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DuPont™ Tyvek® 2506B

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## 1. General Information

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## 2. Product

### 2.1 Product description

DuPont™ Tyvek® is a nonwoven material made of HDPE, which is diffusion open but watertight. It is used as a roof and wall underlay.

### 2.2 Application

Tyvek® underlays are used in roofs and walls. They constitute the second water shedding layer and at the same time protect the insulation from trapped moisture, wind penetration, dust and insects. Insulation installed below Tyvek® is kept dry and performs as designed.

### 2.3 Technical Data

The following chapter comprises technical data for the characteristics listed in the Declaration of Performance according to the harmonized technical specifications /EN 13859-1:2010/ and /EN 13859-2:2010/.

#### Technical Data

Name	Value	Unit
Length acc. to EN 1848-2	50m standard	m
Width acc. to EN 1848-2	1.5m standard	m

Grammage acc. to /EN 1849-2/	0.148	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Resistance to water penetration acc. to /EN 1928/ (class)	W1	-
Water vapor diffusion equivalent air layer thickness acc. to /EN ISO 12572/	0.03	m
Maximum tensile force acc. to /EN 12311-1/	345/290	N/50mm
Elongation acc. to /EN 12311-1/	14/20	%
Resistance to water penetration after ageing acc. to /EN 1297/, /EN 1928/ (class)	W1	-
Tear resistance (nail) acc. to /EN 12310-1/	175/175	N

### 2.4 Placing on the market / Application rules

For the placing on the market in the EU/EFTA (with exception of Switzerland) the regulation (EU) No 305/2011 applies. The products need a declaration of performance taking into consideration /EN 13859-1:2010/: Flexible sheets for waterproofing and /EN 13859-2:2010/: Flexible sheets for waterproofing and the CE-marking.

For the application and use the respective national provisions apply. (NO: SINTEF - Stiftelsen for industriell og teknisk forskning; GB: BBA - British

Board of Agrément; FR: CSTB - Centre scientifique et technique du bâtiment, etc.).

## 2.5 Delivery status

The single selling unit is a roll of up to 3m width and a length of up to 100m. Usually several rolls are strapped and piled on a wooden pallet. The order unit is square meter [m<sup>2</sup>].

## 2.6 Base materials / Ancillary materials

Tyvek® 2506B is a laminate of a high density polyethylene (HDPE) nonwoven (functional layer) and a polypropylene (PP) spunbond. Both materials are glued during the lamination process. Both the PP and the HDPE are UV stabilized with hindered amine light stabilizers (HALS).

Concentrations:

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Tyvek® HDPE nonwoven	55%
Spunbond PP	34%
Adhesive	10%
HALS	< 1%

## 2.7 Manufacture

Tyvek® underlays are produced on semi-continuously operating production facilities in different countries. Process steps include:

1. Spinning of thin HDPE filaments.
2. Bonding of filament sheet.
3. Laminating of a spunbond onto the Tyvek® sheet.
4. Printing, slitting and packaging of the finished roll goods.

## 2.8 Environment and health during manufacturing

Some of the manufacturing facilities employed in the production of Tyvek® are /ISO 14001:2004/ certified. All facilities comply with local regulations and /DuPont internal standards:2015/.

Particular care is taken to ensure the safety of anyone involved in the Tyvek® supply chain in line with the DuPont safety culture: all injuries can be prevented (goal is ZERO).

## 2.9 Product processing/Installation

Tyvek® membranes for walls and roofs can be either installed on the construction site or in manufacturing facilities in case of pre-fabricated buildings. In both instances the material is usually installed by manually unwinding the sheet from the roll and placing it onto the designated surface. Tools required are usually a knife or scissors to cut the sheet as well as a stapler to fix it to the construction. Refer to Tyvek® installation guidelines for more information.

## 2.10 Packaging

Tyvek® is wound onto carton cores. Each roll comes with a paper insert sheet. Rolls are individually wrapped in foil (LDPE: low density PE) and stacked on wooden pallets which are also wrapped in LDPE stretch film. Vertical sides of the pallets are protected with a carton profile.

All packaging materials can be reused (e.g. pallets), recycled or valorised through energy recovery.

## 2.11 Condition of use

Materials are not expected to change or react during the period of use. Tyvek® is intended to be installed on the cold side of the building envelope and is designed to withstand substantial temperature changes during service life.

## 2.12 Environment and health during use

Tyvek® membranes are usually concealed below roof decking or facade cladding. They do not require maintenance and will not produce emissions. There are no environmental or health concerns to be expected from the use of the material.

## 2.13 Reference service life

The documentation of the RSL is not required for this EPD since not the entire life cycle is declared (without modules B1-B7). Nevertheless, the product is assumed to have a reference service life of 30 years, corresponding to the average roof lifetime (BNB *Nutzungsdauerliste*). But this assumption could not be verified because the Tyvek® envelopes have only been sold for 20 years.

## 2.14 Extraordinary effects

### Fire

#### Fire protection

Name	Value
Building material class acc. to /EN13501-1/	E

### Water

Tyvek® membranes are inherently waterproof. No part of the product will dissolve in water nor will the product release any toxic substances to water.

### Mechanical destruction

No possible impacts on the environment following unforeseeable mechanical destruction are known.

## 2.15 Re-use phase

The material is not intended to be re-used or recycled. Energy recovery is possible.

## 2.16 Disposal

Incineration is the preferred way of disposal. The /European Waste Code:2000/ for random construction materials is 17 09 04.

## 2.17 Further information

Additional information about product properties and use can be found at [construction.tyvek.com](http://construction.tyvek.com). Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) of the product can be found at [www.dupont.com](http://www.dupont.com).

## 3. LCA: Calculation rules

### 3.1 Declared Unit

This declaration applies to 1 m<sup>2</sup> of DuPont™ Tyvek® 2506B membrane, with a declared unit weight of 148 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Declared Unit

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>
Grammage	0.148	kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg	6.75675 6	-

### 3.2 System boundary

Type of EPD: Cradle-to-gate (with options)

The system boundaries of the EPD follow the modular construction system as described by /EN 15804:2012/. The LCA takes into account the following modules:

- A1-A3: Manufacturing of pre-products, packaging, ancillary materials, transport to the factory, production including energy supply and waste handling
- A4: Transport to the construction site
- A5: Installation into the building (disposal of packaging)
- C4: Waste disposal (incineration)
- D: Potential for reuse, recovery and/or recycling (benefits for incineration and recovery of packaging materials from module A5 and envelopes incineration from module C4).

### 3.3 Estimates and assumptions

The spunbond polypropylene (SBPP) production was modelled considering the consumption of polypropylene granulates and the following assumptions:

- material loss of 5% during the bonding process (1.05 kg of granulates are finally used to produce 1 kg of SBPP);
- consumption of electricity based on supplier data (1-1.2 kWh per kg of produced nonwoven) which has been adapted to account for the older technology (1.5 kWh per kg of SBPP).

The polypropylene (PP) loss of 0.05 kg per 1 kg of SBPP was assumed to be incinerated.

The colour paste used in the finishing process was valued with a general composition of water-based colour paste (conservative approach).

### 3.4 Cut-off criteria

All data were taken into consideration (recipe constituents, process water, electricity used). In case of missing data, a cut-off criteria of 1% of the total input mass was applied for unit processes and 5% for the entire modules (as recommended by /EN 15804:2012/, section 6.3.5) and therefore some inputs were excluded: tape and spiking agent for monolayer production (sum < 0.04% of total input mass for monolayer production), paper ink, hotmelt, paper, tape and detergent for finishing process (sum < 0.2% of total input mass for finishing process). Transports were considered for all inputs and outputs. Manufacturing of

the production machines and systems and associated infrastructure were not taken into account in the life cycle assessment (LCA). Regarding possible off-cuts during installation, the amount is lower than 5% and therefore also neglected.

### 3.5 Background data

All background data for the LCA model were taken from the database of the /GaBi software version 6.106:2015/.

### 3.6 Data quality

To simulate the product stage, data recorded by DuPont Luxembourg s.à r.l. and the lamination and the converting plants in Germany from the production year 2013 were used.

Eurostat data for the year 2012 were used to model the modules A4 (freight transport modal split) and A5 (packaging disposal routes).

Regarding background processes, the Luxembourg and German electricity grid mix were applied to the production plants in these countries (A1-A3). Other background data were specific to Germany or the European average, and were not older than 3 years. The representativeness can be classified as very good.

### 3.7 Period under review

The period of study encompasses the year 2013.

### 3.8 Allocation

Mass allocation was applied for production. At the DuPont site in Luxembourg, Tyvek® waste materials are recycled internally or sold and transformed externally. The avoided production of HDPE granulates is considered in the modules A1-A3 for the valuable pellets sold with specification. The low quality plastic pellets without specification and some packaging materials sent for recycling are transformed externally to obtain valuable material. In this case, the materials for recycling are considered as waste material and a system cut-off is applied to the Life Cycle Inventory (LCI). The packaging and Tyvek® production waste sent to incineration are modelled through the combustion process of the specific material and the avoided conventional energy production is credited in module D.

### 3.9 Comparability

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to /EN 15804/ and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance, are taken into account.

## 4. LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

The following technical information serves as a basis for the declared modules or can be used for the development of specific scenarios in the context of a building assessment.

### Transport from the gate to the construction site (A4)

Name	Value	Unit
Transport distance (weighted average)	2667	km
Transport (train)	4.36E-02	tkm
Transport (road)	1.80E-01	tkm
Transport (water)	1.95E-01	tkm

### Installation of the product into the building (A5)

Name	Value	Unit
Wood waste to landfill	1.36E-03	kg
Wood waste to incineration	1.25E-03	kg
Cardboard waste to landfill	4.02E-04	kg
Cardboard waste to incineration	3.46E-04	kg
Plastic waste to landfill	9.32E-05	kg
Plastic waste to incineration	7.02E-05	kg

### Reference Service Life (RSL)

Name	Value	Unit
Reference service life	30	a

### End-of-life stage (C1-C4)

Name	Value	Unit
Collected separately Tyvek® waste	0.148	kg
Energy recovery	100	%
R1 value	< 0.6	

## 5. LCA: Results

The results displayed below apply to 1 m<sup>2</sup> of DuPont™ Tyvek® 2506B membrane, with a declared unit weight of 148 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; MND = MODULE NOT DECLARED)

PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction 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
X	X	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: 1 m<sup>2</sup> DuPont™ Tyvek® 2506B

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Global warming potential	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	6.15E-1	1.42E-2	5.65E-3	4.77E-1	-3.07E-1
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer	[kg CFC11-Eq.]	9.96E-11	5.48E-13	1.75E-14	4.10E-10	-7.69E-11
Acidification potential of land and water	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Eq.]	2.08E-3	1.56E-4	1.07E-6	4.07E-5	-6.45E-4
Eutrophication potential	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3-</sup> -Eq.]	1.57E-4	2.62E-5	4.87E-7	7.23E-6	-4.89E-5
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants	[kg ethene-Eq.]	2.11E-4	-2.29E-5	7.16E-7	4.12E-6	-6.17E-5
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources	[kg Sb-Eq.]	1.42E-7	6.13E-10	6.55E-11	2.24E-9	-2.59E-8
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources	[MJ]	1.49E+1	1.89E-1	2.55E-3	7.27E-2	-4.51E+0

### RESULTS OF THE LCA - RESOURCE USE: 1 m<sup>2</sup> DuPont™ Tyvek® 2506B

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	8.80E-1	1.08E-2	1.86E-4	2.33E-3	-3.92E+1
Renewable primary energy resources as material utilization	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Total use of renewable primary energy resources	[MJ]	8.80E-1	1.08E-2	1.86E-4	2.33E-3	-3.92E+1
Non-renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	1.71E+1	2.09E-1	2.99E-3	9.60E-2	-5.67E+0
Non-renewable primary energy as material utilization	[MJ]	1.55E-6	3.11E-13	1.93E-14	2.92E-10	-4.30E-11
Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	[MJ]	1.71E+1	2.09E-1	2.99E-3	9.60E-2	-5.64E+0
Use of secondary material	[kg]	6.38E-3	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Use of renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	1.29E-4	1.35E-6	1.43E-6	0.00E+0	-5.39E-5
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	1.37E-3	1.42E-5	3.07E-6	0.00E+0	-5.64E-4
Use of net fresh water	[m <sup>3</sup> ]	4.27E-1	2.98E-3	1.32E-4	3.81E-4	-3.50E-1

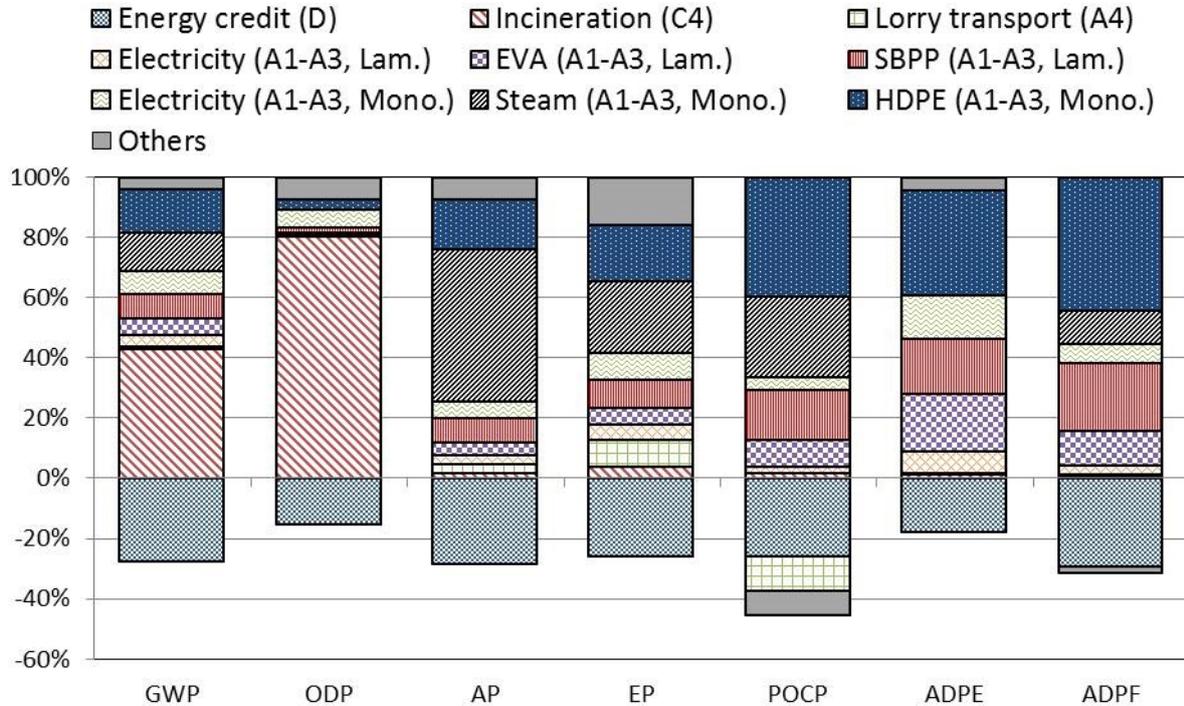
### RESULTS OF THE LCA – OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES:

#### 1 m<sup>2</sup> DuPont™ Tyvek® 2506B

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C4	D
Hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	-7.79E-7	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Non-hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	-2.64E-4	0.00E+0	1.86E-3	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
Radioactive waste disposed	[kg]	3.35E-4	2.02E-6	7.89E-8	6.67E-6	-3.66E-4
Components for re-use	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-
Materials for recycling	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-
Materials for energy recovery	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-
Exported electrical energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	4.74E-2	1.04E+0	0.00E+0
Exported thermal energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	3.50E-2	3.41E+0	0.00E+0

## 6. LCA: Interpretation

The following chart shows the relative contributions of the different modules to the various LCA categories and to primary energy use in a dominance analysis.



For most of the impact categories, more than 70% of the impact is dominated by the functional layer (HDPE granulates and steam supply mainly) and lamination (SBPP supply mainly) production steps; except for **ODP** which is dominated by the incineration of the product after its use. This outcome is coherent with the results for the functional layer production (Mono. in the figure) and with the fact that a large amount of SBPP is used for the laminates. The production of EVA generates significant impacts on **POCP** (because of nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide and ethylene benzene emissions to air), **ADPE** (sodium chlorite resource extraction) and **ADPF** (crude oil resource extraction). The avoided production of energy thanks to the incineration of laminates leads to high benefits, between 15% and 31% of the impact results. The emissions of carbon dioxide during the product incineration generate around 40% of the **GWP** results. The module used for the end-of-life of laminates dominates the **ODP** score.

The emissions of nitrogen monoxide from lorry transport (A4) generate high impacts on **EP** and negative results on **POCP** (its characterisation factor is negative because this substance decreases the ozone

production). Impacts linked to packaging production and disposal are negligible.

### Glossary:

- ADPE:** Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources
- ADPF:** Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources
- EP:** Eutrophication potential
- EVA:** Ethylene Vinyl Acetate
- GWP:** Global Warming Potential
- HDPE:** High-Density Polyethylene
- Lam.:** Lamination process
- LCA:** Life Cycle Assessment
- Mono:** Monolayer production
- ODP:** Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer
- POCP:** Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants
- SBPP:** Spunbond Polypropylene

## 7. Requisite evidence

No requisite evidence is required for DuPont™ Tyvek® 2506B laminate membranes.

## 8. References

### **DuPont internal standards:2015**

DuPont Luxembourg Environmental Policy, February 2015; DuPont Safety, Health and the Environment (SHE) Commitment, February 2013; The DuPont Luxembourg Environmental Handbook

### **European Waste Code:2000**

European List of Waste (Commission Decision 2000/532/EC) and Annex III to Directive 2008/98/EC

### **GaBi 6.106:2015**

Life Cycle Engineering software and database. LBP, University of Stuttgart and thinkstep, 2015.

### **PCR 2014, Part B**

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### **ISO 14025**

DIN EN ISO 14025:2011-10: Environmental labels and declarations — Type III environmental declarations — Principles and procedures

### **EN 15804**

EN 15804:2012-04+A1 2013: Sustainability of construction works — Environmental Product Declarations — Core rules for the product category of construction products

### **EN 12310-1:1999**

Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Part 1: Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing; determination of resistance to tearing (nail shank)

### **EN 12311-1:1999**

Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Part 1: Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing; Determination of tensile properties

### **EN ISO 12572:2001**

Hygrothermal performance of building materials and products -- Determination of water vapour transmission properties

### **EN 1297:2004**

Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Bitumen, plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing - Method of artificial ageing by long term exposure to the combination of UV radiation, elevated temperature and water

### **EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2010**

Fire classification of construction products and building elements - Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests

### **EN 13859-1:2010**

Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Definitions and characteristics of underlays - Part 1: Underlays for discontinuous roofing

### **EN 13859-2:2010**

Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Definitions and characteristics of underlays - Part 2: Underlays for walls

### **EN ISO 14001:2004**

Environmental management systems - Requirements with guidance for use (ISO 14001:2004 + Cor. 1:2009)

### **EN 1849-2:2009**

Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Determination of thickness and mass per unit area - Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets

### **EN 1928:2000**

Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Bitumen, plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing - Determination of watertightness

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