



Earthwool® Insulation Board

Unfaced, ASJ+, FSK

Knauf Insulation Earthwool Insulation Board is a versatile product for thermal and acoustical applications such as heating and air conditioning ducts, power and process equipment, boiler and stack installation, and more. It is bonded with ECOSE® Technology and is available plain or with a factory applied foil-scrim-kraft (FSK) facing or allservice jacket (ASJ+), and is the only formaldehyde-free glass mineral wool board product available today.



Performance dashboard

Features & functionality

- Excellent thermal efficiency results in lower operating costs
- FSK and ASJ+ vapor-retardant facings provide a neat finished appearance in mechanical rooms
- Low emitting and formaldehyde-free for indoor air quality considerations
- Excellent acoustical properties effectively reduce noise

[Visit Knauf for more product specifications](#)

Environment & materials

- Improved by:** Utilization of recycled glass
- Knauf's original plant-based ECOSE binder technology
- Certification & rating systems:** Declare, Red List Free (unfaced) and HPD v2.1 (ASJ+ and FSK)
- [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 (1.6, 2.25, 3.0, 4.25, 6.0 pcf), Type IB (3.0, 4.25, 6.0 pcf); ASTM C795; ASTM C1136: Type I, II, III, IV, VIII (ASJ+), Type II, IV (FSK)



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Thermal Insulation Guide Specification
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SM Transparency Report™ + Material Health Overview™

VERIFICATION	LCA
3rd party reviewed	
Transparency Report	
3rd party verified	
Material evaluation	
Self-declared	

This declaration was independently verified by NSF to ISO 21930:2017, EN 15804, the UL Environment PCR, and ISO 14025:2006.

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LCA & material health results & interpretation

Earthwool® Insulation Board 2018

Life cycle assessment

Material health

Scope and summary

- Cradle to gate Cradle to gate with options Cradle to grave

Application

Versatile product for thermal and acoustical applications in North America such as: heating and air conditioning ducts, power and process equipment, boiler and stack installations, metal and masonry walls, wall and roof panel systems, curtain wall assemblies, and cavity walls. Insulation is delivered to the installation site as one packaged bag containing varying amounts of product.

Functional unit

Reference service life: 75 years. One square meter of installed insulation material, packaging included, with a thickness that gives an average thermal resistance of $R_{si}=1m^2 \cdot K/W$ over a period of 75 years.

Reference flow: 3.08 kg of product with an unfaced option, a 0.220 kg ASJ+ facing option, or a 0.144 kg FSK facing option, at a thickness of 0.320 m to achieve the functional unit. (ASTM C518)

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: October 2015 – September 2016

Location: Shelbyville, IN

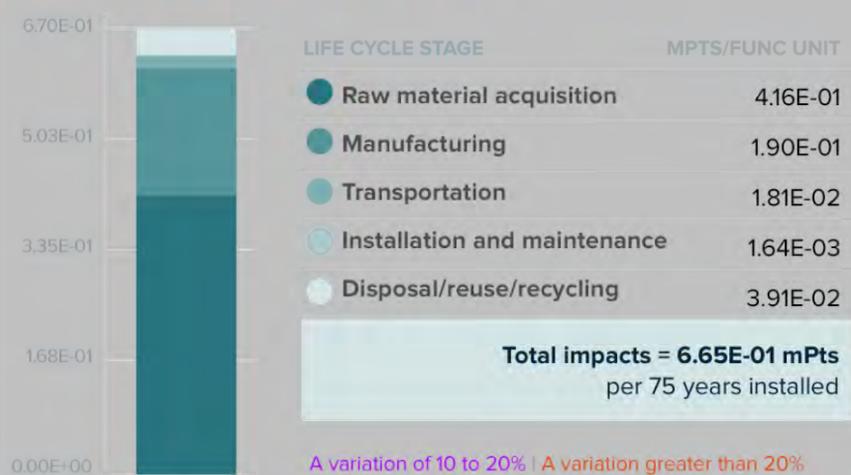
Default installation, packaging, and disposal scenarios

At the installation site, insulation products are unpackaged and installed. Staples may be used to board products. No material is lost or wasted because scraps are typically used to fill corners or crevices. Packaging waste, made up of paper and plastic, is disposed (plastic: 15% to recycling, 68% to landfill, and 17% to incineration; paper: 75% to recycling, 20% to landfill, and 5% to incineration), and no maintenance or replacement is required to achieve the product's life span. After removal, the insulation is assumed to be landfilled.

Material composition greater than 1% by weight

PART	MATERIAL	AVG % WT.
Batch	Post-consumer cullet	58.0%
Batch	Internal cullet	11.0%
Batch	Sand	8.0%
Batch	Borax	6.9%
Batch	Soda ash	3.1%
Batch	Sugars	2.4%
Batch	Limestone	2.2%
Facing	Facing (average)	2.1%
Facing	Facing adhesive	1.5%
Packaging	Plastic film	1.4%
Batch	Dolomite	1.2%
Batch	Nepheline syenite	1.2%
	Other	1.7%

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



What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

For unfaced product, the manufacturing stage dominates the results for all impact categories except for eutrophication, respiratory effects, and non-carcinogenics. The raw materials acquisition stage dominates the results for eutrophication and respiratory effects, and the disposal stage dominates the results for non-carcinogenics. The impact of the raw material acquisition stage is mostly due to the borax, manganese dioxide, and soda ash in the batch and the dextrose in the binder. Since sand and borax are melted in the oven, they are not released into the air as fine particulates and therefore likely actually contribute less than what is calculated in the results tables below. The manufacturing stage shows major contributions to all impact categories. The contributions to outbound transportation are caused by the use of trucks and rail transport. The landfilling of the discarded product contributes to the disposal stage. The only impacts associated with installation and maintenance are due to the disposal of packaging waste, which is the smallest contributor to the results.

For faced products, the raw material acquisition stage is higher compared to the unfaced products because it includes potential impacts from the facing. Potential impacts for transportation and disposal are also higher due to the added mass from the addition of facing.

Manufacturing stage

The energy required to melt the glass and produce the glass fibers is the largest contributor to the manufacturing stage for all impact categories.

Characterized vs. single score results

Due to normalization and weighting, different stages can dominate the characterized and single score results. The batch ingredients sand and borax contribute significantly to the respiratory effects category, causing the raw materials acquisition stage to dominate the mPt results, but not the characterized results. However, they are not released into the air as fine particulates and therefore likely actually contribute less than what is calculated in the raw material acquisition stage. What this means is that the manufacturing stage may have a larger share of the impact than what is displayed in the total impacts by life cycle stage.

Sensitivity analysis

The three different facing options impact the type and amount of raw materials extracted during the raw material acquisition stage. The addition of facing contributes to higher impacts.

Multi-product weighted average

Results represent the weighted average using production volumes for the products covered. Variations of specific products for differences of 10–20% against the average are indicated in purple; differences greater than 20% are indicated in red. A difference greater than 10% is considered significant.

How we're making it greener

Knauf and Manson are committed to providing products that conserve energy and preserve natural resources.

- These products use ECOSE® Technology, which is a plant-based binder adhesive instead of a fossil fuel based binder. ECOSE Technology represents a fossil fuel avoidance equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil a year for Manson and Knauf Insulation products combined.
- Our product contains a high degree of recycled content, which translates to 20% less glass melting energy and a 25% reduction in embodied carbon.
- Our utilization of recycled content reduces mining impacts by 60%. In fact, Knauf and Manson products combined use 10 railcars of recycled glass a day.
- All glass fiber made by Manson and Knauf 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
Information modules: Included Excluded* *In the installation and maintenance phase, packaging waste in module A5 is the only contributor to the potential impacts.	A1 Raw Materials	A3 Manufacturing	A4 Transportation/Delivery	A5 Construction/Installation	C1 Deconstruction/Demolition
	A2 Transportation			B1 Use	C2 Transportation
				B2 Maintenance	C3 Waste Processing
				B3 Repair	C4 Disposal
				B4 Replacement	
				B5 Refurbishment	
				B6 Operational energy use	
				B7 Operational water use	
					

SM 2013 Learn about SM Single Score results

Impacts per 75 years of service	4.16E-01 mPts	1.90E-01 mPts	1.81E-02 mPts	1.64E-03 mPts	3.91E-02 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 disposal and disposing of packaging materials.	Transportation to landfill and landfilling of product.

Unfaced: TRACI v2.1 results per functional unit

A variation of 10 to 20% | A variation greater than 20%

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	RAW MATERIAL ACQUISITION	MANUFACTURING	TRANSPORTATION	INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE	DISPOSAL/REUSE/RECYCLING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit						
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	6.25E-03	1.95E-02	4.62E-03	3.43E-05	1.16E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	1.14E-03	9.64E-04	3.69E-04	8.53E-06	6.86E-05
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	9.76E-01	8.14E+00	8.63E-01	5.78E-02	2.53E-01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	4.59E-10	3.09E-09	5.95E-12	3.85E-11	3.36E-12

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit						
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	3.93E-10	1.34E-09	4.57E-10	1.62E-11	8.44E-10
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	2.72E-08	7.98E-08	3.40E-08	2.04E-09	9.47E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	7.03E-03	2.83E-03	2.41E-04	2.51E-05	6.38E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.02E-01	2.02E-01	1.55E-01	7.20E-04	2.68E-02

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit						
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	9.67E-02	1.99E-01	1.08E-01	6.89E-04	2.48E-02
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ, LHV	?	1.57E+00	8.30E+00	1.64E+00	1.23E-02	5.01E-01

FSK-faced: TRACI v2.1 results per functional unit

A variation of 10 to 20% | A variation greater than 20%

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	RAW MATERIAL ACQUISITION	MANUFACTURING	TRANSPORTATION	INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE	DISPOSAL/REUSE/RECYCLING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit						
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	7.69E-03	1.95E-02	4.83E-03	3.43E-05	1.21E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	1.27E-03	9.64E-04	3.86E-04	8.53E-06	7.18E-05
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	1.36E+00	8.14E+00	9.03E-01	5.78E-02	2.65E-01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	3.59E-09	3.09E-09	6.22E-12	3.85E-11	3.52E-12

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit						
Carcinogenics	CTU _n	?	8.08E-10	1.34E-09	4.78E-10	1.62E-11	8.82E-10
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _n	?	6.71E-08	7.98E-08	3.55E-08	2.04E-09	9.90E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	7.25E-03	2.83E-03	2.52E-04	2.51E-05	6.67E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.23E-01	2.02E-01	1.62E-01	7.20E-04	2.81E-02

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit						
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.24E-01	1.99E-01	1.13E-01	6.89E-04	2.59E-02
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ, LHV	?	2.60E+00	8.30E+00	1.71E+00	1.23E-02	5.24E-01

ASJ+ faced: TRACI v2.1 results per functional unit

A variation of 10 to 20% | A variation greater than 20%

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	RAW MATERIAL ACQUISITION	MANUFACTURING	TRANSPORTATION	INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE	DISPOSAL/REUSE/RECYCLING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit						
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	8.12E-03	1.95E-02	4.94E-03	3.43E-05	1.24E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	1.30E-03	9.64E-04	3.95E-04	8.53E-06	7.34E-05
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	1.55E+00	8.14E+00	9.24E-01	5.78E-02	2.71E-01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	4.06E-09	3.09E-09	6.37E-12	3.85E-11	3.60E-12

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit						
Carcinogenics	CTU _n	?	1.05E-09	1.34E-09	4.89E-10	1.62E-11	9.03E-10
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _n	?	9.06E-08	7.98E-08	3.63E-08	2.04E-09	1.01E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	7.31E-03	2.83E-03	2.58E-04	2.51E-05	6.82E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.30E-01	2.02E-01	1.66E-01	7.20E-04	2.87E-02

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit						
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.43E-01	1.99E-01	1.15E-01	6.89E-04	2.65E-02
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ, LHV	?	3.31E+00	8.30E+00	1.75E+00	1.23E-02	5.36E-01

See the additional EPD content required by the UL Environment PCR on page 4 of the [Transparency Report PDF](#).

References

LCA Background Report

Knauf Insulation and Manson Insulation Products LCA Background Report (public version), Knauf 2018. GaBi 7, GaBi 2017 database.

PCRs

ISO 21930:2017 serves as the core PCR along with EN 15804 and UL Part A.

ULE PCR Part A: Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules and Report Requirements v3.1

May 2, 2018. Technical Advisory Panel members reviewed and provided feedback on content written by UL Environment and USGBC. Past and present members of the Technical Advisory Panel are listed in the PCR.

ULE PCR Part B: Building Envelope Thermal Insulation

Version 2.0, April 2018. PCR review conducted by Thomas Gloria, PhD (chair, t.gloria@industrial-ecology.com); Andre Desjarlais; and Christoph Koffler, PhD.

ULE General Program Instructions v2.1, April 2017

ISO 14025, "Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works -- Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services", ISO21930:2017

[Download PDF](#) SM Transparency Report/Material Health Overview, which includes the additional EPD content required by the UL Environment PCR.

SM Transparency Reports (TR) are ISO 14025 Type III environmental declarations (EPD) that enable purchasers and users to compare the potential environmental performance of products on a life cycle basis. They are designed to present information transparently to make the limitations of comparability more understandable. TRs/EPDs of products that conform to the same PCR and include the same life cycle stages, but are made by different manufacturers, may not sufficiently align to support direct comparisons. They therefore, cannot be used as comparative assertions unless the conditions defined in ISO 14025 Section 6.7.2. 'Requirements for Comparability' are satisfied. Comparison of the environmental performance of building envelope thermal insulation using EPD information shall be based on the product's use and impacts at the building level, and therefore EPDs may not be used for comparability purposes when not considering the building energy use phase as instructed under the PCR. Full conformance with the PCR for building envelope thermal insulation allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered, when they comply with all referenced standards, use the same sub-category PCR, and use equivalent scenarios with respect to construction works. However, variations and deviations are possible. Example of variations: Different LCA software and background LCI data sets may lead to different results upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared.

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 ½ product
- Product-specific Type III EPD 1 product

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
- C 3.5.2.2 and SI 4.1.2 Path B: Prescriptive Path for Interior Fit-outs

Collaborative for High Performance Schools National Criteria MW 7.1 – Environmental Product Declarations

- Third-party certified type III EPD 2 points

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VERIFICATION

LCA

3rd party reviewed



Transparency Report

3rd party verified



Material evaluation

Self-declared



This declaration was independently verified by NSF to ISO 21930:2017, EN 15804, the UL Environment PCR, and ISO 14025:2006.

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Life cycle assessment

Material health

Evaluation programs

Declare

Declare labels are issued to products disclosing ingredient inventory, sourcing and end of life options. Declare labels are based on the Manufacturers Guide to Declare, administered by the International Living Future Institute.

How it works

Material ingredients are inventoried and screened against the [Living Building Challenge](#) (LBC) Red List which represents the 'worst in class' materials, chemicals, and elements known to pose serious risks to human health and the greater ecosystem.

The Health Product Declaration®

The HPD Open Standard provides a consistent, and transparent format to accurately disclose the material contents and associated hazard classifications for a building product.

How it works

Material ingredients are screened and categorized according to the hazards that international governmental bodies and toxicology experts have associated with them, based on two listings:

- Authoritative lists maintained or recognized by government bodies
- Screening lists, which include chemicals that government bodies determined need further scrutiny, as well as chemical lists not recognized by any government body.

Assessment scope and results

Declare™

Inventory threshold: 100 ppm

Declare level:

The Declare product database and label are used to select products that meet the LBC's stringent materials requirements, streamlining the materials specification and certification process.

- LBC Red List Free ?
- LBC Compliant ?
- Declared ?



Click the label to see the full declaration.

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What's in this product and why

Declare level

Earthwool® Insulation Board without a facer is Red List Free. The Red List is a list of chemicals that are not allowed in Living Building Challenge buildings. Being Red List free is our design benchmark at Knauf.

Earthwool utilizes a bio-based binder chemistry derived from corn that is formaldehyde-free (FF) and more interior friendly than phenol-formaldehyde (P/F) systems. It is the only FF glass fiber based board insulation on the marketplace today.

What's in the product and why

The ingredients of the unfaced variant avoids the 800+ chemicals of the Living Building Challenge Red List. This is primarily because of its bio-based binder adhesive chemistry known as ECOSE® Technology. ECOSE is based on dextrose or high fructose corn syrup instead of phenol and formaldehyde. Dextrose and fructose can be used interchangeably. The ECOSE binder allows the product to be validated by the UL Environment as formaldehyde-free. Formaldehyde is a Red List chemical.

The Earthwool Board ASJ+ and FSK facers do not meet Red List free because the facer contains a halogenated fire retardant (HFR). This is why we disclose the ingredients as an HPD rather than Declare used for all other product variants.

Red List Free is our development benchmark and we constantly challenge ourselves on elimination of Red List chemicals. An HFR is used on the facer variants because the products are for exposed applications and must meet stringent fire performance requirements. We are very aware of the concerns associated with HFRs and continually work with vendors on this issue. At the same time, fire performance is critical and current events relating to fire performance of building materials only support the importance of fire-safe products.

What's been done in the design and manufacture in consideration of the potential human health impacts in the use stage

Knauf led the industry in bio-based development to avoid phenol and formaldehyde in our processes beginning in 2008. This development was likely the largest green chemistry disruption of our era. Today, our competitors have followed or are striving to meet this benchmark.

The primary ingredient in this product is recycled glass. While recycled content may vary from year to year, the recycled content is currently greater than 60% by weight. The second largest content is silica sand which is sourced as locally as possible. The third largest ingredient is corn-based syrup (dextrose or fructose). As a result of using plant-based binders, the VOC profile of this product is very interior friendly.

The emission from our factories is also much better for our communities. We ensure our glass formulations have no serious health concerns by allowing our processes to be audited to meet European Certification Board for Mineral Wool Products (EUCEB) biosolubility requirements.

Where it goes at the end of its life

At this time, the product is landfilled at end of life. We take extended producer responsibility very seriously and have active programs to address end of life. There is no option other than landfills at this time.

How we're making it healthier

Knauf engages very closely with its vendors to eliminate and avoid chemicals of concern. No competitor has as many Red List free products as Knauf Insulation. We continually reduce our environmental impacts through recycled content and optimize our products by designing them to be transformative.

[See how we make it greener](#)

Health Product Declaration®

Earthwool® Insulation Board with Foil-Scrim-Kraft (FSK) or All Service Jacket Plus (ASJ+) Vapor Retarder Facings

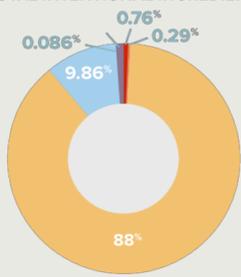
Inventory threshold: 100 ppm

Full disclosure known hazards: Yes

Based on the selected content inventory threshold:

Characterized Screened Identified

TOTAL INTENTIONAL INGREDIENTS



GreenScreen® List Translator Scores

- List Translator Likely Benchmark 1 / Benchmark 1 ?
- List Translator Possible Benchmark 1 ?
- List Translator Benchmark Unknown ?
- Benchmark 3 ?
- Benchmark 3 ?
- Benchmark 4 ?
- No GS data available ?

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Total VOC Content ?

VOC Content data is not applicable for this product category.

References

Declare

Earthwool Insulation IB Board (Unfaced)

Manufacturer's Guide to Declare

A comprehensive guide providing information about the program, the assessment methodology, how to submit material data to obtain a Declare label and how they are used to meet the Health & Happiness and Materials Petals of the Living Building Challenge.

[Health Product Declaration®Earthwool Insulation Board with Foil-Scrim-Kraft \(FSK\) or All Service Jacket Plus \(ASJ+\) Vapor Retarder Facings](#)

Health Product Declaration Open Standard v2.1

The standard provides guidance to accurately disclose the material contents of a building product using a standard, consistent, and transparent format.

Rating systems

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Building product disclosure and optimization

Material Ingredients

Credit value options

1 product each

1. Reporting 2. Optimization 3. Supply Chain Optimization

Living Building Challenge 3.0

Materials petals imperatives

10. Red List Free 12. Responsible Industry 13. Living Economy Sourcing

Well Building Standard®

Air and Mind Features

Air, 26. Enhanced Material Safety

Mind, 97. Material Transparency Mind, 98. Organizational Transparency

Collaborative for High Performance Schools National Criteria MW 10.1 — Building Product Health Related Information Reporting

Product Health Related Information Report

1 point

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VERIFICATION

Self-declared

Material evaluation



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The material health evaluation is self-declared and done in accordance with the HPD Open Standard 2.1

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How we make it greener

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See LCA results by life cycle stage

RAW MATERIAL ACQUISITION

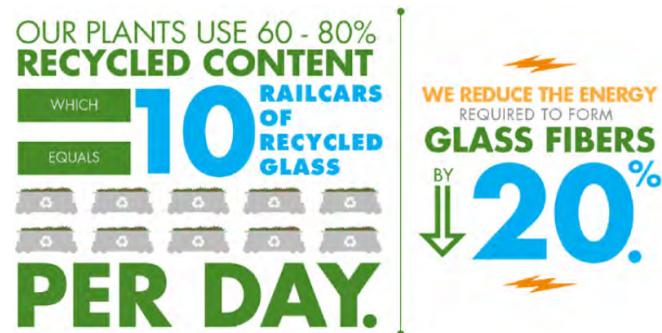


Utilize recycled content

Our plants use 60 – 80% recycled content – which translates to about 10 railcars of recycled glass cullet a day. By leveraging so much recycled content, we reduce the energy required to form glass fibers by 20%. If we use even 60% recycled content, then mining impacts are reduced proportionately.

Pursue sequestration potential

Manson and Knauf's bio-based ECOSE Technology is derived from corn. On average, the Knauf Family Farm produces one half the amount of corn we use to make our products on an annual basis, which is equal to 5,000 acres. While we don't grow the corn used in our products, the use of corn has a significant carbon sequestration impact on our processes. For instance, the use of corn actually offsets the carbon impact of some of the ancillary facers used on our products.

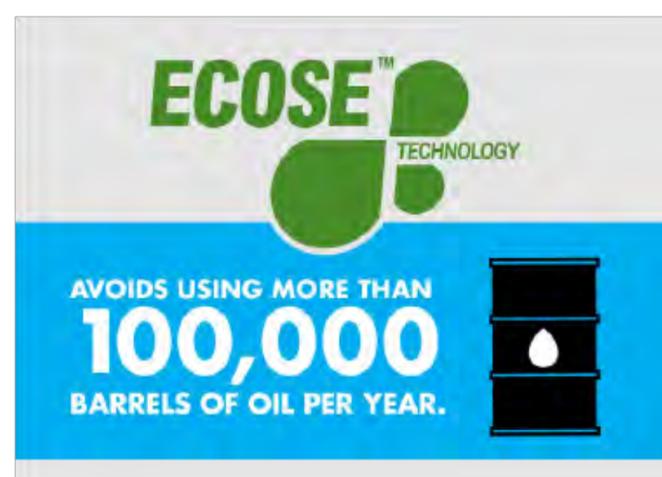


MANUFACTURING

Develop bio-based formaldehyde-free binder

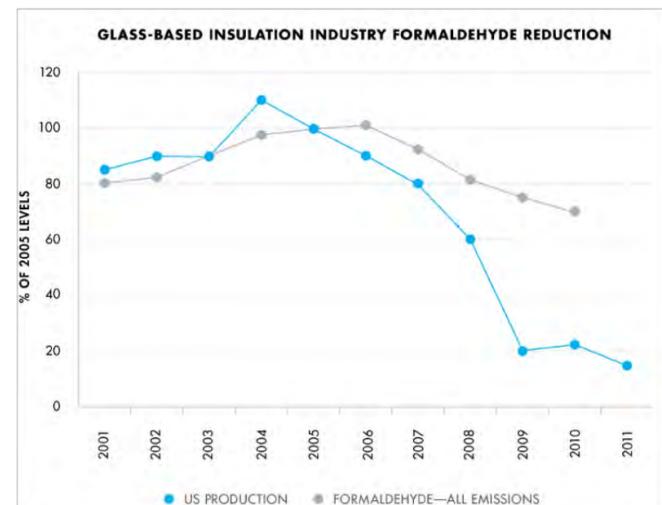
In 2008, Manson and Knauf Insulation launched perhaps the nation's largest formaldehyde-free green chemistry initiative called ECOSE Technology. Offering this into the building materials marketplace quickly transformed the entire glass mineral fiber industry toward bio-based chemistries. Today phenol-formaldehyde (PF) based resins are largely a thing of the past with regard to large volume mineral fiber based insulation products. Manson and Knauf have also launched a new business venture to assist other industries in accessing ECOSE Technology for their processes.

In a given year, using corn-based ECOSE Technology instead of phenol & formaldehyde avoids the equivalent of more than 100,000 barrels of oil in North America alone.



Lead green chemistry efforts

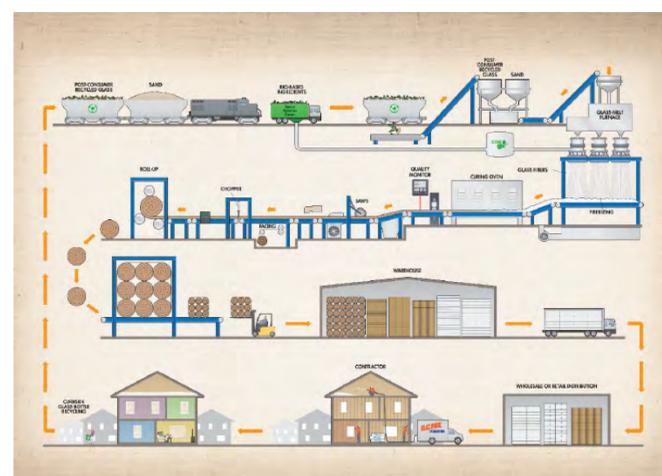
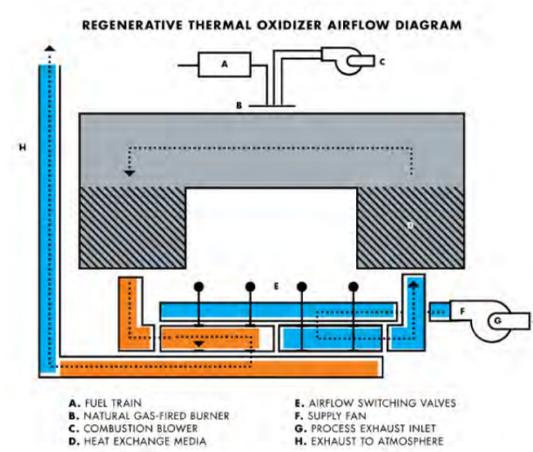
Following the launch of our ECOSE Technology in 2009, we had transformed all of our products and processes to this new technology. Using our bio-based ECOSE Technology has removed phenol and formaldehyde from our stack emissions. By 2012, the entire industry had followed our lead. This initiative not only established Manson and Knauf Insulation in a leadership position, but it had a transformative impact on our industry in general.



Green manufacturing Processes

1. Regenerative thermal oxidizers Manson and Knauf Insulation use regenerative thermal oxidizers (RTO) to capture and recycle much of the energy we used 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.

2. Recycling As you can see below, everything we do starts with recycling. Our plant uses as much as 80% recycled content. While our only option is to landfill our products at end of life, that doesn't stop us from encouraging consumers to recycle other products, particularly glass bottles.



Continuous Improvement

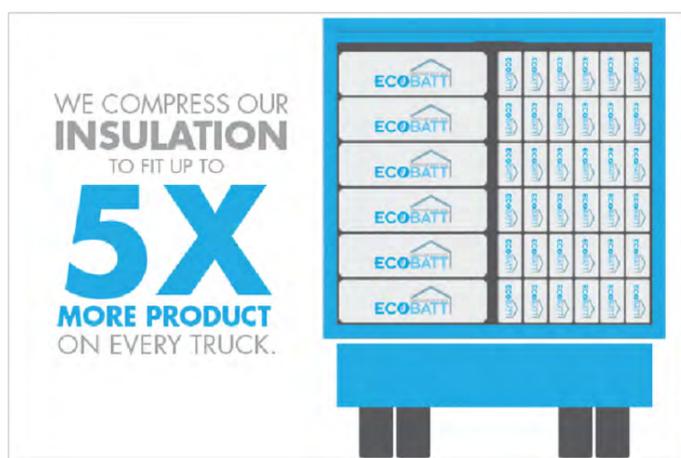
Continuous improvement is key to our sustainable development. Globally, we maintain the following Bureau Veritas certifications: ISO 9000, 14000, and 50001. These certifications relate to quality management systems, energy management and environmental management efforts. For more information on our current continuous improvement efforts, please review our global sustainability report.



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. This compression means:

- More material can fit on one truck when compared to other insulation materials
- Fewer packages on a job
- Fewer deliveries needed



Be confident in glass mineral wool'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, glass mineral wool has been exonerated entirely. Glass mineral wool 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 glass mineral wool has undergone is now seen as proof of its safety.

Meet and exceed green standards

GREENGUARD certified On the forefront of indoor air quality, Knauf Insulation was 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.

Red List Free Since 2012, Knauf Insulation North America used the Living Building Challenge (LBC) Red List as its developmental benchmark. The Red List is a list of chemicals that are avoided in material imperative for the construction of LBC buildings. Formaldehyde is just one of about 800 chemicals on the Red List. Manson Insulation has chosen the Health Product Declaration® (HPD) Collaborative as its standard for reporting building product content and associated health information.

EUCEB tested Glass fiber is perhaps the most widely studied building material available today. 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 35 years of research behind its safety, perhaps no other building material has been as thoroughly evaluated as fiberglass products. We believe a safe product is one that has been thoroughly evaluated.

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 Health 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.

Green building rating system credits
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Promote Recycling

Manson and Knauf are recycling advocates. We take every opportunity to advocate for recycling and financially support the Glass Recycling Coalition (GRC). We feel that a comprehensive understanding of the benefits of recycling will lead to greater recycling adoption and more promotion by state and local governments. While our only option is to landfill our products at end of life, that doesn't stop us from encouraging consumers to recycle other products, particularly glass bottles.



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TRACI v2.1 disaggregated results for FSK-faced Earthwool® Insulation Board per functional unit

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Impact category	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	2.72E-02	4.83E-03	3.43E-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.09E-04	0	9.05E-04
Eutrophication	kg N eq	2.23E-03	3.86E-04	8.53E-06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.58E-05	0	4.60E-05
Global warming	kg SO ₂ eq	9.49E+00	9.03E-01	5.78E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.09E-02	0	1.94E-01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	6.68E-09	6.22E-12	3.85E-11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.89E-13	0	3.03E-12
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	3.24E-01	1.62E-01	7.20E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.02E-02	0	1.79E-02
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ, LHV	1.09E+01	1.71E+00	1.23E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.35E-01	0	3.89E-01

Additional environmental information for FSK-faced Earthwool® Insulation Board per functional unit

Impact category	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	3.23E-01	1.13E-01	6.89E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.85E-03	0	1.71E-02
Carcinogenics	CTUh	2.15E-09	4.78E-10	1.62E-11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.75E-11	0	8.45E-10
Non-carcinogenics	CTUh	1.47E-07	3.55E-08	2.04E-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.79E-09	0	9.62E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM2.5 eq	1.01E-02	2.52E-04	2.51E-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.63E-05	0	6.51E-04

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Resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions and removals for ASJ+-faced Earthwool® Insulation Board per functional unit

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total
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Resource use indicators

Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, LHV	9.95E+00	3.18E-01	5.01E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.50E-02	0	2.18E-01	1.05E+01
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, LHV	2.22E-03	0	6.21E-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.22E-03
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, LHV	9.95E+00	3.18E-01	5.01E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.50E-02	0	2.18E-01	1.05E+01
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, LHV	1.60E+02	1.30E+01	9.90E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.03E+00	0	3.18E+00	1.77E+02
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, LHV	1.16E-07	0	6.17E-11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.16E-07
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, LHV	1.60E+02	1.30E+01	9.90E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.03E+00	0	3.18E+00	1.77E+02
Secondary materials	kg	1.87E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.87E+00
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, LHV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, LHV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recovered energy	MJ, LHV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	3.03E+03	3.57E+01	2.83E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.80E+00	0	1.02E+02	3.17E+03

Output flows and waste category indicators

Hazardous waste disposed	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0	0	7.44E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.29E+00	0	3.37E+00
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials for recycling	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exported energy	MJ, LHV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Carbon emissions and removals

Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	1.26E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.26E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO ₂	1.26E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.33E-03	0	1.35E-01
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	5.89E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.89E-03
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0	0	9.88E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.88E-03
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Smog	kg O ₃ eq	3.32E-01	1.66E-01	7.20E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.04E-02	0	1.83E-02
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