

ULTRA PVC Trunking

Product Environmental Profile



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Product overview

The main function of the ULTRA PVC Trunking product range is to distribute electricity and VDI (Voice, Data, Image) to the end user in commercial buildings.

This range consists of Trunking base, front cover, internal corner, external corner, bend 90°, stop end, T-piece, joint cover piece.

The representative product used for the analysis is 1 metre of the ULTRA PVC Trunking size 101x50 mm, Ref. ETK10150E, together with the corresponding average amount of accessories used in a standard installation.

The environmental impacts of this referenced product are representative of the impacts of the other products of the range which are developed with the similar technology.

The extrapolation rules are described in the following chapters.

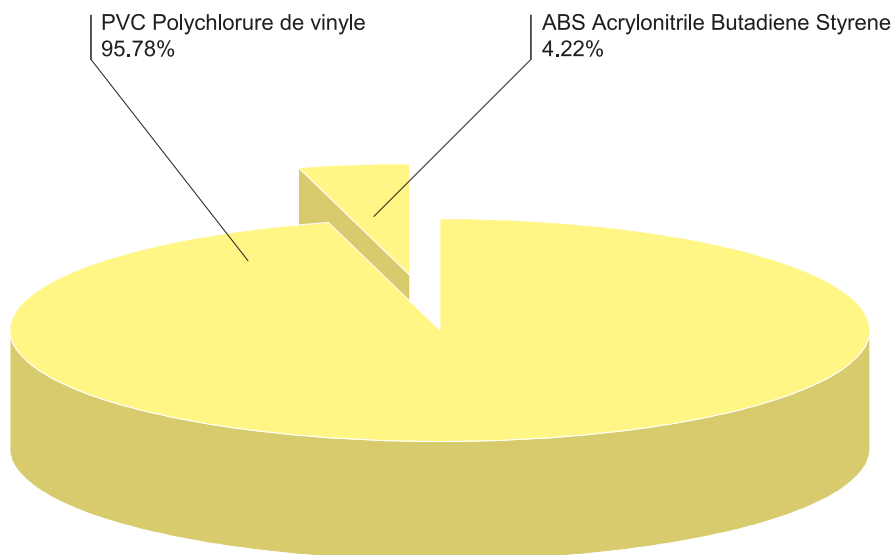
The environmental analysis was performed in conformity with ISO14040.

This analysis takes the stages of the life cycle of the product into account.

Constituent materials

The mass of the product range is from 420 g and 480 g not including packaging. It is 457 g for the ULTRA PVC Trunking size 101x50 mm, Ref: ETK10150E

The constituent materials are distributed as follows:



Substance assesment

Products of this range are designed in conformity with the requirements of the ROHS directive (European Directive 2002/95/EC of 27 January 2003) and do not contain, or in the authorised proportions, lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium hexavalent, flame retardant (polybromobiphenyles PBB, polybromodiphenylthers PBDE) as mentioned in the Directive.

Manufacturing

The ULTRA PVC Trunking size 101x50 mm product range is manufactured at a Schneider Electric production site on which an ISO14001 certified environmental management system has been established.

Distribution

The weight and volume of the packaging have been reduced, in compliance with the European Union's packaging directive.

The ULTRA PVC Trunking size 101x50 mm packaging weight is 74.2 g. It consists of Cardboard (96% recycled, grey board) 71 g and PE (Low Density, LDPE, Film) 3.2 g.

The product distribution flows have been optimized by setting up local distribution centres close to the market areas.

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Utilization

The products of the ULTRA PVC Trunking size 101x50 mm range do not generate environmental pollution requiring special precautionary measures (noise, emissions, and so on) in using phase.

End of life

The design has been achieved so as components are able to enter the usual end of life treatment. The product doesn't need any specific depollution process.

At end of life, the products in the ULTRA PVC Trunking size 101x50 mm have been optimized to decrease the amount of waste and valorise the components and materials of the product in the usual end of life treatment process.

The potential of recyclability of the products has been evaluated using the "Codde" recyclability and recoverability calculation method" (version V1, 20 Sep. 2008) and published by ADEME (French Agency for Environment and Energy Management).

By this method, this product range does not contain recyclable materials as the lack of processes for recycling these plastics types.

Environmental impacts

This product range is included in the category Energy passing product (assumed service life of the product is 20 years, and using scenario: Loading rate is 100% and uptime percentage is 100%).

The EIME (Environmental Impact and Management Explorer) software, version 4.0, and its database, version V10 were used for the life cycle assessment (LCA).

The calculation has been done on ULTRA PVC Trunking size 101x50 mm Ref : ETK10150E.

The environmental impacts were analysed for the Manufacturing (M) phases, including the processing of raw materials, and for the Distribution (D) and Utilisation (U) phases.

The electrical power model used is European.

Presentation of the environmental impacts

Environmental indicators	Short	Unit	For 1 ULTRA PVC Trunking size 101x50 mm Ref. ETK10150E.			
			S = M + D + U	M	D	U
Raw Material Depletion	RMD	Y-1	1.27E ⁻¹⁶	1.24E ⁻¹⁶	3.76E ⁻¹⁸	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Energy Depletion	ED	MJ	52.845	50.16	2.684	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Water Depletion	WD	dm ³	10.186	9.646	5.40E ⁻⁰¹	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Global Warming	GW	g ~CO ₂	2.72E ⁺⁰³	2.63E ⁺⁰³	97.712	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Ozone Depletion	OD	g ~CFC-11	2.80E ⁻⁰⁴	2.10E ⁻⁰⁴	6.99E ⁻⁰⁵	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Air Toxicity	AT	m ³	5.73E ⁺⁰⁵	5.34E ⁺⁰⁵	3.94E ⁺⁰⁴	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Photochemical Ozone Creation	POC	g ~C ₂ H ₄	1.144	1.052	9.16E ⁻⁰²	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Air Acidification	AA	g ~H ⁺	4.57E ⁻⁰¹	4.26E ⁻⁰¹	3.13E ⁻⁰²	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Water Toxicity	WT	dm ³	1.42E ⁺⁰³	1.40E ⁺⁰³	19.152	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Water Eutrophication	WE	g ~PO ₄	4.61E ⁻⁰¹	4.56E ⁻⁰¹	5.14E ⁻⁰³	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰
Hazardous Waste Production	HWP	kg	3.61E ⁻⁰²	3.60E ⁻⁰²	8.76E ⁻⁰⁵	0.00E ⁺⁰⁰

The life cycle analysis shows that the M phase (M, D or U phase) is the life cycle phase which has the greatest impact on the majority of environmental indicators. The environmental parameters of this phase have been optimized at the design stage.

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System approach

As the product of the range are designed in accordance with the ROHS Directive (European Directive 2002/95/EC of 27 January 2003), they can be incorporated without any restriction within an assembly or an installation submitted to this Directive.

Please note that the environmental impacts of the product depend on the use and installation conditions of the product. Impacts values given above are only valid within the context specified and cannot be directly used to draw up the environmental assessment of the installation.

Glossary

Raw Material Depletion (RMD)

This indicator quantifies the consumption of raw material during the life cycle of the product. It is expressed as the fraction of natural resources that disappear each year, with respect to all the annual reserves of this material.

Energy Depletion (ED)

This indicator gives the quantity of energy consumed, whether it will be from fossil, hydroelectric, nuclear or other resources. This indicator takes into account the energy from the material produced during combustion. It is expressed in MJ.

Water Depletion (WD)

This indicator calculates the volume of water consumed, including drinking water and water from industrial resources. It is expressed in m³.

Global Warming Potential (GWP)

The global warming of the planet is the results of the increase of the green house effect due to the sunlight reflected by the earth's surface being absorbed by certain gases known as "greenhouse-effect" gases. This effect is quantified in gram equivalent CO₂.

Ozone Depletion (OD)

This indicator defines the contribution to the phenomenon of the disappearance of the stratospheric ozone layer due to the emission of certain specific gases. This effect is expressed in gram equivalent of CFC-11

Photochemical Ozone Creation (POC)

This indicator quantifies the contribution to the smog phenomenon (the photochemical oxidation of certain gases which generates ozone) and is expressed in gram equivalent of ethylene (C₂H₄).

Air Acidification (AA)

The acid substances present in the atmosphere are carried by the rains. A high level of acidity in rain can cause damage to forests. The contribution of acidification is calculated using the acidification potentials of the substances concerned and is expressed in mole equivalent of H⁺.

Hazardous Waste Production (HWP)

This indicator gives the quantity of waste, produced along the life cycle of the product (manufacturing, distribution, use, including production of energy), that requires special treatments. It is expressed in kg.

Air Toxicity (AT)

This indicator calculates the air toxicity in a human environment, taking into account the usually accepted concentrations tolerated for several gases and the quantity released. It gives a volume of bad air, expressed in m³.

Water Toxicity (WT)

This indicator calculates the water toxicity taking into consideration the usually accepted concentrations tolerated for several substances and the quantity released. It is expressed as a volume of bad water in dm³.

Water Eutrophication (WE)

Eutrophication is a natural process defined, as the enrichment in mineral salts of marine or lake waters, or a process accelerated by human intervention, defined as the enrichment in nutritive elements (phosphorous compounds, nitrogen compounds and organic matter). This indicator calculates the water eutrophication of lakes and marine waters by the release of specific substances in the effluents. It is expressed in grams equivalency of PO₄³⁻(phosphate).



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