

# PAGED softwood plywood produced in Pisz and Morař



## Paged

Synergy of nature  
and technology

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### **Basic information**

This declaration is the type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) based on EN 15804 and verified according to ISO 14025 by an external auditor. It contains the information on the impacts of the declared construction materials on the environment. Their aspects were verified by the independent body according to ISO 14025. Basically, a comparison or evaluation of EPD data is possible only if all the compared data were created according to EN 15804 (see point 5.3 of the standard).

**Life cycle analysis (LCA):** A1-A3 modules in accordance with EN 15804 (Cradle to Gate)

**The year of preparing the EPD:** 2021

**Declared durability:** Under normal conditions, Paged softwood plywood has reference service life (RSL) of 50 years

**PCR:** ITB PCR A (PCR based on EN 15804)

**Declared unit:** 1 m<sup>3</sup> of ready-to-use softwood plywood

**Reasons for performing LCA:** B2B

**Representativeness:** Polish product

## Manufacturer and Product Information

For over eighty years, Paged has been offering a wide range of products and services to its customers in Europe. Product portfolio includes natural hardwood and conifer plywood, coated and film-faced plywood, fire-retardant plywood as well as specialty plywood composites such as ELKON® or COMPREG. As a business Paged strives to deliver the industry's best solutions and products to its partners. As a result, their products create value in a range of applications, from construction sites to heavy duty road transportation, specialty packaging and furniture industries

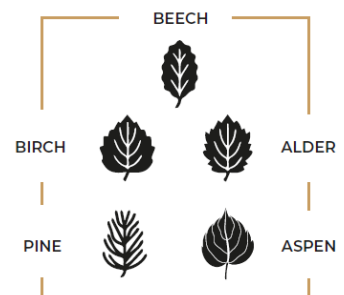


Production of all Pageds plywood is located in two sites, one in Morağ and one in Pisz. Raw wood like pine, birch, alder, aspen and beech comes from sustainably managed forests, under FSC® or PEFC™ systems for both plywood mills in north-eastern Poland. Production facilities operate in line with PN-EN ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management system, the PN-EN ISO 14001:2015 environmental management system and the occupational safety and hygiene management system PN-ISO 45001:2018.



Plywood is a natural and sustainable material. With the increasing use of modern technology, Paged is constantly improving their production facilities to increase its environmental performance. All of products adhere to the new, lower formaldehyde emission norms as confirmed by ZE05 certificate and E01 as confirmed by Hygienic Certificate according to CARB and TSCA IV regulations. Products also conform with low VOC emission norms, details of which can be found in relevant technical documentation.

Plywood is made up of thin multiple cross-banded veneers. In addition to standard cross-banded construction a range of orientated special constructions, aimed at specific end uses are available. Construction of plywood can be homogenous with all veneers throughout the construction of the same wood species or combi with same species veneers on each face and alternate inner veneers of softwood and hardwood species. Natural plywood is used widely in construction (e.g. wall, floor and roof panelling), interior design and fit-out (e.g. decorative panels), furniture manufacturing, window and door manufacturing and in the production of engineered wooden flooring and stairs. All of manufactured plywood is graded as one of the four appearance classes: I, II, III and IV according to PN-EN 635-2 /635-3. Below you may find plywood types, which are grouped in this Environmental declaration as softwood plywood.



## Paged Softwood Thinply

Paged Softwood ThinPly is made of standard thickness locally sourced Baltic Pine and offers its users high durability and resistance to mould and UV lightening. Thanks to its high load-bearing capacity, smooth and uniform surface Paged Softwood ThinPly is widely used in construction, furniture and packaging industries.



### Specification of Softwood Thinply

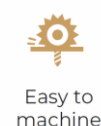
Standard sizes	2500*1250/1500 mm 1500*3000 mm
Nominal thickness	4-45 mm*
Density	550-650 kg/m <sup>3**</sup>
Release of formaldehyde (EN 717-1)	½ E1
Bonding quality (EN 314-2)	Class 1 Class 2 Class 3

\*other thicknesses available upon request

\*\* as measured at 8-12% moisture content

### Advantages

- ✓ made from highly regarded Baltic Pine wood
- ✓ good protection against fungi and moisture
- ✓ light and easy to machine
- ✓ good insulating properties
- ✓ low swelling
- ✓ easy to coat, varnish and paint
- ✓ low weight



## Paged Softwood ThickPly

Paged Softwood ThickPly is made of selected specific thickness Baltic Pine and offers its users high durability and resistance to mould and UV lightening at a reduced total weight of the panel. Thanks to its high load-bearing capacity, smooth and uniform surface Paged Softwood ThickPly is widely used in construction and packaging industries.

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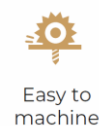
Standard sizes	2500*1250/1500 mm 2440*1220 mm
Nominal thickness	6-40 mm*
Density	585 kg/m <sup>3**</sup>
Release of formaldehyde (EN 717-1)	½ E1
Bonding quality (EN 314-2)	Class 3

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Environmental characteristics (LCA) for Paged softwood plywood products is scoped for softwood products presented in table below and it is a mix of PF softwood, MUPF softwood with Baltic Pine wood for interior and exterior usage produced in two manufactures in Pisz and Morąg.

Product	Description	% of production in Morąg	% of production in Pisz
<b>PF hardwood</b>	Phenolic formaldehyde resin hardwood plywood for outdoor usage	41,47	67,1
<b>MUPF hardwood</b>	Melamine-urea-phenolic formaldehyde resin hardwood plywood for humid conditions	0,02	9,3
<b>UF hardwood</b>	Urea formaldehyde resin hardwood plywood for indoor usage	17,42	9,3
<b>MUPF softwood</b>	Melamine-urea-phenolic resin softwood plywood for humid conditions	1,15	15,3
<b>compreg</b>	Layered wood material, hot-pressed under high pressure, made of beech or birch veneers coated with special phenolic resin	-	0,1
<b>elkon</b>	Elkon is a high density wooden laminate commonly used for the production of power transformers	-	0,8
<b>PF softwood</b>	Phenolic resin softwood plywood for outdoor usage	39,94	-

## LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – general rules applied

### Allocation

The allocation rules used for this EPD are based on general ITB-PCR A. The PAGED softwood plywood products production is a line process with multiple co-products. Allocation was done on product mass basis.

All impacts from raw materials extraction are allocated in A1 module of EPD. 99,9% of impacts from line production were inventoried and allocated to PAGED softwood plywood production. Municipal waste and waste water of whole factory were allocated to module A3. Electricity was inventoried for whole production process. Emissions are measured separately as well and presented in A3 module.

### System limits

The life cycle analysis of the examined products covers “Product Stage”, A1-A3 modules (Cradle to Gate) in accordance with EN 15804+A1 and ITB-PCR A. Details on systems limits are provided in product specific report. All materials and energy consumption inventoried in factory were included in calculation. Office impacts were also taken into consideration. In the assessment, all significant parameters from gathered production data are considered, i.e. all material used per formulation, utilized thermal energy, internal fuel and electric power consumption, direct production waste, and all available emission measurements. This study also takes into account some material flows of less than 1% and energy flows with a proportion of less than 1 %. It can be assumed that the total sum of omitted processes does not exceed 5% of all impact categories. In accordance with EN 15804, machines and facilities (capital goods) required for and during production are excluded, as is transportation of employees.

### A1 and A2 Modules: Raw materials supply and transport

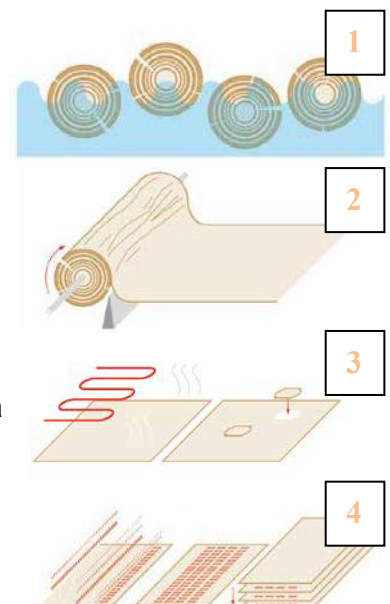
Raw materials for PAGED softwood plywood components production come from local suppliers and more distant locations. Data on transport of the different products to the manufacturing plants is collected and modelled for factory by assessor. Means of transport include trucks and Polish and European fuel averages are applied.

The main raw material for module A1 is wood, which has a 'negative' biogenic carbon value and contributes significantly to total fossil fuel energy. The values of the environmental impact of the product in module A1 are a component of the sum of raw materials in the production of plywood.

### A3: Production

Figures to the right, show the working process during the production of PAGED softwood plywood products in Pisz and Morąg.

- 1) Wood logs which are the raw material for plywood manufacturing undergo hydrothermal processing. The hydrothermal processing is carried out in soaking pools filled with water at a temperature of 40–60°C depending on the wood species. Next, through mechanical debarking, the logs are cleared of bark and mineral residues accumulated in the bark during the process of logging and transport.
- 2) A cut to size wood log is delivered to a rotary peeling machine. Once fitted at a right angle against a rotary lathe, a log is being rotated against the blade. The peeling blade cuts a layer of veneer in the form of a veneer band.
- 3) Drying and surface repairing of veneers.
- 4) Adhesive application and plywood sets assembly.

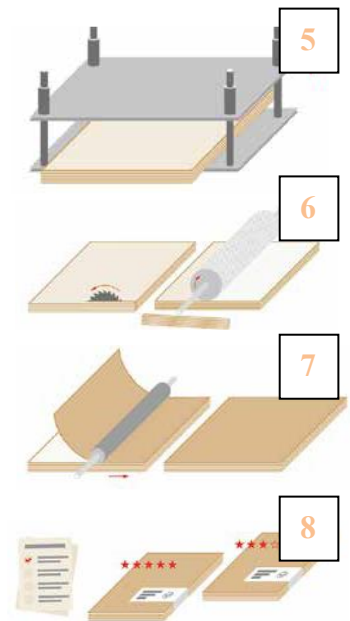


5) Hot pressing. The sets of veneers are hot-pressed under pressure in hydraulic multi-platen presses. The veneers are pressed together and from now are permanently bonded.

6) Final processing and sanding. Following the seasoning of plywood, the plywood sheets are finally processed and cut to target size with the excess material cut off on a profiling machine. Next the surfaces of face veneers are calibrated and sanded in a precise sanding machine.

7) Overlaying, filming, surface treatment. If required by the end application of plywood panel, at this stage in the process a special paper impregnated with resin (also referred to as film) is applied onto the surface of plywood board. This process is carried out in high pressure and high temperature environment, causing the resin to pass to the core veneers and, as a result, to produce a surface with new performance properties.

8) Quality inspection and grade sorting. Sorting of plywood is based on quality inspection and classification of plywood face veneers in line with quality systems' requirements, technical standards and specifications.



## Data collection period

The data for manufacture of the examined products refer to period between 01.01.2019-31.12.2019. The life cycle assessments were prepared for Poland as reference area.

## Data quality

The values determined to calculate the LCA originate from verified Paged inventory data.

## Assumptions and estimates

The impacts of the representative Paged products for each softwood plywood were aggregated using weighted average. The weighted average method was used according to the percentage of each product in softwood plywood based on the relation to whole production quantity. Impacts for each product and factory were inventoried and calculated separately.

## Calculation rules

LCA was done in accordance with PCR A document.

## Databases

The data for the processes come from the following databases: Ecoinvent, ITB-Data. Specific data quality analysis was a part of external ISO 14001 audit. Characterization factors are CML ver. 4.2 based on EN 15804:2012+A1:2013 version (PN-EN 15804+A1:2014-04)



LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) - Results

Declared unit

The declaration refers to 1 m<sup>3</sup> of complete Paged softwood plywood.

Table 2. System boundaries for environmental characteristic for Paged softwood plywood

Environmental assessment information (MNA – Module not assessed, MD – Module Declared, INA – Indicator Not Assessed)																
Product stage			Construction process		Use stage							End of life			Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary	
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to construction site	Construction-installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-recovery-recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
MD	MD	MD	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA	MNA

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Environmental impacts: (1 m <sup>3</sup> )					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
Global warming potential	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	5.24E+01	1.23E+00	1.86E+00	5.55E+01
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer	[kg CFC 11 eq.]	4.63E-05	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.63E-05
Acidification potential of soil and water	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	2.24E+00	9.12E-03	2.10E-01	2.46E+00
Eutrophication potential	[kg (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sup>3-</sup> eq.]	8.39E-01	6.40E-04	3.70E-04	8.40E-01
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone	[kg Ethene eq.]	5.32E-01	1.61E-03	1.95E-02	5.53E-01
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-elements) for non-fossil resources	[kg Sb eq.]	3.35E+00	0.00E+00	6.91E-06	3.35E+00
Abiotic depletion potential (ADP-fossil fuels) for fossil resources	[MJ]	1.00E+04	2.01E+01	2.01E+01	1.00E+04
Environmental aspects on resource use: (1 m <sup>3</sup> )					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	[MJ]	INA	INA	INA	INA
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Total use of renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	[MJ]	6.77E+03	2.73E-02	2.77E+00	6.77E+03
Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	[MJ]	INA	INA	INA	INA
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Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources (primary energy and primary energy resources used as raw materials)	[MJ]	1.08E+04	2.21E+01	2.21E+01	1.09E+04
Use of secondary material	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Use of renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.72E+03	2.72E+03
Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	[MJ]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	INA	0.00E+00
Net use of fresh water	[dm <sup>3</sup> ]	3.97E+02	1.91E+00	5.91E+02	9.90E+02
Other environmental information describing waste categories: (1 m <sup>3</sup> )					
Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3
Hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	5.11E-03	0.00E+00	6.97E-01	7.02E-01
Non-hazardous waste disposed	[kg]	4.15E+01	0.00E+00	4.66E+00	4.62E+01
Radioactive waste disposed	[kg]	1.26E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.26E-02
Components for re-use	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for recycling	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.97E-01	6.97E-01
Materials for energy recover	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.20E+02	3.20E+02
Exported energy	[MJ per energy carrier]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00



## Verification

The process of verification of this EPD is in accordance with ISO 14025, ISO 21930. After verification, this EPD is valid for a 5-year-period. EPD does not have to be recalculated after 5 years, if the underlying data have not changed significantly.

The basis for LCA analysis was EN 15804 and ITB PCR A
Independent verification corresponding to ISO 14025 (subclause 8.1.3).
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## References

- ITB PCR A- General Product Category Rules for Construction Products
- ISO 14025:2006 Environmental labels and declarations -- Type III environmental declarations -- Principles and procedures
- ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works -- Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services
- ISO 14044:2006, Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidelines
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- EN 15804:2012+A1:2013 Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Core rules for the product category of construction products
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# **CERTIFICATE No 207/2021 of TYPE III ENVIRONMENTAL DECLARATION**

Product:

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confirms the correctness of the data included in the development of  
Type III Environmental Declaration and accordance with the requirements of the standard

**PN EN 15804+A1:2014-04**

**Sustainability of construction works.**

**Environmental product declarations.**

**Core rules for the product category of construction products.**

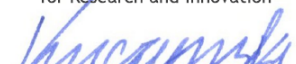
This certificate, issued for the first time on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 is valid for 5 years  
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