

# ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

In accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804+A1 for:

## Supafil Cavity Wall 034

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## General information

### Information about the company

#### Description of the organisation:

Knauf Insulation has more than 40 years of experience in the insulation industry and is one of the most respected names in insulation worldwide. Knauf Insulation is manufacturing products and solutions mainly in glass and rock mineral wool as well as wood wool. We operate more than 37 manufacturing sites globally in 15 countries and employ more than 5,000 people.

The Group Headquarters are based in Visé in Belgium where the biggest glass wool manufacturing plant in Europe is located .



#### Product-related or management system-related certifications:

All Knauf Insulation sites, including the related sites for this EPD, are ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 50001 and ISO 45001 certified under the scope "Design, Development and Production of Insulation Materials and Systems".

#### Name and location of production site:

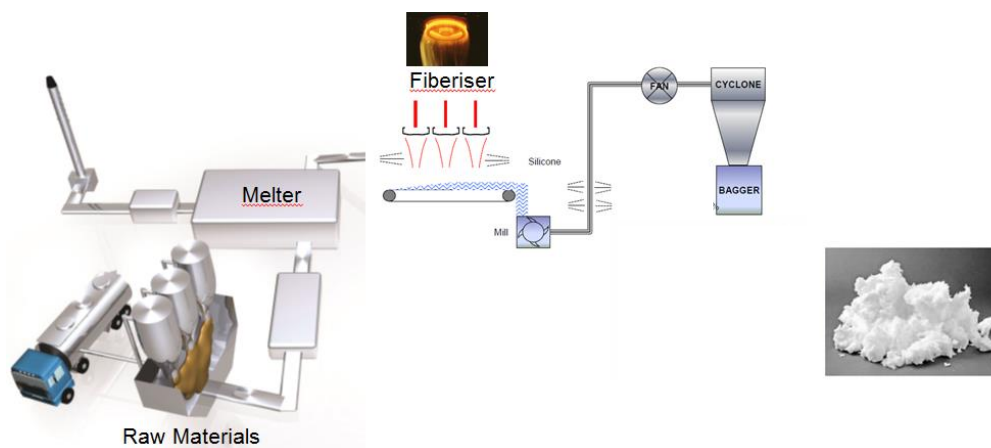
The use in dedicated building applications of the concerned product is Europe. The data utilized for the production stage life cycle assessment are related to a production plant located in Visé (Belgium):

Rue de Maestricht 95, 4600 Visé

### Information about Glass Mineral Wool production

The Glass Mineral Wool Products (GMW) with binder are available in the form of slabs, rolls and boards. The concerned product Glass Mineral Blowing Wool into this EPD is a loose-fill, binder-free, factory made mineral wool insulation. It is manufactured in the form of flocks of unbounded virgin mineral wool and complies with the requirements of EN 14064-1. In general, glass mineral blowing wool consists of at least 99% of inert material. The inert part is made of recycled glass (external cullet, up to 80% of the composition) and mainly sand and dolomite.

The remaining fraction (less than or equal to 1%) is dedicated to obtain anti-dust, anti-static and water repellent properties.



## Product information

**Product name:** Supafil Cavity Wall 034

**Product identification:** The declared insulation product is Supafil Cavity Wall 034, a binder-free, loose-fill, non-combustible blown glass mineral wool insulation of 1 m<sup>2</sup> and 100 mm thickness (considered for this EPD).

For the placing on the construction products market in the European Union/ EFTA (with exception of Switzerland), the Regulation/ (EU) No 305/2011/ applies. The concerned products need Declarations of Performance /DoP B4220MPCPR/ taking into consideration the harmonized product standard /EN 14064-1/ and the /CE-mark/.

**Product description:** The main application for Supafil Cavity Wall 034 is external masonry cavity walls.

**UN CPC code:**

37990: Non-metallic mineral products (including mineral wool, expanded mineral materials, worked mica, articles of mica, non-electrical articles of graphite or other carbon and articles of peat).

**Geographical scope:**

The product is produced in Visé plant in Belgium. Regarding the market area and its utilization, the product is installed in building throughout all Europe.

**Energy:**

Electricity mix and gas inputs are taken from related country values from reference year 2015.

**Technical Characteristics:**

Parameter	Value
Thermal conductivity/ EN 12667	0.034 W/(mK) at 10°C
Water vapor diffusion resistance factor (EN 12086)	1
Water vapour diffusion equivalent air layer thickness	NA
Sound absorption coefficient	NA
Thermal Resistance (ISO 8301)- R	2.9 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Longit. air-diffusion resist /EN 29053	>=5 kNs/m <sup>4</sup>
Water absorption Wp/ EN 1609/	<1 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Water absorption Wlp/ EN 12086/	<3 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Settlement/ Annex K of EN 14064-1/	S1
Reaction to fire (EN 13501-1)	A1
Declared density range/ EN 1602	35 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (+/- 10%)

## LCA information

### Functional unit / declared unit:

The declared unit is one square meter of Glass Mineral Wool Supafil Cavity Wall 034 with a thickness of 100 mm. The declared lambda is 0.034 W/mK at 10°C. The density used for the calculation of this specific LCA is 35 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Reference service life:** The RSL or durability of Supafil Cavity Wall 034 is as long as the lifetime of the building equipment in which it is used (at least 50 years).

### Time representativeness:

Plants production data for the complete year 2019.

### Database(s) and LCA software used:

The LCA model, the data aggregation and environmental impacts are calculated with the software GaBi 9.2 and its Service Pack 40 databases.

### System diagram:



### Description of system boundaries:

The system boundary of the EPD follows the modularity approach defined by the /EN 15804+A1/.

### The type of EPD is cradle-to-grave.

List and explanation of the modules declared in the EPD.

### The product stage (A1-A3) includes:

- A1 - raw material extraction and processing, processing of secondary material input (e.g. recycling processes),
- A2 - transport to the manufacturer and
- A3 - manufacturing.

This includes provision of all materials, products and energy, packaging processing and its transport, as well as waste processing up to the end-of-waste state or disposal of final residues during the product stage.

The LCA results are given in an aggregated form for the product stage, meaning that the modules A1, A2 and A3 are considered as a unique module A1-A3.

Product Parameters	Value
Declared Density	35 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Glass mineral wool weight (without facing/ coating weight)	3.5 kg
Surface	1 m <sup>2</sup>
Thickness	100 mm
Volume	0.1 m <sup>3</sup>
Packaging Plastic sheet	0.046 kg
Packaging Wooden pallet	0.066 kg

### The construction process stage includes:

- A4 - transport to the construction site and
- A5 - installation into the building.

The transport to the building site (A4) and installation (A5) included in this LCA use the following parameters:

Parameter	Value
Average transport distance	600 km
Type of fuel and vehicle consumption or type of vehicle used for transport.	Truck Euro 6 (28 – 32 t / 22 t) payload. 33 L for 100 km.
Truck capacity utilization (including 30% of empty returns)	53 % of the weight capacity
Loss of materials in construction site	2%
Packaging Wooden pallet	100% incinerated
Packaging Plastic sheet	40% recycled, 60% incinerated

The treatment of the packaging waste after the installation of the product (A5) has been considered.



The Use stage (B1-B7) includes:

- B1: Use
- B2: Maintenance
- B3: Repair
- B4: Replacement
- B5: Refurbishment
- B6: Operational Energy Use
- B7: Operational Water Use

Once installation is complete, no actions or technical operations are required during the use stages until the end of life. Therefore, the mineral wool has no impacts (excluding potential energy savings) on this stage.

The end-of-life stage includes:

- C1 - de-construction, demolition,
- C2 - transport to waste processing,
- C3 - waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling and
- C4 - disposal.

This includes provision of all transports, materials, products and related energy and water use. The common manual dismantling impact of insulation is considered as very small and can be neglected in C1.

Although Glass Mineral Wool products from Knauf Insulation are partly recycled at their end-of-life, an established collection system does not yet exist.

Therefore, the assumption chosen in this study, 100% landfill (C4) after the use phase, is the most conservative approach.

Parameter	Value
Disposal type (mineral wool)	100% landfill
Average transport distance waste (C2)	50 km
Type of fuel and vehicle consumption or type of vehicle used for transport.	Truck-trailer, Euro 3, 34 - 40t gross weight / 27t payload capacity/ 40 L for 100 km. (if 100 % utilization).
Truck capacity utilization	70 % of the weight capacity

**Module D** includes reuse, recovery and/or recycling potentials. According to /EN 15804+A1/, any declared benefits and loads from net flows leaving the product system not allocated as co-products and having passed the end-of waste state shall be included in module D. Benefits considered in module D originate from packaging recycling or incineration.

### [Content Declaration](#)

The product does not contain substances on the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorisation" under the REACH regulation (if above 0.1% of the mass). Supafil® is labelled "LBC Declare Red List free" and supports LEED, WELL and Living Building Challenge certification. Knauf Insulation Supafil® products complies with Indoor Air Comfort Gold (eurofins) requirements.

### [Recycled material](#)

External cullet input to the specified production site in 2019 is accounted for in the assessment. Recycled content for this product was calculated at 80 % in 2019 according to the cullet market availability. The calculation is done following EN 15804+A1 Use of Resources indicator Secondary Material (SM), taking into account the % of secondary materials from external supply input into the batch against virgin raw materials supply. The external waste considerations are also following the ISO 14021 norm.

### [Additional information:](#)

All raw materials for the manufacturing of the declared product, the required energy, water consumption and the resulting emissions are considered into the LCA. Consecutively, the recipe components with a share even less than 1% are included. All neglected processes contribute less than 5% to the total mass or less than 5% to the total energy consumption. For information, the impacts of the Glass Mineral Wool plant construction or machines, called capital goods, are not considered in the life cycle assessment.

Knauf Insulation adopts a "worst case" approach into its EPDs.

### [Differences versus previous versions:](#)

A clarification about recycled content details (methodology used for the calculation), in "Recycled Material" stage has been added.

### [More information:](#)

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Declared Modules

Life cycle stages as defined in the European standard EN 15978 :2011 and the description of the system boundaries for the reference product LCA (X = included in the LCA, MND = module is not declared)

Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Resource recovery stage
Raw materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction Installation	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	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

## Environmental performance

**Potential environmental impacts:** 1 m<sup>2</sup> of Glass Mineral Wool Supafil Cavity Wall 034 with a thickness of 100 mm.

PARAMETERS	UNIT	TOTAL A1-A3**	A4	A5	TOTAL B1-B2-B3-B4-B5-B6-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D*
Global warming potential (GWP)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	2.99E+00	2.05E-01	3.57E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.04E-02	0.00E+00	5.64E-02	-1.31E-01
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer (ODP)	kg CFC 11 eq.	8.83E-14	3.34E-17	7.84E-11	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.73E-18	0.00E+00	5.71E-14	-1.61E-15
Acidification potential (AP)	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.	1.55E-02	1.51E-04	4.89E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.95E-03	0.00E+00	3.34E-04	-1.51E-04
Eutrophication potential (EP)	kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> eq.	2.61E-03	3.10E-05	7.50E-05	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.05E-04	0.00E+00	4.55E-05	-2.01E-05
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone (POCP)	kg C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> eq.	9.44E-04	2.61E-05	3.23E-05	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.10E-04	0.00E+00	2.63E-05	-1.66E-05
Abiotic depletion potential – Elements	kg Sb eq.	2.33E-04	1.69E-08	4.78E-06	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.75E-10	0.00E+00	2.02E-08	-2.52E-08
Abiotic depletion potential – Fossil resources	MJ, net calorific value	4.42E+01	2.77E+00	1.79E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.43E-01	0.00E+00	7.30E-01	-2.57E+00

\*: [Life Cycle D stage covers benefits and loads beyond the system boundary stage (reuse, recovery and recycling potential) therefore, when summing up results, this stage should be considered separately].

\*\*.: The indicators results are calculated with a reference product based on annual production volume (following the dedicated market share). The indicators results span between the reference product and the 100% sourced product from each dedicated plant may vary more than 10% (concerning A1- A3).



**Use of resources:** 1 m<sup>2</sup> of Glass Mineral Wool Supafil Cavity Wall 034 with a thickness of 100 mm

PARAMETER		UNIT	TOTAL A1-A3**	A4	A5	TOTAL B1-B2-B3- B4-B5-B6- B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D*
Primary energy resources – Renewable	Use as energy carrier	MJ, net calorific value	8.82E+00	1.56E-01	7.32E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.08E-03	0.00E+00	8.81E-02	-3.81E-01
	Used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	2.61E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	TOTAL	MJ, net calorific value	9.08E+00	1.56E-01	7.32E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.08E-03	0.00E+00	8.81E-02	-3.81E-01
Primary energy resources – Non-renewable	Use as energy carrier	MJ, net calorific value	5.78E+01	2.78E+00	2.55E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.44E-01	0.00E+00	7.56E-01	-2.85E+00
	Used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	5.66E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	TOTAL	MJ, net calorific value	5.84E+01	2.78E+00	2.55E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.44E-01	0.00E+00	7.56E-01	-2.85E+00
Secondary material		kg	2.97E+00	0.00E+00	6.06E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Renewable secondary fuels		MJ, net calorific value	3.63E-22	0.00E+00	7.41E-24	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Non-renewable secondary fuels		MJ, net calorific value	4.27E-21	0.00E+00	8.71E-23	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Net use of fresh water		m <sup>3</sup>	1.66E-02	1.81E-04	1.47E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	9.35E-06	0.00E+00	1.44E-04	-4.87E-04

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**Waste production and output flows:** 1 m<sup>2</sup> of Glass Mineral Wool Supafil Cavity Wall 034 with a thickness of 100 mm.

**Waste production**

PARAMETER	UNIT	TOTAL A1-A3**	A4	A5	TOTAL B1-B2-B3-B4-B5-B6-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D*
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	7.66E-08	1.29E-07	4.98E-09	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.69E-09	0.00E+00	1.20E-08	-1.01E-09
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.02E-01	4.25E-04	7.60E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.20E-05	0.00E+00	3.51E+00	-9.76E-04
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	5.59E-03	3.44E-06	3.01E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.78E-07	0.00E+00	1.03E-05	-1.12E-04

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### Output flows

PARAMETER	UNIT	TOTAL A1-A3**	A4	A5	TOTAL B1-B2-B3-B4-B5-B6-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D*
Components for reuse	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Material for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.89E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	9.67E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.28E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.13E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

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## LCA interpretation

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

All impact categories except the ADPE and the ODP are dominated by the production. This is mainly due to the high impact of energy consumption (electricity and natural gas) during the production of glass mineral wool.

**The Global Warming Potential (GWP)** is clearly dominated by the production, mostly due to energy consumption (electricity and natural gas). The Belgian energy mix, quite low in carbon emissions is helping to reduce emissions. The high cullet content is also helping to reduce the energy use in the melting furnace.

**The Ozone layer Depletion Potential (ODP)** seems highly influenced the installation step, mostly due to plastics packaging incineration scenario resulting in emissions of halogenated compounds.

**The Acidification Potential (AP)** is also dominated by the production due to the processes emissions and the electricity consumption. Most of impact is by emissions of sulphur dioxide, ammonia and nitrogen oxides.

**The Eutrophication Potential (EP)** is significantly influenced by production due to emissions from curing oven, furnace and other unit processes.

**The Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential (POCP)** is dominated by the production due to emissions in the curing oven and some other unit processes but also by energy consumption.

**The Abiotic Depletion Potential Element (ADPe)** is dominated by the raw materials production.

**The Abiotic Depletion Potential Fossil (ADPf)** is dominated by natural gas use and the electricity consumption for the production. The installation stage has a “positive” contribution thanks to energy recovery from incineration of some plastic packaging and the avoidance of new plastic production thanks to a percentage of recycled plastic packaging.

### RESOURCES USE

**Total Use of Non-Renewable Primary Energy Resources (PENRT)** is dominated by the production of glass mineral wool products (especially due to the energy consumption) and with the little influence of raw materials and packaging.

**Total Use of Renewable Primary Energy Resources (PERT)** is dominated by the production, (electricity mix) and the packaging (wooden pallets).

For the **Use of Secondary Material (SM)**, there is a lot of external cullet used into the batch process (recycled glass from windows and bottles) up to 80% depending on plants.

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**EN 12086**

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**DoP B4220MPCPR**

Declaration of Performance

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**EN 29053**

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**ISO 10456**

ISO 10456: 2007 Building materials and products — Hygrothermal properties — Tabulated design values and procedures for determining declared and design thermal values

**EN 1609:2013**

Thermal insulating products for building applications. Determination of short-term water absorption by partial immersion



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