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Saint-Gobain Isover UK

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This declaration is for: CWS 32 Product Family

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#### **General Information**

#### **Summary**

This environmental product declaration is for 1 square metre of glass mineral wool from the CWS 32 product family produced by Saint - Gobain Isover UK at the following manufacturing facilities:

Saint - Gobain Isover UK Whitehouse Industrial Estate Runcorn Cheshire WA7 3DP United Kingdom

This is a Cradle to grave EPD. The life cycle stages included are as shown below (X = included, MND = module not declared):

Product		Construction		Rela	Use stage  Related to the building fabric				Relat	ed to iilding		End-	of-life		Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary	
A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Raw materials supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to site	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
Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	MND

#### **Programme Operator**

BRE Global, Watford, Herts, WD25 9XX, United Kingdom.

This declaration is based on the BRE Environmental Profiles 2013 Product Category Rules for Type III environmental product declaration of construction products to EN 15804:2012+A1:2013.

#### **Comparability**

Environmental declarations from different programmes may not be comparable if not compliant with EN 15804:2012+A1:2013. Comparability is further dependent on the product category rules used and the source of the data, e.g. the database. See EN 15804:2012+A1:2013 for further guidance.



#### **Construction Product**

#### **Product Description**

Saint – Gobain Isover UK, which has a production site situated in Runcorn, utilizes a variety of fusion and fiberizing techniques to convert natural and abundant raw materials (Sand, Borax, and Feldspar etc.) as well as Cullet into a homogeneous melt, which is subsequently fabricated into glass wool fibres. These glass wool fibres are formed into a "mineral wool mat" consisting of a soft, airy structure

The best natural insulator on earth is dry immobile air at  $10^{\circ}$ C: its thermal conductivity factor, expressed in  $\lambda$ , is 0.025 W/(m.K) (watts per meter Kelvin degree). The thermal conductivity of glass mineral wool is close to immobile air as its  $\lambda$  (Lambda) varies from 0.032 W/(m.K) for the most efficient to 0.044 W/(m.K) for the least.

The glass mineral wool products have an entangled, porous structure: This enables air to become trapped in the pores of the material providing exceptional thermal properties. Furthermore, its porous and elastic structure absorbs noise in the air and offers acoustic correction inside premises. Incombustible by nature, Isover glass mineral wool does not fuel fire or propagate flames.

Glass mineral wool insulation usage is extensive, ranging from use in building insulation (loft, cavity walls) to technical insulation (Industrial facilities, Marine & offshore). It ensures a high level of comfort, lowers energy costs, minimizes carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions, prevents heat loss through pitched roofs, walls, floors, pipes and boilers, reduces noise pollution and protects homes and industrial facilities from the risk of fire. Moreover, Isover insulation allows substantial weight savings for marine applications.

The glass mineral wool products generated at Saint – Gobain Isover UK have an average building lifespan of 60 years, or as long as the insulated building component is part of the building.



#### **Technical Information**

Insulation can serve many purposes within a building, from providing thermal and acoustic insulation to fire protection. Saint – Gobain Isover UK produces insulation which can satisfy many of these purposes, if not all. CWS 32 cavity wall insulation is supplied in a variety of thicknesses, ranging from 50 mm to 100 mm.

#### **CWS 32 Technical Information**

Characteristic	Unit	CWS 32 50 mm	CWS 32 65 mm	CWS 32 75 mm	CWS 32 85 mm	CWS 32 100 mm
Thickness	mm	50	65	75	85	100
Width	mm	455	455	455	455	455
Length	mm	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200
Pack Area	m <sup>2</sup>	7.64	6.55	5.46	4.37	3.28
Thermal Conductivity, λD	W/m.K	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032
Thermal Resistance, RD	m <sup>2</sup> .K/W	1.55	2.00	2.30	2.65	3.10
Fire Rating Euroclass	-	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

#### **Product Contents**

Material/Chemical Input	Unit	Value				
Glass Mineral Wool	%	94				
Binder	%	6				
Wood Pallet	g	96 - 223 per m <sup>2</sup> of Insulation				
Adhesives	g	0.027 - 0.062 per m <sup>2</sup> of Insulation				
Stretch Film	g	6.63 - 8.46 per m <sup>2</sup> of Insulation				
Labels	g	0.26 - 0.61 per m <sup>2</sup> of Insulation				
Polyethylene	g	42.96 - 100.10 per m <sup>2</sup> of Insulation				

The glass mineral wool and binder are the two actual components of the CWS 32 Insulation and they summate to 100%. The composition of the CWS 32 insulation (Glass mineral wool and binder) is the same for every thickness. The packaging per FU differs between the different thicknesses.

CWS 32 Insulation contains no substances that are listed in the 'Candidate List of Substances of very high concern for authorisation', however, due to propriety information they are not listed individually.



#### **Construction/Installation**

Saint – Gobain Isover UK produces the CWS 32 range of products to provide external masonry cavity wall insulation. CWS 32 is provided in the form of slabs or batts.

CWS 32 is installed during the construction of the external masonry walls. The batts are lightweight and easy to handle, cut and install. No additional material is required for the installation of CWS 32. For a more detailed guide on how to install CWS 32, please refer to the installation guides provided on the Isover website.

http://www.isover.co.uk/products/cws-32

#### **Use Information**

Once installed into the building, CWS 32 cavity wall insulation is not used directly. Therefore, there is no need for maintenance, repair, replacement or refurbishment. Moreover, no additional water and energy is used

#### **Reference Service Life**

Refer to LCA calculation rules

#### **End of Life**

The insulation will last the whole duration of the building lifetime. Once the insulation has reached the end-of-life stage, 100% of it is sent to landfill.



#### **LCA - Calculation Rules**

CALCULATION RULES	
FUNCTIONAL UNIT	The functional unit is 1 $\text{m}^2$ surface of Insulation providing a thermal resistance of R = 1.55 $\text{m}^2$ .K/W, whilst ensuring the stipulated product performances.  This functional unit is our reference unit for the multiplication factors and is based on the CWS 32 50 mm thickness.
SYSTEM BOUNDARIES	Cradle to Grave: Mandatory stages = A1 – 3, B1 – 7, C1 – 4.
REFERENCE SERVICE LIFE	60 Years
CUT-OFF RULES	The use of cut-off criterion on mass inputs and primary energy at the unit process level (1%) and at the information module level (5%);  Flows related to human activities such as employee transport are excluded  The construction of plants, production of machines and transportation systems are excluded since the related flows are supposed to be negligible compared to the production of the building product when compared at these systems lifetime level.
ALLOCATIONS	The allocation of all the production data is based on mass (kg).
DATA QUALITY	All the data complies with the EN 15804:2012 + A1:2013 standards regarding geographical, technological and technical relevance.  Primary data is obtained from our UK manufacturing site for the period of the 2014 calendar year.  A 2011 UK fuel mix was used to model the electricity for our production site.
BACKGROUND DATA	All the background data was either obtained from EU ETS/ DEAM/ Ecoinvent.



#### Life cycle stages



**Building Lifetime** 

#### **Product stage, A1-A3**

#### **Description of the stage:**

#### A1, Raw material supply

This module takes into account the extraction and processing of all raw materials and energy which occur upstream to the CWS 32 insulation manufacturing process.

#### A2, Transport to the manufacturing facility

This includes the transport distance of the raw materials to the manufacturing facility via road, boat and/or train. These values are specific unless the raw materials come from multiple suppliers, in which case the values are averaged.

#### A3, Manufacture of the product.

This module covers the manufacturing of the products and any associated packaging/facing. Specifically, it covers the glass production, binder production and glass mineral wool fabrication.

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#### Manufacture:

The Saint – Gobain Isover UK manufacturing facility is managed through an ISO 9001:2008 certified Quality Management System.

The manufacturing process for glass mineral wool insulation is split into the following 7 segments and is the same for every product manufactured at the Saint – Gobain Isover UK site.

#### 1. Raw Material Handling

The raw materials for glass wool manufacture are received in bulk quantities and stored in silos. According to a particular desired product recipe, the raw materials are weighed and blended well before introduction into the melting unit.

#### 2. Glass Melting

In the glass melting furnace, the raw materials introduced from the batch plant are heated to temperatures exceeding 1400°C and are transformed into a homogenous melt through a sequence of chemical reactions.



#### 3. Fiberizing

The homogenous melt travels through a fore hearth and enters rotary spinners. Glass wool fibers are formed and binder is simultaneously sprayed on these. These fibers fall into a forming chamber and are formed into a mat.

#### 4. Curing

The formed mat travels through a curing oven where it reaches a specified temperature to allow the binder to cure and for the mat to reach the desired thickness.

#### 5. Cutting

The cured glass mineral wool mat is cut via slitters into either rolls or batts. Any edge trim is recycled back into the process. Facings can be applied at this stage.

#### 6. Packaging

The products are compressed, packaged and labelled.

#### 7. Palletisation

At this stage, the products are combined together and stacked onto pallets where they are wrapped with stretch film. Once the pallets have been wrapped and labelled, they are ready to enter Lorries and be transported to the customer.

#### **Construction process stage, A4-A5**

#### **Description of the stage:**

The construction process is divided into 2 modules: A4, transport to the building site and A5, installation in the building.

A4, Transport to the building site: This module includes transport from the production gate to the building site.

A5, Installation in the building: The installation stage considers the wastage rate of the product during installation, waste recycling/recovery, water/energy usage and direct emissions.

#### Transport to the building site

PARAMETER	VALUE per square metre of Insulation
Fuel type and consumption of vehicle or vehicle type used for transport e.g. long distance truck, boat, etc.	The truck uses diesel as the fuel and has an average payload of 24 tonnes.  Fuel consumption is 38 litres / 100 kilometres
Distance	265 km
Capacity utilisation (including empty returns)	100% capacity utilisation with 30% empty returns
Bulk density of transported products	~ 10 - 40 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Volume capacity utilisation factor	1



#### Installation in the building

PARAMETER	VALUE per square metre of Insulation
Wastage of materials on the building site before waste processing, generated by the product's installation (specified by type)	5% of the insulation material is wasted at this stage
Sorting of waste materials on site for recycling, energy recovery and disposal (A5)	Packaging wastes are 100 % collected and modelled as recovered matter. Glass wool losses are 100 % landfilled.

#### Use stage (excluding potential savings), B1-B7

#### **Description of the stage:**

The use stage relating to the building fabric is assessed over a defined study period, taking into account the service life of the product.

This stage includes the following information modules:

B1, use of the installed construction product in the building – Glass mineral wool insulation is installed into the building, ranging from applications in cavity walls. There are no environmental impacts associated with this information module as we don't directly use the product once it has been installed.

B2, maintenance of the product – There is no need to maintain the product once it has been installed into the site. It will continue to provide its declared product performance for the duration of its reference service life.

B3, repair of the product – Once the product has been installed into the building, there should be no need to for corrective/reactive treatment to repair the product and return it to an acceptable condition. It will provide the declared product performance for the full reference service life.

B4, replacement of the product – Our reference service life for glass mineral wool insulation is assumed to be greater than or equal to the lifetime of the building it is installed in. Therefore, there is no need replace the product.

B5, refurbishment of the product – During the reference service life of our product, the performance will not diminish and therefore there is no need to refurbish the product.

#### **Maintenance**

PARAMETER	VALUE per square metre of Insulation
Maintenance process	None required during insulation lifetime

#### Repair

PARAMETER	VALUE per square metre of Insulation
Repair process	None required during insulation lifetime



#### Replacement

PARAMETER	VALUE per square metre of Insulation
Replacement cycle	None required during insulation lifetime

#### Refurbishment

PARAMETER	VALUE per square metre of Insulation
Refurbishment process	None required during insulation lifetime

#### Use of energy and water

PARAMETER	VALUE per square metre of Insulation
Water and Energy usage	None required during insulation lifetime

#### End-of-life stage, C1-C4

The end-of-life stage includes the following information modules:

- C1, demolition of the building or construction product installation The environmental impacts associated with the demolition of the CWS 32 product is considered to be negligible.
- C2, transport of the demolition waste comprising the end-of-life construction product to waste processing facility.
- C3, waste processing operations for reuse, recovery or recycling We don't reuse, recover or recycle our glass mineral wool insulation.
- C4, final disposal of the end-of-life construction product The product is 100% landfilled.

#### **End of life**

PARAMETER	VALUE per square metre of Insulation
Collection process specified by type	The entire product, including any surfacing is collected alongside any mixed construction waste
Recovery system specified by type	There is no recovery, recycling or reuse of the product once it has reached its end of life phase.
Disposal specified by type	The product alongside the mixed construction waste from demolishing will go to landfill
Assumptions for scenario development (e.g. transportation)	We assume that the waste going to landfill will be transported by truck with a 24 tonne payload, using diesel as a fuel consuming 38 litres per 100 km. Distance covered is 25 km



#### **LCA** results

This section will cover the LCA results of the CWS 32 cavity wall insulation product family. Using specialist LCA software (TEAM 5.2), an LCA was calculated for every individual thickness.

As this EPD covers a range of thicknesses, a multiplication factor was used to determine their individual environmental impacts. In order to calculate the multiplication factors, a reference unit was chosen (CWS 32 50 mm with an R value =  $1.55 \, \text{m}^2$ .K/W) which also acts as our functional unit. The various impacts for the other thicknesses were compared against this reference unit and a multiplication factor was calculated.

The table below highlights the multiplication factors for each individual thickness in the product family. In order to determine the environmental impacts associated with a specific product thickness, multiply the LCA results by the corresponding multiplication factor.

Product	Multiplication Factor
CWS 32 50 mm	1
CWS 32 65 mm	1.3
CWS 32 75 mm	1.5
CWS 32 85 mm	1.7
CWS 32 100 mm	2

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#### **Environmental impacts**

		Product stage	Constr process		Use stage								End-of-life stage					
Parameters		A1/A2/A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstruction / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling		
(CO2	Global Warming Potential	2.78E+00	1.12E-01	1.45E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.05E-02	0	0	MND		
	(GWP) - kg CO₂ equiv/FU	The global warming potential of a gas refers to the total contribution to global warming resulting from the emission of one unit of that gas relative to one unit of the reference gas, carbon dioxide, which is assigned a value of 1.																
	Ozone Depletion (ODP)	1.09E-07	8.06E-08	9.88E-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.56E-09	0	0	MND		
	kg CFC 11 equiv/FU	breakdowr	n of certain		nd/or brom	ine containi							uction of ozo on when the			ere and		
æ =	Acidification potential (AP)	2.18E-02	5.12E-04	1.12E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.80E-05	0	0	MND		
	kg SO₂ equiv/FU	Acid depositions have negative impacts on natural ecosystems and the man-made environment incl. buildings. The main sources for emissions of acidifying substances are agriculture and fossil fuel combustion used for electricity production, heating and transport.														ying		
	Eutrophication potential (EP)	2.37E-03	1.20E-04	1.25E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.13E-05	0	6.44E-06	MND		
***	kg (PO₄) <sup>3-</sup> equiv/FU	Excessive enrichment of waters and continental surfaces with nutrients, and the associated adverse biological effects.																
	Photochemical ozone creation	2.65E-03	7.98E-05	1.37E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.49E-06	0	0	MND		
	potential (POCP) kg Ethene equiv/FU			rought abo	•			ce of sunlig	ht to form o	ozone is an	example o	of a photocl	hemical read	ction.				
	Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources (ADP- elements) kg Sb equiv/FU	4.00E-07	3.02E-11	2.00E-08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.84E-12	0	0	MND		
<b>(</b> )	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADP-fossil fuels) <i>MJ/FU</i>	5.24E+01	1.43E+00	2.70E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.34E-01	0	0	MND		
		Consumpt	ion of non-	renewable	resources,	thereby lov	wering thei	r availabilit	y for future	generation	S.							

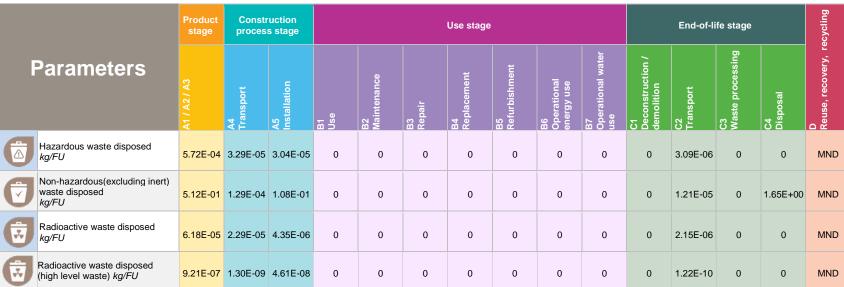


#### Resource use

		Product stage	Constr process					Use stage		ecycling						
P	arameters		A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstruction / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling A5 Installation
*	Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials MJ/FU	3.51E+00	6.97E-04	1.75E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.54E-05	0	0	MND
*	Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials <i>MJ/FU</i>	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	MND
resourc primary	se of renewable primary energy es (primary energy and energy resources used as raw ls) <i>MJ/FU</i>	3.51E+00	6.97E-04	1.75E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.54E-05	0	0	MND
O	Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials <i>MJ/FU</i>	4.95E+01	1.44E+00	2.55E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.35E-01	0	0	MND
O	Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials <i>MJ/FU</i>	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	MND
energy primary	se of non-renewable primary resources (primary energy and energy resources used as raw ls) <i>MJ/FU</i>	4.95E+01	1.44E+00	2.55E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.35E-01	0	0	MND
<b>6</b>	Use of secondary material kg/FU	9.51E-01	0	4.75E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MND
<b>%</b>	Use of renewable secondary fuels <i>MJ/FU</i>	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	MND
8	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels <i>MJ/FU</i>	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	MND
0	Net use of fresh water $m^3/FU$	1.62E-02	1.36E-04	8.20E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.28E-05	0	0	MND



#### **Waste categories**



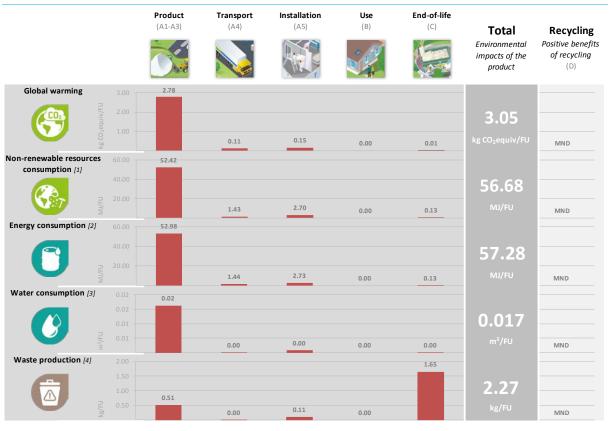
#### **Output flows**

	Product stage		ruction s stage	Use stage								End-of-life stage				
Parameters	A1 / A2 / A3	A4 Transport	A5 Installation	B1 Use	B2 Maintenance	B3 Repair	B4 Replacement	B5 Refurbishment	B6 Operational energy use	B7 Operational water use	C1 Deconstruction / demolition	C2 Transport	C3 Waste processing	C4 Disposal	D Reuse, recovery, recycling	
Components for re-use kg/FU	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	MND	
Materials for recycling kg/FU	6.93E-01	5.94E-07	9.06E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.57E-08	0	0	MND	
Materials for energy recovery kg/FU	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	MND	
Exported energy, detailed by energy carrier MJ/FU	7.05E-02	0	3.52E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	MND	





#### LCA results interpretation



- [1] This indicator corresponds to the abiotic depletion potential of fossil resources
- [2] This indicator corresponds to the total use of primary energy.
- [3] This indicator corresponds to the use of net fresh water.
- [4] This indicator corresponds to the sum of hazardous, non-hazardous and radioactive waste disposed.

The impacts associated with Global warming are predominantly seen in the A1 - A3 information module. This stage is the primary source of  $CO_2$  emissions (Combustion of fuel for electricity generation upstream and combustion of natural gas on site). The second highest contribution to global warming from the A4 transport stage is primarily due to fuel consumption.

A similar trend is seen for Non - renewable resource consumption and total primary energy consumption. A1 - A3 information modules account for over 90% of the contribution due to electricity generation and fossil fuel combustion. Once more, the transport stage A4 contributes the second highest to these environmental impacts due to fuel consumption.

Water is primarily consumed in the A1-A3 modules and therefore most of the environmental impacts are attributed to this stage.

Waste production does not follow the same trend and the primary contribution to this impact is from the end of life module C4. This is because our material once it reaches it end of life is 100% landfilled. The second highest contributor is the A1 – A3 module since we produce waste on site during the manufacture of the product



#### **Environmental positive contribution & comments**

The manufacturing process in Saint – Gobain Isover UK uses a very large amount of recycled glass that would have otherwise been sent to landfill, therefore eliminating the impact associated with landfill. Furthermore, the lower amount of batch materials we use in contrast to recycled glass means we alleviate the impact associated with extracting and transporting these materials.

All Isover products are manufactured under Environmental Management System – ISO 14001:2004. Our finished products also have Zero ODP (Ozone Depletion Potential), GWP < 5 (Global Warming Potential). Moreover, the manufacturing process does not use or contain CFC's, HCFC's or other damaging gases.

Isover CWS 32 corresponds to the BRE Global Green Guide online generic specification 'Glass wool insulation - density 48 kg/m³' ref 815320004 which achieves a summary rating of A+ within Domestic, Health, Industrial, Commercial, Retail, Education

NB: The density stated above is part of a generic BRE classification and does not reflect the exact specification of the product.



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