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Road Restraint Systems

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Basic information

This declaration is the Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) based on EN 15804+A2 and verified according to ISO 14025 by an external auditor. It contains the information on the impacts of the declared construction materials on the environment and their aspects verified by the independent body according to ISO 14025. Basically, comparison or evaluation of EPD data is possible only if all the compared data were created according to EN 15804+A2.

Life cycle analysis (LCA): A1-A3, A4-A5, C1-C4 and D modules in accordance with EN 15804+A2 (Cradle-to-Gate with options)

The year of preparing the EPD: 2024

Product standards: EN 1090-1, EN ISO 3834-3, EN 1317-5

Service Life: >10 years, with normal use in non-acidic and non-alkaline environments,

PCR: ITB-PCR A (v1.6)

Declared unit: 1 ton

Reasons for performing LCA: B2B

Representativeness: Germany, Europe, 2023

MANUFACTURER

The main production site is located in Schmelz – Limbach, Saarland Region, Germany.
Road restraint systems are both produced and galvanized at the same location.
The product range meets all demands which are required from modern restraint systems for every road class.
Meiser production range consist of steel barriers, steel guardrails lined with wood, temporary barriers, as well as wide range of special solutions like gates or transitions between barriers.

Figure 1 The view of MEISER Straßenausstattung GmbH manufacturing plant located in Schmelz – Limbach

In Schemelz – Limbach MEISER is capable to produce wide range of different steel, welded and galvanized elements, according to different and specific requirements such as EN1317, RAL RG 620, NF, Copro, Astra .

PRODUCTS DESCRIPTION

The product range covered by this EPD, meets all demands which are placed on modern restraint systems all road classes, and includes product types: Single-sided systems, Double-sided systems, Single-sided systems for bridges, Double-sided systems for bridges, Median barrier gates, Wood-steel road guardrails, Temporary systems, End treatments and special systems, Motorcycle barriers. The main purpose of vehicle restraint systems is to absorb and reduce the force of a vehicle during an impact. They achieve this through deformation or displacement, thus reducing the severity of the accident by effectively limiting the damage sustained by the occupants of the vehicle involved. They also protect the surrounding environment - buildings, road furniture, trees, from vehicle movements. The product are manufactured by processing the steel coil materials: hotrolled steel, hot-dip galvanised steel with magnelis coating.

All additional technical information about the product is available on the manufacturer's website.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – general rules applied

Unit

The declared unit is 1 ton of steel barriers (averaged). Declared unit refer to different product. However, the same manufacturing process and the similarities of product allow a declared unit based on mass unit of products.

System boundary

The life cycle analysis of the declared products covers “Product Stage” A1-A3, A4, C2-C4+D modules in accordance with EN 15804 and ITB PCR A (cradle to gate with options). Energy and water consumption, emissions as well as information on generated wastes were inventoried and were included in the calculation. It can be assumed that the total sum of omitted processes does not exceed 2% of all impact categories. In accordance with EN 15804+A2, machines and facilities (capital goods) required for the production as well as transportation of employees were not included in LCA.

Allocation

The allocation rules used for this EPD are based on general ITB ’s document PCR A. In the modules A1-A3, material losses in the assembly of the products in the factory are defined on the averaged specific values for the site. Input and output data from the production is inventoried and allocated to the production on the mass basis. The declaration covers a wide range of products (averaged). Their production resources and processing stages are basically similar, so it was possible to average the production by product volume.

System limits

99.9% materials and 100% energy consumption were inventoried in a factory and were included in calculation. In the assessment, all significant parameters from gathered production data are considered, utilized energy, and electric power consumption, direct production waste, and available emission measurements. The total of neglected input flows per module A1-A3 does not exceed the permitted maximum of 1 % of energy usage and product mass. Tires consumption for transport was not taken into account. The components like: lubricants, steel straps, plastic straps, squared timber with a mass percentage share of less than 0.1% were not included in the calculations. It is assumed that the total sum of omitted processes does not exceed 2% of all impact categories. In accordance with EN 15804 machines and facilities (capital goods) required for and during production are excluded, as is transportation of employees.

Modules A1 and A2: *Raw materials supply and transport*

Steel semi-finished products used for the production of the steel barriers comes from specific steel mills. Data on transport of the different products to the manufacturing plants is collected and modelled for factory by assessor. For A2 module (transport) European averages for fuel data are applied.

Module A3: *Production*

At the beginning of the production process, the required steel materials are collected. Prepared material is a subjected to cutting, marking, bending and galvanizing. The component undergoes operations providing the proper quality of its edges and is assembled and welded according to a project. The production processes carried out at MEISER Straßenausstattung GmbH are shown in Figure 2.

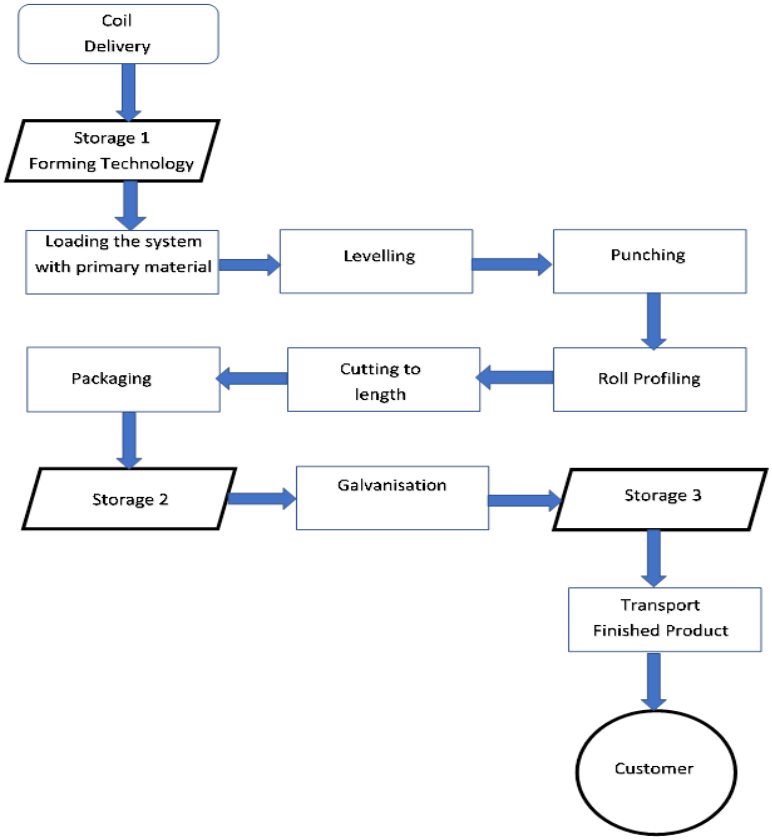

Figure 2 Manufacturing process scheme (A1-A3), with forming/assembly process in Schmelz – Limbach (A3)

Module A4: transport to consumer

Vehicle transport at distance 100 km is considered (emission standard: Euro 5) with 100% load capacity. In case of another specific distance to consumer, the impact values may be re-calculated from module A4 based on the proportion principle. In the case of sea transport by container, a conversion factor of 1 kg CO_2 per tonne of material transported over a distance of 100 km can be assumed.

Modules *C and D: End-of-life (EOL)*

Due to the fact that the declaration covers a wide range of products for various purposes and usage scenarios, it is not possible to directly specify the de-construction technology and the amount of energy for disassembly in C1 module (so this module is generic scenario based on literature). In the adapted end-of-life scenario, the de-constructed steel products are transported to a metal mill distant by 100 km on > 16t lorry EURO 5 where are used as scrap to produce a new metals. The recycling potential of C3 module is 95% and it is assumed that only 5% of the products will end up in a landfill – C4 module (Table 1). Module D presents credits resulting from the recycling of the scrap (used for steel production), calculated in accordance with the approach developed by World Steel Association.

Table 1 End-of-life scenario for the Steel barriers

Material	Material recovery	Recycling	Landfilling
steel scrap	100%	95%	5%

Electricity at end-of-life (module C) has been modelled using an average german electricity mix as the location where the product reaches end-of-life is unknown.

Data collection period

The data for manufacture of the declared products refer to period between 01.01.2023 – 31.12.2023 (1 year). The life cycle assessments were prepared for Geramany and Europe as reference area.

Data quality

The data selected for LCA originate from ITB-LCI questionnaires completed by MEISER Straßenausstattung GmbH and verified during data audit. No data collected is older than five years and no generic datasets used are older than ten years. The representativeness, completeness, reliability, and consistency is judged as good. The background data for the processes come from the following resources database Ecoinvent v.3.10 (screws, nuts, PE, timber, plastic, lubricants) and specific EPDs from suppliers (hot rolled steel, hot dip galvanised steel with magnelis coating).

Assumptions and estimates

The impacts of the representative products were aggregated using weighted average.

Calculation rules

LCA was performed using ITB-LCA tool developed in accordance with EN15804+A2. Emission of greenhouse gases was calculated using the IPCC 2013 GWP method with a 100-year horizon. Emission of acidifying substances, Emission of substances to water contributing to oxygen depletion, Emission of gases that contribute to the creation of ground-level ozone, Abiotic depletion, and ozone depletion emissions where all calculated with the CML-IA baseline method

Additional information

German electricity (Ecoinvent v 3.10 supplemented by actual national KOBiZE data) emission factor used is 0.465 kg CO2/kWh. As a general rule, no particular environmental or health protection measures other than those specified by law are necessary.

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – Results

Declared unit

The declaration refers to declared unit (DU) – 1 ton of steel barriers produced in Europe. The following life cycle modules (Table 2) were included in the analysis. The following tables 3-6 show the environmental impacts of the life cycle of selected modules (A1-A5+C1-C4+D).

Table 2 System boundaries for the environmental characteristic of the product.

Environmental assessment information (MD – Module Declared, MND – Module Not Declared, INA – Indicator Not Assessed)															
Product stage			Construction process		Use stage							End of life				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to construction site	Construction-installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-recovery-recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
MD	MD	MD	MD	MD	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MD	MD	MD	MD	MD

Table 3 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product – environmental impacts of (DU: 1 ton)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Potential	eq. kg CO_2	2.45E+03	6.31E+01	2.30E+02	2.74E+03	1.67E+01	3.43E+00	4.11E+00	1.67E+01	4.08E+00	5.32E-01	-1.44E+03
Greenhouse potential - fossil	eq. kg CO_2	3.74E+01	6.28E+01	2.22E+02	3.22E+02	1.66E+01	3.43E+00	4.11E+00	1.66E+01	4.19E+00	5.26E-01	-1.44E+03
Greenhouse potential - biogenic	eq. kg CO_2	-1.58E+00	2.31E-01	8.11E+00	6.76E+00	5.68E-02	1.00E-01	1.20E-01	5.68E-02	2.91E-02	5.31E-03	4.36E+00
Global warming potential - land use and land use change	eq. kg CO_2	3.09E-02	2.53E-02	4.32E-01	4.88E-01	6.52E-03	1.20E-03	1.44E-03	6.52E-03	3.69E-03	5.33E-04	-1.35E-01
Stratospheric ozone depletion potential	eq. kg CFC 11	4.47E-08	1.45E-05	2.60E-05	4.05E-05	3.85E-06	7.00E-08	8.40E-08	3.85E-06	7.78E-08	1.60E-07	-5.23E-05
Soil and water acidification potential	eq. mol H+	1.51E+01	2.57E-01	1.77E+01	3.31E+01	6.75E-02	3.80E-02	4.56E-02	6.75E-02	2.12E-02	4.44E-03	-5.72E+00
Eutrophication potential - freshwater	eq. kg P	4.27E-01	4.43E-03	1.57E-01	5.89E-01	1.12E-03	6.50E-03	7.80E-03	1.12E-03	9.98E-03	1.53E-04	-6.23E-01
Eutrophication potential - seawater	eq. kg N	1.17E+00	7.80E-02	8.02E-01	2.05E+00	2.04E-02	5.50E-03	6.60E-03	2.04E-02	7.34E-03	1.53E-03	-1.26E+00
Eutrophication potential - terrestrial	eq. mol N	1.28E+01	8.50E-01	7.62E+01	8.98E+01	2.22E-01	4.65E-02	5.58E-02	2.22E-01	7.86E-02	1.67E-02	-1.37E+01
Potential for photochemical ozone synthesis	eq. kg NMVOC	4.35E+00	2.60E-01	8.78E-01	5.48E+00	6.80E-02	1.30E-02	1.56E-02	6.80E-02	2.69E-02	4.82E-03	-7.19E+00
Potential for depletion of abiotic resources - non-fossil resources	eq. kg Sb	1.36E-02	2.24E-04	5.30E-02	6.68E-02	5.89E-05	1.67E-05	2.00E-05	5.89E-05	2.02E-05	1.78E-06	-2.63E-02
Abiotic depletion potential - fossil fuels	MJ	2.13E+04	9.32E+02	3.23E+03	2.55E+04	2.47E+02	5.80E+01	6.96E+01	2.47E+02	6.46E+01	1.22E+01	-1.21E+04
Water deprivation potential	eq. m^3	1.86E+00	4.44E+00	1.70E+02	1.77E+02	1.14E+00	1.20E+00	1.44E+00	1.14E+00	7.58E-01	7.06E-02	-2.27E+02

Table 4 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product – additional impacts indicators (DU: 1 ton)

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4-A5	C1-C4	D
Particulate matter	disease incidence	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential human exposure efficiency relative to U235	eg. kBq U235	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems	CTUe	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (non-cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential soil quality index	dimensionless	INA	INA	INA	INA

Table 5 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product - the resource use (DU: 1 ton)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Consumption of renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	5.50E+02	1.42E+01	6.04E+01	6.25E+02	3.54E+00	4.30E+00	5.16E+00	3.54E+00	5.85E+00	2.14E-01	-1.00E+03
Consumption of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	1.70E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.70E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Total consumption of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	5.67E+02	1.42E+01	3.36E+02	9.18E+02	3.54E+00	4.30E+00	5.16E+00	3.54E+00	5.85E+00	2.14E-01	-1.00E+03
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	2.13E+04	9.32E+02	2.51E+02	2.25E+04	2.47E+02	5.82E+01	6.98E+01	2.47E+02	6.46E+01	1.31E+01	-1.17E+04
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	1.60E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.60E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Total consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	2.13E+04	9.32E+02	3.46E+03	2.57E+04	2.47E+02	5.82E+01	6.98E+01	2.47E+02	6.46E+01	1.31E+01	-1.17E+04
Consumption of secondary materials	kg	1.17E+02	3.21E-01	5.79E-02	1.18E+02	8.27E-02	5.30E-03	6.36E-03	8.27E-02	3.39E-02	0.00E+00	-1.88E+02
Consumption of renew. secondary fuels	MJ	2.41E-01	3.44E-03	2.91E-04	2.45E-01	9.11E-04	2.95E-05	3.55E-05	9.11E-04	2.73E-04	0.00E+00	-2.41E-01
Consumption of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.70E-02	5.63E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Net consumption of freshwater	m^3	4.50E+00	1.21E-01	3.20E+00	7.82E+00	3.10E-02	1.58E-02	1.89E-02	3.10E-02	2.29E-02	1.90E-03	-1.02E+01

Table 6 Life cycle assessment (LCA) results for specific product – waste categories (DU: 1 ton)

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste	kg	3.42E-02	1.08E+00	9.73E-01	2.09E+00	2.77E-01	6.00E-04	7.20E-04	2.77E-01	1.42E-01	1.91E-05	-9.09E+02
Non-hazardous waste	kg	1.37E+01	1.95E+01	1.25E+02	1.58E+02	4.92E+00	3.12E-02	3.74E-02	4.92E+00	5.30E+00	5.01E+01	-3.43E+03
Radioactive waste	kg	-7.73E-03	7.48E-05	1.38E-02	6.10E-03	1.84E-05	4.35E-05	5.22E-05	1.84E-05	3.36E-05	7.39E-05	4.47E-02
Components for re-use	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	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	1.11E-01	2.90E-03	3.00E+01	3.01E+01	7.64E-04	6.00E-05	7.20E-05	7.64E-04	2.13E-03	0.00E+00	-1.49E-01
Materials for energy recovery	kg	1.35E-06	2.36E-05	3.79E-06	2.87E-05	6.18E-06	5.25E-07	6.30E-07	6.18E-06	2.72E-06	0.00E+00	-9.31E-03
Exported Energy	MJ	2.48E-02	0.00E+00	3.89E+00	3.92E+00	0.00E+00	1.73E-01	2.08E-01	0.00E+00	7.96E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

Verification

The process of verification of this EPD is in accordance with ISO 14025 and ISO 21930. After verification, this EPD is valid for a 5-year-period. EPD does not have to be recalculated after 5 years, if the underlying data have not changed significantly.

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Normative references

- ITB PCR A General Product Category Rules for Construction Products (v.1.6.,2023)
- PN-EN 12266-1:2012 - Badania armatury metalowej -- Część 1: Próby ciśnieniowe, procedury badawcze i kryteria odbioru -- Wymagania obowiązkowe
- ISO 14025:2006, Environmental labels and declarations – Type III environmental declarations – Principles and procedures
- ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works – Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services
- ISO 14044:2006 Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidelines
- ISO 15686-1:2011 Buildings and constructed assets – Service life planning – Part 1: General principles and framework
- ISO 15686-8:2008 Buildings and constructed assets – Service life planning – Part 8: Reference service life and service-life estimation
- EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Core rules for the product category of construction products
- ISO 14067:2018 Greenhouse gases — Carbon footprint of products — Requirements and guidelines for quantification
- PN-EN 15942:2012 Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Communication format business-to-business
- ISO 20915:2018 Life cycle inventory calculation methodology for steel products
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- World Steel Association 2017 Life Cycle inventory methodology report for steel products

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EN 15804+A2

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This certificate, issued on 7th October 2024 is valid for 5 years
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