REPORT

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Emission measurements after 28 days

(2 appendices)

Test object

A sample of a composite board intended for building boards and furniture.

Product name:	**Recoma Packwall**
Manufacturer:	Recoma AB
Manufacturing date:	2021-12-01
Size of sample:	1 m^2
Package:	Plastic foil.
Date of arrival:	week 50, 2021

Assignment

Emission measurements according to SS-EN ISO 16000-9:2006 (Indoor air – Part 9: Determination of the emission of volatile organic compounds from building products and furnishing – Emission test chamber method) after 28 days regarding volatile organic compounds (VOC and VVOC/SVOC), carcinogenic substances (VOC-substances, EU Regulation No 1272/2008 Annex VI, cat 1A and 1B) formaldehyde and acetaldehyde (ISO 16000-3:2011). Evaluation according to EN 16516:2017 (EU-LCI values).

The results of the measurements will be used for registration to Byggvarubedömningen.

Method

The test was started on December 20 by unpacking the sample. Two pieces of 250 x 400 mm were cut out from the board and placed back-to-back. The cut edges were sealed with aluminium tape leaving an exposed surface area of 0.2 m^2. The test specimen was then placed in a separate conditioning container (with air velocity of approx. 0.2 m/s) in a room with controlled climate conditions of 23 ± 3 °C and 50 ± 5 % RH. The test specimen was placed in the emission chambers three days prior to the air sampling.

Air samplings after 28 days of conditioning were carried out on 2022-01-17.

Conditions of the test in the emission chamber:

Test chamber volume:	0.266 m^3
Area of test specimen:	0.2 m^2
Air exchange rate:	0.5 h^{-1}
Area specific air change rate:	0.67 m^3/m^2 h.
Temperature:	23 ± 1 °C
Relative humidity:	50 ± 5 % RH
Air velocity at specimen surface:	0.1 – 0.3 m/s

Tenax TA was used as adsorption medium for VOC. The tubes were thermally desorbed and analysed in accordance to ISO 16000-6:2011 (Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on Tenax TA sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS/FID). This means an analysis in a gas chromatograph and detection with a flame ionisation detector (FID) and mass selective detector (MS). The capillary column used is coated with 5% phenyl/ 95 % methylpolysiloxane. The FID signals are used for compound quantification. The total volatile organic compounds (TVOC) means compounds eluting between and including n-hexane to hexadecane, having boiling points in the range of about 70-260 °C. Minimum duplicate air samples were taken and the results are mean values. Sampled volumes are 2.6 – 6.1 L.

Tenax TA was also used as adsorption medium for testing of volatile carcinogenic compounds according to EU Regulation No 1272/2008 Annex VI, cat 1A and 1B), (exclusive formaldehyde), 1 µg/m^3 and above.

The samplings of aldehydes were carried out with DNPH samplers. The samplers were analysed according to SP method 2302, similar to ISO 16000-3:2011(Indoor air - Part 3: Determination of formaldehyde and other carbonyl compounds – Active sampling method). This means analysis on a liquid chromatograph with absorbance detector. Duplicate air samples were taken and the results are mean values. Sampled volumes were 24 – 32 L.

Results

The results relate only to the items tested.

The results in Table 1 are expressed as area specific emission rates and as concentrations in a reference room (according to EN 16516:2017). The reference room has a base area of 3 m x 4 m and a height of 2.5 m, with an air exchange rate of 0.5 h^{-1}. The wall area is 31.4 m^2, floor area is 12 m^2, small area, like a door, is 2 m^2 and very small area, like sealant, is 0.2 m^2. Wall area is used for the calculation of the concentrations.

Calculation of the concentration from the emission rate:

$$C = \frac{E_a \times A}{n \times V}$$

C = concentration of VOC in the reference room, in µg/m^3
E_a = area specific emission rate, in µg/m^{2}h
A = surface area of product in reference room, in m^2
n = air exchange rate, in changes per hour
V = volume of the reference room, in m^3

Table 1.
Emission results of **Recoma Packwall** after 28 days

Volatile organic compounds	**CAS number**	**Retention time** (min)	**ID** [1]	**Emission rate** ($\mu g/m^2h$)	**Concentration in reference room** ($\mu g/m^3$)	**LCI_i** ($\mu g/m^3$)	**R_i** (c_i/LCI_i)
TVOC ($C_6 - C_{16}$)	--	6.1 – 38	B	20	22	--	--
Volatile Carcinogens [2]		6.1 – 38					
No substances detected	--	8.6	B	< 1	< 1	--	--
VOC with LCI [3]		6.1 – 38					
Pentanal	110-62-3	8.6	A	3	7	800	< 0.01
Hexanal	66-25-1	11.9	A	12	25	900	0.03
Limonene	138-86-3	21.0	A	2	4	5000	< 0.01
∑ VOC with LCI	--	--	A	17	36	--	--
VOC without LCI [4]		6.1 – 38					
No substances detected	--	--	B	< 2	< 5	--	--
∑ VOC without LCI	--	--	B	< 2	< 5	--	--
SVOC ($C_{16} - C_{22}$) [5]		38 – 51					
No substances detected	--	--	B	< 2	< 5	--	--
∑ SVOC	--	--	B	< 2	< 5	--	--
VVOC (< C_6) [6]		4.4 – 6.1					
Formaldehyde [7]	50-00-0	--	A	< 1	< 5	100	--
Acetaldehyde [7]	75-07-0	--	A	10	21	300	0.07
∑ VVOC	--	--	A	10	21	--	--
$R = \sum C_i / LCI_i$ [8]	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.10

[1)] ID: A = quantified compound specific, B = quantified as toluene-equivalent
[2)] Volatile carcinogens = VOCs according to EU Regulation No 1272/2008 Annex VI, cat 1A and 1B
[3)] VOC with LCI = identified VOC-compound with LCI-value according to EU-LCI, Dec 2020
[4)] VOC without LCI = VOC-compound without LCI-value or not identified.
[5)] SVOC = semi-volatile organic compounds, as defined in ISO 16000-6 (not part of accreditation)
[6)] VVOC = very volatile organic compounds, as defined in ISO 16000-6 (not part of accreditation)
[7)] VVOC-aldehydes measured with DNPH samplers (ISO 16000-3)
[8)] All VVOC, VOC, SVOC and carcinogens with LCI

COMMENT:

Only VOC-compounds with an emission rate higher than 2 µg/m²h are listed in Table 1, carcinogenic compounds ≥ 1 µg/m²h. Only compounds with a concentration in the reference room ≥ 5 µg/m³ are evaluated based on LCI (= lowest concentration of interest).
TVOC expressed in µg/m³ is the sum of all individual substances with concentrations ≥ 5 µg/m³ (in toluene equivalents) in the reference room. The emission rate of TVOC (µg/m²h) includes all compounds approx. ≥ 1 µg/m²h in the chamber.
Quantification limit for TVOC is 10 µg/m²h. Measurement uncertainty for TVOC is 15 % (rel) and for formaldehyde 30 % (rel). Background of TVOC in the empty chamber was below 10 µg/m³ and is subtracted.

See Appendix 1 for gas chromatograms (FID spectra).

Summary of the test results

The test results are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2.
Summary of the emission results after 28 days of **Recoma Packwall**

Compounds	**Emission rate** (µg/m²h)	**Concentration in reference room** (wall area scenario) (µg/m³)
TVOC	20	22
∑ Carcinogenic VOCs	< 1	< 1
∑ VOC with LCI	17	36
∑ VOC without LCI	< 2	< 5
∑ VVOC	10	21
Formaldehyde	< 1	< 5
∑ SVOC	< 2	< 5
$R = \sum C_i / LCI_i$	0.10	

Evaluation of the test results

Byggvarubedömningen has criteria regarding Emissions to indoor environment. The emissions are to measured according to a standard method such as ISO 16000-9. The requirements for the *Recommended class* is that the requirements to one of the following systems are being met: Emicode EC1, Emicode EC1^{PLUS}, Blue Angel, M1 (RTS) or GUT. The results of the tested sample are compared to M1, table 3.

Decision rule: When comparing the measured results and requirement level, the average value of the measured results has been compared with the requirement level. No account is taken to the measurement uncertainty.

Table 3.
The test results of **Recoma Packwall** are compared to the relevant requirements in M1

Compounds	**Requirement M1** (mg/m^2h)	**Test Results (wall area)** (mg/m^2h)	**Pass / Fail**
TVOC	< 0.2	**0.020**	**PASS**
Formaldehyde	< 0.05	**< 0.001**	**PASS**
CMR 1A+1B	< 0.001	**< 0.001**	**PASS**
Single VOC ($\mu g/m^3$)	≤ EU-LCI	**< EU-LCI**	**PASS**
Ammonia	< 0.06	not measured	--
Odour	≥ 0.0	not measured	--

Conclusion

The test results are in compliance with the tested requirements of M1 and meet the requirements of Byggvarubedömningen for the R*ecommended class*.

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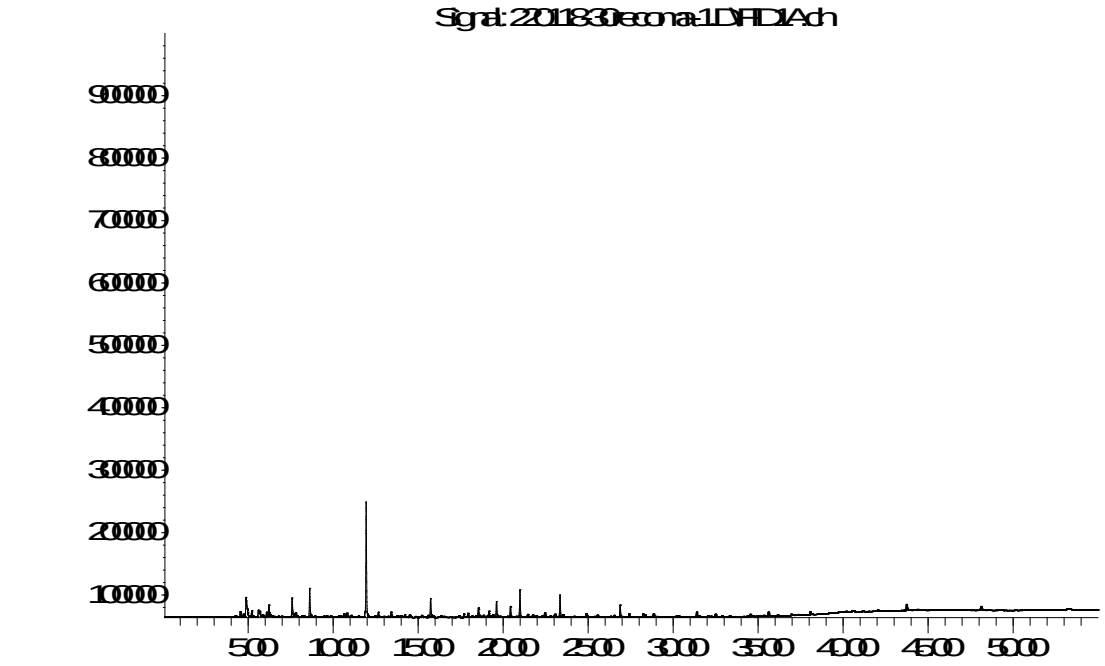
Appendices

1. Gas chromatogram
2. Photo of test specimen

Appendix 1

Gas chromatogram

Recoma Packwall after 28 days



TVOC between C_6 and C_{16}, means compounds eluting between 6.1 and 38 minutes.

Appendix 2

Photo of test specimen

Recoma Packwall