for flows to be considered within each system boundary are as follows:

- Mass: If a flow is less than 1% of the cumulative mass of the model flows, it may be excluded, provided its environmental relevance is minor, based on a sensitivity analysis.
- Energy: If a flow is less than 1% of the cumulative energy of the system model, it may be excluded, provided its environmental relevance is minor, based on a sensitivity analysis.
- Environmental relevance: If a flow meets the above two criteria but is determined to contribute 2% or more to the selected impact categories of the products underlying the EPD, based on a sensitivity analysis, it is included within the system boundary.

At least 95% of the mass flows shall be included and the life-cycle impact data shall contain at least 95% of all elementary flows that contribute to each of the declared category indicators. A list of hazardous and toxic materials and substances



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shall be included in the inventory and the cut-off rules do not apply to such substances.

No cut-off criteria had to be applied for this study. All available energy and material flow data were included in the model.

DATA SOURCES

The LCA model was created using the GaBi Software system for life cycle engineering, version 10, developed by Sphera (Sphera, 2021). Background life cycle inventory data for raw materials and processes were obtained from the GaBi 2021 databases. Primary manufacturing data were provided by the participating companies.

DATA QUALITY

As the majority of the relevant foreground data are measured data or calculated based on primary information sources of the owner of the technology, precision is considered to be high. Seasonal variations were balanced out by using yearly averages that were then weighted according to each manufacturer's production volume. All background data are sourced from GaBi databases with the documented precision. Each foreground process was checked for mass balance and completeness of the emission inventory. No data were knowingly omitted. Completeness of foreground unit process data is considered to be high. All background data are sourced from GaBi databases with the documented second results of the emission inventory.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

This study represents three SPRI member companies with facilities across the United States. As such, the geographical coverage for this study is based on US system boundaries for all processes and products.

Regionally specific datasets, where available, were used to represent each manufacturing location's energy consumption. Proxy datasets were used as needed for raw material inputs to address lack of data for a specific material or for a specific geographical region. These proxy datasets were chosen for their technological representativeness of the actual materials.

PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

Primary data collected represent production during the 2019 calendar year. This analysis is intended to represent production in 2019. All secondary data come from the GaBi Professional databases and are representative of the years 2017-2020.

ALLOCATION

As several products are often manufactured at the same plant, participating companies used mass allocation to report data. Mass allocation was selected since the environmental burden in the industrial process (energy consumption, emissions, etc.) is primarily governed by the mass throughput of each sub-process.

Allocation of background data (energy and materials) taken from the GaBi 2021 databases is documented online at <u>http://www.gabi-software.com/support/gabi/gabi-database-2021-lci-documentation/.</u>

ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

In cases where no matching life cycle inventories were available to represent a flow, proxy data were applied based on



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conservative assumptions regarding environmental impacts.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The environmental impacts associated with the non-reinforced roofing membrane is presented below in Table 3 for the production stage (A1-A3).

Indicator	A1	A2	A3	Total
Global Warming Potent	ial [kg CO ₂ eq.]			
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	3.59E+00	1.14E-01	1.03E+00	4.73E+00
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	4.69E+00	1.47E-01	1.30E+00	6.14E+00
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	7.33E+00	2.31E-01	2.00E+00	9.56E+00
Ozone Depletion Poten	tial [kg CFC-11 eq.]			
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	4.19E-15	2.22E-17	7.99E-13	8.02E-13
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	5.46E-15	2.89E-17	1.10E-12	1.11E-12
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	8.53E-15	4.53E-17	1.73E-12	1.73E-12
Acidification Potential	kg SO ₂ eq.]			
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	5.82E-03	1.01E-03	9.50E-04	7.76E-03
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	7.59E-03	1.23E-03	1.24E-03	1.00E-02
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	1.19E-02	1.91E-03	1.91E-03	1.57E-02
Eutrophication Potentia	l [kg N eq.]			
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	5.15E-04	6.33E-05	9.32E-05	6.71E-04
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	6.81E-04	8.03E-05	1.22E-04	8.83E-04
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	1.07E-03	1.26E-04	1.89E-04	1.38E-03
Photochemical ozone for	ormation, human health [k	(g O₃ eq.]		
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	1.03E-01	2.29E-02	1.74E-02	1.43E-01
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	1.35E-01	2.83E-02	2.27E-02	1.86E-01
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	2.11E-01	4.42E-02	3.50E-02	2.90E-01

Table 3: Environmental impact indicators for 1m² of Non-Reinforced EPDM Single Ply Roofing Membrane

The resource use associated with the non-reinforced roofing membrane is presented below in Table 4 for the production stage (A1-A3).

Table 4: Resource use indicators for 1m² of Non-Reinforced EPDM Single Ply Roofing Membrane

Indicator	A1	A2	A3	Total			
Renewable Primary Energy Resources as Energy (RPR _E) [MJ]							
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	1.94E+00	5.97E-02	5.15E-01	2.52E+00			
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	2.55E+00	7.89E-02	5.49E-01	3.18E+00			
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	4.00E+00	1.24E-01	8.78E-01	5.01E+00			
Renewable Primary Resources as Material (RPR _M) [MJ]							
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.86E+00	1.86E+00			
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.59E+00	2.59E+00			



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EPDM (NR) 90 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.00E+00	4.00E+00
Non-Renewable Prim	ary Resources as Ener	rgy (fuel) (NRPR _E) [MJ]		
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	3.92E+01	1.64E+00	1.30E+01	5.38E+01
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	4.85E+01	2.13E+00	1.68E+01	6.74E+01
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	7.69E+01	3.34E+00	2.60E+01	1.06E+02
Non-Renewable Prim	ary Resources as Mat	erial (NRPR _M) [MJ]		
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	5.67E+01	0.00E+00	5.89E-01	5.73E+01
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	7.71E+01	0.00E+00	8.07E-01	7.80E+01
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	1.19E+02	0.00E+00	1.23E+00	1.21E+02
Secondary Materials (SM) [kg]			
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.72E-02	4.72E-02
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.52E-02	6.52E-02
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.02E-01	1.02E-01
Renewable Secondary	r Fuels (RSF) [MJ]			
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Non-Renewable Seco	ndary Fuels (NRSF) [N	[LN		
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

The waste generation associated with the non-reinforced roofing membrane is presented below in Table 5 for the production stage (A1-A3).

Table 5: Output flows & waste categories for 1m² of Non-Reinforced EPDM Single Ply Roofing Membrane

Indicator	A1	A2	A3	Total				
Hazardous Waste Disposed (HWD) [kg]								
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	1.34E-07	1.31E-10	1.40E-08	1.48E-07				
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	1.77E-07	1.71E-10	1.92E-08	1.96E-07				
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	2.77E-07	2.68E-10	3.01E-08	3.07E-07				
Non-Hazardous Waste	Disposed (NHWD) [kg]							
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	4.83E-02	1.39E-04	4.83E-02	9.68E-02				
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	6.15E-02	1.83E-04	6.05E-02	1.22E-01				
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	9.53E-02	2.88E-04	9.50E-02	1.91E-01				
Radioactive Waste Disp	Radioactive Waste Disposed (RWD) [kg]							
EPDM (NR) 45 mils	7.26E-04	4.49E-06	7.75E-04	1.50E-03				
EPDM (NR) 60 mils	9.48E-04	5.84E-06	1.00E-03	1.96E-03				
EPDM (NR) 90 mils	1.48E-03	9.17E-06	1.55E-03	3.04E-03				



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LCA INTERPRETATION

The cradle-to-gate potential environmental impacts of EPDM products are driven by the raw materials (A1). Inbound transport to manufacturing (A2) and membrane manufacturing (A3) contribute to potential environmental impacts on a smaller order of magnitude.

Disclaimer (quoted from sub-category PCR):

Emerging LCA impact categories and inventory items are still under development and can have high levels of uncertainty that preclude international acceptance pending further development. Use caution when interpreting data in these categories:

- renewable primary energy resources as energy (fuel), (RPRE);
- renewable primary resources as material, (RPRM);
- non-renewable primary resources as energy (fuel), (NRPRE);
- non-renewable primary resources as material (NRPRM);
- secondary materials (SM);
- renewable secondary fuels (RSF);
- non-renewable secondary fuels (NRSF);
- hazardous waste disposed;
- non-hazardous waste disposed;
- Radioactive Waste Disposed (RWD);

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