

ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® PRIMER AND SEALER No. 73 & 75

INTERIOR PRIMER



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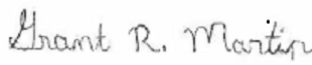



BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer

According to ISO 14025 and ISO 21930:2007

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This EPD conforms with ISO 21930:2007



Product Definition

This Environmental Product Declaration covers Behr Process Corporation BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer No. 73 & 75. Both products have excellent adhesion, but BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer & Sealer No. 75 has the added benefit of stain-blocking. BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer & Sealer can be applied to various interior surfaces.

Declared Product Description

BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer & Sealer No. 73 is a 100% acrylic, GREENGUARD® Gold certified high performance primer that is used under low sheen paints. This tintable primer seals both coated and uncoated porous surfaces and has a quick recoat time. BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer No. 73 is available in gallon and 5-gallon containers.

BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer & Sealer No. 75 is a styrene-acrylic, GREENGUARD® Gold certified high performance primer that is used under high sheen paints. This low odor primer provides a mildew resistant finish with a quick recoat time. BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer No. 75 is tintable and available in quart, gallon and 2-gallon size containers.

Product Components Related to Life Cycle Assessment

The material composition of the paints are in the following range:

Table 1: Material composition range in % by mass for the BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer (No. 73 & 75)

	Minimum [%]	Maximum [%]
Acrylic resin	20	40
Additive	1	5
Calcium carbonate	10	15
Nepheline syenite	0	10
pH buffer	0.1	1
Preservative	0.1	1
Rheology modifier	1	2
Surfactant	0.1	1
Titanium dioxide	10	15
Water	15	50



The functional unit for the study was covering and protecting 1m² of substrate for a period of 60 years (the assumed lifetime of a building), exhibiting 97% opacity after drying. The functional unit and reference flow required for the functional unit were calculated for both the market life and design life as prescribed by the PCR. Market life is 5 years for interior application. The design life is not applicable to the category Primer, Sealers and Undercoaters. Market life reference flow and colorant quantity are shown in Table 2. Results were calculated for the tintable white base and interior and exterior application. For further technical information on BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer, visit behr.com

Table 2: Market Life- Lifetime, reference flow, and quantity of colorant

	Lifetime (years)	Reference flow	Carbon black input
073	5	1.48	0.0769
075	5	1.65	0.0753

Scope and Boundaries of the Life Cycle Assessment

System Boundaries

The LCA was performed according to ISO 14040 standards. The system is a cradle-to-grave LCA and includes the following modules as defined in the PCR. The declaration covers the full range of BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer sold in the North American market for the reference year.



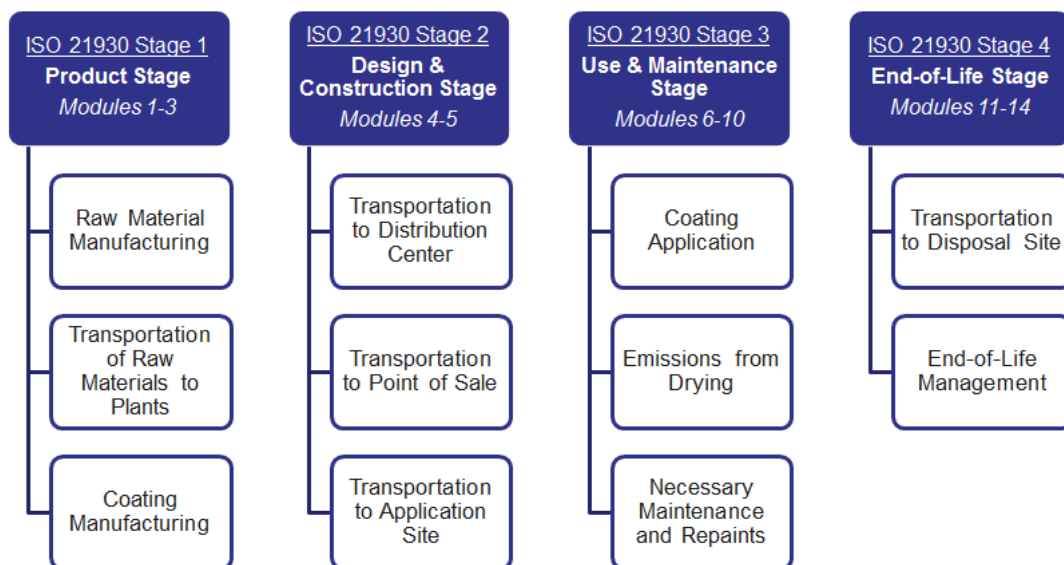


Figure 1: System boundaries for cradle to grave LCA

Assumptions

The described modeling approach makes assumptions in order to represent the cradle-to-grave environmental performance of Behr paint products. These assumptions include those that are prescribed by the PCR, such as in packaging disposal and recovery treatment, as well as transportation distances and use phase assumptions.

Cut-off Criteria

No cut-off criteria are defined by this study. For processes within the system boundary, all available energy and material flow data have been included in the model.

Data Quality

Primary data were obtained from Behr's eight facilities, one each in Chicago Heights, IL; Allentown, PA; St. Louis, MO; Roanoke, TX; and Atlanta, GA; and three in Santa Ana, CA for the 2016 reference year. Background data were obtained from the GaBi 2017 database and are representative of the years 2007-2016. Overall, both primary and background data are representative of the product system and have been deemed very good quality.





Allocation

Manufacturing inputs for the eight facilities were allocated to each paint product by mass.

Product Stage

BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer are produced at Behr's production facilities according to the following processing steps.

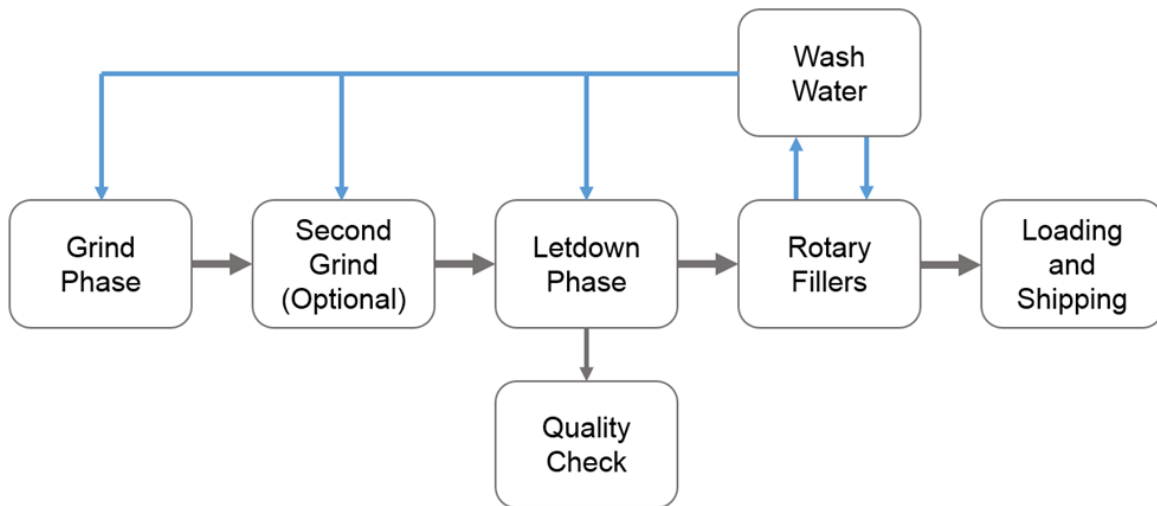


Figure 2: Behr Process Corporation process flow schematic

Design and Construction Stage

The design and construction stage begins with the packaged paint product leaving the production site and ends with the coating being delivered to the point of application. Within this stage, the paint product is modeled as distributed to a warehouse and from there to Home Depot stores. At the stores, it is purchased and transported to the point of application. This stage also includes the addition of colorant, represented by carbon black, at the point of sale, per the PCR.





Use and Maintenance Stage

Application and Use

The use stage begins when the user applies the product to a substrate. Environmental burdens associated with repaints are attributed to the original stage in which they occurred (e.g. production of the coating for the repaint is attributed to Stage 1 - Product). This stage does not require any energy or additional cleaning inputs, but includes the VOCs emitted during application. BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Dry Wall Primer and Sealer No. 73 is a low-VOC coating, which is a designation applicable to products with less than fifty grams of VOC emissions per liter of paint, based on the ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2007 test method. BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® All-In-One Primer and Sealer No. 75 is a Zero VOC coating. This product, like most Zero VOC paints, emits very low amounts of VOCs. Most emissions occur during painting and for 48 hours after. Some continue for two weeks or longer. While VOC emissions are still very low, sensitive groups such as babies and asthma/allergy sufferers should minimize exposure. This primer has less than five grams of VOC emissions per liter of paint, based on the ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2007 test method.

Health, Safety, and Environmental Aspects during Installation

Customers obtain material from a store or have the store deliver it. The customer or their contractor applies the coating to substrate(s) at customer site(s). The coating remains on the substrate material until the substrate is disposed of. This may include up to a 60 year life time, with additional /subsequent protective coatings. If the coating is handled and applied using the recommendations in the safety data sheet and technical data sheet, minimal health and environmental impacts should occur, and maximum product and substrate life should be expected.

Waste

Disposal of any leftover coating and discarded packaging is categorized under the end-of-life stage. A 10% paint loss rate during application was included per the PCR.

Packaging

BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer is available in quart, 1-gallon, 2-gallon and 5-gallon containers. BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer quart and gallon plastic packaging is made from 100% post-



consumer material.

End of Life Stage

Recycling or Reuse

Home Depot stores encourage customers to use PaintCare or local paint recycling programs.

Unused Materials

The manufacturing facilities recycle materials and by-products. The Chicago Heights, Atlanta, Garry, and Roanoke facilities also send off-spec products to GDB International, an organization that recycles paint waste into paint products.

Disposal

Product end-of-life occurs with the disposal of the substrate material. 100% of the waste is disposed of in a landfill at the end-of-life stage, and cannot be separated from the substrate before disposal. Packaging is recovered at a rate of 9.5% for plastics, 33% for metals, and 65% for paper and corrugate material. Recovery rates represent the average fraction of generated waste that is recovered in the US.



Life Cycle Impact Assessment

In accordance to the guiding PCR, TRACI 2.1 impact characterization methodology is used to calculate the declared environmental impacts, except for global warming potential results, which follow the methodology in the IPCC 5th assessment report. Additional inventory metrics are also calculated per the guiding PCR. The declared impacts and inventory metrics are summarized in this section.

Key Environmental Parameters

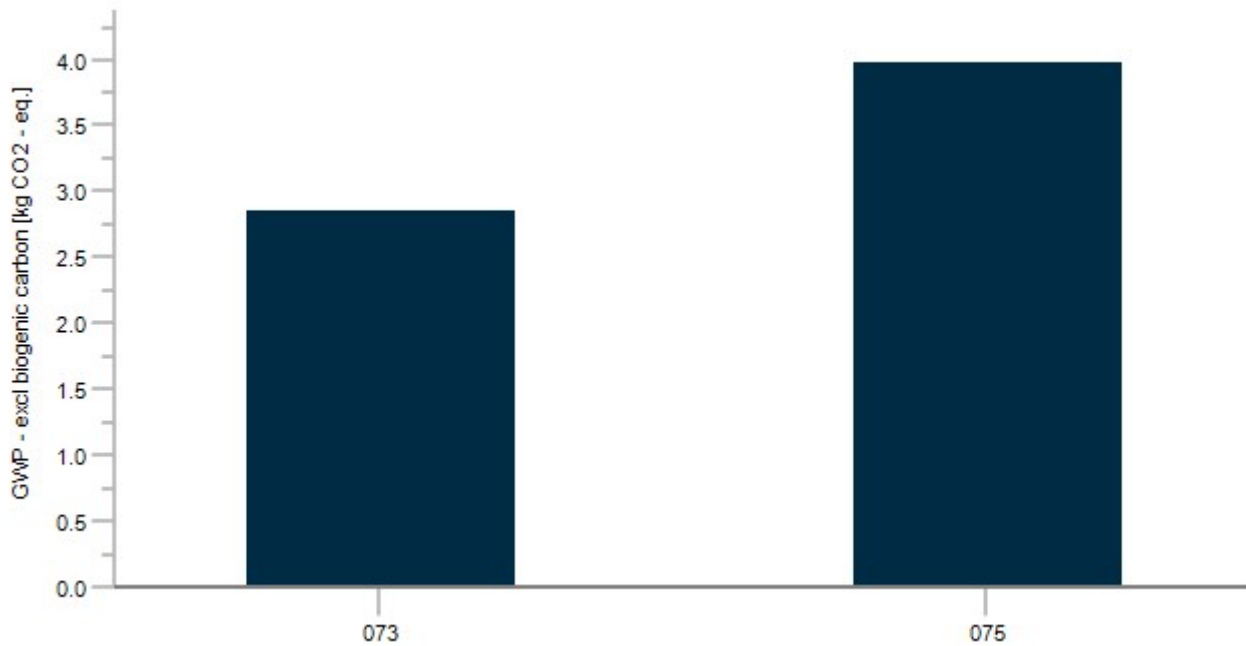


Figure 3: Global warming potential, excluding biogenic carbon for market lifetime

Table 3: Life cycle inventory data for market lifetime, (representative product, BEHR Primer 073)

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
GWP, excl. biogenic carbon [kg CO2-Equiv.]	2.29E00	4.85E-01		8.40E-02
GWP, incl. biogenic carbon [kg CO2-Equiv.]	2.28E00	4.77E-01		8.55E-02
Acidification [kg SO2-Equiv.]	1.02E-02	1.37E-03		1.17E-03
Eutrophication [kg N-Equiv.]	4.13E-04	1.18E-04		4.51E-04
Ozone depletion [kg CFC 11-Equiv.]	3.45E-09	1.39E-11		3.38E-10
Smog formation [kg O3-Equiv.]	1.14E-01	3.14E-02	7.45E-10	1.04E-02



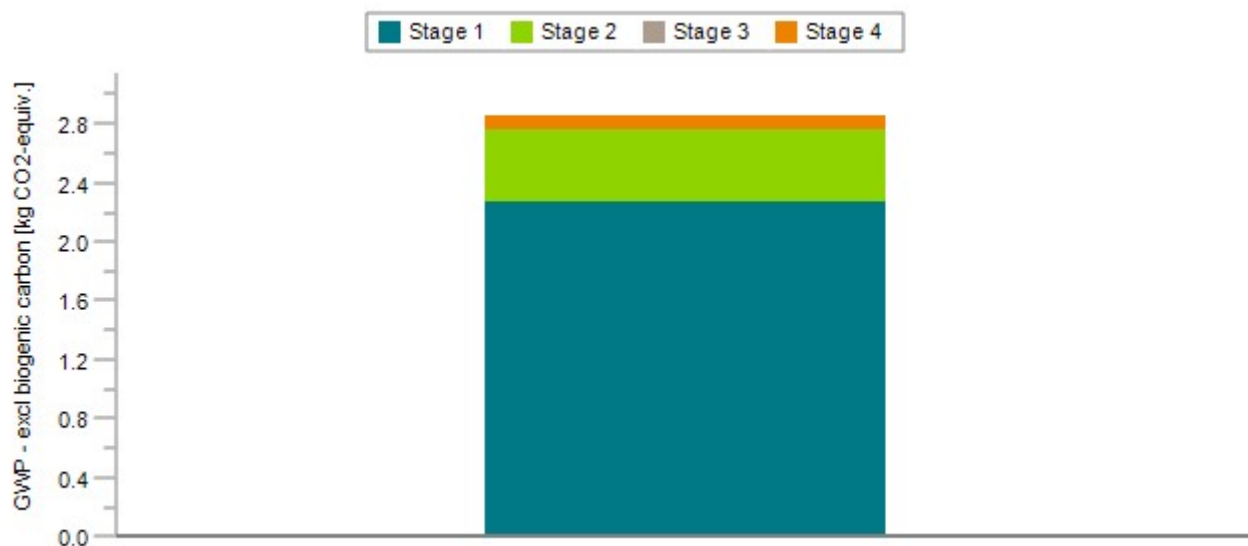


Figure 4: Global warming Potential, excluding biogenic carbon for market lifetime, (representative product, BEHR Primer 073)

Table 4: Impact assessment results for market lifetime

	GWP, excl. biogenic carbon [kg CO2-Equiv.]	GWP, incl. biogenic carbon [kg CO2-Equiv.]	Acidification [kg SO2-Equiv.]	Eutrophication [kg N-Equiv.]	Ozone depletion [kg CFC 11-Equiv.]	Smog formation [kg O3-Equiv.]
073	2.86E00	2.84E00	1.28E-02	9.82E-04	3.81E-09	1.56E-01
075	3.97E00	3.97E00	1.80E-02	1.23E-03	3.25E-09	2.15E-01

Material and Energy Resources, Emissions, and Wastes

The additional inventory results required by the PCR for each product are shown in the tables below.

Table 5: Energy resources for market lifetime, (representative product, BEHR Primer 073) [MJ, net calorific value]

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Crude oil (resource)	1.32E01	7.89E00		6.47E-01
Hard coal (resource)	6.57E00	2.42E-01		-9.41E-02
Lignite (resource)	1.57E00	2.72E-02		3.53E-02
Natural gas (resource)	2.54E01	3.38E-01		5.48E-02
Peat (resource)	1.67E-03	1.43E-05		-8.70E-07
Uranium (resource)	2.56E00	1.24E-01		1.04E-02



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Primary energy from geothermics	7.31E-02	4.14E-03		-6.57E-04
Primary energy from hydro power	5.11E-01	2.78E-02		7.23E-03
Primary energy from solar energy	1.74E00	2.60E-01		6.07E-02
Primary energy from waves	4.26E-08	1.20E-14		-8.70E-09
Primary energy from wind power	6.27E-01	2.21E-02		6.52E-03

Table 6: Material resources for market lifetime, (representative product, BEHR Primer 073)

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Non renewable resources	4.96E00	8.49E-02		3.54E-01
Renewable resources	1.03E03	4.75E01		3.15E01

Water consumption constitutes the majority of renewable resource consumption.

Table 7: Other environmental information for market lifetime, (representative product, BEHR Primer 073)

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Blue water consumption [kg]	1.13E01	2.00E00		9.48E-02
Hazardous waste, deposited [kg]	1.02E-05	1.40E-06		5.14E-09
Non-hazardous waste, deposited [kg]	5.78E-01	7.66E-04		1.69E00
Recycled materials [kg]				2.29E-02
Secondary raw material [kg]	1.62E-03			

Impact Assessment Interpretation

For the BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer, raw materials and manufacturing (Stage 1) are the highest contributors to all impact categories. The impact from the design and construction stage is small but not insignificant and can be mostly attributed to transportation.



Other Environmental Information



GREENGUARD Certification

BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer is GREENGUARD® and GREENGUARD Gold Certified. This third-party certification assures our paints are low-emitting and contribute to healthy indoor environments.

GREENGUARD Certification establishes acceptable indoor air standards for indoor products, environments, and buildings. GREENGUARD Gold Certification offers stricter certification criteria, considers safety factors to account for sensitive individuals (such as children and the elderly), and ensures that a product is acceptable for use in environments such as schools and healthcare facilities.

GREENGUARD certified products are referenced standards in numerous sustainable building initiatives including: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®), Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS), Green Guide for Health Care (GGHC), Sustainable Building Industry Council (SBIC) and many others. For more information on the GREENGUARD Certification Program emission standards visit greenguard.org.



MPI Extreme Green Performance™ Standard (MPI GPS-2-12)

BEHR PREMIUM PLUS® Primer and Sealer is certified with the MPI Extreme Green Performance™ (X-Green) Standard, a three-pronged standard that has requirements on indoor air quality, durability, and environmental safety of paint products.

MPI's Green Performance™ Standards were established to challenge the thinking that VOC level alone should determine a 'green' coating. MPI believes that performance and durability are critical to true sustainability, since premature failure and the frequent repainting that results inevitably leads to greater VOC emissions and non-sustainable and costly maintenance operations. Therefore, paints certified to MPI's Green Performance™ Standard:

- 1) Provide performance and durability equal to their 'conventional' counterparts;
- 2) Have eliminated or contain only trace quantities of various undesirable chemical compounds such as phthalates;
- 3) Have reduced VOC. MPI's GPS 2 -- the most stringent in North America when introduced in 2007 -- has a maximum allowable VOC of 50 g/l across the board for all paint types.

The Extreme Green Environmental Performance™ Standard, which complements MPI's Green Performance™ Standards includes the following additional requirements:

- 1) No carcinogenic ingredients;
- 2) Maximum 50 g/l VOC;
- 3) Submit a third-party test result verifying they meet CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) emissions requirements;
- 4) The certification of emissions compliance to CHPS must be within 2 years of testing.

The MPI Green Performance™ Standard is the only green paint/coatings certification required by both the US and Canadian governments, and referenced by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).



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