TopSeries Wood Neutro stopper carbon footprint

Amorim Top Series

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EY carbon footprint analysis follows a life-cycle approach based on ISO Standard 14040 and is based on Amorim Top Series data and business assumptions. The results presented are not third-party verified.
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About the study
The main purpose is to quantify the potential environmental impacts of TopSeries Wood Neutro stopper (average dimensions of stopper 27 mm x 19.5 mm; average dimensions of capsule 32 mm x 12 mm average weight: 8.1g; average composition: 25% cork, 65% wood, 11% customization products), produced by Amorim Top Series, through a life cycle approach.

Guidelines: The study was based on ISO 14040/44 series of standards, complemented with the guidelines from the International Reference Life Cycle Data System (ILCD) Handbook - General guide for Life Cycle Assessment - Detailed guidance

Approach: cradle-to-gate (from raw material extraction to the finished product at the factory gate)

Functional unit: 1000 stoppers

Modelling software and database: SimaPro 9 with ecoinvent 3.5 database

Method: Midpoint characterization factors recommended by the International Reference Life Cycle Data System (ILCD).

Data collection procedure

- Carbon stored in the final product is included
- Additional scenario analysis of the potential carbon sequestration at the forest stage
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Carbon footprint
Carbon footprint: results

TopSeries Wood Neutro carbon footprint:

- Cradle to gate: -4,0 kg CO$_2$eq /1000 stoppers
- Cradle to gate with expedition to UK: -0,4 kg CO$_2$eq /1000 stoppers
Carbon footprint: results

Emissions: 8.1 kg CO₂eq/1000 stoppers

70% emissions associated with processes occurring in the stopper encapsulation, finishing and packaging stage

► Most upstream value chain activities carbon impacts (e.g. production and purchase of chemical products) are reflected in this stage

► Higher energy consumption (indirect impacts of electricity production)
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Carbon balance: results

Scenario analysis with carbon sequestration in the cork oak montado

For the average stopper when considering carbon sequestration in the cork oak* montado:

There is a forest storage up to:

- **148**
kг CO₂/1000 stoppers

Therefore, the carbon balance reaches up to

- **148**
kг CO₂/1000 stoppers

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**Scenario analysis based on well-managed cork oak montado**

- **73 t CO₂/t cork**

Maximum ecosystem CO₂ uptake registered (14.7 tCO₂/ha) (Costa-e-Silva et al., 2015).

with the average ecosystem CO₂ uptake being - 55 t CO₂/t cork, considering wet and dry years in well managed forests (11 t CO₂/ha).¹

The PEFCR for the wine sector states that carbon stored at cork oak trees shall be included in the analysis as additional environmental information, if carbon storage goes beyond 100 years, which is the case for cork.

¹ figures used in “The value of cork oak montado ecosystem services, EY 2019”
Carbon balance

Carbon balance reaches up to:

-148 kg CO₂eq/1000 stoppers

considering maximum ecosystem CO₂ uptake registered in a well managed cork oak montado -73 t CO₂/t cork
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