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# SBS-MODIFIED BITUMEN ROOFING MEMBRANE

INSTALLATION: HYBRID SELF-ADHERED SBS BASE SHEET AND TORCH-APPLIED SBS CAP SHEET



Low-slope roofing membrane with self-adhered SBS base sheet and torch-applied SBS sheet.



The Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association (ARMA) is a trade association representing North America's asphalt roofing manufacturing companies and their raw material suppliers. The association includes the majority of North American manufacturers of asphalt shingles and asphalt low slope roof membrane systems. Information that ARMA gathers on modern asphalt roofing materials and practices is provided to building and code officials, as well as regulatory agencies and allied trade groups. Committed to advances in the asphalt roofing industry, ARMA is proud of the role it plays in promoting asphalt roofing to those in the building industry and to the public.

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### 1. Content of the EPD

EPD PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OPERATOR NAME, ADDRESS, LOGO, AND WEBSITE	UL ENVIRONMENT 333 PFINGSTEN RD, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062	WWW.UL.COM WWW.SPOT.UL.COM
GENERAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS AND VERSION NUMBER	Program Operator Rules v 2.7 2022	
MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS	Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association, 2331 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill, MD 21050	
DECLARATION NUMBER	4789862118.105.2	
DECLARED PRODUCT & FUNCTIONAL UNIT OR DECLARED UNIT	1 m <sup>2</sup> of the SBS-Modified Bitumen Roofing Membrane (Installation: Hybrid Self-Adhered SBS Base Sheet And SBS Torch Cap Sheet)	
REFERENCE PCR AND VERSION NUMBER	Part A: Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules and Report Requirements (ULE, 2022); Part B: Asphalt Shingles, Built-up Asphalt Membrane Roofing and Modified Bituminous Membrane Roofing EPD Requirements (ULE, 2021)	
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT APPLICATION/USE	SBS-Modified Bitumen Roofing Membrane (Installation: Hybrid Self-Adhered SBS Base Sheet And SBS Torch Cap Sheet)	
MARKETS OF APPLICABILITY	North America	
DATE OF ISSUE	July 1, 2023 (Data Update February 2024)	
PERIOD OF VALIDITY	5 Years	
EPD TYPE	Industry-average	
RANGE OF DATASET VARIABILITY	2014-2021	
EPD SCOPE	Cradle to gate with options (construction, and end-of-life (EoL) stages)	
YEAR(S) OF REPORTED PRIMARY DATA	2019	
LCA SOFTWARE & VERSION NUMBER	LCA for Experts (formerly GaBi Professional) v10.7 (Sphera, 2023)	
LCI DATABASE(S) & VERSION NUMBER	Managed LCA Content (formerly GaBi databases) CUP 2022.2	
LCIA METHODOLOGY & VERSION NUMBER	IPCC AR5 , CML-IA v4.8, and TRACI 2.1	
The PCR review was conducted by:		UL Environment
		PCR Review Panel
		<a href="mailto:epd@ul.com">epd@ul.com</a>
This declaration was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025: 2006. <input type="checkbox"/> INTERNAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTERNAL		 Cooper McCollum, UL Environment
This life cycle assessment was conducted in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:		Sphera
This life cycle assessment was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:		 Thomas P. Gloria, Industrial Ecology Consultants

#### LIMITATIONS

**Exclusions:** EPDs do not indicate that any environmental or social performance benchmarks are met, and there may be impacts that they do not encompass. LCAs do not typically address the site-specific environmental impacts of raw material extraction, nor are they meant to assess human health toxicity. EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address these impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, environmental impact assessments, etc.

**Accuracy of Results:** EPDs regularly rely on estimations of impacts; the level of accuracy in estimation of effect differs for any particular product line and reported impact.

**Comparability:** EPDs from different programs may not be comparable. Full conformance with a PCR allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered. However, variations and deviations are possible. Example of variations: Different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to differences results for upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared.



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2. General Information

2.1. Description of Company/Organization

The following ARMA members provided data for the product covered within this document:



CertainTeed  
[www.certainteed.com](http://www.certainteed.com)



IKO  
[www.iko.com/](http://www.iko.com/)



Malarkey Roofing  
[www.malarkeyroofing.com](http://www.malarkeyroofing.com)



POLYGLASS  
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Siplast  
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2.2. Product Description

The low-slope roofing membrane included in this study consists of a styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS)-modified bitumen cap sheet and a base sheet.

Table 1 shows the specifications for these products along with a brief description. Figure 1 shows few examples of the different datasets included in the production process.

Table 1: Specification and Description of the cap sheet and base sheet

COMPONENT	SPECIFICATION	DESCRIPTION
Cap Sheet	ASTM D6162, D6163, D6164, CSA A123.23	Polyester and/or fiberglass mat coated with polymer-modified asphalt and colored mineral granule surfacing.
Base Sheet	ASTM D6162, D6163, D6164, CSA A123.23	Polyester and/or fiberglass mat coated with polymer-modified asphalt. A fine mineral matter may be applied as a surfacing or parting agent to top surface. The bottom surface is a release film.





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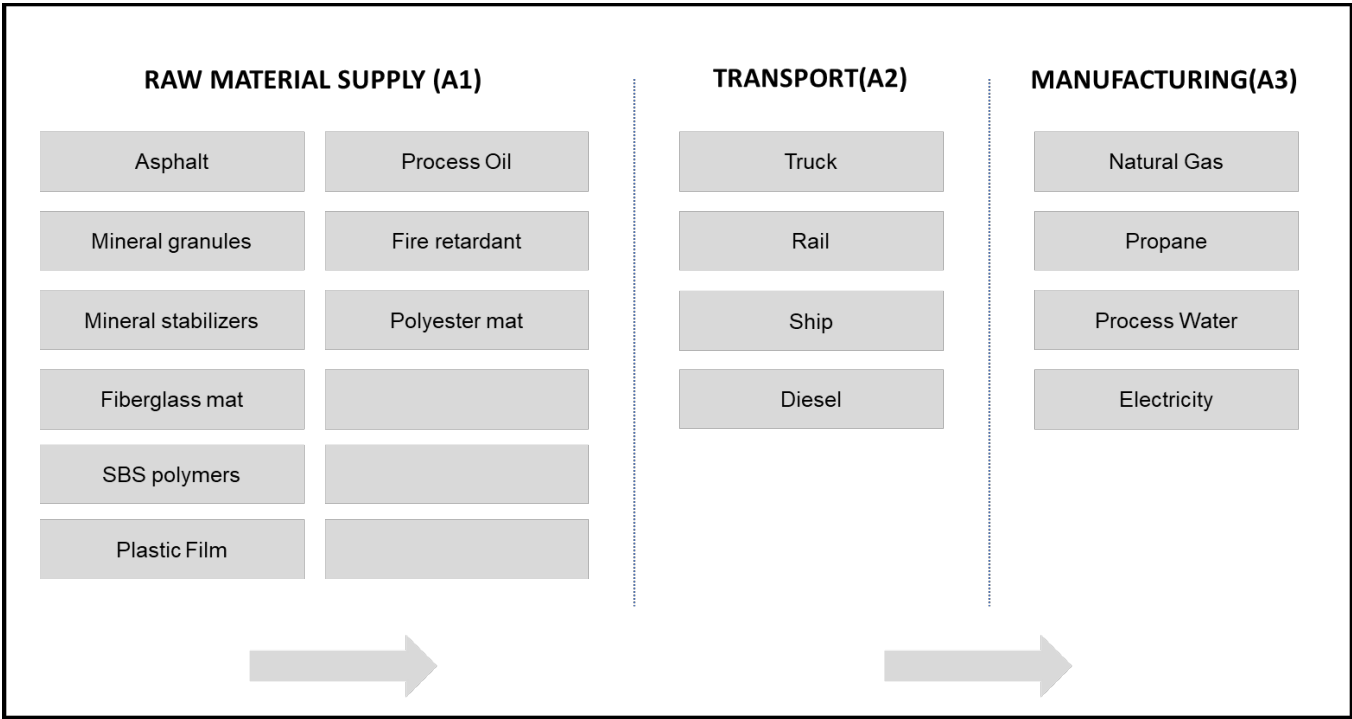


Figure 1: Production process overview

2.3. Product Average

This EPD represents an industry-average product. Facility-level production data was collected from participating members of ARMA for their respective facilities that manufacture this product. A weighted average was then calculated based on each facility’s production amounts in mass.

2.4. Application

Low-slope roofing systems are installed on roofs with slopes less than 2:12. Low-slope roofing systems are primarily used to protect buildings and structures from the weather.

In addition to providing beauty, affordability and reliability, modified bitumen roof systems are trusted to protect against weather conditions, temperature extremes, impacts and foot traffic. Multiple layers of roofing materials including engineered reinforcements provide strength and durability. It is a versatile solution, able to adapt to many roof designs.

2.5. Material Composition

Table 2 shows the percent (%) composition (by weight) of the components of the low slope roofing system. Percentage values provided in the parenthesis for components represent the weight % of these components in the overall installed roofing system, which also includes the weight of installation materials. Therefore, the sum of the % values in parenthesis might not add up to 100% due to the weight of installation materials in the overall installed system.





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**Table 2: Average material inputs for SBS-modified bitumen cap and base sheet manufacturing**

MATERIAL INPUTS	WEIGHT PERCENTAGE IN INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT
<b>SBS-Modified Cap Sheet (66% of representative roofing system)</b>	
Asphalt	44%
Mineral granules	27%
Mineral stabilizers	19%
Fire retardant	2%
Sand	<1%
Fiberglass / Polyester / Composite mat	4%
Styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS) polymers	3%
Plastic film	<1%
Naphthenic Oil	<1%
<b>SBS-Modified Base Sheet (31% of representative roofing system)</b>	
Asphalt	55%
Mineral stabilizers	25%
Sand	4%
Fiberglass / Polyester / Composite mat	4%
Styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS) polymers	7%
Plastic film	2%
Naphthenic Oil	<1%
Resin	2%
Process Oil	<1%

## 2.6. Technical Requirements

**Table 3: Product ASTM International and CSA Group Specifications**

PRODUCT CATEGORY	PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATION
SBS-modified Bitumen Membrane Roofing	Cap Sheet	ASTM D6162, D6163, D6164, CSA A123.23
	Base Sheet	ASTM D6162, D6163, D6164, CSA A123.23

## 2.7. Properties of Declared Product as Delivered

The SBS-modified Bitumen roofing system products comply with one or more of ASTM D6162, D6163, D6164 and/or CSA A123.23.



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### 3. Methodological Framework

#### 3.1. Declared Unit

The declared unit of this study is 1 m<sup>2</sup> (10.8 ft<sup>2</sup>) of the installed roofing membrane. The associated reference flow (the quantity of material required to fulfill the declared unit) is 7.92 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

#### 3.2. System Boundary

The life cycle study encompasses the cradle-to-gate production, construction, and end-of-life (EoL) stages of the low-slope hybrid self-adhered SBS base sheet and torch applied SBS cap sheet roofing membrane, including raw material extraction and processing, product manufacturing and installation, plus deconstruction, waste processing and material disposal at EoL. Transportation between stages is accounted for, including raw material transport to the manufacturing facility, finished product transport to the construction site, and transport of the roof system at EoL to the landfill. Asphalt roofing systems do not have any operational energy or resources consumption, and it can be assumed that the impacts of maintenance of these roofing systems will also be negligible. Therefore, use, maintenance, repair, or replacement of the roof system over a building's service life have been excluded from the system boundary. Moreover, a reference service lifetime (RSL) has not been provided as it is not mandatory according to the PCR. In addition, production, manufacture and construction of manufacturing equipment and infrastructure; repair and maintenance of the production system; energy and water use related to company management and sales; delivery vehicles and laboratory equipment; as well as maintenance and operation of support equipment are all outside of the scope of the study.

**Table 4: Description of the system boundary modules**

PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from gate to site	Assembly/Install	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Building Operational Energy Use During Product Use	Building Operational Water Use During Product Use	Deconstruction	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery, Recycling Potential
X	X	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X	X	X	MND

MND = module not declared

C1 is zero because deconstruction is done manually, and the energy consumed during this process is insignificant. C3 is zero because there is no waste processing required before sending the product for disposal in landfill.

#### 3.3. Allocation

As several products are often manufactured at the same plant, participating companies used mass allocation to report





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data since the environmental burden in the industrial process (energy consumption, emissions, etc.) is primarily governed by the mass throughput of each sub-process.

All packaging waste generated during installation, as well as 40% of the wooden pallets used for shipping of products, are assumed to be sent to landfill. Cut-off approach is applied, hence, no credit is assigned in this study.

The impacts due to the use of any recycled materials during manufacturing come only from further processing required during the recycling process. For the primary data, where in-house recycling is used to create other products, co-product allocation by mass is used and any additional processing steps required for use of the recovered materials are accounted for. It is conservatively assumed that all roofing materials disposed at EoL are sent to landfill. This will vary from job site to job site as some roofers may recycle metal components.

### 3.4. Cut-off Criteria

No cut-off criteria are defined for this study. The system boundary was defined based on relevance to the goal of the study. For the processes within the system boundary, all available energy and material flow data were included in the model. In cases where no matching life cycle inventories were available to represent a flow, proxy data was applied based on conservative assumptions regarding environmental impacts.

### 3.5. Data Sources

**Technological:** At least 75% of the production market is estimated to be represented within this study.

**Geographical:** The geographic coverage represented by this study is the United States and Canada, though some manufacturers source their raw materials from outside this region. Whenever U.S. background data were not readily available, European data or global data were used as proxies, depending on appropriateness and availability. Results are presented as production weighted averages for the U.S. and Canada.

**Background Data:** The LCA model was created using the LCA for Experts (formerly Gabi Professional) Software system for life cycle engineering, developed by Sphera. The Managed LCA Content (formerly GaBi databases) 2022 database provides the LCI data for several of the raw and process materials obtained from the background system. The temporal range for these background data are from 2014-2021. Secondary data, or any assumptions around the secondary data, used to fill data gaps have been adapted from the pre-existing model that was verified as a part of the original EPD verification process in 2016.

### 3.6. Data Quality

As the relevant foreground data is primary data or modeled based on primary information sources of the owner of the technology, no better precision is reachable within this product. Seasonal variations and variations across different manufacturers were balanced out by using yearly averages and weighted averages. All primary data were collected with the same level of detail, while all background data were sourced from the Managed LCA Content (previously GaBi databases) 2022 databases (Sphera, 2023). Allocation and other methodological choices were made consistently throughout the model.

### 3.7. Period under Review

Primary data, collected from the participating ARMA member companies, is representative of the year 2019.

### 3.8. Estimates and Assumptions

The analysis uses the following assumptions:





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- Mineral granules can be made in a variety of colors, which affects the composition of the required mineral granule coating. White mineral granules were selected as a representative product for this study because the pigment used for white products, titanium dioxide, generally has a higher impact than other pigments; therefore, using white is a conservative assumption.
- Where a manufacturer was unable to calculate an average distance for the distribution of its final product from its facility, it provided a best estimate.
- Due to lack of data availability some proxy background data were used, specifically in the context of the geographical scope of the study.

## 4. Technical Information and Scenarios

### 4.1. Manufacturing

#### SBS Cap Sheets

Manufacture of SBS polymer-modified bitumen cap sheets involves impregnating and coating a fiberglass or polyester mat with a polymer-modified asphalt. The polymer-modified asphalt is produced by mixing appropriate proportions of polymer, non-oxidized or lightly oxidized asphalt, and limestone or another suitable mineral stabilizer. An appropriate surfacing material is applied. SBS cap sheets typically use a colored mineral granule surfacing. Torch-applied cap sheets may also utilize a polyolefin burn-off film on the back. The product is cooled, wound into rolls, and packaged for shipment.

#### SBS Base Sheets

Manufacture of SBS polymer-modified bitumen base sheets involves impregnating a fiberglass and/or polyester mat and subsequently coating the mat with polymer-modified asphalt. The polymer-modified asphalt is produced by mixing appropriate proportions of polymer, non-oxidized or lightly oxidized asphalt, and limestone or another suitable mineral stabilizer. Fine mineral matter may be applied as a surfacing agent or as a parting agent on the top surface of the base sheets. The bottom surface is a release film. The product is cooled, wound into rolls, and packaged for shipment.





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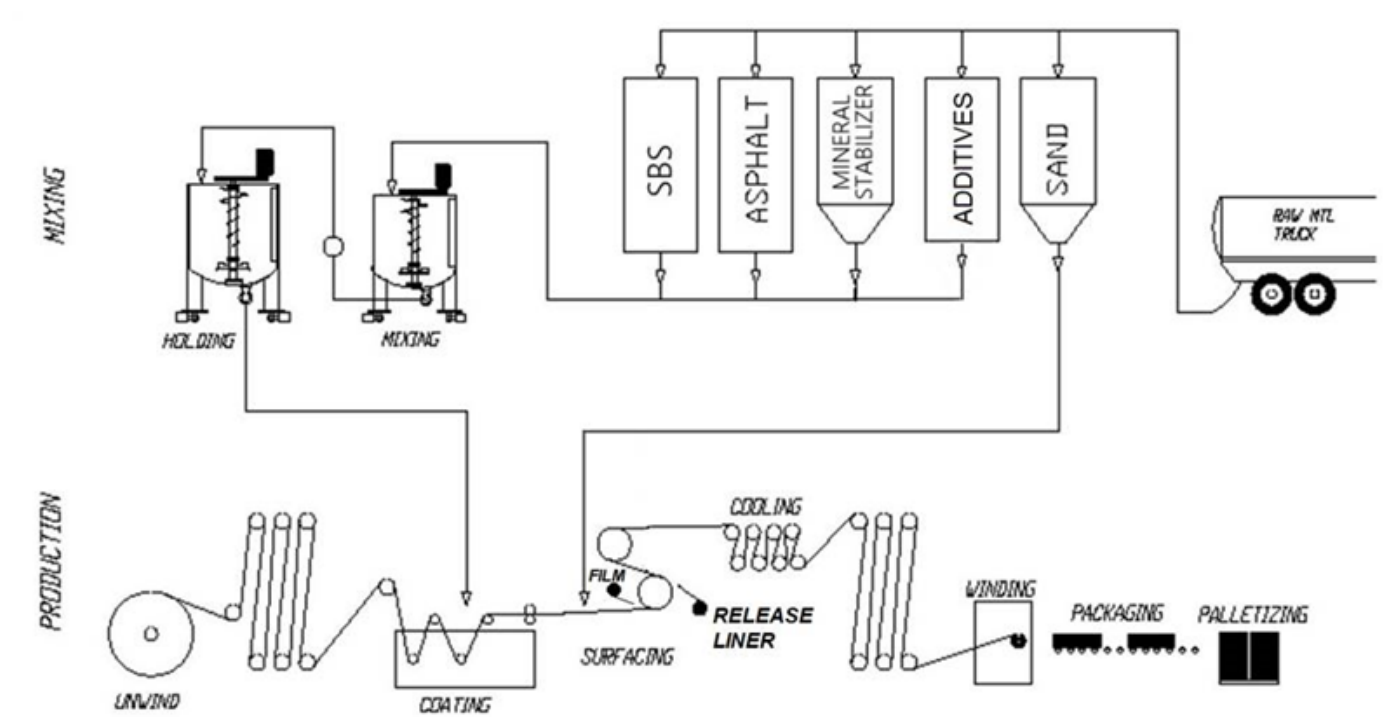


Figure 2: Modified bitumen sheet process diagram for SBS base sheet and cap sheet

### 4.2. Packaging

Adhesive, pallets, plastic film, corrugated core packaging material are used. It's assumed that pallets are reused 20 times. Packaging materials are assumed to be disposed based on region specific disposal rates mentioned in the fact sheet from the EPA (EPA, 2020).

Table 5: Packaging disposal rate assumptions from the EPA, 2020

PRODUCT	RECYCLED	INCINERATED	LANDFILLED
Paper packaging	81%	4%	15%
Plastic packaging	14%	17%	69%
Wood packaging	27%	14%	59%

### 4.3. Transportation

Production-weighted averages for the transportation distances and modes of transport associated with each participating company are included for the transport of the raw materials to production facilities and the transport of the finished products to distribution centers. As defined by the Part B PCR, the transport of finished products from the point of manufacture to the construction site is assumed to be 497 miles (800km) and the waste transport distance from the construction site to landfill is 100 miles (161km) (ULE, 2021).

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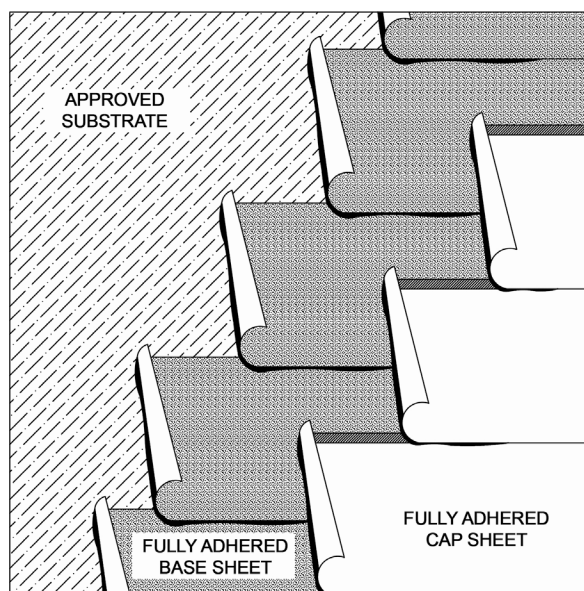
**Table 6: Transport to the building site (A4)**

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
Fuel type	Diesel	
Liters of fuel	2.21	l/100km/ton
Vehicle type	Truck	
Transport distance	497	miles
Capacity utilization (including empty runs, mass-based)	75	%
Gross density of products transported	7.92	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Weight of products transported (if gross density not reported)	-	kg
Volume of products transported (if gross density not reported)	-	m <sup>3</sup>
Capacity utilization volume factor (factor: =1 or <1 or ≥ 1 for compressed or nested packaging products)	1	-

\* The unit of gross density is changed to kg/m<sup>2</sup> from kg/m<sup>3</sup> based on the functional unit due to calculation constraints.

### 4.4. Product Installation

For this EPD, a hybrid SBS-modified bitumen roofing membrane consists of one self-adhered base sheet and one torch applied cap sheet. The base sheet is self-adhered to the primed substrate, each sheet overlapping the neighboring sheet's selvedge. The process is repeated until the roof is covered. The cap sheet is installed using a propane torch. The roll is positioned and heated with the torch, causing the asphalt compound on the roll to melt and the parting film to burn off. The sheet is then slowly unrolled so the installer can expose a new section to the torch. The process is repeated until the roof is covered.



**Figure 3: Hybrid modified bitumen roof membrane system installation details**



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**Table 7: Installation into the building (A5)**

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
Ancillary materials	0.24	kg
Net freshwater consumption specified by water source and fate (amount evaporated, amount disposed to sewer)	-	m <sup>3</sup>
Other resources	-	kg
Electricity consumption	-	kWh
Other energy carriers	1.20	MJ
Product loss per functional unit	0.38	kg
Waste materials at the construction site before waste processing, generated by product installation	0.86	kg
Output materials resulting from on-site waste processing (specified by route, e.g. for recycling, energy recovery and/or disposal)	-	kg
Biogenic carbon contained in packaging	0.40	kg CO <sub>2</sub>
Direct emissions to ambient air, soil, and water	-	kg
VOC emissions	-	kg/m <sup>2</sup>

\* The unit of VOC emissions is changed to kg/m<sup>2</sup> from µg/m<sup>3</sup> based on the functional unit due to calculation constraints.

Table 8 presents the installation details for the membrane. The effective coverage includes the required overlap of sheets while the scrap rate accounts for material wasted during installation. Granules are applied to the bitumen that has squeezed through cap sheet seams, so as to protect it from the elements and to allow it to better blend with the rest of the roof. VOC emissions associated with heating the asphalt for adhesion are calculated using the Area Source Category Method document on asphalt emissions (EPA, 2000).

**Table 8: Roofing system installation inputs and outputs (A5), per 1 m<sup>2</sup>**

MATERIAL	WEIGHT OF MATERIAL [KG/M <sup>2</sup> MATERIAL]	EFFECTIVE COVERAGE [M <sup>2</sup> OF MATERIAL / M <sup>2</sup> OF CONSTRUCTED ROOF]	SCRAP %	REQUIRED QUANTITY OF MATERIAL [KG/M <sup>2</sup> CONSTRUCTED ROOF]	SOURCE
<b>Inputs</b>					
SBS Cap Sheet	4.86	1.08	5%	5.52	(Sphera, 2018)
SBS Base Sheet	2.21	1.10	5%	2.55	(Sphera, 2018)
Flashing	0.11	-	10%	0.12	(Sphera, 2018)
Granules	0.06	-	-	0.06	(Sphera, 2018)
Primer	0.07	-	5%	0.07	(Sphera, 2018)
Propane (MJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	1.20	-	-	1.20	(Sphera, 2018)
<b>Outputs</b>					
Installed system				7.92	
Waste				0.40	



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MATERIAL	WEIGHT OF MATERIAL [KG/M <sup>2</sup> MATERIAL]	EFFECTIVE COVERAGE [M <sup>2</sup> OF MATERIAL / M <sup>2</sup> OF CONSTRUCTED ROOF]	SCRAP %	REQUIRED QUANTITY OF MATERIAL [KG/M <sup>2</sup> CONSTRUCTED ROOF]	SOURCE
VOCs (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )				0.006	

### 4.5. Disposal

At the end-of-life, the low-slope membrane is removed by manual labor, often with roofing shovels. The debris is collected and transported off-site via truck. The waste is brought to a landfill.

**Table 9: End of life (C1-C4)**

NAME		VALUE	UNIT
Assumptions for scenario development (description of deconstruction, collection, recovery, disposal method and transportation)		Landfill	
Collection process (specified by type)	Collected separately		kg
	Collected with mixed construction waste	7.92	kg
Recovery (specified by type)	Reuse		kg
	Recycling		kg
	Landfill	7.92	kg
	Incineration		kg
	Incineration with energy recovery		kg
	Energy conversion efficiency rate		
Disposal (specified by type)	Product or material for final deposition	7.92	kg
Removals of biogenic carbon (excluding packaging)		N/A	kg CO <sub>2</sub>

## 5. Environmental Indicators Derived from LCA

Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) created under a different Product Category Rule (PCR) are not comparable. Additionally, EPDs based on a declared unit shall not be used for comparisons between products, regardless of the EPDs using the same PCR.

**Table 10: Impact category descriptions and methodology**

IMPACT CATEGORY (SHORT FORM)	IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS	METHODOLOGY
<b>LCIA Results</b>			
GWP excl biogenic	Global Warming Potential (excl biogenic carbon)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	IPCC AR5
ODP	Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC11 eq	TRACI 2.1

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IMPACT CATEGORY (SHORT FORM)	IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS	METHODOLOGY
AP	Acidification Potential	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	TRACI 2.1
EP	Eutrophication Potential	kg N eq	TRACI 2.1
SFP	Smog Formation Potential	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	TRACI 2.1
ADP <sub>f</sub>	Abiotic Resource Depletion Potential of Non-renewable (fossil) energy resources	MJ	CML 2013
<b>Life Cycle Inventory Results: Resource Use</b>			
RPR <sub>e</sub>	Renewable primary resources used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ	ISO 21930
RPR <sub>m</sub>	Renewable primary resources with energy content used	MJ	ISO 21930
NRPR <sub>e</sub>	Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier	MJ	ISO 21930
NRPR <sub>m</sub>	Non-renewable primary resources with content used energy as material	MJ	ISO 21930
SM	Secondary materials	kg	ISO 21930
RSF	Renewable secondary fuels	MJ	ISO 21930
NRSF	Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	ISO 21930
RE	Recovered energy	MJ	ISO 21930
FW	Use of net fresh water resources	m <sup>3</sup>	ISO 21930
<b>Life Cycle Inventory Results: Output Flows and Waste Categories</b>			
HWD	Hazardous waste disposed	kg	ISO 21930
NHWD	Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	ISO 21930
HLRW	High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	ISO 21930
ILLRW	Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	ISO 21930
CRU	Components for re-use	kg	ISO 21930
MR	Materials for recycling	kg	ISO 21930
MER	Materials for energy recovery	kg	ISO 21930
EE	Recovered energy exported from the product system	MJ	ISO 21930
<b>Carbon Emissions and Removals</b>			
BCRP	Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	ISO 21930
BCEP	Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	ISO 21930
BCRK	Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	ISO 21930
BCEK	Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	ISO 21930
BCEW	Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	ISO 21930

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IMPACT CATEGORY (SHORT FORM)	IMPACT CATEGORY	UNITS	METHODOLOGY
CCE	Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	ISO 21930
CCR	Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	ISO 21930
CWNR	Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	ISO 21930

It shall be noted that the above impact categories represent impact potentials, i.e., they are approximations of environmental impacts that could occur if the emissions would (a) actually follow the underlying impact pathway and (b) meet certain conditions in the receiving environment while doing so. In addition, the inventory only captures that fraction of the total environmental load that corresponds to the functional unit (relative approach). LCIA results are therefore relative expressions only and do not predict actual impacts, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins, or risks.

### 5.1. Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results

The potential environmental impacts associated with the installed roofing membrane are presented in Table 11 for the production, construction, and EoL stages.

**Table 11: North American Impact Assessment Results**

IMPACT CATEGORIES	UNIT	PRODUCTION (A1-A3)	TRANSPORT TO THE BUILDING SITE (A4)	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION (A5)	DECONSTRUCTION (C1)	TRANSPORT TO WASTE PROCESSING (C2)	WASTE PROCESSING (C3)	DISPOSAL (C4)	TOTAL
GWP excl biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	5.54E+00	1.04E-01	1.08E+00	0.00E+00	9.21E-02	0.00E+00	3.38E-01	7.15E+00
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	6.17E-09	2.05E-16	3.38E-13	0.00E+00	1.82E-16	0.00E+00	1.07E-14	6.17E-09
AP	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.27E-02	3.22E-04	2.25E-03	0.00E+00	2.85E-04	0.00E+00	1.45E-03	1.71E-02
EP	kg N eq	1.39E-03	3.32E-05	1.66E-04	0.00E+00	2.94E-05	0.00E+00	8.08E-05	1.70E-03
SFP	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	2.25E-01	7.42E-03	3.19E-02	0.00E+00	6.58E-03	0.00E+00	2.55E-02	2.96E-01
ADP <sub>f</sub>	MJ	2.72E+02	1.52E+00	1.63E+01	0.00E+00	1.34E+00	0.00E+00	4.96E+00	2.96E+02

\* The GWP indicator result is calculated based on IPCC AR5 method, ADP<sub>f</sub> indicator is based on CML 2013 (University of Lieden, 2013) method, while the rest of the indicators are based on TRACI 2.1 method.

### 5.2. Life Cycle Inventory Results

The resource consumption associated with the installed roofing membrane is presented in Table 12 for the production, construction, and EoL stages. Rainwater is not blue water and is therefore not included in the water consumption metric.



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**Table 12: Resource Use**

RESOURCE INDICATORS	UNIT	PRODUCTION (A1-A3)	TRANSPORT TO THE BUILDING SITE (A4)	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION (A5)	DECONSTRUCTION (C1)	TRANSPORT TO WASTE PROCESSING (C2)	WASTE PROCESSING (C3)	DISPOSAL (C4)	TOTAL
RPR <sub>e</sub>	MJ	8.67E+00	5.94E-02	6.84E-01	0.00E+00	5.27E-02	0.00E+00	4.76E-01	9.94E+00
RPR <sub>m</sub>	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
NRPR <sub>e</sub>	MJ	2.78E+02	1.53E+00	1.67E+01	0.00E+00	1.35E+00	0.00E+00	5.08E+00	3.02E+02
NRPR <sub>m</sub>	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
SM	kg	5.66E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.66E-02
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
RE	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	m <sup>3</sup>	4.46E-02	2.13E-04	6.88E-03	0.00E+00	1.89E-04	0.00E+00	7.29E-04	5.26E-02

The waste generation associated with the installed roofing membrane is presented in Table 13 for the production, construction, and EoL stages.

**Table 13: Output Flows and Waste Categories**

OUTPUT AND WASTE	UNIT	PRODUCTION (A1-A3)	TRANSPORT TO THE BUILDING SITE (A4)	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION (A5)	DECONSTRUCTION (C1)	TRANSPORT TO WASTE PROCESSING (C2)	WASTE PROCESSING (C3)	DISPOSAL (C4)	TOTAL
HWD	kg	6.10E-09	6.35E-12	2.89E-09	0.00E+00	5.63E-12	0.00E+00	1.90E-10	9.20E-09
NHWD	kg	7.36E-01	0.00E+00	1.02E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	7.92E+00	9.68E+00
HLRW	kg	2.53E-06	5.02E-09	1.37E-07	0.00E+00	4.45E-09	0.00E+00	5.08E-08	2.73E-06
ILLRW	kg	2.14E-03	4.23E-06	1.18E-04	0.00E+00	3.75E-06	0.00E+00	4.45E-05	2.31E-03
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
MR	kg	1.86E-01	0.00E+00	1.82E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.67E-01
MER	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.41E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.41E-02
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

The carbon emission and removals associated with the installed roofing membrane are presented in Table 14 for the production, construction, and EoL stages.

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**Table 14: Carbon Emissions and Removals**

PARAMETER	UNIT	PRODUCTION (A1-A3)	TRANSPORT TO THE BUILDING SITE (A4)	CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION (A5)	DECONSTRUCTION (C1)	TRANSPORT TO WASTE PROCESSING (C2)	WASTE PROCESSING (C3)	DISPOSAL (C4)	TOTAL
BCRP	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
BCEP	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
BCRK	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	1.80E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.80E-01
BCEK	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.04E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.04E-01
BCEW	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
CCE	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
CCR	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
CWNR	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

## 6. LCA Interpretation

The results in Table 11 represent the cradle-to-gate, construction and disposal environmental performance of the evaluated roofing system. The results indicate that the product stage (modules A1- A3) dominates the impacts across all categories. The end-of-life stages (modules C1 – C4) contribute the least across all impact categories.

Figure 4 represents the contribution analysis of the individual processes within each life cycle stage. As may be observed, all of the impacts are driven by the production stage (modules A1- A3), followed by the construction stage (modules A4-A5). Raw materials (A1) have greater than 63% contribution in all categories. Installation also makes a significant contribution to all other categories (except ODP), and ranges between 5% and 15%. Furthermore, manufacturing (A3) contributes significantly (13%) to GWP. Disposal (C4) makes its largest contributions to AP and SFP(9%). Transport (A2, A4, and C2) does not make a significant contribution to any of the categories (2.5% max).

More detailed contribution analysis was also done to determine the contributions of different materials and energy sources to the overall life cycle impacts. The results of such a contribution analysis can be found in the background LCA report. It is important to note that the results presented in this EPD and interpretations are based on the methodological approaches and assumptions taken from the the PCR. The transportation distances from manufacturing facility to construction site and from construction site to disposal, and the energy requirements for installation and deconstruction procedures are as per section 3.10 of the part B PCR (ULE, 2021)



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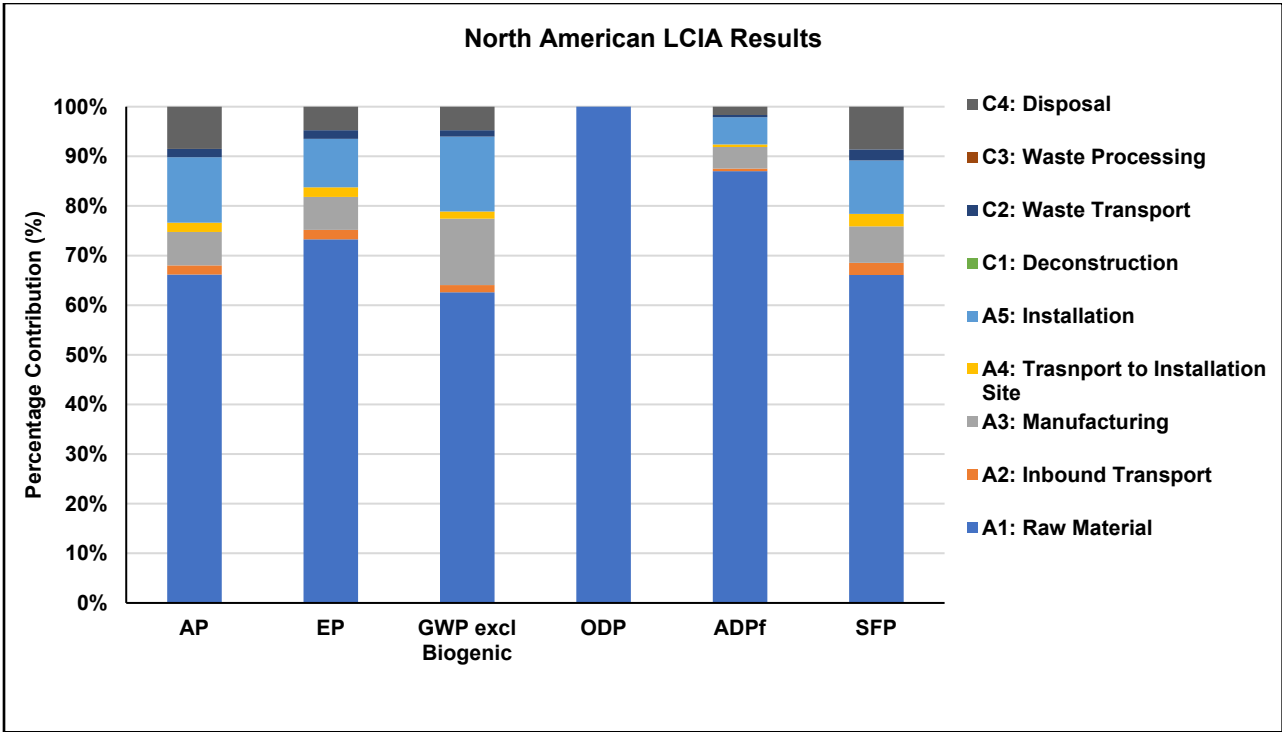


Figure 4: Contribution analysis of North American LCIA results

The system results presented here do not represent the entire asphalt roofing industry, but only a specific type of asphalt roofing systems as specified in Table 1.

The accuracy of results is limited by the assumptions used in this study, specifically around the effective coverage and installation of the roofing systems under study. Results are based on the effective coverage values that were calculated from inputs provided by industry experts. These values might vary between participating members and might affect the overall cradle-to-gate results.

The installation and transport assumptions mentioned in the PCR can also influence the results associated with these stages.

7. Additional Environmental Information

7.1. Reflective Roofs

Reflective roofs are defined as roofing products with high solar reflectance. Many in the construction industry define “cool roofs” as roofing products with high solar reflectance and high thermal emittance. Asphalt-based products have the inherent property of having high emittance, regardless of their reflective properties. Asphaltic roof systems typically have thermal emittance values greater than 0.80. Reflectance is a deliberate product characteristic, and varies based on the surfacing used.

There are reflective roof options available for virtually any roof and any building. Because of asphalt roofs’ longevity, asphalt-based products provide excellent value for homeowners and building owners by delivering superior durability





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and sustainability at reasonable cost.

Modified bitumen membranes provide options for varying levels of reflectivity. The reflectivity is related to the color of the modified bitumen membrane surface, surfacing material, or field applied coating. While reflective roofs are an increasingly popular roof option, they represent one of many approaches to help building owners and consumers reduce building energy use and address contemporary environmental concerns.

## 7.2. Individual Component Results

Table 15 presents non-zero cradle-to-gate results for environmental impacts, resource use, output flows and waste, and carbon emissions and removals associated with each individual component of the low slope roofing system. It should be noted that the impacts presented in Table 15 are for production stage (A1-A3) only and do not include impacts associated with construction (A4-A5) and EoL stages (C1-C4).

**Table 15: Production Stage (A1-A3) impact results for each system component, per 1 m<sup>2</sup> of individual component**

IMPACT CATEGORIES	UNIT	BASE SHEET	CAP SHEET	TOTAL (A1-A3)
<b>Impact Assessment</b>				
GWP excl biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.93E+00	3.61E+00	5.54E+00
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	5.75E-09	4.22E-10	6.17E-09
AP	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	5.08E-03	7.67E-03	1.27E-02
EP	kg N eq	3.32E-04	1.06E-03	1.39E-03
SFP	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	8.53E-02	1.39E-01	2.25E-01
ADP <sub>f</sub>	MJ	1.00E+02	1.72E+02	2.72E+02
<b>Resources Use</b>				
RPR <sub>e</sub>	MJ	1.95E+00	6.72E+00	8.67E+00
NRPR <sub>e</sub>	MJ	1.02E+02	1.76E+02	2.78E+02
SM	kg	5.27E-02	3.86E-03	5.66E-02
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	7.31E-03	3.73E-02	4.46E-02
<b>Output Flows and Waste Categories</b>				
HWD	kg	4.17E-09	1.93E-09	6.10E-09
NHWD	kg	2.67E-01	4.69E-01	7.36E-01
HLRW	kg	8.90E-07	1.64E-06	2.53E-06
ILLRW	kg	7.46E-04	1.39E-03	2.14E-03
MR	kg	1.02E-02	1.75E-01	1.86E-01
<b>Carbon Emissions and Removals</b>				
BCRK	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	1.63E-01	1.65E-02	1.80E-01





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