

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

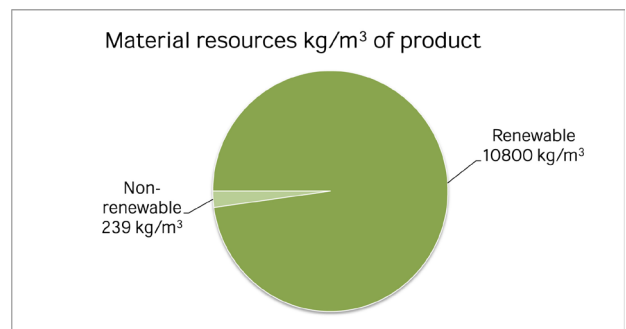
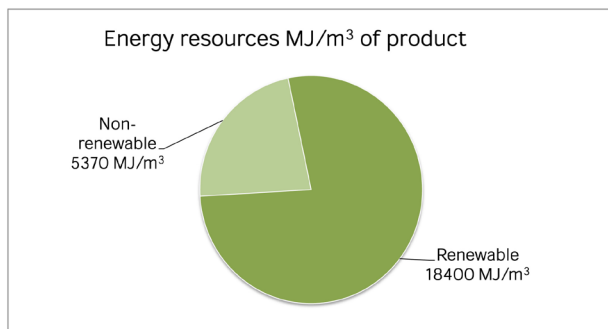
Metsä Wood Birch Plywood Uncoated

The declaration has been prepared according to EN 16485 and EN 15804, which is based on the standards ISO 14040 and ISO 14044, ISO 14025 and ISO 21930. The results are based on the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) approach taking into account raw material sourcing, raw material transportation, raw material use and production operations (cradle to gate). The downstream processes are excluded.



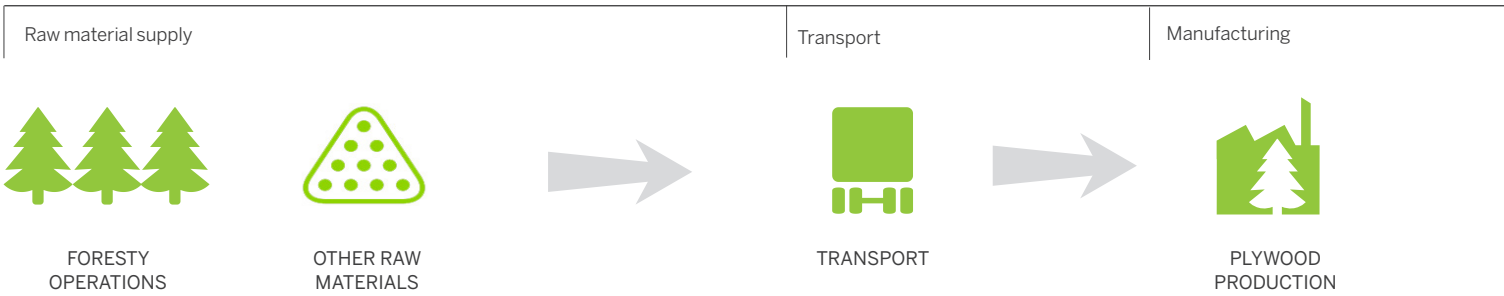
Summary

IMPACT	UNIT	TOTAL
Global warming potential; GWP	kg CO ₂ equiv./m ³ of product	244
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; ODP	kg CFC 11 equiv./m ³ of product	1.18 x 10 ⁻⁸
Acidification potential of soil and water sources; AP	kg SO ₂ equiv. /m ³ of product	1.75
Eutrophication potential; EP	kg Phosphate equiv./m ³ of product	0.324
Formation of tropospheric ozone; POCP	kg Ethene equiv./m ³ of product	0.177
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-elements) for non-fossil resources	kg Sb equiv./m ³ of product	0.000265
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-fossil fuels) for fossil resources	MJ, net caloric value/m ³ of product	4610



SCOPE OF THE DECLARATION

INCLUDED



1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Metsä Wood Birch is a high-quality Finnish plywood product sanded on both sides. Birch plywood can be used for a wide range of applications: in the transport and construction industries, and as packaging and furniture, among others. More information can be obtained from the Metsä Wood Birch Product Data Sheet.

Physical properties

- Mean density (RH65%, 20°C) 680 kg/m³
- Moisture content (delivered from the mill) 7–9%

Composition

- Wood (birch veneers)
- Phenol formaldehyde adhesive *

* The adhesive does not contain chlorine or heavy metals.

Birch plywood is manufactured at the Punkaharju and Suolahti plywood mills in Finland.

1.1 CERTIFICATES

Metsä Forest, part of Metsä Group, is the only wood supplier for Metsä Wood's mills in Finland. Metsä Forest as well as Metsä Wood's Suolahti and Punkaharju plywood mills have certified PEFC™ and FSC® Chain of Custody, and certified quality (ISO 9001) and environmental (ISO 14001) management systems in place, which include a wood origin tracking system. Thorough documentation and the latest technology, including digital maps, are used to track the wood flow from the forest to the mill.

Metsä Forest fulfils the obligations of European Union Regulation No. 995/2010 (EU Timber regulation), which prohibits the placing and trading of illegally harvested timber and timber products on the market. As all the wood raw material is covered by Chain of Custody certification, Metsä Wood knows the origin of all the wood it uses. The PEFC™ logo on the product ensures that 100% of the wood raw material is legally harvested and at least 70% is sourced from certified forests.

1.2 HANDLING AFTER USE

Metsä Wood's plywood products can be disposed in several ways. It should be noted, however, that the instructions for disposal may vary by country depending on the current legislation.

Recycling of plywood by utilising it in other applications is always preferred, however, Metsä Wood's plywood products can be safely burnt when the combustion temperature is at least 850°C, the combustion air and gases are well-mixed, the retention time of the combustion gases in the furnace is over two seconds, and the residual oxygen content of the flue gases is over 6%.

Gross heating value is 21 MJ/kg.

While the products can also be composted, the panels need to be chipped and the long duration of the composting process has to be taken into consideration. The products can also be taken to a refuse dump, although plywood products rot very slowly.

Metsä Wood's plywood products do not contain anything classified as hazardous waste.

2. SCOPE OF DECLARATION

The following processes are included in the scope of the environmental product declaration:

PROCESSES OF RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY:

Forestry operations; production of glues.

PROCESSES OF TRANSPORT AND MANUFACTURE:

Production and transportation of energy, fuels, lubricants and packaging materials. Production of plywood. Transportation and the treatment of waste landfilled and recycled for energy. Transportation of hazardous waste.

THE FOLLOWING PROCESSES HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED:

The construction and maintenance of factory buildings and related infrastructure; the treatment of hazardous waste and waste recycled by composting; the transportation of the finished product from mill to customer; construction process stages; and the use and end-of-life stages.

EXCLUDED



ENERGY



PACKAGING



WASTE MANAGEMENT



PRODUCTION FACILITIES



DISTRIBUTION



END-USER



DISPOSAL

3. USE OF RESOURCES

The use of resources and emissions are calculated per one cubic meter (1 m³) of product – including packaging. The results are presented according to EN 15942.

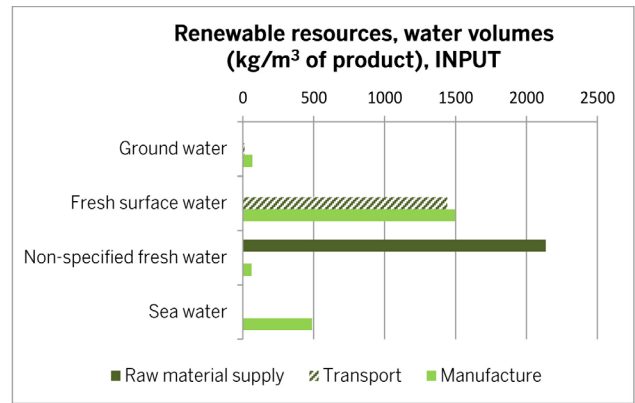
3.1 USE OF PRIMARY ENERGY

USE OF PRIMARY ENERGY (MJ, NET CALORIFIC VALUE/M ³ OF PRODUCT)	PRODUCT STAGE			
	RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	TRANSPORT	MANUFACTURING (ENERGY, PACKAGING, WASTE HANDLING)	TOTAL
Use of renewable primary energy excl. raw materials	0	20	7060	7080
Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	11300 *	0	0	11300
Total use of renewable primary energy resources	11300	20	7060	18400
Use of non-renewable primary energy excl. non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	3160	521	1690	5370
Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	0	0	0	0
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	3160	521	1690	5370

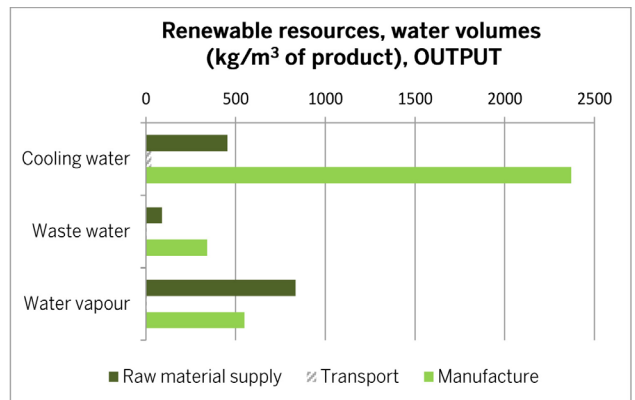
* Mainly solar energy that is bound in wood during its growth.

3.2 USE OF WATER

On a basis, about 98% of the resources of the product's life-cycle is renewable, the majority being water. Waters withdrawn for cooling and other process purposes are typically returned back to their source.



Water used by trees during their growth (i.e. 'green water') is not included.



Power plants' turbine water is not included.

4. PRODUCT'S POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Potential environmental impacts were estimated using CML2001-Apr. 2013 factors. The use of electricity and wood raw material have been allocated to plywood and co-products based on their economic values.

IMPACT	UNIT	PRODUCT STAGE			
		RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	TRANSPORT	MANUFACTURING	TOTAL
Global warming potential; GWP	kg CO ₂ equiv./m ³ of product	122	38	84	244
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; ODP	kg CFC 11 equiv./m ³ of product	5.41 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.80 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	1.11 x 10 ⁻⁸	1.18 x 10 ⁻⁸
Acidification potential of soil and water sources; AP	kg SO ₂ equiv./m ³ of product	0.758	0.234	0.754	1.75
Eutrophication potential; EP	kg Phosphate equiv./m ³ of product	0.148	0.0551	0.120	0.324
Formation of tropospheric ozone; POCP	kg Ethene equiv./m ³ of product	0.121	-0.0134	0.0693	0.177
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-elements) for non fossil resources	kg Sb equiv./m ³ of product	0.00026	1.42 x 10 ⁻⁶	3.68 x 10 ⁻⁶	0.000265
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-fossil fuels) for fossil elements	MJ, net calorific value/m ³ of product	3003	520	1090	4610

* Biogenic carbon stored in the product is reported in Chapter 5.3.

5. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

5.1 EMISSIONS TO INDOOR AIR

Determined according to EN 717-1, the formaldehyde emitted by Metsä Wood Birch plywood panels falls far below the Class E1 requirement of ≤ 0.100 ppm and also fulfils the most stringent requirements in the world (≤ 0.030 ppm). The formaldehyde emission of Metsä Wood Birch is approximately 0.013 ppm. Metsä Wood Birch also has the M1 Finnish emission classification for building materials.

5.2 WASTE FRACTIONS FROM THE PLYWOOD PRODUCTION

WASTE CATEGORY	UNIT	PRODUCT STAGE
		MANUFACTURING
Hazardous waste	kg (wet)/m ³ of product	1.5
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg (wet)/m ³ of product	0.4
Materials for energy recovery	kg (wet)/m ³ of product	0.2

5.3 CO₂ STORED IN THE PRODUCT

Plywood (1 m³) contains the stored carbon equivalent of 1080 kg CO₂ stored in wood. Metsä Wood's certification systems guarantee the sustainability and traceability of wood raw materials (see 1.1).

6. DEFINITIONS

Acidification: Occurs when the capacity of soil or water bodies to resist or neutralise acidifying atmospheric deposition begins to decline. It is caused by combustion gases, such as nitrogen and sulphur oxides (SO_x) that react in the atmosphere to produce acids.

CML2001-Apr.2013: An impact assessment method developed at the University of Leiden, Centre of Environmental Studies (CML).

Depletion of abiotic resources: Consumption of non-renewable resources, such as zinc ore and crude oil, thereby lowering their availability for future generations.

Eutrophication: Eutrophication is caused by an addition of excess nitrogen and phosphorus nutrients to an eco-system, e.g. through waste waters. This boosts the growth of planktonic algae leading to reduced water clarity, oxygen depletion or changes in fish stocks.

Global warming potential (GWP): Global warming is caused by the increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) that absorbs heat. GWP is calculated over a specific time period of 100 years (GWP100).

Ozone depletion: Ozone is an essential substance in the upper atmosphere (the stratosphere) where it screens out more than 99% of the dangerous ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Stratospheric ozone depletion refers to the thinning of the stratospheric ozone layer as a result of anthropogenic emissions of halons used as refrigerants in fire extinguishers and other applications.

Photochemical ozone creation: Ozone in the lowest layer of the atmosphere is harmful for living organisms. It is formed when traffic emissions such as nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic hydrocarbons (VOCs), for example, react in the sunlight.

7. VERIFICATIONS

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European standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR.

Independent verification of the declaration, according to ISO 14025:2010

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Third party verifier:

Inspecta (accredited environmental verifier)



Note: EPD of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with the European standard EN 15804.

8. REFERENCES

EN 15804:2012. Sustainability of construction works. Environmental product declarations. Core rules for the product category of construction products.

EN 15942:2011. Sustainability of construction works. Environmental product declarations. Communication format business-to-business.

EN 16485:2014. Round and sawn timber – Environmental Product Declarations – Product category rules for wood and wood-based products for use in construction.

Origin of generic data: GaBi 6.3 Professional database and LIPASTO.

– A calculation system for traffic exhaust emissions and energy consumption in Finland (<http://lipasto.vtt.fi/>).

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Metsä Group is a responsible forest industry group whose products' main raw material is renewable and sustainably grown Northern wood. Metsä Group focuses on tissue and cooking papers, consumer packaging paperboards, pulp, wood products, and wood supply and forest services. Its high-quality products combine renewable raw materials, customer-orientation, sustainable development and innovation. Metsä Group's sales totalled EUR 4.9 billion in 2013, and it employs approximately 11,000 people. The Group operates in some 30 countries. Metsäliitto Cooperative is the parent company of Metsä Group and is owned by approximately 123,000 Finnish forest owners.

Metsä Wood provides competitive and environmentally friendly wood products for construction, industrial customers and distributor partners. We manufacture products from Northern wood, a sustainable raw material of premium quality. Our sales in 2013 were EUR 897 million, and we employ about 2,500 people. Metsä Wood is part of Metsä Group.

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