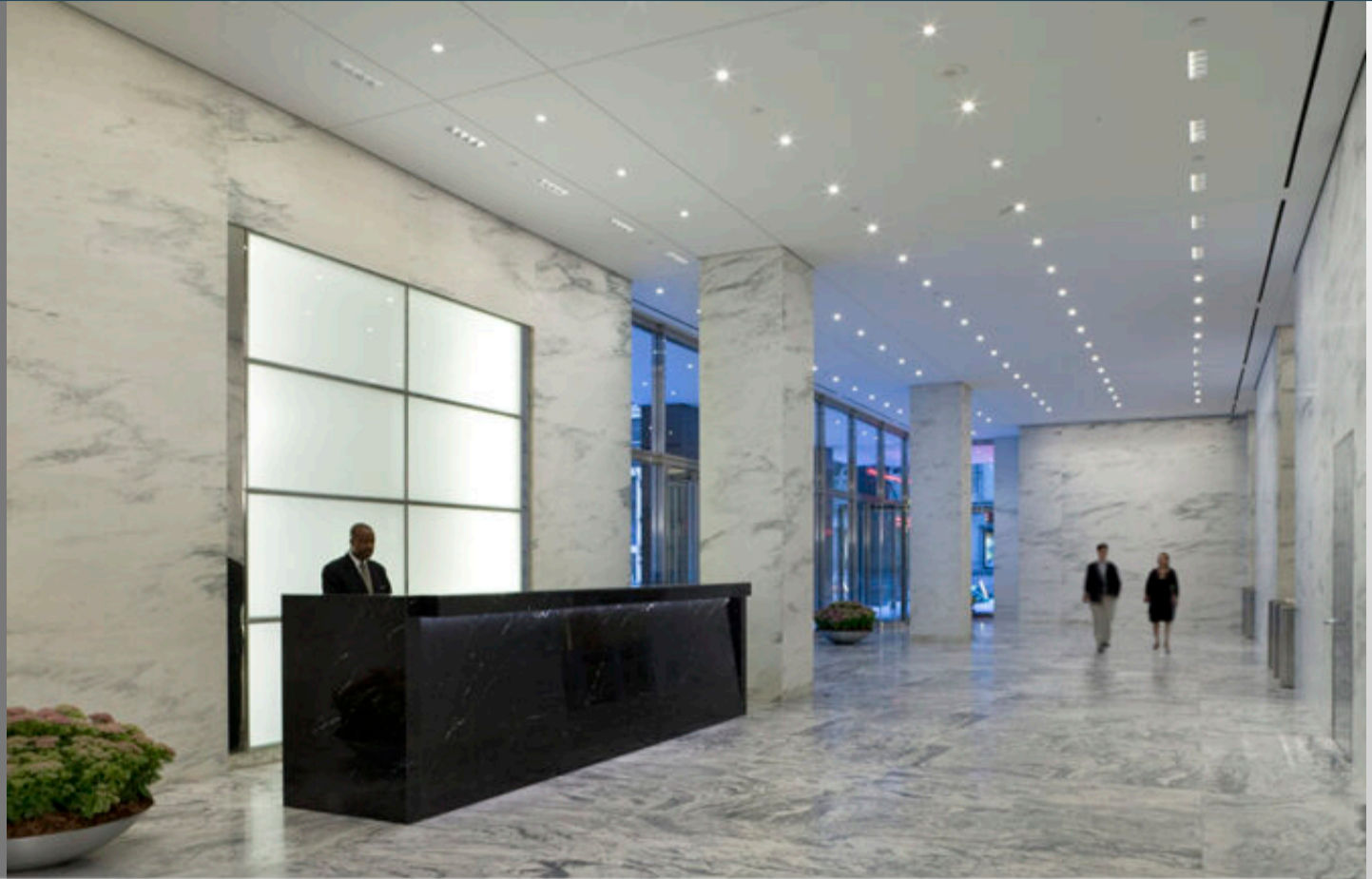




POLYCOR

Marble Floor and Pavers

Originating at the Polycor quarries and through production, marbles are manufactured to tiles and pavers with a wide range of finishes. Marble is an inherently nonemitting source of VOCs and its durability allows it to perform impeccably in commercial & residential applications, interior or exterior.



Performance dashboard

Features & functionality

Covers the wide selection of Polycor's heritage marbles and any surface finishes available.

Covers interior flooring solutions to exterior paving products, from tiles to XL pavers.

Has an unmatched durability and minimal maintenance needs

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- [Marbles](#)
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Environment & materials

Polycor's commitment to carbon neutrality translates into:

Reduction of product's GWP

Reduction of product's energy intensity

Polycor's ownership of the chain of custody from quarries to plants ensures:

No child labor and forced labor

Materials remain 100% natural, free from chemicals or dyes

Certifications & rating systems:

Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

Natural Stone Sustainability Standard (ANSI 373)

Health Product Declaration (HPD)



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Marble Floor and Pavers [Guide Specs](#)

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RAW MATERIALS ACQUISITION

Natural stone quarrying process has high yields and little excess material because the stone is close to surface. It's different from metal mining, where large amounts of earth must be removed to extract very little quantities. Also, underground quarrying, which has been perfected for generations at our Eureka Quarry, reduces land use and is a practice that Polycor wishes to extend to several quarries.

In addition, few consumables are needed to extract natural stone. Contrast that with other building materials, Polycor specifically focuses on sourcing the highest grades of natural stone so that, for instance, a black granite stone, doesn't need dyes to achieve its rich color.

From the bedrock to the point of sale, Polycor maintains an unbroken ownership of the supply chain allowing it to maintain standards of quality and practice.



TRANSPORTATION

Using stone from local sources is the single biggest opportunity to reduce its embodied carbon. Since natural stone is a heavy material, the environmental impacts for transporting it end up being one of its most significant source of carbon. Natural stone is sourced world-wide and each deposit has unique aesthetic and performance characteristics so this is not always avoidable. Be sure to understand the distances between the quarry, the processing facility, sometimes the distribution centers but also the transportation mode. In most of Polycor's operations, the quarry is within miles of the processing facility.



MANUFACTURING

Manufacturing natural stone is so simple that you can summarize it by a single action, cutting. Cutting large piece into smaller pieces ending in a finished product. Also, the beauty of natural stone products is that there is no chemical mixed within our products. Therefore, they are inherently a non-emitting source of VOCs.

Recycling water is reused several times into the manufacturing process and is compulsory to achieve ANSI 373 Standard.

There are a large variety of sizes and finishes that are commonly used for natural stone. Design teams can help reducing energy consumption in the following ways: Usage of low embodied carbon finishes such as water jet, 3D analysis to loose as few stone as possible throughout its transformation, accepting the natural variation in the material so there is more usable material.



OTHER (USE, END OF LIFE)

Whether you think of the Egyptian pyramids, the Colosseum of Rome, the cathedrals of the European capitals or closer to us; the famous Empire State building; natural stone is the most durable, classic and timeless building material on Earth. With 100+ years of durability, natural stone lasts longer than other building construction material and projects that use natural stone require less maintenance.

Since we don't use any chemicals, natural stone products as well as excess process materials throughout the extraction and transformation phases can be reused or recycled into gravel for roads, landscaping products and even furniture and jewelry. In short, natural stone can be reused and recycled multiple times during its life cycle; the only limit is your imagination!

Nevertheless, even if natural stone ends up in a construction landfill, there will be no toxic chemicals seeping into the earth as the material degrades. It simply returns to the earth, cradle to cradle.



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Data

Background This product specific declaration was created by collecting product data for one square meter of marble floor covering. Material and production inputs from each quarry and processor site were used to calculate weighted averages of those inputs based on the production share of the site.

Allocation The allocation methods used were examined according to the updated allocation rules in ISO 21930:2017. Quarry inputs and outputs were divided evenly among the quarried marble by mass, and no co-product allocation was needed. Similarly, no co-product allocation was required for processor operations as well since processing data was collected from Polycor's processing plants specific to marble. The processor inputs and outputs were divided evenly among the processed stone by area.

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. No known flows are deliberately excluded from this declaration. Biogenic carbon is included in reported results.

Quality Primary data was collected for a time period of two years, which represents typical operations of Polycor's marble quarry and processors across North America. Inventory data is considered to have a good precision and provide a representative depiction of the industry average. Data is also considered to be complete as no known flows are deliberately excluded from this analysis other than those defined to be outside of the system boundary. Proxy and generic datasets have been used for some materials and processes, but are considered to be sufficiently representative.

Quarry and Manufacturing Plant information

Data Group	Quarry location(s)
North American Marble Quarries	Polycor Georgia Marble Quarry, Tate, GA Saint Clair Quarry, Marble City, OK
Data Group	Manufacturing Plant location(s)
North American Marble Plant	Georgia Marble Plant, Tate, GA

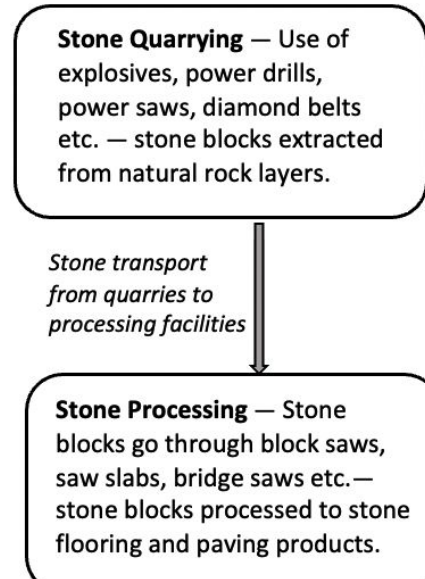
Relevant technical properties

Parameter	Unit	Test Method	Value
CSI Masterformat classification	09 30 33; 09 63 40; 32 14 40		
Stone type	Marble		
Stone grades	All grades		
Thickness to achieve functional unit	mm		12.70
Product weight	kg		34.27
Density	kg/m ³		2699
Flexural strength	Mpa	C880	6.89
Modulus of rupture	MPa	C99	6.89
Compressive strength	MPa	C170	51.71
Thermal conductivity	W/m.k	C518	2.07
Thermal resistance	m.K/W	C518	0.49
Liquid water absorption	% of dry wt	C97	0.1-1.0

Major system boundary exclusions

- Capital goods and infrastructure,
- Maintenance and operation of support equipment;
- Manufacture and 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.

Production flow chart



Scenarios and additional technical information

Transport from Quarry to Processor (A2)

Based on the primary data, the transport distance between Polycor's marble quarry and processing facilities varies, & the weighted distance is 157 km.

Transport to the building site (A4)

Parameter	Value	Unit
Vehicle type	Lorry, 16-32 ton	
Fuel type	Diesel	
Liters of fuel	0.41	l/100 km
Distance from manufacturer to installation site	800	km (per PCR)
Capacity utilization (mass based)	100	%
Gross density of products transported	2,699	kg/m ³
Capacity utilization volume factor	1	

Packaging scenario assumptions

Based on EPA's 2018 data, it has been assumed that 37% of all packaging will be landfilled, with the rest recycled.

Installation into the building (A5)

It is assumed that flooring fabrication (cutting and finishing to required size) is done at the processing plants and is typically delivered to the job site ready for installation. For the minor changes necessary to accommodate changes, we have considered the use of manual equipment like hacksaws, tile cutters, handle, chisels, tile nippers etc.

Parameter	Value	Unit
Installation scrap assumed	5	%
Ancillary materials -	Mortar 4.07 Grout 0.21 Acrylate 0.04	kg
Net freshwater consumption	0.0004	m ³
Electricity consumption	0	kWh
Product loss per functional unit (scrap)	1.71	kg
Waste materials at the construction site before waste processing (stone scrap and packaging waste)	2.73	kg
Output materials from on-site waste processing	0	kg
Mass of packaging waste by type	Cardboard 0 Wood 3.11	kg
Biogenic carbon contained in packaging	5.70	kg CO ₂
Direct emissions to ambient air, soil and water	0	kg
VOC emissions	0	µg/m ³
Transport distance for both stone scrap and packaging waste (Diesel-powered truck/trailer)	161	km

Maintenance scenario parameters

Maintenance process information	Cleaning and resealing the surface of marble flooring		
Maintenance cycle	Monthly cleaning (900 cycles per RSL & ESL) Sealing every 5 years (14 cycles per RSL & ESL)		
Net freshwater consumption - municipal water supply	0.09 (for entire lifetime)		m ³
Ancillary materials -	Soap 4.5 (for entire lifetime) Sealant 2.31 (for entire lifetime)		kg
Energy input during maintenance	Not necessary		

Reference service life information

Reference Service Life (RSL)	75	years
Design application parameters	Outdoor and indoor applications	
Outdoor environment	Installation as recommended by manufacturer.	
Indoor environment	Installation as recommended by manufacturer.	
Use conditions	All conditions	

End of life (C1-C4)

Assumptions for scenario development	The product is dismantled and removed from the building manually. It is transported to a local facility where it requires no further processing before final disposition.		
Collection process	Collected separately	0	kg
	Collected with mixed construction waste	38.34	kg
Recovery	Reuse	0	kg
	Recycling (0%)	0	kg
	Landfill (100%)	38.34	kg
Waste transport		161	km
Final disposal		38.34	kg
Removals of biogenic carbon (excluding packaging)		0	kg CO ₂

Hazardous waste

Polycor's marble flooring does not contain substances that are identified as hazardous according to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle C.

Calcination CO₂ emissions

Although calcination and carbonation is not relevant to marble flooring products, calcination occurs during installation stage due to the use of mortar. Mortar includes cement calcination CO₂ emissions which is calculated & reported separately using a carbon intensity factor of 886 CO₂ per ton of cement (Source: [U.S. Cement Industry Carbon Intensities \(2019\)](#)).

LCIA results, resource use, output & waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per m² of marble flooring

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total
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LCIA results (per m² of marble flooring)

Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	2.45E-06	8.24E-07	1.34E-07	0	4.80E-06	0	0	1.55E-07	0	1.48E-08	8.38E-06
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	3.27E+01	4.13E+00	2.61E+00	0	7.28E+00	0	0	7.79E-01	0	8.68E-02	4.76E+01
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	1.95E+00	3.40E-01	1.74E-01	0	8.74E-01	0	0	6.41E-02	0	2.53E-02	3.43E+00
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	1.11E-01	1.29E-02	1.20E-02	0	6.58E-02	0	0	2.44E-03	0	8.39E-04	2.05E-01
Eutrophication	kg N eq	1.91E-02	1.74E-03	7.13E-04	0	2.82E-02	0	0	3.28E-04	0	8.20E-05	5.02E-02
Carcinogenics	CTUh	1.98E-07	1.72E-09	1.70E-08	0	9.90E-08	0	0	3.24E-10	0	2.54E-11	3.16E-07
Non-carcinogenics	CTUh	1.89E-06	8.24E-07	1.99E-07	0	1.06E-06	0	0	2.93E-08	0	1.01E-09	3.34E-06
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	4.09E-02	4.13E+00	1.08E-03	0	1.96E-02	0	0	1.53E-04	0	1.09E-04	6.27E-02
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	55.95%	7.3%	2%	0%	33.4%	0%	0%	1.4%	0%	0%	100%
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	4.80E+01	8.42E+00	2.56E+00	0	2.00E+01	0	0	1.59E+00	0	1.84E-01	8.08E+01

Resource use indicators (per m² of marble flooring)

Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, LHV	1.23E+02	8.62E-02	1.48E+00	0	2.07E+02	0	0	1.62E-02	0	2.51E-03	2.20E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, LHV	4.19E+01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.19E+01
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, LHV	5.42E+01	8.62E-02	1.48E+00	0	2.07E+02	0	0	1.62E-02	0	2.51E-03	2.62E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, LHV	6.41E+02	5.54E+01	2.42E+01	0	1.94E+02	0	0	1.04E+01	0	1.22E+00	8.78E+02
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, LHV	1.86E+01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.86E+01
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, LHV	6.60E+02	5.54E+01	2.42E+01	0	1.94E+02	0	0	1.04E+01	0	1.22E+00	8.96E+02
Secondary materials	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, LHV	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
Recovered energy	MJ, LHV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of net fresh water resources	m ³	1.96E+01	9.39E-03	2.10E+00	0	1.34E+01	0	0	1.77E-03	0	2.14E-04	3.51E+01

Output flows and waste category indicators (per m² of marble flooring)

Hazardous waste disposed	kg	8.48E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.48E-03
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	9.85E+00	0	3.39E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.53E+01	4.86E+01
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	4.29E-02	4.51E-06	2.96E-04	0	2.11E-03	0	0	8.50E-07	0	1.31E-07	4.53E-02
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	2.04E-04	4.73E-08	5.56E-07	0	1.26E-06	0	0	8.91E-09	0	1.38E-09	2.06E-04
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials for recycling	kg	5.39E+02	0	3.13E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.42E+02
Materials for energy recovery	kg	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

Carbon emissions and removals (per m² of marble flooring)

Biogenic carbon removal from packaging	kg CO ₂	5.70E+00	0	2.85E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.99E+00
Biogenic carbon emission from packaging	kg CO ₂	0	0	4.33E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.33E+00
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
Calcination carbon emissions	kg CO ₂	0	0	1.01E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.01E+00
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