

PRODUCT PROFILE

PARTICLEBOARD (PB)



Product profile is a compilation of all the most relevant product related information.

It is designed to be a tool to help users make informed choices when purchasing and using our products, giving information about product range, technical properties, applications, and recommendations.

Additional focus is given to product environmental performance: composition, recycling, and life cycle.

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1. SONAE ARAUCO

Sonae Arauco is one of the largest wood-based solutions players in the world. In our mission we rely on one purpose: “create wood-based solutions for a better life, a better future and a better planet.”

We believe in teamwork, safe workplaces, cooperation, and long-lasting partnerships. Ethics and transparency are rooted in business integrity and commitment with our stakeholders.

Respecting the environment and the communities around us is part of our nature and at the centre of our priorities.

Sonae Arauco currently employs around 2 600 people in 8 countries (Portugal, Spain, Germany, South Africa, United Kingdom, France, Netherlands and Switzerland), has 22 industrial and commercial units, and sells its products in about 61 countries.

Code of Ethics

Our Code of Ethics contains a set of standards based on our shared values that govern the activities of the Sonae Arauco Group.

Sonae Arauco adheres to and actively promotes the highest ethical standards of professional conduct and strict legal compliance at all levels of the Group.

Commitment to standards of conduct must emanate from the top and is acknowledged by all Employees at all Group companies.

Furthermore, as Sonae Arauco operates across many geographic boundaries, the Company adopts principles and actions that are appropriate to specific ethical issues that can arise in those countries in which it operates.

Sustainability

Sonae Arauco's circular bioeconomy model was recognized and integrated into the *We Value Nature initiative* from World Business Council for Sustainable Development, an initiative that aims at demonstrating the importance of nature in the sustainability of the planet, leveraging its appreciation as the new normal for business in Europe.

We have Environmental Product Declarations for all our product ranges, presenting a transparent view of their environmental impact, based on the EN15804 standard.

Our products comply with the rules of the EU REACH legislation (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) which aims to protect human health and the environment.

100% of the wood we use comes from sustainable, certified, or controlled sources and all our product ranges include FSC® (FSC® C009049) and PEFC (PEFC/14-35-00013) certified solutions.

In addition to being a natural raw material, wood has a remarkable capacity to store CO₂, making it a great alternative to materials of fossil origin. Each ton of wood results in the capture of 2 ton of CO₂ from the atmosphere.

Recycling of wood is a significant contribution to mitigate climate change, by extending wood life cycle and CO₂ retention, we create value for the environment and our business.

We set up a wood waste recycling circuit, which allows for its reintegration into the industrial process; recycled wood in Sonae Arauco represents 31 % of total wood consumption.

The incorporation of recycled wood in the PB industrial process is approximately 80%. The company has an ambitious strategy in motion to raise this incorporation of recycled wood to 85 % in some geographies, without compromising the quality of the products we put on the market.

Sonae Arauco has installed the first industrial MDF recycling line at Mangualde plant, reinforcing its commitment to circularity and innovation. This pioneering technology enables the recycling of end-of-life MDF into raw material for new MDF panels.

As a renewable, reusable, and recyclable material, wood-based panels allow the decarbonization along the construction, furniture, and interior design value chain.

Sonae Arauco is also committed with Carbon Neutrality. For this purpose, it is in place a tailor made decarbonization roadmap to allow us to achieve our targets. In line with this commitment, we are starting to implement and monitor several mitigation actions to decarbonize our activity by 2040 (scope 1 and 2) and a strong effort to decarbonize our value chain (scope 3) until 2050.

ECOVADIS Sustainability Rating

ECOVADIS is a sustainability rating system whose purpose is to assess how a company integrates sustainability principles into its activities and management system. It evaluates the robustness of the sustainability management system by analysing policies, actions, results, and continuous-improvement practices in the following areas:

- Environment;
- Labour & Human Rights;
- Ethics;
- Sustainable procurement.

Sonae Arauco was awarded the **ECOVADIS Gold Medal**, placing it among the top 5% of companies assessed worldwide. This distinction reflects the quality of the company's sustainability management system and demonstrates its commitment to promoting transparency throughout the entire value chain.

Company Certifications

All our industrial plants that manufacture particleboards are certified according to international standards in Environmental Management (ISO 14001), Quality Management (ISO 9001), Management of Health and Safety at Work (ISO 45001) and Energy Management (ISO 50001).

These international standards are fully anchored at Sonae Arauco and guarantee that the requirements are treated in a standardised, coherent, cohesive manner and with focus on continuous improvement. Documents available for download and Sonae Arauco website: <https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/>

Plant	ISO 9001 Quality	ISO 14001 Environment	ISO 50001 Energy	ISO 45001 Health & Safety	FSC® (FSC® C009049)	PEFC (PEFC/14-35-00013)
Oliveira do Hospital	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linares	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beeskow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nettgau	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

2. PARTICLEBOARD

Product Description

Particleboard is a wood-based panel composed of three layers: two surface layers (top and bottom) made of fine particles to ensure a smooth surface suitable for various finishes, and a core layer consisting of larger particles. These layers are bonded together using resin adhesives under heat and pressure to achieve a dense and uniform structure.

Particleboard is a sustainable, versatile, and cost-effective material known for its durability, strength and stability. It is widely used as substrate in many subsequent production processes which makes it a perfect choice for a wide range of applications in both residential and commercial areas.

Product Advantages

- **Durability:** With a good durability for everyday applications due to its structure and mechanical properties, particleboard provides adequate resistance to daily wear and tear under normal usage conditions.
- **Versatility in Applications:** Particleboard can be finished with a variety of decorative surfaces, such as laminates, impregnated papers or foils and veneers, making it a perfect substrate for a variety of applications, including furniture, interior panelling, shelving, and cabinetry.
- **Ease to Process:** Particleboards can be easily cut and drilled during the manufacturing process, allowing for precise and efficient fabrication of various components.
- **Sustainability:** Particleboards offer a range of sustainability benefits; they are durable materials that can be recycled through several lifecycles. Made primarily of wood, a renewable resource, and with a significant incorporation of recycled wood, they act as carbon sinks reducing the overall carbon footprint of construction and furniture.
- **Lightweight:** Compared to solid wood and other wood-based panels, particleboard is considerably lighter, making it easier to handle and transport.

Product Characterization and Testing

Particleboard is designed to withstand subsequent production processes and final everyday use of the materials manufactured using this substrate. At Sonae Arauco we perform standardized tests to evaluate the behaviour and mechanical performance of our particleboard.

Particleboard is classified and distinguished in seven different types according to the criteria defined by EN 312 - *Particleboards - Specifications*. However, for all particle board types, the most relevant product tests are:

- **Internal Bond:** This test assesses the internal cohesion of the board by measuring its resistance to perpendicular tensile forces. A specimen is bonded on both faces to testing fixtures and subjected to a uniformly distributed force perpendicular to the faces until failure occurs. The result provides an indication of the panel's integrity and durability.
- **Bending strength:** This test evaluates the panel's maximum load-bearing capacity before breaking under a bending force. A rectangular specimen is supported at both ends, with a concentrated load applied at its midpoint until failure. The result characterizes the panel's strength and suitability for structural or load bearing-applications.
- **Modulus of Elasticity:** This test measures the stiffness of the panel, determining how much it deforms under a given load before reaching its elastic limit.
- **Surface Soundness:** This test measures the adhesion quality and mechanical strength of the panel's outer layers. In this test, a standard force is applied perpendicular to the panel's surface to assess its resistance to delamination or separation. The result, reflects the panel's suitability for surface processing, particularly in applications where strong adhesive bonds are required between layers.

By controlling these mechanical properties, we enhance reliability and functionality, delivering a superior product that meets and exceeds performance expectations.

In table below particleboard products available in the portfolio is presented by geography: with information on the product name/description and formaldehyde class.

Product Range

SWE (South West Europe)

Purpose	Product Description	CARB2 ⁽³⁾ /E05	F4*	FF
Light	PB Ultra Light	✓		
General Purpose	PB Furniture Grade	✓		
	PB P2	✓		✓
MR⁽¹⁾	PB P3 Hydro X	✓		
	PB P3 Plus Hydro X	✓		
	PB P5 Hydro X	✓		
FR⁽²⁾	PB P2 Fire X	✓		
	PB P4 Fire X	✓		
	PB P6 Fire X	✓		
Specialties	PB Formline	✓	✓	
Structural	PB P4	✓		
	PB P6	✓		

NEE (North East Europe)

Purpose	Product Description	E05	CARB2 ⁽³⁾ /E05
Light	PB Light		✓
General Purpose	PB Furniture Grade		✓
	PB P2		✓
FR⁽²⁾	PB P2 Fire X		✓
Specialties	PB Superlac		✓
Structural	PB P4	✓	
	PB P6	✓	
Shuttering	PB Shuttering	✓	✓
Packaging	PB Packaging	✓	

(1) Particleboard for use in humid conditions

(2) Particleboard with improved fire behaviour for use in dry conditions

(3) Particleboards certified according EPA TSCA Title VI and provision of California Code of Regulation Title 17 93120, Formaldehyde Emission Standard Phase2

More detailed information can be verified in product Technical Data Sheet and products Declaration of Performance (DoP), if applicable.

Product Documentation

Public documents with information on product requirements are available to download at Sonae Arauco website:

<https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/>

- Product Technical Datasheet (TDS)
- Declaration of Performance (DoP)

Formaldehyde Regulations

There is a clear trend in the market, in general and for wood-based products, towards sustainability and health and safe products for the end user. This trend can also be seen, since many years and all over the globe, in the regulatory evolution of the requirements for Formaldehyde emissions in wood-based products,

European regulation limits

European regulations establish formaldehyde emission limits for wood-based materials used in interior applications. Requirements are defined at EU level and complemented by classification systems such as E1 and more strict requirements like E05, as shown in the table below:

Classification	Measurement Method	Limit value	Notes
E1	Chamber EN 717-1	$\leq 0.124 \text{ mg/m}^3\text{h}$ or $\leq 0.10 \text{ ppm}$	European standard EN 13986
E05	Chamber EN 717-1	$\leq 0.062 \text{ mg/m}^3\text{h}$ or $\leq 0.05 \text{ ppm}$	REACH Regulation becomes mandatory in Europe from 6 August 2026. It's according to the German "Chemikalien-Verbotsverordnung"

USA and Canada regulation limits

Regulation of CARB and TSCA Title VI defines 3 formaldehyde levels CARB2, ULEF² and NAF³. This regulation is only applicable to PB and MDF, meaning that for decorative products to be sold in USA and Canada markets the core board needs to be certified, not the surfaced product. Formaldehyde emission limits for CARB2 class are:

Level	Product	Measurement Method	Limit value
CARB2	PB	ASTM E1333 or ASTM D6007	$\leq 0.09 \text{ ppm}$

2. Ultra-Low Emission Formaldehyde; 3. Non-Added Formaldehyde.

Japanese regulation limits: F4*

Japanese standard defines three different formaldehyde levels, the most demanding is F4*:

Level	Measurement Method	Limit value
JIS F****	Desiccator-Japan method (JIS A1460)	$\leq 0.3 \text{ mg/L}$

Sonae Arauco's factories have implemented internal inspections and control plans and supervision and certification agreements with external entities. Self-declarations and certificates are available on request.

Plant	E05 Certificate	CARB Certificate	F4* Certificate
Oliveira do Hospital	✓	✓	✓
Linares	✓	✓	
Beeskow	✓	✓	
Nettgau	✓	✓	

3. PARTICLEBOARD – RAW MATERIALS

In this section the most important pieces of information and documents related to the raw materials used to produce Particleboard are included.

A global description of product composition is disclosed below, and it is also available in product EPD (Environmental Product Declaration). As Sonae Arauco EPD represents 100% of the Particleboard production, all information showed is referring to average values, combining data of one year of production of each of the Sonae Arauco plants.

Detailed composition for specific products purchased from one or several of Sonae Arauco plants, can be made available upon request.

Main constituent materials (% by mass):

- Wood chips: approx. 85 %
- Water: 4 – 7 %
- Resin*: 8 – 10 %
- Paraffin wax emulsion: < 1.5 %

* Formaldehyde based resin: UF - urea formaldehyde resin or MUF - melamine-urea-formaldehyde resin.

Renewable content

Product	Renewable content	Fossil-based content
Particleboard	84 to 86 %	14 to 16 %

Wood

Wood from largely regional forests is used for manufacturing particleboard. This wood is typically procured with an average radius of 250 km of the plants' locations. Furthermore, sawmill by-products and recycled wood are also used as key raw materials in particleboard production.

We comply and act according to EUTR and are engaged in implementing EUDR.

On December 30, 2026, the EUDR regulation will take effect, superseding the EUTR legislation that is now in place. It expands on the current EUTR regulation on wood legality due diligence system requirements for wood-made products. It will represent additional challenges to ensure compliance, mainly in the form of stricter guidelines requiring the consideration of enhanced traceability across the supply chain, among other requisites. We are preparing for timely implementation, and committed to continue enhancing the sustainability in our business.

Wood mix (average of all plants in 2025)

Product	Roundwood	By-products	Pre-consumer recycled wood	Post-consumer recycled wood
Particleboard	16 %	14 %	27 %	43 %

The entire Particleboard range can be made available on request as FSC® (FSC® C009049) or PEFC (PEFC/14-35-00013) (program for the endorsement of forest certification) certified products.

For more detailed information, in addition to FSC® (FSC® C009049) and PEFC (PEFC/14-35-00013) certificates, also self-declarations are available on request, detailing our wood mix, wood sources and incorporation of recycled wood, by plant and/or geographic location:

Plant	Wood Sources	Sustainable Sources	Recycled Wood Content	Wood Preservatives	FSC® (FSC® C009049)	PEFC (PEFC/14-35-00013)
Oliveira do Hospital	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Linares	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beeskow	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nettgau	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Chemicals

In our manufacturing process, we integrate various chemicals to enhance efficiency and product features. However, our approach is guided by stringent criteria rooted in compliance with environmental, health, and safety legislation. We prioritize the selection of chemicals that not only contribute to the efficacy of our manufacturing operations but also align with responsible and sustainable practices. By adhering to these strict criteria, we ensure that our processes meet the highest standards of environmental protection and health and safety, underscoring our commitment to responsible manufacturing practices.

And as a result, our product does not contain:

- Substances listed in the ECHA candidate list (most updated list is considered) exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass.
- Other substances carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic (CMR) in categories 1A or 1B, which are not on the ECHA candidate list, exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass.
- Biocide products added in the production or raw materials treated with biocide products (treated product as defined by the EU Ordinance on Biocide Products No. 528/2012).

Product self-declarations available (on request):

- Reach declaration
- Contaminants and Prop 65
- Asbestos
- Wood preservatives

4. PARTICLEBOARD – PROCESSING

To support users and ensure the optimal performance of the particleboards, a set of comprehensive guidelines for the storage and processing of these wood-based panels as well as basic safety and environmental recommendations are collected.

Storage recommendations

The storage conditions for wood-based panels should be close to 20 °C and 35 – 50 % relative humidity. It is important to prevent sudden and wide changes in these conditions, which can affect the quality of the panels.

For the correct transportation and storage of wood-based panels, it is recommended to:

- Adequately protect the boards from the weather during transport.
- Store the boards in a covered area, protected from the weather and away from sources of humidity and intense heat.
- Ensure the floor is level and there are no objects causing unevenness in the storage area, store them horizontally, elevated off the ground using dry supports, at a height that allows forklift forks to enter without damaging the material.
- Store the boards grouped by size, so that they are aligned, and no board protrudes more than 15mm.
- When using support wedges or beams, ensure that:
 - the beams are of the same height.
 - a spacing between beams of 600 mm or less,
 - the beams are vertically aligned between pallets and placed parallel to the smallest dimension of the panels.
- Repack the boards whenever their packaging is damaged.
- Stock management is also recommended to minimize the time the material remains in storage, complying with the FIFO rule whenever possible.

Processing recommendations

Cutting

- Utilize carbide or diamond tipped saw blades for improved longevity and reduced chipping.
- Adjust cutting speed and feed rates based on panel thickness to prevent overheating.
- Support the panels adequately during cutting to minimize vibrations and ensure accuracy.

Drilling

- Select high-quality, carbide or diamond tipped drill bits designed for wood-based panels.
- Use a backer board to minimize chip-out on the exit side of the panel.
- Apply consistent pressure and use a slow drilling speed to avoid overheating.
- Clear debris regularly to prevent clogging and maintain drilling efficiency.

Routing

- Use carbide or diamond tipped router bits for clean and precise edges.

Safety recommendations

Sonae Arauco particleboard products are a wood product composed of wood and cured resin. Only when the product is altered downstream by cutting, sawing, sanding, heating or other means and significant dust is generated it becomes a hazard - in its shipped and finished form, this product is not considered hazardous.

Precautions for Safe Handling

Accumulation and dispersion of dust with an ignition source can cause a combustible dust explosion. Keep dust levels to a minimum and follow applicable regulations.

Avoid creating or spreading dust. Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. No smoking.

Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Do not breathe dust. Wash hands and other exposed areas with mild soap and water before eating, drinking, or smoking and when leaving work.

Prioritize safety during panel processing by adhering to these key measures:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE),
- Ensure all machinery is in proper working condition and follow safety protocols.
- Provide adequate ventilation when working with adhesives and finishes.

Fire Hazard: Not considered flammable but will burn at high temperatures.

Explosion Hazard: Product itself is not explosive but if dust is generated, dust clouds suspended in air can be explosive.

Since the panels are mostly made of wood, the formation of wood dust is to be expected during production process. Regarding the dust extraction and fire protection, local safety regulations must be controlled during Particleboard processing (cutting, drilling, edging, etc.). Protective equipment as safety glasses, dust mask, gloves are recommended when using hand tools without a dust extraction system.

The ignition temperature of wood-based panels is approx. 400 °C. Suitable extinguishing media is water and foam.

In case of fires, the same firefighting techniques can be used as for other wood-like building materials. Due to the high proportion of wood, the composition of the flue gases is comparable to that of wood. Incomplete combustion, as with any other organic material, may contain toxic substances in the smoke.

End of Life

The principle of cascade use of the wood must be applied to the elements made with Particleboards. Sonae Arauco particleboard leftovers and residual materials should be primarily directed towards material recycling. If this is not possible, they must be directed for energy recovery instead of landfilling.

Waste code according to the European List of Waste: 17 02 01

Reuse: In the case of a building refurbishing, particleboards can be separated, if the panel was not bonded over its full surface and used again for the same or similar application.

Recycle: Waste from deconstruction, decoration and furniture elements can be separated and routed to a material stream (post-consumer recycled material). The waste wood resulted can be recycled in the production of new particleboards.

Energetic use: If recycling is not an option, the product can be separated to be used to energetic recovery. Due to the high heating value of approx. 16.0 MJ/kg at 20 % moisture content, Particleboards can be used for energy recovery and the generation of heat and electricity (e.g., in CHP plants), following the cascading principle for wood. Please observe all legal requirements that can be applied locally.

Packaging disposal information

Main directive for packaging is Directive 94/62/EG, which entered into force in 1994, and the amendments made in Directive (EU) 2018/852.

The essential requirements, part of Directive 94/62/EG, are still in effect after the amendments made in Directive (EU) 2018/852 and focus on having packaging materials more sustainable.

Aligned with this goal and to stimulate recycling, reuse, and other useful applications for packaging waste, below are informed the codes that are applicable to the materials possible to be used in the packaging of Sonae Arauco panels:

Description	Material	Abbreviation	Numeration	% by unit weight*
Skids	MDF / PB	FOR	50	1 to 2
Protection corners	Cardboard	PAP	21	< 1
Plastic straps	Plastic	PET	1	
Plastic film (Wrapping or shrinking)	Plastic	LDPE	4	
Protection cardboard	Corrugated cardboard	PAP	20	
Label	Paper	PAP	22	
Packaging/Product ratio				NEE: 1/95 SWE: 2/94

*Information for standard packaging and reference product 15mm PB P2, specific information for other cases, available on request

5. PARTICLEBOARD – LIFE CYCLE AND CARBON FOOTPRINT

The global growth in the awareness and value given to sustainability, as an instrument to improve the quality of our lives in the present and protect our ecosystems for the future, matches Sonae Arauco mission and values in full as we are committed to the concept of sustainable use of raw materials and actively respect this principle in all business practices.

The increased relevance given worldwide to sustainability, circularity and environmental impacts of products, companies and individuals has however created a broad and not always simple to understand, range of options for Ecolabeling and sustainability certification systems.

Although across the previous sections several documents and pieces of information presented are also related to Sustainability, Indoor Air quality and Health and Safety, in this section is presented a summary of the Ecolabels and Certification systems options more commonly associated to Wood Based products and applications, giving a short description of the label/system, and how Sonae Arauco products score or can contribute for our customers certification processes.

Environmental life cycle assessment

Sonae Arauco developed an Environmental life cycle assessment for all products, covering data from all sites in Europe and South Africa, according to the guidelines of ISO 15804+A2.

Particleboards have an independent verified environmental product declaration (EPD) according to ISO 14025. See EPD PB uncoated on: <https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/>

Stored Carbon dioxide and Biogenic Carbon Content:

Particleboards	kg/m ³
Biogenic Carbon Content	272.9
Stored Carbon Dioxide	1000

Biogenic carbon refers to carbon that is part of the natural carbon cycle, specifically originating from living organisms and organic matter. This carbon is derived from plants through the process of photosynthesis, where plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and convert it into organic compounds.

Biogenic carbon is considered a more sustainable and environmentally friendly source because it does not contribute to the net increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere over geological timescales. It plays a role in promoting a circular carbon economy, where carbon is continually recycled through natural processes.

Global Warming Potential:

Parameter (Module A1-A3) *	Unit – kg CO ₂ equivalent
Global warming Potential – total	-682
Global warming Potential – fossil	331
Global warming Potential – biogenic	-1010
Global warming Potential – luluc	0.549

*Declared unit: 1 m³ Particleboard

For the global warming potential (GWP) during the production phase (Module A1-A3) of the particleboards, the total calculated value is a negative value. This is due to the contribution of wood; while trees are growing, the wood stores carbon dioxide as biogenic carbon and does therefore not have a greenhouse effect as long as it is stored in the product.

Only if/when the product is used for energy generation at the end of the product life cycle (Module C3) does the stored carbon leaves the product.

6. CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUILDING CERTIFICATION SCHEMES

BREEAM

Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM®) is an internationally recognized method for assessing and certifying the sustainability of buildings. BREEAM® assesses the performance of individual buildings to increase their value and attractiveness while improving living conditions for their users.

The main building categories BREEAM® can be applied to are Communities, Residential, New Construction and Buildings in Use. This certification comprises a scoring system whereby buildings are rated according to their compliance with the requirements established by the organization (BRE). There are distinct categories that tackle different issues involved in the construction of buildings, such as energy, water, or the health and well-being of the people who live in the building.

Compliance: BREEAM® is a system aimed at certifying buildings and not materials, thus Sonae Arauco can contribute to this certification by obtaining credits that result from using our wood solutions.

Particleboards are compliant with the prerequisites for the use in BREEAM® certified buildings and fulfil the emission requirements. Beyond that the usage of particleboard contributes to gathering additional points within the BREEAM® scoring system. The following table shows all BREEAM® credits which are applicable to the usage of our product. As the achievable number of points depends on the attributes of all used materials in the BREEAM® building project and further actions by the constructor, we cannot guarantee to obtain the maximum score.

Contribution of product Particleboard to BREEAM® credits:

Chapter	Requirement Summary	Maximum Credit Points	Product contributions
MAT 01. Building climate impact	Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) can be used in Credit "MAT 01: Building climate impact" for the calculation of the Life-Cycle Assessment of the building.	Prerequisite	This product has an independent verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) according to ISO 14025. Numerous indicators of environmental impacts, waste generation and water and energy consumption are available. See EPD PB uncoated on: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/
MAT 03. Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products	Prerequisite: It must be demonstrated that all timber used in the project is "legally harvested and traded timber."	Prerequisite	Sonae Arauco holds the chain of custody certification PEFC (PEFC/14-35-00013) and FSC® (FSC® C009049), covering all industrial operations. Use delivery receipt as evidence document. More information is available for download at: https://sonaearauco.com/sustainability/other-certifications/
H&W 02. Indoor Air Quality	Avoidance of asbestos	Prerequisite	All products produced at Sonae Arauco plants are in line with European directives regarding presence of Hazardous substances and are not constituted of any Asbestos within. (Self-declaration on non-use of Asbestos is available on request)
H&W 02. Indoor Air Quality	Minimizing sources of pollution - Emissions from building products. Product should meet emission criteria: Formaldehyde $\leq 0.06 \text{ mg/m}^3$ and TVOC $\leq 1.0 \text{ mg/m}^3$ Category 1A and 1B carcinogens $\leq 0.001 \text{ mg/m}^3$	2 Points	Sonae Arauco uncoated particleboards that meet the requirement for Volatile Organic Compounds - product and post-construction (2 points), are available. Product test report on requirement.

LEED

Sonae Arauco has been investing in the development of construction and decorative solutions which, while adapting to the most varied technical requirements, play a key role in helping projects to obtain LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) certification.

Developed by the US Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED® is one of the most recognized building performance management systems in the world which assesses performance in terms of sustainability using a comprehensive set of tools.

Compliance: LEED® is a system aimed at certifying buildings and not materials, thus Sonae Arauco is able to contribute to this certification by obtaining credits that result from the use of our wood solutions.

Particleboard (PB) is compliant with the relevant prerequisites for the use in LEED® certified buildings. Moreover, the use of PB can contribute to the attainment of additional points within the LEED® scoring system. The table below shows all LEED® credits (per LEED v5) that are applicable to the use of this product. As the achievable number of points depends on the attributes of all of all materials used in the project and on further actions by the project team, we cannot guarantee the maximum score.

Contribution of product Particleboard to LEED® credits:

Chapter	Requirement Summary	Maximum Credit Points	Product contributions
Material and Resources	MRp1 - Planning for Zero Waste Operations Reduce waste disposed in landfills and incinerators by recovering, reusing, and recycling materials.	Prerequisite	Sonae Arauco PB can be collected separately and used in new wood-based boards manufacture. Our PB is recyclable at the end of its useful life. See more information in PB EPD - download available at: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/
	MRp2 - Quantify and Assess Embodied Carbon To quantify embodied carbon impacts of materials used in commercial interiors projects and assess the top sources of embodied carbon	Prerequisite	Sonae Arauco PB can indirectly contribute to obtain credits, because wood (including wood-based panels like MDF/PB) is part of the materials whose embodied carbon must be quantified. In Sonae Arauco all our products have the quantified GWP in our EPD. See more information in PB EPD - download available at: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/
	MRC1 - Interior Materials Reuse	1 - 4 Points	Sonae Arauco PB can be collected separately and used in new wood-based boards manufacture. Our PB is recyclable at the end of its useful life. See more information in PB EPD - download available at: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/
	MRC2 - Reduce Embodied Carbon	1 - 4 Points	Sonae Arauco PB supports MRC2 by contributing to reduced embodied carbon at building level, leveraging EPD-based LCA data to demonstrate measurable GWP reductions, particularly when replacing more carbon-intensive materials. See more information in PB EPD - download available at: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/
	MRC3 - Low-emitting Materials Select products and materials that reduce indoor air contaminants (applicable to composite wood among other categories).	1 - 4 Points	Sonae Arauco PB is certified as a low formaldehyde emission product under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), in accordance with the formaldehyde emission regulations for composite wood products (TSCA, Title VI - EPA). The product has been evaluated in accordance with EN 717-1:2014 regarding formaldehyde emissions and complies with the requirements of emission class E05.
	MRC4 - Building Product Selection and Procurement Encourages the use of products with environmental and social sustainability disclosures.	1 - 10 points	Environmental transparency: This product has an independent verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) and data according to ISO 14025. See PB EPD on: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/ Responsible sourcing: All wood used in PB production is sourced under PEFC (PEFC/14-35-00013) and FSC® (FSC® C009049), demonstrating sustainable forestry practices recognized by LEED. More information is available for download at: https://sonaearauco.com/sustainability/other-certifications/ Human health: PB contains no added substances above 0.1% that are listed on the current ECHA Candidate List of SVHCs or classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic, or reprotoxic (CMR) category 1A/1B. (A self-declaration confirming ingredient safety is available.)
	MRC5 - Waste Diversion	1 - 4 Points	Sonae Arauco PB panels can be recycled into new wood based products or used as secondary raw material. The product is recyclable at the end of its useful life. See more information in PB EPD - download available at: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/

WELL building standard

The WELL® Building Standard is a performance-based system for measuring, certifying, and monitoring features of the built environment that impact human health and wellbeing, through air, water, nourishment, light, fitness, comfort, and mind. The WELL® is a third-party building certification scheme managed and administered by the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) in collaboration with Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).

Preconditions: Preconditions (like LEED® prerequisites) represent the core features of the WELL® Building Standard. To be awarded WELL® certification, all applicable Preconditions must be met by the proposed building.

Optimizations: Optimizations provide project teams with optional pathways to meet WELL® certification requirements. These optimization features (like LEED® credits) include technologies, design strategies, protocols and policies that can be implemented by the owners, designers, engineers, contractors, users, and operators. To each WELL® optimization is assigned several points according to its potential impact in addressing a specific health and wellness concern or opportunity for health promotion.

Compliance: WELL® BUILDING STANDARD is a system aimed at certifying buildings and not materials, thus Sonae Arauco can contribute to this certification by obtaining points that result from our wood solutions.

Particleboards are compliant with the prerequisites for the use in WELL® BUILDING STANDARD v2™ certified buildings. Beyond that, the usage of Particleboards contributes to gathering additional points within the WELL® features which are applicable to the usage of our product. The following table shows all WELL® features which are applicable to the usage of our product. As the achievable number of points depends on the attributes of all used materials in the WELL® building project and further actions by the constructor, we cannot guarantee to obtain the maximum score.

Contribution of product Particleboard to WEEL building standard v2™ points:

Chapter	Requirement Summary	Maximum Points	Product Contributions
X01 Material Restrictions	To reduce or eliminate human exposure to hazardous building materials, this feature requires the <u>restriction of widely known hazardous ingredients, namely asbestos, mercury and lead</u> , in newly installed building materials or applied products.	Precondition	All products produced at Sonae Arauco plants are in line with European directives regarding presence of Hazardous substances and are not constituted of any Asbestos within. REACH Declaration Available for download at: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/ Sonae Arauco also performs regular tests in external laboratories to guarantee that heavy metals and substances like Lead, Mercury, Phthalates, Chromium (III) and Chromium (VI), cadmium, among others, are in compliance with defined requirements and regulations.
X05 Enhanced Material Restrictions	Parts 2a,2c. Select Compliant Architectural and Interior Products: At least 50 % by cost of newly installed products under the classes listed below, as defined by Appendix X1 (minimum 10 distinct products), meet the following requirements, unless higher amounts are mandated by local code: Flooring products, ceiling and wall finishes, and demountable wall partitions contain <u>halogenated flame retardants at less than 100 ppm (0.01 %) by weight</u>	1 Point	The product complies with this requirement. No halogenated flame retardants are used in this product or in the fire retardants used by Sonae Arauco
X05 Enhanced Material Restrictions	Parts 2a,2c. Select Compliant Architectural and Interior Products: At least 50 % by cost of newly installed products under the classes listed below, as defined by Appendix X1 (minimum 10 distinct products), meet the following requirements, unless higher amounts are mandated by local code: Flooring products, ceiling and wall finishes, and demountable wall partitions contain <u>orthophthalates at less than 100 ppm (0.01 %) by weight</u>		The product complies with this requirement. No phthalates are used in this product. (Self-declaration on non-use of phthalates available)
X06 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Restrictions	Part 2a. Restrict VOC Emissions from Furniture, Architectural and Interior Products: Products: Furniture and wall panels tested per methods and VOC emission thresholds established in one of the following: 1) AgBB 2) European Union LCI VOC thresholds10 following EN 16516-1:2017 testing methods 3) ANSI/BIFMA e3-2014, sections 7.6.1 or 7.6.2 (Furniture) 4) Any compliance path accepted to meet the VOC emission requirements of the 'Low-Emitting Materials' credit of the LEED® v4.1 standard	2 Points	Products compliant with ABG/AgBB (Ausschuss zur gesundheitlichen Bewertung von Bauprodukten (June 2021) are available.
X06 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Restrictions	Part 2c. Restrict VOC Emissions from Furniture, Architectural and Interior Products: All composite wood panels, including medium-density fibreboard, plywood and particle wood panels meet the 'Formaldehyde emissions evaluation' criterion of the 'Low-Emitting Materials' credit of the LEED® v4.1 standard, or meet one of the following: US EPA TSCA Title VI, Europe E1, Japan Four-star.		Products evaluated per EN-717-1:2014 for formaldehyde emissions and complying with emissions class E05, in accordance with the German Chemicals Prohibition Ordinance (ChemVerbotsV) and based on DIBt Guideline 100 are available (E05 Certificates or Self-Declarations available).

DGNB

DGNB (German Sustainable Building Council) consistently considers the entire life cycle of a project and evaluates the overall performance instead of individual measures. The DGNB is based on the three central sustainability areas of ecology, economy, and socio-cultural quality, which are equally weighted in the assessment. In a holistic approach, the DGNB System also evaluates the location and technical and process-related quality. The performance of these qualities can be assessed through certification criteria. These are individually adapted to different schemes and can be applied to new buildings, existing buildings, renovations, and buildings in use. To meet the requirements of the different phases of the life cycle, DGNB certification can be applied to new and existing buildings, for renovation, for interior design, for building operation, for deconstruction and construction sites.

Compliance: DGNB is a system aimed at certifying buildings and not materials, thus Sonae Arauco can contribute to this certification by obtaining credits that result from our wood solutions. Indeed, Sonae Arauco products could be included in the "DGNB Navigator" platform and register for "DGNB Navigator Label."

A construction product listed in the DGNB Navigator can also receive the **DGNB Navigator Label** if a product-specific Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is available and if all product characteristics according to the DGNB criteria are filled in, including the determination of all quality levels following a data comparison by the DGNB.

Which quality levels Particleboards fulfil according to the DGNB system and where you can find the required verifications can be found in the following table. The contributions to the overall degree of fulfilment resulting from this according to the DGNB point system depend, among other topics, on the relevance of the product group for the overall building. Please note that other criteria are also relevant for the overall rating of the building. Therefore, we cannot guarantee a score to be obtained by Particleboards.

Contribution of product Particleboard to DGNB quality level:

Chapter	Requirement Summary	Quality Level	Product contributions
TEC 1.6 Ease of recovery and recycling	Recycling and disposal path: Material recovery in building construction - With currently available technology, the material of the building component/ building sub-component/construction product can predominantly be recovered, enabling it to be used for production of a new building component/ building sub-component/construction product for building construction. or Material recovery - With currently available technology, the building component/ building sub-component/construction product can predominantly be used as a secondary raw material for use outside of building construction.	2	Sonae Arauco uncoated particleboards can be collected separately and used in particleboard manufacture. The product is recyclable at the end of its useful life. See more information in EPD PB uncoated - download available at: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/
TEC 1.6 Ease of recovery and recycling	Declaration by the/a manufacturer or a disposal company, or plausible statement by the auditor specifying a reliable external source (e.g., EPD) indicating that material recovery is normal for the building component/building sub-component/product and can be carried out with currently available technology.	General Requirement - documentation for QL2	This product has an independent verified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) and data according to ISO 14025. See EPD PB uncoated on: https://www.sonaearauco.com/downloads/
TEC 1.6 Ease of recovery and recycling	No chemical wood preservatives in the interior	4	During Sonae Arauco uncoated particleboard production, no wood preservatives are added. (Self-Declaration on non-use of wood preservatives is available)
ENV 1.2 Local environmental impact	Construction products (products) equipped with biocides and flame retardants: Wood preservatives, wood materials, insulating materials (Factory and building site): Boron compounds ≤ 0.1 %	4	The product complies with this requirement. No halogenated flame retardants are used in this product or in the fire retardants.
ENV 1.2 Local environmental impact	Exterior and Interior walls, floor, and ceiling coverings (such as fiberboards): Asbestos free	4	All products produced at Sonae Arauco plants are in line with European directives regarding presence of Hazardous substances and are not constituted of any Asbestos within. (Self-Declaration on non-use of Asbestos is Available)
ENV 1.2 Local environmental impact	Documentation of emission: Certification (no more than 5 years old) by a laboratory accredited in accordance with ISO 17025 that the product or system complies with the AgBB criteria (except for sensory characteristics) based on emissions testing in accordance with ISO 16000-9, prEN 16516 or EN 16402	4	Products complying with the LCI values of the German AGB/AgBB (Ausschuss zur gesundheitlichen Bewertung von Bauprodukten (June 2021) are available.
ENV 1.3 Sustainable resource extraction	Certified sustainable resource extraction	1.3	Sonae Arauco holds the chain of custody certification PEFC (PEFC/14-35-00013) and FSC® (FSC® C009049) covering all industrial operations. Use delivery receipt as evidence document. More information is available for download at: https://sonaearauco.com/sustainability/other-certifications/

7. LISTING IN PRODUCTS PLATFORMS

Efforts to implement sustainability policies, guidelines and actions are a concern of Sonae Arauco that is shared broadly by the market.

To Support this effort, Sonae Arauco is joining different platforms that target the listing and/or scoring of products with focus in sustainability and allow users to have their own assessments made easier taking advantage of the information provided to the platform by Sonae Arauco.

Nordic Ecolabelling Supply Chain Declaration Portal

The portal allows suppliers to declare products in order to support their customers to obtain the Nordic Swan Ecolabel. In the listing process it is declared the properties of the products, such as raw materials used, as for example resins, wood species and other components and also performance in what regards indoor air quality impact, such as formaldehyde emissions level.

With this product listing by Sonae Arauco, when certifying a final product according to Nordic Ecolabeling, customers will be able to automatically select Particleboard from the drop-down list available in the platform.

DGNB Navigator

DGNB Navigator is a platform with the focus in supporting the DGNB certification system (as described above in section "Contribution to Building Certification Schemes").

This platform was created in Germany and is gaining relevance in other markets/geographies for construction application. In this platform architects, house planners and DGNB auditors can find all relevant product data.

The listing in DGNB is made product by product, meaning that the supplier selects which products to list. After registering to have the products listed, suppliers provide all required product information for the products to be listed, all data is checked for the completeness and plausibility by the DGNB and made available for customers to use in their DGNB certification processes.



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