

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This cradle-to-gate with options Environmental Product Declaration covers an EPDM Single Ply Roofing Membrane product produced at the Prescott Plant. The Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) was prepared in conformity with ISO 21930, ISO 14025, ISO 14040, and ISO 14044 and Sub-category PCR: Product Category Rules for Single Ply Roofing Membranes (ASTM International, 2019). This EPD is intended for business-to-business (B-to-B) audiences.



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ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in Building Construction-Environmental Declaration of Building Products: serves as the core PCR Product Category Rules for Single Ply Roofing Membranes (ASTM International, 2019) serves as the sub-category PCR.

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Holcim's Prescott, AR facility is ISO 9000 certified, and manufactures Elevate ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) membrane for use in commercial roofing systems. The facility is 254,000 square feet and opened in 1982.



PRODUCT: RubberGard™ MAX EPDM Reinforced Membrane

RubberGard™ MAX (reinforced) EPDM is an internally reinforced, cured, single-ply roofing membrane designed to combat roof tears and punctures and helps provide superior resistance to wind forces. RubberGard MAX provides added strength to an already long-lasting roofing system. EPDM membranes manufactured at the Prescott facility do not contain hazardous materials.

FIGURE 1

RubberGard™ MAX EPDM Reinforced



The products covered in this EPD meet the following physical properties:

TABLE 1

Typical Properties (Meets or exceeds ASTM D4637, Type II scrim-reinforced EPDM Single-Ply roofing membranes)

PHYSICAL TEST	ASTM MIN. VALUE	TYP. VALUE 45 MIL	TYP. VALUE 60 MIL	TYP. VALUE 75 MIL
Thickness (D412)	1.143 mm +0.178 mm/-0.127 mm (0.045" +0.007"/-0.005") 1.52 mm +0.229 mm/-0.152 mm (0.060" +0.009"/-0.006") 1.90 mm +0.279 mm/-0.203 mm (0.075" +0.011"/-0.008")	1.168 mm (0.046")	1.473 mm (0.058")	1.956 mm (0.077")
EPDM Coating over Scrim (D7635)	0.38 mm (0.015")	0.559 mm (0.022")	0.762 mm (0.030")	0.838 mm (0.033")
Breaking Strength (D751, Grab Method)	400 N (90 lbf)	969.7 N (218 lbf)	880.7 N (198 lbf)	1063.1 N (239 lbf)
Dynamic Puncture Resistance @ 10 J (D5635)	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Static Puncture Resistance @ 25 kg (D5602)	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Elongation, Ultimate, min.: % (D412, Die C)	250% Minimum (EPDM only; no scrim)	577%	Pass	Pass
Elongation @ fabric break (ultimate) (D751, Grab Method)	15% MD 15% CD	26.7% MD 35.2% CD	28.0% MD 30.2% CD	27.1% MD 36.3% CD
Tear Strength (D751, B-Tongue Tear)	45 N (10 lbf) Minimum	516.0 N (116 lbf)	516.0 N (116 lbf)	498.2 N (112 lbf)
Brittleness Point (D2137)	-45 °C (-49 °F) Maximum	Pass	Pass	Pass
Ozone Resistance, no cracks (D1149)	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Breaking Strength after Heat Aging*	356 N (80 lbf)	1072.0 N (241 lbf)	Pass	Pass
Elongation, Ultimate after Heat Aging*	200% Minimum (EPDM only; no scrim)	33.1 kN/m (189 lbf/in)	Pass	Pass
Linear Dimensional Change after Heat Aging*	± 1%	-0.8%	Pass	Pass
Water Absorption by Mass	+8%/-2% (EPDM only; no scrim)	+1.0%	Pass	Pass
Factory Seam Strength (D816, Method B)	8.8 kN/m (50 lbf/in) or sheet failure	N/A (no factory seams)	N/A (no factory seams)	N/A (no factory seams)
Visual Inspection after Xenon-Arc Exposure**	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

* Heat age EPDM membrane for: 166 ± 1.66 hours at 240 ± 4°F (116 ± 2°C), followed by specified physical testing.

** Weather Resistance shall be Practices G151 and G155 Xenon-Arc as follows:

- Filter Type: Daylight
- Irradiance: 0.35 to 0.70 W/(m²·nm) @ 340 nm [42 to 84 W/(m²·nm) @ 300 to 400 nm]
- Cycle: 690 minutes ± 15 minutes light, 30 minutes light plus water spray
- Un-insulated Black Panel Temp: 176° ± 4°F (80° ± 2°C)
- Relative Humidity: 50% ± 5%
- Spray Water: De-ionized
- Specimen Rotation: Every 315 KJ/(m²·nm) @ 340 nm [37.8 MJ/(m²·nm) @ 300 to 400 nm]
- Exposure: 10,080 KJ/(m²·nm) @ 340 nm [1209.6 MJ/(m²·nm) @ 300 to 400 nm]

TABLE 2

Product Components

MATERIAL	% WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMPOSITION
EPDM Polymer	20.0 - 35.0
Process Oil & Other Aids	10.0 - 35.0
Carbon Black	0.0 - 35.0
Inorganic Filler	10.0 - 50.0
Cure Package & Other Additives	1.0 - 10.0

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

DECLARED UNIT

The declared unit is 1 m² of single-ply roofing membrane for a stated product thickness.

SYSTEM BOUNDARY

This EPD is a cradle-to-gate with options EPD, covering the life cycle stages indicated in Table 3. Modules C1 and C3 do not contribute to the end-of-life scenarios considered, so they are declared as zero.

TABLE 3
Life Cycle Product Stages

PRODUCTION STAGE (MANDATORY)			CONSTRUCTION STAGE		USE STAGE							END-OF-LIFE STAGE			
Extraction and upstream production	Transport to factory	Manufacturing	Transport to site	Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction / Demolition	Transport to waste processing or disposal	Waste processing	Disposal of waste
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4
X	X	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X	X	X

NOTE: MND = module not declared; X = module included.

CUT-OFF

Items excluded from system boundary include:

- production, manufacture and construction of manufacturing capital goods and infrastructure;
- production and manufacture of production equipment, delivery vehicles, and laboratory equipment;
- personnel-related activities (travel, furniture, and office supplies); and
- energy and water use related to company management and sales activities that may be located either within the factory site or at another location.

COMPARISON

Only EPDs prepared from cradle-to-grave life-cycle results, and based on the same function, quantified by the same functional unit, and taking account of replacement based on the product reference service life (RSL) relative to an assumed building service life, can be used to assist purchasers and users in making informed comparisons between products. As this EPD is prepared from cradle-to-gate with options, this document shall not be used for comparison between products per Section 5.5 of the PCR (ASTM International, NSF International, 2024).

ALLOCATION PROCEDURE

Allocation follows the requirements and guidance of ISO 14044:2006, Clause 4.3.4; and ISO 21930:2017 section 7.2. Recycling and recycled content is modeled using the cut-off rule.

MANUFACTURING

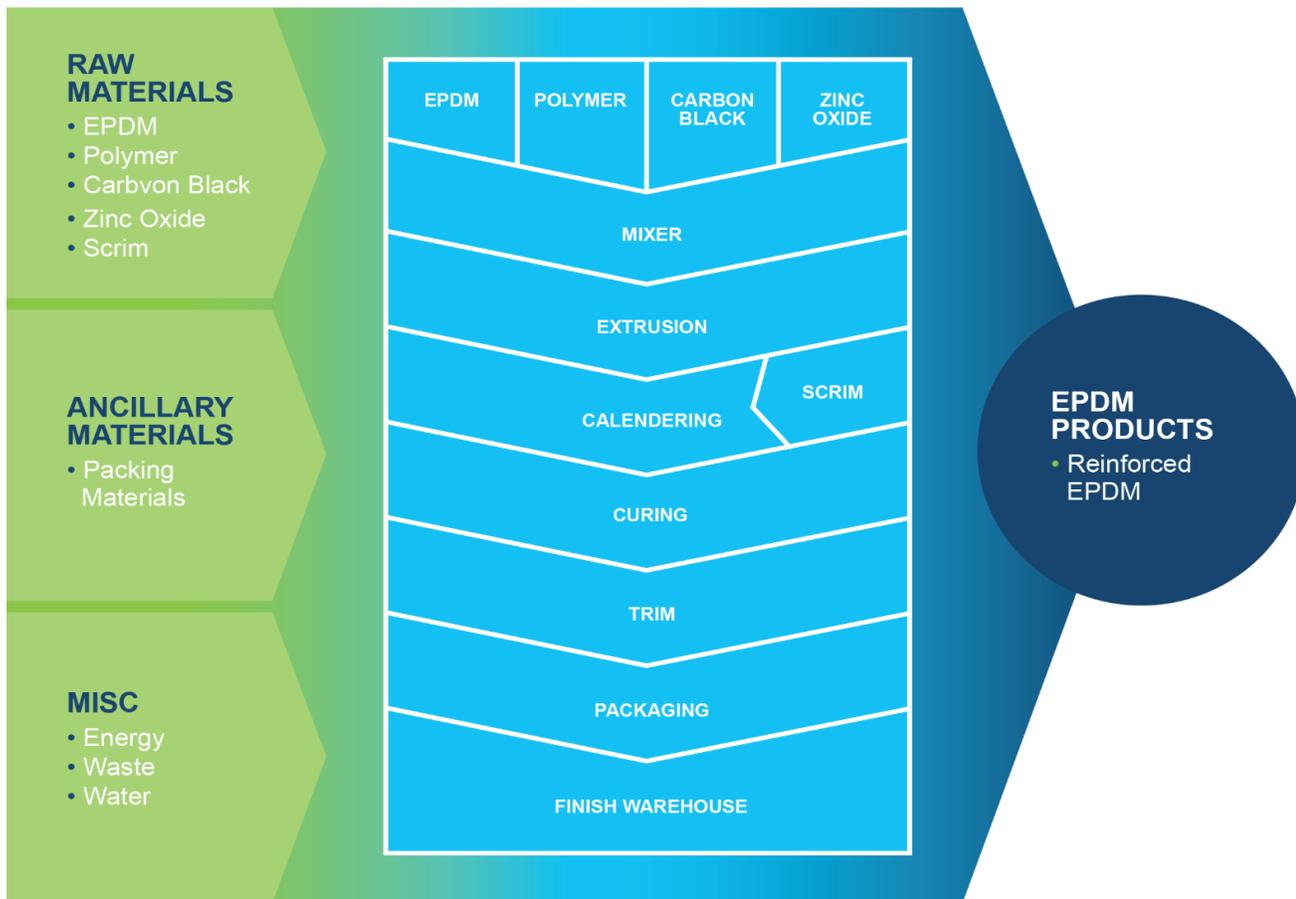
A1-A3, Production Stage

EPDM Membrane Roof Manufacturing

The main material input into the manufacturing process is EPDM along with various additives, which aid in the manufacturing process (e.g., accelerators) and which enhance the membrane's performance (e.g., fire retardants and pigments). The manufacturing process begins with mixing raw materials together in large batches to create uncured rubber that is slabbed off onto pallets for quality control testing. Once the uncured rubber has passed the quality control, it is extruded into a top and bottom layer with a polyester scrim in between. The sheet is calendered together and dusted with mica to keep the material from sticking to itself though the vulcanization

process. The vulcanization process uses heat (steam) and pressure to cure the rubber. Once vulcanized, the membrane is trimmed to size, rolled onto a cardboard core, wrapped and labeled.

FIGURE 2
Process Flow Diagram of EPDM



A4, TRANSPORTATION

An average truck and transport distance from the plant to the construction site is assumed.

A5, INSTALLATION

The installation scenario includes the energy and ancillary materials typically consumed to mechanically install reinforced EPDM membranes on a standard-shaped roof of 20,000 square feet, with a total EPDM membrane weight of 7,400 lb.

B1 – B7 USE STAGE

Use stage information modules have been omitted from this LCA study.

C1 – C4 END-OF-LIFE STAGE

At the end of building service life and during roof replacement, the EPDM roofing membranes may be reused, recovered and repurposed, or disposed of. This study does not take reuse and recovery into account, and it is assumed that insulation is manually removed when the building is decommissioned and disposed of in a landfill, for which an average distance and specific end of life LCI is applied. Therefore, it is assumed that there are zero impacts from demolition and waste processing.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

TABLE 4: RubberGard™ EPDM Single Ply Roofing Membrane, Reinforced Products, per 1 m²

IMPACT ASSESSMENT UNIT	PRODUCTION (A1-A3)	TRANSPORT (A4)	INSTALLATION (A5)	TRANSPORT TO DISPOSAL OF WASTE (C2)	DISPOSAL OF WASTE (C4)
Global warming potential (GWP)¹; kg CO₂ eq					
EPDM 45 mils	3.38	0.19	0.78	4.95E-03	3.91E-03
EPDM 60 mils	4.52	0.26	0.78	6.63E-03	5.23E-03
EPDM 75 mils	6.03	0.34	0.78	8.84E-03	6.98E-03
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer (ODP); kg CFC-11 eq					
EPDM 45 mils	3.60E-06	8.06E-12	2.17E-07	9.87E-10	6.65E-10
EPDM 60 mils	4.82E-06	1.08E-11	2.17E-07	1.32E-09	8.91E-10
EPDM 75 mils	6.43E-06	1.44E-11	2.17E-07	1.76E-09	1.19E-09
Eutrophication potential (EP); kg N eq					
EPDM 45 mils	3.96E-03	1.53E-04	9.38E-04	3.20E-06	3.87E-06
EPDM 60 mils	5.30E-03	2.05E-04	9.38E-04	4.28E-06	5.18E-06
EPDM 75 mils	7.06E-03	2.73E-04	9.38E-04	5.71E-06	6.91E-06
Acidification potential of soil and water sources (AP); kg SO₂ eq					
EPDM 45 mils	1.79E-02	2.54E-03	2.50E-03	3.11E-05	3.77E-05
EPDM 60 mils	2.39E-02	3.40E-03	2.50E-03	4.17E-05	5.04E-05
EPDM 75 mils	3.19E-02	4.53E-03	2.50E-03	5.55E-05	6.72E-05
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone (POCP); kg O₃ eq					
EPDM 45 mils	0.33	6.54E-02	2.76E-02	9.61E-04	1.13E-03
EPDM 60 mils	0.45	8.75E-02	2.76E-02	1.29E-03	1.52E-03
EPDM 75 mils	0.60	0.12	2.76E-02	1.72E-03	2.02E-03
Resource Use					
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil mineral resources (ADP_{elements}); kg Sb eq					
EPDM 45 mils	3.40E-05	0.00	1.67E-05	5.64E-12	5.94E-12
EPDM 60 mils	4.55E-05	0.00	1.67E-05	7.55E-12	7.95E-12
EPDM 75 mils	6.06E-05	0.00	1.67E-05	1.01E-11	1.06E-11
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADP_{fossil}); MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	81.3	2.73	20.9	6.60E-02	5.42E-02
EPDM 60 mils	109	3.66	20.9	8.83E-02	7.26E-02
EPDM 75 mils	145	4.88	20.9	0.12	9.68E-02
Renewable primary energy resources as energy (fuel) (RPRE)²; MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	1.62	0.00	0.47	1.03E-04	1.12E-04
EPDM 60 mils	2.17	0.00	0.47	1.38E-04	1.51E-04
EPDM 75 mils	2.89	0.00	0.47	1.84E-04	2.01E-04
Renewable primary resources as material (RPRM)²; MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-renewable primary resources as energy (fuel) (NRPRE)²; MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	85.7	2.73	22.3	6.64E-02	5.47E-02
EPDM 60 mils	115	3.66	22.3	8.88E-02	7.32E-02
EPDM 75 mils	153	4.88	22.3	0.12	9.76E-02
Non-renewable primary resources as material (NRPRM)²; MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Consumption of fresh water (FW)²; m³					
EPDM 45 mils	6.78E-02	0.00	2.62E-02	1.11E-05	9.47E-06
EPDM 60 mils	9.07E-02	0.00	2.62E-02	1.49E-05	1.27E-05
EPDM 75 mils	0.12	0.00	2.62E-02	1.99E-05	1.69E-05
Secondary Material, Fuel and Recovered Energy					
Secondary Materials (SM)²; kg					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Renewable secondary fuels (RSF)²; MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-renewable secondary fuels (NRSF)²; MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ GWP 100; 100-year time horizon GWP factors are provided by the IPCC 2013 Fifth Assessment Report (AR5). CO₂ from biogenic secondary fuels used in kiln are climate-neutral (CO₂ sink = CO₂ emissions), ISO 21930, 7.2.7.

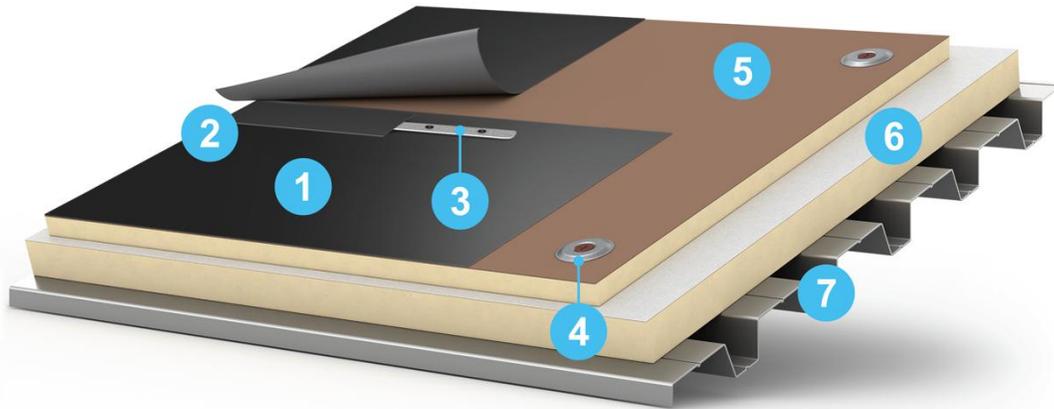
² Calculated per ACLCA ISO 21930 Guidance.

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EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recovered energy (RE)³; MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waste & Output Flows					
Hazardous waste disposed (HW)³; kg					
EPDM 45 mils	1.65E-06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	2.21E-06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	2.95E-06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-hazardous waste disposed (NHWD)³; kg					
EPDM 45 mils	3.72E-03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	4.98E-03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	6.64E-03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
High-level radioactive waste (HLRW)³; kg					
EPDM 45 mils	1.93E-09	0.00	5.61E-10	2.24E-13	2.44E-13
EPDM 60 mils	2.58E-09	0.00	5.61E-10	3.00E-13	3.27E-13
EPDM 75 mils	3.45E-09	0.00	5.61E-10	4.00E-13	4.36E-13
Intermediate and low-level radioactive waste (ILLRW)³; kg					
EPDM 45 mils	1.40E-08	0.00	2.70E-09	1.08E-12	1.18E-12
EPDM 60 mils	1.88E-08	0.00	2.70E-09	1.44E-12	1.57E-12
EPDM 75 mils	2.50E-08	0.00	2.70E-09	1.92E-12	2.10E-12
Components for reuse (CRU)³; kg					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials for recycling (MR)³; kg					
EPDM 45 mils	1.13E-03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	1.51E-03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	2.01E-03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials for energy recovery (MER)³; kg					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recovered energy exported from the product system (EE)³; MJ, NCV					
EPDM 45 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 60 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EPDM 75 mils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

* Emerging LCA impact categories and inventory items are still under development and can have high levels of uncertainty that preclude international acceptance pending further development. Use caution when interpreting data in these categories. The following optional indicators are not reported and also have high levels of uncertainty: Land use related impacts, toxicological aspects, and emissions from land use change

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ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION



EPDM Mechanically Attached Roof System

1. Elevate EPDM Membrane

- EPDM membrane has up to 40 years of proven service life and is easily repaired keeping it on roofs and out of landfills.

2. Elevate QuickSeam Splice Tape

3. Elevate Batten Strip and Fasteners

4. Elevate Metal Plates and Fasteners

5. ISOGARD HD Cover Board (optional) – Mechanically Attached

6. ISOGARD GL or ISOGARD CG Insulation – Mechanically Attached

- All Elevate polyisocyanurate insulations use EPA accepted blowing agents. Elevate ISOGARD HD Cover Board with ISOGARD foam technology and ISOGARD GL and ISOGARD CG insulation incorporates a HCFC-free blowing agent that does not contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer (ODP-free).
- The thermal performance of ISOGARD polyiso insulation is up to 40% better than major competitors when tested by an independent third party in cold temperature 40°F (4°C) applications according to ASTM C1289 standards. The increased R-value per inch means better thermal performance from the same roofing systems using the same amount of insulation compared to leading competitive products on the market today.

7. Steel Deck

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