Environmental Product Declaration – UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating [1]

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UNIFLEX® Premium Elastomeric Roof Coating is formulated using a 100% Acrylic Polymer that provides outstanding adhesion and superior reflectivity. Formulated to resist cracking and peeling, UNIFLEX® Premium Elastomeric provides excellent waterproofing capabilities. The bright white finish reduces surface temperatures thereby minimizing thermal expansion and contraction. Under-the-roof temperatures are also reduced, lowering energy costs.

The product image to the right is an example of one of the formulas covered by the EPD. A list of all relevant UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric formulas is shown in Table 1 on page 2 of the EPD.

Program Operator	NSF Certification LLC
Declaration Holder	The Sherwin-Williams Company sustainability@sherwin.com
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Declared Product	UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating
Product Category and Subcategory	Roof Coating – Acrylic
Program Operator	NSF Certification LLC ncss@nsf.org
Reference PCR	RCMA PCR for Roof Coatings

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Contents of the Declaration	– Product definition and material characteristics – Overview of manufacturing process – Information about in-use conditions – Life cycle assessment results – Testing verifications

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Functional Unit:	1m^2 of covered and protected substrate for a period of 20 years (the expected roof system lifespan extension provided by the coating)

[1] *In order to support comparative assertions, this EPD meets all comparability requirements stated in ISO 14025:2006. However, differences in certain assumptions, data quality, and variability between LCA data sets may still exist. As such, caution should be exercised when evaluating EPDs from different manufacturers, as the EPD results may not be entirely comparable. Any EPD comparison must be carried out at the building level per ISO 21930 guidelines. The results of this EPD reflect an average performance by the product and its actual impacts may vary on a case-to-case basis.*

LCA Software Used	GaBi (Most Recent Version)
Design Lifetime Used in Assessment	15 years
Test Methods Used to Calculate Design Life	ASTM D6083
Estimated Amount of Colorant	N/A
Data Quality Assessment Score	Very Good
Manufacturing Location(s)	Various Plants Throughout the United States

Product Definition:

UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric is a roof coating manufactured by The Sherwin-Williams Company, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric is manufactured in a number of Sherwin-Williams facilities across the United States. This coating is designed to cover and protect roof surfaces. For information about specific products, please visit www.sherwin-williams.com.

Product Classification and Description:

The UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating system products listed below are included within this assessment. For information on other attributes of each of the specific formulations, please visit www.sherwin-williams.com.

Table 1. List of UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System Formulas Assessed by LCA Model and Report.

Product System	System Type	Layers	Product Code
UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating	Acrylic	Primer	36-520
		Base Coat / Acrylic Elastomeric, Gray	41-320
		Finish Coat / Acrylic Elastomeric, White	41-300

As listed in Table 1, this coating product system may require a primer for certain substrate types or conditions. An adhesion pull test should be performed to determine proper adhesion and if a primer is needed. For this report, we have provided results for the individual acrylic elastomeric coatings and a commonly used primer to represent the varying applications.

Under the Product Category Rule (PCR) for Roof Coatings, the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating falls under the following heading:

- "a fluid-applied and adhered coating used for roof maintenance, roof repair, or as a component of a roof covering system or roof assembly."

Roof Coatings are manufactured in a way similar to other paint and coating products. Raw materials are

manually added in appropriate quantities into a high-speed disperser which are mixed. The product is then moved via compressed air or gravity and filled into containers and transported to the distribution center and finally to the point of sale. A customer travels to the store to purchase the product and transports the coating to the site where it is applied. The applied coating adheres to the substrate where it remains until the substrate is disposed by the user. Any unused coating will be disposed of by the purchaser as well. Because the functional unit mandates a 20-year product life, any necessary recoats were accounted for in the LCA models.

The typical composition of a UNIFLEX® 36-520 Primer is shown by % weight below:

- Resin (15%-20%)
- Solvent (30%-40%)
- Calcium Carbonate (10%-15%)
- Titanium Dioxide (5-10%)
- Other Extender Pigments (15%-20%)
- Additives (0%-5%)

The typical composition of a UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Base Coat and Finish Coat is shown by % weight below:

- Resin (20%-30%)
- Solvent (30%-40%)
- Calcium Carbonate (30%-40%)
- Titanium Dioxide (5-10%)
- Other Extender Pigments (0%-5%)
- Additives (0%-5%)

Table 2. List of Hazardous ingredients in UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Coating formulas.

Ingredient	Percentage	CAS #
Calcium Carbonate	≥25 - ≤50	1317-65-3
Crystalline Silica, respirable powder	≥0.1 - ≤25	14808-60-7
Titanium Dioxide	≤10	13463-67-7
Mica	≤3	12001-26-2
Heavy Paraffinic Oil	≤1	64742-65-0
Crystalline Silica, non-respirable	≤0.3	14808-60-7
Heavy Paraffinic Oil	≤0.3	64742-54-7

Table 2 represents hazardous materials as classified by the regulations of the primary manufacturing and distribution region of these products. Note that these ingredients may only appear in a single formula to multiple formulas within the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric roof coating system.

Other than the materials listed above in Table 2, there are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous under OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard. For additional information about product hazards, please refer to the Safety Data Sheets for the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric roof coating products available on www.sherwin-williams.com.

About Sherwin-Williams:

For more than 155 years, Sherwin-Williams has provided contractors, builders, property managers, architects and designers with the trusted products they need to build their business and satisfy customers. UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating is just one more way we bring you industry-leading paint technology — innovation you can pass on to your customers. Plus, with more than 4,000 stores and 2,400 sales representatives across North America, personal service and expert advice is always available near jobsites. Find out more about the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System at your nearest Sherwin-Williams store or to have a sales representative contact you, call 800-524-5979.

Definitions:

Acronyms & Abbreviated Terms:

- **ACA:** American Coating Association
- **ASTM**: A standards development organization that serves as an open forum for the development of international standards. ASTM methods are industry-recognized and approved test methodologies for demonstrating the durability of an architectural coating in the United States.
- **ecoinvent:** a life cycle database that contains international industrial life cycle inventory data on energy supply, resource extraction, material supply, chemicals, metals, agriculture, waste management services, and transport services.
- **EPA WARM model**: Unite States Environmental Protection Agency Waste Reduction Model.
- **EPD**: Environmental Product Declaration. EPDs are form of as Type III environmental declarations under ISO 14025. They are the summary document of data collected in the LCA as specified by a relevant PCR. EPDs can enable comparison between products if the underlying studies and assumptions are similar.
- **GaBi:** Created by PE INTERNATIONAL GaBi Databases are LCA databases that contain ready-to-use Life Cycle Inventory profiles.
- **LCA**: Life Cycle Assessment or Analysis. A technique to assess environmental impacts associated with all the stages of a product's life from cradle to grave (i.e., from raw material extraction through materials processing, manufacture, distribution, use, repair and maintenance, and disposal or recycling).
- **NCSS**: NSF International's National Center for Sustainability Standards
- **PCR**: Product Category Rule. A PCR defines the rules and requirements for creating EPDs of a certain product category.
- **TRACI**: Tool for the Reduction and Assessment of Chemical and Other Environmental Impacts.
- **RCMA**: Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association

Terminology:

- **Adhesion:** the degree of attachment between two surfaces held together by interfacial forces.
- **Basecoats:** coatings applied to the surface after preparation and before the application of a finish coat.
- **Chalking:** The formation of a friable powder on the surface caused by the disintegration of the binding medium.
- **Design life:** The estimated lifetime of a coating based solely on its hiding and performance characteristics determined by results in certain ASTM durability tests.
- **Durability:** the capability of a building, assembly, component, product, or construction to maintain serviceability over at least a specified time.
- **Fabric/Mechanical Reinforcement Layer:** an optional layer of typically polyester fabric that mechanically reinforces the coating system around its perimeter or edges. Typically, these layers are applied on 5%-10% of the entire roofing surface area

- **Generic data:** Defined by the ILCD handbook as "a generic data set has been developed using at least partly other information then those measured for the specific process. This other information can be stoichiometric or other calculation models, patents and other plans for processes or products, expert judgment etc. Generic processes can aim at representing a specific process or system or an average situation. Both specifically measured data and generic data can hence be used for the same purpose of representing specific or average processes or systems."
- **Intermediate processing:** the conversion of raw materials to intermediates (e.g. titanium dioxide ore into titanium dioxide pigment, etc.).
- **Pigment:** The material(s) that give a coating its color.
- **Primers:** materials applied to a surface to promote adhesion between the substrate and subsequent coats.
- **Primary materials:** Resources made from materials initially extracted from nature. Examples include titanium dioxide ore, petroleum, etc. that are used to create basic materials used in the production of coatings (e.g., pigment, solvents)
- **Resin / Binder:** Acts as the glue or adhesive to adhere the coating to the substrate.
- **Roof Coating:** A fluid-applied and fully adhered coating used for roof maintenance, roof repair, or as a component of a roof covering system or roof assembly.
- **Secondary materials:** Materials that contain recovered, reclaimed, or recycled content that is used to create basic materials for the production of coatings (e.g. aluminum scrap).
- **Topcoat:** the final layer of coating put onto a surface over another layer(s).

Underlying Life Cycle Assessment Methodology:

Functional Unit:

Per the reference PCR, the functional unit for the study was covering and protecting 1m^2 of substrate for a period of 20 years (the expected roof system lifespan extension provided by the coating). The product has no additional functionalities beyond what is stated by the functional unit.

In the reference PCR, the product life for roof coatings was calculated in terms of a design life (based on the coating type and quality designation prescribed in the reference PCR). In order to determine the design life of the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System formulas, the following ASTM method (which is stated in the reference PCR) was utilized:

- ASTM D6083 – Acrylic Roof Coating High Performance Classification

Based on the test results in the ASTM method listed above, the appropriate quality levels and coating quantities were derived for the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System formulas. If testing results were unavailable for a formula, then it shall use the 'typical' service life for its coating type. This is consistent with the reference PCR.

Table 3. Formula Lifetimes and Quantity of Coating Needed to Satisfy Functional Unit

Product Formula	41-300 Finish Coat	41-320 Base Coat	36-520 Primer
Product Technology	Acrylic	Acrylic	Acrylic
Application Method	Airless Spray or Brush/Roller	Airless Spray or Brush/Roller	Airless Spray or Brush/Roller
Design Lifetime (classification)	High Performance	High Performance	N/A
High Performance ASTM Test Method	ASTM D6083	ASTM D6083	N/A
Design Lifetime (years)	15	15	N/A
Total Quantity Needed using Design Life (kg)	0.767	0.767	0.223

The primer was assumed to only be applied to the substrate upon the initial coating application, and therefore not utilized during any subsequent recoats. If major roof repairs are necessary between recoats, a new adhesion peel test should be performed to determine if a primer needs to be re-applied to the repaired area. For those scenarios where a primer does need to be applied between recoats, we have included the primer results separately so any re-applications can be accounted for in the overall results.

Recommended coverage, thickness, and other technical information can be found on the Product Data Sheet, available at www.paintdocs.com, or on the system specification document available at https://www.uniflexroof.com/system-specifications/.

Tinting:

As stated in the PCR, roof coatings are not typically formulated to be tinted at point of sale. Therefore, pigment impacts are captured in the LCA model of the formula itself.

Allocation Rules:

In accordance with the reference PCR, allocation was avoided whenever possible, however if allocation could not be avoided, the following hierarchy of allocation methods was utilized:

- Mass, or other biophysical relationship; and
- Economic value.

In the LCA models, mass allocation was ONLY used during packaging and end of life-stages.

Treatment of Biogenic Carbon:

In accordance with the reference PCR, global warming values were calculated and presented both including and excluding biogenic carbon.

System Boundary:

This LCA included all relevant steps in the coating manufacturing process as described by the reference PCR. The system boundary began with the extraction of raw materials to be used in the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System and its formulas are manufactured in a way similar to other coating products. The raw materials are manually added in appropriate quantities into a high-speed disperser which are mixed. The product is then moved via compressed air or gravity and filled into containers and shipped to a distribution center and then to the point of sale. A customer travels to the store to purchase the product and transports the coating to the site where it is applied. The applied coating adheres to the substrate where it remains until the substrate is disposed. Any unused coating will be disposed by the customer as well. Because the functional unit mandates a 20-year product life, multiple repaints were necessary and were accounted for by the LCA models. The system boundary ends with the end-of-life stage. This can be seen in Figure 1, below.

As described in the reference PCR, the following items were excluded from the assessment and they were expected to not substantially affect the results.

- personnel impacts;
- research and development activities;
- business travel;
- any secondary packaging (pallets, for example);
- all point of sale infrastructure; and
- the coating applicator.

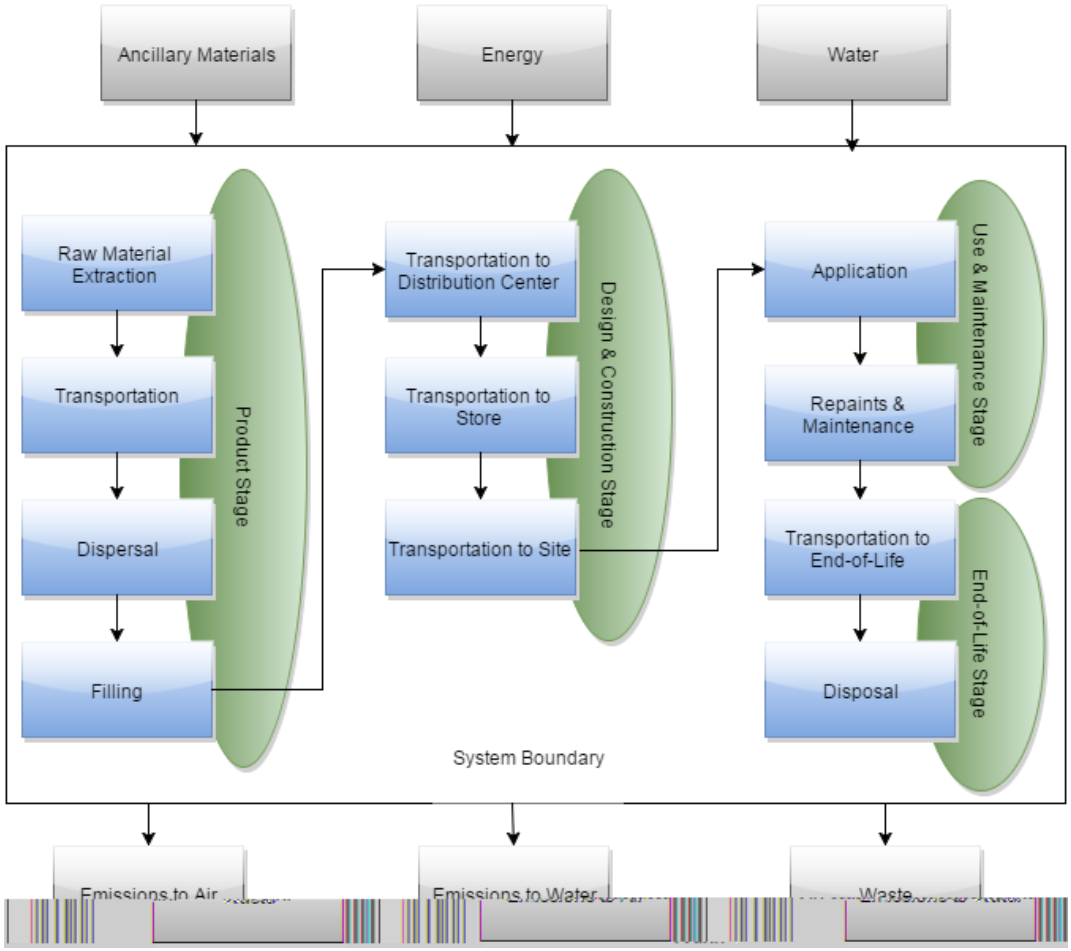

Figure 1. Diagram of System Boundary for the EPD.

Cut-Off Rules:

The cut-off rules prescribed by the reference PCR required a minimum of 95% of the total mass, energy, and environmental relevance be captured by the LCA models. All formulas were modeled to at least 99.9% of their material content by weight. No significant flows were excluded from the LCA models and the 5% total maximum threshold prescribed by the PCR and ISO 21930 clause 6.2.7.2 was not exceeded.

Data Sources & Quality:

When primary data was unavailable, data was taken from either Sphera, ecoinvent, or CEPE's coating industry life cycle inventory. The data from Sphera and ecoinvent are widely accepted by the LCA community and the CEPE database has been built using those databases as a foundation. A brief description of these databases is below:

Table 4. Overview of Databases used in LCA Models.

Database	Comments
Sherwin-Williams	Primary source data taken as an average monthly value over a 12-month average of 2021 relevant facilities operation metrics.
Sphera/GaBi	DB Version 10. 6.1
ecoinvent	Version 3.3 – Most recent version available in GaBi.
CEPE LCI	Most recent version of industry LCI. Last revised in 2018. Made up of refined data from Sphera and ecoinvent so that it is more representative of coating manufacturing. Primarily limited to EU data, although some processes are global.

Precision and Completeness:

Annual averages from the 2021 calendar year of primary data were used for all gate-gate processes and the most representative inventories were selected for all processes outside of Sherwin-Williams' direct operational control. Secondary data was primarily drawn from the most recent GaBi and ecoinvent databases and CEPE's coating life cycle inventory. All of these databases were assessed in terms of overall completeness.

Assumptions relating to application and disposal were conformant with the reference PCR. All data used in the LCA models was less than five years old. Pigment data was taken from ecoinvent and resin data was taken from primary sources and GaBi databases.

Consistency and Reproducibility:

In order to ensure consistency, primary source data was used for all gate-to-gate processes in coating manufacturing. All other secondary data were applied consistently and any modifications to the databases were documented in the LCA Report.

Reproducibility is possible using the LCIs documented in the LCA Report.

Temporal Coverage:

Primary data was collected from the manufacturing facilities from the 2021 calendar year. Secondary data reflected the most up-do-date versions of the LCA databases mentioned above.

Geographic Coverage:

The UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System is manufactured by the Sherwin-Williams Company entirely within the United States. Given that the facilities making the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System are spread across the United States, the average US grid mix was used in the LCA models. The UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System products are purchased, used, and the unused portions are disposed by the customer throughout North America.

Life Cycle Impact Assessment:

The purpose of the Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) is to show the link between the life cycle inventory results and potential environmental impacts. As such, these results are classified and characterized into several impact categories which are listed and described below. The TRACI 2.1 method was used and the LCIA results are formatted to be conformant with the PCR, which was based on ISO 21930. The TRACI method is widely accepted for use in the US and was developed by the US EPA.

Table 5. Overview of Impact Categories[2]

Overview of LCA Impact Categories	
Impact Category Name	***Description of Impact Category***
Global Warming Potential 	*"Global warming is an average increase in the temperature of the atmosphere near the Earth's surface and in the troposphere, which can contribute to changes in global climate patterns. Global warming can occur from a variety of causes, both natural and human induced. In common usage, "global warming" often refers to the warming that can occur as a result of increased emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities" (US Environmental Protection Agency 2008b).* *Biogenic carbon was both included and excluded in the analysis as stipulated by the PCR.*
Ozone Depletion Potential 	*Ozone within the stratosphere provides protection from radiation, which can lead to increased frequency of skin cancers and cataracts in the human populations. Additionally, ozone has been documented to have effects on crops, other plants, marine life, and human-built materials. Substances which have been reported and linked to decreasing S-10637-OP-1-0 REVISION: 0 DATE: 6/22/2012 Page 13 | 24 Document ID: S-10637-OP-1-0 Date: 7/24/2012 the stratospheric ozone level are chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) which are used as refrigerants, foam blowing agents, solvents, and halons which are used as fire extinguishing agents (US Environmental Protection Agency 2008j).*
Acidification Potential 	*Acidification is the increasing concentration of hydrogen ion (H+) within a local environment. This can be the result of the addition of acids (e.g., nitric acid and sulfuric acid) into the environment, or by the addition of other substances (e.g., ammonia) which increase the acidity of the environment due to various chemical reactions and/or biological activity, or by natural circumstances such as the change in soil concentrations because of the growth of local plant species n (US Environmental Protection Agency 2008q).*
Smog Formation Potential 	*Ground level ozone is created by various chemical reactions, which occur between nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in sunlight. Human health effects can result in a variety of respiratory issues including increasing symptoms of bronchitis, asthma, and emphysema. Permanent lung damage may result from prolonged exposure to ozone. Ecological impacts include damage to various ecosystems and crop damage. The primary sources of ozone precursors are motor vehicles, electric power utilities and industrial facilities (US Environmental Protection Agency 2008e).*
Eutrophication Potential 	*Eutrophication is the "enrichment of an aquatic ecosystem with nutrients (nitrates, phosphates) that accelerate biological productivity (growth of algae and weeds) and an undesirable accumulation of algal biomass" (US Environmental Protection Agency 2008d).*

[2] See EPA TRACI References for Additional Details

Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results:

The LCA results are documented and grouped separately below into the following stages as defined by ISO 21930.

- Total Impact (across the entire cradle-grave lifecycle)
- Product Stage (Stage 1)
- Construction & Design Stage (Stage 2)
- Use & Maintenance Stage (Stage 3)
- End-Of-Life Stage (Stage 4)

No weighting or normalization was done to the results. At this time, it is not recommended to weight the results of the LCA or the subsequent EPD. It is important to remember that LCA results show potential and expected impacts and these should not be used as firm thresholds/indicators of safety and/or risk. As with all scientific processes, there is uncertainty within the calculation and measurement of all impact categories and care should be taken when interpreting the results.

Results:

The results of the LCA are shown in the table below. LCIA results for each life cycle stage as defined by ISO 21930 are shown graphically in Figure 2.

Table 6. Total LCIA Results for the functional unit Design Life Scenario for UNIFLEX® 41-300 Finish Coat.

41-300	Total Stage 1-4	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
LCIA Impact Categories					
GWP Inc. Bio Carb (kg CO2e)	1.80	1.46	0.314	1.23E-05	2.02E-02
GWP Exc. Bio Carb (kg CO2e)	1.80	1.46	0.320	1.17E-05	2.12E-02
Acidification (kg SO2e)	1.20E-02	1.13E-02	6.48E-04	2.85E-08	7.22E-05
Eutrophication (kg N e)	3.10E-03	3.00E-03	9.51E-05	1.60E-08	1.55E-06
Ozone Depletion (kg CFC -11e)	1.20E-07	1.20E-07	5.23E-16	8.89E-19	-2.29E-15
Smog Formation (kg O3e)	0.139	0.084	1.49E-02	3.82E-02	1.41E-03
Energy, Resource, and Waste Results					
Non-Renew. Energy (MJ)	36.9	32.0	4.68	2.09E-04	1.93E-01
Use of Renewable Primary Energy (MJ)	1.56	1.30	0.22	2.56E-05	3.46E-02
Use of Non-Renew Mat. Resources (kg)	0.790	6.45E-01	1.36E-01	5.57E-06	6.40E-03
Use of Renewable Mat. Resources (kg)	2.38E-02	2.38E-02	2.31E-10	2.44E-14	4.23E-11
Consumption of Freshwater (m3)	0.400	0.400	1.09E-03	7.67E-05	5.01E-05
Hydro Power (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Bio Energy (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Fossil Energy (MJ)	34.8	29.9	4.65	1.95E-04	1.92E-01
Nuclear Energy (MJ)	2.10	2.07	2.91E-02	1.43E-05	1.38E-03
Other Energy (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Fuels (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Recycled Materials (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Raw Materials (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Hazardous Waste	79.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hazardous Waste	20.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 7. Total LCIA Results for the functional unit Design Life Scenario for UNIFLEX® 41-320 Base Coat.

41-320	Total Stage 1-4	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
LCIA Impact Categories					
GWP Inc. Bio Carb (kg CO2e)	1.802	1.47	0.314	1.23E-05	2.02E-02
GWP Exc. Bio Carb (kg CO2e)	1.810	1.47	0.320	1.17E-05	2.12E-02
Acidification (kg SO2e)	1.21E-02	1.14E-02	6.48E-04	2.85E-08	7.22E-05
Eutrophication (kg N e)	3.10E-03	3.00E-03	9.51E-05	1.60E-08	1.55E-06
Ozone Depletion (kg CFC -11e)	1.20E-07	1.20E-07	5.23E-16	8.90E-19	-2.29E-15
Smog Formation (kg O3e)	0.139	0.084	1.50E-02	3.82E-02	1.41E-03
Energy, Resource, and Waste Results					
Non-Renew. Energy (MJ)	36.9	31.9	4.69	2.09E-04	1.93E-01
Use of Renewable Primary Energy (MJ)	1.56	1.30	0.22	2.56E-05	3.46E-02
Use of Non-Renew Mat. Resources (kg)	0.790	6.45E-01	1.36E-01	5.57E-06	6.40E-03
Use of Renewable Mat. Resources (kg)	2.37E-02	2.37E-02	2.32E-10	2.44E-14	4.23E-11
Consumption of Freshwater (m3)	0.397	0.396	1.09E-03	7.67E-05	5.01E-05
Hydro Power (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Bio Energy (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Fossil Energy (MJ)	34.8	29.9	4.66	1.95E-04	1.92E-01
Nuclear Energy (MJ)	2.09	2.06	2.91E-02	1.43E-05	1.38E-03
Other Energy (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Fuels (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Recycled Materials (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Raw Materials (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Hazardous Waste	79.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hazardous Waste	20.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 8. Total LCIA Results for the functional unit Design Life Scenario for UNIFLEX® 36-520 Primer.

36-520	Total Stage 1-4	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
LCIA Impact Categories					
GWP Inc. Bio Carb (kg CO2e)	0.545	0.446	0.092	3.57E-06	5.87E-03
GWP Exc. Bio Carb (kg CO2e)	0.547	0.446	0.093	3.42E-06	6.18E-03
Acidification (kg SO2e)	4.02E-03	3.79E-03	1.89E-04	8.30E-09	2.10E-05
Eutrophication (kg N e)	1.11E-03	1.08E-03	2.77E-05	4.67E-09	4.51E-07
Ozone Depletion (kg CFC -11e)	3.50E-08	3.50E-08	1.52E-16	2.59E-19	-6.67E-16
Smog Formation (kg O3e)	0.058	0.027	4.35E-03	2.60E-02	4.11E-04
Energy, Resource, and Waste Results					
Non-Renew. Energy (MJ)	10.67	9.24	1.363945	6.09E-05	5.63E-02
Use of Renewable Primary Energy (MJ)	0.50	0.42	6.54E-02	7.46E-06	1.01E-02
Use of Non-Renew Mat. Resources (kg)	0.23	1.93E-01	3.95E-02	1.62E-06	1.86E-03
Use of Renewable Mat. Resources (kg)	5.96E-03	5.96E-03	6.74E-11	7.10E-15	1.23E-11
Consumption of Freshwater (m3)	0.15	0.15	3.17E-04	2.23E-05	1.46E-05
Hydro Power (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Bio Energy (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Fossil Energy (MJ)	10.06	8.64	1.36	5.68E-05	5.59E-02
Nuclear Energy (MJ)	0.61	0.60	8.48E-03	4.15E-06	4.02E-04
Other Energy (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Fuels (MJ)	0	0	0	0	0
Recycled Materials (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary Raw Materials (kg)	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Hazardous Waste	79.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hazardous Waste	20.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

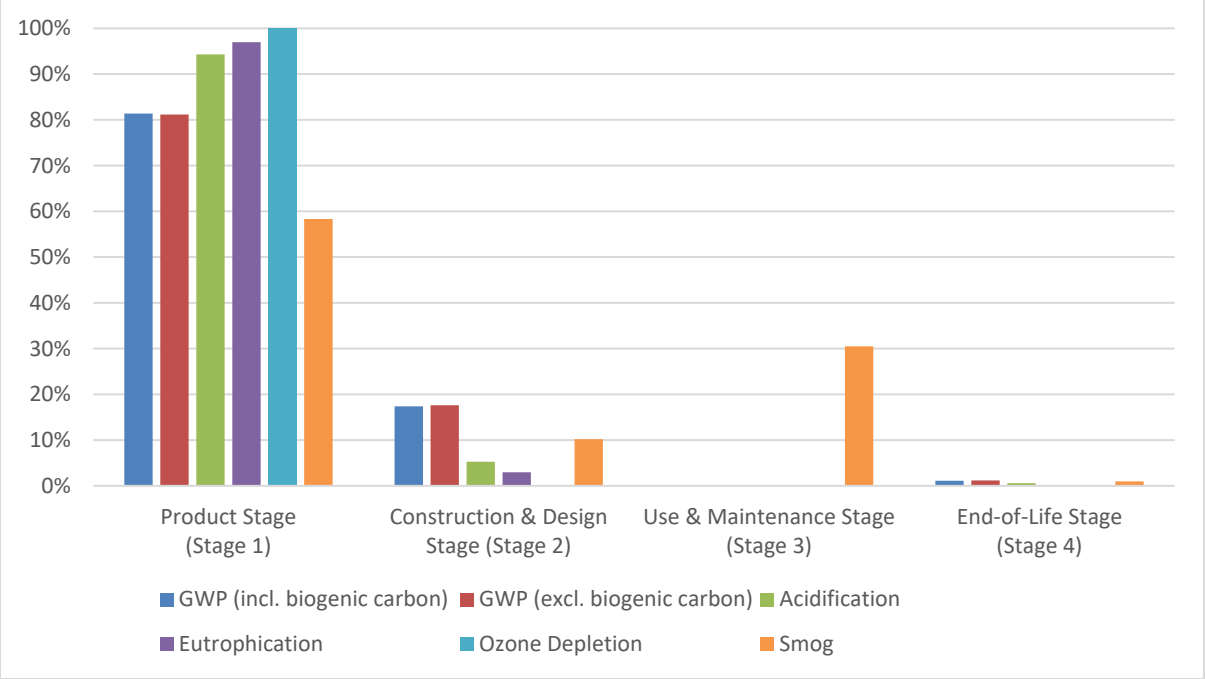

Figure 2. Impact Category Result Breakdown by ISO 21930 Stage for Average UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating Formulation.

Interpretation:

For the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System, the raw materials were responsible for the largest environmental impact across all impact categories. Specifically, the pigments and resins were the most impactful raw materials. Manufacturing, packaging, use, and disposal were only responsible for a small percent of overall impact. Transportation impacts were significant for several impact categories, but still much smaller than those of the raw materials. Because the product contains some VOC, this led to a slight spike in smog formation during the use phase.

Since the raw materials were responsible for the largest chunk of the impact, product performance and durability were especially important.

Generally speaking, the longer a coating lasts, the better its environmental performance will be. Ultimately, the end-user should decide which lifetime is more appropriate for their decision-making.

Study Completeness:

Completeness estimates are somewhat subjective as it is impossible for any LCA or inventory to be 100% complete. However, based on expert judgment, it is believed that given the overall data quality that the study is at least 95% complete. As such, at least 95% of system mass, energy, and environmental relevance were covered.

Uncertainty:

Because a large number of data sets are linked together in the LCA models, it is unknown how many of the data sets have goals that are dissimilar to this LCA. As such, it is difficult to estimate overall uncertainty of the LCA models. However, primary source data was used whenever possible and the most appropriate secondary data sources were used throughout the models. The Sphera and ecoinvent databases are widely accepted by the LCA community and CEPE's LCI Database is based off Sphera and ecoinvent data, just optimized/corrected for coating manufacturing processes.

Since the reference PCR stipulated the majority of the crucial LCA assumptions, Sherwin-Williams is comfortable with the methodology of the LCA and feel they reflect best-practices.

Limitations:

LCA is not a perfect tool for comparisons and impact values are constantly changing due to shifts in the grid mix, transportation, fuels, etc. Because of this, care should be taken when applying or interpreting these results. This being said, the relative impacts between products should be more reliable and less sensitive versus the specific impact category and metric values.

As stated in the LCA report, there were cases where analogue chemicals had to be used in the LCA models. This occurred when no LCI data was available for an intermediate chemical/material. This was typically limited to additives representing a very small amount of the overall formula (less than a percent), but still may impact the results. Likewise, there were cases where data had to be used from a different region or technology. These instances were uncommon and noted in the Data Quality section of the report and were not expected to have a serious effect on the results, but still may limit the study.

Emissions to Water, Soil, and to Indoor Air:

VOC determination was done using the federally accepted methods outlined by the EPA in the Federal Register. Additional information on VOCs can be found on the environmental data sheets for the specific www.sherwin.com.

Critical Review:

Since the goal of the LCA was to generate an EPD, it was submitted for review by NSF Certification LLC. NSF commissioned Mr. Jack Geibig of EcoForm to conduct the formal review of the LCA report.

Additional Environmental Information:

VOC Content	
<50 g/L	Determined by EPA VOC Regulatory Calculation

Preferred End-of Life Options for the UNIFLEX® Premium Acrylic Elastomeric Roof Coating System:

Safe and proper disposal of excess materials shall be done in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local codes. See SDS Section 13 for more information.

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