



POLYCOR

Marble Countertops

The slab of marble supplied to fabricators and dealers is a semi-processed product that can be installed in a kitchen of any other space. Polycor's top-quality countertops offer an large choice of colors & finishes. Marble being the most durable surface material, it makes sense aesthetically and financially to bring this natural and healthy material on top of everything.



Performance dashboard

Features & functionality

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

Has an unmatched durability and minimal maintenance needs.

Includes ultra-thin countertops 1CM

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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 ownship 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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How we make it greener

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See LCA results by life cycle stage

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 it's 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 natural stone countertops. Material and production inputs from each of Polycor's quarry and processor sites were used to calculate weighted averages of those inputs based on the production share of the site. Industry average data for countertop fabrication was also used.

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 know 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.

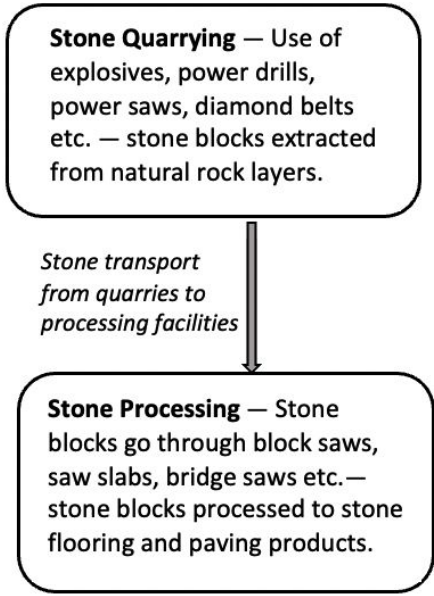
Relevant technical properties

Parameter	Unit	Test Method	Value
CSI Masterformat classification	12 36 40		
Stone type	Marble		
Stone grades	All grades		
Thickness to achieve functional unit	mm		29.36
Product weight	kg		82.75
Density	kg/m³		2,699
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. For the quarries who had no primary information, a conservative stone transportation distance of 100 km via truck & trailer was assumed.

Transport to the building site (A4)

Parameter	Value	Unit
Vehicle type	Passenger car Lorry, 16-32 ton	
Fuel type	Petrol (for initial visit) Diesel (for countertop transport)	
Liters of fuel	0.41	l/100 km
Distance from manufacturer to installation site	Initial visit 80 Delivery of the countertop 80	km (weighted avg)
Capacity utilization (mass based)	100	%
Gross density of products transported	2,699	kg/m³
Capacity utilization volume factor	1	

Installation into the building (A5)

It is assumed that countertop fabrication (cutting and finishing to required size) is done at the processing plants and is typically delivered to the job site ready for installation. The scrap generated is insignificant and will be recycled if generated, so an installation scrap rate of 0% is assumed.

Installation scrap assumed	0	%
Ancillary materials -		
Adhesive	0.017	kg
Resin	0.089	
Acrylate	0.0005	
Sealer	0.009	
Silicone	0.078	
Net freshwater consumption	0	m³
Power of Drills and grinders	1.38	kW
Operation time for Drills and grinders	15	min.
Packaging waste transport distance	32	km
Direct emissions to ambient air, soil and water	0	kg
VOC emissions	0	µg/m³

Maintenance scenario parameters (B1-B7)

Maintenance process information	Cleaning the surface of marble countertops		
Maintenance cycle	Weekly cleaning (520 cycles per RSL) Resealing every 5 years (2 cycles per RSL)		
Net freshwater consumption - municipal water supply	52 (for entire lifetime)	Liter	
Ancillary materials - Soap	2.6 (for entire lifetime)	kg	
Silicone sealant	0.165 (for each cycle)		
Energy input during maintenance	Not necessary		

Reference service life information

Reference Service Life (RSL)	10	years
Design application parameters	Indoor applications	
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.		
Disposal scenarios	Recycling	68.5	%
	Landfill	31.5	%
Waste transport		32	km
Removals of biogenic carbon (excluding packaging)		0	kg CO ₂

Hazardous waste

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

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

Parameter	Unit	Material acquisition and pre-processing stage	Countertop Construction	Installation stage	Use and maintenance stage	End of life		Total
		A1-A2	A3	A4-A5	B2	C2	C4	

LCIA results (per m² of marble countertops)

Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	1.50E-06	2.97E-06	1.18E-06	4.85E-07	7.23E-08	1.09E-08	6.22E-06
Global warming	kg CO2 eq	2.32E+01	4.29E+01	9.80E+00	5.68E-01	3.64E-01	6.42E-02	7.69E+01
Smog	kg O3 eq	4.40E+00	1.46E+00	1.95E+00	2.85E-01	2.98E-02	1.86E-02	8.14E+00
Acidification	kg SO2 eq	1.56E-01	1.15E-01	6.74E-02	2.14E-02	1.14E-03	6.19E-04	3.61E-01
Eutrophication	kg N eq	1.70E-02	2.86E-02	5.82E-03	1.48E-02	1.53E-04	6.05E-05	6.65E-02
Carcinogenics	CTUh	2.21E-07	3.90E-07	1.29E-07	2.52E-08	1.51E-10	1.88E-11	7.65E-07
Non-carcinogenics	CTUh	1.92E-06	2.65E-06	8.38E-07	2.67E-07	1.36E-08	7.42E-10	5.69E-06
Respiratory effects	kg PM2.5 eq	2.21E-02	5.66E-02	2.88E-03	8.03E-03	7.13E-05	8.02E-05	8.98E-02
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	3.09E+01	1.75E+01	1.43E+01	3.89E+00	1.97E-01	6.09E-03	6.68E+01
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	3.80E+01	6.62E+01	2.09E+01	4.99E+00	7.38E-01	1.36E-01	1.31E+02

Energy consumption, energy type, and material resources (per m² of marble countertops)

Renewable fuels	MJ, LHV	1.87E+01	3.00E+01	8.59E+00	1.14E+02	7.56E-03	1.85E-03	1.71E+02
Virgin renewable resources	MJ, LHV	0	4.38E+01	4.81E-01	0	0	0	4.43E+01
Fossil fuels	MJ, LHV	2.92E+02	5.94E+02	3.20E+02	3.80E+01	4.83E+00	8.91E-01	1.25E+03
Nuclear fuels	MJ, LHV	5.37E+01	2.28E+02	5.48E+00	4.94E+00	3.03E-02	7.41E-03	2.92E+02
Miscellaneous fuels	MJ, LHV	4.92E-04	1.67E-02	1.60E-03	1.10E+01	1.18E-06	2.21E-07	1.10E+01
Virgin non-renewable resources	MJ, LHV	3.46E+02	8.03E+02	3.24E+02	5.39E+01	4.86E+00	8.98E-01	1.53E+03
Recycled resources	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, LHV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, LHV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recovered energy	MJ, LHV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of net freshwater resources	m³	5.38E+01	9.64E+00	2.26E+00	1.06E+00	8.24E-04	1.58E-04	6.68E+01
Primary energy demand	MJ	3.65E+02	8.96E+02	3.36E+02	1.68E+02	4.87E+00	9.00E-01	1.77E+03
Primary energy demand (fossil, nuclear)	MJ	3.46E+02	8.22E+02	3.27E+02	4.29E+01	4.86E+00	8.98E-01	1.54E+03
Renewable (solar, wind, hydro, biomass)	MJ	1.87E+01	7.38E+01	9.08E+00	1.14E+02	7.56E-03	1.85E-03	2.16E+02

Emissions to air (per m² of marble countertops)

Sulphur oxides (SO _x)	kg	3.04E-02	4.46E-02	1.15E-02	6.82E-03	2.88E-04	9.19E-05	9.36E-02
Nitrogen oxides (NO _x)	kg	1.77E-01	5.31E-02	7.75E-02	9.90E-03	1.20E-03	7.51E-04	3.19E-01
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	Kg	2.21E+01	2.92E+01	9.24E+00	6.30E+00	3.48E-01	6.24E-05	6.72E+01
Methane (CH ₄)	kg	4.51E-02	1.74E+01	1.82E-02	1.53E-02	3.55E-04	3.85E-05	1.75E+01
Nitrous oxide (N ₂ O)	kg	1.09E-03	6.97E-02	3.37E-04	1.58E-03	1.44E-05	2.11E-06	7.27E-02
Carbon monoxide (CO)	kg	2.04E-01	1.16E-02	4.01E-02	6.40E-02	6.52E-05	1.93E-04	3.20E-01

Water usage and emissions to water (per m² of marble countertops)

Phosphates, nitrates, dioxin, and heavy metals	kg	8.36E-03	2.02E-02	7.85E-04	3.59E-02	1.37E-06	3.15E-07	6.53E-02
Consumption (total water input)	m³	1.06E+02	1.67E+01	5.52E+00	1.93E+00	9.28E-04	1.82E-04	1.30E+02

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

Hazardous waste disposed	kg	3.06E-02	1.94E-03	0	0	0	0	3.25E-02
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.77E+00	3.27E+01	3.20E+00	0	0	2.61E+01	6.37E+01
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.92E+00	5.42E-02	7.49E-06	1.98E-04	5.17E-07	9.69E-08	1.97E+00
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.87E-03	1.54E-08	1.31E-10	6.34E-08	5.90E-07	4.15E-09	1.87E-03
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Landfill avoidance / materials for recycling	kg	4.59E+04	1.07E+02	6.41E+00	0	0	5.67E+01	4.61E+04
Incineration with energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incineration without energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Carbon emissions and removals (per m² of marble countertops)

Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0	7.63E-02	3.81E-03	0	0	0	8.01E-02
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0	0	1.12E-02	0	0	0	1.12E-02
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	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