

# Environmental Product Declaration



In accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 for:



## Sigma Varnish Ultra Matt

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EPD of multiple products, based on worst-case results.

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## General information

### Programme information

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### Accountabilities for PCR, LCA and independent, third-party verification

#### Product Category Rules (PCR)

CEN standard EN 15804 serves as the Core Product Category Rules (PCR)

Product Category Rules (PCR): *International EPD System, PCR for Construction Products, 2019:14, version 1.3.1.*

PCR review was conducted by: *Claudia A. Peña, Director of Sustainability at ADDERE Research and Technology*

#### Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

LCA accountability: Yiping Qu, Product Sustainability Specialist

#### Third-party verification

Independent third-party verification of the declaration and data, according to ISO 14025:2006, via:

☒ EPD verification by EPD Process Certification

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Third-party verification: Epsten Group, Inc.  
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Third-party verifier is accredited by A2LA

Procedure for follow-up of data during EPD validity involves third party verifier:

☐ Yes ☒ No

EPD Type: Worst case. This EPD is based on the worst case life cycle impacts (of each reported life cycle impact category) of all variations of PPG Sigma Varnish Ultra Matt.

The EPD owner has the sole ownership, liability, and responsibility for the EPD. This EPD is intended for B2B communication

EPDs within the same product category but registered in different EPD programmes, or not compliant with EN 15804, may not be comparable. For two EPDs to be comparable, they must be based on the same PCR (including the same version number) or be based on fully-aligned PCRs or versions of PCRs; cover products with identical functions, technical performances and use (e.g. identical declared/functional units); have equivalent system boundaries and descriptions of data; apply equivalent data quality requirements, methods of data collection, and allocation methods; apply identical cut-off rules and impact assessment methods (including the same version of characterisation factors); have equivalent content declarations; and be valid at the time of comparison. For further information about comparability, see EN 15804 and ISO 14025.

## Company Information

Owner of the EPD: PPG Industries, 1 PPG Place, Pittsburgh, PA, 15272

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Description of the organisation: PPG is a global manufacturer of coatings who is the owner of many brands through-out Europe, one of these being Sigma Coatings.

### Product-related or management system-related certifications:

PPG's EHS Policy incorporates the elements of voluntary global industry initiatives, including Responsible Care® and Coatings Care®, which help companies manage safe and environmentally responsible practices in the chemicals and coatings industries. At more than 40 of its facilities, PPG has received ISO 14001:2004 certification.

### Name and location of production site(s):

Wroclaw, Poland

## Product Information

Product name: Sigma Varnish Ultra Matt

Product identification: Products are identified by name

Product description: Sigma Varnish Ultra Matt is a waterbased, scratch and wear resistant fast drying varnish for interior use which retains the natural look of the wood.

UN CPC code: 35110

Geographical scope: European Union Countries

## LCA Information

Declared unit: The declared unit for this EPD is 0.205 kg (1 m2 of substrate covered and protected by Sigma Coatings Paints). Conversion factor of the impact assessment results in this EPD from the declared unit to 1 kg of product is 4.869

Time representativeness: 2022

Database(s) and LCA software used: Ecoinvent 3.9.1, Industry Data 2.0; Simapro v. 9.5.

Electricity usage in A3: Electricity, medium voltage {PL} electricity, medium voltage, residual mix | Cut-off, S; Climate impact: 1.08kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq/kWh (GWP-GHG),

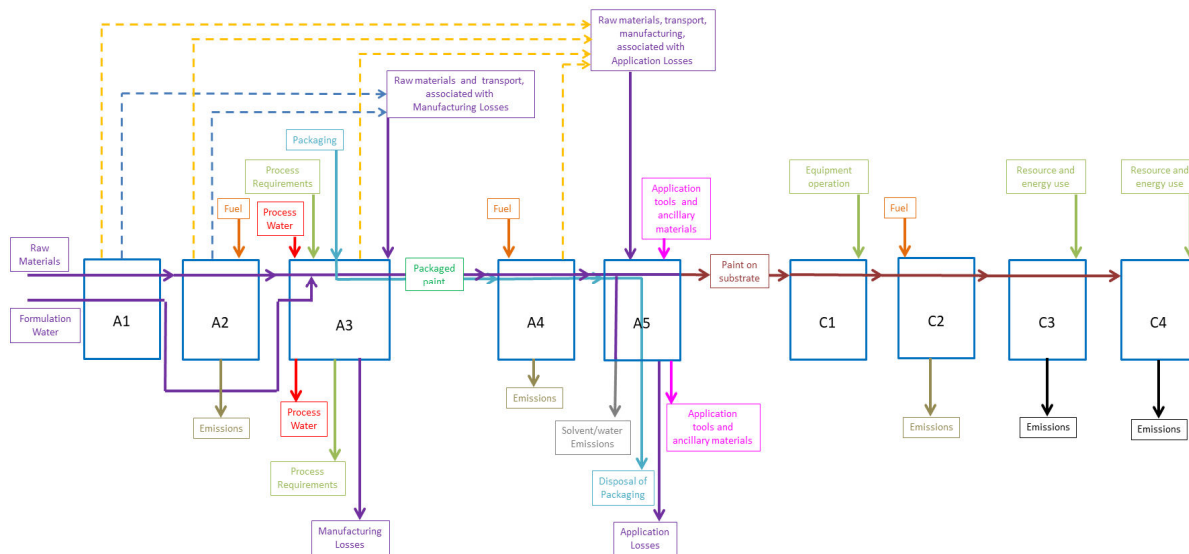
Cut-off rules: Neglected flow in all modules is less than 1% of the energy use and total mass. Cut-off rules do not apply to Module A1, which is 100% modelled.

Allocation method: Mass allocation: A3 energy/material inputs and waste outputs are allocated by total products manufactured over 1 year

### Description of system boundaries:

The type of EPD is Cradle to Gate with Options (EPD Type b - Modules A1-A3, A4, A5, C1-C4, and D). B modules are excluded since no use phase maintenance, repair or replacement is expected during the technical life time.

## System diagram:



Life cycle stage labels refer the table below.

## More Information

Modules declared, geographical scope, share of specific data (in GWP-GHG results) and data variation (in GWP-GHG results):

Module	Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage	End of life stage				Resource recovery stage
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use, maintenance, repair, replacement, refurbishment, operational energy and water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery- Recycling-potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	
Modules declared	X	X	X	X	X	ND	X	X	X	X	X
Geography	EU27	EU27	PL	EU27	EU27		EU27	EU27	EU27	EU27	EU27
Specific data used	36.8%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – products	10% Note 1			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – sites	0%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note 1: Since EPD uses the maximum value of all products, this is based on the ratio of the GWP-GHG of the minimum product to the EPD reported value for Stages A1-A3, i.e., the variation is entirely below the reported result.

## Content Information

Product components	Weight, kg	Average Weight, kg	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Biogenic material, weight-% and kg C/kg
Binders	5.15E-02	5.15E-02	-	-
Solvents	1.47E-02	1.47E-02	-	-
Pigments	3.97E-03	3.97E-03	-	-
Water	1.35E-01	1.35E-01	-	-
Total	2.05E-01	2.05E-01	0.0	0% / 0.0

Packaging materials	Weight, kg	Weight-% (versus the product)	Weight biogenic carbon, kg C/kg
Steel for cans/buckets(Note 1)	4.12E-02	19.86%	0.0
Polypropylene for cans/buckets	0.00E+00	0.00%	0.0
Cardboard for boxes and pallet interleaves	4.81E-04	0.23%	0.50
Wood pallet	1.20E-02	5.80%	0.50
Polyethylene for pallet wrap	4.90E-04	0.24%	0.0
TOTAL	5.42E-02	26.13%	6.25E-03

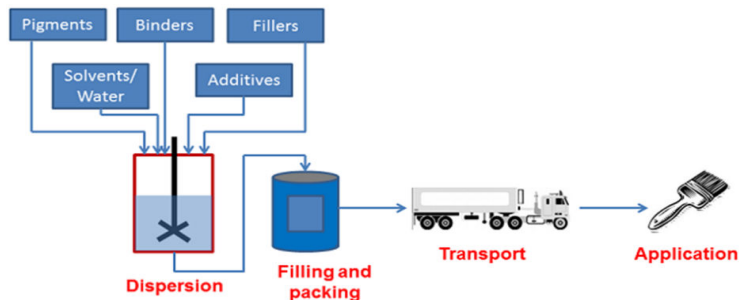
Note 1: Packaging weights are the maximum of the individual products included in the EPD. Packaging weight percentages are assessed on the maximum product weight per declared unit given above.

Dangerous substances from the candidate list of SVHC for Authorisation	EC No.	CAS No.	Weight-% per declared unit
None			

Biogenic carbon content	Product's biogenic carbon content at the factory gate kg C
Biogenic carbon content in product	0.00E+00
Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging	6.25E-03

## Manufacturing Process

The manufacturing process for coatings primarily involves the mixing and dispersing of raw materials into a homogeneous mixture. Raw materials include pigments and fillers, which provide colour, hiding, and gloss control; resins/binders, which dry to form a solid film and adhere the coating to the substrate and additives, which assist with various coating properties. The product is then shipped to the customers as a set for them to mix at the job site before application.



## Assumptions beyond module A3

### A4

Transportation distance is assumed to be 850 km according to EU geography and location of PPG factories. Transportation mode is assumed to be by Euro 5 16-32 metric ton truck.

### A5

The following sub modules and assumptions are included in A5

1. Application tools and ancillaries: roller, tray and plastic sheeting.
2. Disposal of application waste: an estimate of 1% application lost is assumed. Environmental impact of manufacturing and disposal of 1% product lost is included in A5. Solid content of lost products are assumed to be disposed of as nonhazardous waste to incineration without energy recovery.
3. Primary packaging (steel, plastic and cardboards) are disposed as general waste. Pallet packaging is disposed as wood waste.
4. VOCs were modelled as direct emission to the environment and characterized by their characterization factors according to EVEA Method EN 15804 A2 EPD Ev-DEC 1.13 ei3.9.1 SP9.5.

### C1-C4

1. C1: Energy associated with demolition of the substrate structure is pro-rated for the mass of paint.
2. C2: Transportation to disposal is assumed to 30 km and transportation mode is assumed to be by Euro 5 16-32 metric ton truck.
3. C3: No waste processing options are considered.
4. C4: It is assumed that the paint will be disposed of along with the substrate in a landfill.

### D

No benefits and loads beyond the product system boundary were declared since no reuse or recovery occurs for architectural coatings in general. In addition, since landfilling is assumed to be the waste disposal option in C4 module, no “useful energy carrier” is considered leaving the product system. Therefore, no benefit is claimed in module D.

## List of excluded processes

1. A3: Raw materials and processing for the packaging of the primary and secondary packaging units are excluded from the system.
2. Personnel-related processes, such as transportation of employees to and from work, are excluded.
3. The production and end-of-life processes of infrastructure or capital goods of PPG plants are excluded.
4. Construction and infrastructure use of PPG facilities.

## Environmental Information

### Potential environmental impact – mandatory indicators according to EN 15804

Results per declared unit (1 m<sup>2</sup> of substrate covered and protected by Sigma coating)

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1 - B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	Variation
GWP - fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	5.44E-01	4.12E-02	7.47E-02	INA	3.27E-05	3.40E-04	0.00E+00	2.98E-03	0.00E+00	110%
GWP -biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	-1.96E-02	1.31E-05	2.29E-02	INA	5.92E-09	1.08E-07	0.00E+00	2.02E-06	0.00E+00	118%
GWP - luluc	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	4.89E-04	2.02E-05	3.97E-05	INA	4.19E-09	1.66E-07	0.00E+00	5.30E-07	0.00E+00	120%
GWP - total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	5.25E-01	4.13E-02	9.76E-02	INA	3.27E-05	3.40E-04	0.00E+00	2.98E-03	0.00E+00	110%
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	3.62E-08	8.97E-10	9.97E-10	INA	6.83E-13	7.39E-12	0.00E+00	1.67E-11	0.00E+00	104%
AP	mol H <sup>+</sup> eq.	2.98E-03	1.34E-04	2.57E-04	INA	2.89E-07	1.11E-06	0.00E+00	5.06E-06	0.00E+00	107%
EP - freshwater	kg P eq.	2.81E-05	3.30E-07	1.99E-06	INA	1.78E-10	2.72E-09	0.00E+00	1.06E-08	0.00E+00	110%
EP - marine	kg N eq.	6.76E-04	4.57E-05	5.83E-05	INA	1.34E-07	3.77E-07	0.00E+00	1.86E-06	0.00E+00	106%
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	5.68E-03	4.88E-04	5.29E-04	INA	1.46E-06	4.02E-06	0.00E+00	2.02E-05	0.00E+00	108%
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	2.66E-03	2.01E-04	2.29E-04	INA	4.39E-07	1.66E-06	0.00E+00	7.45E-06	0.00E+00	111%
ADP - minerals & metals*	kg Sb eq.	4.10E-06	1.36E-07	2.18E-07	INA	1.52E-11	1.12E-09	0.00E+00	1.52E-09	0.00E+00	104%
ADP - fossil*	MJ	1.04E+01	5.85E-01	1.68E+00	INA	4.24E-04	4.82E-03	0.00E+00	1.54E-02	0.00E+00	108%
WDP*	m <sup>3</sup>	2.70E-01	2.38E-03	3.92E-02	INA	9.54E-07	1.96E-05	0.00E+00	6.47E-04	0.00E+00	114%
Acronyms	GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption										

\* Disclaimer: The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties of these results are high or as there is limited experience with the indicator.

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### Potential environmental impact – additional mandatory and voluntary indicators

Results per declared unit

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1 - B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	Variation
GWP-GHG[1]	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	5.47E-01	4.13E-02	7.49E-02	INA	3.27E-05	3.40E-04	0.00E+00	2.98E-03	0.00E+00	110%
Particulate Matter	disease inc.	3.97E-08	3.27E-09	2.58E-09	INA	8.14E-12	2.70E-11	0.00E+00	1.08E-10	0.00E+00	107%
Ionizing radiation, human health (IRP)	kBq U235 eq.	2.23E-02	2.93E-04	2.27E-03	INA	1.34E-07	2.41E-06	0.00E+00	8.59E-06	0.00E+00	120%
Eco-toxicity - freshwater (ETP-fw)	CTUe	1.90E+01	2.88E-01	5.85E-01	INA	1.80E-04	2.38E-03	0.00E+00	4.63E-02	0.00E+00	102%
Human toxicity, cancer effect (HTP-c)	CTUh	3.99E-09	1.87E-11	6.09E-11	INA	1.58E-14	1.54E-13	0.00E+00	4.05E-13	0.00E+00	110%
Human toxicity, non-cancer effects (HTP-nc)	CTUh	9.23E-09	4.12E-10	4.29E-10	INA	8.15E-14	3.39E-12	0.00E+00	7.53E-12	0.00E+00	112%
Land use related impacts/Soil quality (SQP)	dimensionless	3.21E+00	3.48E-01	2.24E-01	INA	2.92E-05	2.87E-03	0.00E+00	3.49E-02	0.00E+00	106%

Additional voluntary indicators e.g. the voluntary indicators from EN 15804 or the global indicators according to ISO 21930:2017

Note 1: GWP-GHG is calculated as GWP - total minus any climate change impact (positive or negative) caused by biogenic carbon emission or uptake.

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The results of the impact categories abiotic depletion of minerals and metals, land use, human toxicity (cancer), human toxicity, noncancer and ecotoxicity (freshwater) may be highly uncertain in LCAs that include capital goods/infrastructure in generic datasets, in case infrastructure/capital goods contribute greatly to the total results. This is because the LCI data of infrastructure/capital goods used to quantify these indicators in currently available generic datasets sometimes lack temporal, technological and geographical representativeness. Caution should be exercised when using the results of these indicators for decision-making purposes.

### Use of resources

#### Results per declared unit

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1 - B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	Variation
PERE	MJ	5.76E-01	8.48E-03	3.16E-01	INA	3.83E-06	7.47E-05	0.00E+00	2.80E-04	0.00E+00	91%
PERM	MJ	2.40E-01	0.00E+00	-2.40E-01	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A
PERT	MJ	8.16E-01	8.48E-03	7.56E-02	INA	3.83E-06	7.47E-05	0.00E+00	2.80E-04	0.00E+00	91%
PENRE	MJ	8.74E+00	5.85E-01	1.69E+00	INA	4.24E-04	4.82E-03	0.00E+00	1.54E-02	0.00E+00	109%
PENRM	MJ	1.61E+00	0.00E+00	-5.22E-03	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	100%
PENRT	MJ	1.04E+01	5.85E-01	1.69E+00	INA	4.24E-04	4.82E-03	0.00E+00	1.54E-02	0.00E+00	108%
SM	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A
RSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A
NRSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	7.12E-03	8.31E-05	8.80E-04	INA	3.65E-08	6.85E-07	0.00E+00	1.58E-05	0.00E+00	78%

#### Acronyms

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 re-sources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water

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### Waste production

#### Results per declared unit

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1 - B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	Variation
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	3.41E-02	5.57E-04	7.47E-03	INA	5.66E-07	4.59E-06	0.00E+00	3.50E-05	0.00E+00	133%
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	2.78E-01	3.32E-02	5.83E-02	INA	2.68E-06	2.74E-04	0.00E+00	6.05E-02	0.00E+00	113%
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	1.75E-05	1.90E-07	1.77E-06	INA	8.40E-11	1.57E-09	0.00E+00	5.40E-09	0.00E+00	120%

### Output flows

#### Results per declared unit

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1 - B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	Variation
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A
Material for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	N/A

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## Other Environmental Performance Indicators

None included

## Additional Environmental Information

None included

## Additional Social and Economic Information

None included

## Information Related to Sector EPD

Not applicable

## Differences Versus Previous Versions

Version 1: 2024-02-07

Version 1.1: 2024-02-27.Editorial change

Version 1.2: 2024-04-15.Editorial change

Version 1.3: 2025-01-06.Editorial change, change the variation note and statement

## References

General Programme Instructions of the International EPD System®, Version 4.0

EPD International Product Category Rules (PCR) for Construction Products, PCR 2019:14, Version 1.3.1

ISO 14044:2006-10, Environmental Management — Life Cycle Assessment — Requirements and Instructions (ISO 14044:2006); EN ISO 14044:2006

EN 15804+A2:2019, Sustainability of construction works — Environmental Product Declarations — Core rules for the construction products product category