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For the Awardance of the Eco-Label





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1. Application Areas

The following criteria contain the requirements for the awardance of the natureplus eco-label for woodchip jacket blocks and boards for use in the erection of load-bearing and non load-bearing walls using the jacket block construction system. This awardance guideline is to be applied exclusively to the named product group. Woodchip mantle blocks with a core insulation are evaluated according to GL-1104 "Bricks and Mantle Blocks With Integrated Insulation". Woodchip/particle boards with a raw density above 560 kg/m³ are regulated in GL-1005 "Cement-Bonded Woodchip/Particle Boards".

2. Award Criteria

The prerequisite for the awardance of the natureplus eco-label is the fulfilment of the basic criteria GL-0000, of the chemicals directive GL-5001 and of the guideline for facility inspections GL-5004.

2.1 Suitability of Application

The manufacturer must provide documentary evidence of compliance with:

- ÖNORM B 6022 (Austrian standard) or a comparable standard (Woodchip boards)
- EN 14474 (Material Standard) and EN 15498 (Product Standard).

The binding agent (cement) employed must comply with EN 197 or a comparable standard.

2.2 Composition, Forbidden Substances, Substance Restrictions

The product must be made to 99 M-% from mineral and renewable raw materials. The following main components are permitted: hydraulically setting binders (e.g. cement), woodchips.

Mineralisation agents (mineral salts) are permitted additives. Additional additives are to be restricted to a technically possible minimum. The use of halogen-organic compounds is not permitted. Only mineral pigments are permitted in the colouration/dyeing of the woodchip/concrete jacket blocks and boards.

The product is subject to laboratory analyses as laid down in section 3 and has to comply with the limit values stated therein.



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2.3 Raw Material Sourcing, Production of Preliminary Products, Production

A certificate of origin must be provided for all renewable primary raw materials. The requirements of the guideline GL-5002 for the origins of wood and wood production must be met for wood as a raw material. If mineral raw materials are used, the requirements of GL-5003 must be complied with. Evidence of compliance needs to be provided.

The wood shavings/chips employed should contain a high proportion of secondary raw materials such as old wood, timber obtained from the pruning/thinning and maintenance of forests or industrial waste wood i.e. sawn off-cuts, chippings, bark and off-cuts from trees.

If the product uses cement as a binding agent, the cement manufacturer must provide confirmation that the following requirements have been met:

- The cement production equipment must meet modern standards for energy efficiency of the ovens and for the flue gas cleaning equipment.
- If waste products are also incinerated, then the emissions must comply with the guideline 2000/76/EC of 4th December 2000 concerning the incineration of waste - Point II.1 "Special Regulations for Cement Ovens in which Waste Products are Incinerated"

2.4 Usage

The product must not exhibit any unpleasant or foreign smells or odours.

The emissions during use have to be in compliance with the limit values according to section 3.

2.5 Recycling/Disposal

Indications for recycling and/or disposal are to be attached to the product.

2.6 Ecological Parameters

The manufacturing of all products of this product group must be in compliance with the ecological parameters listed below.

Ecological parameters per m ²	Guide values ¹	
	Mantle block ²	Board
Primary energy input of non renewable total resources (PENRE ³) [MJ]	500	350



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Primary energy input of non renewable and renewable total resources (PET ⁴) [MJ]	900	650
Photochemical ozone creation potential (POCP) [kg ethylen-equiv.]	0,025	0,02
Acidification potential (AP) [kg SO ₂ -equiv.]	0,15	0,12
Eutrophication potential (EP) [kg PO ₄ ³⁻ -equiv.]	0,1	0,08
Global-warming potential (GWP) [kg CO ₂ equiv.]	80	50
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP) [kg Sb equiv.]	0,00004	0,00004

If a single guide value is exceeded, it will be decided on a case by case basis whether this is permissible for the purpose of optimising the complete product manufacturing process.

¹Testing method: Calculation of the ecological parameters according to natureplus® implementing provisions for life cycle assessments; inventory analysis analogous to ISO 14040ff; efficiency categories according to CML-IA version 4.1 from October 2012 and characterised as baseline; primary energy requirement according to Frischknecht 1996; global-warming potential 1994/100 years; system limits: raw material sourcing to products ready for shipment

² Mantle block with core concrete, with or without insulating insert

³ PENRE: **p**rimary **e**nergy input of **n**on renewable **e**nergy resources

⁴ PET: **p**rimary **e**nergy inputs of renewable and non renewable **t**otal resources

2.7 Declaration

The product packaging should display a full declaration of the input materials listed, analogue to the EU-Cosmetic Regulations, according to the declining mass percentage. If it is not possible to display this information directly on the product packing, it should be provided with the product in a technical datasheet or sales leaflet (in English or in the national language). If intermediate/preliminary products or formulations are used as input substances and the proportion present in the final product is >0.1 M-%, then all the substances used within these must also be taken into account for the declaration.

For naming the input materials as part of the declaration the following applies:

- More than 1 M-% - designation of the substance in question
- Less than 1 M-% - at least a functional designation (e.g. "moth proofing agent")



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Furthermore, it is obligatory to provide the following information in a suitable form to the consumer or user (eg. online):

- Instructions for use and safety precautions
- Indications for storage and disposal
- Batch numbers
- City/town and country of production
- Indication of geographical origin of the key input material

When employing components with a potential for environmental hazard, the manufacturer has to suitably indicate measures to be taken to ensure environmental protection during removal and demolition (i.e. controlled deconstruction).

Additionally, the following product-specific information must be made available to the consumer or user.

- General data (designation, type, name, etc.)
- Weight per surface area in kg/m^2 or weight per volume [kg/m^3]
- Origin of the wood
- Fire resistance classification in accordance with DIN EN 13501 Part 1
- The rated value of the thermal conductivity [W/mK]

For certified woodchip jacket blocks or boards without core insulation, for use in the construction of exterior walls, the manufacturer must provide the consumer with suitable instructions about the use of insulation materials or external thermal insulation composite systems which conform to natureplus standards or are natureplus certified and that enable the construction of walls with at least a low-energy standard (U-value of the external wall construction of $< 0.20 \text{ W}/\text{mK}$) or better.

Furthermore, the manufacturer must include in their technical documentation details of product compatible renders/plasters.

2.8 Processing and Installation

The manufacturer must provide qualified handling/installation guidelines with particular regard to the filling of the cores with concrete.

2.9 Packaging

The packaging used must be recyclable. The manufacturer must be participate in a recycling system if there is one for the corresponding material.

Paper and cardboard packaging must be made from recycled paper. Alternatively, paper from sources as per GL-5002 is permitted.



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Plastic packaging must be comprised from polyolefins. PET, polystyrene or polycarbonates are allowed exceptionally in reasonable cases. Packaging made from PVC is generally not permitted.

Packaging must not contain biocides.

The natureplus certification mark has to be printed on the packaging after the awardance of the product.

3. Laboratory Tests

The products are subject to laboratory analyses to test for harmful substances and undesirable ancillary ingredients. A representative sample is collected during the site inspection. If the sample collection can not be conducted by a natureplus examiner, an independent person designated by natureplus can collect the sample. For products with different sizes but the same composition, a single sample is sufficient.

3.1 VOC - TVOC

The product is subject to a test-chamber examination to survey the emissions of VOC, SVOC and other volatile compounds and to check compliance with the limit values. Measurements usually occur after 3 and 28 days. When low VOC emissions are to be expected, the emissions test can be terminated early, if a measurement 7 days after loading of the test chamber does not object to this. The test-chamber examination is performed according to the current version of the test method TM-01 VOC.

Emission measurement after 3 days

Test parameters	Limits	Unit
VOC (VOC, VVOC, SVOC) classified in: Regulations (EC) No. 1272/2008: categories Carc. 1A und 1B, Muta 1A und 1B, Repr. 1A und 1B; TRGS 905: K1, K2, M1, M2, R1, R2; IARC groups 1 u. 2A; DFG MAK-list III1, III2	< 1	µg/m ³
Total volatile organic compounds (TVOC)	≤ 3000	µg/m ³

Emission measurement after 28 days

Test parameters	Limits	Unit
Total volatile organic compounds (TVOC)	≤ 300	µg/m ³

of which:		
Total bicyclic terpenes	≤ 200	µg/m ³
Total sensitising substances per MAK IV, BgVV-list cat. A, TRGS 907	≤ 100	µg/m ³
Total VOC (VOC, VVOC, SVOC) classified in:		
Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008: Categorie Carc. 2, Muta 2, Repr. 2; TRGS 905: K3, M3, R3; IARC: group 2B; DFG MAK-list: III3	≤ 50	µg/m ³
Total aldehyde, C4-C11, acyclic, aliphatic	≤ 100	µg/m ³
Styrene	≤ 10	µg/m ³
Methylisothiazolinone (MIT)	< 1	µg/m ³
Benzaldehyde	≤ 20	µg/m ³
Total (VOC) without non-identified compounds	≤ 100	µg/m ³

A calculation of the r-value is performed. The limit value is ≤ 1.

Other emission measurements after 28 days

Test parameters	Limit values	Unit
Total semi-volatile organic compounds (TSVOC)	≤ 100	µg/m ³
Formaldehyde	≤ 24 ⁽¹⁾	µg/m ³
Acetaldehyde	≤ 24 ⁽¹⁾	µg/m ³

⁽¹⁾ 24 µg/m³ ≈ 0,02 ppm

Termination criteria:

The emissions test can be terminated 7 days after loading the test chamber, if the values measured at this time are lower than 50% of the 28-day threshold limits.

3.2 Element Analyses

The product is subject to an element analysis to determine the content of harmful elements and to check for undesirable contaminations. The measurements have to be in compliance with the limit values. The analysis is performed according to the current version of the test method TM-02 metals.

Element analysis after acid digestion:

Element	Limit value	Unit
Arsenic (As)	5	mg/kg
Cadmium (Cd)	1	mg/kg
Cobalt (Co)	20	mg/kg
Chromium (Cr)	50	mg/kg
Copper (Cu)	50	mg/kg
Mercury (Hg)	1	mg/kg
Nickel (Ni)	20	mg/kg
Lead (Pb)	20	mg/kg
Antimony (Sb)	5	mg/kg
Tin (Sn)	10	mg/kg
Thallium (Tl)	1	mg/kg

3.3 Other Analyses

Test parameters	Limit values	Unit	Method
Chromium VI (Cr VI)	≤ 2	mg/kg	TRGS 613
Halogenic organic compounds: AOX/EOX	≤ 1	mg/kg	TM-03 Halo
Odour	≤ 3	Odour intensity	TM-04 Odour
Total pesticides	≤ 1	mg/kg	TM-05 Pesticides
Individual pesticides Organochlorine pesticides: Aldrin, Chlordane, DDD, DDE, DDT, Dichlofluanid, Dieldrin, Endrin, Heptachlor, Hexachlorobenzene, Lindane, Pentachlorophenol Organophosphate pesticides: Dimethoat, Fenthion, Parathion-methyl, Parathion-ethyl, Phosalon Pyrethroids: Cypermethrin, Lambda-Cyhalothrin, Permethrin	≤ 0,5	mg/kg	TM-05 Pesticides



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Other: Benomyl, Carbendazim, Prochloraz			
Radioactivity			
Artificial radioactivity Cs-137	not measurable		
Natural radioactivity: total avalue according to ÖNORM S 5200	$\leq 0,75$	Bq/kg	

Test Methods

TM-01 VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds VOC/TVOC, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and TSVOC: DIN EN ISO 16000 series expanded by the natureplus implementation rules.

TM-02 Metals: ICP-MS measurements according to DIN EN ISO 17294-2, supplemented with the natureplus implementation rules and a sample preparation adjusted to the issue analysed.

TM-03 Halo: Halogenic organic compounds after combustion, determined by microcoulometry according to the natureplus implementation rules "AOX/EOX".

TM-04 Odour: natureplus implementation rules "odour intensity", 6-degree grading scale 24h after loading the test chamber

TM-05 Pesticides: DFG S 19 supplemented with the natureplus implementation rules.