

Polyurethane (PU) rigid foam insulation

Polyurethane (PU) is a polymer with a low density, low thermal conductivity and high durability.

PU is produced by mixing a stream of isocyanate and a stream of polyol, including any other additives. The proportion of each stream in the mix is often used to alter the material properties. The resulting mixture is poured into a mould or onto a surface. Once cured, the PU is demoulded.

PU insulation consists of rigid foam panels that are used for high-performance insulation.

Type Polyurethane

Functional kg unit

Specific heat $1800 J/(kg \cdot K)$

Density 30 kg/m³

Common uses

Insulation

Process name

Polyurethane, rigid foam, at plant/RER U/AusSD U

Input-output sector

Polymer Product Manufacturing

Further information

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Material variations	Unit	Energy (MJ/unit)		GHG emissions (kgCO₂e/unit)
Polyurethane (PU) rigid foam insulation	kg	293	690	17.5
PU rigid foam insulation - 44 mm (R2)	m²	387	911	23.1
PU rigid foam insulation - 55 mm (R2.5)	m ²	484	1 138	28.8

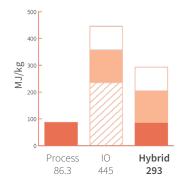


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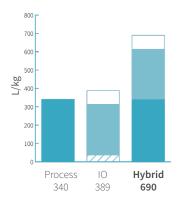


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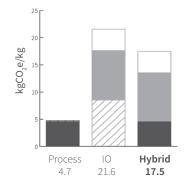


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