MANSON INSULATION

## Akousti-Board Black™

Manson Insulation Akousti-Board Black™ is a heavy density board insulation. The base board is brown with a black nonwoven facer.

The product has excellent sound absorption characteristics and is interior friendly as it is produced with ECOSE® Technology. Manson Insulation is the only manufacturer with a full line of formaldehyde-free fiberglass board products.





# Performance dashboard

### Features & functionality

Provides acoustical and thermal insulation to walls and ceilings of theaters, auditoriums, office spaces, etc.

Significantly reduces noise through outstanding sound absorption

Black board is aesthetically pleasing and can be used as a visual barrier.

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Akousti-Board Black™

### Environment & materials

**Improved by:**

Utilization of recycled glass

Manson's original bio-based ECOSE® binder technology

Optimized compression packaging

**Certification & rating systems:**

Declare, Red List Free

UL GREENGUARD Gold certified

UL Validated recycled content

UL Validated formaldehyde-free

Audited, European Certification Board for Mineral Wool Products exoneration process

ASTM C612; Type IA and Type IB

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| MATERIAL HEALTH | Material evaluation |
|---|---|
| Self-declared | ✓ |

**This environmental product declaration (EPD) was externally verified by Harmony Environmental, LLC, according to ISO 21930:2017; UL Part A; UL Part B for Building Envelope Thermal Insulation Products; and ISO 14025:2006.**

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### SUMMARY

**Reference PCR**
UL Part B: Building Envelope Thermal Insulation v2.0

**Regions; system boundaries**
North America; Cradle-to-grave

**Functional unit / ESL:**
1 $m^2$ installed insulation material, packaging included, with thickness that gives average thermal resistance of $R_{SI}$ = 1$m^2$·K/W over an estimated service life (ESL) of 75 years

**LCIA methodology:** TRACI 2.1

**LCA software; LCI database**
LCA for Experts v10.7; LCA for Experts 2023

In accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR, this life cycle assessment was conducted by Sustainable Minds and verified by Harmony Environmental, LLC.

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# LCA results & interpretation

Akousti-Board Black™

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## Scope and summary

○ Cradle to gate ○ Cradle to gate with options ✓ Cradle to grave

**Application**
Akousti-Board Black™ is designed for use as acoustical insulation and/or a visual barrier on walls and ceilings, where system design requires a rigid product and where additional strength and abuse resistance are required. The black surface provides a visual barrier with an aesthetic appearance, in both wall and ceiling applications.

**Functional unit**
One square meter of installed insulation material, packaging included, with a thickness that gives an average thermal resistance of $R_{si}$ * $m^2$·K/W with a building service life of 75 years.

**Reference service life:** 75 years when installed per manufacturer's instructions
**Reference flow:** 1.65 kg of product, at a thickness of 0.0325 m to achieve the functional unit. (ASTM C518)

**Manufacturing data**
**Reporting period:** January 2022 – December 2022
**Location:** Shelbyville, IN

**Default installation, packaging, and disposal scenarios**
At the installation site, insulation products are unpackaged and installed. Staples may be used to install board products. The potential impact of the staples is assumed to be negligible since their use is spread out over hundreds of pieces; therefore, they were not included in the model.

No material is assumed to be lost or wasted. Scraps are typically used to fill corners or crevices. Plastic packaging waste is disposed 69% to recycling, 68% to landfill, and 17% to incineration), paper-based packaging waste is disposed (68% to recycling, 20% to landfill, and 5% to incineration), and no maintenance or replacement is required over the life of the building. After removal, the insulation is assumed to be landfilled. Insulation and packaging waste are assumed to be transported 100 miles for disposal.

### Material composition greater than 1% by weight

| PART | MATERIAL | %WT. |
|---|---|---|
| Batch | Cullet | 30-35% |
| Batch | Sand | 5-8% |
| Batch | Borates | 2-5% |
| Batch | Soda ash | 2-5% |
| Batch | Feldspar | 1-2% |
| Batch | Limestone | 1-2% |
| Batch | Oxides | <1% |
| Binder | Water | 20-25% |
| Binder | Sugars | 10-15% |
| Binder | Additives | 2-5% |
| Facer | Black mat facer | 5-8% |
| Packaging | Plastic | <1% |
| Packaging | Cardboard | 2-5% |

### Total impacts by life cycle stages [mPts/per func unit]




| LIFE CYCLE STAGE | MPTS/FUNC. UNIT |
|---|---|
| Raw material acquisition | 1.07E-02 |
| Manufacturing | 2.73E-02 |
| Transportation | 9.03E-04 |
| Installation and maintenance | 8.32E-05 |
| Disposal/reuse/recycling | 1.22E-03 |
| **Total impacts = 4.02E-02 mPts** per 75 years installed | |

### How our product compares to previous years' results

**In 2018, Manson Insulation North America published a product-specific Type III EPD for Akousti-Board Black™.** The 2018 EPD and this 2023 EPD both followed the UL PCR Part A and Part B for Building Envelope Thermal Insulation. The life cycle results considered for benchmarking in each EPD were consistent; the data sources were considered as they pertained to priority of primary and secondary data sources and application of specific secondary, non-LCI data; cut-off criteria were consistently applied; and product-specific use phase and end-of-life calculations were consistently applied. To ensure comparability, the 2018 benchmark EPD results were recalculated using the most recent LCA software version and most recently updated LCI data sets, then used for benchmarking against the 2023 updated EPD. The updated 2018 total results from cradle to grave were as follows: global warming 4.03E+00 kg $CO_2$ eq, ozone depletion potential 2.78E-19 kg CFC-11 eq, fossil fuel depletion 5.44E+00 MJ surplus, and eutrophication 8.93E-04 kg N eq.

**Akousti-Board Black™ results from 2023 show improvements across the global warming potential and ozone depletion potential impact categories.** The next highest performing impact category was fossil fuel depletion, which showed only a 7% increase in impacts. The impact reductions for GWP and ODP primarily stem from A3. Differences in manufacturing activities contribute significantly when comparing the 2023 results to the 2018 results and identifying the contributors to performance improvement.

**The lowest performing impact category compared (higher impact results than in 2018) was eutrophication.** The biggest contributors to eutrophication are the sugars in the binder and the water used in the fiberizing step during manufacturing. More water was consumed in this step as compared to previous years.

## What's causing the greatest impacts

**All life cycle stages**
**The manufacturing stage dominates all impact categories except ozone depletion, where the raw material acquisition stage takes precedence.** The energy required to melt the glass and produce the glass fibers is the largest contributor to the manufacturing stage. The impact of the raw material acquisition stage is mostly due to the batch and binder materials. The contributions to outbound transportation are caused by the use of trucks and rail transport. The only impacts associated with installation and maintenance are due to the disposal of packaging waste, which is the smallest contributor of all the stages. At the end of life, insulation is manually removed from the building and landfilled. For all products, waste is dominated by the final disposal of the product. Non-hazardous waste accounts for waste generated during manufacturing and installation.

**Raw materials acquisition and transportation**
**The raw material acquisition stage is the second highest contributor for most impact categories, but ozone depletion potential is almost entirely generated from this stage.** The raw materials acquisition stage impact is largely due to the borax, manganese oxide, and soda ash in the batch and the sugars in the binder. Third-party verified ISO 14040/44 secondary LCI data sets contribute more than 80% of the total impacts to ozone depletion.

**Manufacturing stage**
**The manufacturing stage has the most significant contribution to all impact categories, primarily due to the energy required to melt the glass and produce the glass fibers.** Since some batch ingredients significantly contribute to the respiratory effects category, they can lead to higher impact results in the raw materials acquisition stage. However, since sand and borax are melted in the oven with the other batch materials, they are not released into the air as fine particulates. Therefore, the calculated potential impacts as shown in the results tables are likely much larger than the actual impacts in the raw material acquisition stage. This implies that the manufacturing stage may have a greater share of the impact than what is displayed in the total impacts by life cycle stage.

**Distribution**
Outbound transportation is the third highest contributor to smog impacts.

**End of life**
The end-of-life impacts are largely due to landfilling of the product after it has been removed from the building and transported to a landfill. Since materials are assumed to be landfilled at the end of life rather than incinerated or reused/recycled, no materials are available for energy recovery or reuse/recycling.

**Embodied carbon**
Embodied carbon can be defined as the cradle-to-gate (A1-A3) global warming potential impacts. The total embodied carbon per functional unit of Akousti-Board Black™ manufactured in Shelbyville, IN is 3.22E+00 kg $CO_2$-eq per functional unit.

**About 2018 results**
**The 2018 Transparency Report for Akousti-Board Black™ serves as a benchmark to which the 2023 results can be compared.** One impact category was used for comparison to satisfy the LEED i.C4 optimization credit: global warming potential. Its reduction alone can contribute towards satisfying credits under LEED. The reduction in this impact category reflects that this report is valued at 1.5 products.

### Total impacts: 2018 to 2023 comparison
Highest and lowest performing impact categories

**Global warming (kg $CO_2$-eq)**



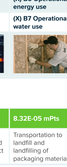

**Ozone depletion potential (kg CFC-11 eq)**




**Fossil fuel depletion (MJ surplus)**




**Eutrophication (kg N eq)**




### How we're making it greener

**Manson Insulation is committed to providing products that conserve energy and preserve natural resources.**

- Our products with ECOSE® Technology contain a bio-based binder adhesive instead of a fossil fuel-based binder.
- Our fiberglass contains on average over 60% recycled glass, which requires about 20% less energy required to form glass fibers, and results in about 25% reduction in embodied carbon.
- Our glass is audited by a 3rd party to ensure biosoluble chemistry from a health and safety standpoint.

See how we make it greener

## LCA results

| LIFE CYCLE STAGE | RAW MATERIAL ACQUISITION | MANUFACTURING | TRANSPORTATION | INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE | DISPOSAL/ REUSE/ RECYCLING |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (X) A1 Raw materials | (X) A3 Manufacturing | (X) A4 Distribution | (X) A5 Installation | (X) C1 Deconstruction |
| | (X) A2 Transportation | | | (X) B1 Use | (X) C2 Transportation |
| | | | | (X) B2 Maintenance | (X) C3 Waste processing |
| | | | | (X) B3 Repair | (X) C4 Disposal |
| | | | | (X) B4 Replacement | |
| **Information modules: Included (X)** / Excluded (MND)* | | | | (X) B5 Refurbishment | |
| | | | | (X) B6 Operational energy use | |
| *Module D is also excluded from this system boundary (MND). | | | | (X) B7 Operational water use | |
| |  |  |  |  |  |

## SM Single Score

Learn about SM Single Score results

| Impacts per 1 square meter of insulation material | 1.07E-02 mPts | 2.73E-02 mPts | 9.03E-04 mPts | 8.32E-05 mPts | 1.22E-03 mPts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage** | Batch material and binder material production. | Energy required to melt the glass and produce the glass fibers. | Truck and rail transportation used to transport product to building site. | Transportation to landfill and landfilling of packaging materials. | Transportation to landfill and landfilling of product at end of life. |

## TRACI v2.1 results per functional unit (Akousti-Board Black™ - Shelbyville, IN)

| LIFE CYCLE STAGE | RAW MATERIAL ACQUISITION | MANUFACTURING | TRANSPORTATION | INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE | DISPOSAL/ REUSE/ RECYCLING |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

**Ecological damage**

| Impact category | Unit | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Global warming** | kg $CO_2$ eq | 1.59E-01 | 3.05E+00 | 4.87E-02 | 1.32E-02 | 5.92E-02 |
| **Ozone depletion** | kg CFC-11 eq | 1.93E-12 | 3.86E-13 | 1.09E-16 | 1.89E-17 | 1.71E-15 |
| **Acidification** | kg $SO_2$ eq | 2.41E-03 | 4.93E-03 | 2.50E-04 | 2.85E-05 | 2.48E-04 |
| **Eutrophication** | kg N eq | 1.76E-03 | 1.44E-03 | 2.14E-05 | 4.61E-06 | 1.53E-05 |

**Human health damage**

| Impact category | Unit | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Smog** | kg $O_3$ eq | 2.56E-02 | 9.00E-02 | 8.58E-03 | 1.67E-04 | 4.85E-03 |
| **Respiratory effects** | kg $PM_{2.5}$ eq | 1.73E-04 | 2.81E-04 | 1.22E-05 | 6.67E-07 | 1.67E-05 |

**Additional environmental information**

| Impact category | Unit | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carcinogenics** | $CTU_h$ | 8.5% | 89.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 2.2% |
| **Non-carcinogenics** | $CTU_h$ | 14.2% | 80.0% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 5.4% |
| **Ecotoxicity** | $CTU_e$ | 26.5% | 72.2% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.6% |
| **Fossil fuel depletion** | MJ surplus | 1.14E+00 | 4.49E+00 | 9.14E-02 | 1.92E-03 | 1.16E-01 |

## References

**LCA Background Report**
Knauf Insulation North America and Manson Insulation Products LCA Background Report (public version), Knauf Insulation North America (KINA) 2023; developed using the TRACI v2.1 and CML impact assessment methodologies, and LCA for Experts modeling software.

**ISO 14025, "Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works – Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services"**

**ISO 21930:2017 serves as the core PCR along with UL Part A.**

**UL Part A: Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules and Report Requirements v4.0**
March, 2022. PCR review conducted by Lindita Bushi, PhD, Chair (Athena Sustainable Materials Institute), lindita.bushi@athenasmi.org; Hugues Imbeault-Tétreault (Group AGECO); and Jack Geibig (Ecoform).

**UL Part B: Building Envelope Thermal Insulation EPD Requirements, v2.0**
April, 2018. PCR review conducted by Thomas Gloria, PhD, Chair (Industrial Ecology Consultants) t.gloria@industrial-ecology.com; Christoph Koffler, PhD (thinkstep); Andre Desjarlais (Oak Ridge National Laboratory).

**UL Environment General Program Instructions v2.4, July 2018 (available upon request)**

**2018 Transparency Report** for Akousti-Board Black™, Manson Insulation 2018.

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## Rating systems

The intent is to reward project teams for selecting products from manufacturers who have verified improved life-cycle environmental performance.

### LEED BD+C: New Construction | v4 - LEED v4
Building product disclosure and optimization

**Environmental product declarations**

| | |
|---|---|
| ○ Industry-wide (generic) EPD | 1/product |
| ✓ Product-specific Type III EPD | 1 product |

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| | |
|---|---|
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| ✓ LCA Optimization | 1.5 products |

### Collaborative for High Performance Schools National Criteria
**MW C5.1 – Environmental Product Declarations**

| | |
|---|---|
| ✓ Third-party certified type III EPD | 2 point |

### Green Globes for New Construction and Sustainable Interiors
**Materials and resources**

| | |
|---|---|
| ✓ NC 3.5.1.2 Path B: Prescriptive Path for Building Core and Shell | |
| ✓ NC 3.5.2.2 and SI 4.1.2 Path B: Prescriptive Path for Interior Fit-outs | |

### BREEAM New Construction 2018
Mat 02 - Environmental impacts from construction products

**Environmental Product Declarations (EPD)**

| | |
|---|---|
| ○ Industry-average EPD | .5 point |
| ○ Multi-product specific EPD | .75 points |
| ✓ Product-specific EPD | 1 point |

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# EPD additional content



Shelbyville, IN | EPD additional content

## Data

**Background** This product-specific plant-specific declaration was created by collecting production data from the Shelbyville, IN production location. Secondary data sources include those available in LCA for Experts 2023 databases.

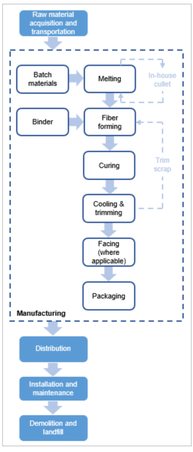
**Allocation** The PCR prescribes where and how allocation occurs. Since only facility-level data were available, allocation among the facilities' other co-products was necessary to determine the input and output flows associated with the product. Allocation of batch materials and energy was done on a product output mass basis, binder materials were allocated based on the mass calculated from the bill of materials and binder formulations, facers were allocated based on product area, and packaging was allocated based on mass per package of product. Allocation of transportation was based on either weight or volume, depending on which was found to restrict the amount of cargo; the limiting factor was used in allocating transportation.

**Cut-off criteria** for the inclusion of mass and energy flows are 1% of renewable primary resource (energy) usage, 1% nonrenewable primary resource (energy) usage, 1% of the total mass input of that unit process, and 1% of environmental impacts. The total of neglected input flows per module does not exceed 5% of energy usage, mass, and environmental impacts. The only exceptions to these criteria are substances with hazardous and toxic properties, which must be listed even when the given process unit is under the cut-off criterion of 1% of the total mass. No known flows are deliberately excluded from this declaration; therefore, these criteria have been met. Biogenic carbon is included in reported results.

**Quality** Temporal and technological representativeness are considered to be high. Geographical representativeness is considered to be high. All relevant process steps for the product system were considered and modeled. The process chain is considered sufficiently complete with regards to the goal and scope of this study. The product system was checked for mass balance and completeness of the inventory. Capital goods were excluded since they are assumed not to significantly affect the conclusions of the LCA. Otherwise, no data were knowingly omitted. For more information on data quality, see the LCA background report.

**LCIA impact factors** required by the PCR are global warming, ozone depletion, acidification, eutrophication, smog, and fossil fuel depletion; "These six impact categories are globally deemed mature enough to be included in Type III environmental declarations. Other categories are being developed and defined and LCA should continue making advances in their development. However, the EPD users shall not use additional measures for comparative purposes."

**Flow diagram**




## Scenarios and additional technical information

| PARAMETER | VALUE | UNIT |
|---|---|---|
| **Transport to the building site [A4]** | | |
| Vehicle type | Truck and trailer | - |
| Fuel type | Diesel | - |
| Average distance from manufacturing to installation site | 161 | km |
| Capacity utilization | 27 | % |
| Gross density | 48.1 | kg/m$^3$ |
| Capacity utilization volume factor | 1 | - |
| **Installation into the building [A5]** | | |
| Mass of plastic packaging waste | 0.00400 | kg |
| Biogenic carbon content of packaging | 0.0844 | kg $CO_2$ |
| **End of life [C1-C4]** | | |
| Assumptions for scenario development | Following manual removal of the insulation, it was assumed to be transported 100 miles to disposal. The PCR prescribes that 100% of the insulation is sent to landfill, where no prior waste processing is required. | |
| Collection process | Collected with mixed construction waste | 1.50 kg |
| Disposal | Product for final deposition in landfill | 1.50 kg |
| **Technical properties** | | |
| **Dimensions/quantities delivered to installation site** | Akousti-Board Black™ is sold in sheets. One set of sheets contains 24 pieces of the product separated by cardboard sheets, protected by cardboard corner protectors and wrapped in stretch wrap. The dimensions for each piece of the product are 2" thick, 49" in width, and 96" in length. | |
| **ASTM or ANSI product specification** | ASTM C612; Type IA and Type IB | |
| **Corrosion** | ASTM C1617; Pass | |
| **Odor Emission** | ASTM C1304; Pass | |
| **Water vapor sorption (by weight)** | ASTM C1104; Less than 5% | |
| **Shrinkage** | ASTM C356; Less than 0.3% | |
| **Mold growth** | ASTM C1338; Pass | |
| **Surface burning characteristics (flame spread/smoke developed)** | ASTM E84, UL 723; UL Classified FHC 25/50 | |

**Major system boundary exclusions**

- Capital goods and infrastructure; maintenance of operation and support equipment;
- Manufacture & transport of packaging materials not associated with final product;
- Human labor and employee transport;
- Building operational energy and water use not associated with final product.

**Major assumptions and limitations**

- Due to the nature of fiberglass insulation, it is anticipated that it will last for the lifetime of the building, so the reference service life (RSL) is considered to be the same as the building estimated service life (ESL) of 75 years.
- Generic data sets used for material inputs, transport, and waste processing are considered good quality, but actual impacts from material suppliers, transport carriers, and local waste processing may vary.
- The impact assessment methodology categories do not represent all possible environmental impact categories.
- Characterization factors used within the impact assessment methodology may contain varying levels of uncertainty.
- LCA results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks.

## Akousti-Board Black™ produced in Shelbyville, IN: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per functional unit

| Parameter | Unit | A1-A3 | A4 | A5 | B1-B7 | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LCIA results** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Global warming | kg $CO_2$ eq | 3.21E+00 | 4.87E-02 | 1.32E-02 | 0 | 0 | 2.57E-02 | 0 | 3.35E-02 | **3.33E+00** |
| Ozone depletion | kg CFC-11 eq | 2.31E-12 | 1.09E-16 | 1.89E-17 | 0 | 0 | 5.74E-17 | 0 | 1.65E-15 | **2.31E-12** |
| Acidification | kg SO2 eq | 7.34E-03 | 2.50E-04 | 2.85E-05 | 0 | 0 | 7.04E-05 | 0 | 1.78E-04 | **7.87E-03** |
| Eutrophication | kg N eq | 3.20E-03 | 2.14E-05 | 4.61E-06 | 0 | 0 | 7.46E-06 | 0 | 7.80E-06 | **3.24E-03** |
| Smog | kg $O_3$ eq | 1.16E-01 | 8.58E-03 | 1.67E-04 | 0 | 0 | 1.61E-03 | 0 | 3.24E-03 | **1.29E-01** |
| Respiratory effects | kg PM2.5 eq | 4.54E-04 | 1.22E-05 | 6.67E-07 | 0 | 0 | 3.02E-06 | 0 | 1.37E-05 | **4.83E-04** |
| **Additional environmental information** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carcinogenics | CTUh | 97.6% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 2.1% | **100.0%** |
| Non-carcinogenics | CTUh | 94.2% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 5.2% | **100.0%** |
| Ecotoxicity | CTUe | 98.7% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.3% | **100.0%** |
| Fossil fuel depletion | MJ surplus | 5.62E+00 | 9.14E-02 | 1.92E-03 | 0 | 0 | 4.83E-02 | 0 | 6.75E-02 | **5.83E+00** |
| **Resource use indicators** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel) | MJ, LHV | 2.00E+01 | 2.69E-02 | 1.03E-03 | 0 | 0 | 1.42E-02 | 0 | 6.28E-02 | **2.01E+01** |
| Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material | MJ, LHV | 9.25E-08 | -2.22E-12 | 1.16E-13 | 0 | 0 | -1.17E-12 | 0 | 1.25E-11 | **9.25E-08** |
| Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel) | MJ, LHV | 6.41E+01 | 6.90E-01 | 1.51E-02 | 0 | 0 | 3.64E-01 | 0 | 5.36E-01 | **6.57E+01** |
| Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material | MJ, LHV | 5.18E-07 | 2.75E-09 | 5.20E-11 | 0 | 0 | 1.45E-09 | 0 | 1.34E-09 | **5.24E-07** |
| Secondary materials | kg | 4.66E-01 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **4.66E-01** |
| Renewable secondary fuels | MJ, LHV | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| Non-renewable secondary fuels | MJ, LHV | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| Recovered energy | MJ, LHV | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| Use of net fresh water resources | m$^3$ | 1.29E+00 | 9.34E-05 | 1.14E-05 | 0 | 0 | 4.93E-05 | 0 | 6.65E-05 | **1.29E+00** |
| Abiotic depletion potential, fossil | MJ, LHV | 5.12E+01 | 6.85E-01 | 1.47E-02 | 0 | 0 | 3.62E-01 | 0 | 5.20E-01 | **5.28E+01** |
| **Output flows and waste category indicators** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous waste disposed | kg | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| Non-hazardous waste disposed | kg | 2.36E-01 | 0.00E+00 | 3.22E-02 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 1.50E+00 | **1.77E+00** |
| High-level radioactive waste | kg | 4.64E-06 | 2.01E-09 | 1.66E-10 | 0 | 0 | 1.06E-09 | 0 | 6.64E-09 | **4.65E-06** |
| Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository | kg | 4.48E-03 | 1.69E-06 | 1.42E-07 | 0 | 0 | 8.94E-07 | 0 | 5.93E-06 | **4.49E-03** |
| Components for re-use | kg | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| Materials for recycling | kg | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 1.18E-01 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **1.18E-01** |
| Materials for energy recovery | kg | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| Exported energy | MJ, LHV | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| **Carbon emissions and removals** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biogenic carbon removal from product | kg $CO_2$ | 8.40E-01 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **8.40E-01** |
| Biogenic carbon emission from product | kg $CO_2$ | 3.25E-01 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 2.76E-03 | **3.28E-01** |
| Biogenic carbon removal from packaging | kg $CO_2$ | 1.06E-01 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **1.06E-01** |
| Biogenic carbon emission from packaging | kg $CO_2$ | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 2.38E-03 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **2.38E-03** |
| Biogenic carbon emission from combustion of waste | kg $CO_2$ | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 3.80E-03 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **3.80E-03** |
| Calcination carbon emissions | kg $CO_2$ | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| Carbonation carbon removals | kg $CO_2$ | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |
| Carbon emissions from combustion of waste from non renewable sources used in production processes + Carbon emissions from combustion of waste from renewable sources used in production processes | kg $CO_2$ | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | 0 | 0.00E+00 | **0.00E+00** |

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# How we make it greener

Akousti-Board Black™

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## RAW MATERIALS ACQUISITION



### Utilize recycled content

By leveraging recycled content, we reduce the energy required to form glass fibers.

- We use about 10 railcars of recycled glass per day.




## MANUFACTURING

### Lead green chemistry efforts

Following the launch of our ECOSE® Technology in 2008, we had transformed most of our products and processes to this new technology. Using our bio-based ECOSE® Technology has removed phenol and formaldehyde from our stack emissions. This initiative not only established Manson Insulation in a leadership position, but it had a transformative impact on our industry in general.

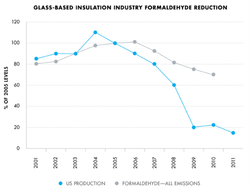



### Reduce scrap generation and energy consumption

Continuous improvement is the methodology we utilize to engage the entire Manson team in our manufacturing excellence and sustainability journey.

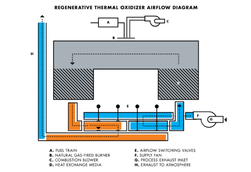
Manson Insulation has a global certification for ISO 45001 Health & Safety, ISO 14001 Environmental, ISO 50001 Energy, and ISO 9001 Quality through a third-party Certification Body.

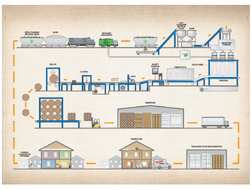
Our Continuous Improvement Program, with all its tools and systems associated with it, provide a formal process where we are constantly monitoring our manufacturing and sustainability Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) with an eye towards improvement. This Continuous Improvement centric management system has proven to be effective in improving our sustainability by reducing scrap generation and energy consumption.




### Green manufacturing Processes

**Regenerative thermal oxidizers** We use regenerative thermal oxidizers (RTO) to capture and recycle much of the energy we use to cure our products. RTO is equipment used for the treatment of exhaust air. Our ovens exhaust into a ceramic heat exchange media to capture and reuse the heat in the exhausted air. Therefore, the amount of energy required to cure our product is reduced substantially.



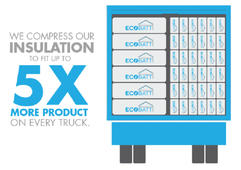



## TRANSPORTATION



### Leverage compression packaging

Glass is a high modulus material, which helps to facilitate compression packaging. We compress our insulation to fit up to five times more product on every truck, thereby reducing the amount of deliveries that need to be made, which saves time and emissions from transportation.




## INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE



### Be confident in glass fiber's safety

In the past, a label regarding the carcinogenic potential of insulation made from glass fibers was required on all packaging. Following forty years of research, fiberglass has been exonerated entirely. Our fiberglass is comprised of fibers that are biosoluble, meaning that the fibers dissolve in the body in a short period of time and exit the body with normal bodily functions. The scrutiny fiberglass has undergone is now seen as proof of its safety.

### Meet and exceed green standards

**GREENGUARD certified** On the forefront of indoor air quality, Manson Insulation had the first GREENGUARD certified product in 2002. This achievement led us to understand the impact our formaldehyde-free products could have on the indoor environment. The formaldehyde-free claim is third party validated by UL Environment.

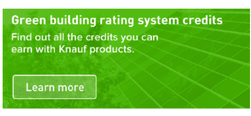
**3rd Party UL Environmental Claim Validation** states that Manson Insulation products manufactured in North America contain an average of 61% recycled content, consisting of 20% post-consumer and 41% pre-consumer recycled glass.

**EUCEB tested** Glass fiber is a widely studied building material. All of our processes and formulations are voluntarily third-party audited for compliance with the health and safety exoneration criteria for glass and rock based fiber through the European Certification Board for Mineral Wool Products (EUCEB) exoneration process. This guarantees the formulations are biosoluble and pose no health concerns. Having over 35 years of research behind its safety, fiberglass products have been thoroughly evaluated and therefore we believe it is one of the safest building materials available today.

### Green building rating systems

Our products offer a vast array of potential credits for major green building rating systems, including: WELL, LEED v4, International Green Construction Code, Green Guide for Heath Care, NAHB Green Building Standard, and more.

**Visit the green building rating systems page to see all the credits you can earn using Manson and Knauf Insulation products**




## DISPOSAL



### Promote Recycling

By taking a comprehensive approach of the benefits of recycling, Manson Insulation advocates and promotes local recycling initiatives as well as actively participates in state and local government policy development. In addition, as a member of the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA) and Glass Recycling Coalition (GRC), we encourage regulatory and legislative initiatives that focus on glass recycling infrastructure deployment to increase the availability of post-consumer recycled glass.

GLASS RECYCLING COALITION MEMBER glassrecycles.org

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