

Environmental Product Declaration

According to ISO 14025 and ISO 21930

Preprufe® Waterproofing Membranes

Commissioned by GCP Applied Technologies Inc.



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ASTM International Certified Environmental Product Declaration

This is a Type III environmental product declaration for GCP Applied Technologies' (GCP) Preprufe[®] waterproofing products, as manufactured at its Mt. Pleasant, TN facility. This declaration has been prepared in accordance with ISO 14025, ISO 21930, ISO 14040/44, ASTM Product Category Rule (PCR) for Water-resistive and Air Barriers and ASTM General Program Instructions for Type III EPDs.



Environmental Product Declaration Summary



General Informat	ion					
Corporate and Waterproofing		GCP Applied Technologies Inc., Corporate				
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EPD Information

Declaration Type

A "Product Stage" or "Cradle-to-gate" EPDs of GCP's production of waterproofing membrane products. This EPD present the product specific profile for four Preprufe® waterproofing membrane products, manufactured by GCP in United States. Product activities covered include the raw material supply, transport and manufacturing (modules A1 to A3). The declaration is intended for Business-to-Business (B-to-B) communication.

Applicable Countries

United States

Product Applicability and Characteristics

Water-resistive barriers are materials applied on the exterior of the building that act to resist liquid water that has leaked, penetrated or seeped past the exterior cladding of a building and/or to keep water from being absorbed into the building. Water-resistive can be either permeable or impermeable to water vapor. Some materials may provide additional properties such as thermal insulation.

Content of the Declaration

The declaration follows Section 11, Content of EPD, ASTM 2017, Product Category Rules For Preparing an Environmental Product Declaration for: Water-resistive and Air Barriers [1].

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EPD of GCP Applied Technologies Inc. Preprufe® Waterproofing Membranes

PCR Information	
Program Operator	ASTM International
Reference PCR	Product Category Rules (PCR) For Preparing an Environmental Product Declaration for: Water-resistive and Air Barriers [1].
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1 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 PRODUCT DEFINITION

Water-resistive products can be mechanically fastened building wraps or building paper, fluid applied membranes, self-adhered membranes, cellular plastic or any other material that has been designed to resist liquid water penetration. Typically water-resistive barriers are combined with flashing to provide a pathway to direct accumulated liquid water to the exterior.

GCP' robust waterproofing product offerings provide reliable solutions for all waterproofing designs and conditions, above and below grade. GCP invented the selfadhered waterproofing membrane more than 50 years ago and have been the leader in this category ever since. Structural and foundation waterproofing, including above- and below-grade waterproofing, is a critically important component of any commercial building structure. GCP offers top quality advanced waterproofing membranes and technologies for virtually all above- and below-grade commercial applications. This EPD covers four GCP Preprufe® waterproofing products produced at its Mt. Pleasant, TN facility as described in Table 1. GCP's Preprufe® product line is primarily used in below-grade applications, while the PCR governing the preparation of this EPD focuses on above-grade applications. However, the PCR itself is limited to a cradle-to-gate scope and hence, the use of the product is not considered. The manufacture of Preprufe® utilizes similar materials as above-grade products and therefore is not categorically different from a production (modules A1-A3) perspective. It is GCP's intention to revise the Preprufe EPD once a more applicable below-grade waterproofing PCR is available.

Brand name	Product description
Preprufe® 160R GCP product link https://GCP.com/construction/en- us/waterproofing/Preprufe-160R300R	Preprufe [®] 160R membrane is unique composite sheet comprised of a thick HDPE film, pressure sensitive adhesive and weather resistant protective coating. Designed with Advanced Bond Technology [™] , Preprufe 160R membrane forms a unique, integral bond to poured concrete, preventing both the ingress and lateral migration of water while providing a robust barrier to water, moisture and gas.

Table 1. GCP's waterproofing membrane products (Preprufe®)



Brand name	Product description
Preprufe® 160R Plus GCP product link https://GCP.com/construction/en- us/waterproofing/Preprufe-Plus- Waterproofing-System	Preprufe [®] 160R Plus membrane is release liner free, self-adhesive, robust HDPE waterproofing membrane designed with proven Advanced Bond Technology and dual adhesive ZipLaps to provide unparalleled blindside waterproofing performance. Release liner free and designed for efficient, reliable installation, the Preprufe Plus ZipLap allows for an adhesive to adhesive bond at seam overlaps and delivers superior performance in harsh conditions without the need for specialized equipment, heat or power.
Preprufe® 300R GCP product link https://GCP.com/construction/en- us/waterproofing/Preprufe-160R300R	Preprufe [®] 300R membrane is unique composite sheet comprised of a thick HDPE film, pressure sensitive adhesive and weather resistant protective coating. Designed with Advanced Bond Technology [™] , Preprufe 300R membrane forms a unique, integral bond to poured concrete, preventing both the ingress and lateral migration of water while providing a robust barrier to water, moisture and gas.
Preprufe® 300R Plus GCP product link https://GCP.com/construction/en- us/waterproofing/Preprufe-Plus- Waterproofing-System	Preprufe [®] 300R Plus membrane is release liner free, self-adhesive, robust HDPE waterproofing membrane designed with proven Advanced Bond Technology and dual adhesive ZipLaps to provide unparalleled blindside waterproofing performance. Release liner free and designed for efficient, reliable installation, the Preprufe Plus ZipLap allows for an adhesive to adhesive bond at seam overlaps and delivers superior performance in harsh conditions without the need for specialized equipment, heat or power.

1.2 PRODUCT STANDARDS

Table 2 lists applicable test methods for water-resistive materials as per ASTM PCR.

Table 2. ASTM specifications for water-resistive material performance

Material performance	Test methods
Water Vapor Permeance Water Penetration	ASTM E96 AATCC 127, AC 212, AC38, E2556

1.3 TECHNICAL DATA, MATERIAL CONTENT, AND PACKAGING

Table 3 summarizes key technical data for the four GCP Preprufe[®] waterproofing products. Product data sheets, guide specifications and additional product specific information are available for each of these waterproofing products at <u>www.gcpat.com</u>. Table 4 summarizes the material content data for the manufacture of Preprufe[®] 160R, 160R Plus, 300R and 300R Plus. Lagcoat is a weather-resistant coating and for this purpose also includes the release liner, which is removed from the product during installation of Preprufe[®] 160R, 300R, 160R Plus and 300R Plus. The weather-resistant



coating stays as part of the installed product. Paper fiberboard core, carton, wood pallet and stretch wrap are the materials used for inner and outer packaging of the Preprufe[®] waterproofing products.

Brand name	Product type and performance	Selected physical properties
Preprufe® 160R	Waterproofing, self-adhesive	Color: white; Thickness: 0.032 in. (0.8 mm); Roll size: 4 ft x 115 ft (1.2 m x 35 m); Roll area: 460 ft ² (42 m ²); Average roll weight: 20 lb/100 ft ² ; Water vapor permeance: 0.01 perms (ASTM E96)
Preprufe® 160R Plus	Waterproofing, release liner free, self- adhesive	Color: white; Thickness: 0.032 in. (0.8 mm); Roll size: 3 ft. 10 in. x 120 ft. (1.17m x 36.6m); Roll area: 460 ft ² (42 m ²); Average roll weight: 21.5 lb/100 ft ² ; Water vapor permeance: 0.01 perms (ASTM E96)
Preprufe® 300R	Waterproofing, self-adhesive	Color: white; Thickness: 0.046 in. (1.2 mm); Roll size: 4 ft x 98 ft (1.2 m x 30 m); Roll area: 392 ft ² (36 m ²); Average roll weight: 28 lb/100 ft ² ; Water vapor permeance: 0.01 perms (ASTM E96)
Preprufe® 300R Plus	Waterproofing, release liner free, self- adhesive	Color: white; Thickness: 0.046 in. (1.2 mm); Roll size: 3 ft. 10 in. x 102 ft. (1.17m x 31.15m); Roll area: 392 ft ² (36 m ²); Average roll weight: 30 lb/100 ft ² ; Water vapor permeance: 0.01 perms (ASTM E96)

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Table 4. GCP waterproofing - Preprufe[®] product formulations

Input material	Preprufe [®] 160R (in %)	Preprufe [®] 160R Plus (in %)	Preprufe [®] 300R (in %)	Preprufe [®] 300R Plus (in %)
High density polyethylene, HDPE	50%	50%	65%%	65%
Proprietary polymers and additives	45%	45%	30%	30%
Lagcoat or Lagcoat Plus release liner	5%	5%	5%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

2 DECLARED UNIT and LIFE CYCLE STAGES

A declared unit is defined for EPDs covering only the cradle-to-gate life stages. The declared unit is the basic reference flow set by the ASTM PCR for the assessed products [1]. As per the ASTM PCR, the declared unit is one square meter.

As illustrated in Figure 1, the system boundary of construction products is typically characterized by the temporal flow of its life cycle – i.e. Product, Construction Process, Use, and End of Life stages. The various processes that occur at each stage are classified and grouped in information modules (or simply "modules"), labeled with alpha-numeric designations "A1" through "C4". A declared unit is defined for EPDs covering "cradle-to-gate", or the production stage (shown infilled green in Figure 1), which consists of three modules: A1 Raw Material Supply; A2 Transport (to the manufacturer); and A3 Core Manufacturing. This EPD focuses on the product stage only. Included and excluded product stage processes are listed in Table 5.



Figure 1 Life Cycle Modules Included and Excluded from the System Boundary





Product Stage	Included	Excluded
A1-A3 Modules	 A1 Product Stage [1]: Raw material supply (upstream processes): extraction, handling, and processing of the raw materials as well as the intermediate component products and fuels used in the production of the products of interest. A2 Product Stage [1]: Transportation: transportation of all input materials and fuels from the supplier to the gate of the manufacturing facility. A3 Product Stage [1]: Manufacturing of the waterproofing products, including all energy and materials required and all emissions and wastes produced. This includes: Packaging, including transportation and waste disposal, to make waterproofing products ready for shipment; Average transportation from manufacturing site to landfill/ incineration/waste treatment facilities for on-site wastes, including empty backhauls and the waste disposal process. The A3 module for waterproofing (Mt. Pleasant, TN facility) includes mixing-adhesive, printing-film, coating/lamination, packaging, storage, lighting and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), operation of environmental equipment (baghouses and condensers), and on-site transportation [loading and unloading]. 	-Production, manufacture, and construction of manufacturing capital goods and infrastructure; -Production and manufacture of production equipment, delivery vehicles, and laboratory equipment; -Personnel-related activities (travel, furniture, and office supplies); and - Energy and water use related to company management and sales activities.

Table 5: Product stage system boundaries –Included and excluded processes

3 CUT-OFF RULES, ALLOCATION RULES AND DATA QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

Cut-off Rules

No cut-off criteria were applied in the study. All input/output data reported by the GCP waterproofing manufacturing facility were included in the LCI modelling. None of the reported flow data were excluded based on the cut-off criteria.

Allocation Rules

Allocation rules, as specified in ASTM PCR, section 7.5 were followed [1].

"Mass" was deemed as the most appropriate physical parameter for allocation used for the waterproofing manufacturing system to calculate the input energy flows (electricity and natural gas), emissions to air and water and waste flows per selected products. Plant generic formulations including ancillary and packaging data were combined with allocated "gate to gate" manufacturing data to calculate the cradle to gate LCA profiles for the four Preprufe® waterproofing products. Allocation related to transport are based on the mass of transported product.



Data Quality Requirements

Data quality requirements, as specified in ASTM PCR, section 7.1, were observed [1].

Precision: GCP's Mt. Pleasant, TN facility, through measurement and calculation, collected primary input and output data specific to their production of Preprufe® waterproofing products. For accuracy, the LCA team individually validated all facility specific gate-to-gate input and output data.
Completeness: All relevant, specific processes, including inputs (raw materials, energy and ancillary materials), outputs (emissions and production volume) and GCP product formulations were considered.
Consistency: System boundaries, allocation and cut-off rules have been uniformly applied across the product stage modules (A1 to A3). The study predominantly relies on two secondary data sources (US LCI and ecoinvent 3.2 databases); ecoinvent LCI datasets were adjusted uniformly for the North American geography (electricity grid, fuel combustion). SimaPro LCA software v.8.3, February 2017 is used to model the cradle-to gate LCA profiles of the four Preprufe® waterproofing products.
Crosschecks concerning the plausibility of mass and energy flows were continuously conducted.
Uncertainty: Uncertainty associated with the LCA model and results is considered "low" given the high representativeness of primary data collected for major input materials (A1), transport (A2) and manufacturing (A3).

Representativeness: The representativeness of the data is summarized as follows.

• Temporal representativeness is characterized as "high".

Primary data for waterproofing manufacturing processes were collected at the GCP manufacturing facility in Mt. Pleasant, TN for the reference year 2015 (12 months). All secondary data are sourced from either the US LCI database, adjusted or ecoinvent v.3.2 database for US and global, 2016. All significant LCI data sources, those that exercise a considerable influence over the calculated results, are less than 10 years old.

• Geographical representativeness is characterized as "high".

Geographical coverage of core manufacturing processes is specific to the GCP's facility operating in Mt. Pleasant, TN. All energy profiles reflect regional-specific conditions for foreground processes, and U.S. averages for other inputs. Some chemical and process data are based on European sources. Where possible LCI these datasets were adjusted to reflect U.S. system boundaries.

• Technological representativeness is characterized as "high".

Core manufacturing process technology is derived from very recent annual data covering the specific plants at which the products are manufactured. Background data are deemed to be reflective of typical or average technologies used. Some background material and process data are European but deemed to be similar to technologies used in North America.

4 LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

This section summarizes the results of the life cycle impact assessment (LCIA) and cumulative inventory metrics based on the cradle-to-gate life cycle inventory inputs and outputs analysis. As per the ASTM PCR, Section 8, US EPA's Tool for the Reduction and Assessment of Chemical and Other Environmental Impacts (TRACI, version 2.1) impact categories are used as they provide a North American context for the mandatory category indicators to be included in this EPD. These are relative expressions only and do not predict category impact end-points, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks. Total primary and sub-set energy consumption was compiled using a cumulative energy



demand model. Material resource consumption and generated waste reflect cumulative life cycle inventory flow information. Table 6 shows the aggregated product stage total, for Preprufe[®] as manufactured and packaged at the Mt. Pleasant, TN plant. It should be noted that non-renewable energy flows (for example, crude oil) used as feedstock to produce materials (for example, bitumen, plastic) are counted and reported under the non-renewable fossil energy (MJ). Figures 2 to 5 present the EPD results for 1 m² of Preprufe[®] 160R, 160R Plus, 300R and 300R Plus, by information module, percent contribution basis, respectively.

Category Indicator	Unit	Preprufe® 160R	Preprufe [®] 160R Plus	Preprufe [®] 300R	Preprufe [®] 300R Plus	
Global warming potential, GWP	kg CO₂ equiv.	1.9	2.1	2.7	2.9	
Acidification potential, AP	kg SO₂ equiv.	8.28E-03	8.78E-03	1.13E-02	1.21E-02	
Eutrophication potential, EP	kg N equiv.	2.97E-03	3.21E-03	3.63E-03	3.88E-03	
Smog creation potential, POCP	kg O₃ equiv.	8.98E-02	9.34E-02	1.22E-01	1.29E-01	
Ozone depletion potential, ODP	kg CFC-11 equiv.	3.7E-07	4.0E-07	3.9E-07	4.2E-07	
Total primary energy consumption						
Non-renewable, fossil, PENR-fossil	MJ, HHV	72.0	77.8	102.4	111.1	
Non-renewable, nuclear, PENR- nuclear	MJ, HHV	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.7	
Renewable, solar, wind, hydroelectric, and geothermal, PER-SWHG	MJ, HHV	0.21	0.23	0.27	0.29	
Renewable, biomass, PER-biomass	MJ, HHV	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	
Material resources consumption						
Non-renewable materials, NRMR	kg	1.02E-02	1.21E-02	1.10E-02	1.29E-02	
Renewable materials, RMR	kg	1.04E-01	1.06E-01	1.21E-01	1.23E-01	
Net fresh water consumption, NFW	m³	7.7E-03	8.2E-03	1.1E-02	1.2E-02	
Waste generated						
Non-hazardous waste, NHW	kg	1.00E-01	1.05E-01	1.40E-01	1.47E-01	
Hazardous waste, HW	kg	4.25E-02	4.36E-02	6.33E-02	6.66E-02	

Table 6: Product stage EPD results for 1 m² GCP Preprufe®



Figure 2 Product Stage EPD Results for 1 m2 GCP Preprufe® 160R by Information Module-% Basis

Figure 3 Product Stage EPD Results for 1 m² GCP Preprufe[®] 160R Plus by Information Module- % Basis





Figure 4 Product Stage EPD Results for 1 m2 GCP Preprufe® 300R by Information Module-% Basis



Figure 5 Product Stage EPD Results for 1 m² GCP Preprufe[®] 300R Plus by Information Module- % Basis





5 INTERPRETATION

The EPD results represent a "cradle-to-gate" EPD per 1m² of Preprufe[®] 160R, 160R Plus, 300R and 300R Plus as manufactured at the GCP manufacturing facility in Mt. Pleasant, TN during the reference year 2015.

Preprufe® 160R and Preprufe® 160R Plus – both products have a similar impact profile demonstrating almost the same percent contribution results. Upstream raw material supply is responsible for between 45% (eutrophication potential) and 90% (ozone depletion potential) of the life cycle impact category results. Module A1 also contributes 93% of the non-renewable fossil fuel use, 97% of the net freshwater use and all the hazardous waste generated. Except for eutrophication potential effects, A3 core manufacturing contributes between 10% to 15 % to the category indicator results.

Preprufe® 300R and Preprufe® 300R Plus – As was the case for Preprufe 160R and 160R Plus, the 300R and 300R plus demonstrate both a similar order of magnitude result and module contribution result. The underlying difference driving the impact assessment results is the varying product weight. And given that most of the impact is again due to upstream raw material use, the overall result is really a function of the product's formulation as opposed to its manufacture.

6 ADDITIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Low temperature baghouses and condensers are installed at GCP's Mt. Pleasant, TN plant to control various process emissions.

7 DECLARATION TYPE

GCP EPD for Preprufe[®] products is categorized as follows:

- A company specific product EPD(s), as produced at the manufacturer's plant.

This declaration presents a GCP company specific EPD for four Preprufe[®] waterproofing products. Product activities covered include the raw material supply, transport and core manufacturing (modules A1 to A3). The declaration is intended for Business-to-Business (B-to-B) communication.

8 DISCLAIMERS

This EPD does not report all the environmental impacts caused by the life cycle of GCP's products. For example, the PCR does not include impact categories for human health



impacts and thus particulate emissions that might impact human and/or ecosystem health are excluded. To assess the local impacts of product manufacturing on human health, land use and local ecology, additional analysis is required.

This project reports the results in order to benchmark the manufacture of GCP's products. No environmental claim regarding the superiority or equivalence of GCP's products relative to a competing product that performs the same function is implied. EPDs from different programs and/or based on a different PCR may not be comparable.

9 EPD Explanatory Material

For any explanatory material regarding this EPD, please contact the program operator.
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