

# Unitized Curtain Wall Systems





# **Environmental Product Declaration**

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# **EPD SUMMARY**

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DECLARED PRODUCT & UNIT Wausau Unitized Curtain Wall System – per 1 m<sup>2</sup>

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# **Wausau Window and Wall Systems**

Wausau Window and Wall Systems is a leading manufacturer of architectural aluminum windows and curtain wall systems for commercial architectural applications. Headquartered in Wausau, Wisconsin, our mission is to be the most trusted supplier in commercial architecture. We seek to provide customers with the highest quality, innovation, value, and service.

Wausau Window and Wall Systems is a part of Apogee Enterprises, Inc., a leading provider of architectural products and services for enclosing buildings and glazing products for framing art.

# **Product Description**



A unitized curtain wall is a curtain wall that has been fabricated, assembled, and glazed inside the factory, allowing the erector to reduce their labor by focusing on installing already built units. Unitized curtain wall systems are fast becoming the preferred method for enclosing a building. Wausau's unitized curtain walls can meet a range of applications found throughout the U.S.

Wausau unitized curtain wall systems include the following product lines: INvision™, INvision™ -UW, INvision™ HR, INvision™ HRX. These products fall under CSI code 08 44 13 (Aluminum Curtain Walls) and UNSPSC code 30151806 (Glass Curtainwalling).

# **Life Cycle Assessment Overview**

A cradle-to-grave Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) was completed on Wausau unitized curtain wall systems in accordance with ISO 14040 / ISO 14044, and the study was reviewed for conformance with ISO 14044, ISO 21930:2017, ASTM program operator rules, and the PCR subcategory. The product assessed was based on 2022 data from Wausau's manufacturing facilities in Missouri and Wisconsin.

# **System Boundaries**

The LCA evaluated the cradle to gate of the curtain wall system. This includes: raw material extraction and processing (A1), transportation of the materials to fabrication





plants (A2), and manufacturing or fabrication (A3). This is depicted below in the context of the construction works life cycle (adapted from 21930:2017 Fig 1).

	A1-A3		A4-A5		B1-B7		C1-C4		D					
PRO	ODUCTI Stage	ION	CONS	TRUC- Stage		ا	USE Stage	<b>!</b>		Ef	END-OF-LIFE Stage			Benefits & Loads
<b>A</b> 1	A2	<b>A</b> 3	<b>A</b> 4	<b>A</b> 5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Extraction and upstream production	Transport to factory	Manufacturing	Transport to site	Installation	Product Use	Maintenance	Repair	Full replacement	Refurbishment	Deconstruction / Demolition	Transport to waste processing or disposal	00	Disposal of waste	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential
М	andato	ory	Scen	arios	В6	Operatio	Scenarios nal ener		scenario	Scenarios			Scenario	
					В7	Operation	onal wate	er use s	cenario					

**Table 1 EPD System Boundary Modules** 

Figure 1 presents the A1-A3 stages as they pertain to the Wausau unitized curtain wall system and additionally provides aspects of the life cycle that are excluded from the study.

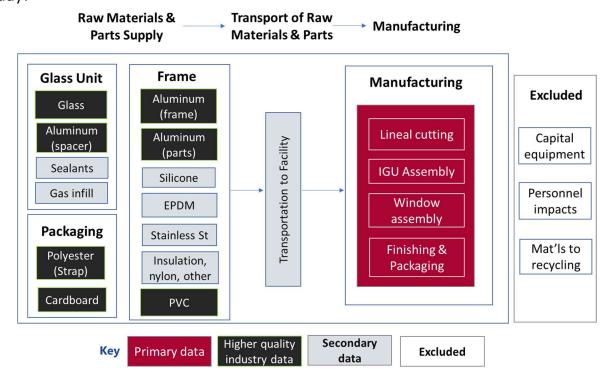


Figure 1 Wausau Unitized Curtain Wall System Boundary and Data





#### **Declared Unit**

The declared unit is one square meter (1 m²) of the Wausau unitized curtain wall produced at manufacturing plants in MO and WI. A functional unit is not reported since the product system boundaries are cradle-to-gate, and no use phase over a reference service life has been modeled.

# **A1 Raw Material Extraction and Processing**

Main Component	Materials	% of Total		
Frame	Aluminum & polyamide	35.10%		
	Rubber and silicone	0.77%		
	Steel parts	0.02%		
	Other	0.17%		
Glass Unit	Glass	59.46%		
	Aluminum	4.34%		
	Sealants and other	0.14%		

Module A1 accounts for the extraction of materials and production of framing, insulated glass units (IGUs), and packaging parts and components. Table 2 presents the bill of materials as a percent of the total product.

**Table 2 Bill of Materials** 

#### **A2 Transportation to Manufacturing**

Module A2 accounts for transportation of raw materials to Wausau facilities. The distances of the parts and materials by heavy duty diesel truck were based on supplier data provided by Wausau.

# **A3 Manufacturing**

Module A3 includes assembly of unitized curtain wall sections at their Monett, MO and Wausau, WI facilities. 2022 energy use, emissions, and waste management were included in the model. The SPP North and MRO East electricity grids mixes were used for the Missouri and Wisconsin production plants, respectively.

#### **Cut-off Criteria**

The cut-off goal of at least 95% of all mass and energy used in the system was exceeded since all materials and energy involved in the materials systems were included.

#### **Allocation**

Data was provided on a whole-facility basis. Allocation of manufacturing energy and other facility aspects was made on a total mass basis, based on the production volume fabricated at each facility.

#### **Software and Data Used**

The SimaPro LCA software was used to model the unitized curtain wall system. Data came from sources appropriate for the Wausau unitized curtain wall system, with





intentional choices made for datasets having the highest quality data. Secondary data came from several databases, including Industry 2.0 for industry-average high quality LCA data, DATASMART for North American energy, transportation, parts and materials, and ecoinvent for energy, parts and materials not included in DATASMART.

# **Data Quality**

The data applied to this study are representative of the current Wausau unitized curtain wall system. Wausau's facilities supplied 2022 process data. Energy and transportation data are based on the high 2010's, and production data for materials are based on mid 2010's through 2022. Data for energy, transportation, materials and processes are based on a combination of North American and European sources which, where possible, were customized to reflect North American conditions. Technological coverage for the upstream materials and processes is generally industry average, and in some instances, it is typical technology.

# **Results and Contribution Analysis**

The Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) results were calculated using Tool for the Reduction and Assessment of Chemical and other Environmental Impacts (TRACI) v.2.1, a North American impact assessment methodology. Global Warming Potential is based on IPCC 6th Assessment. Abiotic Depletion Potential for fossil fuels is based on CML's baseline methodology. LCIA results in

Table 3 and Table 4 are presented for the cradle to gate totals, showing A1, A2, and A3 as absolute values and as percentages, respectively. In the third table, the Life Cycle Inventory (LCI), or non-LCIA inventory metrics, are calculated in accordance with the ACLCA (2019) Guidance.

**Table 3 Impact Assessment Results - absolute values** 

Per 1 m <sup>2</sup> Declared Unit	Materials production	Transport to facility	Manuf- acturing		
Impact Categories - LCIA	Unit	TOTAL	A1	A2	А3
Global warming potential	kg CO2-e	110.61	91.97	3.99	14.65
Acidification potential	kg SO2-e	0.59	0.48	0.02	0.09
Eutrophication potential	kg N-e	0.15	0.14	0.00	0.01
Smog creation potential	kg O3-e	6.94	5.40	0.63	0.91
Ozone depletion potential	kg CFC11-e	3.90 E-06	3.87 E-06	7.00 E-09	2.72 E-08
ADP fossil	MJ (LHV)	1323.37	1083.33	49.76	190.29
Total energy (used as fuel)	MJ (LHV)	1554.98	1303.45	50.60	200.93





**Table 4 Impact Assessment Results – percentages** 

Per 1 m <sup>2</sup> Declared Unit	Materials production	Transport to facility	Manuf- acturing		
Impact Categories – LCIA	Unit	TOTAL	A1	A2	А3
Global warming potential	kg CO2-e	110.61	83.15%	3.61%	13.25%
Acidification potential	kg SO2-e	0.59	81.12%	3.73%	15.15%
Eutrophication potential	kg N-e	0.15	94.71%	1.36%	3.92%
Smog creation potential	kg O3-e	6.94	77.81%	9.13%	13.06%
Ozone depletion potential	kg CFC11-e	3.90 E-06	99.12%	0.18%	0.70%
ADP fossil	MJ (LHV)	1323.37	81.86%	3.76%	14.38%
Total energy (used as fuel)	MJ (LHV)	1554.98	83.82%	3.25%	12.92%

Note: numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding. 0% implies less than 0.1%.

**Table 5 Inventory Results** 

Per 1 m <sup>2</sup> Declared Unit			Materials production	Transport to facility	Manuf- acturing
Additional Categories – LCI	Unit	TOTAL	A1	A2	А3
Resource Use: Energy					
Non-renewable primary energy – fuel	MJ (LHV)	1450.48	1206.82	50.49	193.17
Non-renewable primary engy. res raw materials	MJ (LHV)	11.59	11.59	N/A	0.00
Renewable primary energy – fuel	MJ (LHV)	104.51	96.63	0.11	7.76
Renewable primary engy. res raw materials	MJ (LHV)	7.73 E-09	7.73 E-09	N/A	0.00
Resource use: Materials					
Use of secondary materials	Kg	26.42	26.42	N/A	0.00
Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ (LHV)	0.00	N/A	N/A	0.00
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ (LHV)	0.00	N/A	N/A	0.00
Use of recovered energy	MJ (LHV)	0.00	N/A	N/A	0.00
Use of net fresh water (inputs minus outputs)	m³	0.76	0.76	4.41 E-04	6.30 E-03
Waste categories					
Non-hazardous waste disposed	Kg	0.19	N/A	N/A	0.19
Hazardous waste disposed	Kg	0.00	N/A	N/A	0.00
High-level radioactive waste	Kg	5.68 E-04	5.57 E-04	2.13 E-06	8.33 E-06
Intermediate- & low-level radioactive waste	Kg	8.51 E-04	8.27 E-04	4.74 E-06	1.86 E-05





Other output flows					
Components for reuse	kg	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Materials for recycling	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Exported energy	MJ (LHV)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### **Additional Environmental Information**

At end of life, approximately 96% of the total mass of the product may be recycled. This includes the aluminum framing and glass plus the additional aluminum and steel components in the product.

No substances in the Wausau unitized curtain wall are on the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern. The are no materials present in over 0.1% by mass of the product that are hazardous to human health and the environment.

#### **Performance Standards & Certifications**

The Wausau unitized curtain wall is tested, certified & labeled for the following performance standards:

- AAMA TIR A-11 Maximum Allowable Deflection of Framing Systems for Building Cladding Components at Design Wind Loads
- AAMA 501.1 Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Windows, Curtain Walls and Doors Using Dynamic Pressure
- ASTM E283 Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen
- ASTM E330 Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Doors, Skylights and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- ASTM E331 Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- AAMA 1503, NFRC 100 Thermal Transmittance, U-Factors
- AAMA 1503, NFRC 500 Condensation Rating (CRF,CI)
- NFRC 200 Overall Solar Heat Gain Coefficient and Visible Transmittance (SHGC & VT)





# **Limitations & Comparability**

EPDs are not intended for making comparisons with other products due to varying background data in LCA softwares and/or varying Program Operator or Product Category Rules. For example, Product Category Rules may present different modeling decisions or impact category requirements. Different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to different results in the life cycle stages declared.

Full conformance with the PCR for products allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered, including the product's Use phase in a building. Variations and deviations, as noted above, are likely. If comparisons to other EPDs are done, these variations and deviations must be acknowledged. EPDs are comparable only if they comply with ISO 21930: 2017, use the same sub-category PCR, include all relevant information modules, and are based on equivalent scenarios with respect to the context of construction works.

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