



# Cemex Balcones Cement Plant

## Environmental Product Declaration



## General Information

This cradle to gate Environmental Product Declaration covers bulk cement products produced at the Balcones Cement Plant. The Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) was prepared in conformity with ISO 21930, ISO 14025, ISO 14040, and ISO 14044. This EPD is intended for business-to-business (B-to-B) audiences.

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ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in Building Construction-Environmental Declaration of Building Products: serves as the core PCR  
NSF PCR for Portland, Blended, Masonry, Mortar, and Plastic (Stucco) Cements V3.2 serves as the sub-category PCR

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EPDs are comparable only if they comply with ISO 21930 (2017), use the same sub-category PCR where applicable, include all relevant information modules and are based on equivalent scenarios with respect to the context of construction works.

## General Information

### Producer

Cemex is one of the largest building materials companies in the world with operations in the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, Middle East, and Asia. Cemex employs over 41,000 employees worldwide and is committed to sustainable practices and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction goals in the communities in which it operates. Cemex Balcones cement plant has been producing high quality products since 1980 and employs nearly 140 people. The plant has an annual cement production capacity of over 2 million metric tonnes and provides cement for the construction needs in Texas and surrounding states.

### Product

The cement products covered in this EPD meet UN CPC 3744 classification and the following standards:

Product Type	Applicable Standard	Standard Designation
Portland Limestone Cement	ASTM C595, C1157, AASHTO M240	Type IL
Portland Cement	ASTM C150, C1157, AASHTO M85	Type I/II

This EPD reports environmental information for two cement products produced by Cemex at its Balcones, TX facility. Type I/II cement is used as the key ingredient in many products such as ready-mix concrete and in a wide variety of applications such as concrete pipes, pre-stressed concrete, roads, foundations, bridges, soil stabilization, roof tile and more. Type IL cement is a general use cement engineered to reduce the carbon footprint by inter grinding a higher ground limestone content than permitted in Type I/II cement. It is typically used in all applications in which Type I/II cement is used.

### Product Components

Inputs	Type IL	Type I/II
Clinker	85%	92.3%
Limestone, Gypsum & other	15%	7.7%

### Declared Unit

The declared unit is one metric tonne of Type I/II and Type IL cement.

## System Boundary

This EPD is a cradle-to-gate EPD covering A1-A3 stages of the life cycle.

PRODUCTION Stage (Mandatory)			CONSTRUCTION Stage		USE STAGE					END-OF-LIFE Stage			
Extraction and upstream production	Transport to factory	Manufacturing	Transport to site	Installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	De-construction/ Demolition	Transport to waste processing or disposal	Waste processing	Disposal of waste
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	C1	C2	C3	C4
X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

Note: MND = module not declared; X = module included.

## Cut-Off

Items excluded from system boundary include:

- production, manufacture and construction of manufacturing capital goods and infrastructure;
- production and manufacture of production equipment, delivery vehicles, and laboratory equipment;
- personnel-related activities (travel, furniture, and office supplies); and
- energy and water use related to company management and sales activities that may be located either within the factory site or at another location.

## Allocation Procedure

Allocation follows the requirements and guidance of ISO 14044:2006, Clause 4.3.4; NSF PCR:2021; and ISO 21930:2017 section 7.2. Recycling and recycled content is modeled using the cut-off rule.

This study recognizes fly ash, silica fume, granulated blast furnace slag, cement kiln dust, flue gas desulfurization (FGD) gypsum, post-consumer gypsum, and sawdust as recovered materials and thus the environmental impacts allocated to these materials are limited to the treatment and transportation required to use as a cement material input. Recycled and recovered materials with fuel content and used as fuels, such as refused derived fuels (RDF), scrap tires and agricultural waste, are considered nonrenewable or renewable secondary fuels. Impacts allocated to these fuels are limited to the treatment and transport required for their use from point of generation along with all emissions from combustion.

## Life Cycle Inventory (LCI)

### Primary sources of LCI Data:

**Electricity:** US-EI custom process “Electricity, high voltage, at grid, eGrid (2021), TRE/US US-EI U”

**Limestone:** Manufacture specific primary data (2021)

**Natural Gas:** ecoinvent 3.8 (2021) Market for natural gas, high pressure US”

**Petroleum Coke:** US-EI (2021) “Petroleum coke, at refinery US”

**Truck Transport:** USLCI (2015) “Transport, combination truck, long-haul, diesel powered, South /tkm/RNA”

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Electricity grid mix includes: 46.27% Natural Gas, 17.81% Coal, 21.88% Wind, 9.61% Nuclear, 3.49% Solar, 0.43% Petroleum Coke, 0.0% Geothermal, 0.16% Hydro, 0.18% Biomass, 0.06% oil, with a global warming potential of 0.564 kg CO<sub>2</sub>eq per /kWh

## Life Cycle Assessment

Balcones Cement Products<sup>1</sup>, bulk shipped: Type I/II, Type IL per 1 metric tonne.\*\*

Impact Assessment	Unit	Type IL	Type I/II
Global warming potential (GWP) <sup>2</sup>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	756	816
Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer (ODP)	kg CFC-11 eq	8.70E-06	9.34E-06
Eutrophication potential (EP)	kg N eq	2.59E-01	2.74E-01
Acidification potential of soil and water sources (AP)	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.40	1.50
Formation potential of tropospheric ozone (POCP)	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	30.8	33.1
<b>Resource Use</b>			
Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil mineral resources (ADPelements)*	kg Sb eq	4.37E-06	4.57E-06
Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (ADP <sub>fossil</sub> )	MJ, NCV	5,241	5,628
Renewable primary energy resources as energy (fuel), (RPRE <sup>3</sup> ) *	MJ, NCV	144	150
Renewable primary resources as material, (RPRM <sup>2</sup> ) *	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Non-renewable primary resources as energy (fuel), (NRPRE <sup>2</sup> ) *	MJ, NCV	5,504	5,902
Non-renewable primary resources as material, (NRPRM <sup>2</sup> ) *	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Consumption of fresh water, (FW <sup>2</sup> )	m <sup>3</sup>	1.96	2.00
<b>Secondary Material, Fuel and Recovered Energy</b>			
Secondary Materials, (SM <sup>2</sup> ) *	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Renewable secondary fuels, (RSF <sup>2</sup> ) *	MJ, NCV	214	232
Non-renewable secondary fuels (NRSF <sup>2</sup> ) *	MJ, NCV	297	322
Recovered energy, (RE <sup>2</sup> ) *	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
<b>Waste &amp; Output Flows</b>			
Hazardous waste disposed, (HW <sup>2</sup> ) *	kg	2.24E-04	2.33E-04
Non-hazardous waste disposed, (NHWD <sup>2</sup> ) *	kg	3.54	3.68
High-level radioactive waste, (HLRW <sup>2</sup> ) *	kg	1.42E-07	1.49E-07
Intermediate and low-level radioactive waste, (ILLRW <sup>2</sup> ) *	kg	7.21E-07	7.55E-07
Components for reuse, (CRU <sup>2</sup> ) *	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for recycling, (MR <sup>2</sup> ) *	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for energy recovery, (MER <sup>2</sup> ) *	kg	1.05E-02	1.09E-02
Recovered energy exported from the product system, (EE <sup>2</sup> ) *	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
<b>Additional Inventory Parameters for Transparency</b>			
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from calcination and uptake from carbonation <sup>4</sup>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	446	484

\* Emerging LCA impact categories and inventory items are still under development and can have high levels of uncertainty that preclude international acceptance pending further development. Use caution when interpreting data in these categories. The following optional indicators are not reported and also have high levels of uncertainty: Land use related impacts, toxicological aspects, and emissions from land use change.

\*\*Only EPDs prepared from cradle-to-grave life-cycle results and based on the same function, quantified by the same functional unit, and taking account of replacement based on the product reference service life (RSL) relative to an assumed building service life, can be used to assist purchasers and users in making informed comparisons between products.

<sup>1</sup> These products contain no materials that are considered hazardous as defined by the PCR.

<sup>2</sup> GWP 100; 100-year time horizon GWP factors are provided by the IPCC 2013 Fifth Assessment Report (AR5). CO<sub>2</sub> from biogenic secondary fuels used in kiln are climate-neutral (CO<sub>2</sub> sink = CO<sub>2</sub> emissions), ISO 21930, 7.2.7.

<sup>3</sup> Calculated per ACLCA ISO 21930 Guidance.

<sup>4</sup> Calcination emissions were calculated based on the Cement CO<sub>2</sub> and Energy Protocol detailed output method (B1) published by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) Cement Sustainability Initiative (CSI).

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## Additional Environmental Information

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