Environmental Product Declaration

Medium Density Fiberboard – Medford Facility

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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, when they comply with all referenced standards, use the same sub-category PCR, and use equivalent scenarios with respct to construction works. 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. Comparison of the environmental performance of Structural and Architectural Wood Products using EPD information shall be based on the product's use and impacts at the building level, and therefore EPDs may not be used for comparability purposes when not considering the building energy phase as instructed under this PCR.

Foreword

This Type III environmental declaration is developed according to ISO 21930 and 14025 for medium density fiberboard (MDF) This EPD reports environmental impacts based on established life cycle impact assessment methods. The reported environmental impacts are estimates, and their level of accuracy may differ for a particular product line and reported impact. LCAs do not generally address site-specific environmental issues related to resource extraction or toxic effects of products on human health. Unreported environmental impacts include (but are not limited to) factors attributable to human health, land use change and habitat destruction. Forest certification systems and government regulations address some of these issues. The product in this EPD conforms to ASTM D9-09ae1. EPDs do not report product environmental performance against any benchmark.

Product System

Product Description

MDF is defined under the ASTM International (ASTM) D1554-10 reference standard and under the Construction Specification Institute (CSI) Masterformat for common applications such as millwork (06 22 00), interior architectural millwork (06 40 23), and wood trim (06 46 00). It can be manufactured in a variety of grades, dimensions, and panel sizes. This product line is sold under the trademark names Medite®, Medite® II, Medex®, Medite® FR, Arreis®, Armorite®, Medite® II 3D, Medite® 3D, Arreis® Ultra, and Medite® Lite.

The production data used in this EPD is presented in cubic meters, but includes the following possible dimensions:

- Lengths: 6’, 8’, 9’, 10’, 12’, 14’, 16’
- Widths: 4’, 5’
- Thicknesses: ¼” to 1-1/2”

Specific panel properties for Roseburg MDF products are available by product brand at www.roseburg.com/ProductGroup/roseburg-mdf.

The wood used in the manufacturing of composite wood panels like MDF are the by-products of sawmills and other wood manufacturing facilities nearby, and therefore typically reflect the predominant species in a particular geographic region. Douglas-fir is abundant in the Pacific Northwestern U.S.

Application and Technical Data

Applications for MDF include; cabinetry, furniture, shelving, casework, wall panels, moulding, millwork, elevator panels, thermally-fused laminate panels, and core for hardwood plywood panels.

Production

Wood residues are generated as a co-product in the milling of lumber, and generated as sawdust and wood waste in the fabrication of wood products. These wood residues are refined and fiberized to then be blended with resins, catalysts, and other additives, then pressed, cooled, sanded, and trimmed. Finally, the product is packaged for shipping. The result is a very dense, homogenous panel that allows for detailed machining and profiling. All of these processes require electricity, fuels, and wood inputs as biomass fuel. MDF is typically packaged using a combination of MDF bolsters, plastic or steel strapping, and cardboard / corrugate. Average transportation distances via truck and rail are included for the transport of the raw materials to production facilities.

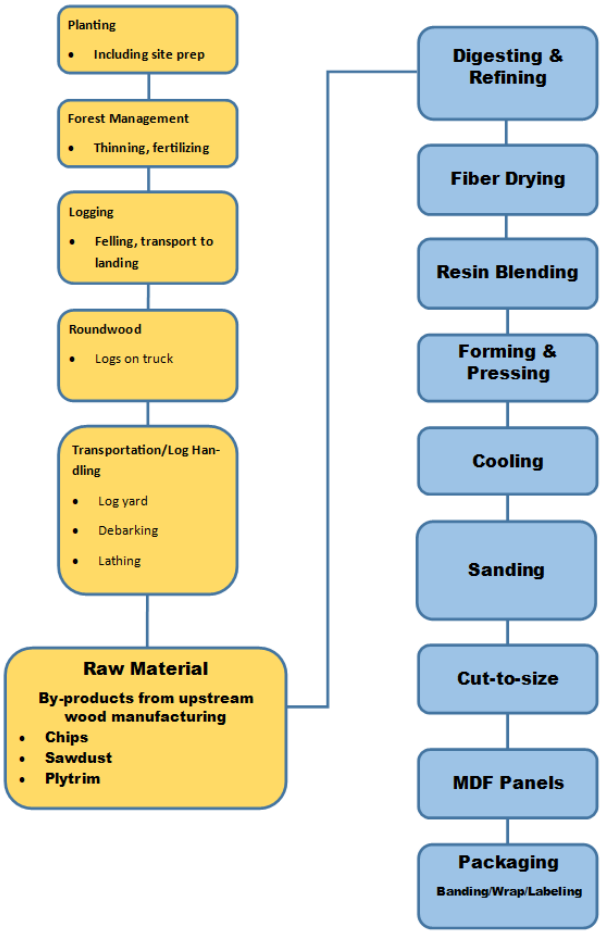

Figure 1: Cradle-to-gate product system for medium density fiberboard

Methodology of the Underlying LCA

Declared Unit

The declared unit is one cubic meter (1 m^3) of MDF. Table 1 shows additional details related to the functional unit.

Table 1: Declared Unit Details

	VALUE	UNIT
Declared Unit	1	m^3
Mass	656	Dry kg
Density (dry)	656	kg/m^3
Moisture Content	5	%

The general composition of MDF at the Medford facility is represented in Table 2.

Table 2: Material Composition per Functional Unit

	MEDFORD [%]
Wood Inputs	94.1
Resin	5.90

This product is packaged in steel strapping made of steel, plastic strapping made of plastic, and cardboard boxes made of cardboard. It is recommended the packaging materials are reused where possible. The wood inputs are entirely wood residues. The resin is a mixture of MDI resin, polybor, and urea-formaldehyde resin.

This product fulfills the requirements of U.S. EPA TSCA Title VI (40 CFR Part 770) Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products. Verification of third-party certification can be downloaded from www.roseburg.com. Beyond formaldehyde, no hazardous materials are contained in, or result from the production of, any of the products assessed in this study.

Information pertaining to the classification of the substances used to manufacture any of Roseburg's MDF products including composition information, first aid measures, fire fighting measures, accidental release measures, handling and storage, exposure controls/PPE, physical and chemical properties, stability and reactivity, toxicological information, ecological information, disposal considerations, transport information, and regulatory information are contained in the product Safety Data Sheet which is available to download from the Roseburg website at www.roseburg.com.

System Boundaries

As shown in Figure 2, the cradle-to-gate system boundary includes the extraction of raw materials and processing; the transportation of raw materials, secondary materials, and any fuels from the extraction site ot the manufacturing site; and the manufacturing of the wood construction product, including any necessary packaging. All other life cycle stages are excluded from the analysis, denoted by MND or "module not declared."

	PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCT-ION 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
EPD Type	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

Figure 2: Life cycle stages of wood products (those included are marked with an 'x')

Cut-off Rules

Material and energy inputs greater than 1% (based on total mass of the final product) were included within the scope of analysis. Material or energy inputs less than 1% were included if sufficient data was available to warrant inclusion and/or the material input was thought to have significant environmental impact. Cumulative excluded material and inputs, and environmental impacts are less than 5% based on total weight of the functional unit.

The list of excluded materials and energy inputs include:

- Some material inputs may have been excluded within the datasets used for this project. All datasets have been critically reviewed and conform to the exclusion requirement of the PCR.
- Capital and material infrastructure

Beyond this, no inputs or outputs were actively excluded.

Background Data

Background data for upstream and downstream data are representative for 2022 Ecoinvent 3.9.1, and SLCI.

Data Quality

Overall data quality is considered good. Improvements can be made through the modification of datasets to incorporate more regional specificity, both in terms of energy and technology. However, the data were considered appropriate in relation to the goal, scope, and budget of the project.

Primary data in the form of energy consumption and water consumption were normalized based on total mass of production during the same time frame. The resulting energy and water per unit were used for product manufactured at the facilities under study. Overall, primary energy and water data quality are considered good.

Primary data also includes the bills of materials used to formulate the products that are included in the study. Overall, this data is considered excellent. Upstream data quality can be increased through the use of supplier-specific secondary datasets.

Period under Review

This study is intended to represent production for the year 2022.

Region under Review

MDF production occurs in El Dorade, AR, Pembroke, ON, Canada, and Medford, OR. However, this EPD is only representative of MDF production at the Medford, OR facility.

Treatment of Biogenic Carbon

The product system represented in this EPD includes the information modules A1, A2 and A3. According to ISO 21930 7.2.7, if a bio-based material containing biogenic carbon leaves the studied product system at the system boundary between product systems in information modules C1 to C4 (or any other information module), this export of bio-based material and associated flow of biogenic carbon is reported as an export of biogenic carbon expressed in CO2 in the LCI and characterized with +1 kg CO2e/kg CO2 of biogenic carbon in the calculation of the GWP in the respective information module C1 to C4 (or any other information module). The following results apply this methodology to the biogenic carbon present in the primary product as it leaves the manufacturer in module A3.

Allocation

Multi-output allocation generally follows the requirements of ISO 14044, Section 4.3.2.2. The method of multi-output allocation was determined based on the requirements and guidance of UL Part A, section 3.3 and additionally considers the following as per the PCR:

“Mass should be used as the primary basis for co-product allocation in this Part B. Allocation methods deemed more appropriate than on the basis of mass may be used but only when justified.”

This allocation method applies both to wood waste as an output and as an input (i.e. wood waste used in particleboard manufacturing). Co-product, ancillary material, and energy allocation were done using mass.This method aligns with industry-average EPDs on the products under study.

Comparability

This PCR allows EPD comparability only when the same functional requirements between products are ensured and the requirements of ISO 21930:2017 §5.5 are met. It should be noted that different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to differences results for upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared. Comparison of the environmental performance using EPD information shall consider all relevant information modules over the full life cycle of the products within the building.

Additional Statements

While this EPD does not address landscape level forest management impacts, potential impacts may be addressed through requirements put forth in regional regulatory frameworks, ASTM 7612-15 guidance, and ISO 21930 Section 7.2.11 including notes therein. These documents, combined with this EPD, may provide a more complete picture of environmental and social performance of wood products.

While this EPD does not address all forest management activities that influence forest carbon, wildlife habitat, endangered species, and soil and water quality, these potential impacts may be addressed through other mechanisms such as regulatory frameworks and/or forest certification systems which, combined with this EPD, will give a more complete picture of environmental and social performance of wood products.

EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address environmental impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, etc.

National or regional life cycle averaged data for raw material extraction does not distinguish between extraction practices at specific sites and can greatly affect the resulting impacts.

EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address environmental impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, 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 when averaging data. Variability was estimated in this EPD by The was no method used to estimate variability in this EPD because no data averaging was used.

Life Cycle Assessments Results

The impact categories presented 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 thresholds, safety margins, or risks.

The LCIA results are presented for 1 m^3 of MDF produced in Medford, OR in Table 3.

Table 3: Weighted average LCIA Results for 1 m^3 of Medium Density Fiberboard produced by Roseburg at their Medford, OR facility

IMPACT CATEGORY	TOTAL	A1	A2	A3
LCIA Impact Indicators – TRACI 2.1 and IPCC AR5				
IPCC AR5 GWP incl. bio [kg CO_2 eq]	**-4.14E+02**	-8.10E+02	1.49E+01	3.81E+02

IMPACT CATEGORY	TOTAL	A1	A2	A3
IPCC AR5 GWP excl. bio [kg CO_2 eq]	**4.92E+02**	1.76E+02	1.48E+01	3.01E+02
GWP TRACI excl. bio [kg CO2e]	**4.83E+02**	1.72E+02	1.47E+01	2.96E+02
AP [kg SO_2 eq]	**2.74E+00**	1.07E+00	8.11E-02	1.59E+00
EP [kg N eq]	**1.41E+00**	1.11E-01	6.50E-03	1.29E+00
ODP [kg CFC 11 eq]	**3.64E-05**	6.13E-06	2.58E-08	3.03E-05
SFP [kg O3 eq]	**3.38E+01**	1.50E+01	2.34E+00	1.64E+01
Resource Use Parameters				
RPRE [MJ]	**2.69E+03**	2.20E+01	3.37E-01	2.66E+03
RPRM [MJ]	**1.54E+04**	1.53E+04	8.71E-02	1.57E+02
NRPRE [MJ]	**6.33E+03**	1.65E+03	1.86E+02	4.49E+03
NRPRM [MJ]	**1.63E+03**	1.57E+03	0.00E+00	5.74E+01
SM [kg]	**0.00E+00**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RSF [MJ]	**1.80E+03**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.80E+03
NRSF [MJ]	**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
FW [m3]	**1.57E+02**	6.24E-01	2.42E+00	1.54E+02
ADPF [MJ]	**7.36E+03**	3.16E+03	1.84E+02	4.01E+03
Waste Parameters and Output Flows				
HWD [kg]	**1.21E+00**	1.03E+00	2.19E-04	1.72E-01
NHWD [kg]	**5.59E+01**	8.57E+00	2.57E-01	4.71E+01
HLRW [kg]	**3.33E-07**	4.98E-08	1.45E-09	2.82E-07
ILLRW [kg]	**2.66E-06**	2.09E-07	7.00E-09	2.44E-06
CRU [kg]	**0.00E+00**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MR [kg]	**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

IMPACT CATEGORY	TOTAL	A1	A2	A3
EE [kg]	**0.00E+00**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Indicators				
BCRP [kg CO2]	**-1.50E+03**	-1.50E+03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
BCEP [kg CO2]	**1.29E+03**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.29E+03
BCRK [kg CO2]	**-1.45E+01**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	-1.45E+01
BCEK [kg CO2]	**1.45E+01**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.45E+01
BCEW [kg CO2]	**0.00E+00**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
CCE [kg CO2]	**0.00E+00**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
CCR [kg CO2]	**0.00E+00**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
CWNR [kg CO2]	**0.00E+00**	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

A dominance analysis was performed to show which of the life cycle modules contributes to the majority of the impacts.

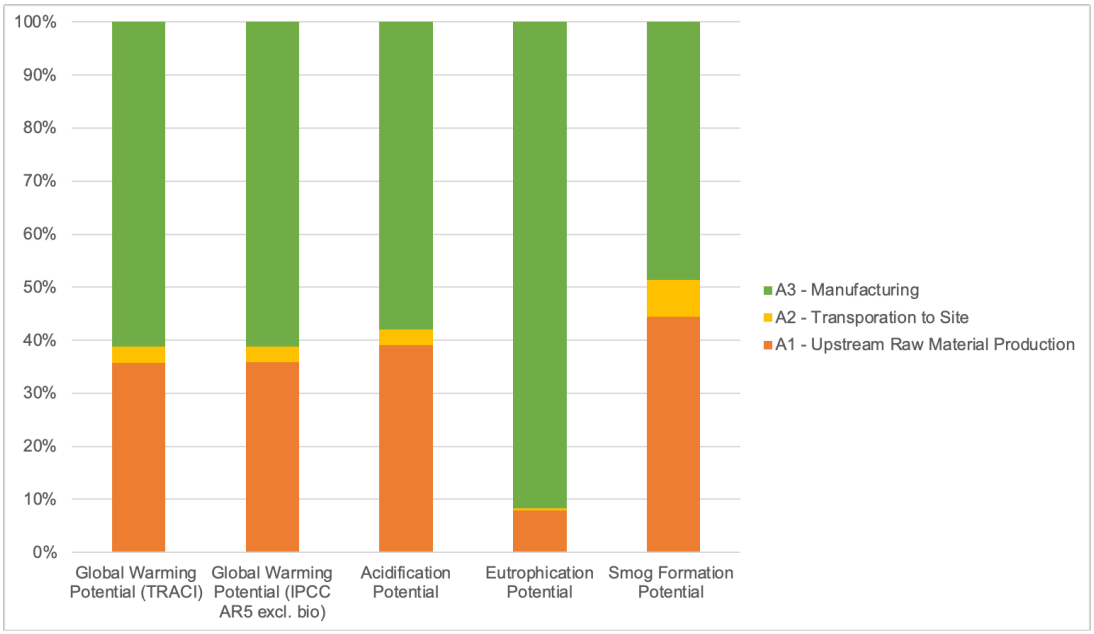

Figure 3: Dominance analysis for 1 cubic meter of MDF produced by Roseburg at their Medford, OR facility.

The impacts are being driven primarily by manufacturing followed by upstream raw material production consistently

across multiple indicators. The exception is the eutrophication potential which is driven almost entirely by manufacturing. 36.4% of the impacts of GWP are being driven by purchased electricity at the facility followed by self-generated steam (21.72%). The wood residue and MDI Resin account for 12.8% and 14.1% of the impacts of GWP respectively. These trends are similar across other key impact indicators with purchased electricity and self-generated steam driving the majority of the impacts.

Throughout this report, value choices and judgments that may have affected the LCA have been described. Additional decisions are summarized below:

- The inclusion of overhead energy data was determined appropriate due to the inability to sub-meter and isolate manufacturing energy from overhead energy.
- The use and selection of secondary datasets – The selection of which generic dataset to use to represent an aspect of a supply chain is a significant value choice. Collaboration between the LCA practitioner, the manufacturer, and data experts was invaluable in determining best-case scenarios in the selection of data. However, no generic data can be a perfect fit. Improved supply chain-specific data would improve the accuracy of results, however budgetary and time constraints also must be considered.

Some limitations to the study have been identified as follows:

- The availability of geographically more accurate datasets would have improved the accuracy of the study.
- Only known and quantifiable environmental impacts are considered.
- Due to the assumptions and value choices listed above, these do not reflect real-life scenarios and hence they cannot assess actual and exact impacts, but only potential environmental impacts.

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