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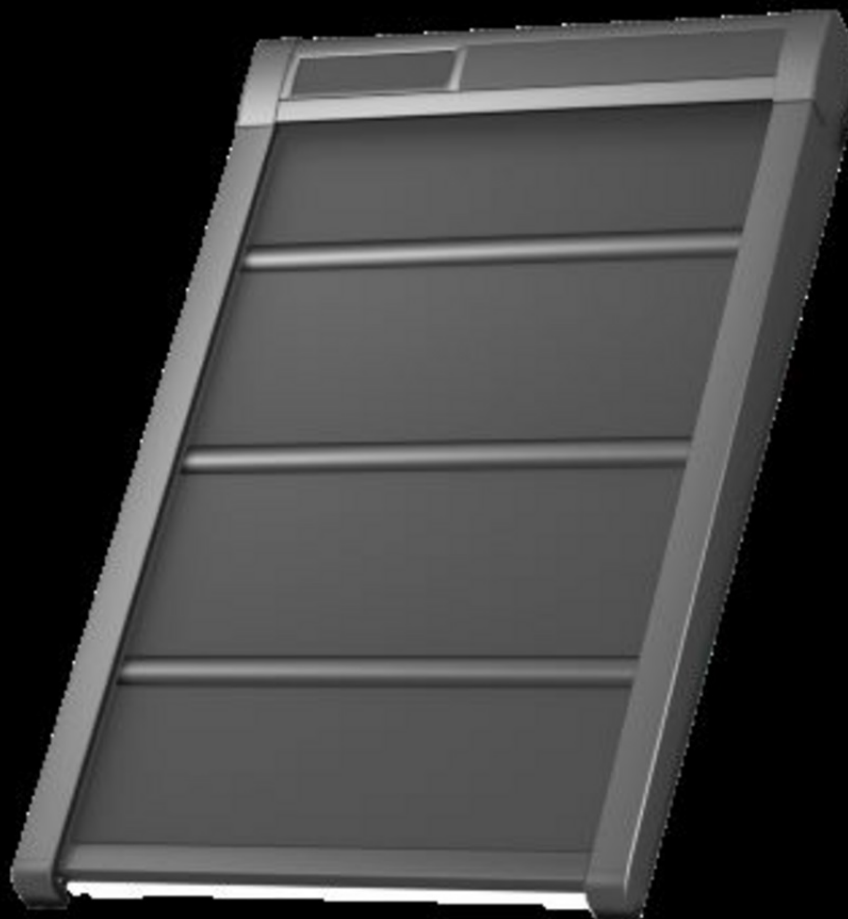
**VELUX soft shutter - solar-powered / VELUX awning blind - solar-powered (MSL)
VELUX A/S**

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1. General Information

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Declared product / declared unit

The declaration represents 1 m² of the solar-powered VELUX soft shutter SSS of the size MK06 = area of 0.91884 m² (0.78 m*1.178 m). Being the most-sold product of this product family the declared values are also representative for the VELUX soft shutter SSSS of the same size as well as for the comparable but lighter VELUX awning blind - solar-powered (MSL).

Scope:

The declaration covers 100 % of solar-powered VELUX soft shutters SSS and SSSS and 100% of VELUX awning blind - solar-powered (MSL) produced by KH-SK France S.A.S, France and by Gåsdal Bygningsindustri A/S, Denmark.

The owner of the declaration shall be liable for the underlying information and evidence; the IBU shall not be liable with respect to manufacturer information, life cycle assessment data and evidences.

The EPD was created according to the specifications of EN 15804+A2. In the following, the standard will be simplified as *EN 15804*.

Verification

The standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR	
Independent verification of the declaration and data according to ISO 14025:2011	
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Dr. Matthew Fishwick,
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2. Product

2.1 Product description/Product definition

The VELUX solar powered soft shutters SSS and SSSS are exterior shutters to be installed in connection with a VELUX roof window. The VELUX awning blinds - solar-powered (MSL) are exterior awning blinds to be installed in connection with a VELUX roof window.

For the placing on the market of the product in the European Union/European Free Trade Association (EU/EFTA) (with the exception of Switzerland) *Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 (CPR)* applies. The product needs a declaration of performance taking into consideration *EN 13561:2004+A1:2008*, External blinds – Performance requirements including safety and the CE-marking. For the application and use the respective national provisions apply.

2.2 Application

VELUX shutters and awning blinds are installed on the exterior side of a VELUX roof window, in connection with home improvement, renovation and new build.

2.3 Technical Data

The Declaration of Performance including relevant technical specifications and test methods/test standards can be downloaded from the website www.velux.com/ce

Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Resistance to wind load according to EN 13561	3	-

Performance data of the product in accordance with the declaration of performance with respect to its essential characteristics according to

- *EN 13561:2004+A1:2008*, External blinds – Performance requirements including safety.

2.4 Delivery status

VELUX soft shutters and awning blinds are manufactured ready for installation in predefined sizes, which are available for installation on most VELUX windows types and within the majority of the window size range.

2.5 Base materials/Ancillary materials

Composition of the VELUX soft shutter SSS:

Aluminium 65 %
 Motor (see below) 10 %
 PVC coated polyester cloth with acrylate on top 5 %
 PC- PBT 3 %
 TPV 2 %
 PA 2 %
 others 13 %

Composition of the VELUX awning blind - solar-powered (MSL):

Aluminium 66 %
 Motor (see below) 12 %
 PVC, glass-fibre reinforced (Textile) 5 %
 PC 3 %
 others 14 %

Composition of the corresponding motor SSS:

Battery 35 %
 DC motor 25 %
 Aluminium 15 %
 PA 6.6 (w glass fibre 60%) 15 %
 others 19 %

1) This product/article/at least one partial article contains

substances listed in the *candidate list* (date: 02.03.2022) exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass:

- no
- 2) This product/article/at least one partial article contains other carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic (CMR) substances in categories 1A or 1B which are not on the *candidate list*, exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass:
- not investigated with suppliers
- 3) Biocide products were added to this construction product or it has been treated with biocide products (this then concerns a treated product as defined by the (EU) *Regulation on Biocidal Products No. 528/2012*):
- no

Recycled content

Name	Value	Unit
Aluminium	50	%
PVC coated polyester cloth with acrylate on top	0	%
PC-PBT	0	%
TVP	0	%
PA	0	%
Battery	0	%
DC motor	0	%
PA 6,6 w glass fibre 60%	0	%

2.6 Manufacture

Extruded aluminum profiles, aluminum coils, rubber and plastic are produced outside Velux. The production and final assembly of shutters and awning blinds takes place in the production sites in Denmark and France. The final production processes include shortening of extruded profiles, aluminum coils, cutting, drilling, rollforming of aluminum band, mounting of rubber gasket, brackets as well as packaging and stacking, wrapping on pallets.

The factories are *ISO 9001* certified.

2.7 Environment and health during manufacturing

All factories are *ISO 14001* and *ISO 45001* certified.

2.8 Product processing/Installation

The factory-assembled product is installed on-site on the pre-installed window, by use of a screw driver. The solar panel is installed in the products as described in the installation guide, by which no afterward connection to the power grid is required.

2.9 Packaging

The packaging usually consists of:

- polyethylene film
- cardboard
- paper inserts

The use of other packaging materials is possible, but insignificant in terms of quantity.

The plastic packaging (polyethylene (PE) film as well as the cardboard and paper can be recycled if separated by type; alternatively, they can be incinerated.

2.10 Condition of use

The material composition of VELUX soft shutters and VELUX awning blinds does not change over their service life.

2.11 Environment and health during use

VELUX soft shutters and VELUX awning blinds do not contain any pollutants that could be released during use.

Environmental protection: According to current knowledge, hazards to water, air and soil cannot arise when the products are used as intended.

Health protection: According to current knowledge, no health hazards or impairments are to be expected.

2.12 Reference service life

It is not possible to calculate the reference service life according to *ISO 15686*. The reference service life based on a manufacturer's declaration is 30 years. The corresponding utilization scenario is declared in 4. The products are designed for outdoor use; external influences on the ageing of the product are minimal.

2.13 Extraordinary effects

Fire

Product not tested according to *EN 13501* under the CE-mark.

Water

In the event of unforeseen exposure to water (flood), the electronic parts of VELUX soft shutters and VELUX awning blinds must be replaced as electrical components; no adverse effects on human health or the environment are to be expected.

Mechanical destruction

In the event of unforeseen mechanical destruction, VELUX soft shutters and VELUX awning blinds must be replaced; no adverse effects on human health or the environment are to be expected.

2.14 Re-use phase

VELUX soft shutters and VELUX awning blinds can be dismantled manually without any problems. The metal parts are usually recycled; the plastic parts are sent for energy recovery.

2.15 Disposal

VELUX soft shutters and VELUX awning blinds are mostly inert and can be disposed of in an appropriate landfill. However, due to the value of the materials or the carbon content of the plastic parts, recycling or energy recovery is preferable and common.

Waste code according to *European Waste List* (Regulation on the European Waste List):

16 02 14 electronic parts
17 02 03 plastics
17 04 14 mixed metals

2.16 Further information

Further documentation on the products, technical data sheets, BIM files, etc. can be found at: www.velux.com

3. LCA: Calculation rules

3.1 Declared Unit

The declared unit is 1 m² of the solar driven VELUX soft shutter SSS of the size MK06 = area of 0.91884 m² (0.78 m*1.178 m).

Declared unit

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m ²
Area weight soft shutter	8.81	kg/m ²
Area weight awning blind solar-powered (MSL)	7.24	kg/m ²

The VELUX soft shutter SSS being the most sold product of this product family and due to minimal differences in the bill of materials, the declared values are also representative for the VELUX soft shutter SSSS of the same size as well as for the comparable but lighter VELUX awning blind - solar-powered (MSL).

3.2 System boundary

Type of EPD: Cradle to gate with options, with modules C1 – C4, and module D (A1-A3, C1-C3, D and additional modules).

The production of VELUX soft shutters and awning blinds (**modules A1-A3**) includes raw material extraction, energy generation, waste treatment and all transports up to the factory gate. In accordance with *COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 333/2011*, secondary metals are modeled as part of the product system from the moment they are available as unmixed scrap. Waste or secondary fuels are not used for production.

Module A4 is not declared due to large variances in transport distances between the production site and the construction site, where the product is installed.

Module A5: The products are delivered to the construction site ready to be installed. Manual installation is assumed, and electricity consumption related to electric drilling machines, screw drivers, etc. is considered to be negligible. The combustible packaging material (PE-foil) is

assumed to be thermally treated in a municipal waste incineration plant with an efficiency $R1 < 0.6$ (according to the ecoinvent dataset used); the recovered energy is declared as exported energy. Cardboard and paper are recycled; it is assumed that these fractions reach the end-of-waste state after having been sorted and transported (as a conservative choice) to a recycler. No packaging waste is landfilled.

Modules B1, B3 to B5 and B7 are not relevant for the product under consideration or no significant environmental impacts occur.

Module B2 includes the one-time replacement of the motor over the service life after 15 years. Since the composition and content of recycle for the electric motor is not known, it is not considered for the calculation of module D.

Module B6 includes the use of renewable primary energy (solar) consumed during stand-by and for opening and closing the soft shutters over their service life.

Module C1 includes manual dismantling, with no significant environmental impact.

Module C2 comprises the transport of the dismantled VELUX soft shutter to a sorting plant and then to a waste incineration plant for the thermally treated plastic fraction.

Modules C3/C4: Given the complexity of the inventoried products, a mixed end-of-life scenario is modelled, allowing the different materials to follow their most likely path.

As a rule of thumb, metals are recycled, and plastics are incinerated (also due to the very limited data availability of plastics recycling and its benefits).

It is assumed that metals reach an end-of-waste state after having been sorted and transported to a recycler. The combustible material (plastics) is assumed to be thermally

treated in a municipal waste incineration plant.

Module D includes the benefits and burdens associated with recycling metals beyond the system boundary, resulting from the treatment of recycled materials from the point of end-of-waste to the point of substitution (as loads) and substitution of primary resources (as benefits).

It also includes the benefits and burdens associated with energy recovery from plastic waste in a municipal waste incineration (MWI) plant, as modeled in Module C3.

In Module D, only net flows of metals leaving the product system are considered.

3.3 Estimates and assumptions

No further assumptions and estimates relevant to the result had to be made beyond the points made in this chapter 3 and in chapter 4.

3.4 Cut-off criteria

No data available from the company survey was neglected. These include, among other things, material use, energy demand (heat, electricity), packaging materials of raw materials (insofar as they are generated as waste) and product packaging, consumables in production, waste treatment and the transport of all inputs and outputs.

With this approach, mass and energy flows below 1 % were also accounted for. No processes were neglected that would have been known to the project managers and would have contributed significantly to the indicators of the impact assessment.

3.5 Background data

Ecoinvent v3.8 (2021, cut-off) is used as the background database.

3.6 Data quality

The foreground data are based on extensive and detailed data collection at the production sites. The foreground data could be fully linked with corresponding data records from the background database *Ecoinvent v3.8 (2021, cut-off)*.

The background data was updated in 2021. Thus, the quality of the foreground and background data can be rated as very good.

The VELUX soft shutter SSS being the most sold product of

this product family and due to minimal differences in the bill of materials, the declared values are also representative for the VELUX soft shutter SSSS of the same size as well as for the comparable but lighter VELUX awning blind - solar-powered (MSL). It has been demonstrated that the indicator values for the versions SSSS and MSL are lower for most indicators than the declared values for the version SSS.

3.7 Period under review

The LCA data represents the production conditions for the year 2021.

3.8 Geographic Representativeness

Land or region, in which the declared product system is manufactured, used or handled at the end of the product's lifespan: Europe

3.9 Allocation

No co-products are generated during the production of the VELUX products. Sorted production scrap of the different metals, notably aluminium, is considered a secondary material with no economic value (so no burdens allocated) and considered in the quantification of net flows leaving the product system. This approach is chosen to ensure a coherent quantification of net flows entering module D.

No processes were modelled as part of the foreground model that would have required an allocation of multi-input processes. Background datasets on municipal waste incineration plants were taken from ecoinvent without any modification.

Allocation of reuse, recycling and recovery was avoided by the cut-off approach in the foreground model in line with *DIN EN 15804*.

3.10 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. *Ecoinvent v3.8 (2021, cut-off)* has been used as the background database.

4. LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

Characteristic product properties of biogenic carbon

Information on describing the biogenic carbon content at factory gate

Name	Value	Unit
Biogenic carbon content in product	0.0745	kg C
Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging	0.741	kg C

Module A5

The products are delivered to the construction site ready to be installed. Manual installation is assumed, and electricity consumption related to electric drilling machines, screw drivers, etc. is considered to be negligible.

The combustible packaging material (plastics) is assumed to be transported 50 km with a lorry of 16-32 metric ton, EURO6 to an incineration plant with an efficiency $R1 < 0,6$ (according to the *ecoinvent* dataset used); the recovered energy is declared as exported energy; for its quantification an efficiency of 25,6 % is assumed for the production of heat and 13,0 % for the

production of electricity (always referring to the lower heating value of the waste).

Metals, cardboard and paper are recycled; it is assumed that these fractions reach the end-of waste state after having been sorted and transported (as a conservative choice) to a recycler over 150 km with a lorry of 16-32 metric ton, EURO6.

No packaging waste is landfilled.

The use of multi-way pallets is not taken into account as a packaging material.

Reference service life

Name	Value	Unit
Reference service life according to manufacturer's declaration	30	a
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Declared product properties (at the gate) and finishes	The product has passed internal quality controls and complies with EN 13659 for CE marking	-
Design application parameters (if instructed by the manufacturer), including the references to the appropriate practices and application codes	Installation according to assembly instructions and state of the art.	-
An assumed quality of work, when installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions	Carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.	-
Outdoor environment, (for outdoor applications), e.g. weathering, pollutants, UV and wind exposure, building orientation, shading, temperature	The declared products are intended for installation outside the building: They are therefore designed to withstand outdoor conditions throughout their service life.	-
Indoor environment (for indoor applications), e.g. temperature, moisture, chemical exposure	The declared products are not intended for installation inside a building.	-
Usage conditions, e.g. frequency of use, mechanical exposure	Standard use in any type of building, i.e. opening/closing as often as necessary.	-
Maintenance e.g. required frequency, type and quality and replacement of components	The declared products are designed for a reference life of 30 years, with the motor replaced every 15 years. They are maintained by cleaning water at the discretion of the building occupants.	-

Module B1

The products are assumed to have no direct emissions during the use phase. The indicator values of Module B1 are thus 0. The soft shutters store minimal quantities of biogenic carbon.

Module B2

The maintenance scenario (B2) covers the replacement of the motor over the service life of the product. Given that the detailed composition of the motor and its electronic components is not known, potential loads and benefits related to the motor and electronics are disregarded.

Annual cleaning with water (e.g., using 1 l/m² of tap water per annual cleaning) is neglected.

Module B6

For motor-operated soft shutters, electricity produced by the integrated solar cell is used both on stand-by and during the opening/closing cycles.

Module C1

Manual de-installation is assumed, and electricity consumption related to electric screwdrivers, etc. is considered to be negligible. Thus, no environmental impacts are declared in module C1.

Module C2

Given the complexity of the inventoried products, a mixed end-of-life scenario is modelled, allowing the different materials to follow their most likely path.

It should also be noted that the deconstruction and waste treatment scenario can vary a lot, depending on the actual situation. Thus, a generic end-of-life scenario is assumed. As a rule of thumb, metals are recycled and plastics are incinerated (also due to the very limited data availability of information on plastics recycling and its benefits). The combustible material (plastics) is assumed to be transported 50 km with a lorry of 16-32 metric tons, EURO6 to an incineration plant. Metals are recycled; it is assumed that these fractions reach the end-of-waste state after having been sorted and transported to a recycler over 150 km with a lorry of 16-32 metric tons, EURO6.

Module C3

A consumption of 0,03 kWh/kg of electricity for shredding and sorting and 0,437 MJ/kg of diesel fuel for internal logistics are taken into account to disassemble the product. The recovered material leaves the product system as 'materials for recycling'. The net amounts of the metals leaving the product system are considered as 'use of secondary material' in Module D.

Module C4

As stated above, it is assumed that 100% of the plastic parts are treated in a waste incineration plant with an efficiency R1 < 0,6 (according to the *ecoinvent* dataset used); 25,57 % of the lower

heating value of the plastic parts are recovered as heat and 13,0 % as electricity. Recovered energy is reported as 'exported energy' and considered in Module D.

Some of the material, notably laminated flat glass is assumed to be landfilled.

Module D

Module D contains the benefits and loads beyond the system boundary related to the recycling of metals, which result from the treatment of recycled materials from the point of end-of-waste status to the point of substitution (as loads) and the substitution of primary resources (as benefits).

It also includes the benefits and loads related to the energy recovery from plastic wastes in a municipal waste incineration plant (MWIP) as modelled in Modules A3, A5 and C3.

The benefits of the recycling of the motor and electronic parts are not considered due to the absence of data on its composition and recycled content.

Due to a lack of data for plastics from de-construction activities, the substitution potential of recycled plastics is not taken into account.

Only net flows leaving the product system are considered in module D.

5. LCA: Results

Disclaimer:

EP-freshwater: This indicator has been calculated as “kg P eq” as required in the characterization model (EUTREND model, Struijs et al., 2009b, as implemented in ReCiPe; <http://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/LCDN/developerEF.xhtml>)

DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; ND = MODULE OR INDICATOR NOT DECLARED; MNR = MODULE NOT RELEVANT)

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	MND	X	X	X	MNR	MNR	MNR	X	MND	X	X	X	X	X

RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT according to EN 15804+A2: 1 m² VELUX soft shutter SSS of the size MK06 = area of 0.919 m² (0.78 m * 1.178 m)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A5	B1	B2	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-total	kg CO ₂ eq	1.37E+02	3.98E+00	0	8.28E+00	0	0	1.62E-01	1.62E+00	4.07E+00	-1.18E+02
GWP-fossil	kg CO ₂ eq	1.4E+02	1.32E+00	0	8.23E+00	0	0	1.62E-01	1.33E+00	4.07E+00	-1.17E+02
GWP-biogenic	kg CO ₂ eq	-2.96E+00	2.66E+00	0	0	0	0	0	2.98E-01	0	0
GWP-luluc	kg CO ₂ eq	3.76E-01	3.38E-05	0	4.96E-02	0	0	6.61E-05	3.7E-04	9.97E-05	-4.33E-01
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	8.46E-06	1.89E-08	0	7.88E-07	0	0	3.81E-08	2.3E-08	3.47E-08	-3.97E-06
AP	mol H ⁺ eq	1.01E+00	5.73E-04	0	1.87E-01	0	0	9.21E-04	1.51E-03	1.3E-03	-7.53E-01
EP-freshwater	kg P eq	5.81E-03	6.73E-07	0	4.45E-04	0	0	1.19E-06	3.94E-05	3.09E-06	-4.42E-03
EP-marine	kg N eq	1.45E-01	2.2E-04	0	9.87E-03	0	0	3.31E-04	5.21E-04	5.55E-04	-1.12E-01
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	1.54E+00	2.44E-03	0	1.02E-01	0	0	3.64E-03	5.73E-03	5.86E-03	-1.23E+00
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	4.96E-01	6.84E-04	0	4.03E-02	0	0	1.04E-03	1.5E-03	1.44E-03	-3.64E-01
ADPE	kg Sb eq	3.07E-03	2.82E-07	0	9.62E-04	0	0	5.44E-07	6.28E-07	8.27E-07	1.01E-03
ADPF	MJ	1.61E+03	1.23E+00	0	9.23E+01	0	0	2.5E+00	4.57E+00	1.06E+00	-1.07E+03
WDP	m ³ world eq deprived	5.58E+01	5.87E-03	0	6.66E+00	0	0	8.21E-03	7.09E-02	6.76E-02	-1.57E+01

GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential of land and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants; ADPE = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential

RESULTS OF THE LCA - INDICATORS TO DESCRIBE RESOURCE USE according to EN 15804+A2: 1 m² VELUX soft shutter SSS of the size MK06 = area of 0.919 m² (0.78 m * 1.178 m)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A5	B1	B2	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	1.92E+02	1.98E-02	0	2.46E+01	1.33E+03	0	3.53E-02	5.48E-01	9.04E-02	-1.42E+02
PERM	MJ	3.44E+01	-3.06E+01	0	0	0	0	0	-3.84E+00	0	0
PERT	MJ	2.27E+02	1.98E-02	0	2.46E+01	1.33E+03	0	3.53E-02	-3.29E+00	9.04E-02	-1.42E+02
PENRE	MJ	1.53E+03	2.04E+01	0	9.11E+01	0	0	2.5E+00	4.6E-06	5.74E+01	-1.07E+03
PENRM	MJ	7.55E+01	-1.91E+01	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5.64E+01	0
PENRT	MJ	1.61E+03	1.23E+00	0	9.11E+01	0	0	2.5E+00	4.6E-06	1.06E+00	-1.07E+03
SM	kg	5.65E-01	0	0	3.41E-02	0	0	0	0	0	8.5E+00
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW	m ³	2.33E+00	2.2E-04	0	1.13E+00	0	0	4.14E-04	7.62E-04	9.28E-04	1.1E+00

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

RESULTS OF THE LCA - WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS according to EN 15804+A2: 1 m² VELUX soft shutter SSS of the size MK06 = area of 0.919 m² (0.78 m * 1.178 m)

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A5	B1	B2	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	3.96E-02	3.34E-06	0	1.16E-03	0	0	6.37E-06	4.6E-06	3.56E-06	1.54E-02

NHWD	kg	3.46E+01	9.32E-02	0	3.73E+00	0	0	1.68E-01	5.14E-01	2.09E-01	-2.83E+01
RWD	kg	7.5E-03	1.73E-05	0	6.3E-04	0	0	3.61E-05	4.06E-05	7.01E-06	-3.33E-03
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR	kg	8.38E-01	1.81E+00	0	8.21E-01	0	0	0	7.54E+00	0	0
MER	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE	MJ	1.64E-01	2.49E+00	0	5.05E-01	0	0	0	0	7.33E+00	0
EET	MJ	3.23E-01	4.89E+00	0	9.94E-01	0	0	0	0	1.44E+01	0

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

**RESULTS OF THE LCA – additional impact categories according to EN 15804+A2-optional:
1 m² VELUX soft shutter SSS of the size MK06 = area of 0.919 m² (0.78 m * 1.178 m)**

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A5	B1	B2	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM	Disease incidence	9.62E-06	7.96E-09	0	6.15E-07	0	0	1.46E-08	1.97E-08	7.51E-09	-9E-06
IR	kBq U235 eq	3.97E+00	5.26E-03	0	4.3E-01	0	0	1.09E-02	1.59E-02	3.7E-03	-1.24E+00
ETP-fw	CTUe	4.08E+03	1.23E+00	0	5.41E+02	0	0	1.98E+00	8.65E+00	1.48E+01	-2.38E+03
HTP-c	CTUh	2.1E-07	1.88E-10	0	3.33E-08	0	0	7.9E-11	1.52E-10	7.17E-10	-1.3E-07
HTP-nc	CTUh	4.15E-06	2.21E-09	0	6.18E-07	0	0	2.28E-09	1.57E-08	7.54E-09	-2.05E-06
SQP	SQP	4.91E+02	1.03E+00	0	4.06E+01	0	0	2.13E+00	8.28E-01	3.61E-01	-1.54E+02

PM = Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions; IR = Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235; ETP-fw = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems; HTP-c = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (cancerogenic); HTP-nc = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (not cancerogenic); SQP = Potential soil quality index

Disclaimer 1 – for the indicator “Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235”. This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low-dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure or radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.

Disclaimer 2 – for the indicators “abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources”, “abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources”, “water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption”, “potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems”, “potential comparative toxic unit for humans – cancerogenic”, “Potential comparative toxic unit for humans - not cancerogenic”, “potential soil quality index”. The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high as there is limited experience with the indicator.

6. LCA: Interpretation

Figure 1 illustrates the relative contributions of the different declared products.

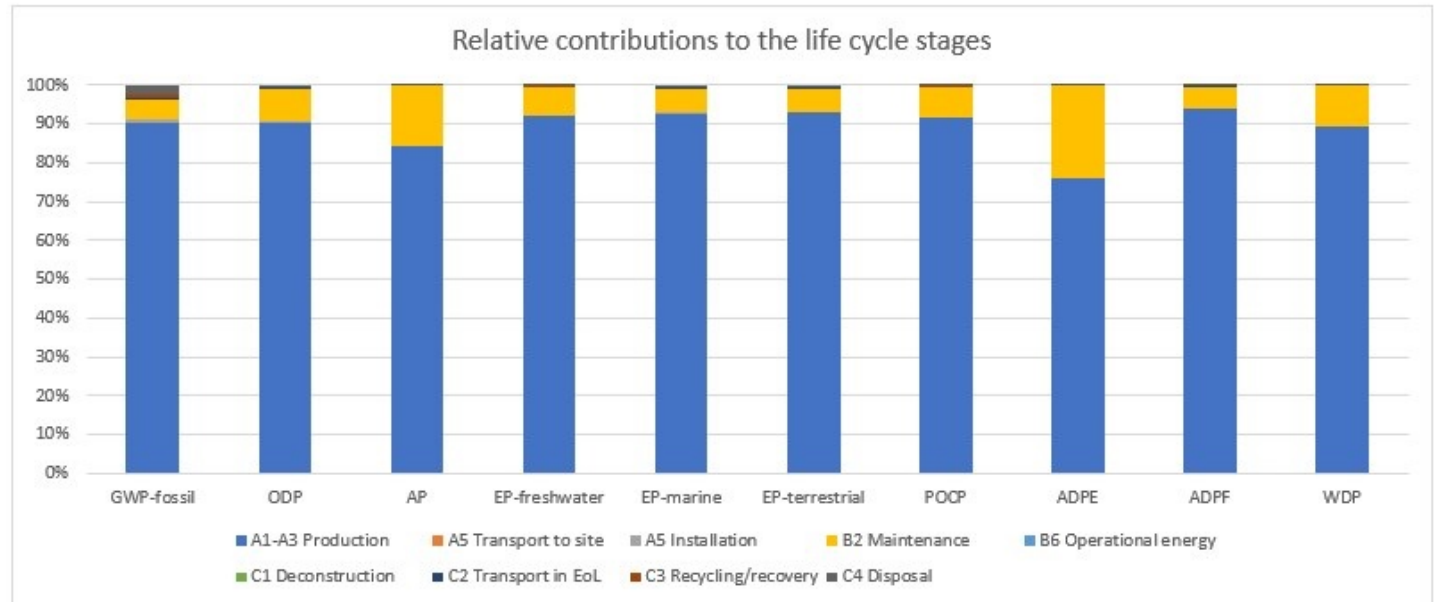


Figure 1: Relative environmental impacts of the different life cycle stages for the shutter SSS with solar-powered motor

The largest part of environmental impacts – between 85 % and rather 90 % - is caused during production (modules A1-A3) of the shutter and its motor. Operational energy use is insignificant due to the use of solar power (the PV-cell, batteries etc.) are taken into account in modules A5. The replacement of the

motor – the disposal of the obsolete motor and the production of and installation of its replacement – is comparably insignificant (around 4 %) with exception of the ADP elements, where copper and other rather rare metals add to this impact category (module B2). Benefits and burdens beyond the system boundary (module D) are in the order of 50 % to 80 % of the impacts over the product life cycle (modules A1-C4). The net positive impact ('load') of the ADP elements is related to copper input as the copper

cathode for the remelting of recycled aluminium.

The use of renewable primary energy is mainly caused by the share of renewable energy in the electricity mix and the use of solar power as operational energy input, thus the production stage and the use of operational energy are the main drivers of his impact category; for the use of non-renewable primary energy, the production phase is thus the most impacting life cycle stage.

Material use of primary energy is negligible and related to plastic parts of the product and packaging material. The material use of primary energy is transferred to its energy use when the materials containing primary energy are incinerated with energy recovery.

Non-hazardous waste as the quantitatively most relevant waste flows is mainly caused during maintenance due to the replacement of the motor; hazardous and radioactive wastes are mainly caused by the European electricity mix used during the use phase.

Except for the ADPelements (where the contributions are 45 % of the impacts of the soft shutter itself), the contributions of the motor as compared to the base unit are small (around 10 % to 20 %).

Benefits resulting from the recycling of plastics as well as from the recycling of the electronic parts are disregarded due to the lack of data on the recycling processes and related to the detailed composition of the electronic parts.

The VELUX soft shutter SSS being the most sold product of this product family and due to minimal differences in the bill of materials, the declared values are also representative for the VELUX soft shutter SSSS of the same size as well as for the comparable but lighter VELUX awning blind - solar-powered (MSL). It has been demonstrated that the indicator values for the versions SSSS and MSL are lower for most indicators than the declared values for the version SSS.

7. Requisite evidence

VOC testing is not required for products without contact to indoor air.

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