

Environmental Product Declaration

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) covers thirty (30) concrete mixes produced by CEMEX México, México City Business Unit at Central Plant in México City, México.

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Product description

This EPD reports the impacts for the product "ready-mixed concrete" meeting the following specifications:

NMX-C-155 - ONNCCE - Industria de la Construcción - Concreto Hidráulico - Dosificado en Masa -Especificaciones y Métodos de Ensayo.

Declared unit

The declared unit is 1 m³ of CEMEX concrete mix, at plant, for the CEMEX mixes names given in the table below:

#	Mixture name	Compressive strength @ x days (kgf/cm²)	Water/ Cement Ratio	Slump (cm)	Other Characteristics		
1	Concreto Convencional 250	250@28 days	0.64	18	Conventional Concrete. Pumpable		
2	Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 400	400@28 days	0.46	20	High Strength Concrete. Pumpable		
3	Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 450	450@28 days	0.42	22	High Strength Concrete. Pumpable		
4	Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 550	550@28 days	0.37	20	High Strength Concrete. Pumpable		
5	Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 600	600@28 days	0.31	20	High Strength Concrete. Pumpable		
6	Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 600 GC1	600@28 days	0.30	24	High Strength Concrete. Pumpable		
7	Concreto Antibacterial BIOCRETE 250	250@28 days	0.45	18	Antibacterial Concrete. Pumpable		
8	Concreto Arquitectónico APARENTIA, 200 3FX	200@28 days	0.71	10	Colored Architectural Concrete. Pumpable		
9	Concreto Arquitectónico APARENTIA, 200 331	200@28 days	0.71	10	Colored Architectural Concrete. Pumpable		
10	Concreto Autocompactable EVOLUTION 500	500@78 days	0.30	60**	Selfconsolidating Concrete. Pumpable		
11	Concreto Autocompactable EVOLUTION 600 75	600@14 days	0.30	75**	Selfconsolidating Concrete. Pumpable		
12	Concreto Autocompactable EVOLUTION 600 65	600@92 days	0.28	65**	Selfconsolidating Concrete. Pumpable		
13	Concreto Autosellante DURAMAX 250	250@28 days	0.54	70**	Durable, Self-repair and Selfconsolidating Concrete. Pumpable		



#	Mixture name	Compressive strength @ x days (kgf/cm2)	Water/ Cement Ratio	Slump (cm)	Other Characteristics				
14	Concreto Autosellante DURAMAX 300	300@28 days	0.43	70**	Durable, Self-repair and Selfconsolidating Concrete. Pumpable				
15	Concreto Autosellante DURAMAX 350	350@28 days	0.43	70**	Durable, Self-repair Selfconsolidating Concrete. Pumpable				
16	Concreto de Baja Contracción PISOCRET 038	38@28 days*	0.60	10	Low Shrinkage Concrete for Floors. Pumpable				
17	Concreto de Baja Contracción PISOCRET 040	40@28 days*	0.56	10	Low Shrinkage Concrete for Floors. Pumpable				
18	Concreto DURAMAX 33V 250	250@28 days	0.57	14	Durable Concrete. Pumpable				
19	Concreto DURAMAX 34T 250	250@28 days	0.50	14	Durable Concrete. Pumpable				
20	Concreto DURAMAX 3GG 300	300@28 days	0.44	14	Durable Concrete. Pumpable				
21	Concreto DURAMAX 300 355	300@28 days	0.45	14	Durable Concrete. Pumpable				
22	Concreto DURAMAX 0G6 350	350@28 days	0.43	14	Durable Concrete. Pumpable				
23	Concreto DURAMAX 3G6 350	350@28 days	0.45	14	Durable Concrete. Pumpable				
24	Concreto DURAMAX 400	400@28 days	0.37	18	Durable Concrete. Pumpable				
25	Concreto Lanzado INGENIA, 22E 250	25@28 days	0.56	14	Shotcrete. Pumpable				
26	Concreto Ligero INSULARIS, 100	100@28 days	0.38	14	Lightweight Concrete. Pumpable				
27	Concreto Llancreto ECO Plus 150	150@28 days	0.97	14	Ecological Concrete with crushed tires. Pumpable				
28	Mortero Estabilizado INGENIA 20Y 125	125@28 days	1.18	14	Stabilized Mortar. Pumpable				
29	Concreto de Trabajabilidad Extendida INGENIA 250	250@83 days	0.65	14	Pumpable				
30	Concreto de Trabajabilidad Extendida INGENIA 300	300@83 days	0.58	18	Pumpable				

^{*} Flexion strength @ 28 days (kgf/cm²), **Slump Flow(cm)

Product components

The components of the mixes included in this EPD meet the following standards:

Component	Standard	Specification for:
Portland Cement	NMX-C-414	Portland Cement
Aggregates	NMX-C-111	Concrete Aggregates (Fine and Coarse Aggregate) –
		Specifications and Test Methods
Lightweight	NMX-C-299	Lightweight Aggregates - Specifications and Test
Aggregates		Methods
Admixtures	NMX-C-255	Admixtures – Specifications and Test Methods
Water	NMX-C-122	Water - Specifications
Fibers	ASTM-C-1116	Standard Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete



Life-cycle assessment

This EPD is based on a 'cradle-to-gate' life cycle assessment (LCA) of various ready mixed concrete. The life cycle processes included in the EPD are as follows:

- Raw material supply (upstream processes): Extraction, handling, and processing of the raw materials used in production of concrete: cement, supplementary cementitious materials, aggregate (coarse and fine), water, admixtures, and other materials or chemicals used in concrete mixtures.
- Transportation: Transportation of these materials from supplier to the gate of the concrete producer. And from the concrete plant to a delivery of 14 kilometer ratio to the client projects.
- Manufacturing (core processes): Energy used to store, batch, mix, and distribute the concrete and operate the facility (concrete plant).
- Water use in mixing and distributing concrete.

A summary of cradle-to-gate life cycle processes excluded from the EPD is as follows:

- Production, manufacture, and construction of buildings, capital goods, and infrastructure.
- Production and manufacture of concrete production equipment, concrete delivery vehicles, earthmoving equipment, and laboratory equipment.
- Personnel-related activities (travel, furniture, office supplies).
- Energy and water use related to company management and sales activities.

A summary of the limitations of this EPD include the following:

- This EPD does not report all of the environmental impacts due to manufacturing of the product, but rather
 environmental impacts for categories with established LCA-based methods to track and report. Unreported
 environmental impacts include (but are not limited to) factors attributable to human health, land use change,
 water use in the upstream manufacturing process, and habitat destruction.
- This EPD reports the results of an LCA for 'cradle-to-gate' analysis. Thus, declarations themselves are not comparative assertions, defined as an environmental claim regarding the superiority or equivalence of one product versus a competing product that performs the same function. An EPD does not make any statements that the product covered by the EPD is better or worse than any other product.
- In order to assess the local impacts of product manufacturing, additional analysis is required.
- Life cycle impact assessment results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins, or risks.

This EPD has been developed using the Quantis 2016 (WBCSD-CSI tool for EPD of concrete and cement v1.3 - U.S. version, concrete-epd-tool.org).



Data quality, variability, and comparability

This EPD was created using plant-specific data for upstream materials. Potential variations due to supplier locations, manufacturing processes, and efficiencies and fuel use are thus accounted for in this EPD.

EPDs of concrete mixtures may not be comparable if they do not comply with this standard and data from this EPD. While EPDs can be used to compare concrete mixes, the data cannot be used to compare between construction products or concrete mixes used in different concrete products unless the data is integrated into a comprehensive LCA. For example, precast concrete, concrete masonry units, and site-cast concrete all have different manufacturing processes whose impacts are attributed to different LCA stages. This precludes direct comparison between mixes used in these different products until all life cycle phases are included.

Data sources and quality by source

This section provides the sources of data used to compute the upstream material life-cycle inventory (LCI) in this study accompanied by qualitative data quality assessments using the five indicators outlined in the "Product Life Cycle Accounting and Reporting Standard" [GHG Protocol 2011]. Data quality is rated "very good", "good", "fair", or "poor" for each indicator.

Primary data

Quality of primary data is very good throughout all indicators as the data describe the technologies, processes, and outputs analyzed in this study. All primary data refers to the full calendar year 2015.

Secondary data

Secondary data are data provided by a trade association, from a national survey or report or industry report, or a database and is based on data from more than one supplier or from an estimation of the data.

In this study the secondary data are part of the WBCSD-CSI tool for EPDs of concrete and cement (v1.2), U.S. version [Quantis 2016]. Quantis as the authors of the tool consider that the overall quality of the data in the tool is good to very good; although they use a slightly different framework for quality assessment it is considered that this ranking is equivalent to the same ranking in the framework used here.

The following table summarizes the data sources used in WBCSD-CSI tool for EPDs of concrete and cement (v1.2), U.S. version for the main inputs at the readymix plant, and shows corresponding quality assessments.



Process (unit)	LCI data source	Data quality assessment
Portland Cement (kg)	 name: CEMEX México S.A. de C.V. (Barrientos Plant) database: calculated in the tool from plant-specific data year: 2015 	 technology: very good time: very good geography: very good completeness: very good reliability: very good fly ash necessary for use as secondary recovered material;
Fly ash (kg)		ets solely from transportation by rail and truck.
Crushed coarse aggregate (kg)	 name: Gravel, crushed database: ecoinvent v3.1 geography: rest of world (excluding Switzerland) year: 2001 	 technology: fair; process represents current technology (as of 2001) for gravel and sand quarry operations in Switzerland time: poor; data is older than ten years geography: fair; Process models production based on Swiss data and is adjusted for the rest of the world
Sand (kg)	 name: Sand database: ecoinvent v3.1 geography: rest of world (excluding Switzerland) year: 2001 	 completeness: very good; process is 100% representative of Swiss production reliability: fair; Date is verified by ecoinvent with the following caveat: "This is a dataset automatically generated based on a dataset transferred from ecoSpold v1 / ecoinvent database version 2. It may not in all aspects fulfill the requirements of the ecoinvent data quality guideline for version 3."
Accelerating admixture (kg)	 name: 300 Accelerator EPD reference: [EFCA 2006a] geography: Europe year: 2006 	
Air-entraining admixture (kg)	 name: 301 Air Entrainer EPD reference: [EFCA 2006b] geography: Europe Year: 2006 	 technology: very good; process represents manufacture of chemical admixtures for concrete
Retarding admixture (kg)	 name: 302 Retarder EPD reference: [EFCA 2006c] geography: Europe year: 2006 	 time: poor; data is older than 10 years geography: fair; process models European production (no US data in US LCI database) completeness: good; data is based on figures from four
Plasticizing admixture (kg)	 name: 324 Plasticiser EPD reference: [EFCA 2006d] geography: Europe year: 2006 	of Europe's largest admixture producers • reliability: fair; EPDs are not ISO-compliant
Superplasticizing admixture (kg)	 name: 325 Superplasticiser EPD reference: [EFCA 2006e] geography: Europe year: 2006 	



Process (unit)	LCI data source	Data quality assessment
Shredded tires (kg)	 name: Recycled Rubber reference: Quantis 2016 geography: worldwide year: 	Process is a proxy that considers that the material is secondary recovered material; given the small volumes used in the products in question this approach is deemed acceptable.
Antibacterial admixture (kg)	 name: Other admixture reference: Quantis 2016 geography: worldwide year: 	Process is a proxy that is based on the production of generic chemicals; given the small volumes used in the products in question this approach is deemed acceptable.
Fibers (kg)	 name: Fibers, polypropylene database: ecoinvent v3.1 geography: Europe year: 2001 	 technology: good; process covers only production of the material which is assumed to cause vast majority of environmental impacts time: poor; data is older than 10 years geography: fair completeness: good; data set based on 28 producers reliability: fair; Date is verified by ecoinvent with the following cave at: "This is a dataset automatically generated based on a dataset transferred from ecoSpold v1 / ecoinvent database version 2. It may not in all aspects fulfill the requirements of the ecoinvent data quality guideline for version 3."
Electricity (kWh)	 name: supplier plant-specific electricity mix database: calculated in the tool from plant-specific data Year: 2015 	 technology: very good time: very good geography: very good completeness: very good reliability: very good



Environmental impacts

This EPD covers the required set of environmental impact categories in accordance with the PCR, Section 3.2 [Carbon Leadership Forum 2013]:

Impact category	Unit	Abbreviation	Impact Assessment Method
Life-cycle inventory items			
Non-renewable primary energy consumption	MJ	nPE	Gross Calorific (Higher Heating)
Renewable primary energy consumption	MJ	rPE	Gross Calorific (Higher Heating)
Total primary energy consumption	MJ	tPE	Gross Calorific (Higher Heating)
Concrete batching water consumption	m ³	bCW	
Concrete washing water consumption	m ³	wCW	
Total concrete water consumption	m ³	tCW	
Non-renewable material resource consumption	kg	nMR	
Renewable material resource consumption	kg	rMR	
Hazardous waste production	kg	hWP	
Non-hazardous waste production	kg	nWP	
Impact Categories			
Global Warming	kg CO₂-eq	GWP	TRACI 2.1
Ozone Depletion	kg CFC-11-eq	ОСР	TRACI 2.1
Acidification	kg SO₂-eq	AP	TRACI 2.1
Eutrophication	kg N-eq	EP	TRACI 2.1
Photochemical ozone creation	kg O₃-eq	POCP	TRACI 2.1

The calculation for computing the total primary energy consumption uses Gross Calorific Values (GCV), also known as Higher Heating Values (HHV).

The following table shows environmental impacts per m³ of the CEMEX concrete mixes covered in this EPD using the abbreviations and units from the previous table.

Mix Number	nPE	rPE	tPE	bCW	wCW	tCW	nMR	rMR	hWP	nWP	GWP	ODP	AP	EP	POCP
Concreto Convencional, 250	2223.25	94.4	2317.60	0.190	0.120	5.38	2358	0.278	0.00121	0.00389	317	1.4E-05	0.661	0.32	14.6
Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 400	3142.73	115.9	3258.62	0.182	0.120	6.42	2500	0.347	0.00121	0.00389	469	1.8E-05	0.909	0.45	19.4
Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 450	3510.06	125.8	3635.90	0.186	0.120	6.77	2527	0.372	0.00121	0.00389	527	1.9E-05	1.005	0.51	21.5
Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 550	4058.17	145.0	4203.18	0.199	0.120	7.24	2536	0.409	0.00121	0.00389	619	2.1E-05	1.146	0.59	24.3
Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 600	4510.02	159.9	4669.96	0.184	0.120	7.74	2616	0.445	0.00121	0.00389	695	2.3E-05	1.258	0.66	26.8



Mix Number	nPE	rPE	tPE	bCW	wCW	tCW	nMR	rMR	hWP	nWP	GWP	ODP	AP	EP	РОСР
Concreto de Alta Resistencia, FORTIS, 600 GC1	4751.22	159.9	4911.14	0.193	0.120	8.07	2639	0.464	0.00121	0.00389	735	2.4E-05	1.321	0.70	28.2
Concreto Antibacterial, BIOCRETE, 250	3329.28	123.1	3452.35	0.187	0.120	6.62	2571	0.360	0.00121	0.00389	493	1.9E-05	0.969	0.48	20.5
Concreto Arquitectónico, APARENTIA, 200 3FX	2030.28	89.1	2119.38	0.184	0.120	5.15	2323	0.263	0.00121	0.00389	284	1.3E-05	0.614	0.29	13.5
Concreto Arquitectónico, APARENTIA, 200 331	1992.09	88.1	2080.15	0.184	0.120	5.14	2320	0.262	0.00121	0.00389	281	1.2E-05	0.601	0.29	13.2
Concreto Autocompactable, EVOLUTION, 500	4237.90	154.4	4392.26	0.194	0.120	7.59	2636	0.434	0.00121	0.00389	649	2.1E-05	1.186	0.64	25.2
Concreto Autocompactable, EVOLUTION, 600 75	4476.96	158.1	4635.06	0.200	0.120	7.67	2594	0.444	0.00121	0.00389	678	2.4E-05	1.273	0.68	26.1
Concreto Autocompactable, EVOLUTION, 600 65	5022.04	174.2	5196.20	0.210	0.120	8.25	2644	0.486	0.00121	0.00389	768	2.6E-05	1.411	0.76	29.0
Concreto Autosellante, DURAMAX, 250	2934.46	102.3	3036.72	0.190	0.120	6.16	2439	0.328	0.00121	0.00389	426	1.8E-05	0.873	0.42	18.4
Concreto Autosellante, DURAMAX, 300	3691.09	124.7	3815.81	0.203	0.120	6.99	2521	0.385	0.00121	0.00389	555	2.0E-05	1.064	0.54	22.2
Concreto Autosellante, DURAMAX, 350	3520.57	120.7	3641.26	0.190	0.120	6.83	2521	0.374	0.00121	0.00389	528	2.0E-05	1.010	0.51	21.6
Concreto de Baja Contracción, PISOCRET, 038	2467.62	102.6	2570.20	0.175	0.120	5.68	2455	0.297	0.00121	0.00389	354	1.5E-05	0.737	0.35	16.0
Concreto de Baja Contracción, PISOCRET, 040	2481.24	107.3	2588.54	0.170	0.120	5.67	2434	0.297	0.00121	0.00389	366	1.4E-05	0.722	0.36	15.9
Concreto DURAMAX, 33V 250	2496.74	100.9	2597.60	0.199	0.120	5.70	2370	0.299	0.00121	0.00389	366	1.4E-05	0.728	0.37	15.9
Concreto DURAMAX, 34T 250	2674.33	108.4	2782.74	0.190	0.120	5.86	2394	0.312	0.00121	0.00389	396	1.5E-05	0.771	0.40	16.8
Concreto DURAMAX, 3GG 300	3304.89	126.2	3431.05	0.192	0.120	6.48	2422	0.356	0.00121	0.00389	507	1.7E-05	0.926	0.48	20.3
Concreto DURAMAX, 300 355	3241.08	121.9	3363.02	0.189	0.120	6.56	2509	0.356	0.00121	0.00389	492	1.7E-05	0.917	0.47	20.1
Concreto DURAMAX, 0G6 350	3670.08	135.5	3805.57	0.220	0.120	6.79	2402	0.379	0.00121	0.00389	568	1.9E-05	1.016	0.54	22.1
Concreto DURAMAX, 3G6 350	2960.80	115.5	3076.27	0.180	0.120	6.18	2480	0.334	0.00121	0.00389	433	1.7E-05	0.870	0.44	18.3
Concreto DURAMAX, 400	3504.82	131.6	3636.42	0.175	0.120	6.65	2409	0.370	0.00121	0.00389	543	1.7E-05	0.972	0.52	21.3
Concreto Lanzado, INGENIA, 22E 250	2669.60	90.8	2760.40	0.209	0.120	6.05	2396	0.316	0.00121	0.00389	390	1.5E-05	0.782	0.39	17.0
Concreto Ligero, INSULARIS, 100	3200.04	107.6	3307.60	0.190	0.120	5.51	1523	0.346	0.00121	0.00389	499	1.5E-05	0.878	0.50	18.6
Concreto Llancreto, ECO Plus, 150	1573.94	73.7	1647.63	0.185	0.120	4.53	2150	0.222	0.00121	0.00389	214	1.1E-05	0.491	0.22	10.8
Mortero Estabilizado, INGENIA, 20Y 125	1722.42	49.5	1771.87	0.250	0.120	4.75	1938	0.236	0.00121	0.00389	236	1.1E-05	0.538	0.25	11.5
Concreto de Trabajabilidad Extendida, INGENIA, 250	2148.32	92.7	2241.05	0.185	0.120	5.37	2387	0.275	0.00121	0.00389	306	1.3E-05	0.643	0.31	14.1
Concreto de Trabajabilidad Extendida, INGENIA, 300	2397.50	100.0	2497.46	0.192	0.120	5.62	2399	0.293	0.00121	0.00389	348	1.4E-05	0.704	0.35	15.4



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