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Internal Hooped

AIR DISPERSION SYSTEM

Installed Internal Hooped Air Dispersion System

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According to ISO 14025, EN 15804+A2, and ISO 21930:2017

EPD Program and Program Operator Name, Address, Logo, and Website	UL Environment 333 Pfingsten Road Northbrook, IL 60611 https://www.ul.com https://spot.ul.com
General Program Instructions and Version Number	General Program Instructions v.2.5 March 2020
Manufacturer Name and Address	DuctSox Inc. 4343 Chavenelle Drive Dubuque, IA 52002
Declaration Number	4790059096.102.1
Declared Product & Functional Unit or Declared Unit	1 m^2 of substantial material used to produce the duct surface area of any single duct section of the ductwork
Reference PCR and Version Number	PCR 2019:14 Construction Products v1.11 C-PCR-011 Substantial Material for Air Ducts
Description of Product Application/Use	Air duct for ventilation and air-conditioning of buildings
Product RSL Description (if Appl.)	n/a
Markets of Applicability	North America
Date of Issue	10/1/2021
Period of Validity	5 Years
EPD Type	Product-specific
Range of Dataset Variability	n/a
EPD Scope	Cradle-to-gate with options (A1-A3, A4, C2-C4)
Year(s) of Reported Primary Data	2020
LCA Software & Version Number	GaBi 10.0.0.20
LCI Database(s) & Version Number	GaBi Database Version 2021.1
LCIA Methodology & Version Number	EN15804+A2 and TRACI 2.1

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1. Product Definition and Information

1.1. Product Description

The internal hooped air dispersion system consists of coated metal hoops placed no more than 5' apart. This feature helps keep the fabric in shape while the system is deflated. System deflation with this option is 1% - 5%.

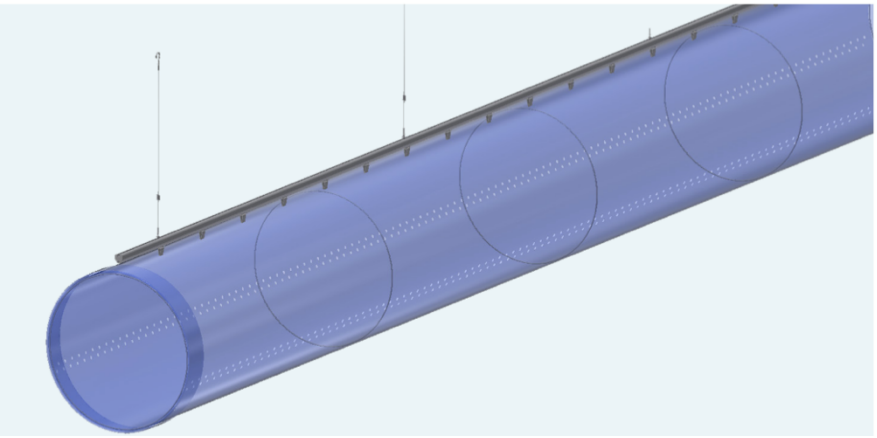

Figure 1: Cross-section of product

1.2. Application

Internal hooped air dispersion products are designed to be used in commercial and industrial applications.

1.3. Declaration of Methodological Framework

The underlying LCA follows an an attributional approach.

1.4. Technical Requirements

The product is categorized under UN CPC 36950. The following technical data describe the product under study.

Table 1: Product Specification

	Relevant Standard	Values
Exercise Temperatures	UL 2518	265ºF
Thermal Resistance [m^2K/W]	n/a	-
Reaction to Fire	UL 2518, UL 181, UL 723	25/50, Flame/Smoke
Flexural Rigidity [Nmm^2]	n/a	-
Microbial Growth	UL 2518, UL 181	60 day
Fibrous Material Outflow	UL 2518, UL 181	2.5x Velocity

1.5. Material Composition

The materials that make up the product are indicated in Table 2.

Table 2: Material Composition

MATERIAL	MASS [%]
Fabric [PET]	56.1
Suspension [Cold rolled powder coated steel]	21.9
Hardware [Aluminum]	16.6
Hardware [Cold rolled powder coated steel]	1.2
Zippers [Acetal]	1.1
Biogenic Carbon Content of Product [kg C]	*0*

No hazardous or dangerous substances, per Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle 3, contained or released by this product.

1.6. Manufacturing

DuctSox operates two facilities to produce their internal hooped air dispersion products. The facility in Mexico receives the fabric, cuts and sews it to the correct dimensions, and attaches the zippers. It also produces the steel hoops (suspension) for the product. The Dubuque, Iowa facility manufactures all hardware components.

1.7. Packaging

Packaging utilized in the shipment of the product is described in Table 3.

Table 3: Packaging

MATERIAL	AMOUNT (KG)
Cardboard [kg]	0.068
Steel [kg]	0.026
Nylon [kg]	3.66E-04
PP [kg]	6.75E-04
PVC [kg]	0.005
Paper [kg]	5.05E-04
Foam [kg]	3.07E-04
PET [kg]	0.011
Wood Pallets [kg]	0.080
Biogenic Carbon Content of All Packaging [kg C]	*0.078*

1.8. Transportation

It is assumed that all raw materials are distributed by truck or ship, based on global region.

An average shipping distance from the manufacturing location to the customer was estimated to be 1500 miles. The transportation distance for all waste flows is assumed to be 20 miles based on best available data.

1.9. Disposal

Disposal pathways in the EPD are modeled in accordance with disposal routes and waste classification referenced in Sections 2.8.5 and 2.8.6 of *Part A: Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules and Report Requirements* from UL Environment. This indicates an end-of-life split amongst landfill, recycling, and incineration pathways. Manual removal is assumed, with metal components recycled at a rate of 85% and all other materials sent to landfill.

2. Life Cycle Assessment Background Information

2.1. Functional or Declared Unit

The declared unit is 1 m^2 of substantial material used to produce the duct surface area of any single duct section of the ductwork, as commonly used by consumers and architects. Fabric thickness is 0.29 mm.

Table 4: Declared Unit

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
Functional Unit	1	m^2
Mass	0.405	kg

2.2. System Boundary

The type of EPD is cradle-to-gate with options. Included stages are summarized in Figure 2.

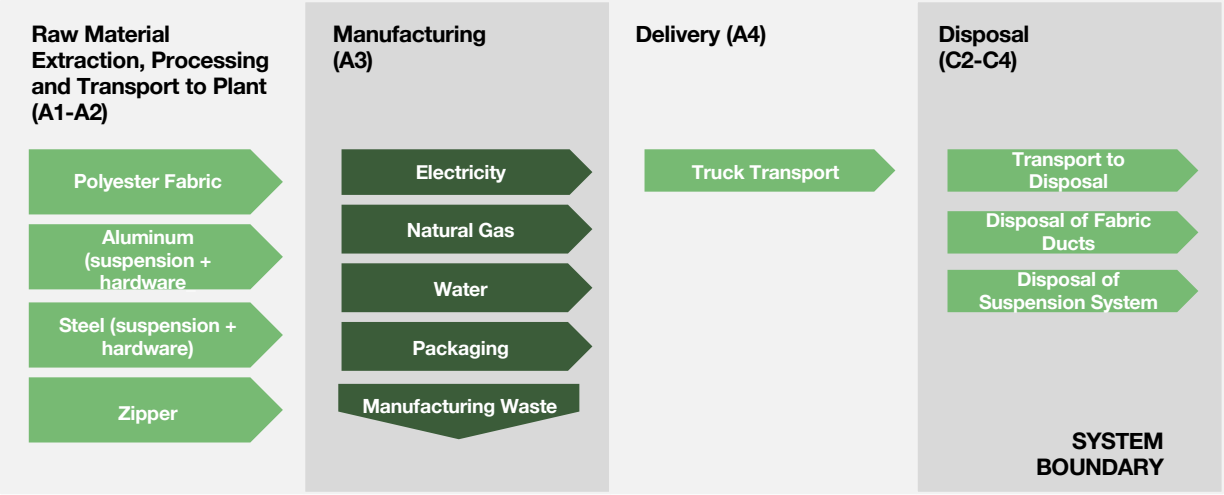

Figure 2: System Boundary

2.3. Estimates and Assumptions

Transport to customer will vary and was therefore assumed to be 1500 miles based on DuctSox's estimate. Overhead energy and water consumption were included in the manufacutring data as they were unable to be separated out. No minimum recycled content is specified for any material, therefore industry average recycled content values were used for North American steel and aluminum.

2.4. Cut-off Criteria

Material inputs greater than 1% (based on total mass of the final product) were included within the scope of analysis. Material 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 inputs and environmental impacts are less than 5% based on total weight of the functional unit.

2.5. Data Sources

Primary data were collected by facility personnel and from utility bills and was used for all manufacturing processes. Whenever available, supplier data was used for raw materials used in the production process. When primary data did not exist, secondary data for raw material production was utilized from the GaBi Database 2021.1.

2.6. Data Quality

The geographical scope of the manufacturing portion of the life cycle is North America. All primary data were collected from the manufacturer. The geographic coverage of primary data is considered excellent. The geographical scope of the raw material acquisition is North America and Taiwan. Customer distribution and disposal is assumed to be within the United States. Primary data were provided by the manufacturer and represent all information for calendar year 2020. Time coverage of this primary data is considered excellent. Primary data provided by the manufacturer is specific to the technology the company uses in manufacturing their product. It is site-specific and considered of good quality. Supplier-specific data was used if available.

In selecting secondary data (i.e., GaBi Datasets), priority was given to the accuracy and representativeness of the data. When available and deemed of significant quality, country-specific data was used. However, priority was given to technological relevance and accuracy in selecting secondary data. This often led to the substitution of regional and/or global data for country-specific data. Overall geographic data quality is considered good. Time coverage of the GaBi datasets varies from approximately 2010 to present. All datasets rely on at least one 1-year average data. Overall time coverage of the datasets is considered good.

2.7. Period under Review

The period under review is calendar year 2020.

2.8. Allocation

General principles of allocation were based on ISO 14040/44. Where possible, allocation was avoided. Total annual operations at the Mexico facility were allocated across products based on mass. At the Dubuque, Iowa facility, operations associated with DuctSox were first allocated by square footage of the facility dedicated to manufacturing, and within that total, allocated across the three products by mass.

Throughout the study, recycled materials were accounted for via the cut-off method.

3. Life Cycle Assessment Scenarios

Table 5. Transport to the building site (A4)

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
Fuel type	Diesel	-
Liters of fuel	42 (5.6)	l/100km (mpg)

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
Vehicle type	Heavy-duty truck / 24,191 kg (53,333 lb) payload - 8b	-
Transport distance	2,414 (1,500)	km (mi)
Capacity utilization (including empty runs, mass based	67	%
Capacity utilization volume factor (factor: =1 or <1 or ≥ 1 for compressed or nested packaging products)	Not applicable	-

Table 6. End of life (C2-C4)

NAME		VALUE	UNIT
Collection process (specified by type)	Collected separately	0.405	kg
	Collected with mixed construction waste	-	kg
Recovery (specified by type)	Reuse	-	kg
	Recycling	0.147	kg
	Incineration with energy recovery	-	kg
Disposal (specified by type)	Product or material for final deposition	0.258	kg
Removals of biogenic carbon (excluding packaging)		-	kg C
Assumptions for scenario development		Distance to all disposal or recovery assumed to be 32 km (20 mi)	

4. Life Cycle Assessment Results

Table 7 lists the modules included in this assessment.

Table 7. Description of the system boundary modules

Production			Construction		Use							End of Life				Benefits & Loads Beyond 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 to Site	Assembly/Install	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational Energy Use	Operational Water Use	Deconstruction	Transport	Waste Processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery, Recycling Potential
X	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X	X	X	ND

4.1. Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results

Table 8: LCIA Results, per 1 m^2

IMPACT CATEGORY	A1-A3	A4	C2	C3	C4
EN15804+A2					
GWP - total [kg CO_2 eq.]	4.61E+00	1.17E-01	1.06E-03	0.00E+00	1.13E-02
GWP, fossil [kg CO_2 eq.]	4.66E+00	1.18E-01	1.06E-03	0.00E+00	1.14E-02
GWP, biogenic [kg CO_2 eq.]	-5.51E-02	-2.69E-04	-2.44E-06	0.00E+00	-1.13E-04
GWP, land use [kg CO_2 eq.]	1.52E-03	1.11E-04	1.00E-06	0.00E+00	7.39E-06
ODP [kg CFC-11 eq.]	3.54E-09	1.72E-17	1.56E-19	0.00E+00	2.84E-17
AP [Mole of H+ eq.]	1.29E-02	5.76E-04	3.20E-06	0.00E+00	5.59E-05
EP, FW [kg P eq.]	2.95E-05	7.31E-07	6.61E-09	0.00E+00	5.53E-06
EP, Marine [kg N eq.]	2.89E-03	2.89E-04	1.56E-06	0.00E+00	1.71E-05
EP, Terr. [Mole of N eq.]	3.08E-02	3.18E-03	1.72E-05	0.00E+00	1.68E-04
POCP [kg NMVOC eq.]	9.07E-03	5.89E-04	3.11E-06	0.00E+00	4.19E-05
ADP-elements [kg Sb eq.][1]	2.12E-06	3.52E-08	3.18E-10	0.00E+00	2.95E-09
ADP-fossil fuel [MJ][1]	8.21E+01	1.52E+00	1.37E-02	0.00E+00	1.69E-01
Water [m^3 world equiv.]	2.59E+00	8.88E-03	8.04E-05	0.00E+00	6.67E-04
EN15804+A1					
GWP [kg CO_2 eq.]	4.46E+00	1.15E-01	1.04E-03	0.00E+00	1.09E-02
TRACI (North America)					
AP [kg SO_2 eq]	1.18E-02	5.37E-04	2.96E-06	0.00E+00	5.29E-05
EP [kg N eq]	8.89E-04	5.12E-05	3.42E-07	0.00E+00	4.22E-05
GWP [kg CO_2 eq]	4.58E+00	1.16E-01	1.04E-03	0.00E+00	1.11E-02
ODP [kg CFC 11 eq]	4.46E+00	1.15E-01	1.04E-03	0.00E+00	1.09E-02
Resources [MJ]	4.73E-09	2.30E-17	2.08E-19	0.00E+00	3.79E-17
POCP [kg O_3 eq]	8.73E+00	2.15E-01	1.95E-03	0.00E+00	2.21E-02

4.2. Life Cycle Inventory Results

Table 9: LCI Results, per m^2

IMPACT CATEGORY	A1-A3	A4	C2	C3	C4
Resource Use Indicators					
RPRE [MJ]	6.76E+00	6.70E-02	6.07E-04	0.00E+00	1.44E-02
RPRM [MJ]	1.77E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RPRT [MJ]	8.53E+00	6.70E-02	6.07E-04	0.00E+00	1.44E-02

[1] The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.

IMPACT CATEGORY	A1-A3	A4	C2	C3	C4
NRPRE [MJ]	7.57E+01	1.63E+00	1.47E-02	0.00E+00	1.73E-01
NRPRM [MJ]	6.75E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRPRT [MJ]	8.18E+01	1.63E+00	1.47E-02	0.00E+00	1.73E-01
SM [kg]	9.72E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RSF [MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRSF [MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RE [MJ]	6.97E-02	2.86E-04	2.59E-06	0.00E+00	2.38E-05
FW [m^3]	6.76E+00	6.70E-02	6.07E-04	0.00E+00	1.44E-02
Output Flows and Waste Categories					
HWD [kg]	7.62E-05	1.36E-10	1.23E-12	0.00E+00	1.64E-11
NHWD [kg]	3.72E-01	1.50E-04	1.35E-06	0.00E+00	2.57E-01
RWD [kg]	3.55E-03	4.62E-06	4.18E-08	0.00E+00	1.45E-06
CRU [kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MR [kg]	2.30E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.47E-01	0.00E+00
MER [kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EEE [MJ]	1.53E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EET [MJ]	6.97E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

5. LCA Interpretation

Figure 3 shows the relative contribution of each life cycle stage to the TRACI impact categories. A1-A3 represents the vast majority of all impacts. Raw materials are the most significant contributor, namely the fabric with much smaller contributions from aluminum and steel.

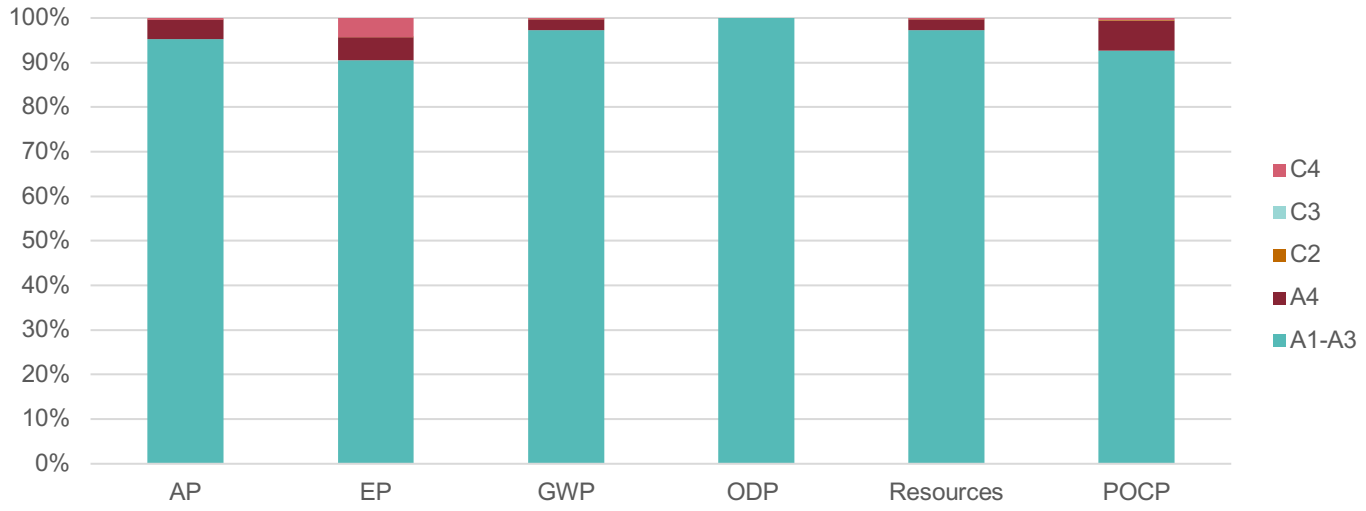

Figure 3: Dominance Analysis [TRACI 2.1]

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