### **Environmental** Product Declaration

# KERALITE<sup>®</sup> L, KERALITE<sup>®</sup> F, KERALITE<sup>®</sup> Select L, KERALITE<sup>®</sup> Select F

### FIRE RATED SAFETY GLASS CERAMIC



KERALITE, a glass ceramic that installs into fire-rated frames, protects building occupants from smoke and flames and fulfills impact safety requirements.



Protecting people and property from the hazard of fire is the key objective for our fire-resistant glass solutions. However, our glass also harnesses natural daylight in open-plan building designs – reducing the need for artificial light, and cutting heating and cooling costs.

In exterior applications, our products may be incorporated into double and triple glazing with solar control or low emissivity (low-e) features, contributing to maximizing the energy performance of a building.





KERALITE® L, KERALITE® F, KERALITE® Select L, KERALITE® Select F Fire Rated Safety Glass Ceramic

#### According to ISO 14025

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PROGRAM OPERATOR	UL Environment				
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CONTENTS OF THE DECLARATION The PCR review was conducte	Product definition and information about building physics         Information about basic material and the material's origin         Description of the product's manufacture         Indication of product processing         Information about the in-use conditions         Life cycle assessment results         Testing results and verifications         ited by:         NSF International         Accepted by PCR Review Panel				
This declaration was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025 by Underwriters Laboratories X INTERNAL EXTERNAL		Wade Stout, ULE			
This life cycle assessment was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:		Thomas Gloria, Life-Cycle Services, LLC			



### **Product Definition and Information**

### **Product Description**

Vetrotech Saint-Gobain's fire-resistant glass KERALITE® offers the ultimate protection for people and property, while providing the aesthetic and multi-functional qualities you expect from architectural glass. Our fire-rated glass is manufactured to provide multi-functional benefits, e.g. human impact, safety, security, etc. Parent company, Saint-Gobain, <u>ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year</u> for environmental responsibility, is the world's largest building products manufacturer.

The functional unit of the products reported in this document is 1 metric tonne of flat glass with a service life of 30 years.

### **Product line**



### FEATURES AND BENEFITS

KERALITE® is a 3/16" or 5/16" thick glass ceramic offered in 20-180 minute fire ratings. The products install into standard fire rated frames.

- Surface applied film or fully laminated options
- Protects against smoke and flame
- Fulfills maximum human impact safety requirements per CPSC 16, CFR Part 201 CAT II.

### **Manufacturing Locations**

The manufacturing facilities that are involved in the production of the KERALITE product line are:

Bagneaux/Loing, France Condren, France Auburn, Washington, USA	Bagneaux/Loing, France	Condren, France	Auburn, Washington, USA
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These facilities provided the primary data for this assessment and the results are based on the weighted average of production.

### **Applications and Uses**

Vetrotech KERALITE® products are for commercial use. Filmed, laminated and polished versions of KERALITE® are used in fire rating installs to contain smoke and flames. KERALITE® fulfills maximum human impact safety requirements.





### **Material Inputs**

Material Components	ents Weight Percent Mineral Renewable		Origin	Transportation Distance (km)				
		Flat Glass	6					
Silica	40% - 80%	Y N		Belgium	250 - 750			
Alumina	5% - 40%	Y	N	France	250 - 750			
Lithium Carbonate	<15%	Y	Ν	Chile	50 - 500			
Zinc Oxides	<5%	Y	Ν	Belgium	50 - 500			
Titanium Dioxide	<5%	Y	Ν	France	50 - 500			
Soda Ash	<1%	Y	Ν	Germany	250 - 750			
Zirconium Dioxide	<5%	Y	N	South Africa	10,000 - 20,000			
Barium Carbonate	<5%	Y	Ν	USA	7,000 - 10,000			
Feldspar	<5%	Y	Ν	France	50 - 500			
Magnesium Oxide	<5%	Y	N	Netherlands	250 - 750			
Arsenic Acid	<1%	Y	Ν	USA	7,000 - 10,000			
Film/Laminate								
Film	<1%	N	N	France	50 - 500			
Laminating Film	<5%	N	Ν	United Kingdom	250 - 750			

Table 1: Product Formulation

The KERALITE® Flat Glass is comprised of a variety of minerals. Lamination or film is added onto the flat glass for the specified laminated products (KERALITE® L, KERALITE® Select L) or filmed products (KERALITE® F, KERALITE® Select F).

### **Manufacturing Process**

The flat glass is produced at the Bagneaux facility. Raw materials are mixed into a batch and then melted into glass sheets of specified thicknesses. The glass sheets are then conveyed through a cooling tunnel. Upon cooling, the flat glass is cleaned and sent through a ceramizing tunnel. The flat glass is then packaged for post-processing. At this location, scrap glass is crushed and reused in the process to make new product.

Post-processing occurs at the Condren-Tergnier facility. The product is trimmed on the edges and washed. A filming or laminating process occurs for the KERALITE® glass. For lamination, two glass sheets are laminated together. For filming, film is applied to a side of glass. The polished products of KERALITE® receive polishing at the Condren facility. The product is packaged and shipped to the Vetrotech facility in Auburn. In Auburn, the KERALITE® product is cut per custom orders and distributed to customers. The average scrap rate at the Auburn finishing site is 18% since the product is trimmed per customer order. KERALITE® is also shipped to 15-25 glass distributors/wholesalers throughout the US, where it is cut and delivered locally per custom orders.







Figure 1: Manufacturing process flow of Vetrotech KERALITE® products



Figure 2: Photograph of KERALITE® manufacturing process





### Life Cycle Assessment Description

### **Functional Unit**

Environmental impacts are reported per functional unit of a product and the functional unit is the basis for comparison in an LCA. For flat glass, the functional unit is defined as 1 metric tonne of flat glass and a service life of 30 years.

As KERALITE® is produced in standard thicknesses, the following table shows the product area per the functional unit.

KERALITE® Product	Area per Functional Unit	Unit
KERALITE® F	81.3	m²/ tonne
KERALITE® L	51.3	m²/ tonne
KERALITE® Select F	81.3	m²/ tonne
KERALITE® Select L	51.3	m <sup>2</sup> / tonne

Table 2: Glass area per metric tonne

### Life Cycle Stages Assessed

Life Cycle Boundary	EPD Life Cycle Stage		
KERALITE® Flat Glass	Material Acquisition and Pre-processing		
Cradle-to-Gate	Production		
	Packaging/Storage		
KERALITE®	Post-Processing		
Gate to Grave	Product Transport		
Gale-10-Glave	End of Life		

Table 3: Life cycle stages assessed

The use phase is excluded from this study.

### **System Boundary**

The life cycle analysis for KERALITE comprises the boundary stages from cradle-to-grave, excluding the use phase. It includes the flat glass production (extraction of raw materials, product manufacturing and packaging), product shipping to installation, and end-of-life stages, as shown in Figure 3. Manufacturing overhead (heating & lighting) was excluded in the system boundary. The life cycle impact assessment results are disclosed for separately for cradle-to-gate and gate-to-grave stages.







### **Cut-off Criteria**

Mass and energy flows that consist of less than 1% may be omitted from the inventory analysis. Cumulative omitted mass or energy flows shall not exceed 5%. Mass or energy flows that contribute more than 10% to an impact category shall be included.

This EPD is in compliance with the cut-off criteria. No processes were neglected or excluded. Capital items for the production processes (machines, buildings, etc.) were not taken into consideration.

### **Period under Consideration**

The data used refer to the production processes of the flat glass production facility from January 2011- June 2013 to account for variations in production cycles. The post-processing facility provided data for calendar year 2012, as well as polishing data for late 2013.

#### Software and Background Data

For life cycle modeling the SimaPro v7.3 Software System for Life Cycle Engineering, a recognized LCA modeling software program, was used. All background data sets relevant for production and disposal were available in this software.





### **Transportation**

Each facility provided shipping distances of all raw materials which were used in this study. Interplant shipping was included. The final product is typically sold within the continental United States and transported by truck. The average distance the product was shipped was accounted for in this study.

### **Use Stage**

The useful service life of the KERALITE product line is 30 years. Any use stage impacts were excluded from this analysis. Fabrication and installation scrap rates were assumed to be 18% and were accounted for in each life cycle stage.

### **End-of-Life**

KERALITE is usually removed and loaded onto a truck or dumpster at the decommissioning of a building. The product was modeled as being disposed of in a landfill. There are currently no end-of-life recycling programs formally established across the industry for fire rated glass.

### Life Cycle Inventory

#### **Emissions to Air**

Emission	Unit	Raw Material Extraction and Processing	Flat Glass Production	Flat Glass Packaging/ Storage	Total Cradle-to- Gate
SOx	kg	2.9E+00	2.7E-01	5.3E-04	3.2E+00
NOx	kg	3.7E+00	2.0E+00	4.6E-04	5.8E+00
CO <sub>2</sub> e	kg	9.8E+02	5.1E+02	1.7E-01	1.5E+03
СО	kg	1.7E+00	2.5E-01	3.5E-04	1.9E+00
VOCs	kg	1.9E-04	1.2E-03	1.6E-04	1.5E-03
Fe	kg	1.1E-02	1.9E-02	5.2E-07	3.0E-02
PM	kg	2.4E+00	1.7E-01	2.0E-04	2.6E+00

Table 4: Cradle-to-gate air emissions per metric tonne of unfinished flat glass

Emission	Unit	KERALITE® F Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® L Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select F Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select L Cradle-to-Grave
SOx	kg	4.7E+00	4.7E+00	4.8E+00	4.7E+00
NOx	kg	1.5E+01	1.5E+01	1.5E+01	1.5E+01
CO <sub>2</sub> e	kg	2.4E+03	2.4E+03	2.4E+03	2.4E+03
СО	kg	5.4E+00	5.4E+00	5.4E+00	5.4E+00
VOCs	kg	2.9E-01	2.9E-01	2.9E-01	2.9E-01
Fe	kg	3.8E-02	4.4E-02	5.2E-02	5.2E-02
РМ	kg	3.5E+00	3.5E+00	3.6E+00	3.6E+00

Table 5: Cradle-to-grave air emissions per metric tonne of finished KERALITE®





### Water Use and Emissions to Water

Use/Emission	Unit	Material Acquisition and Pre-Processing	Flat Glass Production	Flat Glass Packaging/ Storage	Total Cradle-to- Gate
Water Use	kg	1.9E+04	8.6E+03	1.6E+00	2.8E+04
Phosphates	kg	1.4E+00	4.9E-02	9.4E-05	1.4E+00
Nitrates	kg	2.2E+00	2.5E-02	4.4E-05	2.2E+00
Dioxin	kg	9.5E-24	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	9.5E-24
Heavy Metals	ka	4.8E-02	4.1E-03	1.6E-06	5.3E-02

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 Table 6: Total cradle-to-gate water use and emissions per metric tonne of unfinished flat glass
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 1.0E-00

Use/Emission	Unit	KERALITE® F Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® L Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select F Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select L Cradle-to-Grave
Water Use	kg	3.4E+04	3.7E+04	4.0E+04	4.1E+04
Phosphates	kg	1.8E+00	1.8E+00	1.8E+00	1.8E+00
Nitrates	kg	2.7E+00	2.7E+00	2.8E+00	2.7E+00
Dioxin	kg	4.2E-21	5.3E-21	4.3E-21	5.3E-21
Heavy Metals	kg	6.8E-02	6.8E-02	7.0E-02	7.0E-02

Table 7: Cradle-to-grave water use and emissions per metric tonne of finished KERALITE®

### **Energy Resources**

Primary Energy	Unit	Material Acquisition and Pre-Processing	Flat Glass Production	Flat Glass Packaging/ Storage	Total Cradle-to- Gate
Nonrenewable, fossil	MJ-Eq	1.3E+04	9.5E+03	2.6E+00	2.2E+04
Nonrenewable, nuclear	MJ-Eq	3.6E+03	1.2E+04	2.3E-01	1.5E+04
Renewable, biomass	MJ-Eq	2.1E+02	7.1E+01	8.6E-01	2.8E+02
Renewable wind, solar, geothermal	MJ-Eq	5.2E+01	1.6E+02	3.8E-03	2.1E+02
Renewable, water	MJ-Eq	4.1E+02	4.9E+02	4.7E-02	9.0E+02
Total	MJ-Eq	1.7E+04	2.2E+04	3.7E+00	3.9E+04

Table 8: Total cradle-to-gate primary energy use per metric tonne of unfinished flat glass

Primary Energy	Unit	KERALITE® F Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® L Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select F Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select L Cradle-to-Grave
Nonrenewable, fossil	MJ-Eq	3.5E+04	3.5E+04	3.5E+04	3.5E+04
Nonrenewable, nuclear	MJ-Eq	2.0E+04	2.3E+04	2.8E+04	2.8E+04
Renewable, biomass	MJ-Eq	4.0E+02	3.9E+02	4.2E+02	4.1E+02
Renewable wind, solar, geothermal	MJ-Eq	2.7E+02	3.2E+02	3.9E+02	3.9E+02
Renewable, water	MJ-Eq	1.2E+03	1.3E+03	1.5E+03	1.5E+03
Total	MJ-Eq	5.6E+04	6.0E+04	6.6E+04	6.6E+04

Table 9: Cradle-to-grave primary energy use per metric tonne of finished KERALITE®







Figure 4: Cradle to Grave Cumulative Energy Demand of the KERALITE product line.

### Waste Management

Waste	Unit	Raw Material Extraction and Processing	Flat Glass Production	Flat Glass Packaging/ Storage	Total Cradle-to- Gate
Incineration (includes with and without energy recovery)	kg	6.8E+00	-	4.5E-04	6.8E+00
Landfill (non-hazardous solid waste)	kg	1.9E+02	2.5E+01	9.9E-03	2.2E+02
Hazardous waste	kg	2.8E+00	4.30E-03	1.10E-04	2.8E+00
Landfill avoidance (recycling)	kg	2.0E+00	1.1E+01	7.4E-05	1.3E+01

Table 10: Total cradle-to-gate waste per metric tonne of unfinished flat glass

Waste	Unit	KERALITE® F Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® L Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select F Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select L Cradle-to-Grave
Incineration (includes with and without energy recovery)	kg	6.8E+00	6.8E+00	6.8E+00	6.8E+00
Landfill (non-hazardous solid waste)	kg	1.4E+03	1.4E+03	1.4E+03	1.4E+03
Hazardous waste	kg	2.8E+00	2.8E+00	2.8E+00	2.8E+00
Landfill avoidance (recycling)	kg	1.4E+01	1.4E+01	1.4E+01	1.4E+01

Table 11: Cradle-to-grave waste per metric tonne of finished KERALITE®





### Life Cycle Impact Assessment

The environmental impacts listed below were assessed throughout the life cycle of KERALITE® as defined above.

Impact Category	Units	Raw Material Extraction and Processing	Flat Glass Production	Flat Glass Packaging/ Storage	Total Cradle- to-Gate*
Global warming	kg CO₂ eq	1.0E+03	5.3E+02	1.4E-01	1.5E+03
Acidification	mol H+ eq	6.1E+00	1.7E+00	8.7E-04	7.8E+00
Eutrophication	kg PO₄ eq	4.5E+00	2.3E-01	3.1E-04	4.7E+00
Smog	kg O₃ eq	1.4E-04	8.0E-05	8.2E-09	2.2E-04
Ozone Depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	9.3E+01	5.1E+01	1.3E-02	1.4E+02
Metal Resource Depletion Potential**	kg Fe eq	8.9E+01	2.2E+01	1.6E-02	1.1E+02

\*May not sum due to rounding

\*\*Metal Resource Depletion Potential is calculated with ReCiPe Midpoint v1.07 Metal Depletion methodology Table 12: Cradle-to-gate life cycle impact assessment results per metric tonne of unfinished flat glass



Figure 5: Cradle to Gate Environmental Impact Assessment of KERALITE flat glass.





Impact Category	Units	KERALITE® F Cradle-to- Grave	KERALITE® L Cradle-to-Grave	KERALITE® Select F Cradle-to- Grave	KERALITE® Select L Cradle-to- Grave
Global warming	kg CO₂ eq	2.5E+03	2.4E+03	2.5E+03	2.5E+03
Acidification	mol H+ eq	1.6E+01	1.6E+01	1.6E+01	1.6E+01
Eutrophication	kg PO₄ eq	6.7E+00	6.7E+00	6.8E+00	6.7E+00
Smog	kg O₃ eq	3.7E+02	3.7E+02	3.7E+02	3.7E+02
Ozone Depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	2.8E-04	2.8E-04	2.9E-04	2.8E-04
Metal Resource Depletion Potential**	kg Fe eq	1.5E+02	1.5E+02	1.6E+02	1.6E+02

\*\*Metal Resource Depletion Potential is calculated with ReCiPe Midpoint v1.07 Metal Depletion methodology

Table 13: Cradle-to-grave life cycle impact assessment results per metric tonne of KERALITE®



Figure 6: Cradle to Grave Environmental Impact Assessment of KERALITE product line.

### **Optional Environmental Information**

### **Organizational Awards**

Saint-Gobain has been awarded the ENERGYSTAR Partner of the Year Sustained Excellence Award for 2013 for the third straight year for the corporation's innovations in sustainable operations and manufacturing.









### References

- ASTM E1991-05 Standard Guide for Environmental Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of Building Material/Products
- ASTM E2010-01 Standard Test Method for Positive Pressure Fire Tests of Window Assemblies
- ASTM E2074-00e1 Standard Test Method for Fire Tests of Door Assemblies
- ASTM E2114-08 Standard Technology for Sustainability Relative to the Performance of Buildings
- ASTM E2129-10 Standard Practice for Data Collection for Sustainability Assessment of Building Products
- ASTM E2432-11 Standard Guide for General Principles of Sustainability Relative to Buildings
- CAN/ULC-S104-10 Standard Method for Fire Tests of Door Assemblies
- CAN4-S106 Standard Method for Fire Tests of Window and Glass Block Assemblies
- CPSC 16CFR Part 1201 (Categories I & II) Safety Standard for Architectural Glazing
- EN 15804:2012 Sustainability of construction works Environmental product declarations Core rules for the product category of construction products
- EPA, Tool for the Reduction and Assessment of Chemical and Other Environmental Impacts (TRACI)
- FTC Part 260, Green guides
- GANA PCR for Flat Glass UN CPC 3711. V1.
- (ILCD, 2010) Joint Research Commission, 2010, ILCD Handbook: General Guide for Life Cycle Assessment
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- ISO 14025:2006 Environmental labels and declarations Type III environmental declarations Principles and procedures<sup>6</sup>
- ISO 14040:2006 Environmental management Life cycle assessment Principles and framework
- ISO 14044:2006 Environmental management Life cycle assessment Requirements and guidelines
- ISO 21930, Sustainability in building construction Environmental declaration of building products
- NFPA 80, NFPA 252, NFPA 257
- Uniform Building Code (UBC) 7-2 Fire Test & UBC 7-4
- RIVM and Raboud University, CML, PRe Consultants, ReCiPe 1.07 methodology, www.lcia-recipe.net
- UL 9 & UL 10c Fire Tests of Window Assemblies; Positive Pressure Fire Tests of Door Assemblies
- USEPA Waste Reduction Model (WARM)
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development's Global Water Tool
- World Resources Institute (WRI) Draft Product Life Cycle Accounting and Reporting Standard

### **LCA Development**

This EPD and corresponding LCA were prepared by Sustainable Solutions Corporation of Royersford, Pennsylvania.



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