Product Environmental Profile

EasyPact 400









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Product Overview

EasyPact 400 circuit breakers are designed to withstand and interrupt currents under normal circuit conditions and to withstand for a specified length of time and interrupt currents under abnormal circuit conditions, such as short-circuit conditions.

The Product Environmental Profile (PEP) covers the entire range:

- EasyPact 3-pole or 4-pole circuit breaker rated at 400 A
- fitted with a thermomagnetic tripping device.

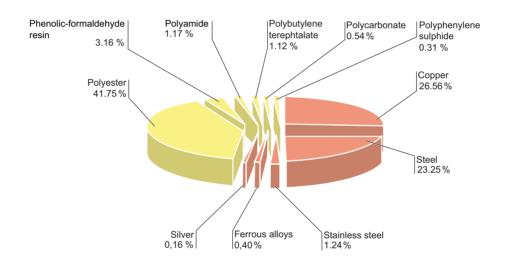
The representative product used for the analysis is the four-pole EasyPact 400 A. The environmental impacts of this referenced product are representative of the impacts of the other products in the range for which the same technology is used.

The environmental analysis was performed in conformity with ISO 14040 "Environmental management: Life Cycle Assessment – Principle and framework".

This analysis takes the stages in the life cycle of the product into account.

Constituent materials

The design and size of the products in this range are identical. The mass of the four-pole EasyPact 400A is 6794 g, not including the packaging. The constituent materials are distributed as follows



Substance assessment	
	Products of this range are designed in conformity with the requirements of the RoHS directive (European Directive 2002/95/EC of 27 January 2003) and do not contain, or in the authorised proportions, lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium hexavalent, flame retardant (polybromobiphenyles PBB, polybromodiphenylthers PBDE) as mentioned in the Directive.
Manufacturing	
	The products in the EasyPact 400 circuit breaker range are manufactured at Schneider Electric production sites which have established an ISO 14001 certified environmental management system.
Distribution	
	The packaging complies with the European Union Packaging Directive. It was designed to optimise its weight and volume. The weight of the packaging of the four-pole EasyPact 400A is 250 g. It consists of a cardboard box. The product distribution flows have been optimised by setting up local distribution centres close to the market areas.

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Utilization	
	The products in the EasyPact 400A range do not generate any environmental pollution requiring special precautionary measures (noise, emissions, etc.). The dissipated power (loss of wattage due to the Joule effect) depends on the conditions under which the product is implemented and used. For the EasyPact 400 product range, the dissipated power is 19 W. This heat dissipation accounts for less than 0.01% of the power passing through the product. The annual power consumption of a 4P EasyPact 400A is 199 kW, assuming that it is operating at 80% of the load for 14 hours and 20% of the load for 10 hours.
End of life	
	At end of life, the products in the EasyPact 400 range can either be dismantled or crushed to facilitate the recovery of the various constituent materials. The potential for recycling products in the EasyPact 400 range is greater than 73%. This percentage includes ferrous and non-ferrous materials, as well as marked plastics that do not contain halogenated flame retardants. The remaining 27% of the total product materials are recovered as energy. The products in the EasyPact 400 range require no special recycling treatment.
Environmental impacts	
	The EIME (Environmental Impact and Management Explorer) software, version 1.6 and its database, version 5.4, were used for the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). The assumed service life of the product is 20 years and the European electrical power model is used. The Life Cycle Assessment relates to the 4P EasyPact 400A. This analysis takes the product consumptions and emissions into account in the life cycle phases: Manufacturing "M" including the processing of raw materials, Distribution "D" and Utilisation "U".

Presentation of the environmental impacts of the product

Environmental indicators	Unit	For a "4P EasyPact 400A"			
		S = M + D + U	М	D	U
Raw Material Depletion	Y-1	1.07 10 ⁻¹²	1.05 10 ⁻¹²	4.55 10 ⁻¹⁷	2.64 10 ⁻¹⁴
Energy consumption	MJ	3.01 10 ⁴	4.72 10 ²	3.39 10	2.96 10 ⁴
Water Depletion	dm ³	4.16 10 ³	3.15 10 ²	1.50	3.85 10 ³
Global Warming potential	g≈CO ₂	1.88 10 ⁶	2.60 10 ⁴	2.69 10 ³	1.85 10 ⁶
Ozone Depletion potential	g≈CFC-11	2.37 10 ⁻¹	7.13 10 ⁻³	8.34 10 ⁻⁴	2.29 10 ⁻¹
Photochemical Ozone Creation	g≈C ₂ H ₄	6.66 10 ²	9.34	2.67	6.54 10 ²
Air Acidification	g≈H ⁺	3.27 10 ²	1.16 10	7.19 10 ⁻¹	3.14 10 ²
Hazardous Waste Production	kg	2.67 10	1.69 10 ⁻¹	4.71 10 ⁻⁴	2.66 10

The utilisation phase (phase U) has the greatest impact on all the life cycle phases of the product. It corresponds to the impacts associated with electricity production during this phase. Schneider Electric takes all the necessary measures required to optimise this parameter.

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System approach	
	As the product of the range are designed in accordance with the RoHS Directive (European Directive 2002/95/EC of 27 January 2003), they can be incorporated without any restriction within an assembly or an installation submitted to this Directive.
	N.B.: please note that the environmental impacts of the product depend on the use and installation conditions of the product. Impacts values given above are only valid within the context specified and cannot be directly used to draw up the environmental assessment of the installation.
Glossary	
Raw Material Depletion (RMD)	This indicator quantifies the consumption of raw materials during the life cycle of the product. It is expressed as the fraction of natural resources that disappear each year, with respect to all the annual reserves of the material.
Energy Depletion (ED)	This indicator gives the quantity of energy consumed, whether it be from fossil, hydroelectric, nuclear or other sources. This indicator takes into account the energy from the material produced during combustion. It is expressed in MJ.
Water Depletion (WD)	This indicator calculates the volume of water consumed, including drinking water and water from industrial sources. It is expressed in dm ³ .
Global Warming (GW)	The global warming of the planet is the result of the increase in the greenhouse effect due to the sunlight reflected by the earth's surface being absorbed by certain gases known as "greenhouse-effect" gases. The effect is quantified in gram equivalent of CO_2 .
Ozone Depletion (OD)	This indicator defines the contribution to the phenomenon of the disappearance of the stratospheric ozone layer due to the emission of certain specific gases. The effect is expressed in gram equivalent of CFC-11.
Photochemical Ozone Creation (POC)	This indicator quantifies the contribution to the "smog" phenomenon (the photochemical oxidation of certain gases which generates ozone) and is expressed in gram equivalent of ethylene (C_2H_4) .
Air Acidification (AA)	The acid substances present in the atmosphere are carried by rain. A high level of acidity in the rain can cause damage to forests. The contribution of acidification is calculated using the acidification potentials of the substances concerned and is expressed in mode equivalent of H^+ .
Hazardous Waste Production (HWP)	This indicator calculates the quantity of specially treated waste created during all the life cycle phases (manufacturing, distribution and utilization). For example, special industrial waste in the manufacturing phase, waste associated with the production of electrical power, etc. It is expressed in kg.

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