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Product

Varia - Polyester Resin panels

UN CPC 369

Declared Unit

The declared unit is 1 kg of panel

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Product Category Rule

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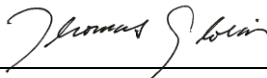
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Disclaimers: This EPD conforms to ISO 14025, 14040, ISO 14044, and ISO 21930.

Scope of Results Reported: The PCR requirements limit the scope of the LCA metrics such that the results exclude environmental and social performance benchmarks and thresholds, and exclude impacts from the depletion of natural resources, land use ecological impacts, ocean impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions, risks from hazardous wastes and impacts linked to hazardous chemical emissions.

Accuracy of Results: Due to PCR constraints, this EPD provides estimations of potential impacts that are inherently limited in terms of accuracy.

Comparability: The PCR this EPD was based on was not written to support comparative assertions. EPDs based on different PCRs, or different calculation models, may not be comparable. When attempting to compare EPDs or life cycle impacts of products from different companies, the user should be aware of the uncertainty in the final results, due to and not limited to, the practitioner's assumptions, the source of the data used in the study, and the specifics of the product modeled.

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ABOUT 3form

3form is a leading manufacturer of award-winning building materials and architectural hardware solutions for the Architecture + Design industry. A culture of responsibility at 3form ensures that human health and environmental sustainability are considered in our product designs and manufacturing practices. Utilizing four world-class factories located in the United States, 3form creates high performance translucent resin and glass panels, lighting and acoustic solutions, and other inspired products for indoor and outdoor applications.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

3form Varia is a dynamic interlayer system with design possibilities as diverse as your imagination. By allowing you to custom-select the color, pattern, texture, interlayer and finish of your material, Varia transforms into the perfect medium for your architectural application.

An award-winning 3form product, Varia has the added benefit of being made from a specially-formulated co-polyester resin that combines performance with environmental responsibility. Varia incorporates 40% pre-consumer recycled content without compromising aesthetics or overall physical properties, is compatible with one of the largest post-consumer recycle streams, and is GREENGUARD® Gold Indoor Air Quality Certified and carries a Red List Free Declare Label from the International Living Future Institute (ILFI).



PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS AND PERFORMANCE

Table 1. Product specifications and performance test results for Varia panels.

TYPICAL VALUE PROPERTY	ASTM METHOD	0.118" (3 mm) METRIC	U.S.	0.236" (6 mm) METRIC	U.S.
GENERAL					
Density	D 1505	1,270 kg/m ³	79 lb/ft ³	1,270 kg/m ³	79 lb/ft ³
Sound Transmission Class					
- 1/8" (3.1 mm)		25			
- 3/16" (4.7 mm)		29			
- 1/4" (6.3 mm)	E 90	31			
- 3/8" (9.5 mm)		34			
- 1/2" (12.7 mm)		34			
- 1" (25.4 mm)		39			
Water Absorption	D 570 23° C (73° F), 24h immersion	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
MECHANICAL					
Tensile Stress @ Yield	D 638	53 MPa	7,700 psi	53 MPa	7,700 psi
Tensile Stress @ Break	D 638	26 MPa	3,800 psi	26 MPa	3,800 psi
Elongation @ Yield	D 638	4.8%	4.8%	5.0%	5.0%
Elongation @ Break	D 638	50%	50%	40%	40%
Tensile Modulus	D 638	2,200 MPa	320,000 psi	—	—
Flexural Modulus	D 790	2,100 MPa	310,000 psi	2,000 MPa	290,000 psi
Flexural Strength	D 790	77 MPa	11,200 psi	83 MPa	12,000 psi
Shear Strength	D 732	62 MPa	9,000 psi	62 MPa	9,000 psi
Shear Modulus	—	793 MPa	115,000 psi	—	—
Rockwell Hardness	D 785	115	115	117	117
Safety Glazing	ANSI 97.1	PASS		PASS	
Izod Impact Strength, Notched	D 256 @ 73°F	88 J/m	1.7 ft-lbf/in.	62 J/m	1.2 ft-lbf/in.
	D 256 @ 32°F	66 J/m	1.2 ft-lbf/in.	—	—
	D 256 @ -22°F	39 J/m	0.7 ft-lbf/in.	—	—
Impact Strength, Un-notched	D 4812 @ 73°F	NB.	NB.	NB.	NB.
	D 4812 @ 32°F	NBB	NBB	—	—
	D 4812 @ -22°F	NBB	NBB	—	—
Impact Resistance— Puncture, Energy @ Max. Load	D 3763 @ 73°F	33 J	24 ft-lbf	71 J	53 ft-lbf
	D 3763 @ 32°F	40 J	30 ft-lbf	93 J	69 ft-lbf
	D 3763 @ 14°F	42 J	31 ft-lbf	96 J	71 ft-lbf
	D 3763 @ -4°F	43 J	32 ft-lbf	>100 J	>74 ft-lbf
	D 3763 @ -22°F	47 J	34 ft-lbf	>100 J	>74 ft-lbf
THERMAL					
Cont. Max Use Temperature -Varia	—	65°C	150°F	65°C	150°F
Cont. Max Use Temperature - Dichroic/ Reflect	—	60°C	140°F	60°C	140°F
Heat Deflection Temp	D 648 @ 264psi	70°C	157°F	73°C	164°F
Vicat Softening Temperature	D 1525 @ 1 kg	83°C	181°F	—	—
Forming Temperature	—	138-160°C	280-320°F	—	—
Thermal Conductivity	ASTM D 5930	0.205 W/ m·K	0.118 Btu/ hr·ft ² ·°F	0.205 W/ m·K	0.118 Btu/ hr·ft ² ·°F
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	ASTM D 696	7x10 ⁻⁵ mm/ mm/°C	4x10 ⁻⁵ in/ in/°F	7x10 ⁻⁵ mm/ mm/°C	4x10 ⁻⁵ in/ in/°F
FLAMMABILITY & SMOKE TESTS					
Smoke Density	ASTM D 2843	71.6%		Pass Less than 75%	
Flame Spread	ASTM D 635	Self-extinguishing		Pass CC1	
Self-ignition Temperature	ASTM D 1929	716°F		Pass Greater than 650°F	
UL94	UL94	Flame Class - HB		Pass	
Mortality Test	UPitt Mortality Test	Pass			
NFPA 286					
- 1/4" thickness + below (walls only or ceilings only)		Pass		Pass	
- 3/8" thickness + below (walls in standoff configuration or ceilings only)		Pass		Pass	
Flame Spread, 3/16" thickness	ASTM E 84	25		Class A: 0-25	

TYPICAL VALUE		0.118" (3 mm)		0.236" (6 mm)	
PROPERTY	ASTM METHOD	METRIC	U.S.	METRIC	U.S.
Smoke generated		250		<450	
Flame Spread, 1/4" thickness	ASTM E 84	65		Class B: 26-75	
Smoke generated		425		<450	
Flame Spread, 1/2" thickness	ASTM E 84	55		Class B: 26-75	
Smoke generated		400		<450	
Flame Spread, 3/4" thickness	ASTM E 84	35		Class B: 26-75	
Smoke generated		450		<450	
Flame Spread, 1" thickness	ASTM E 84	20		Class A: 0-25	
Smoke generated		250		<450	
Flame Spread, 3/16" thickness	ASTM E 84	25		Class A: 0-25	
Smoke generated		250		<450	

MATERIAL COMPOSITION

Table 2. Material composition of the Varia panel product in kilograms per functional unit and in percentage of total weight.

Product Component	Component Material	Kilograms per Functional Unit	Percentage of Total Weight
Primary Components			
Polyester resin (PETg)	glycol-modified PET resin	3.9×10^{-2}	3.9%
Recycled PETg	glycol-modified PET resin (with recycled content)	0.94	94%
TPU	polyurethane	0.011	1.1%
Fabric	fabric (polyester, cotton, silk)	3.2×10^{-3}	0.32%
Other	plastic film, paper, sealants, coatings, decorative leaves	3.9×10^{-3}	0.39%
Total Product		1.0	100%
Consumptive Components			
Paper	paper	0.57×10^{-2}	93%
Plastics	plastic film	1.5×10^{-3}	2.5%
Other	other	2.3×10^{-3}	4.2%
Total Consumptive Components		9.50×10^{-3}	100%
Packaging			
Packaging	polyester, polyethylene	2.8×10^{-3}	2.9%
Packaging	corrugated board	1.6×10^{-2}	17%
Packaging	paper	3.4×10^{-3}	3.5%
Packaging	wood crating	5.5×10^{-3}	5.7%
Packaging	pallets	6.9×10^{-2}	71%
Total Packaging		9.7×10^{-2}	100%

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT STAGES AND REPORTED INFORMATION

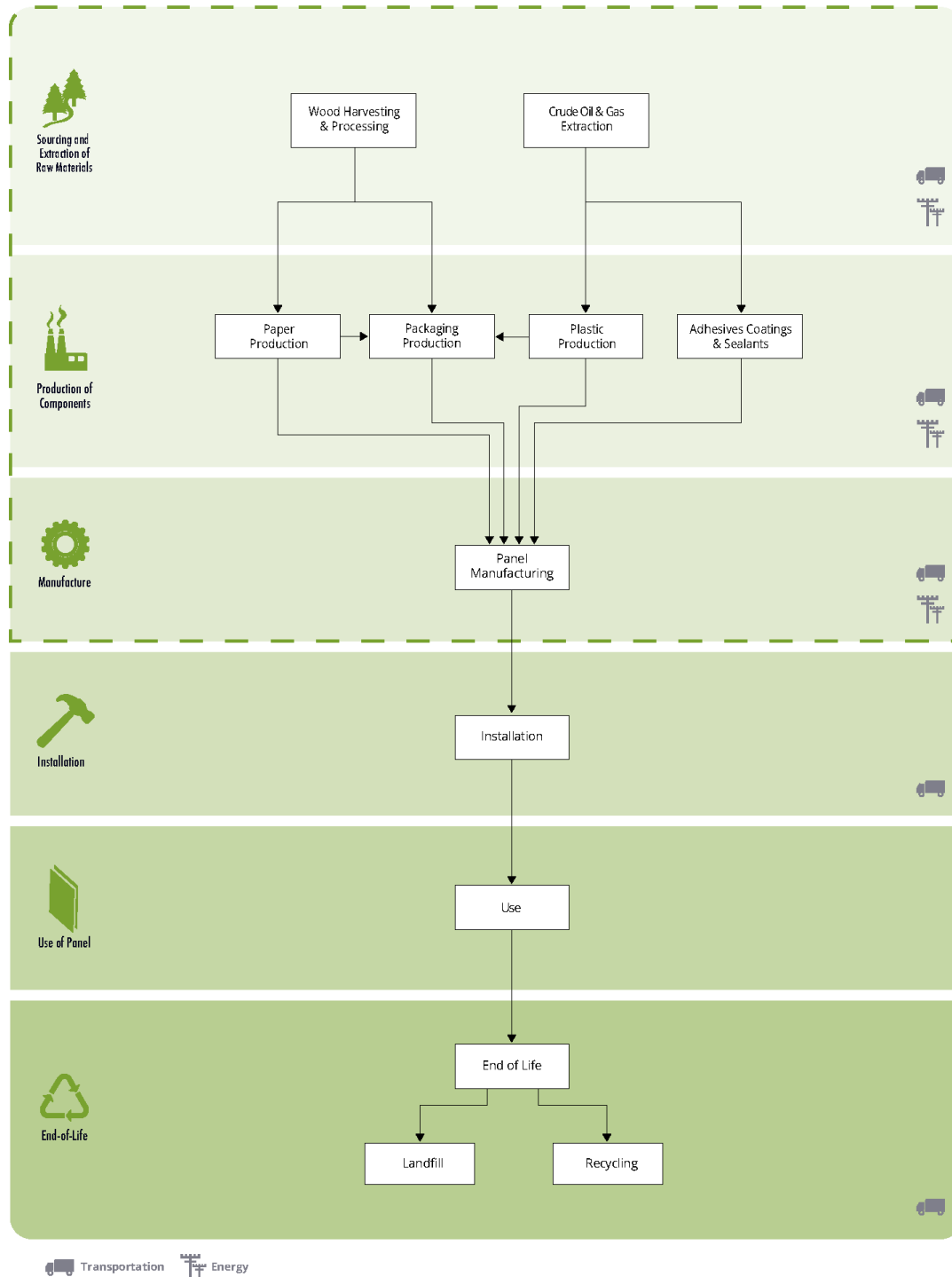
In accordance with the PCR, the life cycle stages included in this EPD are as shown below (X = included, MND = module not declared).

Product			Construction Process		Use							End-of-Life				Benefits & Loads Beyond the System Boundary
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Raw Materials	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	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
X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

X = included, MND = module not declared

PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE FLOW DIAGRAM

The diagram below is a representation of the most significant contributions to the life cycle of the *Varia* panel product. This includes material acquisition and pre-processing, transportation, and product manufacture.



LIFE CYCLE INVENTORY

The life cycle inventory (LCI) flows for the EPD are shown in Table 3, in accordance with the requirements of the PCR.

Table 3. Life cycle inventory flows for 1 kg of 3form Varia Panels.

Parameter	Units	Total	Raw Materials	Transport to the Manufacturer	Manufacturing
			A1	A2	A3
Energy Consumption					
Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	5.4 100%	2.8 51%	8.5x10-2 1.6%	2.5 47%
Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	-	-	-	-
Total use of renewable primary energy resources	MJ, net calorific value	5.4 100%	2.8 51%	8.5x10-2 1.6%	2.5 47%
Use of nonrenewable primary energy excluding nonrenewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	INA	INA	INA	INA
Use of nonrenewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ, net calorific value	INA	INA	INA	INA
Total use of nonrenewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	MJ, net calorific value	73 100%	58 79%	5.0 6.8%	10 14%
Use of secondary materials	kg	0.94 100%	0.94 100%	- -	- -
Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Use of nonrenewable secondary fuels	MJ, net calorific value	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Water Consumption					
Freshwater consumed	m³	0.19 100%	0.17 89%	4.4x10 ⁻³ 2.4%	1.5x10 ⁻² 8.3%
Wastes					
Hazardous Waste	kg	2.1x10 ⁻⁴ 100%	2.0x10 ⁻⁴ 92%	3.3x10 ⁻⁶ 1.5%	1.3x10 ⁻⁵ 6.2%
Non-hazardous Waste	kg	0.44 100%	0.19 42%	0.16 36%	9.5x10 ⁻² 22%
Radioactive Waste	kg	1.1x10 ⁻⁴ 100%	7.5x10 ⁻⁵ 66%	3.1x10 ⁻⁵ 27%	7.7x10 ⁻⁶ 6.7%
Components for re-use [CRU]	kg	-	-	-	-
Materials for recycling [MFR]	kg	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Materials for energy recovery [MER]	kg	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Exported energy [EEE]	MJ	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
Use of renewable material resources [RMR]	kg	-	-	-	-

LIFE CYCLE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The life cycle impact assessment (LCIA) for the EPD is conducted in accordance with requirements of the PCR. Impact category indicators are estimated using the TRACI 2.1 and CML-IA baseline characterization method. Results for Global Warming Potential, Acidification Potential, Ozone Depletion Potential, Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential and Eutrophication Potential are based on TRACI 2.1 and CML-IA 4.1 method. Results for Abiotic Depletion Potential (elements and fossil fuels) are based on the CML-IA 4.1 method. The LCIA results are calculated using SimaPro 8.3 software.

Table 4. Cradle-to-Gate CML Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results for 1 kg of 3form Varia Panels.

Impact Category	Units	Total	Raw Materials	Transport to the Manufacturer	Manufacturing
			A1	A2	A3
Global Warming Potential (GWP-100)	kg CO ₂ eq	3.8 100%	2.7 70%	0.32 8.4%	0.81 21%
Acidification Potential	kg SO ₂ eq	1.7x10 ⁻² 100%	1.2x10 ⁻² 72%	1.8x10 ⁻³ 11%	3.0x10 ⁻³ 18%
Eutrophication Potential	kg PO ₄ ³⁻ eq	5.1x10 ⁻³ 100%	3.7x10 ⁻³ 73%	4.4x10 ⁻⁴ 8.6%	9.1x10 ⁻⁴ 18%
Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential	kg C ₂ H ₄ eq	9.2x10 ⁻⁴ 100%	7.0x10 ⁻⁴ 76%	6.7x10 ⁻⁵ 7.2%	1.6x10 ⁻⁴ 17%
Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11 eq	5.4x10 ⁻⁷ 100%	4.4x10 ⁻⁷ 81%	5.5x10 ⁻⁸ 10%	4.7x10 ⁻⁸ 8.7%
Abiotic Depletion Potential (elements)	Kg Sb eq	9.7x10 ⁻⁶ 100%	8.6x10 ⁻⁶ 89%	7.5x10 ⁻⁷ 7.7%	3.2x10 ⁻⁷ 3.3%
Abiotic Depletion Potential (fossil fuels)	MJ, net calorific value	68 100%	54 79%	4.9 7.2%	9.7 14%

Table 5. Cradle-to-Gate TRACI Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results for 1 kg of 3form Varia Panels.

Impact Category	Units	Total	Raw Materials	Transport to the Manufacturer	Manufacturing
			A1	A2	A3
Global Warming Potential (GWP-100)	kg CO ₂ eq	3.8 100%	2.6 70%	0.32 8.6%	0.79 21%
Acidification Potential	kg SO ₂ eq	1.7x10 ⁻² 100%	1.2x10 ⁻² 70%	2.1x10 ⁻³ 13%	2.8x10 ⁻³ 17%
Eutrophication Potential	kg N eq	1.0x10 ⁻² 100%	7.5x10 ⁻³ 76%	4.7x10 ⁻⁴ 4.7%	2.0x10 ⁻³ 20%
Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential	kg O ₃ eq	0.20 100%	0.13 62%	5.7x10 ⁻² 28%	2.1x10 ⁻² 10%
Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11 eq	5.4x10 ⁻⁷ 100%	4.4x10 ⁻⁷ 81%	5.5x10 ⁻⁸ 10%	4.7x10 ⁻⁸ 8.6%

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION



US Green Building Council

As a long-time member of the USGBC, 3form recognizes the importance of the LEED rating system to sustainable design. 3form materials help achieve LEED credits across a number of categories and were selected for use in the USGBC's headquarters in Washington DC. We are committed to promoting sustainable building practices and education through our national and local Chapter memberships.



Red List Free Label

Varia has demonstrated that it avoids the use of hazardous chemicals through the Declare Red List Free Label, issued by International Living Future Institute™.



Recycled Content Certified by SCS Global Services

Varia is certified to contain a minimum of 40% pre-consumer content. For more information, please visit: <https://www.scsglobalservices.com/certified-green-products-guide>



GREENGUARD

Third party certification gives assurance that products and building materials designed for use indoors meet strict chemical emissions limits. Includes performance-based standards to define products and processes with low chemical and particle emissions.



Salt Lake City e2 Business

The Salt Lake City Environmentally and Economically sustainable (e2) business program is designed to recognize and support the Salt Lake City business community and economy. 3form is an e2 Business.



Bonneville Environmental Foundation

Through Bonneville Environmental Foundation, 3form supports Green-e Climate certified renewable energy projects. These projects avoid greenhouse gas emissions and help us offset the emissions we generate in our operations and business travel.



Renewable Energy Credits

Through Blue Sky and their partner 3Degrees, 3form supports Green-e Energy certified renewable energy projects to offset the impact of our electricity use. This support encourages the development of new renewable energy projects, benefits the environment, and helps influence the future of energy production.

SUPPORTING TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Unit processes are developed with SimaPro 8.3 software, drawing upon data from multiple sources. Primary data were provided by 3form and their suppliers for their manufacturing and fabrication processes. The primary sources of secondary LCI data are from the Ecoinvent Database and Plastics Europe ecoprofiles.

Table 6. Data sources used for the LCA study.

Component	Material Description	Material Dataset	Data Source	Publication Date
Product Materials				
Primary Components				
Polyester resin (PETg)	glycol-modified PET resin	Polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Recycled PETg	glycol-modified PET resin (with recycled content)	Recycled PETG - 40% post industrial	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Auxiliary Components				
TPU	polyurethane	Polyurethane, flexible foam {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Fabric	fabric (polyester, cotton, silk)	PET fabric (CRI); Textile, woven cotton {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	CRI ² ; Ecoinvent ¹	2015; 2016
Other	plastic film, paper, sealants, coatings, decorative leaves	PET fabric (CRI); Chemical, organic {GLO} market for Alloc Rec; Grass, organic {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	CRI ² ; Ecoinvent ¹ ; Ecoinvent ¹	2015; 2016; 2016
Consumptive Components				
Paper	NA	Kraft paper, unbleached {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Plastics	NA	Polyester resin, unsaturated {GLO} market for Alloc Rec; Nylon 6 {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹ ; Ecoinvent ¹	2016; 2016
Other	NA	Chemical, organic {GLO} market for Alloc Rec; Acrylic binder, without water, in 34% solution state {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹ ; Ecoinvent ¹	2016; 2016
Product Manufacture				
Electricity	NA	Electricity, medium voltage, at grid/NWPP 2015	Ecoinvent ³	2015
Natural gas	NA	Heat, central or small-scale, natural gas {GLO} market group for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Packaging				
Packaging	polyester, polyethylene	Polyethylene, low density, granulate {GLO} market for Alloc Rec; Packaging film, low density polyethylene {GLO} market for Alloc Rec; Polyethylene terephthalate, granulate, amorphous {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Packaging	corrugated board	Packaging, corrugated board, mixed fibre, single wall, at plant/RER	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Packaging	paper	Kraft paper, unbleached {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Packaging	wood crating	Oriented strand board {GLO} market for Alloc Rec; Sawnwood, softwood, raw {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Packaging	pallets	Wood pallet (22kg)/ RER	Ecoinvent ³	2010
Transportation				
Transport	Truck	Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO4 {GLO} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016
Transport	Rail	Transport, freight train {US} market for Alloc Rec	Ecoinvent ¹	2016

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Data Quality

Data Quality Parameter	Data Quality Discussion
Time-Related Coverage: Age of data and the minimum length of time over which data is collected	The most recent available data are used, based on other considerations such as data quality and similarity to the actual operations. Typically, these data are representative of 2015 or more recent. All of the data used represented an average of at least one year's worth of data collection, and up to three years in some cases. Manufacturer-supplied data (primary data) are based on annual production for 2016.
Geographical Coverage: Geographical area from which data for unit processes is collected to satisfy the goal of the study	The data used in the analysis provide the best possible representation available with current data. Actual processes for upstream operations are primarily North American. Surrogate data used in the assessment are representative of North American or European operations. Data representative of European operations are considered sufficiently similar to actual processes. Data representing product disposal are based on US statistics.
Technology Coverage: Specific technology or technology mix	For the most part, data are representative of the actual technologies used for processing, transportation, and manufacturing operations. Representative fabrication datasets, specific to the type of material, are used to represent the actual processes, as appropriate.
Precision: Measure of the variability of the data values for each data expressed	Precision of results are not quantified due to a lack of data. Data collected for operations were typically averaged for one or more years and over multiple operations, which is expected to reduce the variability of results.
Completeness: Percentage of flow that is measured or estimated	The LCA model included all known mass and energy flows for production of the panel products. In some instances, surrogate data used to represent upstream and downstream operations may be missing some data which is propagated in the model. No known processes or activities contributing to more than 1% of the total environmental impact for each indicator are excluded. In total, these missing data represent less than 5% of the mass or energy flows.
Representativeness: Qualitative assessment of the degree to which the data set reflects the true population of interest	Data used in the assessment represent typical or average processes as currently reported from multiple data sources, and are therefore generally representative of the range of actual processes and technologies for production of these materials. Considerable deviation may exist among actual processes on a site-specific basis; however, such a determination would require detailed data collection throughout the supply chain back to resource extraction.
Consistency: Qualitative assessment of whether the study methodology is applied uniformly to the various components of the analysis	The consistency of the assessment is considered to be high. Data sources of similar quality and age are used with a bias towards Ecoinvent v3.3 data where available. Different portions of the product life cycle are equally considered.
Reproducibility: Qualitative assessment of the extent to which information about the methodology and data values would allow an independent practitioner to reproduce the results reported in the study	Based on the description of data and assumptions used, this assessment would be reproducible by other practitioners. All assumptions, models, and data sources are documented.
Sources of the Data: Description of all primary and secondary data sources	Data representing energy use at the 3form Utah facility represent an annual average and are considered of high quality due to the length of time over which these data are collected, as compared to a snapshot that may not accurately reflect fluctuations in production. The Ecoinvent v3.3 database is used for secondary LCI datasets. The Plastics Europe eco-profile database provided was sourced for some plastics LCI data
Uncertainty of the Information: Uncertainty related to data, models, and assumptions	Uncertainty related to materials in the panel products and packaging is low. Actual supplier data for upstream operations was not available for suppliers and the study relied upon the use of existing representative datasets. These datasets contained relatively recent data (<10 years), but lacked geographical representativeness. Uncertainty related to the impact assessment methods used in the study are high. The impact assessment method required by the PCR includes impact potentials, which lack characterization of providing and receiving environments or tipping points.

Allocation

Resource use at the Salt Lake City, Utah facility (e.g., water and energy) was allocated to the product based on the product mass as a fraction of the total facility productions.

The 3form panel product system includes recycled materials, which are allocated using the recycled content allocation method (also known as the 100-0 cut off method). Using the recycled content allocation approach, system inputs with recycled content do not receive any burden from the previous life cycle other than reprocessing of the waste material. At end of life, materials which are recycled leave the system boundaries with no additional burden.

Impacts from transportation were allocated based on the mass of material and distance transported.

System boundaries

The EPD for the 3form products is cradle-to-gate (i.e., Production Stage). The system boundaries for this study are as follows:

- **Sourcing/extraction stage (A1)** – This stage includes extraction of virgin materials and reclamation of nonvirgin feedstock. Resource use and emissions associated with both extraction of the raw materials product component manufacturing are included. Upstream transportation is also included.
- **Transport to manufacturing stage (A2)** – This stage includes all the relevant manufacturing processes and flows, including packaging. Production of capital goods, infrastructure, production of manufacturing equipment, and personnel-related activities are not included.
- **Manufacturing stage (A3)** – This stage includes all the relevant manufacturing processes and flows, including packaging. Production of capital goods, infrastructure, production of manufacturing equipment and personnel related activities are not included.

Cut-off criteria

According to the PCR, mass and energy flows that consist of less than 1% may be omitted from the inventory analysis. Cumulative omitted mass or energy flows shall not exceed 5%. In the present study, except as noted, all known materials and processes were included in the life cycle inventory.

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