

ROCK MINERAL WOOL WITH ECOSE® Technology

DGNB (**Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen**) is a voluntary standard to assess the integrated evaluation of economic and environmental aspects as well as user comfort in buildings.

The 2020 DGNB assessment system covers key aspects of sustainable building with special focus on people, circular economy, design quality, the UN sustainable development goals, climate protection, and innovation. It includes environmental, economic, socio-cultural and functional aspects, technology, processes and site. The DGNB system comprises a variety of certification schemes for different building uses, for example office, residential, or education. The weighing of the criteria can vary based on the relevant building scheme.

KNAUF INSULATION products can put you on the right track to get the highest results for DGNB certification.

DGNB Criteria Group	Assessment criteria and definition	Knauf Insulation Products contribution	Contributes towards
ENV 1.1.	Life Cycle Impact Assessment		
	The objective of the assessment is to quantify and document the environmental performance of the building and compare the results against a defined benchmark. The scope includes the environmental impacts of production, use and endof-life phases. The building LCA is based on the Life Cycle Energy Modelling (LCEM). Up to 40 points can be awarded if the proposed building's environmental impact is equal to that of the reference building. Up to 50 additional points can be awarded if the impacts are less than the reference building and up to 30 bonus points for climate neutrality. The preference should be given to product-specific EPD where the LCA fulfil EN 15804 requirements.	The Environmental Products Declarations (EPDs) ¹ are product specific and 3 rd party verified against EN 15804 through the International EPD program operator or french INIES. Results of the different LCA indicators are directly available.	4.5-4.7%

¹ http://www.knaufinsulation.com/en/product-sustainability



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ENV 1.2.	Local Environmental Impact		
	This criterion is focusing on the VOCs content as well as the VOC emissions of the products. Some high risk material and product groups are individually checked and evaluated: halocarbons and partially halocarbons refrigerants and propellants; heavy metals; materials which fall under Biocidal Product Directive; hazardous material according to CLP regulation; organic solvents and plasticisers.	Products are free of halocarbon propellants. ECOSE is certified under Eurofins Indoor Comfort Gold² for low VOC emissions. ECOSE Technology products contain no ingredients listed on the REACH Authorization list, Restriction list or Substances of Very High Concern Candidate list³.	9-9.5%
ENV 1.3	Sustainable Resource Extraction This criterion encourages use of products manufactured using raw materials extracted responsibly.	ISO 14001 certification is a supplier pre-requisite for the extracted raw materials ⁴ and secondary raw materials or preferred to virgin ones.	2.3-2.4%
ECO 1.1	Life Cycle Cost		
	The aim is to reduce the building's total life cycle costs (LCC) to a minimum. The objective is to facilitate a comparison between different buildings with the same use. Costs incurred throughout the building's entire life cycle are covered within the scheme: construction, occupancy costs and dismantling and disposal costs.	Knauf Insulation solutions help to reduce the occupancy costs by lowering energy consumption and to limit maintenance costs. As due to durability of mineral wool, there is no need for replacement within the considered time period of 50 years building's life.	10-12.9%

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 Compliance letter statement to REACH can be requested for dedicated product's manufacturing plants

⁴ ISO 14001 suppliers' certificates can be delivered on demand.



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ECO 2.1	Flexibility and adaptability The ease with which a building can be adapted to changing requirements helps raise user satisfaction; it can prolong the building's service life and lower costs through its life cycle. The space efficiency and adaptability is evaluated on the basis of a checklist including the structure as one of the indicator. In the structure, internal and partition walls have a major role.	The mineral wool that is for example utilized for partition wall can be reused as the wool is flexible and the panels do not break.	7.56%
SOC 1.1	Thermal comfort Thermal comfort makes an important contribution to an efficient and performance-enhancing working and living environment. This is evaluated through a checklist of qualitative and quantitative indicators (operative temperature/heating period, relative humidity/heating period, etc.).	The insulating properties of Knauf Insulation solutions (low thermal conductivity) and the technical information provided for construction are contributing to the increase of thermal comfort.	4.5-5.4%
SOC 1.2	Indoor air quality The aim of the criterion is to ensure that indoor air is of sufficient quality not to adversely affect users' health and well-being. The buildings must be with TVOC concentration lower than 3000 µg/m³ and a formaldehyde concentration lower than 120 µg/m³.	Mineral Wool ECOSE products help to meet the requirements as the binder is bio-based and without added formaldehyde, certified Eurofins Gold ⁵ for Indoor Air Comfort, see annex 1	3.6-4.5%

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SOC 1.3	Acoustic comfort The objective of the criterion is to achieve room acoustic conditions which are appropriate for the intended use and which guarantee a sufficient level of user comfort.	Knauf Insulation products provide excellent sound absorption properties, they can influence significantly the reverberation time behaviour of a room.	Up to 2.9%
TEC 1.2	Sound insulation Evaluating the quality of sound insulation of building with the certificate or building components certificates required in the call for tenders. Inspection to determine compliance with the requirements specified in DIN 4109. The following indicators are considered: airborne sound insulation against other residential areas, footfall sound insulation, airborne sound insulation against external noise, insulation from sound from building services.	Knauf Insulation solutions are available to meet the highest noise reduction challenges; all sound protection levels can be met, see annex 3.	Up to 2.3%
TEC 1.3	Quality of the Building envelope The objective of this criterion is to reduce space heating demand, achieve a high level of thermal comfort, and to prevent damages to the building fabric. The following indicators are included in the evaluation: Thermal transmittance coefficient U, Thermal bridges, air permeability class, amount of condensation, air exchange, solar heat protection.	Knauf Insulation solutions are available to meet requested thermal transmittance coefficients of external building components. Technical guidance are available to avoid thermal bridge and condensation and to reach adequate air permeability class.	2.6 - 3.3 %



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TEC 1.6.	Ease of Recovery and Recycling The ease of dismantling and recycling of the building structure is evaluated on the basis of a checklist including the following indicators: ease of disassembly, scope of disassembly and recycling and disposal plan.	Knauf Insulation solutions are generally easily disassembled (filler material) and if the sorting has been done appropriately the mineral wool can be recycled (ceiling tiles, bricks).	3-3.5 %
PRO 1.4.	Sustainability aspects in tender phase It has to be checked whether sustainability aspects are integrated into the tender and if the selection of companies commissioned is based on sustainability aspects (equality, conservation of climate and resources, adherence to human rights)	Knauf Insulation has an integrated certificate QHSEE: ISO 9001/ ISO 14001/ ISO 45001 & ISO 50001, see annex 2. We publish yearly a CSR report and monitor our responsible supply chain. We support the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labor, environment and anticorruption, see annex 4.	1.6%



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Annex 1: SOC 1.2: Indoor Air Quality

Here below the Eurofins Indoor Air Comfort Gold Certificate:





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Annex 2: Knauf Insulation Group QHSEE certificates

Knauf Insulation is certified for all its production plants and corporate sites throughout the world following the below standards:

Quality Management : ISO 9001: 2015

Health and Safety Management: ISO 45001: 2018
Environment Management: ISO 14001: 2015
Energy Management: ISO 50001: 2011









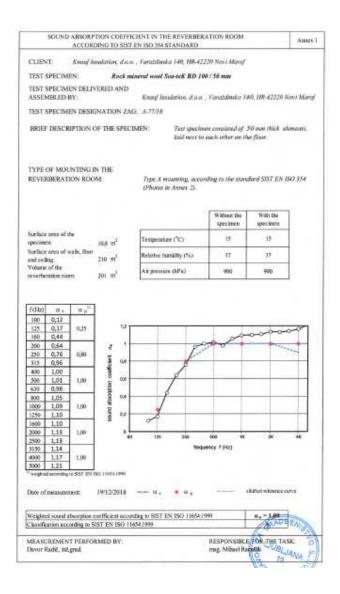




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Annex 3: Sound absorption example

 α coefficient is the coefficient for sound absorption.





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Annex 4: United Nations Global Compact

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Visé, the 26% of August 2020

H.E. António Guterres Secretary-General United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Knowf Insulation supports the Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment and anticorruption. With this communication, we express our intent to implement those principles. We are committed to making the UN Global Compact and its principles part of the strategy, culture and day-to-day operations of our company, and to engaging in collaborative projects which advance the broader development goals of the United Nations, particularly the Sustainable Development Goals. Knowf Insulation will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual submission of a Communication on Progress (COP) that describes our company's efforts to implement the Ten Principles. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within one year of joining the UN Global Compact, and annually thereafter according to the UN Global Compact COP policy. This includes:

- A statement signed by the chief executive expressing continued support for the UN Global Compact and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. This is separate from our initial letter of commitment to join the UN Global Compact.
- A description of practical actions (i.e., disclosure of any relevant policies, procedures, activities) that the company has taken (or plans to undertake) to implement the UN Global Compact principles in each of the four issue areas (human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption).
- A measurement of outcomes (i.e., the degree to which targets/performance indicators were met, or other qualitative or quantitative measurements of results)

Sincerely yours,

Jean-Claude Carlin Member of the Knauf Group Management Committee Insulation Europe / Middle East / Asia

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