

# Era a Pennello

## Lime based paints for interiors and exteriors

Novacolor s.r.l. gives priority to environmental protection and safety in the workplace. For this reason, Novacolor s.r.l. constantly seeks to improve the quality of its products and their production cycles in order to reduce the overall impact on the environment and ensure quality and safety for customers.

[This environmental data sheet shows the environmental information of Era a Pennello: LCA, LEED and other information.](#)

*Era a Pennello is a lime-based paint, made of hydrated putty, selected inert and rheological modifiers, which guarantee a perfect workability of the product.*

*With its formulation, Era a Pennello permits to achieve soft and vibrant shades.*

*The low thickness of the applied product permits to see "materially" the substrate.*

### LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is a tool to quantify the environmental impact of a product or service throughout its entire life cycle. The LCA methodology, as defined by ISO 14040/44 [1-2], consists of four phases:

- goal and scope definition
- inventory analysis
- impact assessment
- interpretation

The LCA calculation method of San Marco has undergone a critical review by a third part auditor [3].

#### Goal and scope

The **goal** of this LCA is to provide transparency about the environmental performance of Era a Pennello, to create improvement options and support environmental communication. The functional unit is 1 kg of paint including packaging, with a spreading rate of 0,25-0,5 Kg/sqm. This LCA is a "from cradle to gate with options" study. The **system boundaries** include raw materials, their transportation, processing, packaging and the product and its packaging disposal. Distribution, application, use phase and demolition are excluded because these phases are highly variable.

#### Inventory analysis

Primary data are used to the most significant processes, like the paint recipe, packaging and factory consumptions and emissions. Data refer to 2014 and are collected at the San Marco Group's factories located in Marcon (VE), Latisana (UD), Forlì, Montemarciano (AN) it refers to the type "BIANCO" in the 20 size (code N398019/20). The end of use of the product and his packaging refers to the Italian situation. Secondary data originate from the ecoinvent v3.1 database [4]. The LCA calculations are performed with the LCA software SimaPro 8.1 [5].

#### Impact assessment

Life cycle impact assessment has been done with the method **PCR 2012:01 v2.0. "Construction products and cpc 54 construction services"** [6] and with the standard **EN15804** [7], as indicated in the EPD programme of the International EPD Consortium. This method consists of different environmental indicators including the Carbon Footprint, energy content, material resource consumption, water consumption and waste. Table 1 shows the LCA results.

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Table 1: LCA results.

	Unit	Total	Upstream (A1)	Core (A2-A3)	Downstream (A4-A5-B-D)	Downstream (C2-C3-C4)	
<b>Impact categories</b>	Global warming	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	0,772	0,519	0,154	n.a.	0,100
	Ozone depletion	mg CFC-11 eq	0,062	0,037	0,023	n.a.	0,002
	Acidification of land and water	g SO <sub>2</sub> eq	2,709	2,064	0,628	n.a.	0,017
	Eutrophication	g PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> eq	3,899	1,204	0,413	n.a.	2,282
	Photochemical ozone creation,	g C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> eq	0,191	0,159	0,027	n.a.	0,005
	depletion of abiotic resources (elements)	mg Sb eq	1,694	1,324	0,372	n.a.	-0,002
	depletion of abiotic resources (fossil)	MJ	11,342	9,283	2,039	n.a.	0,020
<b>Resource consumption</b>	Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	0,925	1,712	0,147	n.a.	-0,934
	Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	-	-	-	n.a.	-
	Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	MJ	0,925	1,712	0,147	n.a.	-0,934
	Use of non- renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	12,407	10,161	2,219	n.a.	0,028
	Use of non- renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	-	-	-	n.a.	-
	Total use of non- renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	MJ	12,407	10,161	2,219	n.a.	0,028
	Use of secondary material	kg	0,000	0,000	0,000	n.a.	0,000
	Use of renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0,000	0,000	0,000	n.a.	0,000
	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0,000	0,000	0,000	n.a.	0,000
	Direct and indirect consumption of fresh water	m <sup>3</sup>	0,004	0,004	0,001	n.a.	0,000
<b>Waste disposal</b>	Hazardous waste disposed	kg	0,009	0,004	0,005	n.a.	0,000
	Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0,832	0,019	0,078	n.a.	0,734
	Radioactive waste disposed	kg	0,000	0,000	0,000	n.a.	0,000

### Interpretation

The LCA results indicate that the largest contributions come from upstream processes (i.e. raw materials). The global warming potential of 1 kg of Era a Pennello is 0.772 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq and its water consumption is 4 litres. The negative value of renewable energy content is caused by the pallet reuse.

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### LEED

**LEED** means Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is a voluntary program that provides third-party verification of green buildings. It provides building owners and operators a tool to understand their building's environmental performance and to create healthy indoor spaces.

In order to obtain LEED certification, projects must satisfy prerequisites and earn points (there is a threshold). The number of points the project earns determines its level of LEED certification.

LEED is a certification system that deals with the environmental performance of buildings based on overall characteristics of the project. Although LEED does not certify products and services of individual companies, products and services do play a role and can help projects with credit achievement.

The table below shows Era a Pennello potential contribution to the different **LEED credits** of the LEED 2009 Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations [8] and of LEED v4 Building Design and Construction [9]. Table 2 shows the possible contribution of the paint to potential credits, if used properly.

Table 2: Potential LEED credits.

LEED 2009 Credits	Description	Possible points
MR credit 5	Regional Materials	1-2 points
IEQ credit 3.2	Construction Indoor air quality management plan	1 point
IEQ credit 4.2	Low-Emitting Materials Paints and Coatings	1 point
LEED v4 Credits	Description	Possible points
MR credit	Building Life-Cycle Impact Reduction	1-5 points
MR credit	Building product disclosure and optimization — Environmental Product Declarations	1-2 points
IEQ credit	Interior Lighting	1-2 points

Novacolor s.r.l. does not guarantee that credits will be obtained by projects pursuing LEED certification. The designer or engineer will need to evaluate and verify if the project complies with the LEED requirements.

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### VOC Dir. 2004/42/EC : label [10]

Limit value EU (Dir. 2004/42/EC)

Cat. C: Coatings for exterior walls of mineral substrate (water-base): 40 g/l (2010)

Thermoplast Medium Contains max: 40 g/l VOC

#### VOC Dir. 2004/42/EC - actual content (no tinting and no dilution) [11]

< 2 g/l of VOC

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### ECODESIGN INDEX

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Counter of ecodesign activities affecting the coating, accomplished by the company.

N°	Activity item	Date
1°	First Issue	Apr 2016

#### References

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- [8] USGBC, LEED 2009 Rating System for New Construction and Major Renovations ([www.usgbc.org/leed](http://www.usgbc.org/leed))
- [9] USGBC , LEED v4 Building Design and Construction ([www.usgbc.org/leed](http://www.usgbc.org/leed))
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