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700 SERIES FIBERGLAS™ INSULATION

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700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation Faced with ASJ Max Facing



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Product Definition and Information

Product Description

700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulations are flexible, semi-rigid or rigid rectangular boards used for a variety of thermal and acoustical insulating projects. They are made of inorganic glass fibers with a thermosetting binder and are available in a variety of thicknesses, densities and facing options. 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulations save energy and reduce heat transfer, lowering heating and cooling costs. They also efficiently reduce sound transmission.

Manufacturing Locations

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) represents the production of 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation manufactured at the Owens Corning Newark Insulation Plant located at 400 Case Ave, Newark, OH 43055.

Application and Uses

Type 701 – Lightweight, resilient, flexible insulation in batt or blanket form, used on mechanical equipment with irregular surfaces where compressive strength is not a performance issue and where an exterior finish will be supported mechanically.

Type 703 – Semi-rigid boards for use on mechanical equipment, storage tanks and air conditioning ductwork.

Type 705 – A high-strength, rigid board for use on chillers, hot and cold equipment, and heating and air conditioning ductwork where high abuse resistance and good appearance are required.

Type 706 & 707 – Insulation for use in acoustical wall panels and specialized ceiling applications.

Types 703 and 705 are available with factory-applied FRK (foil reinforced kraft), ASJ (All-Service Jacket), or ASJ Max facings. Both facings are vapor retarders and provide finished appearance in mechanical applications. ASJ Max is replacing ASJ in calendar year 2015.

Installation

700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation is made for easy handling and installation. As a semi-rigid product that is easy to cut and install, its flexibility allows it to conform to building shapes and construction irregularities.

Types 703 and 705 are board insulations usually impaled over weld pins on flat surfaces. They are cut in segments and banded in place on irregular surfaces.

Find detailed installation instructions at www.owenscorningcommercial.com



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Production

Material Content

700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation consists of two major components, the glass fiber, and the binder system. The glass fiber is made from various inorganic minerals, which are referred to as batch chemicals. The binder system consists of non-renewable organic materials.

Table 1: Material Content for 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation

Material	Function	Quantity (mass%)	Non-Renewable	Renewable	Recycle Material	Origin	Transportation Mode	Transportation (Miles)
Cullet	Glass Batch	45-48%				North America	Truck	120-150
Silicates	Glass Batch	0-3%				North America	Truck	525-600
Sand	Glass Batch	14-17%				North America	Truck	20-50
Borates	Glass Batch	10-13%				Global	Rail	525-600
Soda Ash	Glass Batch	3-6%				North America	Rail	1600
Other Oxides	Glass Batch	<1%				North America	Truck/Rail	535-580
Phenol Urea Formaldehyde Resin	Binder	5-12%				North America	Truck	95-140
Dust Suppressant	Binder	<1%				North America	Truck	95-140
Coupling Agent	Binder	<1%				North America	Truck	95-140
Carboxylic Acid Additive	Binder	<1%				North America	Truck	95-140



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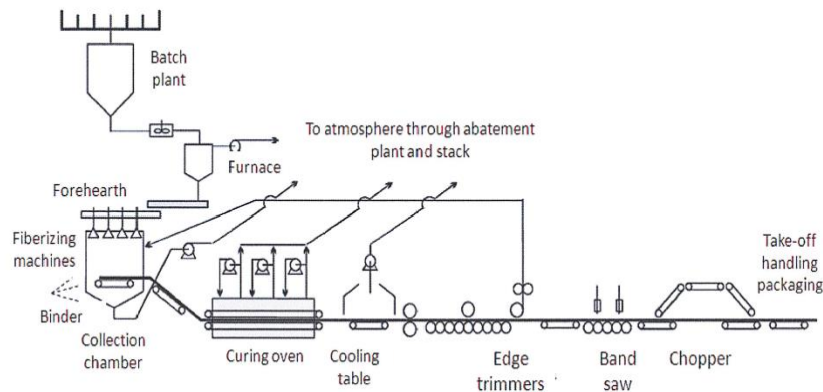
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Table 2: Material Content for Facing Options

Material	Function	%Quantity (Mass/m ²)	Non-Renewable	Renewable	Recycle Material	Origin	Transportation Mode	Transportation (miles)
FRK Facing								
Aluminum Foil	Exterior layer	15-18%				North America	Truck	400-600
Elastomeric Polymer	Barrier coating	11-14%				North America	Truck	400-600
Fiberglass Mat	Reinforcement	17-20%				North America	Truck	400-600
Emulsion	Adhesive	11-14%				North America	Truck	400-600
Natural Kraft	Interior layer	46-49%				North America	Truck	400-600
ASJ Max Facing								
Polymer Film	Exterior layer	25-28%				North America	Truck	400-600
Proprietary	Core	37-40%				North America	Truck	400-600
Fiberglass Mat	Reinforcement	22-25%				North America	Truck	400-600
Aluminum Foil	Interior layer	10-13%				North America	Truck	400-600
ASJ Facing								
High Intensity White Kraft	Exterior layer	51-54%				North America	Truck	400-600
Flame Resister	Adhesive	1-4%				North America	Truck	400-600
Fiberglass Mat	Reinforcement	27-30%				North America	Truck	400-600
Elastomeric Polymer	Barrier coating	3-6%				North America	Truck	400-600
Aluminum Foil	Interior layer	11-14%				North America	Truck	400-600

Manufacturing Process

Figure 1: Owens Corning General Process Flow for unfaced FIBERGLAS™ Products



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Life Cycle Assessment – Product System and Modeling

Functional Unit

The functional unit of the insulation as defined by the PCR is one square meter (m^2) of insulation material with a thickness that gives an average thermal resistance $R_{SI} = 1 m^2 K/W$ and with a building service life of 60 years. Unless indicated otherwise, all results in this declaration have been provided for the functional unit amount of 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation.

Life Cycle Stages Assessed

The underlying LCA, which provides the basis for this EPD, has been prepared following the requirements outlined in the applicable PCR. The LCA evaluates the fiberglass insulation by modeling the product life cycle considering the five stages mandated by the applicable PCR:

- Raw Materials Acquisition
- Manufacturing
- Distribution
- Installation and maintenance
- End-of-life (e.g., disposal, reuse, or recycle)

This EPD presents data that has been aggregated over the aforementioned life cycle stages.



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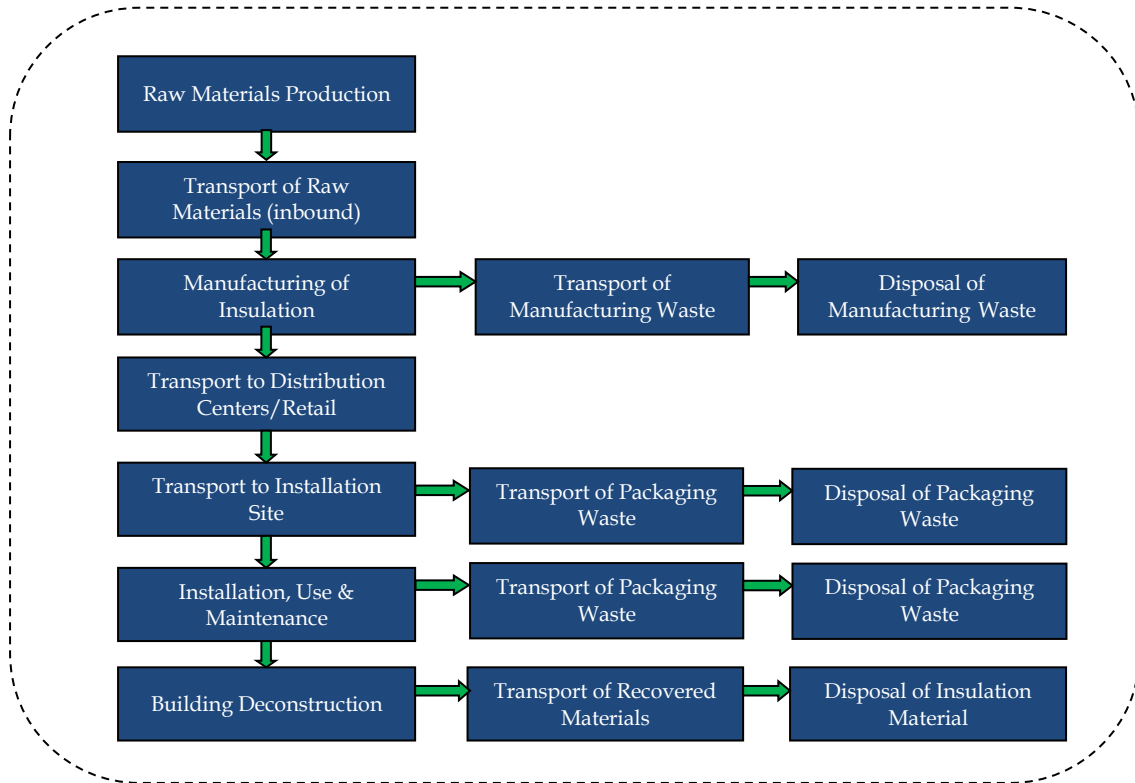


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System Boundaries

Figure 2: System boundaries



Assumptions

Assumptions are normal and necessary in conducting life cycle assessment. For the underlying cradle-to-grave LCA, assumptions have been made for both the installation and maintenance phase as well as the end-of-life phase. Assumptions regarding these phases can be found in the respective sections below.



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Cut Off Criteria

The cut-off criteria for including or excluding materials, energy, and emissions data from the study are listed below, as per the applicable PCR.

- **Mass** – If a flow is less than 2% of the cumulative mass of the model it may be excluded, providing its environmental relevance is not a concern.
- **Energy** – If a flow is less than 1% of the cumulative energy of the model it may be excluded, providing its environmental relevance is not a concern.
- **Environmental relevance** – If a flow meets the above criteria for exclusion, yet is thought to potentially have a significant environmental impact, it will be included. Material flows which leave the system (emissions) and whose environmental impact is greater than 2% of the whole impact of an impact category that has been considered in the assessment must be covered. This judgment was made based on experience and documented as necessary.

The sum of the excluded material flows must not exceed 5% of mass, energy, or environmental relevance. The application of these criteria in the different life cycle steps is documented in the following sections.

- **Infrastructure and capital goods:** Inputs and outputs associated with infrastructure (construction, maintenance and demolition of buildings/plants, road surfaces, transport equipment etc.) are not included. This is based on experience from previous LCAs, where the contribution from these items is negligible due to the long life time of the equipment compared to that from the high production volume of the material during that lifetime;
- **Packaging:** Packaging is of a low mass compared to the quantity of product. As such, it has been excluded to reduce data collection efforts;
- **Workforce burdens:** Similarly, workforce impacts, such as travel to and from work, washing facilities, accommodation, canteen etc. when considered per processed ton of product, are considered likely to be insignificant and have been excluded; and
- **Installation and maintenance:** The mass and energy use at the manufacturing stage is limited to some electric tooling (such as screw drivers) and other small elements to fix the insulation boards. According to Owens Corning's manufacturing and product specialists, its mass and energy contribution is below the cut-off rules.



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Transportation

The transportation stage has been modeled by splitting inbound transportation and outbound transportation (or distribution). Inbound transportation includes the transportation of all raw materials, including the batch, binder and packaging materials from suppliers to the Newark manufacturing facility. The outbound transportation or distribution includes the transportation of the final product to customers.

Period under Consideration

For the Newark, OH manufacturing facility considered in the LCA, Owens Corning primary data was collected for the 2014 calendar year.

Secondary Background Data

Life-cycle modeling and calculation of potential environmental impacts were conducted using the LCA software SimaPro 8.0.4 developed by PRé Consultants bv. The LCI database libraries were the source of the secondary data used in the study. Of the various databases available, the LCI database used primarily for secondary data was the ecoinvent database. In situations where LCI databases did not contain life-cycle inventory data for certain specific materials or processes used in either the manufacturing of precursor, input raw materials or the manufacturing of insulation itself, LCI data for a similar material or process was used as a substitute. In order to determine the most representative substitute, preliminary analyses were conducted.

Data Quality

To determine how representative the data used to model the life-cycle of 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation manufactured in 2014 is, the temporal, geographical and technological aspects of the data were assessed. For Owens Corning's Newark, OH facility analyzed in the underlying LCA study, the data used adequately represents the technology used in 2014 in the United States. The secondary data used from SimaPro LCI databases was the most appropriate and current data available. When production data was not available for a specific material in use, available LCI data on similar materials were analyzed to determine the best surrogate.

Allocation

Owens Corning's Newark facility manufactures multiple products. Primary data of materials and utilities consumption was provided on the facility level instead of the product level, and therefore allocation was required. Machine operating hours (MOH) were used to allocate the utility consumption and other manufacturing impacts (such as air emissions) to each individual product. In transportation the product is volume limited and not mass limited. Since fiberglass products are volume limited for finished goods-transportation, a sensitivity analysis was performed for this study.

Installation and Maintenance

700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation products are installed by hand, which occasionally requires tools and specially designed mechanical fasteners and screws. The energy and material usage associated with the installation stage are below the cut-off rules and therefore have not been considered. The waste generated, furthermore, during installation is limited to the original product packaging. Once installed, insulation requires no maintenance if the environment around it is not disturbed.



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End-of-Life

It is assumed that no recycling occurs at end-of-life and that all construction waste is sent to landfill. The average distance from the demolition site to the construction material landfill is assumed to be 100 miles by use of an industrial garbage truck.

Life Cycle Assessment – Results

Use of Material and Energy Resources

Table 3: Primary Energy Demand per Functional Unit (by Type) for 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation

Environmental Indicator	Unit	700 Series Board Unfaced
Non renewable, fossil oil, coal, natural gas	MJ	9.64E+01
Non-renewable, nuclear	MJ	1.38E+01
Non-renewable, biomass	MJ	1.65E-03
Renewable, biomass	MJ	6.10E-01
Renewable, water	MJ	6.14E-01
Renewable, wind, solar, geothermal	MJ	1.96E-01
TOTAL Primary Energy Demand	MJ	1.12E+02

Table 4: Primary Energy Demand per Functional Unit (by Type) for 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation Facing Materials

Environmental Indicator	Unit	FRK Facing	ASJ Max Facing	ASJ Facing
Non renewable, fossil oil, coal, natural gas	MJ	6.80E+00	9.78E+00	7.92E+00
Non-renewable, nuclear	MJ	3.22E-01	5.62E-01	4.34E-01
Non-renewable, biomass	MJ	4.47E-03	2.99E-03	3.31E-04
Renewable, biomass	MJ	2.02E+00	2.57E+00	3.39E+00
Renewable, water	MJ	4.40E-01	4.96E-01	4.88E-01
Renewable, wind, solar, geothermal	MJ	1.60E-02	2.42E-02	2.56E-02
TOTAL Primary Energy Demand	MJ	9.60E+00	1.34E+01	1.23E+01



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Table 5: Primary Energy Demand per Functional Unit (by Resource) for 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation

Environmental Indicator	Unit	700 Series Board Unfaced
Non-renewable Resources		
Fossil oil	MJ	1.56E+01
Natural gas	MJ	5.56E+01
Coal	MJ	2.49E+01
Fossil, other	MJ	3.55E-01
Nuclear	MJ	1.38E+01
Biomass	MJ	1.65E-03
Non-renewable Total	MJ	1.10E+02
Renewable Resources		
Biomass	MJ	6.10E-01
Water	MJ	6.14E-01
Wind	MJ	1.26E-01
Solar	MJ	4.66E-05
Geothermal	MJ	6.98E-02
Renewable Total	MJ	1.42E+00
TOTAL Primary Energy Demand	MJ	1.12E+02

Table 6: Primary Energy Demand per Functional Unit (by Resource) for 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation Facing Materials

Environmental Indicator	Unit	FRK Facing	ASJ Max Facing	ASJ
Non-renewable Resources				
Fossil oil	MJ	2.18E+00	3.81E+00	2.09E+00
Natural gas	MJ	1.88E+00	2.85E+00	2.71E+00
Coal	MJ	2.69E+00	3.07E+00	3.07E+00
Fossil, other	MJ	4.86E-02	5.52E-02	5.56E-02
Nuclear	MJ	3.22E-01	5.62E-01	4.34E-01
Biomass	MJ	4.47E-03	2.99E-03	3.31E-04
Non-renewable Total	MJ	7.13E+00	1.03E+01	8.36E+00
Renewable Resources				
Biomass	MJ	2.02E+00	2.57E+00	3.39E+00
Water	MJ	4.40E-01	4.96E-01	4.88E-01
Wind	MJ	4.89E-03	6.88E-03	8.02E-03
Solar	MJ	4.67E-06	5.39E-06	5.16E-06
Geothermal	MJ	1.11E-02	1.73E-02	1.75E-02
Renewable Total	MJ	2.47E+00	3.09E+00	3.90E+00
TOTAL Primary Energy Demand	MJ	9.60E+00	1.34E+01	1.23E+01



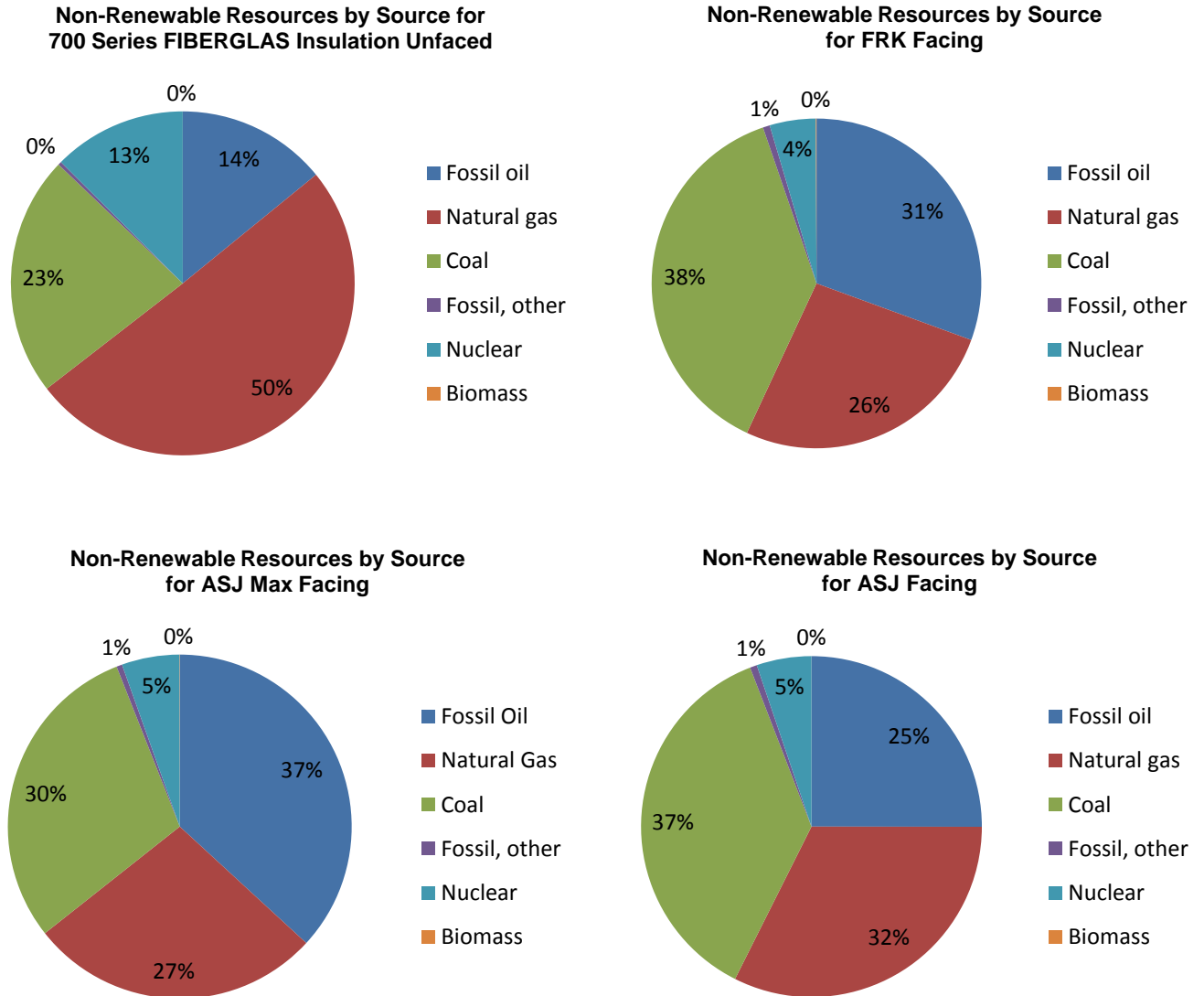
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Figure 3: Non-Renewable Energy Resources by Source for 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation and Facing Options



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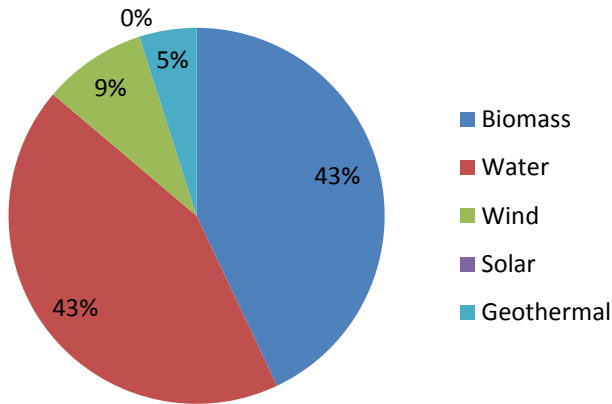


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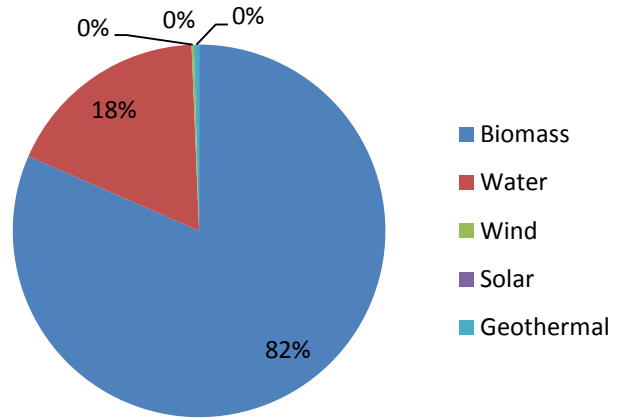
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Figure 4: Renewable Resources by Source for 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation and Facing Options

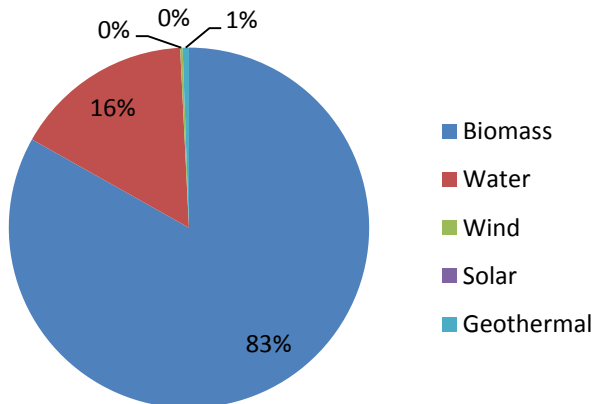
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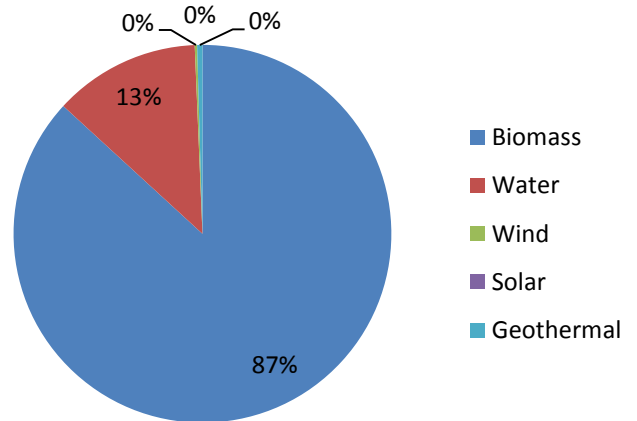
Renewable Resources by Source for FRK Facing



Renewable Resources by Source for ASJ Max Facing



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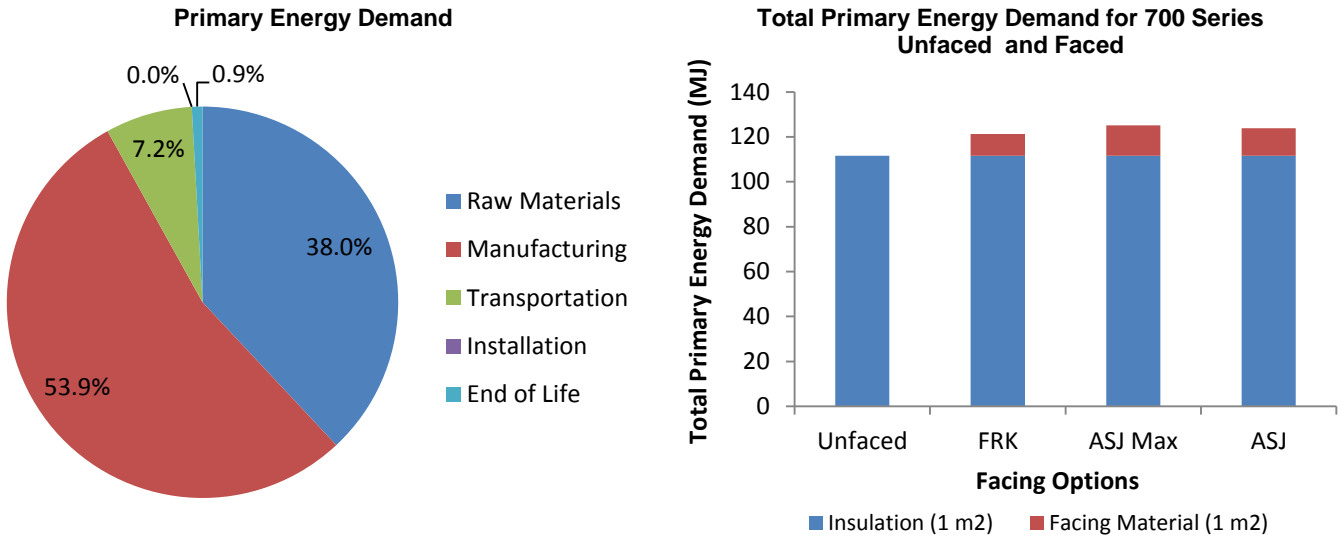
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Figure 5: Primary Energy Demand by Life Cycle Stage for 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation and Facing Material



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Life Cycle Assessment - Results

Table 7: Cradle-to-Gate Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results for 1m² of 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation at R_{SI} = 1

Impact category	Unit	TOTAL	Raw Materials - Batch	Raw Materials - Binder	Inbound transportation	Manufacturing	Distribution	Installation and Maintenance	End-of-life
Global Warming	kg CO ₂ eq	6.02E+00	9.25E-01	7.10E-01	1.11E-01	3.81E+00	4.07E-01	0.00E+00	6.34E-02
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	4.74E-02	5.83E-03	6.05E-03	8.81E-04	3.17E-02	2.53E-03	0.00E+00	4.15E-04
Eutrophication	kg N eq	1.21E-02	1.95E-03	9.38E-04	8.96E-05	8.79E-03	2.87E-04	0.00E+00	4.69E-05
Smog Creation	kg O ₃ eq	4.12E-01	6.58E-02	2.86E-02	2.67E-02	2.06E-01	7.33E-02	0.00E+00	1.21E-02
Ozone Depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	8.63E-07	8.79E-08	1.72E-07	2.76E-08	4.59E-07	1.01E-07	0.00E+00	1.56E-08

Table 8: Cradle-to-Gate Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results for Facing Materials

Impact category	Unit	FRK Facing	ASJ Max Facing	ASJ Facing
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	5.67E-01	6.91E-01	6.66E-01
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	4.48E-03	5.25E-03	5.27E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	1.29E-03	1.59E-03	2.00E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	4.38E-02	5.46E-02	5.35E-02
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	3.98E-08	4.86E-08	5.11E-08

Non-Hazardous Waste and Water Consumption

The water consumed and waste generated over the cradle-to-gate life cycle of 700 Series Fiberglas™ insulation is shown in the tables below.

Table 9: Water usage (m³) for 1m² of 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ insulation material at R_{SI} = 1

Water usage	Unit	700 series insulation 1m ² , R _{SI} -1
Water	m ³	4.26E-04

Table 10: Table 9: Water usage (m³) for 1m² of facing material at R_{SI} = 1

Water usage	Unit	FRK Facing	ASJ Max Facing	ASJ Facing
Water	m ³	2.83E-04	2.98E-04	2.96E-04

Table 11: Waste-to-landfill (kg) for 1m² of 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ insulation material at R_{SI} = 1

Waste	Unit	700 series insulation 1m ² , R _{SI} -1
Waste to landfill	kg	3.17E+00
Hazardous waste	kg	3.02E-05



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Table 12: Waste-to-landfill (kg) for 1m² of facing Material

Waste	Unit	FRK Facing	ASJ Max Facing	ASJ Facing
Waste to landfill	kg	0.102	0.161	0.141
Hazardous waste	kg	-	-	-

Environmental Impact Values for “R” Values other than the Functional Unit

The 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation is sold in various R values in the USA. The impact assessment was determined using the Functional Unit provided. As presented in Table 13 below, the potential impact increases when the R value increases, as the thickness of the board is greater. For this analysis, it was assumed that the density of the board is constant for all R values and thicknesses. Facings were not included in the chart below because facing quantities do not scale with increased insulation thickness.

Table 13: Impact category values for 1m² of 700 Series FIBERGLAS™ Insulation materials at various R_{SI} values

Thickness (inch)	R _{SI} m2 K/W	Global Warming Potential kg CO ₂ eq	Acidification Potential kg SO ₂ eq	Eutrophication Potential kg N eq	Smog Creation Potential kg O ₃ eq	Ozone Layer Depletion Potential kg CFC-11 eq
1.0	0.73	4.40E+00	3.46E-02	8.83E-03	3.01E-01	6.30E-07
1.5	1.09	6.56E+00	5.16E-02	1.32E-02	4.49E-01	9.41E-07
2.0	1.46	8.79E+00	6.91E-02	1.77E-02	6.02E-01	1.26E-06
2.5	1.82	1.10E+01	8.62E-02	2.20E-02	7.50E-01	1.57E-06
3.0	2.18	1.31E+01	1.03E-01	2.64E-02	8.98E-01	1.88E-06
3.5	2.55	1.54E+01	1.21E-01	3.09E-02	1.05E+00	2.20E-06
4.0	2.91	1.75E+01	1.38E-01	3.52E-02	1.20E+00	2.51E-06

Optional Environmental Information



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