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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: AUT-2008

Autex Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 33-2007 – Thermal Building Insulation
Materials

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The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology.

The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration (www.geca.org.au). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (also trading as Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) is the auditing and certification body with responsibility for product assessment, certification and licensing of products against the declared standards (www.eassurance.com.au). GECS is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in it's audit and certification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

DISCLAIMER:

This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.



CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

This range of insulation products has been assessed against the GECA 33-2007 standard – Thermal Building Insulation Materials. These products have successfully gained official registration as certified 'Good Environmental Choice' products under the Australian Ecolabel program.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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Autex is an Australasian manufacturing and product development company specialising in polyester insulation and other applications of advanced fibre technology. They supply a diverse range of consumer, commercial and specialty industrial products to markets all over the world. Established in 1967, Autex Pty Ltd is one of the largest producers of polyester insulation in Australia, with four manufacturing sites across the country.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Autex Pty Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Quietstuf Range of Polyester Insulation	Commercial and Residential acoustic insulation products.
Greenstuf Range of Polyester Insulation	Residential and Commercial thermal insulation products.

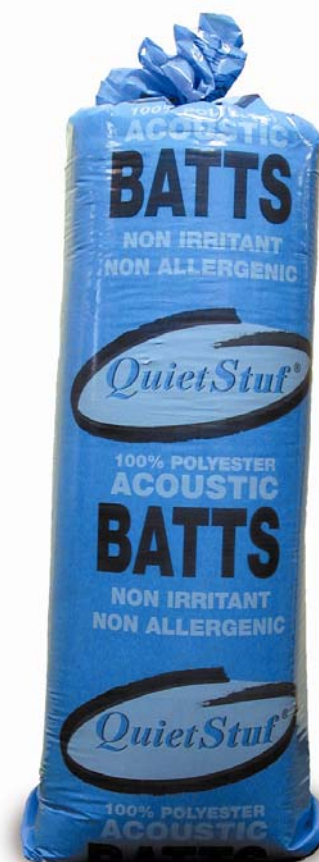
Greenstuf Thermal Insulation

GreenStuf® is a thermally bonded insulation manufactured from 100% polyester fibre used for ceilings, walls, between floors and under floors.



Quietstuf Insulation Batts

QuietStuf® is a thermally bonded 100% polyester insulation that has excellent acoustic transmission control properties. Designed for use where sound absorption / reverberation control is required.



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Autex Pty Ltd products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	These nominated Autex products comply with the insulation standard AS/NZS 4859.1:2002. In addition these products are covered with a 50 year warranty subject to terms and conditions.
Material Requirements	These nominated Autex products are made from 100% polyester and 85% of this is recycled. No prohibited or restricted substances are used at any stage of production and none are present in the finished product.
Packaging Requirements	These nominated Autex products are packaged in recyclable plastic with a visible resin identification code.
Product Information	These nominated Autex products contain product information printed on the packaging that clearly states the installation requirements (AS3999), re-lofting requirements and storage time. In addition technical data sheets are available on Autex's website.
Environmental Regulations	Autex adheres to the relevant environmental regulations and has not been prosecuted for violations to environmental regulations in the past 24 months
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	Autex adheres to the relevant social requirements and workplace regulations. The company has not been prosecuted for violations to labour, anti-discrimination or safety regulations in the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for
assurance to the market.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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