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Test Report No. 51014-001 II

Test objective:	Emission analysis according to M1 criteria
Sample description by client:	Reliefholz by nature; Fichte/Tanne spalt- rau natur
Sampled by:	Client
Date of arrival of sample:	19.02.2016
Date of report:	13.04.2016
Number of pages of report:	17
Testing laboratory:	eco-INSTITUT Germany GmbH, Köln
Test objective fulfilled:	✓ Classification M1





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Sample view

Internal Sample-no.	Description by customer	Condition upon delivery	Type of sample
A001	Reliefholz by nature; Fichte/Tanne spaltrau natur	without objection	MDF + solid timber wall cladding



A001: Reliefholz by nature; Fichte/Tanne spaltrau natur



Expert evaluation (M1)

The product **Reliefholz by nature**; **Fichte/Tanne spaltrau natur** has been tested on behalf of **Reichert Holztechnik GmbH & Co. KG**.

This evaluation bases on the test criteria of the Building Information Foundation RTS. The results of the emission analysis are stated as Specific Emission Rate (SER).

The test results documented in the test report were evaluated as follows.

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0,049 mg/m ² h	< 0,2 mg/m ² h	yes
0,0065 mg/m ² h	< 0,05 mg/m ² h	yes
< 0,0075 mg/m ² h	< 0,03 mg/m ² h	yes
< 0,0005 mg/m ² h	< 0,005 mg/m²h	yes
0,5	> 04 🗖	yes
	0,0065 mg/m ² h < 0,0075 mg/m ² h < 0,0005 mg/m ² h	0,0065 mg/m²h <

1) for TVOC only substances \geq 5 µg/m³ are considered

Summary evaluation

The product **Reliefholz by nature**; **Fichte/Tanne spaltrau natur** meets the requirements of the **Emission Class M1** (equivalent for low emitting product acc. to EN 15251:2007).

Cologne, 13.04.2016

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Laboratory report

1 Emission analysis

Volatile Organic Compounds:

Limit of determination:

Test method

prEN 16516	Testing and evaluation of the release of dangerous sub- stances; determination of emissions into indoor air
Preparation of test sample	
Date:	01.03.2016
Pre-treatment:	not applicable
Masking of backside:	yes
Masking of edges:	yes, 100 %
Relationship of unmasked edges to surface:	not applicable
Charging:	related to area
Dimensions:	36,3 cm x 34,4 cm
Test chamber conditions according to Chamber volume:	0,125 m ³
Temperature:	23 °C
Relative humidity:	50% ENGROS
Air pressure:	normal
Air:	cleaned
Air change rate:	0,5 h ⁻¹
Air velocity:	0,3 m/s
Loading:	1,0 m²/m³
Specific air flow rate:	0,5 m³/m² · h
Air sampling:	28 days after test chamber loading
Analytics	
Aldehydes and Ketones	DIN ISO 16000-3
Limit of determination:	2 μg/m³

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DIN ISO 16000-6

1 µg/m³



1.1 Volatile Organic Compounds after 28 days

Test objective:

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), test chamber, air sampling 28 days after test chamber loading

Test result:

Sample:

A001: Reliefholz by nature; Fichte/Tanne spaltrau natur

No.	Substance	CAS No.	RT	Concentration+ (test chamber air)	Toluene- equivalent	CMR	LCI	R-value
				Substances ≥ 1 µg/m³ 28 days	Substances ≥ 5 µg/m³ 28 days	Classifi- cation	AgBB 2015	
			[min]	[µg/m³]	[µg/m³]		[µg/m³]	
3	Terpenes							
3-2	α-Pinene	80-56-8	11,77	1			2500	0,00
3-3	ß-Pinene	127-91-3	12,84	1			1400	0,00
4	Aliphatic alcohols (n-, iso-, cyclo) and dialko- hole			_				
4-6	1-Butanol	71-36-3	11,77	1			-3000	0,00
4-7	Pentanol (all isomers)	71-41-0	12,84	1	6		730	0,00
7	Aldehyde			EN				
7-2	Pentanal	110-62-3	6,54		6		800	0,01
7-3	Hexanal	66-25-1	8,52	25	28		900	0,03
7-6	Octanal	124-13-0	12,99	1			900	0,00
7-7	Nonanal	124-19-6	15,17	1			900	0,00
7-20	Acetaldehyde	75-07-0		5		K2	1200	0,00
7-22	Formaldehyde	50-00-0		13		K1BM2	100	0,13
8	Ketones	•	•		•		•	
8-1	Ethylmethylketone	78-93-3		2			5000	0,00
8-10	Acetone	67-64-1		20			1200	0,02



No.	Substance	CAS No.	RT	Concentration+ (test chamber air) Substances ≥ 1 µg/m³ 28 days	Toluene- equivalent Substances ≥ 5 μg/m³ 28 days	CMR Classifi- cation	LCI AgBB 2015	R-value
			[min]	[µg/m³]	[µg/m³]		[µg/m³]	
9	Acids	·						
9-1	Acetic acid	64-19-7	4,84	150	44		1250	0,12
9-2	Propionic acid	79-09-4	6,02	7			310	0,02
9-7	n-Caproic acid (n-Hexa- noic acid)	142-62-1	11,99	8	5		490	0,02
10	Esters							
10-11	1 Butyl acetate	123-86-4	8,68	8	9		4800	0,00
	Carboxylic acid esters*		17,03	1				
	Carboxylic acid esters *		18,05	1				
	several Carboxylic acid esters*		27,0- 29,0	14	14			

+ identified and calibrated substances, substance specific calculated

++ Classification according to Regulation (EG) N° 1272/2008: Categories Carc. 1A and 1B, Muta. 1A and 1B, Repr. 1A and 1B, TRGS 905: K1 and K2, M1 and M2, R1 and R2, IARC: Group 1 and 2A, DFG MAK-list: Categorie III1 and III2

* unidentified substance, calculated as toluene equivalent

Carcinogenic, mutagenic and reproductive toxic components	Concentration after 28 days [µg/m³]	SERa [µg/m²h]	DS
CMR 1: VOC (incl. VVOC and SVOC) with the following categorisa- tions: Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008: Category Carc. 1A and 1B, Muta. 1A and 1B, Repr. 1A and 1B; TRGS 905: K1, K2, M1, M2, R1, R2; IARC: Group 1 and 2A; DFG (MAK list): Categories III1, III2 (Sum)	<1	< 0,5	
C 1: VOC (incl. VVOC and SVOC) with the following categorisa- tions: Regulation (EG) Nr. 1272/2008: Category Carc. 1A u. 1B, TRGS 905: K1, K2; IARC: Group 1 u. 2A; DFG (MAK-list): Category III1, III2 (Sum)	< 1	< 0,5	

TVOC, Total volatile organic compounds	Concentration after 28 days [µg/m³]	SER₄ [µg/m²h]
Sum of VOC according to prEN 16516	98	49
Sum of VOC according to AgBB 2015 / DIBt	200	99
Sum of VOC according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	210	110
Sum of VOC according to ISO 16000-6	160	80

TSVOC, Total semi volatile organic compounds	Concentration after 28 days [µg/m³]	SER₂ [µg/m²h]
Sum of SVOC according to prEN 16516	14	7
Sum of SVOC without LCI according to AgBB 2015 / DIBt	14	7
Sum of SVOC without LCI according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	14	7
Sum of SVOC with LCI according to AgBB 2015 / DIBt	< 5	< 2,5

TVVOC, Total very volatile organic compounds	Concentration after 28 days [µg/m³]	SERa [µg/m²h]
Sum of VVOC according to AgBB 2015 / DIBt and Belgian regula- tion	38	19
Sum of VVOC according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	38	

Other groups	Concentration after 28 days [µg/m³]	SER _a [µg/m²h]
VOC without LCI according to AgBB/DIBt and Belgian regulation (sum)	< 5	< 2,5
VOC without LCI according to eco-INSTITUT-Label (sum)	2	1
CMR 2: VOC (incl. VVOC and SVOC) with the following categorisa- tions: Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008: Category Carc. 2, Muta. 2, Repr. 2; TRGS 905: K3; IARC: Group 2B; DFG (MAK list): Category III3 (Sum)	5	2,5
Sensitising compounds with the following categorisations: DFG (MAK list): Category IV, German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment lists: Cat A, TRGS 907 (Sum)	2	1

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Other groups	Concentration after 28 days [µg/m³]	SER₂ [µg/m²h]
Bicyclic Terpenes	2	1
C9 - C14: Alkanes / Isoalkanes as dekane-equivalent (Sum)	< 1	< 0,5
C4-C11 Aldehydes, acyclic, aliphatic (Sum)	31	16
C9-C15 Alkylated benzenes (Sum)	< 1	< 0,5
Kresoles (Sum)	< 1	< 0,5

Risk value for assessment of LCI	R-value
R-value according to eco-INSTITUT-Label	0,35
R-value according to AgBB 2015 / DIBt	0,34
R-value according to Belgian regulation	0,19
R-value according to AFSSET	2,02

Note: Due to different requirements in the respective guidelines, the calculation of TVOC, TVVOC, TSVOC and R-value may result in different values.

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1.2 Ammonia

Test parameter:

Ammonia

Test method:

Analytics	UV/VIS Spectrometric analysis, Method of DIBt (German Institute for Structural Engineering)
Limit of determination:	15 μg/m³

Test result:

Sample:	Measurement after [days]	Concentration (Test chamber air) [μg/m ³]
Reliefholz by nature; Fichte/Tanne spaltrau natur	28	<15





2 Odour

Test parameter:

Odour, test collective, odour test 28 days after test chamber loading

Test method:

Preparation of test sample:	see 1.1. Volatile organic compounds	
Test chamber conditions:	see 1.1. Volatile organic compounds	
	Air sampling:	28 days after test chamber loading
Analytics:	following DIN EN ISO 16000-28	
Probands:	Quantity:	15
	therefrom female:	5
Evaluation:	Acceptance	Continuous scale from +1 (clearly acceptable) to -1 (clearly unacceptable)

Test result:		
Sample:	A001: Reliefho	z by nature; Fichte/Tanne spaltrau natur
	Acceptance	
Arithmetical mean	0,5	
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	Acceptance
Arithmetical mean (back- ground)	0,9
Standard deviation	0,3
half width of the 90% confidence interval	0,2

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Appendix

I Sampling Sheet

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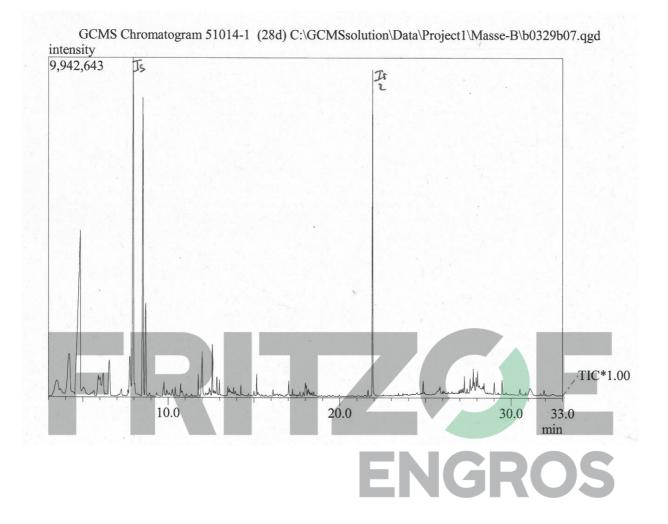
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II Chromatogram



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III Definition of terms

VOC All individual compounds with a concentration $\geq 1 \ \mu g/m^3$ in the (volatile organic compounds) retention range C_6 (n-Hexane) to C_{16} (n-Hexadecane) TVOC Total volatile organic compounds Sum of all VOC \geq 5 µg/m³ in the retention range C₆ to C₁₆, cal-TVOC according to culated as toluene equivalent prEN 16516 TVOC according to AgBB/DIBt Sum of all identified and calibrated VOC \geq 5 µg/m³, SVOC \geq 5 $\mu g/m^3$ with LCI and not calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \mu g/m^3$ calculated as toluene equivalent TVOC according to Sum of all identified and calibrated VOC \geq 1 µg/m³, SVOC \geq 5 $\mu g/m^3$ with LCI and not calibrated VOC $\geq 1 \mu g/m^3$ calculated as eco-INSTITUT-Label toluene equivalent TVOC according to Total area of chromatogram in the retention range C_6 to C_{16} , calculated as toluene equivalent ISO 16000-6 TVOC without LCI according to Sum of all VOC without NIK $\geq 5 \,\mu g/m^3$ in the retention range AgBB/DIBt and Belgian regula-C₆ to C₁₆ tion TVOC without LCI according to Sum of all VOC without NIK $\geq 1 \mu g/m^3$ in the retention range eco-INSTITUT-Label C_6 to C_{16} CMR-VOC All individual substances with the following categories: (carcinogenic, mutagenic, re-Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008: Category Car.1A and 1B, production-toxic VOC, VVOC Muta. 1A and 1B, Repr. 1A and 1B and SVOC) TRGS 905: K1 and K2, M1 and M2, R1 and R2 IARC: Group 1 and 2A DFG (MAK lists): Category III1and III2 VVOC All individual substances with a concentration $\geq 1 \, \mu g/m^3$ in the (very volatile organic comretention range $< C_6$ pounds) TVVOC Total very volatile organic compounds TVVOC according to Sum of all identified and calibrated VVOC \geq 5 µg/m³ with LCI AgBB/DIBt and Belgian regulation TVVOC according to eco-IN-Sum of all identified and calibrated VVOC \geq 1 µg/m³ with LCI STITUT-Label SVOC (semi volatile organic All individual substances $\geq 1 \ \mu g/m^3$ in the retention range C₁₆ compounds) to C₂₂ TSVOC Total semi volatile organic compounds TSVOC according to prEN Sum of all SVOC in the retention range C₁₆ to C₂₂, calculated 16516 as toluene equivalent TSVOC without LCI according Sum of all SVOC \geq 5 µg/m³ without LCI to AgBB/DIBt TSVOC without LCI according Sum of all SVOC \geq 1 µg/m³ without LCI to eco-INSTITUT-Label TSVOC with LCI according to Sum of all identified and calibrated SVOC \geq 5 µg/m³ with LCI AgBB/DIBt SER Specific emission rate (see appendix IV)



LCI value Lowest Concentration of Interest; calculated value for the evaluation of VOC, established by the Committee for Health-related Evaluation of Building Products (Ausschuss zur gesundheitlichen Bewertung von Bauprodukten - AgBB) The quotient of the concentration and the LCI value is gener-R value ated for every substance which is detected in the test chamber air. The sum of the calculated quotients results in the R value. R value according to eco-IN-R value for all identified and calibrated VOC \geq 1 µg/m³ with STITUT-Label LCI, established by the AgBB in 2015 R value according to AgBB R value for all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \,\mu g/m^3$ with 2015/DIBt LCI, established by the AgBB in 2015 R value according to Belgian R value for all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \,\mu g/m^3$ with regulation LCI, established by the Belgian regulation R value for all identified and calibrated VOC $\geq 5 \,\mu g/m^3$ with R value according to AFSSET LCI, established by ANSES (French National Agency on Food Safety, Environment, and Workplace Security) RT (retention time) Time for a particular analyte to pass through the system (from the column inlet to the detector) CAS No. International unique numerical identifier for a chemical substance (Chemical Abstracts Service) Toluene equivalent Concentration, calculated as toluene equivalent

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Aromatic hydrocarbons Toluene Ethylbenzene *p*-Xylene *m*-Xylene o-Xylene Isopropylbenzene *n*-Propylbenzene 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene 1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene 2-Ethyltoluene 1-Isopropyl-4-methylbenzene 1,2,4,5-Tetramethylbenzene n-Butylbenzene 1,3-Diisopropylbenzene 1,4-Diisopropylbenzene Phenyloctane 1-Phenyldecane² 1-Phenylundecane² 4-Phenylcyclohexene Styrene Phenylacetylene 2-Phenylpropene Vinyltoluene Naphthalene Indene Benzene 1-Methylnaphthalene 2-Methylnaphthalene 1,4-Dimethylnaphthalene

Saturated aliphatic substances 2-Methylpentane1 3-Methylpentane¹ n-Hexane Cyclohexane Methylcyclohexane n-Heptane n-Octane n-Nonane n-Decane n-Undecane n-Dodecane n-Tridecane n-Tetradecane n-Pentadecane 1-Butanol 1-Pentanol 1-Hexanol n-Hexadecane Methylcyclopentane 1,4-Dimethylcyclohexane

Terpenes

 δ -3-Caren α -Pinene β -Pinene Limonene

Aliphatic alcohols and ether

1-Propanol¹ 2-Propanol¹ *tert*-Butanol Cyclohexanol 2-Ethyl-1-hexanol 2-Methyl-1-propanol 1-Octanol 4-Hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pentanone 1-Heptanol 1-Nonanol 1-Decanol 1.4-Cyclohexandimethanol

Aromatic alcohols (phenoles)

Phenol BHT (2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol) Benzyl alcohol Cresols

Glycols, Glycol ether, Glycol ester Propylenglycol (1,2-Dihydroxypro-

pane) Ethyleneglycol (Ethandiol) Ethylene glycol monobutyl ether Diethylene glycol Diethylene glycol-monobutyl ether 2-Phenoxyethanol Ethylene carbonate 1-Methoxy-2-propanol Texanol Glycolic acid butylester Butyl diglycol acetate Dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether 2-Methoxyethanol 2-Ethoxyethanol 2-Propoxyethanol 2-Methylethoxyethanol 2-Hexoxyethanol 1,2-Dimethoxyethane 1,2-Diethoxyethane 2-Methoxyethyl acetate 2-Ethoxyethyl acetate 2-(2-Hexoxyethoxy)ethanol 1-Methoxy-2-(2-methoxy-ethoxy)ethane Propylene glycol diacetate Dipropylene glycol Dipropylene glycol monomethylether acetate Dipropylene glycol *n*-propyl ether Di(propylene glycol) tert-butylether 1,4-Butanediol Tri(propylene glycol) methyl ether Triethylene glycol dimethyl ether Propylene glycol dimethyl ether TXIB (Texanol isobutyrate) Ethyldiglycol Dipropylene glycol dimentylether Propylene carbonate Hexyleneglycol 3-Methoxy-1-butanol Propylene glycol n-propyl ether Propylene glycol n-butyl ether Diethylene glycol phenyl ether Neopentyl glycol Diethylene glycol methyl ether 1-Ethoxy-2-propanol tert-Butoxy-2-propanol

Aldehydes

Butanal^{1,3} Pentanal³ Hexanal Heptanal 2-Ethylhexanal Octanal Nonanal Decanal 2-Butenal³ 2-Pentenal3 2-Hexenal 2-Heptenal 2-Undecenal Furfural Glutaraldehyde Benzaldehyde Acetaldehyde1,3 Propanal^{1,3} Propenal^{1,3} Isobutenal³ 2-Octenal 2-Nonenal 2-Decenal

Ketones

Ethylmethylketone³ 3-Methyl-2-butanone Methylisobutylketone Cyclopentanone Cyclohexanone Acetone^{1,3} 2-Methylcyclopentanone 2-Methylcyclohexanone Acetophenone 1-Hydroxyacetone Acids

Acias

Acetic acid Propionic acid Isobutyric acid Butyric acid Pivalic acid Valeric acid Caproic acid Heptanoic acid Octanoic acid 2-Ethylhexanoic acid

Esters and Lactones

Methylacetate Ethyl acetate1 Vinyl acetate1 Isopropyl acetate Propyl acetate 2-Methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate n-Butyl formate Methylmethacrylate Isobutylacetate 1-Butyl acetate 2-Ethylhexyl acetate Methyl acrylate Ethyl acrylate n-Butyl acrylate 2-Ethylhexyl acrylate Adipic acid dimethylester Fumaric acid dibutylester Succinic acid dimethylester Glutaric acid dimethylester Hexandioldiacrylate Maleic acid dibutylester Butyrolactone Glutaric acid diisobutylester Succinic acid diisobutylester Dimethylphthalate Diethylphthalate² Dipropylphthalate²

Dibutylphthalate² Diisobutylphthalate² Texanol Dipropyleneglycoldiacrylate

Chlorinated hydrocarbons

Tetrachlorethene 1,1,1-Trichlorethane Trichlorethene 1,4-Dichlorbenzene

Others

1.4-Dioxane Caprolactam *N*-Methyl-2-pyrrolidone Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane Hexamethylcyclotrisiloxane Methenamine 2-Butanonoxime Triethyl phosphate 5-Chlor-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3one 2-Methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (MIT) Triethylamine Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane Dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane Tetrahydrofuran (THF) 1-Decene 1-Octene 2-Pentylfuran Isophorone Tetramethyl succinonitrile Dimethylformamide (DMF) Tributyl phosphate N-Ethyl-2-pyrrolidone Aniline 4-Vinylcyclohexene

2 SVOC3 Analysis according to DIN ISO 16000-3

VVOC





V Commentary on emission analysis

Test method

Measurement of the volatile organic compounds takes place in the test chamber in conditions similar to those applying in practice. Standardized test conditions are defined for the test chamber regarding loading, air exchange, relative humidity, temperature and incoming air, based on the type of test specimen and the required guideline. These conditions and the underlying standards are to be found in the section on test methods in the laboratory report.

Air samples are taken from the test chamber at defined points in time during the continuously running test. To this end, approximately 5 L of air are collected from the test chamber with an air flow rate of 100 mL/min for Tenax and approx. 100 L with an air flow rate of 0.8 L/min for DNPH (dinitrophenylhydrazine).

After thermal desorption, the substances adsorbed on Tenax are analysed using gas chromatographic separation and mass spectrometric determination. The gas chromatographic separation is performed with a slightly polar capillary column of 60 m in length.

The substances derivatized with DNPH for the determination of formaldehyde and other short-chain carbonyl compounds (C1 - C6) are analysed using high-performance liquid chromatography.

Over 200 compounds, including volatile organic compounds (C6 - C16), semi-volatile organic compounds (C16 - C22) and – insofar as possible with this method – also very volatile organic compounds (less than C6) are determined and quantified individually.

All other substances – insofar as is possible – are identified through comparison with a library of spectra. The quantification of these substances and non-identified substances is performed through a comparison of their signal area with the toluene signal.

The concentrations of substances that have been determined are corrected based on the recovery rate for an internal standard (d8 toluene). Identification and quantification of the substances is limited to 1 μ g per m³ for substances adsorbed on Tenax and 2 μ g/m³ for DNPH-derivatized substances (limit of quantification).

Quality assurance

The eco-INSTITUT Germany GmbH is granted flexible scope of accreditation pursuant to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025. The accreditation covers the analytical determination of all volatile organic compounds, including the test chamber method.

In each analysis the analytical system is checked using an external standard based on the specifications in standard prEN 16516. The stability of the analytical systems is documented based on the test standard using control charts.

Laboratory performance is assessed at least once a year in inter-laboratory comparisons by comparing the results with those obtained by other laboratories for identical samples.

A blank is run prior to introducing the test specimen into the test chamber to check for the possible presence of volatile organic compounds.



VI Explanation of Specific Emission Rate SER

Emission measurements are accomplished in test chambers under defined physical conditions (temperature, relative humidity, room loading, air change rate etc.).

Test chamber measurement results are directly comparable only if the investigations were accomplished under the same basic conditions.

If the differences of the physical conditions refer only to the change of air rate and/or the loading, the "SER" or "specific emission rate" can be used for comparability of the measurement results. The SER indicates how many volatile organic compounds (VOC) are released by the sample for each material unit and hour (h).

The SER can be calculated using the formula below for each proven individual component of the VOC from the data in the test report.

As material units the following are applicable:

I = unit of length (m)	relation between emission and length
a = unit area (m²)	relation between emission and surface
v = unit volume (m ³)	relation between emission and volume
u = piece unit (unit = piece)	relation between emission and complete unit

From this the different dimensions for SER result:

length-specific surface-specific volume-specific unit specific



SER thus represents a product specific rate, which describes the mass of the volatile organic compound, which is emitted by the product per time unit at a certain time after beginning of the examination.

in µg/m∙h

in µg/m² h

in µg/m³·h

in µg/u∙h

SER = q⋅c



q specific air flow rate (quotient from change of air rate and loading)

c concentration of the measured substance(s)

The result can be indicated in milligrams (mg) in place of micro grams (μ g), whereby 1 mg = 1000 μ g.