

Environmental Product Declaration



In accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 for:
ARCHITECTURAL PRECAST PRODUCTS

From ***ULMA ARCHITECTURAL SOLUTIONS***



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Company information

Owner of the EPD: **ULMA Architectural Solutions**

Description of the organisation:

ULMA ARCHITECTURAL SOLUTIONS forms part of the **ULMA GROUP**, one of the largest business groups in the north of Spain.

ULMA ARCHITECTURAL SOLUTIONS' specialization in prefabricated building systems has allowed the development of a wide range of solutions aimed primarily at three segments:

VENTILATED FACADES This system can be used both in new buildings and in restorations, offering a customized solution for each one.

ARCHITECTURAL PRECAST products, covering an extensive range of standard solutions with a complete offering of resources as window sills, copings, slab faces, street furniture, etc. Besides it also covers customized solutions, very appropriate for restoration.

DRAINAGE SYSTEMS. It offers a complete range of drainage solutions and also for electrical conduits and beaconage. Drainage channels are designed and fabricated in accordance with standard EN-1433.

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Product information

Product name: Architectural Precast solutions.

Product description: This EPD covers the life-cycle analysis of the Architectural Precast solutions:

The Architectural Precast products are made of agglomerated stone. This is a high quality material composed of a select combination of aggregates. The product types are:

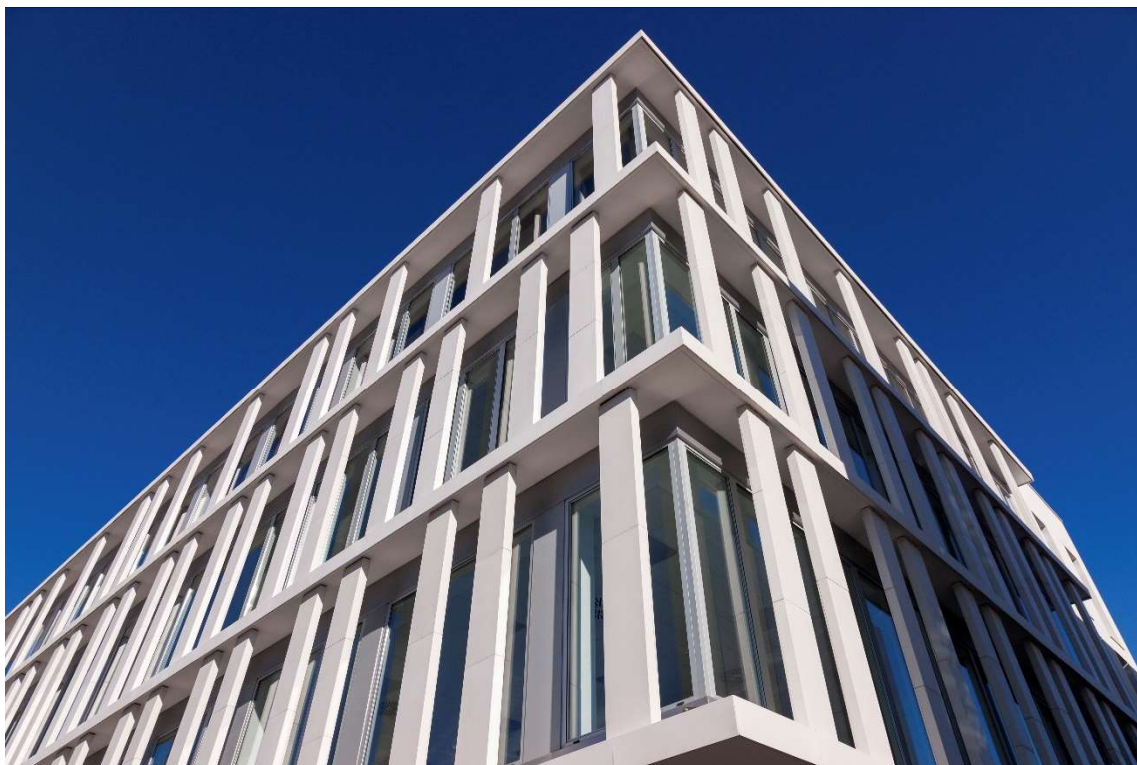
- Copings: Unit employed to finish the top of a wall which is intended to let the rainwater slip on its face and avoid its penetration therein.
- Window sills: Units intended to drain the rainwater from window openings. Ideal for any kind of construction, both for its simplicity of installation and aesthetics.
- Lintels: Horizontal element intended to carry the load of the upper walls of door and window spans.

- String course: Pieces horizontally placed in the facade of buildings in order to bond the windows of a floor.
- Mouldings: A esthetic element used mainly to decorate and frame openings.
- Porthole surrounds: Comprehensive solution composed of internal piece and frame with a completely distinguishable aesthetic style.
- Slab faces: Unit which covers the front of the floor structure of each floor in a building in order to avoid water seeping through.
- Threshold: Unit located in the access step of a building's door entrance or balcony.
- Balcony infillings: Unit to be placed as a continuation of the balcony stoneware or pavement at its joint with the facade.
- Jambs: Polymer concrete jambs. Each one of the pieces are placed vertically at the window or door opening sides.
- Pier caps: Pieces employed to finish the top of a pier which is intended to let the rainwater slip away from its face and avoid its penetration therein.
- Gargoyles: Drainage pieces protruded from which the water is projected from the vertical line of the facade wall.
- Windows surround: Pieces combining the jamb and mouldings in a sole piece which decorates a window opening.
- Plinth: a precast piece which is placed on the perimeter wall adjacent to the ground, whose main purpose is aesthetic as well as protection against bumps and scratches.
- Stair pieces.



Examples of Architectural Precast solutions

ULMA also offers customised solutions in shapes, dimensions, and textures.



The technical characteristics of the product are the following:

CARACTERISTIC	STANDARD	VALUE
Flexural strength	EN 14617-2	> 18 MPa
Compressive strength	EN 14617-15	> 80 MPa
Abrasion resistance	EN 14617-4	< 40 mm
Water absorption	EN 14617-1	< 0.3 %
Density	EN 14617-1	≈ 2.1 g/cm3

UN CPC code: CPC 375, Articles of concrete, cement and plaster.

LCA information

Declared unit: The declared unit is the baseline reference for which all information is collected. In this study, the declared unit is “**1 kg of Architectural Precast products**”.

Reference service life: Not relevant for this EPD.

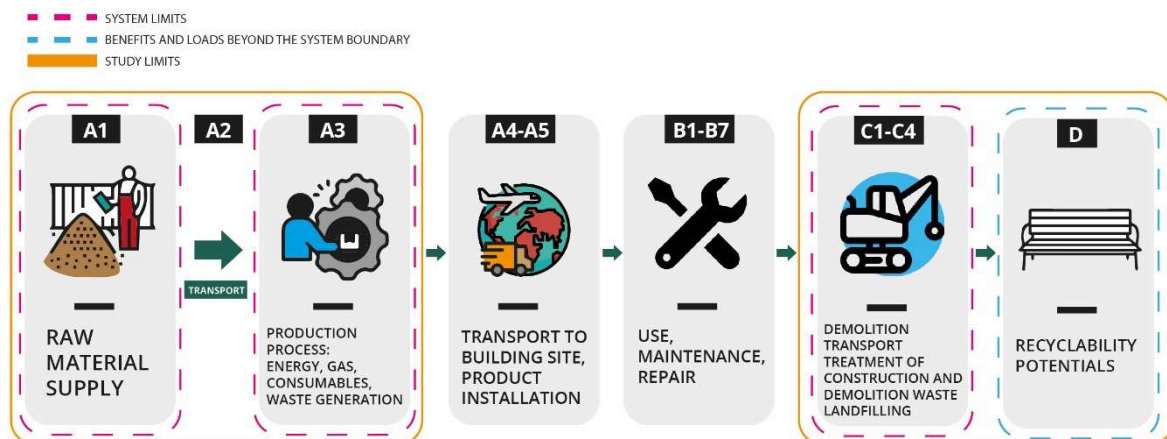
Geographical scope: The geographical scope of this EPD is global.

Time representativeness: The data collection from factory (primary data) and electricity mix are from 2021/01/01 to 2021/12/31. In this study, no datasets older than 10 years were used.

Database(s) and LCA software used: All the data used to model the process and obtain the Life Cycle Inventory are specific data and have been obtained by measurements made during the period from 2021/01/01 to 2021/12/31. They are representative of the different processes implemented during the manufacturing process. The data has been measured directly at the company's own premises. In addition, the most complete and highest quality European life cycle inventory database, Ecoinvent 3.8, has been used, as this database contains the most extensive and updated information and its scope coincides with the geographical, technological and temporal area of the project. The LCA was modelled with Simapro 9.3.0.3.

Description of system boundaries: According to the standard UNE-EN 15804_2012+A2_2020 (MARCH 2020) and PCR 2019:14 CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS (version 1.24) the system boundary is cradle to gate with modules C1–C4 and module D (A1–A3 + C + D). The life cycle stages A4-A5, B1-B7 were excluded from the LCA study.

System diagram:



Manufacturing process:

The manufacturing process of the Architectural precast solution consists on the homogeneous mixture of the aggregates, additives and resin. By addition of catalyst, the hardening reaction of the mixture is initiated. The moulds are directly filled with the mixture in its liquid stage and the final products are extracted from the mould once the mixture has hardened. The final product is cut to shape if required.

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Data quality

The environmental impact of the ventilated facade panels has been calculated. It is based on the international standards established for the development of environmental product declarations, such as ISO 14025 for the preparation of the environmental product declaration, ISO 14040 and ISO 14044 for the preparation of the life cycle analysis, UNE-EN 15804:2012+A2:2020 (MARCH 2020) and the Product Category Rules PCR - "2019:14 Construction products " (Version 1.24).

Data has been collected from 2021/01/01 to 2021/01/31 and is representative of that year. Data for raw material supply, transport to fabrication plant and production (A1-A3) is based on specific consumption data for the factory at Oñati. Generic background datasets were used for the downstream processes. SimaPro v9.3.0.3. software was used to prepare the life cycle analysis together with the Ecoinvent 3.8 database. Characterization factors from EN15804: 2012 + A2:2019. The geographical coverage is global. Technological coverage is typical or average.

Assumptions

The modularity principle, as well as the polluter-payer principle have been followed. The following assumptions have been made in this EPD:

- ✓ It does not include the manufacturing processes of the capital goods or spare parts and/or maintenance with a life of more than three years.
- ✓ The environmental impact of infrastructure for general management, office, and headquarters operations is not included.
- ✓ The impact caused by people (common activities, travel for work...) will not be considered.
- ✓ It does not include the consumption of natural gas for sanitary hot water from showers and heating system for the comfort of people.
- ✓ The processes associated with fuel production are intrinsically included in the indicators in ECOINVENT's database used in carrying out the LCA.
- ✓ The environmental impact of external transport has been calculated using lorries from the ECOINVENT 3.8 database, EURO 5. These lorries have been selected to reflect the most realistic scenario possible.

Cut-off rules

The standard ISO 14025 and the PCR -"2019:14 CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS" indicate that the life cycle inventory data should include a minimum of 95% of the total inputs (materials and energy) for each stage. This cut-off rule does not apply for hazardous materials and substances. No such cut-off criteria have been taken into account in this study.

Allocation

Where necessary, such as waste generation and energy consumption, an allocation based in mass has been used.

Greenhouse gas emission from the use of electricity in the manufacturing phase

Specific electricity mix, medium voltage (direct emissions and losses in grid) electricity is considered for the manufacturing process.

Electricity mix	Amount	Units
Specific electricity mix	3,48E-01	Kg CO2-equiv/kWh

LCA Scenarios and additional technical information

Dismantling/demolition (module C1):

Since they are not products with a structural use, the energy consumption of this phase is considered not relevant.

Transport (module C2):

With a collection rate of 100%, the transports are carried out by lorry (EURO 5) over 50 km.

Waste processing (modules C3 and C4):

A recycling ratio of 88 % is considered in accordance with the recovery rate of construction and demolition waste statistics, published by Eurostat and the sorting impact is considered. The remaining 12% is considered to be landfilled. These percentages are representative of the areas where the product is marketed.

Recyclability potentials (module D):

Module D contains credits from the recycling of surface linear drainage in module C3. The surface linear drainage is recycled as aggregate of construction and demolition waste origin, for use in substitution of virgin raw aggregates. The loads of recycling process and the benefits of substitution of virgin raw aggregates have been considered.

LCA Scenarios for end of life

Processes	Per Declared unit	
Collection process specified by type	1,00E+00	Kg collected separately
	0,00E+00	Kg collected with mixed construction waste
Recovery system specified by type	0,00E+00	Kg for reuse
	8,80E-01	Kg for recycling
	0,00E+00	Kg for energy recovery
Disposal specified by type	1,20E-01	Kg for final disposal
Assumptions for scenario transportation	Lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO5 Consumption: 0,03kg/km Distance:50 km	

Modules declared, geographical scope, share of specific data (in GWP-GHG indicator) and data variation:

	Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Resource recovery stage
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X	X	X	X	X
Geography	EU	EU	EU	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	GLO	GLO	GLO	GLO	GLO
Specific data	>90%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – products	0%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – sites	0%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ND: Not declared

Content information

Product components	Per 1 kg		
	Weight, kg	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Renewable material, weight-%
Calcium Carbonate	1,95E-01	0,00%	0,00%
Sand and gravel	6,93E-01	0,00%	0,00%
Resins	9,34E-02	0,00%	0,00%
Additives	1,68E-02	0,00%	0,00%
Anchors	1,46E-03	0,00%	0,00%
TOTAL	1,00 E+00	0,00%	0,00%
Packaging materials	Weight, kg	Weight-% (versus the product)	
Pallet and wood	2,89E-02	2,89%	
Plastic film	2,15E-03	0,21%	
Steel straps	2,78E-05	0,00%	
TOTAL	3,11E-02	3,11%	

Packaging: The product is transported to the construction site packed with plastic film with steel straps, in pallets.

No substances included in the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorization under REACH Regulations are present in the analyzed ventilated façade panels manufactured by Ulma Architectural Solutions, either above the threshold for registration with the European Chemicals Agency or above 0,1% (wt/wt).

Environmental Information

Potential environmental impact – mandatory indicators according to EN 15804:

Results per declared unit							
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-fossil	kg CO ₂ eq.	9,57E-01	0,00E+00	8,31E-03	1,55E-03	6,32E-04	-2,68E-03
GWP-biogenic	kg CO ₂ eq.	-2,60E-02	0,00E+00	7,48E-06	4,07E-05	6,86E-07	-1,24E-04
GWP-luluc	kg CO ₂ eq.	8,06E-04	0,00E+00	3,26E-06	3,10E-06	5,97E-07	-1,67E-06
GWP-total	kg CO ₂ eq.	9,32E-01	0,00E+00	8,32E-03	1,60E-03	6,33E-04	-2,80E-03
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	1,08E-07	0,00E+00	1,92E-09	1,17E-10	2,56E-10	-3,81E-10
AP	mol H ⁺ eq.	5,61E-03	0,00E+00	3,37E-05	9,90E-06	5,94E-06	-2,44E-05
EP-freshwater	kg PO ₄ ³⁻ eq.	7,30E-05	0,00E+00	1,79E-07	4,31E-07	2,03E-08	-1,53E-07
EP-freshwater	kg P eq.	2,38E-05	0,00E+00	5,82E-08	1,40E-07	6,62E-09	-5,00E-08
EP-marine	kg N eq.	7,31E-04	0,00E+00	1,01E-05	2,02E-06	2,05E-06	-7,13E-06
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	7,90E-03	0,00E+00	1,11E-04	2,27E-05	2,26E-05	-9,82E-05
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	4,02E-03	0,00E+00	3,40E-05	6,30E-06	6,58E-06	-2,23E-05
ADP-minerals&metals*	kg Sb eq.	9,64E-06	0,00E+00	2,89E-08	1,30E-08	1,44E-09	-4,26E-08
ADP-fossil*	MJ	1,55E+01	0,00E+00	1,26E-01	3,09E-02	1,76E-02	-4,22E-02
WDP	m ³ deprive	7,35E-01	0,00E+00	3,76E-04	3,32E-04	7,94E-04	-7,44E-04
Acronyms	GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption						

* Disclaimer: The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties of these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.

Potential environmental impact – additional mandatory and voluntary indicators

Results per declared unit						
Indicator	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-GHG ¹	9,40E-01	0,00E+00	8,29E-03	1,56E-03	6,27E-04	-2,68E-03

Use of resources

Results per declared unit							
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	1,24E+00	0,00E+00	1,77E-03	5,54E-03	1,51E-04	-1,43E-02
PERM	MJ	5,56E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PERT	MJ	1,80E+00	0,00E+00	1,77E-03	5,54E-03	1,51E-04	-1,43E-02
PENRE	MJ	1,25E+01	0,00E+00	1,26E-01	3,09E-02	1,77E-02	-4,22E-02
PENRM	MJ	3,01E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PENRT	MJ	1,55E+01	0,00E+00	1,26E-01	3,09E-02	1,77E-02	-4,22E-02
SM	kg	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
NRSF	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
FW	m ³	1,77E-02	0,00E+00	1,40E-05	2,37E-05	1,89E-05	-3,09E-04

¹ The indicator includes all greenhouse gases included in GWP-total but excludes biogenic carbon dioxide uptake and emissions and biogenic carbon stored in the product. This indicator is thus equal to the GWP indicator originally defined in EN 15804:2012+A1:2013.

Waste production

Results per functional or declared unit							
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1,47E-05	0,00E+00	3,28E-07	3,13E-08	2,67E-08	-1,80E-07
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	4,34E-01	0,00E+00	6,47E-03	1,15E-04	1,20E-01	-6,33E-04
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	3,87E-05	0,00E+00	8,50E-07	2,23E-07	1,16E-07	-3,25E-07

Output flows

Results per functional or declared unit							
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Components for re-use	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Material for recycling	kg	9,09E-03	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,80E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00

Information on biogenic carbon content

Results per declared unit		
BIOGENIC CARBON CONTENT	Unit	QUANTITY
Biogenic carbon content in product	kg C	0,00E+00
Biogenic carbon content in packaging	kg C	1,26E-02

Note: 1 kg biogenic carbon is equivalent to 44/12 kg CO₂.

Additional information

The technical datasheet and the safety datasheet can be found in the following webpage:

<https://www.ulmaarchitectural.com/es-es/vierteaguas-albardillas>

Information related to Sector EPD

This is an individual EPD®

Differences versus previous versions

This is the first version of the EPD®.

References

- General Programme Instruction of the International EPD®System. Version 4.0.
- ISO 14020:2000 Environmental labels and declarations-General principles.
- ISO 14025:2010 Environmental labels and declarations-Type III Environmental Declarations-Principles and procedures.
- ISO 14040:2006 Environmental Management-Life Cycle Assessment-Principles and framework.
- ISO 14044:2006 Environmental Management-Life Cycle Assessment-Requirements and guidelines.
- PCR 2019:14 Construction products (EN 15804: A2) version 1.24
- EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 Sustainability of construction works-Environmental Product Declarations-Core rules for the product category of construction products

