

VINITEX®

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

Environmental Product Declaration in accordance with

UN CPC CODE:

REGISTRATION NUMBER

Environdec: S-P-01963

REGISTRATION DATE

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REVISION DATE

21/04/2020 (V.1)

REFERENCE YEAR

2017

VALID UNTIL



GENERAL INFORMATION

EPD OWNER

Soprema s.r.l., Via industrale dell'Isola 3, 24040 Chignolo d'Isola (BG), Italy

PROGRAMME OPERATOR

The International EPD® System, Valhallavägen 81, 114 27 Stockholm, Sweden

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Standard EN 15804:2012+A1:2013

PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES (PRCs)

• PCR 2012:01 v 2.3

FUNCTIONAL UNIT

The functional unit is 1 m 2 of installed membrane (namely 1 m 2 produced multiplied by the membrane installation overlapping factor 1.12 (mechanically-fixed), 1.08 (fully-adhered and loose-laid)) for all waterproofing systems with flexible sheets for roofing, divided by the reference building service lifetime (90 years).

CONTACTS

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT

by Life Cycle Engineering (www.lcengineering.eu)

VERIFICATION

Independent verification of the declaration and data, according to ISO $14025\cdots2006$

EPD process certification for EPD verification

Third party verifier: ICMQ

Accredited or approved by: ACCREDIA. For individual verifiers: "The International EPD® System"

EPDs within the same product category but from different programmes may not be comparable

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EPD}}$ of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EN}}$ 15804

REFERENCES



G.L. Baldo, M. Marino, S. Rossi; "Analisi del ciclo di vita LCA – Nuova edizione aggiornata"; Edizioni Ambiente; 2008

General Programme Instructions for the International EPD® System v. 2.5, 2015

Product Category Rules PCR 2012:01 v 2.3 "Construction products and construction services"

PCR 2014:12 v 1.0 "Flexible sheets for waterproofing -bitumen , plastic or rubber sheets for roof waterproofing"

Product Category Rules PCR 2007:08 v 3.1 "Electricity, steam and hot/cold water generation and distribution"

EN15804:2012 + A1:2013

ISO 14040:2006

ISO 14044:2017

ISO 14025:2010



THE COMPANY

Soprema is an independent group established in 1908 and now present in 90 countries worldwide. Thanks to its 59 production plants, Soprema successfully satisfies the construction sector needs, providing a wide range of waterproofing and insulation products. At present, Soprema is waterproofing membranes world leader.

Soprema is present in Italy since 2007. Here, under the brand of FLAG, it produces synthetic waterproofing membranes in PVC or TPO. Such products are ready to be employed in most residential and domestic sectors: roofing, underground and hydraulic works, both for internal and external purposes.

Since the beginnings in 1963, FLAG had a central role in the waterproofing membranes sector, becoming over the years a key player in the European market. Being part of Soprema Group allowed FLAG to penetrate the worldwide market.

On the basis of the end-use applications, many different waterproofing membranes typologies are available. Firstly, those products can be divided as **reinforced** and **homogeneous** membranes. The former, reinforced either with glass wool or polyester fleeces, is chiefly employed for industrial or domestic roofing. The latter instead are mainly used for hydraulic works and civil engineering.

Secondly, membranes can be either **PVC-** or **TPO-**based, with the former being the standard material for synthetic membranes and the latter (namely Thermoplastic PolyOlefins) being introduced only since late '90s. In both cases, over the years Soprema achieved the experience to ensure the high standards of quality and laying time requested by modern constructions and works.

Recently, FLAG changed name Soprema s.r.l.





SCOPE AND TYPE OF EPD

PRO	PRODUCT STAGE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE				USE STAGE						END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES	
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling potential
A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
~	~	✓	/	✓	MND	MND	MND	✓	MND	MND	MND	MND	✓	MND	~	MND

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE

Global

SOFTWARE

Simapro 9

DATABASE

Ecoinvent 3.5, Plastics Europe

FUNCTIONAL UNIT

 $1~{\rm m^2}$ roof waterproofing installed with flexible sheets for roofing, with a reference roof service life of 90 years. The membrane is supposed to be renewed every 30 years. Moreover, the former sheet is replaced with the new one, which goes on to the End of Life phase. However, both roof and membrane service life values are provided by PCR 2014:12 and used exclusively for calculations. They may not be representative of the actual service lifetimes. Service lifetime is also influenced by design and use conditions and regular maintenance according to the manufacturer's indications.

The LCA study includes all the processes ("cradle to grave" approach) according to EN15804 as presented in the table above.



PRODUCTS

Object of this EPD® are the following membranes, that differ in the installation method, thus in the end-use:

VINITEX® MP

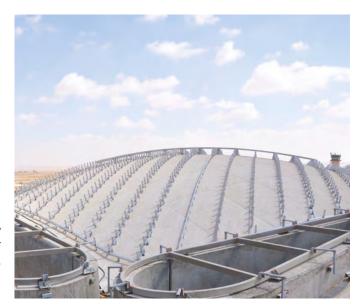
REINFORCED WITH POLYESTER NET UV-RESISTANT.



MECHANICALLY-FIXED

INSTALLATION PROCESS

Suitable for flat or sloped roofing. The waterproofing system is mechanically fixed to the support, in order to prevent the wind from removing or damaging it. Such system must resist to atmospheric agents and UV rays, as well as to a moderate pedestrian use due to maintenance.



VINITEX® MAT

(AVERAGE BETWEEN TWO PRODUCT FAMILIES)



LOOSE-LAID WITH GRAVEL



LOOSE-LAID FOR HANGING GARDENS/GREEN ROOFS



LOOSE-LAID FOR PEDESTRIAN ZONES

INSTALLATION PROCESS

Suitable for sub-flat (max 5% slope) roofing. On the basis of their final use (pedestrian zones, hanging gardens, parking lots, etc), the membranes are fixed with different materials. In any case, they must be protected from any potential damage their final use can cause them.



VINITEX® membranes were initially used in the constructions sector. However, their range of applicability expanded considerably over time, serving now also as waterproofing membranes for roofing, both for external and internal uses.

General features of VINITEX® are high degradation and atmospheric conditions resistance, high mechanical resistance, flexibility at low temperatures. In addition, they are rotproof, insensible to hot-cold cycles and resistant to roots growing and microorganisms attacks. They are also hot air-weldable and glueable, thus fostering flame-free construction-sites. However, there are products which are characterised by some peculiar features, being for instance UV-resistant or fireproof.

In addition, a wide range of colours (RAL list) are available upon request.

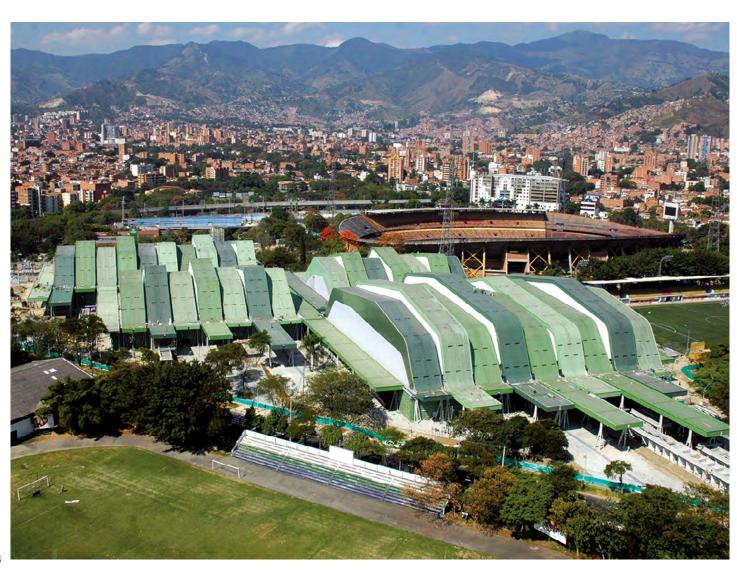
SPECIFICATION OF THE PRODUCT

In the table, components used for the membranes production are shown. Among the wide range of thicknesses each VINITEX® membrane is produced, only membranes 1.5 mm-thick are studied in this work. In addition, since each membrane is available in a wide range of colours, the study was performed on an average-colour membrane.

RAW MATERIAL	VINITEX® MP **	VINITEX® MAT*
PVC	51%	51%
Additives and charges	46%	48%
Reinforcing material	3%	-
Polypropylene non-woven fabric	-	<1%

^{*}Average between two product families including MAT

^{**}Product family which includes MP, MP FR, MP SC, MP-BT3



PRODUCTION PROCESS

VINITEX® MAT is produced in Chignolo d'Isola's plant Line 1, while VINITEX® MP in Line 2, which is almost entirely devoted to those membranes production.

The scheme below shows the synthetic membranes manufacturing process, characteristic of both production lines. A single-layer homogeneous membrane is obtained, whose thickness is regulated by calender and co-extrusion die control devices.

A non-woven fabrics-coupling is possible for line 1 products (such as VINITEX® MAT). The exclusive production method created allows the direct co-extrusion on both reinforcing material sides, so as to achieve

its complete embedment, peculiar feature of all reinforced VINITEX® membranes (such as VINITEX® MP).

The co-extrusion allows also the manufacturing of VINITEX® membranes in a two-tone version: production of monolayer membranes with different chemical-physical properties on the two sides (signal-layer technique). This system permits the immediate recognition of potential membrane damages (holes or lacerations), since the underlying dark colour would appear.

EXTRUSION CHAMBER LOADING

EACH CHAMBER LOADED WITH THE RAW MATERIALS MIXTURE, BY MEANS OF A HOPPER

CO-EXTRUSION

MIXTURE HEATED AND COMPRESSED BY SCREW, THEN FORCED TO A CO-EXTRUSION DIE, WHERE THE EXTRUDERS CONVERGE

LAMINATING

USING A CALENDER, THE DESIRED THICKNESS IS OBTAINED



VINITEX® MP

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

			RODUCT STAG	iΕ		RUCTION S STAGE	USE STAGE	END OF LIFE STAGE	
IMPACT CATE- GORY	UNIT	A1	A2	А3	A4	A 5	B4	C2	C4
GWP	kg CO ₂ eq	5.99E-02	1.71E-03	4.28E-03	3.82E-03	2.59E-03	1.45E-01	6.35E-04	4.32E-03
ODP	kg CFC-11 eq	2.34E-08	3.22E-10	5.31E-11	7.19E-10	1.89E-11	4.89E-08	1.19E-10	2.65E-11
АР	kg SO ₂ eq	1.87E-04	7.44E-06	9.14E-06	1.79E-05	1.38E-06	4.46E-04	2.82E-06	1.66E-06
EP	kg PO ₄ 3- eq	5.54E-05	1.51E-06	8.69E-07	3.61E-06	1.73E-07	1.23E-04	5.77E-07	1.93E-06
POCP	kg C ₂ H ₄ eq	1.47E-05	2.48E-07	4.79E-07	5.80E-07	1.05E-07	3.21E-05	9.09E-08	7.53E-07
ADPe	kg Sb eq	3.89E-09	3.41E-12	1.93E-10	7.62E-12	1.66E-09	1.15E-08	1.26E-12	2.19E-12
ADPf	MJ	1.45E+00	2.43E-02	6.21E-02	5.44E-02	4.61E-03	3.19E+00	8.99E-03	2.74E-03

CAPTION:

GWP: 1E+01 is equal to $1 \times 10^{1} = 1 \times 10 = 10 \text{ kg CO}_{2}\text{eq/m}^{2}/\text{ year}$

GWP Global Warming PotentialODP Ozone Depletion PotentialAP Acidification PotentialEP Eutrophication Potential

POCP Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential

ADPE Abiotic Depletion Potential - Non fossil resources (elements)

ADPF Abiotic Depletion Potential - Fossil fuels

VINITEX® MP

USE OF RESOURCES

		P	RODUCT STAG	E	CONSTR PROCES	RUCTION S STAGE	USE STAGE	END OF L	END OF LIFE STAGE	
IMPACT CATE- GORY	UNIT	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B4	C2	C4	
PERE	MJ	9.81E-02	6.38E-05	6.60E-04	1.43E-04	3.03E-04	1.98E-01	2.36E-05	1.50E-04	
PERM	MJ	1.49E-02	0.00E+00	1.87E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.36E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
PERT	MJ	1.13E-01	6.38E-05	2.53E-03	1.43E-04	3.03E-04	2.32E-01	2.36E-05	1.50E-04	
PENRE	MJ	1.29E+00	2.44E-02	1.86E-02	5.47E-02	5.10E-03	2.78E+00	9.04E-03	3.39E-03	
PENRM	MJ	2.90E-01	0.00E+00	5.11E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.83E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
PENRT	MJ	1.58E+00	2.44E-02	6.97E-02	5.47E-02	5.10E-03	3.47E+00	9.04E-03	3.39E-03	
SM	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
RSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
NRSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	
FW	m³	1.86E-03	1.15E-06	9.96E-06	2.59E-06	2.91E-06	3.74E-03	4.26E-07	6.58E-07	

PERE Renewable energy (carrier) **PERM** Renewable energy (feedstock) **PERT** Renewable energy (total) **PENRE** Non-renewable energy (carrier) **PENRM** Non-renewable energy (feedstock) PENRT Non-renewable energy (total) SM Use of secondary materials RSF Use of renewable secondary fuels **NSRF** Use of non-renewable secondary fuels

FW Use of Net Fresh Water

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OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE PRODUCTION

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IMPACT CATE- GORY	UNIT	A1	A2	А3	A4	A 5	B4	C2	C4
CRU	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MFR	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MER	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EE*	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

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IMPACT CATE- GORY	UNIT	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B4	C2	C4
HWV	kg	2.20E-09	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.41E-09	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NHWD	kg	4.87E-04	0.00E+00	5.71E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.24E-02	0.00E+00	6.73E-02
RWD	kg	2.81E-07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.61E-07	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

CRU Components For Re-UseMFR Material For Recycling

MER Materials For Energy Recovery

EE Exported Energy

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АР	kg SO ₂ eq	1.58E-04	7.16E-06	8.62E-06	1.83E-05	1.56E-05	4.15E-04	1.08E-04	1.75E-06
EP	kg PO ₄ 3- eq	5.41E-05	1.45E-06	7.99E-07	3.29E-06	2.71E-06	1.25E-04	2.20E-05	1.90E-06
POCP	kg C ₂ H ₄ eq	1.31E-05	2.39E-07	4.56E-07	5.88E-07	5.30E-07	2.99E-05	3.47E-06	7.28E-07
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PERM	MJ	1.54E-02	0.00E+00	1.87E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.46E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PERT	MJ	9.89E-02	6.14E-05	2.44E-03	1.21E-04	1.13E-02	2.26E-01	9.01E-04	1.54E-04
PENRE	MJ	1.14E+00	2.35E-02	1.55E-02	4.74E-02	9.80E-02	2.65E+00	3.45E-01	3.60E-03
PENRM	MJ	2.69E-01	0.00E+00	5.11E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.41E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
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NRSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
FW	m³	1.77E-03	1.11E-06	9.57E-06	2.32E-06	1.28E-03	6.13E-03	1.63E-05	6.94E-07

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OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE PRODUCTION

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IMPACT CATEGORY	UNIT	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B4	C2	C4
CRU	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MFR	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MER	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EE*	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

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HWV	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NHWD	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.76E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.15E-03	0.00E+00	6.96E-02
RWD	RWD kg		0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

CRU Components For Re-Use

MFR Material For Recycling

MER Materials For Energy Recovery

EE Exported Energy

HWD Hazardous Waste DisposedNHWD Non-Hazardous Waste DisposedRWD Radioactive Waste Disposed



A1 UPSTREAM Process



A2+A3 CORE Process



A4 TRANSPORT to end users









B4 USE Stage



C2+C4 END OF LIFE Stage





PRODUCT STAGE

A1

- RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY
- GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY FROM NATIONAL GRID
- NG SUPPLY FOR INTERNAL CHP SYSTEM



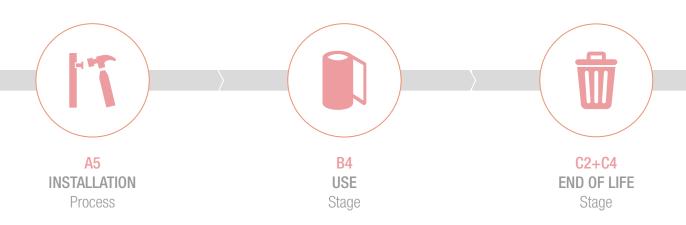
A2+ A3

- RAW MATERIALS TRANSPORT TO PLANT 500 KM BY TRUCK (A2);
- MANUFACTURING PROCESS:
- ELECTRICITY AND HEAT GENERATION FROM CHP SYSTEM:
- WATER USAGE;
- EMISSIONS TO AIR;
- MANUFACTURING PROCESS WASTE TREATMENT, CONSIDERING ALSO WASTE TRANSPORT (50 KM BY TRUCK)

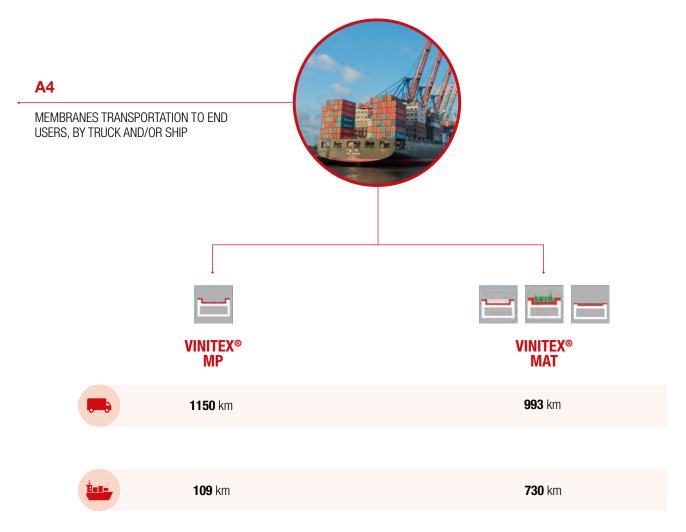
CHIGNOLO D'ISOLA POWER PLANT (CHP SYSTEM)

According to the diagnoses and data-gatherings performed by Soprema on Chignolo d'Isola plant, one kWh of electricity per square meter of final product is modelled as 66% supplied by national grid (considered in A1 module) and 34% produced internally by the CHP system (considered in A3 module).

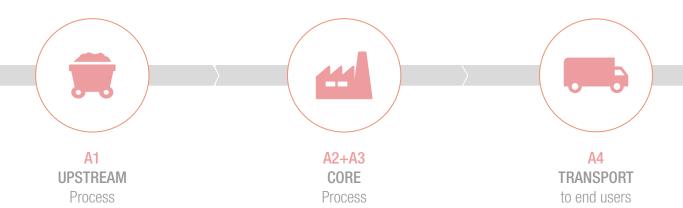
Soprema Power Plant is based on a combined cycle technology (electricity and thermal). The most relevant issue concerning CHP technology is how to allocate the environmental impact due to fuel combustion, since a multi-output is present. The approach suggested by PCR 2007:08 provided by the International EPD® System was chosen for this project. A dedicated emission factor is computed for both heat and power, according to the amount of produced energy for each class. The result of CHP modelling is a specific emission factor for both electrical and thermal energy, namely the quantity of methane to be burned to produce 1 kWh of energy carrier. This latter parameter is strictly related to CHP system efficiency. Furthermore, part of the gas purchased by the plant is burned in boilers and used mainly by production line 2 (VINITEX® SR/SV). These boilers were modelled using Ecolnvent (version 2.2) database.



CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE



The distances mentioned above are average values, weighted on the quantity transported



CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE

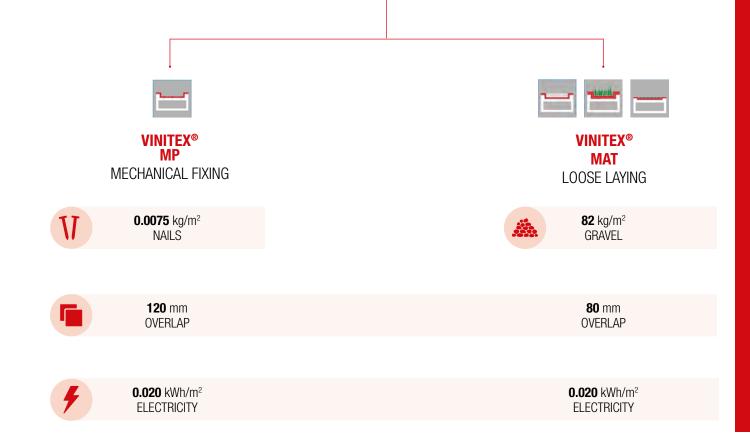
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EACH INSTALLATION METHOD IS CHARACTERISED BY SPECIFIC MATERIAL CONSUMPTIONS, SHOWED IN TABLES BELOW. HOWEVER, THEY SHARE THE WELDING MACHINE ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION OF 0.020 kWh/m².



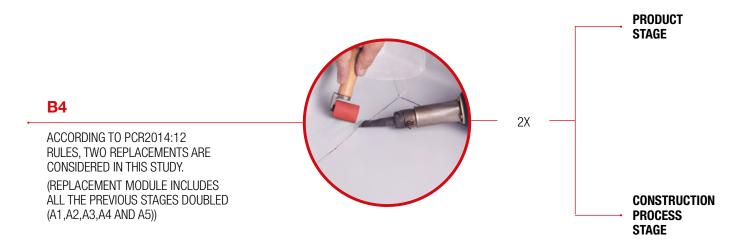




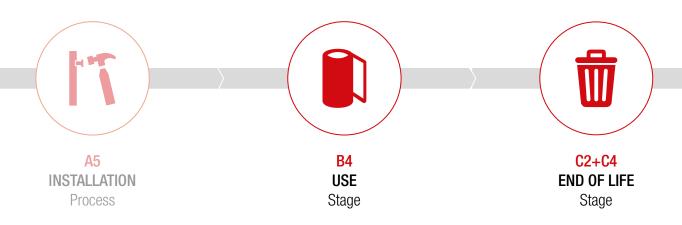




USE STAGE







END OF LIFE STAGE

