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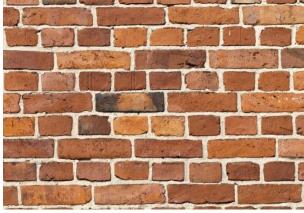
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General Information

EPD Programme Operator	Applicable Product Category Rules							
BRE Global Watford, Herts WD25 9XX United Kingdom	BRE Environmental Profiles 2013 Product Category Rules for Type III environmental product declaration of construction products to EN 15804:2012+A1:2013							
Commissioner of LCA study	LCA consultant/Tool							
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Declared/Functional Unit	Applicability/Coverage							
1 tonne of brick	Sector UK Average							
EPD Type	Background database							
Cradle to Gate with all options plus module D	Ecoinvent 3.2							
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Comparability

b: Optional for business-to-business communication; mandatory for business-to-consumer communication (see EN ISO 14025:2010, 9.4)

Environmental product declarations from different programmes may not be comparable if not compliant with EN 15804:2012+A1:2013. Comparability is further dependent on the specific product category rules, system boundaries and allocations, and background data sources. See Clause 5.3 of EN 15804:2012+A1:2013 for further guidance



Information modules covered

١	Product			ruction	Use stage Related to the building fabric Related to the building			End-of-life			Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary					
A 1	A2	А3	A 4	A 5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Raw materials supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to site	Construction – Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery and/or Recycling potential
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Note: Ticks indicate the Information Modules declared.

Manufacturing sites

Manufacturing data was provided by members of the BDA covering 46 UK manufacturing sites and representing 99% of UK brick production. Manufacturers and site addresses are included in the LCA report.

Construction Product:

Product Description

Bricks have a wide range of applications across the construction industry. Most bricks are used in cavity walls in building projects. Bricks generally form the outside face of the wall. Protected by the outer brick there is an insulation filled cavity (either full-filled or part-filled), an internal skin of thermal blockwork, a timber or steel framed structure, finished with either dry lined or a wet plastered finish which completes a typical wall. Bricks are also used fair faced internally replacing the internal blockwork and plasterwork, and for both free standing walls and civil engineering structures.

The members of the BDA manufacture a wide variety of bricks, which can vary in composition, colour, texture, size and production process. There are four main manufacturing processes by which bricks are produced in the UK; extrusion, soft mud moulding, handmade moulding and semi-dry pressing. In the UK, 'extrusion' and 'soft mud' are dominant. This LCA is for a generic UK brick which covers all brick types and production process and is based on data representative of 99% brick production by BDA member companies (with complete data returns from eight companies across 46 manufacturing sites).

Technical Information

Bricks are made to a range of specifications, so characteristics can vary. The basic characteristics of the BDA average UK brick can be seen in the table below. The weight of a standard brick was given as supplied by the BDA to allow conversion of the results per declared unit to a per average brick basis. As other characteristics such as fire resistance and compressive strength vary between types of brick, this information can be found on the datasheets of specific bricks.

Property	Value, Unit
Dimensions	215 mm x 102.5 mm x 65 mm
Dry brick weight	2.13 kg

All UK manufactured bricks are produced according to the requirements of BS EN 771–1: Specification for masonry units: Clay masonry units



Main Product Contents

According to BDA, the average UK brick contains no substances that are listed in the 'Candidate List of Substances of very high concern for authorisation'. The composition of the average product modelled in this project is obtained from the total raw material usages supplied by all participating members.

Composition of the BDA average brick based on input masses of used raw materials can be seen in the table below.

Material/Chemical Input	%
Clays and shales	92
Sand	6
Inorganic additive	2

Manufacturing Process

Most brickworks have their own onsite quarry or are in close proximity to one. However, depending on the type of clay required, clay can also be sourced from quarries further afield. Once extracted from the quarry, the raw clay undergoes a series of processes, which generally includes crushing and mixing with water, in order to transform it into a malleable material.

As mentioned previously there are four main manufacturing processes by which bricks are produced in the UK, although extrusion and soft mud moulding are the most dominant. The majority of UK clay types can be used, although the harder less clay rich shales and marls lend themselves more to extrusion with the more clay rich clays used in the soft mud process.

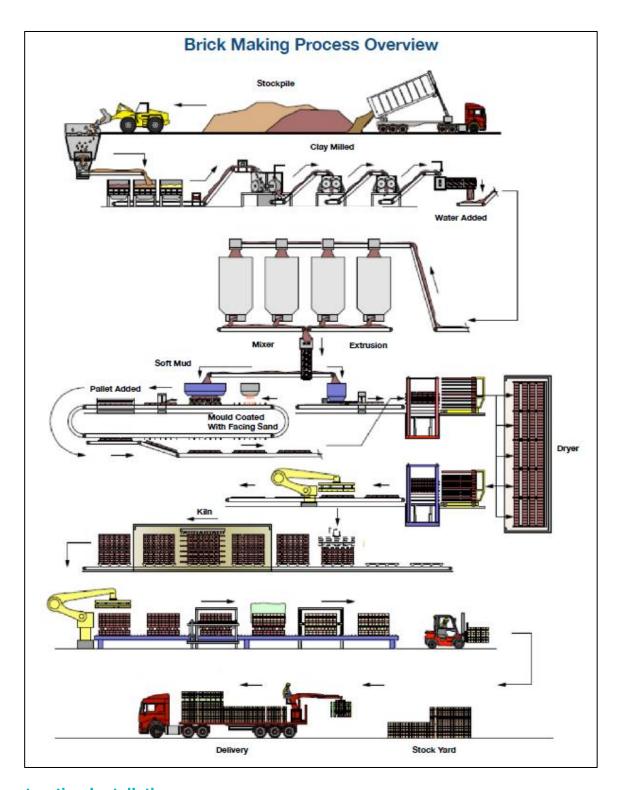
The extrusion process typically produces bricks with perforations within the body of the brick, ranging from highly perforated units through to the more traditional 3 and 10 holes. The perforations aid in the formation process of the bricks allowing the clay to be compressed in the extrusion die, however the main benefits come from the drying and firing process, where the additional voids within the bricks, not only reduce the amount of raw material in the brick, but also increases the surface area thus allowing from more efficient drying and firing.

The extrusion process is also often described as wire cut, as the column of clay is pushed out of the extrusion head the bricks are formed by a wire cutter normally cutting a number of bricks in the column. These bricks are then dried prior to entering the kiln for vitrifying which normally takes place at around 1000°C. Soft mud bricks are typically 'solid' or 'frogged' in appearance. The 'frog' is the name given to the indentation typically on the upper bedface of the brick, and again reduces the amount of raw material in the brick, and increases the surface area, thus again aiding drying and firing. The frog also aids the structural performance when laid with mortar. Soft mud bricks or 'stock' bricks have higher water absorbency prior to being dried. The characteristic sanded face is part of the requirement to allow the green brick to be released from the mould. After firing and cooling, bricks are sorted, packaged, and then stored in the stockyard or distributed.

Process flow diagram

Typical process flow for the manufacture of moulded clay bricks, provided by the BDA can be seen below.





Construction Installation

Bricks are generally hand by laid, on-site, with a cementitious or lime based mortar to bond the individual units together.



Use Information

The service life of the BDA average UK brick is given as minimum of 150 years for a half brick thick cavity wall. For a full brick construction the minimum life expectancy is 600 years. These figures are derived from a 2007 research thesis by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. No maintenance of brickwork is expected for a minimum of 60 years. The most common maintenance required at this stage is the repointing of mortar.

End of Life

At the end of life there are a number of common scenarios for brickwork. Firstly brickwork can be dismantled, with the individual units being separated, clean and reused. Secondly the brickwork can be demolished, broken down to a smaller aggregate size and used for a variety of purposes, such as foundation construction.

Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules

Declared / Functional unit description

The declared unit is 1 tonne of BDA average UK brick over a 60 year study period.

System boundary

In accordance with the modular approach as defined in EN 15804:2012, this cradle-to-gate with all options plus module D EPD, includes the processes covered in the manufacturing, construction, use and end-of-life stages, as well as considering a benefits and loads beyond the system boundary scenario. The modules covered are A1-A3, A4, A5, B1 – B7, C1 – C4 and D.

Data sources, quality and allocation

Specific primary data derived from total site data provided by BDA members, covering 46 manufacturing sites in the UK, has been modelled. In accordance with the requirements of EN 15804, the most current available data at the time of collection, has been used, covering the period of 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017. Secondary data has been used for upstream and downstream processes that are beyond the control of the manufacturer such as raw material production. SimaPro v8 software was used to carry out the LCA modelling with background LCI datasets taken from the ecoinvent v3.2 database.

As total values used to create the stated production output were supplied, no allocation was required. For transport of fuels and of packaging materials to site, a nominal value of 50 km by road was assumed.

Cut-off criteria

Full data collected by the BDA as supplied by BDA members for 46 UK manufacturing sites was used. The inventory process in this LCA includes all data related to raw material, packaging material, and their associated transport to the manufacturing site. Process energy and water use, direct production waste, non-production waste, wastewater to sewer, and emissions to air generated by the firing of the green bricks, are included.



LCA Results

The results for the declared unit of 1 tonne of BDA average UK brick can be found below. As the average brick is assumed by the BDA to have a mass of 2.13 kg, results can be calculated per average brick by dividing individual values in results tables by a factor of (1000 / 2.13).

(MND = module not declared; MNR = module not relevant; INA = indicator not assessed; AGG = aggregated)

Parameters describing environmental impacts										
			GWP	ODP	AP	EP	POCP	ADPE	ADPF	
			kg CO₂ equiv.	kg CFC 11 equiv.	kg SO ₂ equiv.	kg (PO ₄) ³⁻ equiv.	kg C₂H₄ equiv.	kg Sb equiv.	MJ, net calorific value.	
	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	
Product stage	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	
1 Toduct Stage	Manufacturing	A3	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	213	1.85e-5	3.49	0.107	0.177	1.24e-4	2370	
Construction	Transport	A4	8.026	1.48E-06	0.027	7.08E-03	4.68E-03	2.11E-05	121.2	
process stage	Construction	A 5	11.466	1.08E-06	0.177	6.07E-03	9.31E-03	8.41E-06	130.9	
	Use	B1	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	
	Maintenance	B2	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	
	Repair	В3	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	
Use stage	Replacement	B4	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	
	Refurbishment	B5	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	
	Operational energy use	B6	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	
	Operational water use	B7	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	
	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	
End of life	Transport	C2	0.251	4.62e-8	8.39e-4	2.21e-4	1.46e-4	6.61e-7	3.79	
Life of file	Waste processing	СЗ	3.20	5.88e-7	0.0245	0.00610	0.00421	1.10e-6	46.2	
	Disposal	C4	1.03	2.73e-7	0.00724	0.00239	0.00120	1.47e-6	25.4	
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-16.0	-1.83e-6	-0.0978	-0.0283	-0.0121	-7.70e-5	-229	

GWP = Global Warming Potential;

ODP = Ozone Depletion Potential;

AP = Acidification Potential for Soil and Water;

EP = Eutrophication Potential;

POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric Ozone; ADPE = Abiotic Depletion Potential – Elements; ADPF = Abiotic Depletion Potential – Fossil Fuels;



Parameters	describing r	esoui	ce use, pr	imary ener	gy			
			PERE	PERM	PERT	PENRE	PENRM	PENRT
			MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ	MJ
	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG
Product stage	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG
Froduct Stage	Manufacturing	А3	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	120	1.85e-4	120	2430	0	2430
Construction	Transport	A4	1.61	5.99E-06	1.61	120	0.00E+00	120
orocess stage	Construction	A5	6.16	9.90E-06	6.16	134	0.00E+00	134
	Use	B1	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR
	Maintenance	B2	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR
	Repair	В3	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR
Jse stage	Replacement	B4	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR
	Refurbishment	B5	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR
	Operational energy use	В6	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR
	Operational water use	B7	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR
	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR
End of life	Transport	C2	0.0503	1.87e-7	0.0503	3.76	0	3.76
_na or me	Waste processing	C3	0.274	6.37e-7	0.274	45.5	0	45.5
	Disposal	C4	0.776	2.12e-6	0.776	25.6	0	25.6
Potential penefits and coads beyond he system coundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-12.6	-3.68e-5	-12.6	-241	0	-241

PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy 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 nonrenewable 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 resource



Parameters describing resource use, secondary materials and fuels, use of water										
			SM	RSF	NRSF	FW				
			kg	MJ net calorific value	MJ net calorific value	m³				
	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
Draduat ataga	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
Product stage	Manufacturing	A3	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	0	0	0	0.861				
Construction	Transport	A4	0	0	0	0.026				
process stage	Construction	A5	0	0	0	0.046				
	Use	B1	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Maintenance	B2	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Repair	В3	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR				
Use stage	Replacement	B4	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Refurbishment	B5	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Operational energy use	B6	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Operational water use	B7	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR				
Find of life	Transport	C2	0	0	0	8.21e-4				
End of life	Waste processing	СЗ	0	0	0	0.00797				
	Disposal	C4	0	0	0	0.0286				
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	0	0	0	-0.373				

SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels;

NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Net use of fresh water



Other environmental information describing waste categories									
			HWD	NHWD	RWD				
			kg	kg	kg				
	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG				
Draduat ataga	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG				
Product stage	Manufacturing	A3	AGG	AGG	AGG				
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	1.39	5.41	0.00697				
Construction	Transport	A4	0.051	5.65	8.36E-04				
process stage	Construction	A5	0.075	0.86	4.36E-04				
	Use	B1	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Maintenance	B2	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Repair	ВЗ	MNR	MNR	MNR				
Use stage	Replacement	B4	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Refurbishment	B5	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Operational energy use	B6	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Operational water use	B7	MNR	MNR	MNR				
	Deconstructio n, demolition	C1	MNR	MNR	MNR				
Final of life	Transport	C2	0.00159	0.177	2.61e-5				
End of life	Waste processing	СЗ	0.0292	0.0235	3.32e-4				
	Disposal	C4	0.0191	100	1.57e-4				
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	-0.218	-5.36	-0.00114				

HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed



Other environmental information describing output flows – at end of life									
			CRU	MFR	MER	EE			
			kg	kg	kg	MJ per energy carrier			
	Raw material supply	A1	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG			
Product stage	Transport	A2	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG			
Froduct stage	Manufacturing	A3	AGG	AGG	AGG	AGG			
	Total (of product stage)	A1-3	33.6	0	0	0			
Construction	Transport	A4	0	0	0	0			
process stage	Construction	A5	51.7	0	0	0			
	Use	B1	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR			
	Maintenance	B2	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR			
	Repair	В3	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR			
Use stage	Replacement	B4	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR			
	Refurbishment	B5	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR			
	Operational energy use	В6	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR			
	Operational water use	В7	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR			
	Deconstruction, demolition	C1	MNR	MNR	MNR	MNR			
End of life	Transport	C2	0	0	0	0			
End of life	Waste processing	C3	0	0	0	0			
	Disposal	C4	900	0	0	0			
Potential benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries	Reuse, recovery, recycling potential	D	0	0	0	0			

CRU = Components for reuse; MFR = Materials for recycling MER = Materials for energy recovery; EE = Exported Energy



Scenarios and additional technical information

The beyond-the-gate scenarios modelled and relevant quantities, are described in the table below. Note that unless otherwise stated, values are per declared unit (i.e. per tonne) of BDA average UK brick.

Scenarios and add	itional technical information							
Scenario	Parameter	Units	Results					
	As brick delivery could be to almost anywhere, an distance of 100 km simple extrapolation of results to further distances, if necessary. Fuel specified in the ecoinvent v3.2 dataset used (Transport, freight, lorry {GLO} market for Alloc Def, U). Capacity utilisation is 50% as meas	consumption is 16-32 metric tor	as ı, EURO5					
A4 – Transport to	Lorry - diesel	consumption (g/tkm)	2.5					
the building site	Distance	km	100					
	Capacity utilisation (incl. empty returns)	%	50					
	Bulk density of transported products	kg/m ³	1485					
A5 – Installation in	Wastage percentages are based on GreenGuide element 806470537 the equivalent percentage have been applied to A1-A3 and A4, and a accordingly.							
the building	Installation wastage to reuse: brick	%	5					
B1 – Use	Bricks do not emit any emissions to air during their use, so this modul	le is not relevan	t (MNR).					
B2 – Maintenance	Bricks once installed require no maintenance themselves, so this mod	dule is not relev	ant (MNR)					
B3 – Repair	It is assumed that the brick should not need any repair during its service life or the study period, so this module is not relevant (MNR).							
B4 - Replacement	The service life of the brick is at least as long as the 60-year study pe building so no replacements are expected. Therefore, this module is a							
B5 – Refurbishment	It has been assumed that no refurbishment action that relates to the the 60-year study period, so this module is not relevant (MNR)	orick will be requ	ired durin					
Reference service	The BDA gives a service life of 150 years for the brick							
B6 – Use of energy	No energy is required for the brick to 'operate' during its use. Thereforelevant (MNR).	re, this module i	s not					
B7 – Use of water	No water is required for the brick to 'operate' during its use. Therefore relevant (MNR).	, this module is	not					
C1 – End-of-life deconstruction	It is assumed that as when the brick is removed from its structure, this the whole structure. Therefore, impacts must be allocated to the whole assumed that those allocated to the brick alone are negligible, and care	e structure and	it is					
C2 – End-of-life	As will be described in module C3 and C4, 10% of the declared unit is whilst the remaining 90% exits the system boundary to be reused on landfill site is local and 15 km away from the construction site. As per consumption and capacity utilisation are as specified in the ecoinvent (Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO5 {GLO} market for	site. It is assume module A4, fue v3.2 dataset us Alloc Def, U)	ed that the I					
transport	Lorry - diesel	Fuel consumption (g/tkm)	2.5					
	Distance	km	15					



Scenarios and additional technical information									
Scenario	Parameter Units R								
	Capacity utilisation (incl. empty returns)	%	24						
	Bulk density of transported products	kg/m³	1485						
C3 End-of-life pre-	As described in module C4 (below), it is assumed that 100% of the br diesel consumption value was provided and derived by the BDA base crushing operations.								
processing	Diesel consumption for crushing	litres	0.88						
C4 End-of-life disposal	This scenario is based on a 90% reuse / 10% landfill split of construction waste, as evidenced in the UK Government statistics on waste (see references). The scenario supplied by the BDA and modelled in this project, assumes that once the wall containing the brick has been knocked down, 100% of it is crushed onsite. 90% of the resulting crushed brick is then usable to go on and leave the system boundary as recycled aggregate onsite, and the remaining 10% is not suitable for reuse, meaning that it goes to landfill								
	Crushed brick leaving system as recycled aggregate: Crushed brick going to landfill:	kg kg	900 100						
Module D	Crushed brick going to landfill: After demolition clay brick is crushed on site and used as a replacement of virgin aggregate in onsite roadwork or used as a replacement for normal weight coarse aggregate in the manufacture of concrete blockwork.1 ton of crushed clay brick results in a (net) production of 900 kg of recycled secondary aggregate with 100 kg to landfill from crushing. This recycled secondary aggregate can in turn replace 900 kg of virgin aggregate. The ecoinvent v3.2 dataset used to represent avoided impacts of virgin aggregate was: Gravel, crushed {GLO} market for Alloc Def, U								



Interpretation

Figure 1 shows that for the production stage (modules A1 to A3), the majority of the total GWP value arises from onsite energy usage, which includes the use of natural gas, electricity, coal and coke, diesel and LPG fuels. The second highest contributor is from the emissions released from the clay raw materials on firing. The other input processes have relatively low contributions to the total GWP value by comparison.

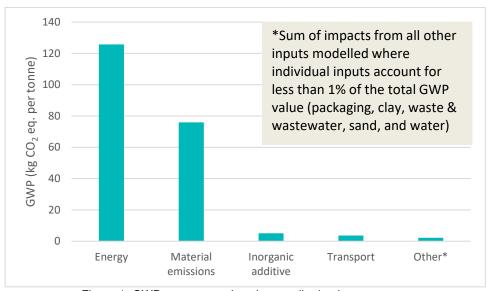


Figure 1: GWP per tonne values by contributing input process

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