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**EPD**

VERIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION | ISO 14025 & EN 15804:2012  
+ A1:2013



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**Basis of calculation**

This Environmental Product Declaration is developed in accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804:2012 + A1:2013.

**Comparability**

EPDs of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with the requirements in EN 15804:2012 + A1:2013. EPD data may not be comparable if the datasets used are not developed in accordance with EN 15804:2012 + A1:2013 and if the background systems are not based on the same database.

**Validity**

This EPD has been verified in accordance with ISO 14025 and is valid for 5 years from the date of issue.

**Use**

The intended use of an EPD is to communicate scientifically based environmental information for construction products, for the purpose of assessing the environmental performance of buildings.

**EPD type**

- Cradle-to-gate
- Cradle-to-gate with options
- Cradle-to-grave

**Programme operator**

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**Declared product**

1 tonne of "red" bricks, "yellow" bricks or "black" bricks based on Danish yellow-, and red-firing clay, i.e. "Røde BS sten", "Gule BS sten" and "Sorte BS sten", e.g. GT-12, GT-16 and GT-48.

**Production site**

Graasten Teglværk  
 DK-6300 Gråsten  
 Denmark

**Product use**

Bricks are used to build walls, pillars and partitions.

**Declared unit**

1 tonne of "red", "yellow" or "black" bricks based on Danish yellow-, and red-firing clay and produced at Graasten Teglværk. Expected average reference service life of 150 years.

Tiles & Bricks Europe (2014) PCR for Clay Construction Products – "Guidance document for developing an EPD" serves as the cPCR
Independent verification of the declaration and data, according to EN ISO 14025
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**Life cycle stages and modules (MND = module not declared; MNR = module not relevant)**

Product			Construction process		Use								End of life			Beyond the system boundary
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Re-use, recovery and recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

# Product information

## Product description

The product is a “red” brick, “yellow” brick or “black” brick based on Danish yellow-, and red-firing clay. The product components and packaging materials are shown in the tables below.

Material	Weight-% of declared product
Danish red clay (red-firing)	0-98
Danish blue clay (yellow-firing)	0-98
Manganese oxide	0-0,45
Barium carbonate	0,012-0,039
Iron oxide	0-0,075
Water	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

Packaging	Weight-% of packaging
LDPE-film	68
Plastic strap (PET)	5
Cardboard	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## Representativeness

This declaration, including data collection, the modelled foreground system and the results, represents 1 tonne of bricks on the production site located in Graasten, Denmark. Product specific data are based on average values collected from 2019.

Background data are based on the GaBi database, supplemented with a few datasets from Ecoinvent. Generally, the used background datasets are of high quality and less than or 5 years old. All datasets are less than 10 years old.

## Dangerous substances

Bricks do not contain substances listed in the “Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for authorisation” (<http://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>)  
 Absence of these substances are declared by the producer.

## Essential characteristics (CE)

Bricks are covered by the scope of the harmonized standard EN 771-1:2011+A1:2015. Furthermore, DoP’s (Declaration of Performance) exist for each covered brick.

DoP’s and further technical information can be obtained by contacting the manufacturer Graasten Teglværk (Torben Moos, [torben@matzen-tegl.dk](mailto:torben@matzen-tegl.dk), (+45)61658102 or (+45)74651118).

## Reference Service Life (RSL)

150 years.

RSL is based on the cPCR for clay construction products:  
 “For clay construction products, the RSL is 150 years. Studies have shown that clay construction products stand out with their high durability and prevail with no maintenance and a life span of 150 years or more”.

**Product illustrations:**

The illustrated products below are examples of products covered by this EPD.



Rød BS



Gul BS



Sort BS

## LCA background

**Declared unit**

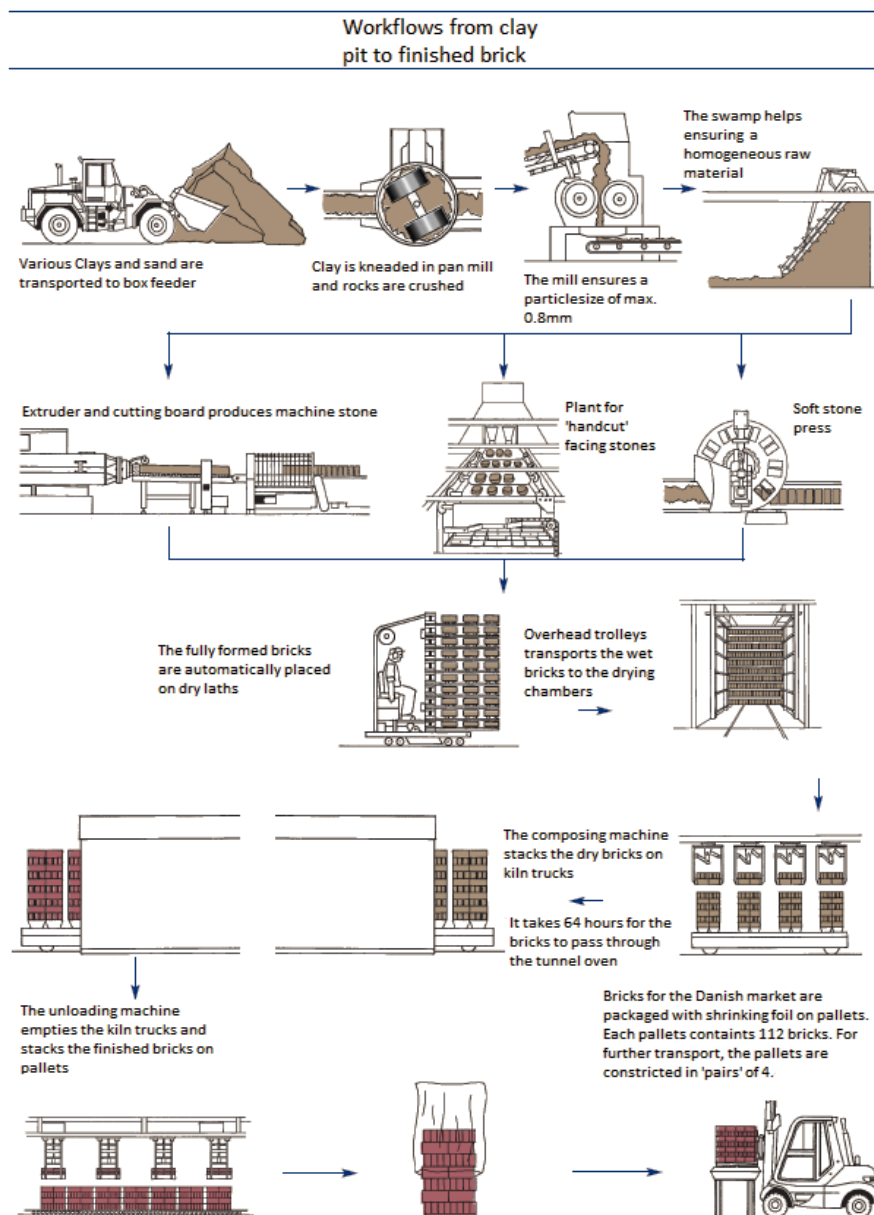
The LCI and LCIA results in this EPD relates to 1 tonne of bricks.

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	tonne
Density	1525-1800	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg.	0.001	-

**PCR**

This EPD is developed according to the core rules for the product category of construction products in EN 15804:2012 + A1:2013 and the product specific PCR "TBE PCR for clay construction products" (cPCR).

**Flow diagram**



The flow diagram conforms with the requirements in the modular approach and shows the production phase A3 for brick production (Graasten Teglværk only uses "soft stone press", no "extruder" and no "handcut"). The remaining phases are described below.

**System boundary**

This EPD is based on a cradle-to-grave LCA (module A1-D), in which 100 weight-% has been accounted for. All relevant processes during the life cycle of the product has been accounted for and no life cycle stages has been omitted, in which significant environmental impacts are taking place. The use stage B1-B7 is assessed to be not relevant.

The general rules for the exclusion of inputs and outputs follows the requirements in EN 15804:2012 + A1:2013, 6.3.5, where the total of neglected input flows per module shall be a maximum of 5 % of energy usage and mass and 1 % of energy usage and mass for unit processes.

Key assumptions for the system boundary are described in each life cycle phase.

**Product stage (A1-A3) includes:**

- A1 – Extraction and processing of raw materials
- A2 – Transport to the production site
- A3 – Manufacturing processes

The product stage comprises the acquisition of all raw materials, products and energy, transport to the production site, packaging and waste processing up to the "end-of-waste" state or final disposal. The LCA results are declared in aggregated form for the product stage, which means, that the sub-modules A1, A2 and A3 are declared as one module A1-A3.

The bricks are packed on wooden pallets which are part of a return system, because of this the pallets are reused and are excluded from the calculations.

**Construction process stage (A4-A5) includes:**

The construction process stage includes:

- A4 – transport to the building site
- A5 – installation into the building

This includes the provision of all materials, products and energy, as well as waste processing up to the end-of-waste state or disposal of final residues during the construction process stage. The use of mortar is excluded according to the cPCR. These information modules also include all impacts and aspects related to any losses during this construction process stage. The loss of bricks is set equal to 3% in mass according to the cPCR. The lost bricks are landfilled, and the packaging is incinerated with energy recovery and the credit is declared in module D.

**Use stage (B1-B7) includes:**

The use stage, related to the building fabric includes:

- B1 - use or application of the installed product
- B2 - maintenance
- B3 - repair
- B4 - replacement
- B5 – refurbishment

The use stage related to the operation of the building includes:

- B6 - operational energy use
- B7 - operational water use

These information modules include provision and transport of all materials, products, as well as energy and water provisions, waste processing up to the end-of-waste state or disposal of final residues during this part of the use stage.

According to the cPCR these modules do in general not generate relevant environmental impacts and are therefore neglected.

**End-of-life stage (C1-C4 + D)**

The end-of-life stage includes:

- C1 - de-construction, demolition
- C2 - transport to waste processing
- C3 - waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling
- C4 - disposal

C1 can be ignored according to the cPCR, whereas the rest of the modules are included using national scenarios. In C4 1% of the bricks are landfilled.

Module D includes the reuse, recovery and/or recycling potentials, expressed as net impacts and benefits. These included the energy produced in A5 (incineration of packaging) and substitution of gravel from the recycling of crushed bricks.

**Cut-off criteria**

The general rules for cut-offs of inputs and outputs in the EPD follows the rules in EN 15804:2012 + A1:2013 chapter 6.3.5. The maximum cut-off of input flows for a module is 5% for energy use and mass, while it is maximum 1% for unit processes.

# LCA results

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS PER TONNE											
Parameter	Unit	Red bricks: A1-A3	Yellow bricks: A1-A3	Black bricks: A1-A3	A4	A5	B1-C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq.]	1,77E+02	2,46E+02	1,85E+02	3,23E+00	3,00E+00	0,00E+00	2,45E+00	7,02E-01	1,32E-01	-2,86E+00
ODP	[kg CFC11-eq.]	1,07E-06	1,08E-06	1,74E-06	5,28E-16	2,56E-15	0,00E+00	4,02E-16	1,16E-16	7,27E-16	-3,86E-14
AP	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eq.]	2,72E-01	2,77E-01	3,04E-01	2,58E-03	3,63E-03	0,00E+00	1,96E-03	2,16E-03	8,41E-04	-1,11E-02
EP	[kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> -eq.]	6,48E-02	7,03E-02	8,66E-02	4,80E-04	5,36E-04	0,00E+00	3,65E-04	4,95E-04	9,46E-05	-2,15E-03
POCP	[kg ethene-eq.]	1,60E-02	1,76E-02	1,76E-02	-3,72E-05	-7,09E-05	0,00E+00	-2,83E-05	2,19E-04	6,37E-05	-1,05E-03
ADPE	[kg Sb-eq.]	2,68E-04	2,89E-04	3,03E-04	2,37E-07	6,70E-08	0,00E+00	1,80E-07	5,19E-08	1,33E-08	-5,46E-07
ADPF	[MJ]	2,58E+03	2,80E+03	2,65E+03	4,38E+01	1,03E+01	0,00E+00	3,33E+01	9,59E+00	1,88E+00	-3,79E+01
Caption	GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Ozone depletion potential; AP = Acidification potential of soil and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Photochemical ozone creation potential; ADPE = Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources										

RESOURCE USE PER TONNE											
Parameter	Unit	Red bricks: A1-A3	Yellow bricks: A1-A3	Black bricks: A1-A3	A4	A5	B1-C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	[MJ]	3,35E+02	3,34E+02	3,48E+02	2,47E+00	1,08E+00	0,00E+00	1,88E+00	5,40E-01	2,53E-01	-1,47E+01
PERM	[MJ]	3,50E+00	3,50E+00	3,50E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PERT	[MJ]	3,39E+02	3,37E+02	3,52E+02	2,47E+00	1,08E+00	0,00E+00	1,88E+00	5,40E-01	2,53E-01	-1,47E+01
PENRE	[MJ]	2,62E+03	2,84E+03	2,74E+03	4,39E+01	1,05E+01	0,00E+00	3,34E+01	9,62E+00	1,93E+00	-4,36E+01
PENRM	[MJ]	2,61E+01	2,61E+01	2,61E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
PENRT	[MJ]	2,65E+03	2,86E+03	2,76E+03	4,39E+01	1,05E+01	0,00E+00	3,34E+01	9,62E+00	1,93E+00	-4,36E+01
SM	[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
RSF	[MJ]	1,42E+02	6,41E+02	1,42E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	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	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
FW	[m <sup>3</sup> ]	3,78E-01	3,65E-01	5,86E-01	2,86E-03	6,98E-03	0,00E+00	2,17E-03	6,26E-04	4,87E-04	-1,25E-02
Caption	PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non renewable primary energy excluding non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non renewable primary energy resources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water										



WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS PER TONNE											
Parameter	Unit	Red bricks: A1-A3	Yellow bricks: A1-A3	Black bricks: A1-A3	A4	A5	B1-C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	[kg]	3,77E-06	3,54E-06	3,89E-06	2,04E-06	2,86E-07	0,00E+00	1,55E-06	4,48E-07	2,94E-08	-5,60E-07
NHWD	[kg]	9,76E-01	9,84E-01	9,60E-01	6,72E-03	3,01E+01	0,00E+00	5,11E-03	1,47E-03	9,71E+00	-4,00E+01
RWD	[kg]	1,25E-02	1,23E-02	1,22E-02	5,44E-05	9,24E-05	0,00E+00	4,13E-05	1,19E-05	2,19E-05	-2,29E-03
CRU	[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
MFR	[kg]	1,33E+01	1,33E+01	1,33E+01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	9,60E+02	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
MER	[kg]	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	8,59E-01	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
EEE	[MJ]	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
EET	[MJ]	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
Caption	HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed; CRU = Components for re-use; MFR = Materials for recycling; MER = Materials for energy recovery; EEE = Exported electrical energy; EET = Exported thermal energy										

# Additional information

## Technical information on scenarios

### Transport to the building site (A4)

Parameter	Value	Unit
Fuel type	Diesel	-
Truck type	Euro 6 more than 32t gross weight / 24,7 t payload capacity	-
Transport distance	50	km
Capacity utilisation (including empty runs)	61	%
Gross density of transported product	1525-1800	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Capacity utilisation, volume factor	1	-

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

Parameter	Value	Unit
Waste material (bricks)	30	kg
Waste material (packaging)	0,86	kg
Direct emissions to air, soil and waste	0	kg

### Use (B1-B7)

Parameter	Value	Unit
Not relevant		

### Reference service life

Parameter	Value
Reference service life	150 years
Declaration of performance (at gate) etc.	DoP
Instructions of use	DoP
Assumed quality of installation work according to producer guidelines	<a href="http://www.murtag.dk/udfoerelse/murerhaandbogen-2020/">www.murtag.dk/udfoerelse/murerhaandbogen-2020/</a>
Outdoor environment – weather, wind, pollution, UV etc.	<a href="http://www.murtag.dk/udfoerelse/murerhaandbogen-2020/">www.murtag.dk/udfoerelse/murerhaandbogen-2020/</a>
Indoor environment – temperature, moisture etc.	<a href="https://sbi.dk/Assets/Muret-byggeri-og-indeklima_1/Muret-byggeri-og-indeklima.pdf">https://sbi.dk/Assets/Muret-byggeri-og-indeklima_1/Muret-byggeri-og-indeklima.pdf</a>
Use conditions – mechanical tear, use frequency etc.	<a href="http://www.murtag.dk/udfoerelse/murerhaandbogen-2020/">www.murtag.dk/udfoerelse/murerhaandbogen-2020/</a>
Maintenance (frequency, type, quality, replacements etc.)	<i>Construction Clay Products, TBE 2014</i>

### End of life (C1-C4)

Parameter	Value	Unit
Separated construction waste	970	kg
Mixed construction waste	0	kg
For reuse	0	kg
For recycling	960.3	kg
For energy recovery	0	kg
For landfilling	9.7	Kg

### Reuse, recovery and/or recycling potential (D)

Parameter	Value	Unit
PE	0,585	kg
PET	0,0407	kg
Paper	0,233	kg
Crushed bricks	960.3	kg

**Indoor air**

*The EPD does not give information on release of dangerous substances to indoor air because the horizontal standards on measurement of release of regulated dangerous substances from construction products using harmonised test methods according to the provisions of the respective technical committees for European product standards are not available.*

**Soil and water**

*The EPD does not give information on release of dangerous substances to soil and water because the horizontal standards on measurement of release of regulated dangerous substances from construction products using harmonised test methods according to the provisions of the respective technical committees for European product standards are not available.*

# References

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<b>LCA software /background data</b>	GaBi ts, version 9.2.1.68 GaBi ts database, version 8.7 (Service pack 40) Ecoinvent, version 3.5
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## General programme instructions

Version 2.0  
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### EN 15804:2012 + A1:2013

DS/EN 15804 + A1:2013 - "Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Core rules for the product category of construction products"

### EN 15942

DS/EN 15942:2011 – " Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Communication format business-to-business"

### ISO 14025

DS/EN ISO 14025:2010 – " Environmental labels and declarations – Type III environmental declarations – Principles and procedures"

### ISO 14040

DS/EN ISO 14040:2008 – " Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Principles and framework"

### ISO 14044

DS/EN ISO 14044:2008 – " Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidelines"

## Tiles & Bricks Europe

TBE PCR for clay construction products (2014) Guidance document for developing an EPD