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Reinforced Steel Mesh and Lattice Girders

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Declared product / declared unit

The declared unit is 1 ton of reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders

Scope:

This verified document applies to all Baustahlgewebe GmbH reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders. The wire rod for the products is produced by Badische Stahlwerke GmbH (steel and rolling mill) in Kehl. The wire rod is made into mesh/lattice girders at BDW GmbH in Kehl, HBS GmbH in Hattersheim, BBS GmbH in Dinkelscherben, BESTA GmbH in Lübbecke, SBS GmbH in Glaubitz and DWP GmbH in Plochingen.

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For specification of the calculation method see chapter "Mass balance approach (MBA)"

The document was created orienting towards the specifications of EN 15804+A2.

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Verification

The standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR

Independent verification of the document and data according to ISO 14025:2011

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Product

Product description/Product definition

Reinforcing steel mesh for two-dimensional reinforcement of reinforced concrete members and lattice girders as rigid reinforcement for reinforced concrete members.

The respective national regulations apply to use of the product at the location of use, for example in Germany the building regulations of the federal states and the technical regulations based on these regulations.

Application

The products declared in this document are typically used to strengthen reinforced concrete components in

the construction sector. The purposes for use vary depending on the product.

Reinforcing steel mesh made of welded rods is used for the two-dimensional reinforcement of reinforced concrete members and lattice girders are mainly used in prefabricated slabs with a structurally supporting in-situ concrete layer, in wall-like building structures and in beam, ribbed and slab ceilings.

Technical Data

The product performance values in relation to its characteristics are in accordance with the relevant technical purpose (no CE labelling).

Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Density	7850	kg/m ³
Yield strength (varies depending on the country)	> 500	MPa
Yield strength ratio Rm/Re (depending on the ductility class)	> 1.05	
Elongation under maximum force Agt (depending on the ductility class)	> 2.5	%

Further structural data specified in *IBU Part B* is not relevant for the products declared in this document.

Base materials/Ancillary materials

Fe 98.1 %, C 0.2 %, Si 0.2 %, Mn 0.8 %, further accompanying elements 0.7%.

- Does the product contain materials from the ECHA list of materials which are especially

problematic for approval: Substances of Very High Concern – SVHC (Date 08/07/2021) above a mass percentage of 0.1: **no**.

Reference service life

The reference period of use for Baustahlgewebe GmbH reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders is not specified.

LCA: Calculation rules

Declared Unit

This Mass Balance Product Information refers to a declared unit of 1 ton of reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders produced at Baustahlgewebe GmbH.

The results are based on production data from 2019 and were weighted according to the annual quantity produced.

Declared unit

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	t
Conversion factor to 1 kg	1000	-

The products under review relate to average reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders. Both products are produced in the electric arc furnace with subsequently rolling mill and then further processing in the drawing plant and mesh/lattice girder welding plant. The LCA results for both products are the same for Modules A, C and D as the products under review differ only in their geometry (two-/three-dimensional).

All electricity consumed to produce the reinforcing steel coils and bars is produced from 100 % hydropower in Nordics, with 0,012 kg CO₂e/kWh, purchased with GoO.

Available Masses

5.000 tons of reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders per year are produced with electricity from hydropower in Nordics.

System boundary

Cradle to gate – with Modules C1-C4 and Module D (A1-A3 + C + D).

The LCA includes the following modules:

- Product stage with raw material supply (A1), transport (A2) and production (A3)
- Disposal stage with dismantling (C1), transport (C2), waste treatment (C3) and disposal (C4)

- Credits and loads beyond the system boundary (D, recycling potential)

All electricity consumed to produce the reinforcing steel coils and bars is produced from 100 % hydropower in Nordics, with 0,012 kg CO₂e/kWh, purchased with GoO.

Mass balance approach (MBA)

For this document purchased green electricity (hydropower from Nordics) was allocated 100% to the production amount of 5.000 tons of reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders.

Comparability

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of 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.

The *GaBi* background database (2021.2) was used to calculate the LCA.

LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

Characteristic product properties

Information on biogenic carbon

The declared product does not include biogenic carbon.

The packaging was not regarded in this document.

This scenario contains a recycling quota of 95%. Since Baustahlgewebe GmbH buys in external scrap for production this is offset against the gross steel scrap which is recycled. This results in a net consumption of 241 kg steel scrap across the entire life cycle to produce 1 ton of reinforcing steel coils and bars.

End of life (C1-C4)

Name	Value	Unit
Steel scrap collected separately	1000	kg
Recycling	950	kg
Landfilling	50	kg

Reuse, recovery and/or recycling potentials (D), relevant scenario information

Name	Value	Unit
Net steel scrap	-241	kg

LCA: Results

Important:

EP fresh water: This indicator was implemented in co-ordination with the characterisation module (EUTREND model, Strujis et al., 2009b, as in ReCiPe; <http://eplca.jrc.ec.europa.eu/LCDN/developerEF.xhtml>) calculated as "kg P eq".

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	ND	ND	ND	ND	MNR	MNR	MNR	ND	ND	X	X	X	X	X

RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT according to EN 15804+A2: 1 ton reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders

Core Indicator	Core Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-total	Global warming potential - total	[kg CO ₂ -Eq.]	3.10E+2	2.23E+0	1.27E-1	0.00E+0	7.36E-1	4.70E+2
GWP-fossil	Global warming potential - fossil fuels	[kg CO ₂ -Eq.]	3.09E+2	2.85E+0	1.26E-1	0.00E+0	7.56E-1	4.70E+2
GWP-biogenic	Global warming potential - biogenic	[kg CO ₂ -Eq.]	3.48E-1	-7.59E-1	-1.50E-4	0.00E+0	-2.20E-2	-8.20E-1
GWP-luluc	GWP from land use and land use change	[kg CO ₂ -Eq.]	1.45E-1	1.38E-1	1.03E-3	0.00E+0	2.22E-3	1.11E-2
ODP	Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer	[kg CFC11-Eq.]	9.31E-13	1.05E-14	2.49E-17	0.00E+0	2.94E-15	2.20E-12
AP	Acidification potential of land and water	[kg SO ₂ -Eq.]						
AP	Acidification potential, accumulated exceedance	[mol H ⁺ -Eq.]	1.02E+0	1.10E-2	1.28E-4	0.00E+0	5.39E-3	1.30E+0
EP-freshwater	Eutrophication, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment	[kg P-Eq.]	1.28E-4	5.10E-5	3.74E-7	0.00E+0	1.27E-6	8.13E-5
EP-marine	Eutrophication, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment	[kg N-Eq.]	1.92E-1	2.13E-3	3.95E-5	0.00E+0	1.40E-3	2.70E-1
EP-terrestrial	Eutrophication, accumulated exceedance	[mol N-Eq.]	2.10E+0	2.78E-2	4.71E-4	0.00E+0	1.54E-2	2.92E+0
POCP	Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants	[kg NMVOC-Eq.]	6.59E-1	8.35E-3	1.10E-4	0.00E+0	4.24E-3	9.02E-1
ADPE	Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources	[kg Sb-Eq.]	1.02E-4	1.41E-6	1.12E-8	0.00E+0	7.13E-8	-1.01E-5
ADPF	Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources	[MJ]	3.08E+3	2.41E+2	1.68E+0	0.00E+0	1.00E+1	3.43E+3
WDP	Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption (WDP)	[m ³ world-Eq deprived]	3.14E+1	2.08E-1	1.17E-3	0.00E+0	8.11E-2	-9.67E+0

Caption: 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 ton reinforcing steel mesh and lattice girders

Indicator	Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	Renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	2.79E+3	1.53E+1	9.65E-2	0.00E+0	1.35E+0	-4.37E+2
PERM	Renewable primary energy resources as material utilization	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
PERT	Total use of renewable primary energy resources	[MJ]	2.79E+3	1.53E+1	9.65E-2	0.00E+0	1.35E+0	-4.37E+2
PENRE	Non-renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ]	3.08E+3	2.41E+2	1.68E+0	0.00E+0	1.00E+1	3.47E+3
PENRM	Non-renewable primary energy as material utilization	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
PENRT	Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	[MJ]	3.08E+3	2.41E+2	1.68E+0	0.00E+0	1.00E+1	3.47E+3
SM	Use of secondary material	[kg]	1.19E+3	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	-2.41E+2
RSF	Use of renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
NRSF	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
FW	Use of net fresh water	[m³]	4.85E+0	1.72E-2	1.11E-4	0.00E+0	2.48E-3	3.17E-1
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							

RESULTS OF THE LCA – WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS according to EN 15804+A2: 1 ton reinforcing steel bars and coils

Indicator	Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	Hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	5.49E-7	1.30E-8	8.87E-11	0.00E+0	1.07E-9	-4.21E-7
NHWD	Non-hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	2.02E+0	3.87E-2	2.64E-4	0.00E+0	5.00E+1	6.80E+0
RWD	Radioactive waste disposed	[kg]	5.26E-2	1.19E-3	3.05E-6	0.00E+0	1.05E-4	-5.64E-2
CRU	Components for re-use	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
MFR	Materials for recycling	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	9.50E+2	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
MER	Materials for energy recovery	[kg]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
EEE	Exported electrical energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
EET	Exported thermal energy	[MJ]	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0	0.00E+0
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							

RESULTS OF THE LCA – additional impact categories according to EN 15804+A2-optional: [declared unit and product]

Indicator	Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM	Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions	[Disease Incidence]	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
IRP	Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235	[kBq U235-Eq.]	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
ETP-fw	Potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems	[CTUe]	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
HTP-c	Potential comparative toxic unit for humans - cancerogenic	[CTUh]	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
HTP-nc	Potential comparative toxic unit for humans - not cancerogenic	[CTUh]	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
SQP	Potential soil quality index	[-]	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Caption	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 nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from 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 or as there is limited experienced with the indicator.

Disclaimer 3 – Mass Balance Approach in the sense of a virtual allocation is not allowed within EN15804+A2. The underlying calculation is oriented on the EN15804 but uses allocation methods described in the chapter “Mass balance approach (MBA)”. IBU cannot guarantee that this document will be accepted as evidence by third parties.

Additional and optional impact categories in accordance with *EN 15804+A2* are not declared as this is not required by *IBU Part A*.

All electricity consumed for the production of reinforcing steel bars and coils is produced from 100% hydropower in Nordics.

References

Standards

EN 15804

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