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### General Part

**Technical Assessment Body issuing the European Technical Assessment:** Itecons - Instituto de Investigação e Desenvolvimento Tecnológico para a Construção, Energia, Ambiente e Sustentabilidade

**Trade name of the construction product** U38/AcoustiCork U38

**Product family to which the construction product belongs** Polyurethane foam mat to be used for impact sound insulation

Product area code: 4

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## **Specific parts**

### **1. Technical description of the product**

This European Technical Assessment applies to polyurethane (PU) foam mats to be installed under floating screeds on solid slabs without contact to soil, ground and surface water. The assessed product, U38/AcustiCork U38 (8/4mm, 17/8 mm, and 12/6 mm), is a mixture of recycled PU foam and agglomerated cork with PU elastomer bonding agent. The mats have one profiled surface and one flat surface and are faced with a layer of film which serves as a vapour barrier.

### **2. Specification of the intended use(s) in accordance with the applicable European Assessment Document (hereinafter EAD)**

#### **2.1 Intended use**

The polyurethane foam mats U38/AcustiCork U38 are used for the improvement of impact sound insulation of floors and are installed under floating screeds on solid slabs.

The assessment of the product only applies when the product is used only inside buildings in structures where it is protected from wetting and weathering.

The mats are loose-laid on the flat solid floor slab with the profiled surface faced down. A perimeter insulation barrier shall be applied vertically around the entire perimeter of the room with a width equal to that of the floor build up. The mats shall cover the entire flooring area without gaps and with joints securely taped.

As to the application of the PU-foam-mat, the respective national regulations shall be observed in addition.

#### **2.2 Working life/Durability**

The provisions made in this European Technical Assessment (ETA) are based on an assumed intended working life of at least 25 years when installed in the works, provided that the mat is subject to appropriate installation. These provisions are based upon the current state of the art and the available knowledge and experience. The indications given on the working life cannot be interpreted as a guarantee given by the manufacturer or the Technical Assessment Body, but should only be regarded only as a means for choosing the appropriate products in relation to the expected economically reasonable working life of the product.

### **3. Performance of the product and references to the methods used for its assessment**

The assessment for the intended use of U38/AcustiCork U38 to be used for impact sound insulation was performed according with the EAD 040049-00-0502 "Polyurethane (PU) foam mat to be used for impact sound insulation".

#### **3.1. Mechanical resistance and stability (BW1)**

Not relevant.

## 3.2 Safety in case of fire (BWR 2)

### 3.2.1 Reaction to fire

The reaction to fire was tested according to ISO 11925-2:2010, ISO 11925-2:2010/Cor1:2011 and classified according to EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009. The classification is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1:** Reaction to fire

Product		Classification EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009
U38 AcustiCork U38	8/4mm	Class E
	12/6mm	
	17/8mm	

## 3.3 Hygiene, health and environment (BWR 3)

### 3.3.1 Content, emission and/or release of dangerous substances

The content emission and/or release of dangerous substances was assessed taking into account the release scenario applicable: IA2 (product with indirect contact to indoor air but possible impact on indoor air).

#### 3.3.1.1 Specific organic compounds PAH and B[a]P

Not relevant.

#### 3.3.1.2 Nitrosamines

Not relevant.

#### 3.3.1.3 SVOC and VOC

Tests were carried out according to ISO 16000-9:2006, ISO 16000-9:2006 TC 1, ISO 16000-6:2011. Table 2 presents the results of the assessment of the VOCs in U38/AcoustiCork U38.

**Table 2:** Emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOC) after 28 days of exposure

Compound	CAS	Concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Compound	CAS	Concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	< 5	Cyclohexane	110-82-7	< 5
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	71-55-6	< 5	Cyclohexanone	108-94-1	< 5
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79-00-5	< 5	Dibromochloromethane	124-48-1	< 5
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	120-82-1	< 5	Ethyl acetate	141-78-6	< 5
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	95-63-6	< 5	Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	< 5
1,2-Dibromoethane	106-93-4	< 5	Formaldehyde	50-00-0	< 2
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	95-50-1	< 5	Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene	87-68-3	< 5
1,2-Dichloroethane	107-66-2	< 5	Methyl iso-butyl ketone (MIBK)	108-10-1	< 5

Compound	CAS	Concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Compound	CAS	Concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
1,2-Dichloropropane	78-87-5	< 5	Methyl n-butyl ketone	591-78-6	< 5
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	108-67-8	< 5	m-Xylene	108-38-3	< 5
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	541-73-1	< 5	n-Heptane	142-82-5	< 5
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	106-46-7	< 5	n-Hexadecane	544-76-3	< 5
1,4-Dioxane	123-91-1	< 5	n-Hexane	110-54-3	< 5
1-Ethyl-4-methyl benzene	622-96-8	< 5	o-Xylene	95-47-6	< 5
2-Butoxyethanol	111-76-2	< 5	Phenol	108-95-2	< 5
Acetaldehyde	75-07-0	< 3	p-Xylene	106-42-3	< 5
Benzene*	71-43-2	< 1	Styrene	100-42-5	< 5
Benzyl chloride	100-44-7	< 5	Tetrachloroethene	127-18-4	< 5
Bromodichloromethane	75-27-4	< 5	Tetrahydrofuran	109-99-9	< 5
Bromoform	75-25-2	< 5	Toluene	108-88-3	< 5
Butylacetate	123-86-4	< 5	trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	10061-02-6	< 5
Carbon tetrachloride	56-23-5	< 5	Trichloroethylene*	79-01-6	< 1
Chlorobenzene	108-90-7	< 5	TVOC	---	91
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	156-59-2	< 5	Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate*	117-81-7	< 1
Cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	10061-01-5	< 5	Dibutylphthalate*	84-74-2	< 1
Cloroform	67-66-3	< 5	TSVOC	---	< 5

\* CRM - Carcinogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic substances

### 3.4 Safety and accessibility in use (BWR 4)

Not relevant.

### 3.5 Protection against noise (BWR 5)

#### 3.5.1 Dynamic stiffness

The dynamic stiffness was tested according to ISO 9052-1:1989 and ISO 7626-5:1994. The mean value of the apparent dynamic stiffness  $S'_t$  for each different thickness of the U38/Acusticork U38 is listed in Table 3.

**Table 3:** Dynamic stiffness

Product		Apparent dynamic stiffness, $S'_t$ [ $\text{MN}/\text{m}^3$ ]
U38 AcustiCork U38	8/4mm	19
	12/6mm	14
	17/8mm	12

#### 3.5.2 Impact sound reduction

The impact sound reduction  $\Delta L$  by floor coverings was tested according to ISO 10140-1:2016, ISO 10140-3:2010, ISO 10140-3:2010/Amd.1:2015, ISO 10140-4:2010 and ISO 717-2:2013. The assessed build up and the test results are listed in Table 4.

**Table 4:** Impact sound reduction

Product		Assessed build up	Declared $\Delta L_w$
U38 AcustiCork U38	8/4mm	Screed: concrete floating paving flag with 70mm thickness and about 190kg/m <sup>2</sup> of mass per unit area Resilient layer: U38/AcustiCork U38 – 8/4 mm Base: reinforced concrete slab of thickness 140mm	$\Delta L_w \geq 25$ dB
	12/6mm	Screed: concrete floating paving flag with 70mm thickness and about 190kg/m <sup>2</sup> of mass per unit area Resilient layer: U38/AcustiCork U38 – 12/6 mm Base: reinforced concrete slab of thickness 140mm	$\Delta L_w \geq 27$ dB
	17/8mm	Screed: concrete floating paving flag with 70mm thickness and about 190kg/m <sup>2</sup> of mass per unit area Resilient layer: U38/AcustiCork U38 – 17/8 mm Base: reinforced concrete slab of thickness 140mm	$\Delta L_w \geq 29$ dB

### 3.5.3 Geometry

#### 3.5.3.1 Length and width of thermal insulating products

The length and width of the polyurethane foam mat were tested according to EN 822:2013. The nominal length and the nominal width of U38/AcustiCork U38 are listed in Table 5.

**Table 5:** Length and width

Product		Geometry	
		Length (mm)	With (mm)
U38 AcustiCork U38	8/4 mm	15 000	1 000
	12/6 mm	NPD	NPD
	17/8 mm	8 000	1 000
Dimensional deviation ( <i>acc. to EN 16069:2012+A1:2015</i> ):		L1	W1

#### 3.5.3.2 Squareness

The test results presented in Table 6 were determined using the test procedure according to the standard EN 824:2013.

**Table 6:** Squareness

Product		Geometry Squareness, $S_b$ (mm/m)
U38 AcustiCork U38	8/4 mm	$\leq 5$
	12/6 mm	
	17/8 mm	

### 3.5.4 Thickness and compressibility

The tests were performed according to the standard EN 12431:2013 and the test results are listed in Table 7.

**Table 7:** Thickness and compressibility

Product		Thickness, $d_L$ (mm)	Compressibility, $c$ (mm)
U38 AcoustiCork U38	8/4 mm	$\geq 8$	$\leq 1.0$
	12/6 mm	$\geq 12$	$\leq 1.5$
	17/8 mm	$\geq 17$	$\leq 1.8$

### 3.5.5 Mass per unit area or density

The density of U38/AcoustiCork U38 was determined according to EN 1602:2013.

**Table 8:** Density

Product	Total apparent density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
U38/AcoustiCork U38	296

### 3.5.6 Compressive creep

The compressive creep was tested according to the procedure described in the standard EN 1606:2013. The total deformation extrapolated for 10 years is listed in Table 9.

**Table 9:** Compressive creep

Product		Test load (kPa)	Relative deformation, $\varepsilon$ (%)	Thickness reduction, $X_t$ (mm)
U38 AcoustiCork U38	8/4 mm	5	17.3	1.72
	12/6 mm	5	14.3	1.95
	17/8 mm	5	14.1	2.56

### 3.5.7 Compressive strength

The compressive strength was determined according to EN 826:2013. The test results are listed in Table 10.

**Table 10:** Compressive strength

Product		Compressive stress at 10 % deformation, $\sigma_{10\%}$ (kPa)
U38 AcoustiCork U38	8/4 mm	$\geq 3.7$
	12/6 mm	$\geq 4.8$
	17/8 mm	$\geq 4.5$

### 3.5.8 Deformation under specified load and temperature

No performance determined.

### 3.6 Energy economy and heat retention (BWR 6)

Not relevant.

### 3.7 Sustainable use of natural resources (BWR 7)

Not relevant.

## 4. Assessment and verification of constancy of performance (hereinafter AVCP) system applied, with reference to its legal base

According to the Decision of the Commission 2000/273/EC, as amended, the system of assessment and verification of constancy of performance (see Annex V and Article 65 Paragraph 2 to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011) given in the following table applies:

Product	Intended use(s)	Level(s) or classe(es)	System(s)
Thermal insulating products	any	---	3
	for uses subject to regulations on reaction to fire	E*	3

\* Products of Class D or higher are out of the scope of EAD 040049-00-0502.

## 5. Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable EAD

The ETA is issued on the basis of agreed data/information, deposited at Itecons, which identifies the product that has been assessed and judged. It is the manufacturer's responsibility to make sure that all those who use the product are appropriately informed of specific conditions laid down in this ETA.

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