

# ARCHI+ CONCRETE

## LIME-BASED PLASTER FOR INTERIORS WITH "CONCRETE-LOOK EFFECT"

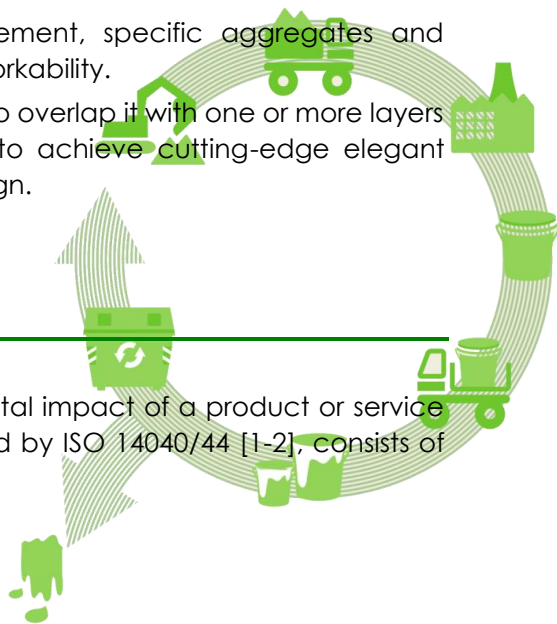
Novacolor Srl gives priority to environmental protection and safety in the workplace. For this reason Novacolor constantly seeks to improve the quality of its products and their production cycles in order to reduce the overall impact on the environment and ensure quality and safety for customers.

This environmental data sheet shows the environmental information of Archi+ Concrete: LCA, LEED and other information.

Archi+ Concrete is a mineral plaster coat in powder for interiors.

It is made of well-seasoned hydrated lime putties, white cement, specific aggregates and rheological modifiers carefully selected to ensure an excellent workability.

The particular grain curve of Archi+ Concrete and the possibility to overlap it with one or more layers of Fase Silossanica, acrylsiloxane colour wash (matt), ensures to achieve cutting-edge elegant concrete effects, in line with the newest trends in the interior design.



### 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

#### Goal and scope

The **goal** of this LCA [3] is to provide transparency about the environmental performance of Archi+ Concrete, to create improvement options and support environmental communication. The functional unit is 1 kg of paint including packaging, with a spreading rate of 1.5 kg /sqm (average). The **system boundaries** include raw materials, their transportation, processing, packaging, distribution, use and packaging disposal. During the use phase the paint is hand-applied and the associated emissions are insignificant.

#### Inventory analysis

Primary data are used for the most significant processes, like the paint recipe, packaging and factory consumptions and emissions. Data refer to 2012 and are collected at the Novacolor's factory located in Forlì (FC). Secondary data originate from the ecoinvent v3 database [4]. The LCA calculations are performed with the LCA software SimaPro 8.0.3 [5].

#### Impact assessment

Life cycle impact assessment has been done with the method **PCR product group: UN CPC 3511 2014:5 on paint [6]**, as indicated in the EPD programme of the International EPD Consortium. This method consists of different environmental indicators including the Carbon Footprint, human toxicity,

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ecotoxicity, air emissions, water consumption and waste. Table 1 shows the LCA results.

### Life cycle assessment verification

The used LCA calculation system is verified by a third party in conformity with UNI EN ISO 11044:2006 and UNI EN ISO 11040:2006 [7]

Table 1: LCA results.

		Unit	Total	Upstream	Core	Downstream
Impact categories	Global Warming (100 yr)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	8,856	8,502	0,186	0,167
	Ozone layer depletion (ODPr)	mg CFC-11 eq	240	240	0,015	0,011
	Photochemical oxidation	g C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> eq	0,279	0,234	0,027	0,017
	Acidification	g SO <sub>2</sub> eq	5	3,64	0,73	0,63
	Eutrophication	g PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>---</sup> eq	1,087	0,75	0,185	0,151
	Human toxicity, non-cancer	CTUh * 10 <sup>-9</sup>	14,607	14,583	0,013	0,011
	Human toxicity, cancer	CTUh * 10 <sup>-9</sup>	3,803	3,803	0,004	-0,004
	Ecotoxicity	CTUe * 10 <sup>-3</sup>	11,791	13,171	1,373	-2,753
<b>Waste</b>						
	Hazardous waste	kg	3,046	2,4	0,37	0,275
	Non hazardous waste	kg	0,048	0,013	0,029	0,005
<b>Air Emissions</b>						
	VOC	g	0,99	0,966	0,015	0,009
	NMVOc	g	3,951	3,576	0,182	0,192
	SO <sub>2</sub>	g	2,94	2,473	0,293	0,173
	CO <sub>2</sub> (fossil)	kg	0,816	0,482	0,174	0,159
	Methane (fossil)	g	1,841	1,301	0,331	0,209
	methane (biogenic)	g	0,1	0,096	0,003	0
	NO <sub>x</sub>	g	2,767	1,188	0,739	0,84
<b>Other</b>						
	Material subjected to recycling	g	10,63	0,68	6,56	3,39
	Blue virtual water	kg	5,13	3,62	1,12	0,38

### Interpretation

The LCA results indicate that the largest contributions come from upstream processes (i.e. raw materials). The Carbon Footprint of ARCHI+ CONCRETE is 8.856 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq.

The negative values are caused by the pallet reuse.

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### LEED

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**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 ARCHI+ CONCRETE potential contribution to the different **LEED credits** of the LEED 2009 and LEED v4 (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) [8]. 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	Low-Emitting Materials	1-3 points)
IEQ credit	Interior Lighting	1-2 points

*More information are available on request*

Novacolor 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

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#### Hazard labelling

Irritant / irritating to respiratory system and skin / risk of serious damage to eyes / may cause sensitization by skin contact [9].

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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	aug 2014

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