ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

PP3®

PRODUCT NAMES:	PP3®
SITE PLANTS:	Vestone/Vobarno
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GENERAL INFORMATION

EPD OWNER:	Valsir S.p.A., Località Merlaro, 2 25078 Vestone (BS)
PLANT INVOLVED IN THE DECLARATION:	

Vestone: Località Merlaro, 2 25078 Vestone (Brescia)

Vobarno: Via della Ferriera, 1 25079 Vobarno (Brescia)

SCOPE OF APPLICATION:	This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is valid for PP3® product. The production facilities are in Vestone and Vobarno (BS). The type of declaration is related to an average product produced partly in Vestone (fittings) and Vobarno (pipes). The life cycle assessment is representative for the product introduced in the declaration for the given system boundaries.
PROGRAM OPERATOR:	EPDItaly, via Gaetano De Castillia 10, 20124 Milano, Italia.
INDIPENDENT CHECK:	This declaration has been developed referring to EPDItaly, following the General Programme Instruction; further information and the document itself are available at: www.epditaly.it. EPD document valid within the following geographical area: Italy and other countries according to sales market conditions. CEN standard EN 15804 served as the core PCR (PCR ICMQ-001/15 rev.3). PCR review was conducted by Daniele Pace. Contact via info@epditaly.it Independent verification of the declaration and data, according to EN ISO 14025:2010. Third party verifier: ICMQ SpA, via De Castillia, 10 20124 Milano (www.icmq.it) ☐ EPD process certification (Internal) ☑ EPD verification (External) Accredited by: Accredia
CPC CODE:	3632 - Tubes, pipes and hoses, and fittings therefor, of plastics
CORPORATE CONTACT:	valsir@valsir.it
TECHNICAL SUPPORT:	Sphera https://www.sphera.com
COMPARABILITY:	Environmental statements published within the same product category, but from different programs, may not be comparable. In particular, EPDs of construction products may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN 15804.
ACCOUNTABILITY:	Valsir S.p.A. relieves EPDItaly from any non-compliance with environmental legislation. The holder of the declaration will be responsible for the information and supporting evidence; EPDItaly declines all responsibility for the manufacturer's information, data and results of the life cycle assessment.
REFERENCE DOCUMENT:	This declaration has been developed following the General Programme Instruction document of EPDItaly, available at www.epditaly.it.
PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES (PCR):	PCR ICMQ-001/15 rev.3 EN 15804+A2 is the framework reference for PCRs.

COMPANY

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Valsir was founded in 1987, on the basis of a precise industrial strategy adopted by the Silmar Group - a holding that is leader in the plumbing and heating market with a sales turnover of over 900 million Euro and 2,600 employees - with factories in Italy, in Valle Sabbia to the north of Brescia and abroad in Portugal, Poland, Russia, Romania, the Ukraine, France and South Africa.

Valsir is today a solid and expanding firm within a group whose true points of cohesion and strength lie within a strong sense of collaboration and the contribution of specific professional skills of each single component.

VALSIR - HEADQUARTERS

Location: Vestone (BS)

VALSIR - VOBARNO PRODUCTION PLANT

Location: Vobarno (BS)

VALSIR RECYCLING - CARPENEDA 1 PRODUCTION PLANT

Location: Carpeneda, Vobarno (Brescia)

VALSIR - CARPENEDA 2 PRODUCTION PLANT

Location: Carpeneda, Vobarno (Brescia)

MISSION

Our mission is to excel in the creation of innovative, environmentally sustainable and quality solutions by guaranteeing a meticulous and prompt service. Boasting deep roots within our territory and a strong commitment to internationalization, we adopt processes that are respectful of both people and the environment.

THE NUMBERS OF VALSIR (2020)

244,008 m²

total surface of which 112,130 m² indoors

562 Employees

155,844,014 €

turnover

15,754,571 €

investments

24 patents

22 product lines

236 type approvals

7,000 items

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CERTIFICATIONS

QUALITY SYSTEM CERTIFICATION DNV ISO 9001

ISO 9001:2015

Quality management system

(In force since 2001)

ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM DNV·GL ISO 50001

ISO 50001:2018

Energy management system

(In force since 2017)

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM CERTIFICATION DNV·GL ISO 14001

ISO 14001:2015

Environmental management systems

(In force since 2018 for the plant in Vestone)

COMPANY AWARDS

Excellence of the year for Innovation and Leadership - Best Job 2019

LE FONTI AWARDS® WINNER 2019

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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, packaging materials as well as waste processing and emissions to air from molding and extrusion processes (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 screws, cement, oil use and water consumption) also packaging waste processing (recycling, incineration, disposal). Credits from energy substitution are declared in module D. During this phase an overlap 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 site. The energy consumption related to such 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.

The type of EPD is “cradle to grave” and it is an average EPD for the product PP3® produced in Valsir S.p.A. plants located in Vobarno (BS) and Vestone (BS) and sold worldwide. All data refer to the 2019 production and sales.

According to the PCR ICMQ-001/15 rev.3 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 1b (average product from more than one plant of a specific manufacturer).

The production facilities are in Vobarno (IT) and Vestone (IT). The market range is Worldwide.

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
√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

√ = modules included in the study.

Geographical validity: Worldwide

Database: GaBi Database 2021.1

Software: EPD Process Creator, implemented through GaBi professional 10 and GaBi Envision 9.0 software. The identification code of the EPD process tool used is: Valsir LCA tool - waste piping systems - V.2 - 13/10/2021 developed by Sphera.

EPD realized by means of a validated algorithm:
In 2021 Valsir 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.

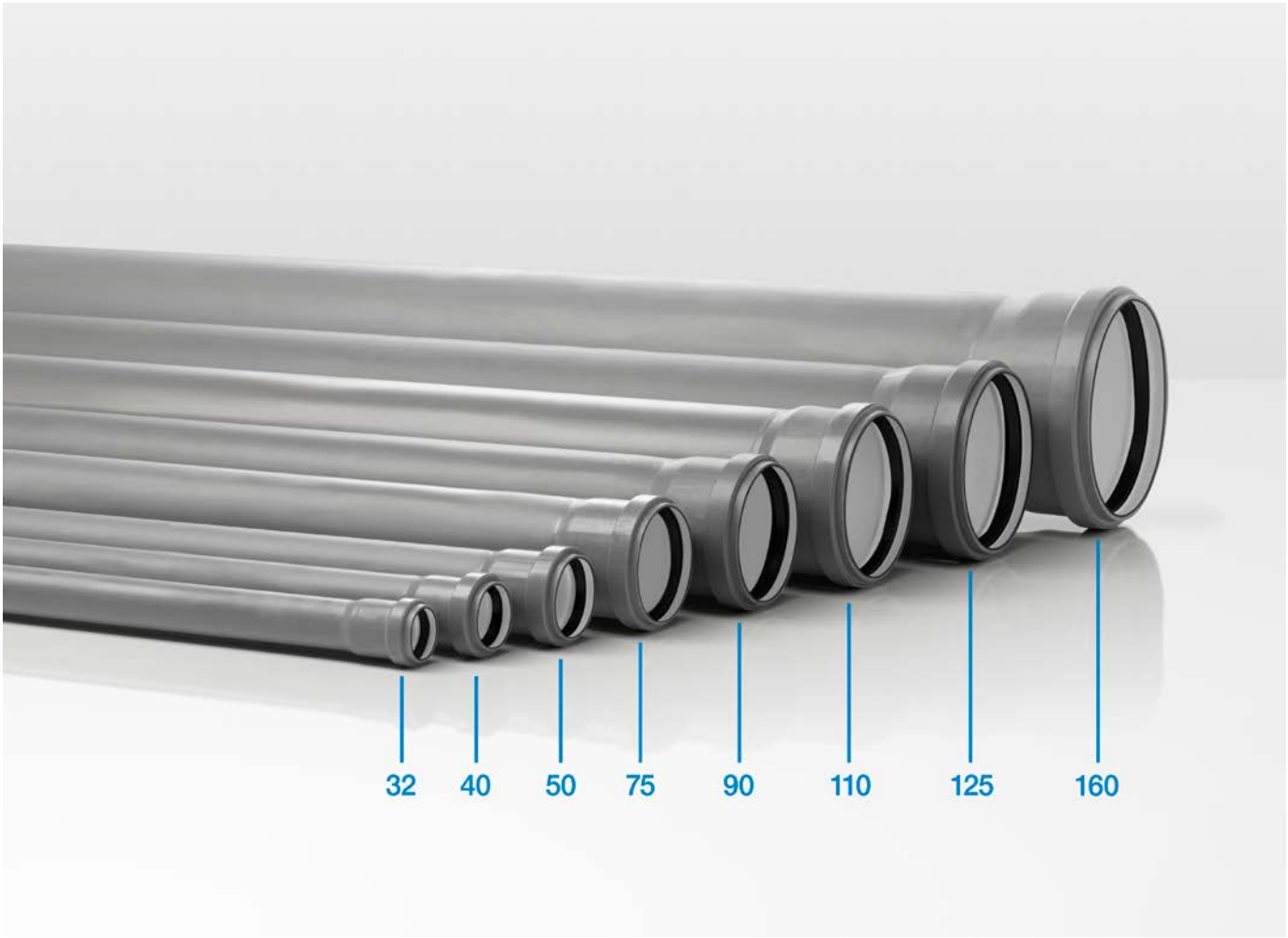
PRODUCTS DESCRIPTION

1. PP3® PIPES AND FITTINGS

PP3® is a push-fit system that includes triple layer pipes, fittings and accessories, industrialized, produced and patented by Valsir. This system provides extremely good mechanical characteristics, even at low temperatures, and an good soundproofing performance.

PP3® is manufactured following the European Standard EN 1451 and can be used for waste and drainage systems at low and high temperatures, ventilation systems for waste and rainwater networks inside buildings for residential and industrial use, hospitals and hotels.

Figure Pipe diameters



The intermediate layer is created with a patented polypropylene-based (PP) mix with mineral fillers (MD) such as to provide the PP3® system with excellent mechanical characteristics. This particular compound mix allows the system to resist at impact at temperatures as low as -10° C and discharge water with temperatures as high as 95° C.

The PP3® waste system can transport waste waters with PH values between 2 and 12, it has a high resistance to the most common chemical agents and is characterized by an extremely smooth internal surface that prevents the formation of internal deposits inside the waste network.

Technical data

Table Typical technical data

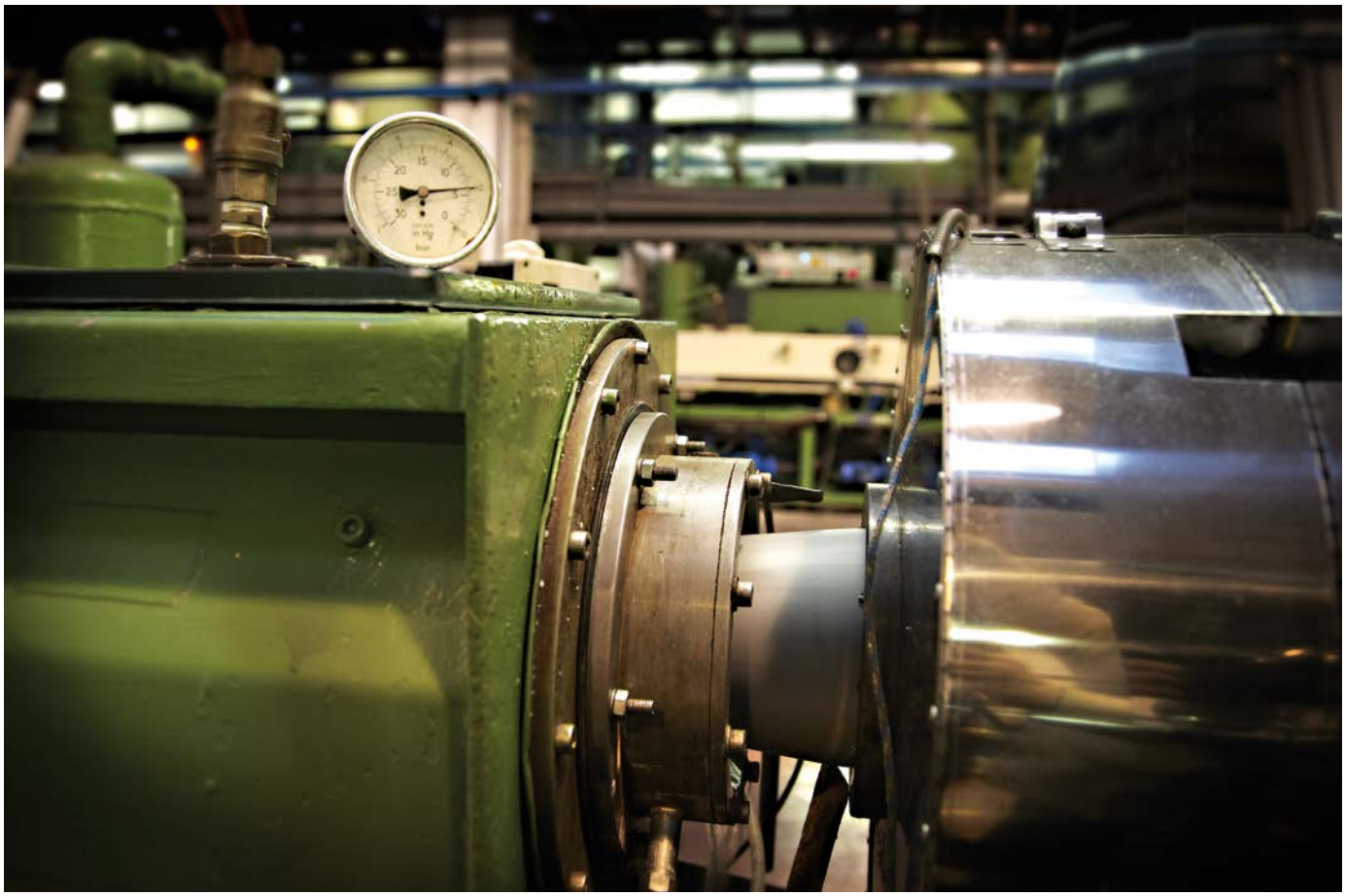
Features	Values	Testing methods
Pipe material	Polypropylene for the internal and external layers, mix of polypropylene and mineral fillers for the intermediate layer.	-
Fitting material	Polypropylene (1)	-
Seal material	SBR	-
Colour	Fittings: Grey RAL 7037. Tubes: grey RAL 7037 for the outer layer, black for the layer intermediate, white for the inner layer.	-
Diameters	32÷160 mm	-
Application	High and low temperature waste and drainage systems inside the building or anchored externally to the walls of the building (application area B) or laid directly in concrete; ventilation of waste systems; gravity rainwater drainage systems.	-
Connections	Push-fit socket connection with rubber seal.	-
Minimum temperature of use	-10°C	-
Maximum temperature of waste water	+95°C (intermittent) +80°C (continuous)	-
Minimum pressure	Not suitable for vacuum applications	-
Maximum pressure	+1.5 bar(2)	-
Composition of waste water	pH 2÷12	-
Soundproofing performance	$L_{SC,A}$=17 dB(A) with flow of 2 l/s, measurement performed on basement test room floor, behind the installation wall with 2 clips per floor	EN 14366
	L_{IN}=20 dB(A) with flow of 2 l/s, measurement performed on basement test room floor, behind the installation wall with 2 clips per floor	DIN 4109
Density at 23°C	pipes: > 940 kg/m^3 (medium thickness) > 1800 kg/m^3 (intermediate layer) fittings: > 1400 kg/m^3	UNI EN ISO 1183-2
Elasticity modulus	1650 MPa	ISO 527-2
Tensile strength	≥ 22 MPa	ISO 527-2
Ultimate elongation	≥ 500%	ISO 6259-3
Crystalline melting temperature	≥ 160°C	ISO 11357-3
Linear heat expansion coefficient	0.11 mm/m·K	-
UV resistance	Suitable for outdoor use(3). Suitable for be stored outdoors (for periods not exceeding 18 months and in any case not in direct contact with sunlight).	-
Halogen content	Halogen-free	-
Fire resistance	D-s3,d0	EN 13501-1
Reference construction standard	EN 1451-1	-
Packaging	Pipes in wooden frames with strapping for large diameters, in bundles tied with plastic elements for other diameters, in cardboard boxes for small diameters and reduced lengths. Fittings in cardboard boxes	-

(1) The fittings are the same as the PP product line.
(2) The system is suitable for pressure-free exhaust systems, the indicated value is therefore relative to the maximum pressure applicable during testing of the system at 20 system C.
(3) As long as it is protected from direct sun exposure, for example, by a special protective varnish.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCTION PROCESSES OF PIPE EXTRUSION

The production of PP3® pipes is carried out through an extrusion process. The extrusion line receives, through a pneumatic distribution system, the plastic material in granules directly from the storage silos.
The material used is a polypropylene-based compound, achieved by mixing and blending virgin polypropylene granules with masterbatches and mineral fillers.
The material is then sent to the extrusion head where it is heated until reaching the softening temperature and pushed through a mold to form the pipe. At this stage, co-extruders are also used to make the different layers the pipe consists of.
The pipe, still not cooled down, passes through vacuum tanks to be calibrated and cooled down in order to reach the desired dimensions.
The pipe then passes through a cutting station where, based on the sequence set in the machine, it is cut to the different lengths required. Finally, pipe sections are taken over by the socketing machines that, by means of plastic deformation, create the sockets at pipe ends. Seals are automatically inserted into the sockets at this stage.
Product quality is constantly monitored through periodic checks of the dimensions and visual appearance of the products.

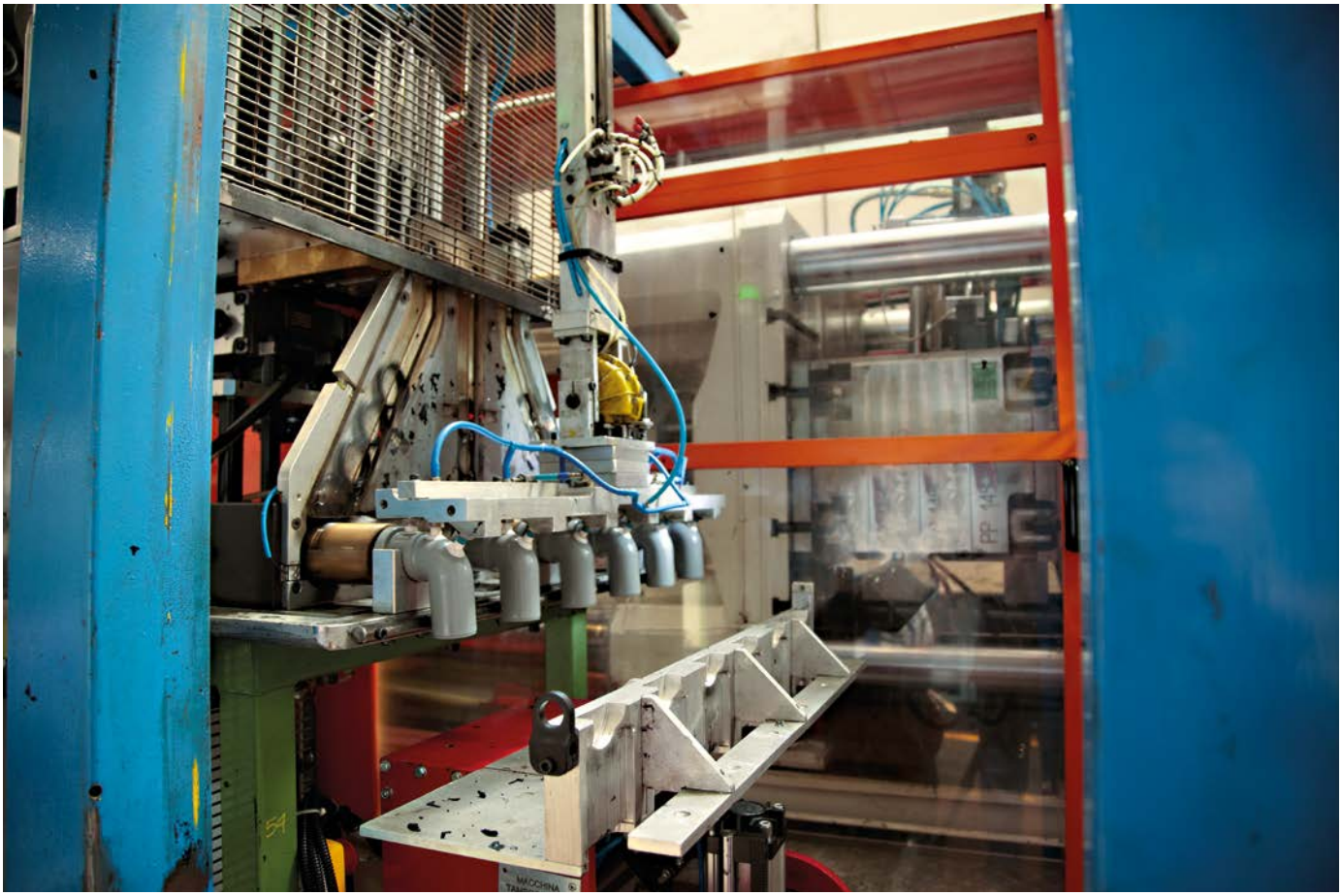
Figure Pipes extrusion process



3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCTION PROCESSES OF FITTINGS INJECTION MOULDING

The production of PP3®fittings is carried out through an injection molding process. An injection press receives, through a pneumatic distribution system, the plastic material in granules directly from the storage silos.
The material used is a polypropylene-based compound, achieved by mixing and blending virgin polypropylene granules with masterbatches.
Once the material has entered the press chamber, it is pushed forward by a lead screw: during this phase, due to the heating inside chamber, the material reaches the softening point and binds, thus allowing it to be injected through the nozzle into the mold.
The latter, consisting of a fixed and a moving part, contains the cavity that is filled with the molten material. Due to the injection, the mold is kept closed with a pressure controlled through special pressure curves defined in the press program for the time required to cool the molded item.
At the end of the cycle, the mold opens, the pins used to mold the item retract and the fitting body is pushed out of the cavity by ejectors, and then picked up by a robot using a gripper. The robot takes the fitting to a station for the marking and the automatic insertion of the seal inside the sockets, and then deposits it on a conveyor belt.
Product quality is constantly monitored through periodic checks of the dimensions and visual appearance of the products.

Figure Fittings injection molding process



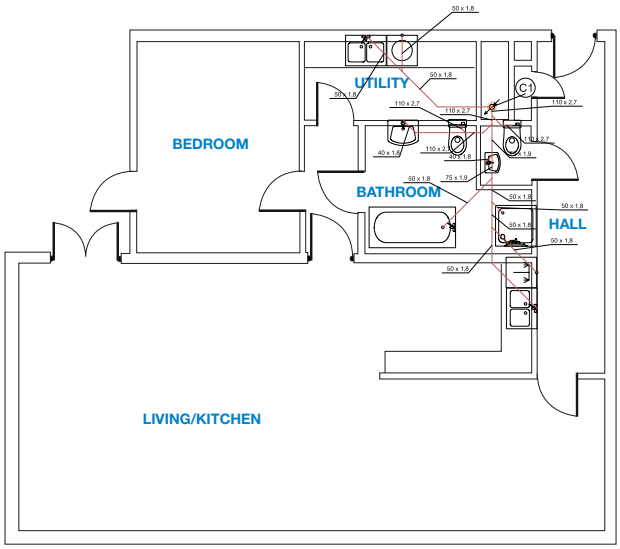
4. BASE MATERIAL AND ANCILLARY MATERIALS

Material	PP3® pipe	PP3® fitting
Polypropylene + Mineral filler	94%	83%
Additives and pigments	3%	2%
SBR	3%	12%
Polyethylene	-	2%
Polyammide	-	-
Zinc Stearate	-	-
Stainless steel, galvanized steel	-	-
EPDM	-	1%
Natural rubber/HNBR	-	-
Total	**100%**	**100%**

Service Conditions - Application classes as per EN ISO 15874 and ISO 10508.
Technical properties.

5. DESCRIPTION OF A SEWAGE SYSTEM

The environmental burdens are calculated in relation to the functional unit, which resulted for a waste water drainage system in a building.
The functional unit represents 100 m² of a typical residential single-family apartment.
The EPD is declared as the average environmental performance for Valsir PP3® families of gravity discharge of waste piping system, from a well-defined apartment to the entrance of a public sewer system, and this by means of a PP waste gravity drainage system installation into the 100 m² apartment, incorporating a bathroom, one kitchen and a laundry.



6. PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTION

Pipes and fittings are supplied to customers in customized dimensions with appropriate protection and packaging.
The product packaging is made of PE film and additional PE components (i.e. pipe spacer) for the pipe, PE film and cardboard for the fitting.

7. 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 “a piping system, from a well-defined apartment to the entrance of a public sewer system, and this by means of a PP3® waste gravity drainage system installation into the 100 m² apartment, incorporating a bathroom, one kitchen and a laundry”. The functional unit represents 100 m² of a typical residential single-family apartment.

Name	Value	Unit
Reference flow	15.9	kg/FU
Extruded Pipes	11.97	kg/FU
Molded components	3.04	kg/FU
Plastic components/gaskets	0.91	kg/FU
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0,0628	
Conversion factor to 1 m	0,0411	
Total pipes length	24.3	m
Number of fittings	34	pcs

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 25.42 kg of which 18.21 kg of extruded plastic pipes, 6.26 kg of plastic components internally molded and 0.95 kg of plastic 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 PP3® waste 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

The tables below show the results of the Blackfire® LCA (Life Cycle Assessment). Additional environmental impact indicators have been calculated and included in the project report, but are not declared according to EN 15804 + A2 chapter 7.2.3.2.

Table Environmental impact per functional unit

Parameter - Unit	**A1**	**A2**	**A3**	**A4**	**A5**	**B1-B7**	**C1**	**C2**	**C3**	**C4**	**D**
GWP total [kg CO_2-eq.]	2.72E01	7.88E-01	-2.48E00	1.62E00	7.08E00	0	1.77E-01	4.68E-01	7.01E00	1.03E00	-4.59E00
GWP fossil [kg CO_2-eq.]	2.71E01	7.87E-01	1.47E00	1.62E00	1.74E00	0	1.75E-01	4.67E-01	6.99E00	1.04E00	-4.56E00
GWP biogenic [kg CO_2-eq.]	1.08E-01	1.19E-03	-3.96E00	2.42E-03	5.34E00	0	1.49E-03	7.04E-04	2.16E-02	-8.99E-03	-2.20E-02
GWP luluc [kg CO_2-eq.]	7.65E-03	5.13E-05	2.10E-03	9.97E-05	1.43E-03	0	2.48E-04	3.05E-05	3.04E-04	7.93E-04	-2.58E-03
ODP [kg CFC-11-eq.]	4.64E-13	1.39E-16	9.20E-12	2.76E-16	1.23E-14	0	4.20E-15	8.23E-17	3.24E-15	2.47E-15	-4.12E-14
AP [mole of H^+-eq.]	2.60E-01	7.70E-04	3.78E-03	6.62E-03	5.32E-03	0	3.65E-04	4.06E-04	1.41E-03	2.91E-03	-6.12E-03
EP - freshwater [kg P eq.]	2.47E-05	1.77E-07	6.24E-05	3.65E-07	1.60E-05	0	4.71E-07	1.05E-07	5.78E-06	1.65E-04	-5.34E-06
EP - marine [kg N eq.]	1.21E-02	2.62E-04	1.79E-03	1.77E-03	1.10E-03	0	8.67E-05	1.26E-04	3.42E-04	7.04E-04	-1.74E-03
EP - terrestrial [mole of N eq.]	1.31E-01	2.91E-03	1.76E-02	1.95E-02	1.15E-02	0	9.10E-04	1.43E-03	5.69E-03	7.71E-03	-1.86E-02
POCP [kg NMVOC eq.]	6.00E-02	7.34E-04	4.29E-03	5.04E-03	4.21E-03	0	2.35E-04	3.77E-04	9.54E-04	2.20E-03	-5.44E-03
ADPF [MJ]	7.43E02	1.07E01	1.17E01	2.18E01	3.24E01	0	3.12E00	6.32E00	7.25E00	1.35E01	-9.25E01
ADPE [kg Sb eq.]	3.41E-01	3.66E-08	2.06E-06	7.32E-08	1.82E-05	0	5.16E-08	2.17E-08	1.10E-07	6.69E-08	-6.77E-07
WDP [m^3 world eq.]	4.61E00	1.74E-03	1.55E00	3.50E-03	2.49E-01	0	2.81E-02	1.03E-03	7.00E-01	-9.55E-03	-3.84E-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, deprivation-weighted water consumption

LCA RESULTS

Table Resource use per functional unit

Parameter - Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE [MJ]	6.89E01	5.67E-02	-1.86E01	1.13E-01	1.04E01	0	1.44E00	3.37E-02	1.24E00	1.03E00	-1.42E01
PERM [MJ]	0	0	4.53E01	0	-3.98E00	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERT [MJ]	6.89E01	5.67E-02	2.67E01	1.13E-01	6.43E00	0	1.44E00	3.37E-02	1.24E00	1.03E00	-1.42E01
PENRE [MJ]	8.98E01	1.07E01	-3.83E00	2.19E01	2.53E01	0	3.12E00	6.34E00	1.05E02	1.35E01	-9.25E01
PENRM [MJ]	6.55E02	0	1.55E01	0	7.16E00	0	0	0	-9.82E01	0	0
PENRT [MJ]	7.45E02	1.07E01	1.17E01	2.19E01	3.24E01	0	3.12E00	6.34E00	7.26E00	1.35E01	-9.25E01
SM [kg]	7.39E00	0	1.35E00	0	2.46E-02	0	0	0	0	0	0
RSF* [MJ]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF* [MJ]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW [m^3]	1.25E-01	8.17E-05	3.74E-02	1.64E-04	1.20E-02	0	1.40E-03	4.85E-05	1.69E-02	2.00E-04	-1.65E-02

* Reference to only foreground system.

PERE Use of renewable primary energy as energy carrier

PERM Use of renewable primary energy as raw materials

PERT Total use of renewable primary energy resources

PENRE Use of non-renewable primary energy as energy carrier

PENRM Use of non-renewable primary energy 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

LCA RESULTS

Table Output flows and waste categories per functional unit

Parameter - Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD [Kg]	1.64E-07	1.02E-10	1.27E-07	2.06E-10	9.74E-08	0	8.25E-10	6.07E-11	8.54E-10	2.46E-09	-1.94E-08
NHWD [Kg]	1.00E00	1.16E-03	1.77E-01	2.36E-03	1.33E00	0	2.21E-03	6.90E-04	4.64E-01	1.26E01	-3.44E-02
RWD [Kg]	1.10E-02	1.76E-05	3.85E-04	3.50E-05	6.55E-04	0	4.65E-04	1.04E-05	4.28E-04	1.61E-04	-4.52E-03
CRU [Kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR [Kg]	0	0	0	0	7.71E-01	0	0	0	7.88E-01	0	0
MER [Kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE [MJ]	0	0	0	0	1.38E00	0	0	0	1.32E01	0	0
EET [MJ]	0	0	0	0	1.57E00	0	0	0	2.65E01	0	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

Parameter - Unit	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1-B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Biog. C in packaging [Kg]	0	0	1.02E+000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biog. C in product [Kg]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Biog. C in packaging Biogenic carbon content in packaging

Biog. C in product Biogenic carbon content in product

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 precise composition of materials 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.

- Lead batteries have been taken into account as a conservative choice for batteries used in forklift.
- For brass recycling the steel billet recycling process has been used as conservative choice (melting temperature for recycling brass is lower than for steel).
- Where potential benefits from energy recovery in A5 and C modules are considered, for rest of world countries (other than Europe) these are calculated based on the European grid mix.
- For boilers (natural gas fed) an efficiency factor equal to 0.95 is considered.
- The functional unit is defined without packaging.
- In case of transports on truck where the payload was neither available nor conceivable, utilization factor of 0.61 has been considered (empty way back).
- For masterbatches/pigments whose exact composition was not available, a 95% of main polymer has been considered in addition to 5% pigment and in case of recycling, only the avoided burden of the polymer is considered (avoided burden of the pigment is neglected as conservative choice).
- For millings used to mill plastic scraps from internal manufacturing activities whose specific consumption was not available, an average between Bivite's and Govoni's milling consumption has been taken.
- For metal components end of life, a 60% recycling percentage has been considered based on /ISPRA/ reference, 40% is sent to landfill.
- For distribution the distance between Valsir warehouse and the country capital is considered and an estimated additional distance of 500 km by truck is added to the transport via ship.
- Distance to disposal site after demolition is assumed to be 100 km.
- For end of life scenarios, as Building&Construction (ISPRA) update percentage for Italy did only consider the overall recovery percentage, not distinguishing between recycling and energy recovery, the relative proportion has been assumed to be the same as in /PLASTIC EUROPE (2010)/ containing specific information for 2010.
- For plastic systems installation scrap production an average product has been considered, taking into account a worst case approach not including the related packaging.
- Whenever transport distances were not available (i.e. C2 module) a general 100 km has been considered.
- As CHP plant has been only partially in use in 2019, the electricity amount produced by the plant has been considered as taken from grid, as conservative choice.
- As different type of pigments were involved, a generic pigment polymer-based has been considered (95% PP + 5% average pigment).

CUT-OFF RULES

Only impacts that have been cut-off are internal transports between Valsir plants.
Production of capital equipment, facilities and infrastructure required for manufacture are outside the scope of this assessment.
The sum of the excluded material flows does not exceed 5% of mass, energy or environmental relevance.

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 2019.

ALLOCATION - UPSTREAM DATA

Information about single datasets is documented in http://database-documentation.gabi-software.com/support/gabi/.

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 Valsir direct activities. Primary data have been used for plastic extrusion for waste pipes production and plastic injection moulding for PP fittings production.
- Module **A4** takes into account the transport to the final customer/distributor. In 2019, Blackfire® waste piping system distribution scenario is shown in the table below. What is not sold neither to Europe not to Italy, is sent to the rest of the world.

			GaBi transport dataset	
Product	**IT**	**EU**	**Truck [km]**	**Ship [km]**
			Truck-trailer, Euro 6, up to 28 t gross weight / 12,4 t payload capacity	Average ship, 27500 dwt payload capacity/ocean going
Pipes	43.24%	39.47%	726.50	2312.45
Fittings	46.41%	37.97%	37.97	2072.02

- For Module **A5** the following parameters have been taken into account:

Installation	
Material	**Blackfire®**
Scrap percentage [%]	2
Water [kg]	1
Lubricant [kg]	0.098
Fast fixing cement [kg]	0.024
Wall fixing metals	0.032
Electrical energy [kWh]	0.019
Water for cement [kg]	0.010

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

	Landfill	**Incineration**	**Mechanical recycling**	**Source**
Leftover	80%	15%	5%	/FPREN 16904/
Distance to treatment	100 km	100 km	/	/FPREN 16904/

- 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 /FprEN 16904/ as shown below:

Material	EoL treatment -	Source	Distances to treatment [C2]
Piping systems	80% landfilling 15% incineration 5% mechanical recycling	/FprEN 16904/	100 km
Metal components/fittings	60% recycling 40% landfilling	/ISPRA/	100 km

- 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. Valsir S.p.A. confirms that the Blackfire® waste piping system does not contain any substances mentioned on the REACH SVHC -list.

EMISSIONS TO SOIL AND WATER:

No direct emissions at the building site. Valsir S.p.A. confirms that the Blackfire® waste piping system does not contain any substances mentioned on the REACH SVHC -list.

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