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## General Information

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**Declared product / declared unit**

1m2 of Swisspearl Carat/Avera/Vintago/Reflex/Vintago-Reflex

**Scope:**

This EPD refers to the Swisspearl facade panels based on white cement produced in the factories located in Niederurnen (Switzerland) and are based on the production data of the year 2022.  
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.

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

**Verification**

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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## Product

### Product description/Product definition

Swisspearl fibre cement facade board is a high quality, fibre cement board based on white cement and is intended to be used as facade board. Deemed non-combustible, the fibre cement board is available in large sheet sizes across a small range of colours and profiles and features a rivet screw fix system ensuring on-site efficiencies.

This declaration is based on facade boards produced in Niederurnen (Switzerland) and covers the following product names:

**Carat**  
**Zenor**  
**Avera**  
**Vintago**  
**Reflex**  
**Vintago-Reflex**

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) pertains to facade boards made from white cement. In Swisspearl's products, cement constitutes the largest mass percentage, and given that its production process is markedly different from that of grey cement, it is considered necessary to establish a distinct EPD.

Products included in this EPD contain the additional product naming Elfenbein (Ivory) and Bernstein (Amber).

### Statement on representivity

All the listed products are produced by the same process and contain the same raw materials. Only the surface treatment of the listed products are different. Furthermore, all listed products are produced in the same production hall in Niederurnen, Switzerland. This difference can range from the type of coating, for instance whether the product has an opaque, translucent or transparent coating. The coating is ~ 1,3 % of the total weight of a facade product.

Whether the product is opaque, translucent or transparent is impacted predominantly by the type and amount of pigment in the coating. Typically the pigment in Swisspearl coating for this product range is maximum 0,9% of the total mass of the product. Therefore, the changes in coating between the products are considered to be very small.

For marketing within the European Union/European Free Trade Association (excluding Switzerland), Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 (CPR) is applicable. The product requires a declaration of performance that considers EN 12467:2012+A2:2018 'Fibre-cement flat sheets - Product specification and test methods' along with CE marking.

For the placing on the market of the product in the European Union/European Free Trade Association (EU/EFTA) (with the exception of Switzerland) Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 (CPR) applies. The product needs a declaration of performance taking into consideration EN 12467:2012+A2:2018 'Fibre-cement flat sheets - Product specification and test methods and the CE-marking.

### Application

Swisspearl facade boards are intended for installation as both outdoor and indoor facade cladding by use of a rivet screw fix system.

### Technical Data

The technical specifications of the Swisspearl facade boards can be seen in the following table:

#### Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Thermal conductivity	0.56	W/(mK)
Density, dry average	1650	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Reaction to fire	A2-s1,d0	
Modulus of elasticity	12000	MPa
Tensile strength crosswise to fibre	28	MPa
Compressive strength	40	MPa
Shrinkage	1.0	mm/m
Coefficient of thermal expansion	1.0E-05	1/K
Moisture expansion	0.5	mm/m
Moisture content	8.0	M.-%
Frost resistance	Category A compliant	
Heat resistance	Guaranteed up to - 40 °C and + 80 °C	
Water absorption	18	M.-%
Water vapor diffusion	0.00328	mg/m h Pa

The above table shows technical specifications for Swisspearl Carat. For specific and additional data for other products of the product range, please visit the download center of Swisspearl's homepage on [www.swisspearl.com/services/downloads](http://www.swisspearl.com/services/downloads)

Performance data of the product in accordance with the declaration of performance (DoP) with respect to its essential characteristics according to EN 12467:2012+A2:2018 'Fibre-cement flat sheets - Product specification and test methods and the CE-marking.

### Base materials/Ancillary materials

The table below displays the primary components of the product. The values are presented as ranges that encompass the five specified product variations with an 8 mm thickness. Due to confidentiality, specific recipes and certain input materials (less than 2% by mass) are omitted from this table.

Name	Value	Unit
Cement (white)	60-90	%
Limestone	1-10	%
Cellulose	1-10	%
PVA/SWP	1-10	%
Coating (paint)	0-5	%

### Material explanation

- Portland Cement: Manufactured according to DIN EN 197-1 from limestone, marl and sand. The material is crushed, dried, calcinated to clinker and ground to cement.
- PVA: to secure long term performance of the reinforced fibres, such as cellulose.
- Cellulose fibres (0.5-3mm): To ensure collection of powder during filtration. The product does not contain any substances of very high concern (SVHC) at concentrations greater than 0.1% of the product mass, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH).

### Manufacturing process

The Swisspearl facade boards are produced by the use of the Hatschek method: the base materials (binder, fibres, etc) are processed into a homogeneous mixture with water and transferred to the vats of the Hatschek machine. Rotating sieve cylinders in the vats collect a thin layer of solid material and transfer the layer to a rotating felt for dewatering and further onto the accumulating format roller. The format roller is gradually covered by layers of fibre cement. Once the required thickness of the boards is reached, the fibre cement layer, still moist and mouldable, is unwound and taken from the roll. Further information on the Hatschek method may be found here:

[www.fibreconsulting.com/publications/011011.hatschekfilmsummenbauverfahren](http://www.fibreconsulting.com/publications/011011.hatschekfilmsummenbauverfahren)  
 After the pre-curing period, the fibre-cement boards are dried.

After the drying process the products are ready to be sanded, trimmed edges, cut to customised size, painted, edge-sealed, hydrophobated and finished with quality controls and packing processes.

### Reference service life

The Swisspearl pigmented facade boards have been introduced quite recently to the market. Consequently, there is no substantiated data on their reference service life (RSL) according to the ISO 15686. However the service life is estimated to be 50 years or higher. This is in accordance with the table published by the Bundesinstitut für Bau-, Stadt- und Raumforschung (BBSR) (code 335.511), which estimates the service life of facade and roofing products.

## LCA: Calculation rules

### Declared Unit

In this EPD the declared unit is defined as the production of 1 m<sup>2</sup> of Swisspearl fibre cement facade board with a thickness of 8 mm, and an expected lifetime of 50 years or higher, and its related impacts over the 'cradle to grave' lifecycle modules.

### Declared unit and mass reference

Swisspearl facade boards are available in 6-, 8-, and 12 mm. This EPD provides the environmental results for 8 mm boards. In order to obtain results for other thicknesses a conversion factor is needed. These are shown in the following table.

Name	Value	Unit
Gross density	1711	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Grammage	13.7	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Layer thickness	0.008	m
Conversion factor 6 mm	0.75	
Conversion factor 12 mm	1.5	
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>

Other declared units are allowed if the conversion is shown transparently.

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.

### System boundary

The modules considered in this EPD follow a cradle to grave assessment: A1-A5, B1-B7, C1-C4, D.

A1 -The system boundaries include the provision and processing of raw materials. These include in particular cement, plastic fibres, pulp and packaging materials.

A2 -The transports to the manufacturer were specifically collected for all starting materials.

A3 -The production includes also all in-plant energy consumption (gas + electricity), as well as water used in the production process.

A4 -The transport, part of the construction process, is an average of the total distance of all products delivered to the point of installation. This is calculated to be 336 km by truck.

A5 -All environmental impacts associated with the disposal of

packaging handled at the construction site are accounted for. It is assumed incinerated at an incineration plant. Disposal of product waste is assumed to be landfilled. Furthermore, environmental impacts associated with trucks and fuel for the construction installation are included. B1-B7 modules are not included, as no significant environmental impact is associated with the use phase of the product.

C1 -Accounts for the environmental impacts associated with dismantling and demolition of the fibre cement boards. Fuel used for demolition equipment and transport on-site vehicles.

C2 -Transportation of the discarded products from the construction site to a landfilling site. The transport is estimated to be 100 km in an average truck.

C3 -The fibre cement panels are sent to landfill and therefore there are no environmental impacts associated with waste processing of materials flows intended for reuse, recycling or energy recovery.

C4 -Environmental impacts associated with the processes at the landfill. The waste code for fibre cement products according to the European Waste Catalogue is 10 13 11, which describes waste from cement-based composite materials without asbestos.

D -The fibre cement panels are sent to landfill after use. The product has therefore no impact during this stage and no associated environmental impacts. The panels are expected to be reusable over time, but this is not included in this assessment. Incineration credits for the packaging material have been considered.

### Background data and data quality

Modelling of the production of 1m<sup>2</sup> of facade board is done with GaBi Software System and Database for Life Cycle Engineering. The model has been developed by Sphera Solutions GmbH. Each background dataset has been reviewed on geographical, technological, and temporal scale.

Technological: All primary and secondary data are modelled to be specific to the technology mixes under study. Proxy data are used where technology-specific data are unavailable. The technological representativeness is considered to be good.

Geographical: All primary and secondary data are collected specific to the countries/regions under study. Where country/region specific data are unavailable, proxy data are used. The geographical representativeness is considered to be good.



Temporal: All primary data collected is based on the year 2021. All secondary data come from the GaBi 2020.1 databases and are representative for the years 2020-2025. Temporal representativeness is considered to be very good.

## Allocation in foreground data

The production process does not deliver any co-products. Therefore, the applied model does not contain any allocation. Pre-processing waste (plastics) is sent to a waste incineration plant. The resulting electrical and thermal energy is credited in module A1. For the waste incineration plant an R1-value of above 0.6 is assumed. The resulting credits based on the incineration of the packaging of the product are declared in module D.

This EPD is based on a cradle-to-grave + module D, in which >99 weight-% has been accounted for. The general rules for the exclusion of inputs and outputs follows the requirements in EN 15804:2012+A2:2019, 6.3.5, where the total of neglected input flows per module shall be a

maximum of 5 % of energy usage and mass and 1 % of energy usage and mass for unit processes.

The following processes were considered below the cut-off and are not included in this assessment:

- Electricity used for the mounting of the boards
- Packaging of raw materials
- Environmental impacts caused by the personnel of the production plants are not included in the LCA

## 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

## 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

### Characteristic product properties of biogenic carbon

The biogenic carbon containing material (cellulose) in Swisspearl facade board is required to be listed separately. The following table shows the biogenic carbon content in the product and accompanying packaging:

### Information on describing the biogenic carbon content at factory gate

Name	Value	Unit
Biogenic carbon content in product	0.0085	kg C
Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging	0.024	kg C

Note: 1 kg of biogenic carbon is equivalent to 44/12 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>

Estimating transportation to each construction site is quite complex. Nevertheless, approximately 80% of the fiber cement boards produced in Niederurnen, Switzerland, are distributed domestically. The most distant point from the production site is Geneva, at 336 km, making it a suitable proxy for the average distance to the installation sites. Typically, the products are delivered by truck.

### Transport to the building site (A4)

Name	Value	Unit
Transport distance	336	km
Gross density of products transported	1711	kg/m <sup>3</sup>

### Installation into the building (A5)

Installation of the boards is carried out by use of an automatic screwdriver. It is estimated that under high wind load the maximum amount of screws used per declared unit of a facade board is 8 screws.

Name	Value	Unit
Plastic waste	0.004	kg
Pallets	0.55	kg
Screws	8	pcs

### Use or application of the installed product (B1) see section 2.12 "Use"

Name	Value	Unit
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In case a **reference service life** according to applicable ISO standards is declared then the assumptions and in-use conditions underlying the determined RSL shall be declared. In addition, it shall be stated that the RSL applies to the reference conditions only.

The same holds for a service life declared by the manufacturer. Corresponding information related to in-use conditions needs not be provided if a service life taken from the list of service life by *BNB* is declared.

### Reference service life

As previously disclosed, the estimated lifetime of Swisspearl fibre cement boards is 50 years or higher.

Name	Value	Unit
Life Span (according to BBSR)	>50	a

### End of life (C1-C4)

In the end-of-life stage of the product, the fibre-cement boards are assumed to be sent to landfill. The waste code for fibre cement products according to the European Waste Catalogue is 10 13 11.

Reuse of boards is possible if boards are in good condition, however, this is not included in the assessment due to lack of quantitative data.

Name	Value	Unit
Landfilling	13.7	kg
Reuse	If in good condition	

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

Name	Value	Unit
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## LCA: Results

The following tables show the results of life cycle assessment indicators, resource use and waste related to 1m2 of Swisspearl fibre cement board. The data is representative of the products of Swisspearl.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; MND = 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 m2 Swisspearl Carat/Avera/Vintago/Reflex (white cement)

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.2E+01	8.03E-01	4.77E-01	2.98E-01	2.08E+00	8.48E-04	8.86E-02	-1.07E-01	6.32E-01	-3.63E-01
GWP-fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.2E+01	7.72E-01	1.42E+00	2.84E-01	1.03E+00	8.4E-04	8.47E-02	3.15E-01	2.11E-01	-3.61E-01
GWP-biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	2.04E-02	3.07E-02	-9.44E-01	1.31E-02	1.04E+00	7.14E-06	3.9E-03	-4.22E-01	4.2E-01	-1.75E-03
GWP-luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	3.18E-03	1.8E-05	1.02E-03	6.75E-06	7.59E-04	1.19E-06	2.01E-06	7.71E-04	6.2E-04	-2.37E-04
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	3.26E-14	8.73E-17	1.83E-14	3.26E-17	7.85E-15	2.01E-17	9.71E-18	3.37E-15	8.21E-16	-3.91E-15
AP	mol H <sup>+</sup> eq	2.19E-02	4.55E-03	2.56E-03	2.34E-04	2.57E-03	1.75E-06	6.97E-05	2.67E-03	1.5E-03	-4.59E-04
EP-freshwater	kg P eq	8.62E-06	1.65E-07	3.71E-05	6.05E-08	1.93E-06	2.25E-09	1.8E-08	8.24E-06	3.54E-07	-4.48E-07
EP-marine	kg N eq	9.33E-03	1.23E-03	9.56E-04	7.4E-05	5.94E-04	4.15E-07	2.2E-05	8.41E-04	3.9E-04	-1.32E-04
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	1.02E-01	1.35E-02	8.77E-03	8.2E-04	6.54E-03	4.36E-06	2.44E-04	8.88E-03	4.29E-03	-1.42E-03
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	2.91E-02	3.48E-03	2.34E-03	2.24E-04	1.88E-03	1.13E-06	6.65E-05	2.4E-03	1.18E-03	-3.72E-04
ADPE	kg Sb eq	6.81E-07	2.64E-08	2.62E-07	9.94E-09	4.97E-05	2.47E-10	2.96E-09	1.04E-07	1.99E-08	-5.79E-08
ADPF	MJ	1.17E+02	1.07E+01	2.93E+01	4.03E+00	1.09E+01	1.49E-02	1.2E+00	4.99E+00	2.8E+00	-6.26E+00
WDP	m <sup>3</sup> world eq deprived	6E-01	1.27E-03	4.86E-02	4.71E-04	1.42E-01	1.35E-04	1.4E-04	6.36E-03	2.27E-02	-2.62E-02

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 m2 Swisspearl Carat/Avera/Vintago/Reflex (white cement)

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	9.97E-01	3.55E-02	1.52E+01	1.33E-02	2.55E+00	6.88E-03	3.95E-03	1.34E+01	7.87E+00	-1.34E+00
PERM	MJ	7.49E+00	0	1.4E-01	0	-1.4E-01	0	0	0	-7.49E+00	0
PERT	MJ	8.49E+00	3.55E-02	1.54E+01	1.33E-02	2.41E+00	6.88E-03	3.95E-03	1.34E+01	3.77E-01	-1.34E+00
PENRE	MJ	1.17E+02	1.07E+01	2.9E+01	4.03E+00	1.13E+01	1.49E-02	1.2E+00	4.99E+00	2.8E+00	-6.26E+00
PENRM	MJ	0	0	3.4E-01	0	-3.4E-01	0	0	0	0	0
PENRT	MJ	1.17E+02	1.07E+01	2.93E+01	4.03E+00	1.1E+01	1.49E-02	1.2E+00	4.99E+00	2.8E+00	-6.26E+00
SM	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	1.88E-02	5.71E-05	3.88E-03	2.13E-05	5.25E-03	6.7E-06	6.35E-06	3.52E-03	6.91E-04	-1.31E-03

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 m2 Swisspearl Carat/Avera/Vintago/Reflex (white cement)

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	1.01E-08	7.49E-11	5.53E-09	2.77E-11	1.51E-09	3.95E-12	8.25E-12	4.06E-09	2.98E-10	-1.4E-09
NHWD	kg	6.73E-02	1.07E-03	8.49E-01	4.04E-04	3.54E-02	1.06E-05	1.2E-04	1.61E-02	1.4E+01	-2.83E-03
RWD	kg	1.32E-03	1.15E-05	3.79E-03	4.32E-06	5.03E-04	2.22E-06	1.28E-06	3.57E-04	2.94E-05	-4.32E-04
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MFR	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MER	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE	MJ	0	0	0	0	6.51E-04	0	0	0	0	0
EET	MJ	0	0	0	0	6.51E-04	0	0	0	0	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 m<sup>2</sup> Swisspearl Carat/Avera/Vintago/Reflex (white cement)

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM	Disease incidence	3E-07	7.16E-08	1.47E-07	1.3E-09	2.98E-08	1.47E-11	3.87E-10	1.7E-07	1.87E-08	-3.95E-09
IR	kBq U235 eq	1.56E-01	1.63E-03	2.63E-01	6.12E-04	6.69E-02	3.65E-04	1.82E-04	5.82E-02	3.1E-03	-7.09E-02
ETP-fw	CTUe	7.36E+01	7.76E+00	1.41E+01	2.92E+00	3.13E+00	6.28E-03	8.69E-01	3.22E+00	1.6E+00	-1.25E+00
HTP-c	CTUh	2.26E-09	1.44E-10	4.41E-10	5.43E-11	1E-09	1.78E-13	1.62E-11	1.69E-10	2.35E-10	-5.89E-11
HTP-nc	CTUh	2.04E-07	6.12E-09	3.18E-08	2.27E-09	1.24E-08	6.71E-12	6.75E-10	1.07E-08	2.6E-08	-2.33E-09
SQP	SQP	7.32E+00	2.75E-02	1.5E+02	1.03E-02	1.95E+00	4.71E-03	3.07E-03	2.03E+02	5.66E-01	-9.2E-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 or radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, 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 as there is limited experience with the indicator.

### LCA interpretation

Based on the overall lifecycle, the product stage (A1-A3) of Swisspearl pigmented façade boards has the largest impact on the majority of impact categories. As shown in the figure below, the raw material acquisition stage (A1) contributes the most to the Global Warming Potential (GWP) with a 73% share, primarily due to the high cement content. This followed by the manufacturing stage (A3) with an 9% share.

In the construction process stage, the assembly (A5) of the product accounts for the largest share, contributing 7% to the total GWP. This is primarily due to the disposal of packaging and product waste.

For the end-of-life stage (C1-C4), waste processing (C3) is the biggest contributor, with a 2% share.

There are two impact categories where A1 is not the dominant contributor. The first is the eutrophication potential for freshwater (EP-freshwater), where A3 has the largest share at 65%, attributed to wastewater disposal during production. The second is the abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources (ADPE), where stage A5 has the majority share of the impacts.

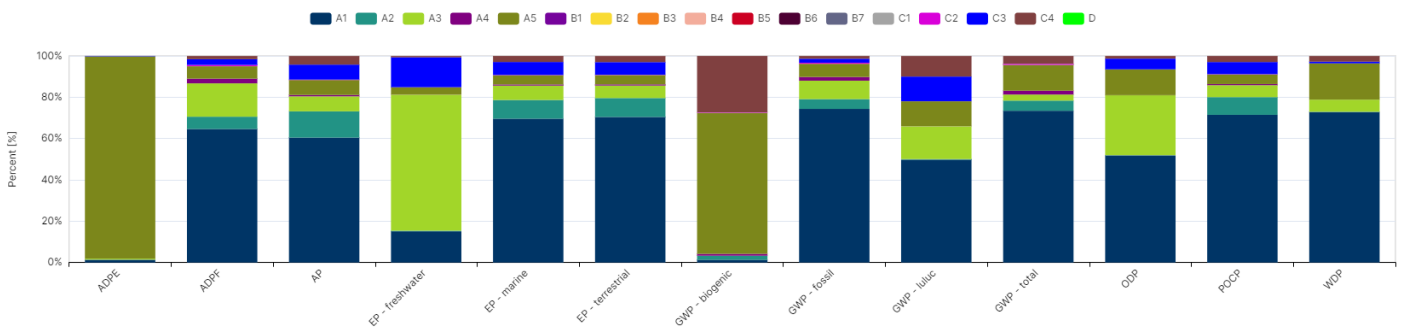


Figure 1 - Impact categories for each module

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