

## ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

# MODULAR CARPET

INTERFACE AMERICAS  
NEXSTEP®, TYPE 6 NYLON



## Interface®

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For over 40 years Interface has consistently led the industry through design and innovation and is a world leader in environmental sustainability. We are well along the path to achieving Mission Zero®, our promise to eliminate any negative impact we have on the environment by 2020. We are committed to making our progress transparent.

At Interface, we believe Life Cycle Assessment is critical for evaluating the environmental impacts of our products and that the LCA based Environmental Product Declaration is the best way to provide full disclosure of those impacts to our customers.

Interface was one of the first companies to develop EPDs for all of our products manufactured globally, and we continue to remain committed to providing this level of transparency to our customers, partners and the industry at large.

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## Product

### Product description

This Environmental Product Declaration covers all styles and patterns of modular carpet on NexStep backing with recycled Nylon yarn. The products are manufactured in Troup County, Georgia, USA. The products range in yarn weight from 441 to 1424 grams per square meter. A medium yarn weight of 678 grams per square meter is reported and the Global Warming Potential of all additional product yarn weights are reported.

### Application

Modular installation of textile floor covering in commercial buildings

### Technical Data

Name	Value	Unit
Product Form	Tiles	-
Type of Manufacture	Tufted	-
Yarn Type	Nylon	-
Secondary Backing	Polyolefin/polyurethane composite	-
Total Weight	3720	grams/m <sup>2</sup>
Total Yarn Weight	678	grams/m <sup>2</sup>

### Delivery Status

Available in a range of tile and plank sizes, mostly commonly 0.5 x 0.5 meter squares and 1.0 x 0.25 meter planks.

### Base Materials

Component	Material	Mass %
Yarn	Post-consumer recycled Nylon	9.1
	Pre-consumer recycled Nylon	9.1
Primary backing	Post-consumer recycled polyester	0.3
	Pre-consumer recycled polyester	2.4
	Polyester	0.2
Precoat backing	Ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer	6.6
	Intersept	0.3
	Pre-consumer recycled limestone	17.8
	Alcohol ethoxy sulfate	0.2
Stabilization layer	Fiberglass	1.1
Secondary backing	Polyurethane (16% pre-consumer)	29.2
	Polyolefin	15
	Pre-consumer calcium alumina glass	5
	Polypropylene	3.7

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### Manufacture

Yarns are tufted into a primary backing fabric. A precoat backing is applied to the reverse side of the tufted face cloth to fix the yarns in place then a secondary backing which includes a stabilization layer is applied. The product is then cut into tiles and packaged.

### Environment and health during manufacturing

- ISO 14001 Environmental Management System
- Compliance with Public Health and Environment requirements of NSF104 Sustainability Assessment for Carpet

### Packaging

Carpet tiles are packaged in boxes made with 100% post-consumer recycled cardboard. Packaging waste should be reused or sent local cardboard recycling facilities.

### Conditions of use

During the reference service life of the carpet, it should be cleaned in accordance with the product warranty instructions including vacuuming and extraction cleaning. The frequency is dependent upon the expected foot traffic and local conditions.

### Environment and health during use

Product has low VOC emissions as indicated by compliance with the Carpet and Rug Institute's Green Label Plus requirements. The current certificate can be found at <http://www.carpet-rug.org/glp-carpet-products.html>

### Reference service life

The reference service life of this product is 15 years based on product warranty.

### Extraordinary effects

Fire

Name	Value
Radiant panel (ASTM E-648)	Class 1
Smoke density (ASTM E-662)	< 450

Water: The product's backing is impervious to water, protecting the subfloor from leaks and spills. Exposure to flooding for long periods may result in damage to the product.

Mechanical destruction: The product is intended for commercial applications with heavy wear (CRI Test method 101 Appearance Retention Rating). Performance requires proper installation according to Interface installation guidelines.

### Re-use phase

The modular aspect of the product along with Tactile installation as opposed to glue-down methods allows for easy re-use of the product. The product is intended to be recycled through Interface's ReEntry 2.0 process.

### Disposal

At end of life the product should be returned to Interface through Interface's ReEntry 2.0 process by contacting

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Interface at 888-733-6873. Disposal in municipal landfill or commercial incineration facilities is permissible in accordance with local regulations.

**LCA: Calculation rules**

**Declared unit**

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	m <sup>2</sup>
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0.254	-
Mass	3.720	kg/m <sup>2</sup>

**System boundary**

This study includes all relevant cradle-to-grave environmental information for the life cycle of one square meter of carpet. The analysis period for each module is one fiscal year. The system boundaries include:

A1-A3 Product stage

- A1 raw material extraction and processing, and processing of recycled materials
- A2 transport to the Interface factory and inter-company transport between buildings
- A3 manufacturing at Interface including materials, packaging, energy, and waste disposal or recycling

A4-A5 Construction stage

- A4 transport to installation site
- A5 installation including ancillary materials required for installation and trim-waste disposal

B2 Maintenance: Includes the energy for vacuuming and wet extraction cleaning and also the production and transport of cleaning agents. The treatment of the waste water from extraction cleaning is included.

C2 Transport of waste to local disposal

C4 Disposal

**Estimates and assumptions**

The datasets for materials upstream from Interface manufacturing are a combination of information from the GaBi database and supplier provided datasets. Inventories for all materials are not available and when unavailable, conservative proxy datasets were chosen based on similarity of material.

**Cut-off criteria**

As dictated by the Part A: Calculation rules for the life cycle assessment and requirements, the cut-off criteria is less than 1% for energy use and less than 1% of total mass per unit process, the sum of which shall not exceed 5% of either energy or mass. If a flow met the cut-off criteria for exclusion, yet was thought to have significant environmental impact, then it was included.





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**Background data**

The datasets for materials upstream from Interface manufacturing are a combination of information from the GaBi database version 6.116 in 2016 and supplier provided datasets. The supplier provided data adds significant confidence to the LCA result because it is geographically and technologically specific to the Interface materials. This supplier specific data covers a majority of the environmental impact of the product and includes the Nylon yarn, tufting primary, fiberglass, plasticizer, filler, and product packaging.

**Data quality**

The data quality ranges from good to very good. The temporal quality of the data is very good with the Interface data being from 2015, the supplier specific data ranging from 2012 to 2016 and the GaBi background data being from 2016.

**Period under review**

The data collection and the product described are an average product manufactured in 2015.

**Allocation**

Where relevant, the background data incorporates some allocation such as in the power mix. There are no co-products produced in the process, so the LCA model does not include allocation. No credits were taken for recycling of production waste.

**Comparability**

A comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all of the data sets were created according to EN15804 and the building contexts are taken into account.

**LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information**

**Declared unit**

Name	Value	Unit
Transport to the construction site (A4)		
Liters of fuel	0.00891	l/100 km
Transport distance	805	km
Capacity utilization	85	%
Installation in the building (A5)		
Auxiliary materials	0.004	kg
Maintenance (B2)		
Vacuum cleaning	7	1/week
Vacuum cleaning per RSL	105	1/RSL
Extraction cleaning	2	1/year
Extraction cleaning per RSL	30	1/RSL
Water consumption	1.93	kg/year
Electricity consumption	1.615	MJ/year
Cleaning agent	0.007	kg/year
Reference service life (RSL)		
RSL	15	years



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End of Life		
Transport to disposal	32.2	km
Landfilling	3.720	kg

## LCA results

### Description of the system boundary (X = included in LCA; MND = module not declared)

PRODUCT STAGE					CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE	USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS (BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY)
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly		Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement <sup>1)</sup>	Refurbishment <sup>1)</sup>	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
X	X	X	X	X		MND	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	MND	X	MND

### Results of the LCA - Environmental impact potentials

CML 2001 - Jan. 2016

	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
GWP [kg CO2-Equiv.]	1.14E01	9.70E-02	3.34E-02	4.52E-01	9.11E-02	2.70E-01
ODP [kg R11-Equiv.]	7.53E-07	6.36E-13	6.63E-10	2.05E-09	5.97E-13	9.98E-12
AP [kg SO2-Equiv.]	4.15E-02	7.35E-04	1.17E-04	1.29E-03	6.90E-04	7.38E-04
EP [kg Phosphate-Equiv.]	6.37E-03	1.93E-04	5.21E-05	1.94E-04	1.81E-04	7.30E-04
POCP [kg Ethene-Equiv.]	4.39E-03	-3.14E-04	1.57E-05	8.45E-05	-2.95E-04	9.59E-05
ADPe [kg Sb-Equiv.]	5.41E-01	1.47E-08	4.19E-09	6.38E-04	1.38E-08	5.19E-08
ADPf [MJ]	1.60E02	1.38E00	5.21E-01	4.20E00	1.30E00	3.81E00

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	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
GWP [kg CO2-Equiv.]	1.13E01	9.68E-02	3.29E-02	4.50E-01	9.09E-02	2.67E-01
ODP [kg CFC 11-Equiv.]	9.34E-07	6.76E-13	8.67E-10	2.23E-09	6.35E-13	1.06E-11
AP [kg SO2-Equiv.]	4.25E-02	1.00E-03	1.18E-04	1.29E-03	9.42E-04	7.75E-04
EP [kg N-Equiv.]	9.05E-03	7.85E-05	2.49E-05	2.75E-04	7.37E-05	3.51E-04
SFP [kg O3-Equiv.]	5.16E-01	2.27E-02	1.49E-03	1.57E-02	2.14E-02	1.29E-02

Caption	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; SFP = Smog air
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### Results of the LCA - Resource use: declared unit and product

	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
PERE [MJ]	24.9	-	-	0	-	-
PERM [MJ]	6.22	-	-	0.449	-	-
PERT [MJ]	31.2	0.0223	0.0202	0.449	0.021	0.272
PENRE [MJ]	0.137	1.49	0.601	4.31	1.4	4.33
PENRM [MJ]	6.22	-	-	0.449	-	-
PENRT [MJ]	203	1.39	0.555	5.19	1.3	3.97
SM [kg]	2.18	-	-	-	-	-
RSF [MJ]	-	-	-	-	-	-
NRSF [MJ]	-	-	-	-	-	-
FW [m <sup>3</sup> ]	0.479	0.000281	2.27E-006	0.00181	0.000264	1.74E-005

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
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### Results of the LCA - Output flows and waste categories: declared unit and product

	A1-A3	A4	A5	B2	C2	C4
HWD [kg]	0.00252	1.77E-009	1.46E-009	2.45E-009	1.66E-009	2.25E-008
NHWD [kg]	0.121	4.68E-005	0.241	0.00172	4.4E-005	3.72
RWD [kg]	0.00647	2.32E-006	4.81E-006	0.000372	2.18E-006	6.06E-005
CRU [kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-
MFR [kg]	0.117	-	-	-	-	0
MER [kg]	0	-	0	-	-	0
EEE [MJ]	-	-	-	-	-	-
EET [MJ]	-	-	-	-	-	-

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
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