ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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CUSHIONBAC RENEW™, NYLON

CushionBac Renew™
Modular Nylon Carpet

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For more than four decades, Interface has consistently led the industry through design and innovation and is a world leader in environmental sustainability. We are committed to transparency and will continue to share our progress as we work to become a carbon negative company by 2040.

At Interface, we believe Life Cycle Assessment is critical for evaluating the environmental impacts of our products. The LCA-based Environmental Product Declaration is the best way to provide full disclosure of those impacts to our customers.

Interface was one of the first companies to develop EPDs for all of our products manufactured globally, and we are committed to providing this level of transparency to our customers, partners and the industry.

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EPD PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OPERATOR NAME, ADDRESS, LOGO, AND WEBSITE	UL Environment 333 Pfingsten Road Northbrook, IL 60611	https://www.ul.com https://spot.ul.com
GENERAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS AND VERSION NUMBER	General Program Instructions v.2.5 March 2020	
MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS	Interface, Inc.; Troup County, Georgia, USA	
DECLARATION NUMBER	4789956802.104.1	
DECLARED PRODUCT & FUNCTIONAL UNIT OR DECLARED UNIT	One square meter functional floor covering	
REFERENCE PCR AND VERSION NUMBER	PCR Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part A: Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules and Report Requirements. 10010 Version 3.2. UL Environment. December 2018 PCR Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part B: Flooring EPD Requirements. 10010-7 Version 2. UL Environment. September 2018.	
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT APPLICATION/USE	Modular flooring	
PRODUCT RSL DESCRIPTION (IF APPL.)	15 years	
MARKETS OF APPLICABILITY	Americas	
DATE OF ISSUE	October 1, 2021	
PERIOD OF VALIDITY	5 Years	
EPD TYPE	Product Specific	
RANGE OF DATASET VARIABILITY	Industry average	
EPD SCOPE	Cradle to gate with options	
YEAR(S) OF REPORTED PRIMARY DATA	2020	
LCA SOFTWARE & VERSION NUMBER	GaBi v. 9	
LCI DATABASE(S) & VERSION NUMBER	GaBi v. 9.2.169	
LCIA METHODOLOGY & VERSION NUMBER	TRACI 2.1/ CML 4.2	

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This life cycle assessment was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:	Thomas P. Gloria, Industrial Ecology Consultants

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1. Product Definition and Information

1.1. Description of Company/Organization

Interface, Inc. is a global flooring company specializing in carbon neutral carpet tile and resilient flooring, including luxury vinyl tile (LVT) and nora® rubber flooring. We help our customers create high-performance interior spaces that support well-being, productivity, and creativity, as well as the sustainability of the planet. Our mission, Climate Take Back™, invites you to join us as we commit to operating in a way that is restorative to the planet and creates a climate fit for life.

1.2. Product Description

Product Identification

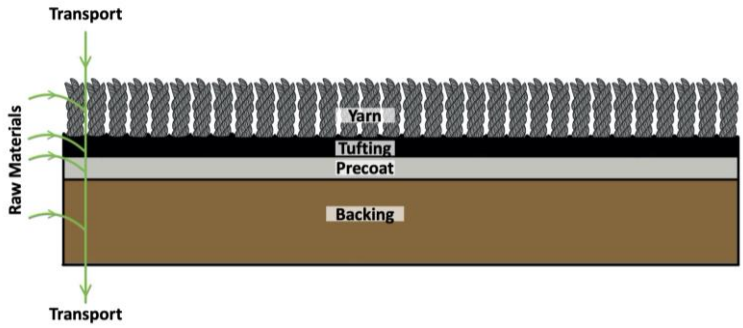
This Environmental Product Declaration covers all styles and patterns of modular carpet on CushionBac backing with recycled Nylon yarn. The products are manufactured in Troup County, Georgia, USA. The products range in yarn weight from 407 to 1424 grams per square meter. A medium yarn weight of 678 grams per square meter is reported and the Global Warming Potential of all additional product yarn weights are reported.

Product Specification

UNSPSC code: 301617

CSI code: 09680

Flow Diagram



A1-A3 measured flows include manufacturing processes, transport, and raw material inputs for each product layer and sub-layers.

Product Average

The product average with 678 grams of yarn per square meter was based on a sales weighted average.

1.3. Application

Application of product is intended for modular installation of floor covering in commercial buildings.

1.4. Declaration of Methodological Framework

The data retrived from a cradle-to-grave LCA study. This EPD covers the entire life cycle of the product from cradle to grave (modules A1 to D) excluding modules for which there are no inputs/outputs. No known flows are deliberately excluded from this EPD. The description of the study boundaries is declared in Section 2.2.

For this product, the stated RSL is 15 years. It should be noted, however, that the service life of carpet tiles may vary depending on the amount and nature of floor traffic and the type and frequency of maintenance. The manufacturer has provided this service life on the basis of its experience of flooring manufacture and supply.

The description of study boundaries is declared in Table 6.

1.5. Technical Requirements

Technical Data: Carpet

Name	Value	Unit
Yarn type	Nylon	
Primary backing type	Polyester	
Secondary backing type	Vinyl composite	-
CRI rating	3.5	2.5 Moderate, 3.0 Heavy, 3.5 Severe
Total thickness	Variable	mm
Product weight*	3440	g/m^2
Surface pile thickness*	2.7	mm
Surface pile weight	678	g/m^2

* nominal values

1.6. Material Composition*

Component	Material	% Mass
Yarn	Nylon	2%
	Post-consumer recycled nylon	9%
	Pre-consumer recycled nylon	7%
Primary backing	Pre & Post-consumer recycled polyester	3%
Precoat backing	Vinyl acetate emulsion	3%
	Alumina trihydrate	2%
Stabilization layer	Fiberglass mat	2%
Secondary backing	Limestone	35%
	Di(2-ethylhexyl) terephthalate	7%
	Polyvinyl chloride	9%
	Bio-based oil	1%
	Calcium oxide	0.3%
	Recycled PET	20%

* nominal values

1.7. Manufacturing

CushionBac Renew™ backed products are manufactured in Troup County, Georgia.

1.8. Packaging

Planks and tiles are packaged in cardboard boxes. Packaging waste should be reused or sent local cardboard recycling facilities.

1.9. Transportation

Delivery is represented as transport by truck over a distance of 500 miles (805 km).

1.10. Product Installation

Product may be installed with pressure sensitive adhesive. For full installation instructions, see the Interface Installation Guide, as shown on the website .

1.11. Use

Conditions of use: During the life of the carpet, it should be cleaned in accordance with the product warranty instructions including vacuuming and extraction cleaning. The frequency is dependent upon the expected foot traffic and local conditions.

1.12. Reference Service Life and Estimated Building Service Life

Reference Service Life is 15 years and is indicated in Table 3. The Estimated Building Service Life is 75 years.

1.13. Reuse, Recycling, and Energy Recovery

The modular aspect of the product allows for easy reuse of the product. The product is intended to be recycled through Interface's ReEntry process.

1.14. Disposal

At end of life the product should be returned to Interface through Interface's ReEntry process by contacting Interface at +1 888-733-6873. Disposal in municipal landfill or commercial incineration facilities is permissible in accordance with local regulations.

2. Life Cycle Assessment Background Information

2.1. Functional or Declared Unit

The functional unit is one square meter of floor covering.

Modular carpet on CushionBac RE™	Value	Unit
Functional unit	1	m^2
Mass*	3.4	kg

**nominal value*

2.2. System Boundary

The LCA is "cradle-to-gate with options" for one square meter of flooring. While the warranted service life is 15 years, modules **B1**, **B3**, **B4**, and **B5** are not declared, so the maintenance (**B4**) is represented for one year. The system boundaries include:

- **A1** Raw material extraction and processing, and processing of recycled materials
- **A2** Transport to the factory
- **A3** Manufacturing including materials, packaging, energy, and waste disposal or recycling
- **A4** Transport to installation sites (Asia, US, and Europe)
- **A5** Installation including ancillary materials required for installation and trim-waste disposal
- **B2** Maintenance: Includes the energy for vacuuming, extraction cleaning, and the production and transport of cleaning agents. The treatment of the waste-water from extraction cleaning is included. This is for one year of use.
- **C2** Transport of waste to local disposal
- **C4** Disposal

2.3. Estimates and Assumptions

The datasets for materials upstream from manufacturing are a combination of information from the GaBi database and supplier provided datasets. Inventories for all materials are not available. When unavailable, conservative proxy datasets were chosen based on similarity of material.

2.4. Cut-off Criteria

The cut-off criteria is less than 1% for energy use and less than 1% of total mass per unit process, the sum of which shall not exceed 5% of either energy or mass. If a flow met the cut-off criteria for exclusion, yet was thought to have significant environmental impact, then it was included.

2.5. Data Sources

The datasets for materials upstream from manufacturing are a combination of information from the GaBi database version 10.5.0.78 in 2021 and supplier provided datasets.

2.6. Data Quality

The data quality ranges from good to very good. The temporal quality of the data is very good with both the manufacturing specific data and the GaBi background data being from 2021.

2.7. Period Under Review

The data collection and the product described are an average product manufactured in 2020.

2.8. Allocation

Where relevant, the background data incorporates some allocation such as in the power mix. There are no co-products produced in the process, so the LCA model does not include allocation. No credits were taken for recycling of production waste.

3. Life Cycle Assessment Scenarios

Table 1. Transport to the building site (A4)

Name	Value	Unit
Fuel type	Diesel	
Liters of fuel	0.00134	kg/100km
Vehicle type	Truck 34-40	tons
Transport distance	805	km
Capacity utilization (including empty runs, mass based)	85	%
Weight of products transported*	3.2	kg
Volume of products transported*	0.001	m^3
Capacity utilization volume factor	1	
*nominal values		

Table 2. Installation into the building (A5)

Name	Value	Unit
Ancillary materials	0.107	kg
Net freshwater consumption specified by water source and fate (amount evaporated, amount disposed to sewer)	-	m^3
Other resources	-	kg
Electricity consumption	-	kWh
Other energy carriers	-	MJ
Product loss per functional unit	0.07	kg
Waste materials at the construction site before waste processing, generated by product installation	0.16	kg
Output materials resulting from on-site waste processing (specified by route; e.g. for recycling, energy recovery and/or disposal)	-	kg
Biogenic carbon contained in packaging	0.1	kg CO_2
Direct emissions to ambient air, soil and water	-	kg
VOC content	-	µg/m^3

Table 3. Reference Service Life

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
RSL	**15**	years

Table 4. Maintenance (B2)

Name	Value	Unit
Maintenance values taken in reference to "Care and Maintenance of Commercial Carpet Conventional and Next Generation Technology: Contents of Use Phase Gate to Gate; Life Cycle Inventory Summary, Di Lu, M. Overcash and M. Realff, February 2008," (CCACTI report).		
Maintenance cycle per RSL	15	cycle(s)/ RSL
Maintenance cycle	1	cycle(s)/ year
Vacuum cleaning	365	cycle(s)/ year
Vacuum cleaning per RSL	5460	cycle(s)/ RSL
Extraction cleaning	2	cycle(s)/ year
Extraction cleaning per RSL	30	cycle(s)/ RSL
Net freshwater consumption specified by water source and fate (disposed to sewer)	1.93	kg/year
Ancillary materials (cleaning agent)	0.007	kg/year
Other resources	0.004	kg
Energy input, specified by activity, type and amount	1.6	MJ/year
Other energy carriers specified by type	-	kWh
Power output of equipment	-	kW
Waste materials from maintenance (specify materials)	-	kg
Direct emissions to ambient air, soil and water (waste water)	-	kg/year

Maintenance cycle for B2 stage is measured for 1 year per the functional unit

Table 5. End of life (C1-C4)

NAME		VALUE	UNIT
Transport to disposal		32.2	km
Collection process (specified by type)	Collected separately	-	kg
	Collected with mixed construction waste	-	kg
Recovery (specified by type)	Reuse		kg
	Recycling	0	kg
	Landfill	3.26	kg
	Incineration	0	kg
	Incineration with energy recovery	-	kg
	Energy conversion efficiency rate	-	
Disposal (specified by type)	Product or material for final deposition	-	kg
Removals of biogenic carbon (excluding packaging)		-	kg CO_2

4. Life Cycle Assessment Results

Table 6. Description of the system boundary modules (X = system included in boundary; MND = module not declared)

	PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCT-ION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY
	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from gate to site	Assembly/Install	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Building Operational Energy Use During Product Use	Building Operational Water Use During Product Use	Deconstruction	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery, Recycling Potential
EPD Type	X			X	X	MND	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	MND	X	MND

4.1. Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results

Table 7. North American Impact Assessment Results

TRACI v2.1	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
GWP [kg CO2 eq]	4.66E+00	2.39E-01	2.79E-02	4.12E-01	5.00E-03	2.19E-01
ODP [kg CFC-11 eq]	4.77E-06	6.39E-17	8.67E-10	2.12E-09	1.33E-18	7.52E-16
AP [kg SO_2 eq]	2.85E-02	1.28E-03	1.02E-04	8.24E-04	2.68E-05	5.98E-04
EP [kg N eq]	4.08E-03	9.61E-05	1.80E-05	2.69E-04	2.01E-06	2.84E-04
SFP [kg O_3 eq]	3.95E-01	2.88E-02	1.23E-03	1.36E-02	6.02E-04	1.01E-02
ADP_{fossil} [MJ, LHV]	1.00E+01	4.62E-01	5.97E-02	3.69E-01	9.66E-03	4.38E-01

Key	GWP 100 = global warming potential; ODP = ozone depletion potential; AP = acidification potential; EP = eutrophication potential; SFP = smog formation potential; ADP fossil = abiotic resource depletion potential of non-renewable (fossil) energy resources

Table 8. EU Impact Assessment Results

CML v4.2	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
GWP 100 [kg CO2 eq]	4.69E+00	2.40E-01	2.84E-02	4.14E-01	5.01E-03	2.22E-01
ODP [kg R11 eq]	3.56E-06	6.39E-17	6.62E-10	1.95E-09	1.33E-18	7.52E-16
AP [kg SO_2 eq]	2.67E-02	9.45E-04	1.02E-04	7.55E-04	1.97E-05	5.75E-04
EP [kg PO_4^{-3} eq]	4.11E-03	2.40E-04	3.98E-05	1.82E-04	5.01E-06	6.24E-04
POCP [kg ethene eq]	2.07E-03	-3.94E-04	1.05E-05	5.17E-05	-8.24E-06	5.17E-05
$ADP_{element}$ [kg Sb-eq]	1.17E-05	2.41E-08	3.25E-09	2.12E-07	5.03E-10	4.25E-08
ADP_{fossil} [MJ, LHV]	8.03E+01	3.23E+00	4.60E-01	4.04E+00	6.75E-02	3.31E+00

Key	GWP 100 = global warming potential; ODP = depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = acidification potential of soil and water; EP = eutrophication potential; POCP = photochemical oxidant creation potential; ADP - elements = abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP - fossil = abiotic resource depletion potential for fossil resources

4.2. Life Cycle Inventory Results

Table 9. Resource Use

Parameter	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
RPRE [MJ, LHV]	3.92E+01	_	_	7.44E-01	_	_
RPRM [MJ, LHV]	2.65E+01	_	_	6.19E-03	_	_
NRPRE [MJ, LHV]	1.19E+00	_	_	3.97E+00	_	_
NRPRM [MJ, LHV]	8.58E+01	_	_	6.25E-01	_	_
SM [kg]	2.91E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RSF [MJ, LHV]	_	_	_	_	_	_
NRSF [MJ, LHV]	_	_	_	_	_	_
RE [MJ, LHV]	_	_	_	_	_	_
FW [m^3]	1.91E-01	2.13E-04	2.56E-04	2.18E-03	4.45E-06	3.14E-05

Key	RPRE = Renewable primary resources used as energy carrier (fuel); RPRM = Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material; NRPRE = Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel); NRPRM = Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material; SM = Secondary materials; RSF = Renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Non-renewable secondary fuels; RE = Recovered energy; FW = Use of net freshwater resources

Table 10. Output Flows and Waste Categories

Parameter	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
HWD [kg]	2.01E-03	1.71E-10	3.45E-11	3.29E-10	3.57E-12	6.13E-10
NHWD [kg]	2.47E-01	5.09E-04	1.82E-01	1.82E-03	1.06E-05	3.25E+00
HLRW [kg]	1.13E-06	5.12E-09	3.73E-09	4.69E-07	1.07E-10	4.07E-08
ILLRW [kg]	8.62E-04	5.88E-06	3.09E-06	3.84E-04	1.23E-07	3.95E-05
CRU [kg]	_	_	_	_	_	_
MR [kg]	_	_	_	_	_	_
MER [kg]	_	_	_	_	_	_
EE [MJ, LHV]	_	_	_	_	_	_

Key	HWD = hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = non-hazardous waste disposed; HLRW = high-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository; ILLRW = intermediate and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned to final repository; CRU = components for reuse; MR = materials for recycling; MER = materials for energy recovery; EE = Recovered energy exported from the product system

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Results of the LCA – Product stage A1-A3 TRACI Global Warming Potential (GWP) measured in kg CO^2-e for additional product yarn weights (ounces per square yard / grams per square meter)

Yarn Weight (oz./yd²) and (gm/m²)		GWP measured in kg CO2-e
12 oz.	407 gr.	4.03
13 oz.	441 gr.	4.11
14 oz.	475 gr.	4.19
15 oz.	509 gr.	4.27
16 oz.	542 gr.	4.35
17 oz.	575 gr.	4.42
18 oz.	610 gr.	4.51
19 oz.	644 gr.	4.59
20 oz.	678 gr.	4.66
21 oz.	712 gr.	4.74
22 oz.	746 gr.	4.82
23 oz.	780 gr.	4.90
24 oz.	814 gr.	4.98
25 oz.	848 gr.	5.06
26 oz.	881 gr.	5.14
27 oz.	915 gr.	5.22
28 oz.	949 gr.	5.30
29 oz.	983 gr.	5.37
30 oz.	1017 gr.	5.45
31 oz.	1051 gr.	5.53
32 oz.	1085 gr.	5.61
33 oz.	1119 gr.	5.69
34 oz.	1153 gr.	5.77
35 oz.	1187 gr.	5.85
36 oz.	1220 gr.	5.93
37 oz.	1254 gr.	6.01
38 oz.	1288 gr.	6.08
39 oz.	1322 gr.	6.16
40 oz.	1356 gr.	6.24
41 oz.	1390 gr.	6.32
42 oz.	1424 gr.	6.40

5. LCA Interpretation

The life cycle impacts of modular carpets are driven by the Product Stage and the impacts from this stage are driven by raw materials. Yarns and backing materials are the major contributors to impacts. Recycled polymers in both yarns and backings greatly reduce the impacts as compared to virgin petrochemically-based materials previously used in Interface carpet manufacture.

6. Additional Environmental Information

6.1. Environment and Health During Manufacturing

More information of product stewardship can be found on Interface's sustainability website.

6.2. Environment and Health During Installation

All recommendations shall be utilized as indicated by SDS and installation guidelines.

6.3. Extraordinary Effects

Fire

NAME	VALUE
Radiant panel (ASTM E-648)	**Class 1**
Smoke density (ASTM E-662)	**< 450**

Water

The products backing is impervious to water, protecting the subfloor from leaks and spills. Exposure to flooding for long periods may result in damage to the product.

Mechanical Destruction

The product is intended for commercial applications with severe wear (CRI Test method 101 Appearance Retention Rating). Performance requires proper installation according to Interface installation guidelines.

6.4. Environmental Activities and Certifications

All environmental activities and certifications can be found on Interface's sustainability website.

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