

**Rakennustietosäätiö RTS  
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RTS EPD,  
No. RTS\_46\_20  
Red clay bricks

**Scope of the declaration**

This environmental product declaration covers the environmental impacts of red clay bricks. The declaration has been prepared in accordance with EN 15804:2012+A1:2013 and ISO 14025 standards and the additional requirements stated in the RTS PCR (English version, 18.6.2018). This declaration covers the life cycle stages from cradle-to-gate with options including transportation to installation site, deconstruction, transportation, treatment and recovery of the product at its end-of-life.

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## General information, declaration scope and verification (7.1)

### 1. Owner of the declaration, manufacturer

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### 2. Product name and number

**Bricks form red clay:** Punainen, Ruukunpunainen, R-punainen, Punaruskea, Ruskonkirjava, Iltarusko, Kaakaonruskea, Kastanjanruskea, Grafiitinmusta, Terva, Tervankirjava, Graniitti, Graniitinkirjava, Ekorappaustiili, Olki

### 3. Place of production

Koria, Finland

### 4. Additional information

More information can be found at webpage of the company [www. www.wienerberger.fi/](http://www.wienerberger.fi/)

### 5. Product Category Rules and the scope of the declaration

This EPD has been prepared in accordance with EN 15804:2012+A1:2013 and ISO 14025 standards together with the RTS PCR (English version, 18.6.2018). Product specific category rules have not been applied in this EPD. EPD of construction materials may not be comparable if they do not comply with EN15804 and seen in building context. .

### 6. Author of the life-cycle assessment and declaration

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### 7. Verification

This EPD has been verified according to the requirements of ISO 14025:2010, EN 15804: 2012+A1:2013 and RTS PCR by a third party. The verification has been carried out by Teija Kämpynen, Vahanen Environment Oy.

### 8. Declaration issue date and validity

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| European standard EN 15804: 2014 A1 serves as the core PCR                       |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Independent verification of the declaration and data, according to ISO14025:2010 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External   |  |
| Third party verifier:<br>Teija Kämpynen<br>Vahanen Environment Oy                |  |

## Product information

### 9. Product description

This document refers to perforated and whole bricks produced in Koria at Wienerberger Oy Ab from red clay.

### 10. Technical specifications

Burnt bricks can be used for façade and frame construction, chimney masonry as well as interior and exterior structures.

### 11. Product standards

Wienerberger bricks are CE marked and their properties can be found on the product packaging and on the website: [www.wienerberger](http://www.wienerberger). The products comply with the standard SFS-EN 771-1 + A1 for burnt bricks.

### 12. Physical properties

The size of the brick may vary depending on the application. The amount of brick used per square meter of wall depends on the size of the brick. The most common brick sizes and brick consumption in façade construction and chimney masonry are shown in the table below. Consumption calculated with 15 mm mortar joints and losses about 4-5%. More information can be found on the manufacturer's website.

| Tiili                        | Name   | Dimensions, mm | Mass, kg/brick | Consumption, bricks/m2 |
|------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Façade cladding              | MRT 60 | 285 x 85 x 60  | 1,9            | 47                     |
|                              | RT 60  | 285 x 135 x 60 | 2,8            | 47                     |
|                              | MRT 75 | 285 x 85 x 75  | 2,4            | 39                     |
|                              | RT 75  | 285 x 135 x 75 | 3,8            | 39                     |
| Chimney and fireplace bricks | PRT/PT | 257X123X57     | 2,8            | 55                     |
|                              | NRT    | 270X130X75     | 3,6            | 42                     |
| Brick tile                   | MTL    | 285X45X60      | 1,5            | 47                     |

### 13. Raw-materials of the product

| Product structure / composition / raw-material | Red brick |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Clay                                           | 67,3 %    |
| Sand                                           | 30,6 %    |
| Sawdust                                        | 2,1 %     |

### 14. Substances under European Chemicals Agency's REACH, SVHC restrictions

| Name                                                | EC Number | CAS Number |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| The product does not contain REACH SVHC substances. |           |            |

## 15. Functional / declared unit

1 ton of clay brick

## 16. System boundary

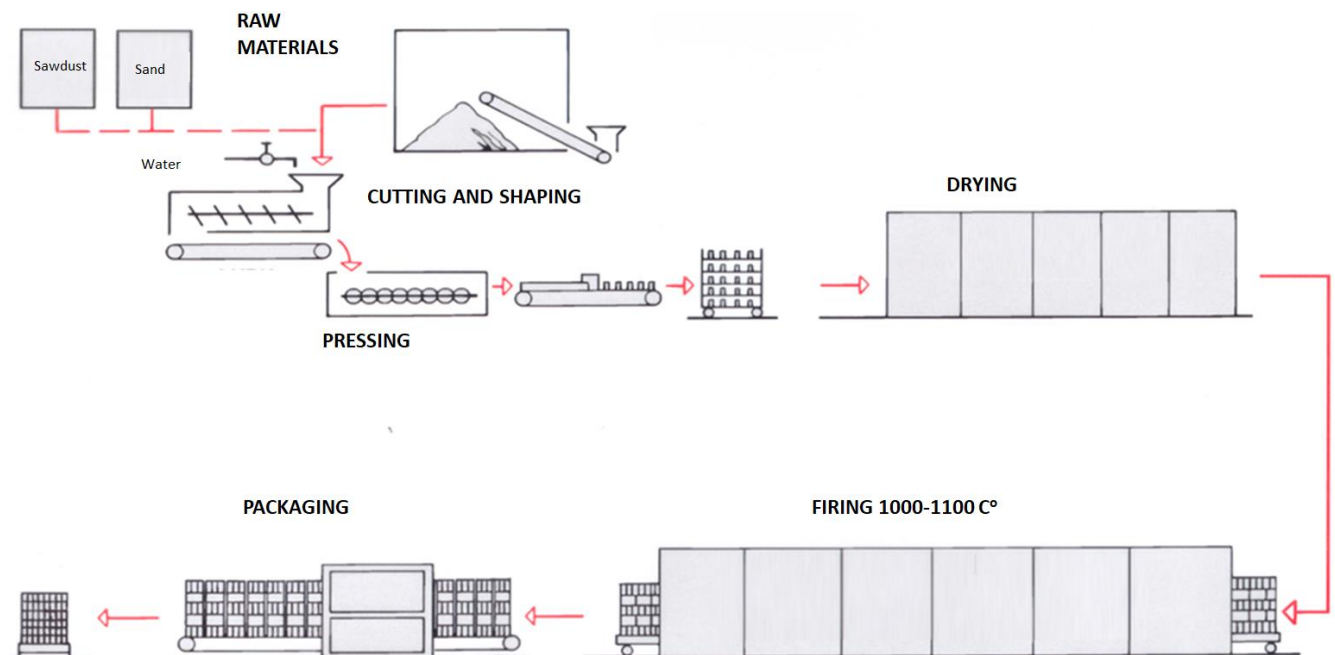
This EPD covers the following modules; A1 (Raw material supply), A2 (Transport), A3 (Manufacturing) and A4 (Transportation of the product to the building site) as well as C1 (Deconstruction), C2 (Transport at end-of-life), C3 (Waste processing) and C4 (Disposal). In addition, module D - benefits and loads beyond the system boundary - have been included. Only primary materials were taken into account in benefits calculations.

## 17. Cut-off criteria

All used materials, energy, packaging, transportation fuel and waste treatment until the end-of waste state have been included in the product stage (A1-A3). Results for the product stage have been provided as an aggregate. A4 transportation has been estimated to be 130 km, the return trip has not been considered. Module B information has not been presented or included in the LCA calculation. Of module C all impacts have been calculated (C1-C4). C1 includes the deconstruction using energy 0,011 kWh/kg. The distance for C2 has been estimated to be 50 km. C3 includes bricks crushing. C4 includes the landfilling of the product which cannot be separated. Module D considers the benefits of brick recycling.

## 18. Production process

The product manufacturing includes following stages: clay homogenizing, mixing the recipe components, pressing and cutting the brick mass to the required size and shape, drying, burning and cooling the bricks, and finally, packaging.



## Scope of the Life-Cycle Assessment (7.2.1-2)

Mark all the covered modules of the EPD with X. Mandatory modules are marked with blue in the table below. This declaration covers "cradle-to-gate with options". For other fields mark MND (module not declared) or MNR (module not relevant)

| Product stage |           |               | Assembly stage |          | Use stage |             |        |             |               |                        |                       | End of life stage          |           |                  |          | Beyond the system boundaries |          |           |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| A1            | A2        | A3            | A4             | A5       | B1        | B2          | B3     | B4          | B5            | B6                     | B7                    | C1                         | C2        | C3               | C4       | D                            | D        | D         |
| x             | x         | x             | x              | MND      | MND       | MND         | MND    | MND         | MND           | MND                    | MND                   | x                          | x         | x                | x        | x                            | x        | x         |
| Raw materials | Transport | Manufacturing | Transport      | Assembly | Use       | Maintenance | Repair | Replacement | Refurbishment | Operational energy use | Operational water use | De-construction demolition | Transport | Waste processing | Disposal | Reuse                        | Recovery | Recycling |

|  |                                                            |
|--|------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Mandatory modules                                          |
|  | Mandatory as per the RTS PCR section 6.2.1 rules and terms |
|  | Optional modules based on scenarios                        |

## Environmental impacts and raw-material use (7.2.3-7.2.4)

### 19. Environmental impacts

The results of a life cycle assessment are relative. They do not predict impact on category endpoints, exceeding of limit values, safety margins, or risks. The impacts are presented per declared unit, 1 ton of product. The impacts are mainly caused by the manufacturing process (A3) energy consumption.

| Environmental impact                      |                                       |         |         |         |         |         |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| Parameter                                 | Unit                                  | A1-A3   | A4      | C1      | C2      | C3      | C4       | D        |
| Global warming potential                  | kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eqv               | 1,70E+2 | 1,21E+1 | 2,59E+0 | 4,33E+0 | 4,96E+0 | 2,25E-3  | -1,08E+1 |
| Depletion of stratospheric ozone layer    | kg CFC11-eqv                          | 1,83E-5 | 2,40E-6 | 5,71E-7 | 8,56E-7 | 8,78E-7 | 7,43E-10 | -1,14E-6 |
| Formation of photochemical ozone          | kg C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -eqv | 2,51E-2 | 1,92E-3 | 3,89E-4 | 6,87E-4 | 1,11E-3 | 8,16E-7  | -3,26E-3 |
| Acidification                             | kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eqv               | 3,25E-1 | 3,23E-2 | 8,44E-3 | 1,15E-2 | 3,22E-2 | 1,66E-5  | -6,12E-2 |
| Eutrophication                            | kg PO <sub>4</sub> 3--eqv             | 4,55E-2 | 4,32E-3 | 1,14E-3 | 1,54E-3 | 6,06E-3 | 2,85E-6  | -8,75E-3 |
| Abiotic depletion of non fossil resources | kg Sb-eqv                             | 9,20E-4 | 7,59E-5 | 4,24E-6 | 2,71E-5 | 1,40E-5 | 7,53E-9  | -2,24E-4 |
| Abiotic depletion of fossil resources     | MJ                                    | 2,70E+3 | 1,98E+2 | 3,04E+1 | 7,06E+1 | 8,30E+1 | 6,36E-2  | -1,54E+2 |

## 20. Use of natural resources

| Resource use, Red brick                                      |      |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Parameter                                                    | Unit | A1-A3   | A4      | C1      | C2      | C3      | C4      | D        |
| Renewable primary energy resources used as energy carrier    | MJ   | 7,20E-1 | 2,89E+0 | 0E0     | 1,03E+0 | 0E0     | 0E0     | 0E0      |
| Renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials     | MJ   | 4,59E+2 | 0E0     | 2,56E+1 | 0E0     | 4,72E+0 | 1,64E-3 | -7,69E+0 |
| Total use of renewable primary energy resources              | MJ   | 4,60E+2 | 2,89E+0 | 2,56E+1 | 1,03E+0 | 4,72E+0 | 1,64E-3 | -7,69E+0 |
| Nonrenewable primary energy resources used as energy carrier | MJ   | 5,68E+1 | 2,02E+2 | 0E0     | 7,20E+1 | 0E0     | 0E0     | 0E0      |
| Nonrenewable primary energy resources used as materials      | MJ   | 3,14E+3 | 0E0     | 9,15E+1 | 0E0     | 9,38E+1 | 6,45E-2 | -1,66E+2 |
| Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources          | MJ   | 3,19E+3 | 2,02E+2 | 9,15E+1 | 7,20E+1 | 9,38E+1 | 6,45E-2 | -1,66E+2 |
| Use of secondary materials                                   | kg   | 1,62E+0 | 5,86E-2 | 7,86E-2 | 2,09E-2 | 0E0     | 0E0     | 0E0      |
| Use of renewable secondary fuels                             | MJ   | 0,00E+0 | 0,00E+0 | 0,00E+0 | 0,00E+0 | 0,00E+0 | 0,00E+0 | 0,00E+0  |
| Use of non-renewable secondary fuels                         | MJ   | 2,96E+0 | 3,13E-1 | 1,87E-2 | 1,12E-1 | 1,44E-1 | 6,02E-5 | -4,37E-1 |
| Use of net fresh water                                       | m3   | 1,49E+0 | 4,11E-2 | 7,45E-2 | 1,47E-2 | 5,14E-2 | 7,12E-5 | -2,31E-1 |

## 21. End of life – Waste

| Waste, Red brick    |      |         |         |         |         |         |         |          |
|---------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Parameter           | Unit | A1-A3   | A4      | C1      | C2      | C3      | C4      | D        |
| Hazardous waste     | kg   | 6,69E-2 | 5,26E-3 | 4,07E-4 | 1,88E-3 | 7,13E-3 | 3,80E-6 | -7,29E-3 |
| Non-hazardous waste | kg   | 1,34E+1 | 1,70E+1 | 1,79E-1 | 6,09E+0 | 1,02E+2 | 4,20E-1 | -3,76E+0 |
| Radioactive waste   | kg   | 9,47E-3 | 1,37E-3 | 9,56E-4 | 4,90E-4 | 5,86E-4 | 4,22E-7 | -7,12E-4 |

## 22. End of life - Output flow

| Output flow, Red brick        |      |          |     |     |     |         |     |     |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|
| Parameter                     | Unit | A1-A3    | A4  | C1  | C2  | C3      | C4  | D   |
| Components for reuse          | kg   | 0E0      | 0E0 | 0E0 | 0E0 | 0E0     | 0E0 | 0E0 |
| Materials for recycling       | kg   | 5,55E-2  | 0E0 | 0E0 | 0E0 | 5,80E-1 | 0E0 | 0E0 |
| Materials for energy recovery | kg   | 1,92E-10 | 0E0 | 0E0 | 0E0 | 0E0     | 0E0 | 0E0 |
| Exported energy               | MJ   | 0E0      | 0E0 | 0E0 | 0E0 | 0E0     | 0E0 | 0E0 |

## Scenarios and additional technical information (7.3)

### 23. Electricity in the manufacturing phase (7.3.A3)

|                                                                  |                |                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A3 data quality of electricity and CO2 emission kg CO2 eq. / kWh | <b>FI 0,24</b> | The environmental impact of average Finnish electricity in Finland is based on the ecoinvent 3.4 database resource "Market for electricity, medium voltage", Finland, 2018 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### 24. Transport from production place to user (7.3.2 A4)

| Variable                                                                                                | Amount | Data quality               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| Fuel type and consumption in <b>liters / 100 km</b>                                                     | 50     | Data source:lipasto.vtt.fi |
| Transportation distance <b>km</b>                                                                       | 130    | Manufacturer data          |
| Transport capacity utilization %                                                                        | 100    | Assumption                 |
| Bulk density of transported products <b>kg/m<sup>3</sup></b>                                            | vary   | Manufacturer data          |
| Volume capacity utilization factor (factor: =1 or <1 or ≥ 1 for compressed or nested packaged products) | 1      | Assumption                 |

### 25. End-of-life process description (7.3.4)

| Processes                                                 | Unit (expressed per functional unit or per declared unit of components products or materials and by type of material) | Amount kg/ton<br>Data quality                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Collection process specified by type                      | kg collected separately                                                                                               | 580                                                                                                                     |
|                                                           | kg collected with mixed construction waste                                                                            | 420                                                                                                                     |
| Recovery system specified by type                         | kg for re-use                                                                                                         | 0                                                                                                                       |
|                                                           | kg for recycling                                                                                                      | 580                                                                                                                     |
|                                                           | kg for energy recovery                                                                                                | 0                                                                                                                       |
| Disposal specified by type                                | kg product or material for final deposition                                                                           | 420                                                                                                                     |
| Assumptions for scenario development, e.g. transportation | units as appropriate                                                                                                  | Transportation distance estimation based on average recycling facility locations in Helsinki region; 50 km <sup>2</sup> |

## 26. Additional technical information

More information can be found on the company's website. [www.wienerberger.fi/](http://www.wienerberger.fi/)

## 27. Product data sheet

More information on the products can be found in the brick brochure via the following link:

<https://www.wienerberger.fi/myynti-ja-palvelut/ladattavat-aineistot.html>

## 28. Additional information (7.4)

Air, soil and water impacts during the use phase have not been studied.

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