



**NUPI INDUSTRIE ITALIANE S.p.A.**



**ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

Product names:

**PLASTIC PIPING SYSTEMS FOR HOT  
AND COLD WATER TYPE NIRON AND  
POLYSYSTEM**

Site Plants:

**Castel Guelfo (BO)  
Busto Arsizio (VA)**

**in compliance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804**

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## General information

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<b>SCOPE OF APPLICATION:</b>	This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is valid for NIRON and POLYSYSTEM products. The production facilities are in Castel Guelfo (BO) and Busto Arsizio (VA). The type of declaration is related to an average product produced partly in Castel Guelfo (pipe) and partly in Busto Arsizio (fittings). The life cycle assessment is representative for the product introduced in the declaration for the given system boundaries.
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<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENT:</b>	This declaration has been developed following the General Programme Instruction document of EPDItaly, available at <a href="http://www.epditaly.it">www.epditaly.it</a> .
<b>PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES (PCR):</b>	PCR ICMQ-001/15 rev2 EN 15804 is the framework reference for PCRs.

## Company



In October 2015, Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A. took over Nupigeco S.p.A.

The name change brings with it the experience of an “all-Italian” company that exports its products worldwide.

Nupigeco S.p.A. was founded on October 1st 2008 by the merger of two of our companies, NUPI S.p.A. and Geco System S.p.A. - both founded more than 45 years ago. Combining their many years of experience and constant growth, the two firms decided to create a new flexible and advanced company, ready to play its role to satisfy the demands of the market whilst being environmentally astute.

### MISSION

The primary goal of Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A. corporate strategy is not only the production of systems that meet performance requirements and comply with the use for which they are intended, but above all general customer satisfaction. Producing better and faster are goals that technology makes more and more compatible.

Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A. combines high productivity with high and consistent quality standards while preventing pollution and minimizing the environmental impacts of its operations, making the most efficient use of natural resources and energy. To reduce raw materials wastes, Nupi Industrie italiane S.p.A. re-introduces in its production cycle its own reprocessed material.



## Company Certifications

**Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A.** submits its management and production systems to external audits performed by third party certification bodies. The external audit consists of inspections carried out at given intervals.

Audit frequency depends on the procedure established by the specific standard and by each certification body. Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A. is certified in compliance with the standards for quality (EN ISO 9001), environment (EN ISO 14001) and Health and Safety of workers (OHSAS 18001).



UNI EN ISO 9001

UNI EN ISO 14001

BS OHSAS 18001



# Product Certifications

NUPI products are of high quality, complying with regulations and conforming to the most stringent standards and certifications schemes (according to EN ISO 15874, DIN 8078, ASTM F 2389 etc...) from around the globe (the full updated list is available on the website: [www.nupiindustriaitaliane.com](http://www.nupiindustriaitaliane.com)).



## Goal and scope of EPD

The entire life cycle of the product is considered (Type of EPD: cradle to grave) and the modules described below are declared in this EPD:

Modules **A1-A3** include those processes that provide energy and material input for the system (A1), transport up to the factory gate of the plant (A2), manufacturing processes as well as waste processing and emissions to air (A3).

Module **A4** includes the transport from the production site to the customer or to the point of installation of the products.

Module **A5** considers all piping systems installation steps (like auxiliaries and water consumption) also packaging waste processing (recycling, incineration, disposal). Credits from energy substitution are declared in module D. During this phase a pipe leftover of 2% has been considered.

Module **B1** considers the use of the installed product. During the use of plastic piping systems, a scenario of zero impact is considered.

Module **B2** includes the maintenance of the product. A scenario of zero impact is considered.

Modules **B3-B4-B5** are related to the repair, replacement and refurbishment of the products. If the products are properly installed no repair, replacement or refurbishment processes are necessary. A scenario of zero impact is then considered.

Modules **B6-B7** consider energy use and operational water to operate building integrated technical systems. No operational energy or water use are considered. A scenario of zero impact is then considered.

Module **C1** considers deconstruction, including dismantling or demolition of the product from the building. The energy consumption related to shredding activities is considered.

Module **C2** considers transportation of the discarded piping system to a recycling or disposal process.

Module **C3** considers waste processing for products recycling and incineration.

Module **C4** includes all waste disposal processes, including pre-treatment and management of the disposal site.

Module **D** includes benefits from all net flows in the end-of-life stage that leave the product boundary system after having passed the end-of-waste stage. Benefits from packaging incineration (electricity and thermal energy) are declared within module D.

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	D
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4		D
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

X = modules included in the study



The type of EPD is “cradle to grave” and it is an average EPD for the product NIRON and POLYSYSTEM produced in NUPI INDUSTRIE ITALIANE S.p.A. plants located in Castel Guelfo (BO) and Busto Arsizio (VA) and sold worldwide. All data refer to the 2017 production and sales.

According to the PCR ICMQ-001/15 rev. 2 the LCA study and the relative EPD, is “cradle to grave”. Modules included are A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B, C and D. All manufacturing activities and packaging/auxiliary’s production are in module A3, while energy production and input materials are in A1. Transport to clients (A4) and installation (A5) are included together with end of life scenarios (benefits and loads included according to D module).

The declaration is 1d (average product from different products and from more than one plant of a specific manufacturer).

The production facilities are in Castel Guelfo - Bologna (IT) - and Busto Arsizio - Varese (IT). The market range is Worldwide.

**Geographical validity:** Worldwide

**Database:** GaBi Database SP36 (2018)

**Software:** EPD Process Creator, implemented through GaBi professional 8.7 and GaBi Envision 3.0 software. The identification code of the EPD process tool used is: NUPI EPD Process Tool – V2 del 27/03/2019 developed by thinkstep Italy.

**EPD realized by means of a validated algorithm:**

In 2019 NUPI Industrie Italiane S.p.A. implemented and certified a Process for EPD generation by using an algorithm that has been validated and certified by ICMQ S.p.A., in agreement with EPDItaly’s requirements. The process is based on an automatic data collection from different manufacturing plants that have been integrated, verified and validated in compliance with internal procedures. The validated algorithm allows the automatic calculation of the indicators reported into the current EPD coming from an LCA model implemented into the EPD process tool.

## Product description

### 1.1. Detailed product description

Polypropylene Random Copolymer pipes produced by Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A. denominated NIRON and POLYSYSTEM meet the requirements of a wide range of applications.

NIRON and POLYSYSTEM allow the transport of hot, cold, sanitary, industrial, chemical and farming fluids under pressure.

They are suitable for different types of installations such as risers, connections to sanitaryware, piping for chilled water for fan convectors, connections between thermal generators and distribution manifolds, cooling towers.

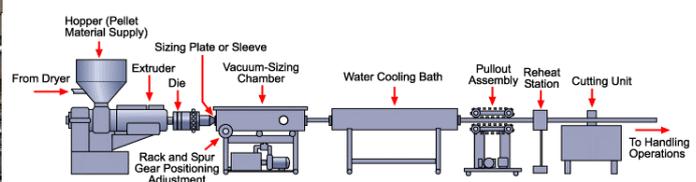
Polypropylene systems can be used in several installations such as houses, large apartment buildings, hotels, hospitals, shopping malls, churches, schools, gyms, cruise and cargo ships.

PP-RCT represents the evolution of the PP-R. It presents better performance characteristics than its predecessor PP-R.

Polypropylene pipes reinforced with fiberglass (as Niron Clima, Niron FG...) are used in all applications where low thermal expansion is required. They are made up of several layers where the intermediate layer is composed of a specific PP-R or PP-RCT containing a given percentage of fiberglass.

### 1.2. Production processes description

#### PIPE EXTRUSION (Castel Guelfo)



**Figure 1 Pipes extrusion process**

Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A. manufactures both solid wall (monolayer) plastic pipes, in diameter sizes ranging from 16 mm to 1000 mm, and coextruded multilayer (from two to five layers) pipes.

The raw materials used to manufacture plastic pipes are supplied in pellets (provided in bulk transporter, octabins or bags), both as natural resin or finished compound. Resin is pneumatically conveyed from the bulk transporters to silos at the plant site. The resin is then transferred from the silos to the pipe extruder by a vacuum transfer system.

The pipe extrusion line consists of the extruder, die, cooling systems, puller, printer, saw and take-off equipment. The function of the extruder is to heat, melt, mix, and convey the material to the die, where it is shaped into a pipe. The extruder is used to heat the raw material and then force the resulting melted polymer

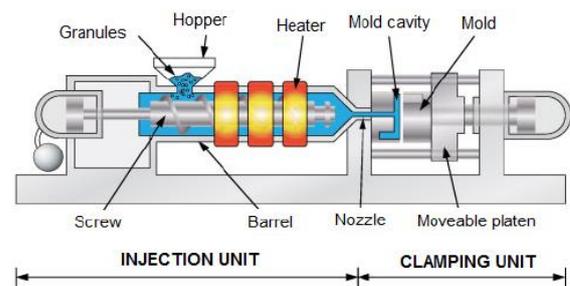
through the pipe extrusion die. The pipe extrusion die supports and distributes the homogeneous polymer melt around a solid mandrel, which forms it into an annular shape for solid wall pipe.

The dimensions and tolerances of the pipe are determined and set during the sizing and cooling operation. The sizing operation holds the pipe in its proper dimensions during the cooling of the molten material. During vacuum sizing, the molten material is drawn through a sizing tube or rings while its surface is cooled enough to maintain proper dimensions and a circular form. The outside surface of the pipe is held against the sizing sleeve by vacuum. After the pipe exits the vacuum sizing tank, it is moved through a second vacuum tank or a series of spray or immersion cooling tanks.

The puller must provide the necessary force to pull the pipe through the entire cooling operation. Pipes are marked at specific intervals through ink jet or hot marking with tape machines.

Finished pipes can be coiled (depending to their sizes and physical/mechanical characteristics) or cut in customised straight lengths for handling and shipping convenience. Coiled pipes and straight lengths are then arranged with the proper packaging, ready for the storage, handling and transport phases.

## FITTINGS INJECTION MOULDING (Busto Arsizio)



**Figure 2 Fittings injection moulding process**

Equipment to mould fittings consists of a mould and an injection moulding press. The mould is a split metal block that is machined to form a part shaped cavity in the block. Hollows in the part are created by core pins shaped into the part cavity. The moulded part is created by filling the cavity in the mould block through a filling port, called a gate.

The injection moulding press has two parts; a press to open and close the mould block, and an injection extruder to inject material into the mould block cavity. The injection extruder is similar to a conventional extruder except that, in addition to rotating, the extruder screw also moves lengthwise in the barrel. Injection moulding is a cyclical process. The mould block is closed and the extruder barrel is moved into contact with the mould gate. The screw is rotated and then drawn back, filling the barrel ahead of the screw with material. Screw rotation is stopped, and the screw is rammed forward, injecting molten material into the mould cavity under high pressure. The part in the mould block is cooled by water circulating through the mould block. When the part has solidified, the extruder barrel and mould core pins are retracted, the mould is opened, and the part is ejected.

NUPI Industrie Italiane S.p.A. manufactures a wide range of electrofusion fittings that incorporate a metal wire for the welding process, socket fusion, spigot and transition fittings.

### 1.3. Technical data

PP-R														
APPLICATION CLASSES									$P_D$					
$P_D$	1	2	4	5	1	2	4	5	S	SDR	10	8	6	4
	S				SDR									
4	5	5	5	3,2	11	11	11	7,4	2,5	6	1&4	2	5	5
6	5	3,2	5	3,2	11	7,4	11	7,4	3,2	7,4	2)	1&4	2	5
8	3,2	2,5	3,2	-	7,4	6	7,4	1)	5	11	2)	2)	1&4	1&2&4
10	2,5	-	2,5	-	6	1)	6	1)						

PP-RCT														
APPLICATION CLASSES									$P_D$					
$P_D$	1	2	4	5	1	2	4	5	S	SDR	10	8	6	4
	S				SDR									
4	8	8	8	5	17	17	17	11	3,2	7,4	1&2&4	5	5	5
6	5	5	5	4	11	11	11	9	4	9	2)	1,2,4	5	5
8	4	4	4	3,2	9	9	9	7,4	5	11	2)	2)	1&2&4	5
10	3,2	3,2	3,2	1)	7,4	7,4	7,4	1)	8	17	2)	2)	2)	1&2&4

1) Series/SDR not available in the NIRON piping range.

2) Application class not covered by this Series/SDR.

**Example:** A PP-RCT, SDR7,4, Series 3,2 pipe can be used in application classes 1,2 and 4 with a design pressure of 10 bar and in class 5 with a design pressure of 8 bar.

#### Service Conditions - Application classes as per EN ISO 15874 and ISO 10508

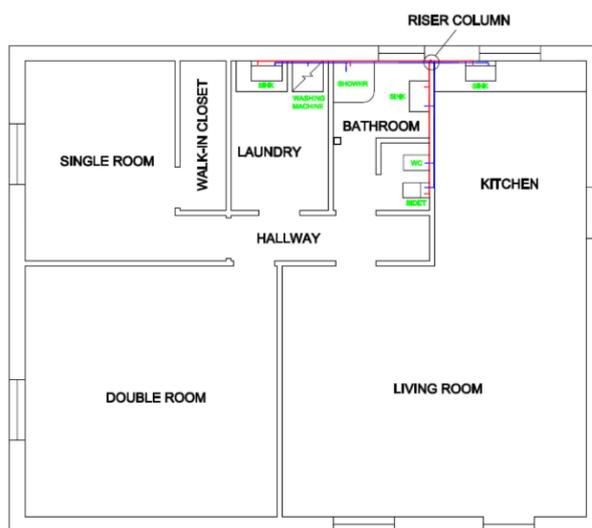
PROPERTIES	TEST METHOD	VALUES AT +23°C	UNIT OF MEASURE	
Volumic mass	ISO 1183	0,898	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Yield strength	ISO 527	23	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	
Elongation at break	ISO 527	> 50	%	
Modulus of elasticity	ISO 527	850	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	
Melt flow index MFI 190/5	ISO 1133	0,5	g/10 min	
Heat conductivity ( $\lambda$ )	DIN 52612	0,24	W/mk	
Linear thermal expansion coefficient	VDE 0304	1,5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>	K <sup>-1</sup>	
Melting point	DIN 53736b2	150 - 154	°C	
Impact strength (Charpy)				
	+23°C	ISO 179/1 e A	no break	KJ/m <sup>2</sup>
	-30°C	ISO 179/1 e A	50	KJ/m <sup>2</sup>
Volumic strength	IEC 93	>10 <sup>15</sup>	$\Omega$ cm	
Dielectric strength	IEC 243/1	75	KV/mm	
Dielectric loss factor	DIN 53483	< 5 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
Fire resistance	DIN 4102	B2		

#### Technical properties

## 1.4. Base materials/ancillary materials

Material		Pipe (CG)	Fittings (BA)
Polypropylene granulate	Base	90-100%	99-100%
Glass-fiber Polypropylene	Base	0-9%	0%
Pigments for Polypropylene	Ancillary	0-1%	0-1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 1.5. Description of piping system components



The environmental burdens are calculated in relation to the functional unit, which resulted for the typical PP-R/PP-RCT piping system for hot and cold water in the building in the following basic components: PP-R/PP-RCT pipes (supplied in 4 metre or longer straight lengths), PP-R/PP-RCT fittings (elbows, reducers, tees) and PP-R/PP-RCT fittings with metal (brass) insert (transition fittings).

The functional unit represents 100 m<sup>2</sup> of a typical residential single-family apartment with all the facilities clearly positioned.

The EPD is declared as the average environmental performance for NUPI families of

polypropylene piping systems for hot and cold water in the building, over its reference service life cycle of 50 years (being the estimated reference life time of the apartment), in accordance with EN 806, EN ISO 15874 and CEN TR 12108.

Pipes included are PP-RCT pipe DN 20 mm and 25 mm SDR 7,4 for hot water (70°C/10 bar) and DN 20 and 25 mm PP-R SDR7,4 for cold water (20°C/10 bar) served by a riser column DN 32 SDR 11 in PP-RCT for hot water (70°C/6 bar) and in PP-R for cold water (20°C/10 bar). No other components (tap connectors, brackets/clips) have been included.

## 1.6. Products Distribution

Pipes and fittings are supplied to customers in customised dimensions with appropriate protection and packaging. The product packaging is made of cardboard boxes, wooden pallets and crates, plastic sheaths, stretch film and bags.



### Installation

Water, fast fixing cement, wall fixing metals and electricity are used during installation. No emissions are generated during installation and piping systems installations do not cause health or environmental hazards.

### Functional unit

The functional unit is defined as “The pressure supply and transport of hot and cold drinking water, from the entrance of a well-defined apartment to the tap, by means of a random copolymer polypropylene (PP-R and PP-RCT) hot & cold drinking water pipe system installation supplying a 100 m<sup>2</sup> apartment, incorporating a bathroom, a separate WC including the bidet, one kitchen and a washroom (laundry). The service life time of the pipe system has been considered to be aligned with the 50 year service life time of the apartment”.

Name	Value	Unit
Reference flow	6,912	Kg/FU
Pipes	5,112	Kg/FU
Joints	1,800	Kg/FU
Plastic fittings	1,269	Kg/FU
Brass inserts	0,531	Kg/FU
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0,145	
Conversion factor to 1 m	0,045	
Total pipes length	22,0	m

### Dangerous materials

The product does not contain any substances included in the “Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern for Authorization” compliant with /REACH/ and with EC 1272/2008



The total mass involved is 6,912 kg of which 5,112 kg of plastic pipes, 1,269 kg of plastic fittings and 0,531 kg of brass inserts.

**Condition of use:**

Operational use (pumping energy) is not relevant for the EPD, since it falls outside the system boundaries of the LCA project. Maintenance is not needed for the NIRON and POLYSYSTEM hot & cold pipe system. According to [/FprEN 16904/](#) a general scenario of zero impact for plastic piping systems inside the building is considered.

**Reference service life**

Plastic piping systems are regarded as having 50 years RSL independent of their material according to [/FprEN 16904/](#).

**End of life**

After the demolition and deconstruction phase, piping systems can be incinerated, sent to landfill or recycled.

## LCA results – Environmental impact per functional unit

The tables below show the results of the NIRON and POLYSYSTEM LCA (Life Cycle Assessment).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS																
Parameter	Unit	A1-3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq.]	1,72E+01	7,70E-01	6,81E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,98E-02	1,72E-01	3,01E+00	3,90E-01	-2,14E+00
ODP	[kg CFC11-eq.]	1,32E-11	2,83E-14	2,20E-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,55E-13	4,69E-15	1,60E-13	1,00E-13	-3,48E-12
AP	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eq.]	4,02E-02	6,24E-03	9,47E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,27E-04	1,36E-04	7,43E-04	1,02E-03	-4,78E-03
EP	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3-</sup> -eq.]	4,48E-03	6,98E-04	1,93E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,12E-05	3,14E-05	1,41E-04	1,01E-03	-4,44E-04
POCP	[kg ethene-eq.]	5,16E-03	3,12E-04	1,63E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,42E-05	2,48E-06	5,95E-05	1,10E-04	-3,92E-04
ADPE	[kg Sb-eq.]	2,51E-04	5,64E-08	8,79E-07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,24E-08	1,41E-08	7,73E-08	9,18E-08	-1,63E-04
ADPF	[MJ]	5,17E+02	1,02E+01	9,96E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,49E-01	2,34E+00	2,00E+00	5,31E+00	-4,26E+01
Caption	GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Ozone depletion potential; AP = Acidification potential; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Photochemical ozone creation potential; ADPE = Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources															

## LCA results – Environmental impact per functional unit - TRACI

TRACI Indicators																
Parameter	Unit	A1-3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Air	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq.]	1,72E+01	7,70E-01	6,81E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,98E-02	1,72E-01	3,01E+00	3,90E-01	-2,14E+00
Ozone Depletion Air	[kg CFC11-eq.]	1,32E-11	2,83E-14	2,20E-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,55E-13	4,69E-15	1,60E-13	1,00E-13	-3,48E-12
Acidification Air	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eq.]	4,24E-02	6,62E-03	1,07E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,30E-04	1,52E-04	8,69E-04	1,09E-03	-4,86E-03
Eutrophication	[kg N - eq.]	2,89E-03	2,94E-04	1,53E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,72E-05	2,88E-05	8,62E-05	4,84E-04	-2,75E-04
Smog Air	[kg O <sub>3</sub> -eq.]	6,63E-01	1,21E-01	1,51E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,85E-03	2,42E-03	1,59E-02	1,93E-02	-6,77E-02
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															

## LCA results – Resource use per functional unit

RESOURCE USE																
Parameter	Unit	A1-3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	[MJ]	6,13E+01	4,21E-01	1,15E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,48E-01	1,29E-01	2,43E-01	4,17E-01	-6,25E+00
PERM	[MJ]	2,97E+00	0	-7,51E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERT	[MJ]	6,43E+01	4,21E-01	3,95E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,48E-01	1,29E-01	2,43E-01	4,17E-01	-6,25E+00
PENRE	[MJ]	2,48E+02	1,03E+01	1,13E+01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,46E+00	2,35E+00	4,51E+01	5,51E+00	-4,87E+01
PENRM	[MJ]	2,88E+02	0	-9,39E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4,28E+01	0	0
PENRT	[MJ]	5,36E+02	1,03E+01	1,04E+01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,46E+00	2,35E+00	2,36E+00	5,51E+00	-4,87E+01
SM*	[kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,51E-01
RSF	[MJ]	1,41E-08	3,90E-29	3,45E-17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,00E+00	1,27E-29	4,07E-23	3,51E-23	6,17E-10
NRSF	[MJ]	1,66E-07	5,94E-28	2,51E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,17E-30	1,92E-28	4,78E-22	4,12E-22	7,17E-09
FW	[m3]	1,12E-01	7,77E-04	2,12E-03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,46E-04	2,38E-04	6,89E-03	7,46E-06	-1,12E-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															

\* Reference to only foreground system.

## LCA results – Output flows and waste categories per functional unit

OUTPUT FLOWS AND WASTE CATEGORIES																
Parameter	Unit	A1-3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	[kg]	1,15E-06	4,19E-07	5,49E-09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,84E-10	1,36E-07	1,45E-09	2,39E-08	-2,71E-08
NHWD	[kg]	4,05E-01	6,51E-04	2,13E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,03E-03	1,97E-04	4,82E-02	5,25E+00	-8,22E-02
RWD	[kg]	7,46E-03	1,94E-05	1,57E-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,41E-04	3,21E-06	1,42E-04	7,96E-05	-2,40E-03
CRU*	[kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR*	[kg]	0	0	4,53E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,46E-01	0	0
MER*	[kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE	[MJ]	0	0	3,98E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,05E+00	0	0
EET	[MJ]	0	0	6,32E-01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,08E+01	0	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															

\* Reference to only foreground system.

## Calculation rules

### Assumptions

Where possible, a conservative approach has been adopted, overestimating burdens to prove irrelevance. In other cases, alternatives data were selected based on scientific experience, in order to improve the accuracy of the model. Where it was not possible to know the exact materials composition in the supply chain (due to commercial or industrial confidential suppliers' reasons or due to missing datasets), these have been approximated with LCIs of similar materials, estimated by the combination of available dataset or reconstructed with literature data.

1. For brass recycling, the steel billet recycling process has been used as a conservative choice (melting temperature for recycling brass is higher than for steel).
2. Where potential benefits from energy recovery in A5 and C modules are considered, the grid mix of non European countries has been considered as the European one.
3. For boilers (natural gas fed) an efficiency factor equal to 0,95 is considered.
4. For transport to customers, an estimated distance of 500 km by truck is added to the transport by ship.
5. Wastes coming from extraordinary maintenance activities have not been considered.
6. For mixed packaging wastes the production impact is taken into account but as it is mainly made of polyethylene, the polyethylene production is considered.
7. Auxiliaries used in installations are assumed to be sent to landfill at the end of life of the product.
8. The functional unit is defined as mass of pipes and fittings without packaging.
9. Some components produced by third party companies arrive at NUPI with their own packaging. This packaging is not accounted for in this study.

### Cut off rules

EN 15804 requires that where there are data discrepancies or insufficient input data for a unit process, the cut-off criteria shall be 1% of renewable and non-renewable primary energy usage and 1% of the total mass of this unit process. The total neglected flows from a product stage must be no more than 5% of product inputs by mass or 5% of primary energy contribution.

Only nylon strips for some fitting packaging and ozone emissions have been ignored as widely < 1% of the total mass.

### Data quality

The data quality can be considered as good. The LCA models have been checked and most relevant flows were considered. Technological, geographical and temporal representativeness is appropriate.

## Examination period

Primary data collected in the context of this study refer to 2017.

## Allocation – upstream data

In general, the allocation principles used in standard GaBi datasets are explained within GABI 8 2018 DOCUMENTATION.

For all refinery products, allocation by mass and net calorific value has been applied. The specific manufacturing route of every refinery product is modelled and so the impacts associated with the production of these products are calculated individually. Two allocation rules are applied:

1. the raw material (crude oil) consumption of the respective stages, which is necessary for the production of a product or an intermediate product, is allocated by energy (mass of the product \* calorific value of the product);
2. the energy consumption (thermal energy, steam, electricity) of a process, e.g. atmospheric distillation, being required by a product or an intermediate product, are charged on the product according to the share of the throughput of the stage (mass allocation).

Materials and chemicals needed used in the manufacturing process are modelled using the allocation most suitable rule for the respective product. For further information on a specific product, see the documentation on [gabi-software.com](http://gabi-software.com).

In addition to the abovementioned allocation methods for refinery products and materials, inventories for electricity and thermal energy generation also include allocation by economic value for some by-products (e.g. gypsum, boiler ash and fly ash). In case of plants for the co-generation of heat and power, allocation by exergy is applied.

## Scenarios and additional technical information

- Module A1 refers to all raw materials impacts production with packaging included and all types of energy inputs
- Module A2 includes the raw materials (also auxiliary's and packaging) transport to the factory gate
- Module A3 comprises all production activities and waste treatment and process emissions (both to air and to water). Such activities refer to NUPI Industrie Italiane S.p.A. direct activities. Primary data have been used for (such as plastic extrusion for pipes production, plastic injection moulding for fittings production) and processes not directly carried out by NUPI Industrie Italiane S.p.A such as the brass inserts production but included in the study as requested in the functional unit. (secondary data have been used in this case).
- Module A4 takes into account the transport to the final customer/distributor. In 2017, NIRON and POLYSYSTEM piping system was sold to Europe (68%), to USA (14%) and to the rest of the world (18%). The distribution scenario is shown below:

Means of transport	GaBi transport dataset	Weighted Average distance [km]
<b>Truck</b>	Truck-trailer, Euro 6, up to 28t gross weight / 12,4t payload capacity	957
<b>Ship</b>	Average ship, 27500 dwt payload capacity/ ocean going	1.871

- For Module A5 the following parameters (TEPPFA reference) have been taken into account:

Parameter	Parameter unit expressed per functional unit	Source
<b>Water for the commissioning test</b>	3 liters	<a href="#">/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/</a>
<b>Fast fixing cement</b>	0,04 kg (ratio water/cement 0,3) of which 0,028 kg cement and 0,012 kg water	<a href="#">/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/</a>
<b>Wall fixing metals</b>	0,03 kg (galvanized steel)	<a href="#">/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/</a>
<b>Electrical energy</b>	0,01 kWh for the installation (screw driver)	<a href="#">/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/</a>
<b>Leftover</b>	We took an average value of 2% [<1% from (Teppfa, 2018) and 3% from (VITO, 2013)].	thinkstep assumption

Moreover, following leftover end of life scenarios have been included:

	Landfill	Incineration	Mechanical recycling	Source
<b>Leftover</b>	80 %	15 %	5 %	/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/
<b>Distance to treatment</b>	to 50 km	150 km	/	/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/

- Module B (maintenance and operational use): Operational use and Maintenance are not relevant for the piping system. According to [/FprEN 16904/](#) a general scenario of zero impact for plastic piping systems inside the building is considered for all B modules (B1-B2-B3-B4-B5-B6-B7).
- Module C1 (Deconstruction / demolition) has been included and deconstruction impacts have been considered.
- Module C2, C3 (recycling and incineration with energy recovery) and C4 (landfilling) consider the end of life scenarios of the product, considering all components of the piping system. The percentages to the given scenarios have been suggested by the [/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/](#) and [/FprEN 16904/](#) as shown below:

Material	EoL treatment - <a href="#">/FprEN 16904/</a>	EoL treatment - <a href="#">/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/</a>	Distances to treatment [C2] <a href="#">/TEPPFA EPD, 2018/</a>
<b>Piping systems</b>	80% landfilling 15% incineration 5% mechanical recycling		50 km to landfilling 150 km to incineration 600 km to recycling
<b>Brass inserts</b>		75% recycling 25% landfilling	600 km to recycling 50 km to landfill

- Module D consists of loads and benefits beyond the system boundaries.

## Other additional environmental information

### **Emissions to indoor air:**

No direct emissions at the building site. Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A confirms that the Niron and Polysystem piping system does not contain any substances mentioned on the REACH-list.

### **Emissions to soil and water:**

No direct emissions at the building site. Nupi Industrie Italiane S.p.A confirms that the Niron and Polysystem piping system does not contain any substances mentioned on the REACH-list.

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