
Etch Gradient ecoBack

1. Recycled content

a. 63 % overall recycled content

b. Yarn

100% ECONYL® yarn - 100% Regenerated Solution Dyed Nylon

ECONYL® is manufactured using post-industrial and post-consumer Polyamide 6 waste, making it 100% sustainable.

c. Backing – ecoBack

Fully recyclable polyolefin-based carpet tile backing. The polyolefin-based layer has minimum 75% recycled content.

2. Manufacturing

a. Renewable energy

49% of our energy consumption is electricity. The electricity that we use at modulyss is 100% 'green electricity' generated from renewable resources such as our own solar panels.

b. Production site & process

modulyss runs an integrated production chain: from tufting to the packaging of the finished tile.

ISO certification

Our production site is ISO-9001 certified (Quality Management) since 2000, ISO-14001 certified (Environmental Management) since 2009 and ISO 50001 certified since 2021.

modulyss uses the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as its guideline for sustainable reporting. With our products and collaborations we have a positive impact on the following SDGs:

Products & operations



Collaborations & value chain



Recycling raw yarns

All the left over and waste yarns are collected and recycled into new yarns.

Ecological Packaging

We only use cardboard boxes that are made of 100% recycled material.

c. Sustainability report

Read all about our approach to the environment in our sustainability report 2016.

3. Installation

a. Flexfitters

modulyss advises to use Flexfitters, an easy release system with very low emissions.

b. Installation waste

If you install carpet tiles in a rectangular building, before the walls are placed, the waste is 3-4%.
More information can be found in our installation instructions.

4. 15 year warranty

We guarantee for a period of 15 years that our carpet tiles are free of faults of production and/or premature wear.

5. End of life

a. Re-use

At the end of life, after cleaning, carpet tiles can be re-used in non-critical areas to extend the product life.

b. Recycling

ecoBack has the potential to be recycled. This product is developed and manufactured for disassembly. Conform with the Cradle to Cradle standard's well defined nutrient management strategy, a 2 year actionplan is applicable to:

- find a technical solution to re-utilise the raw materials
- develop the logistic and recovery systems

6. VOCs & chemical substances

This product fulfills the testing criteria for emissions of:

a. CRI (US and international)

Carpet & Rug Institute

Compliant to the requirements of Green Label Plus, GLP 100205 (see LEED®, point 9.b)

b. GUT (DE)

Gemeinschaft Umweltfreundlicher Teppichboden

TVOC₂₈ < 100 µg/m³

This product meets the GUT-criteria, GUT-license number is ACBF3E3E. These criteria include VOC thresholds, odour and chemical substances.

c. REACH (EU)

modulyss complies with the strict European REACH standards.

7. Cradle to Cradle Certified®

Cradle to Cradle Certified® is a globally recognised independent standard for safer, more sustainable products made for the circular economy. In order to become Cradle to Cradle Certified, our products were assessed for environmental and social performance across five categories: material health, material reutilization, renewable energy & carbon management, water stewardship and social fairness. A product receives an achievement level in each category - Basic, Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum - with the lowest achievement level representing the product's overall mark.

This product has SKU's which are Cradle to Cradle Certified® at the **Gold level**.

| Cradle to Cradle Certified® Gold scorecard | |
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| Material Health | Platinum |
| Material Reutilisation | Gold |
| Renewable Energy & Carbon Management | Gold |
| Water Stewardship | Gold |
| Social Fairness | Gold |
| Overall Certification Level | Gold |

8. Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

An EPD is a standardized way to provide information on the environmental impact of a product during the entire life. They include information on the environmental impact of raw material extraction and production, energy use and efficiency, content of materials and chemical substances, emissions to air, soil and water and waste generation. A product-specific EPD in accordance with the ISO14025 and EN15804, is available for this product. The EPD-declaration-number is EPD-MOD-20210149-CBC1-EN.

9. Compliance to Green Building Certifications

a. BREEAM (UK)

Building Research Establishment

This product can contribute towards credits in:

- HEA 02: Indoor Air Quality
- HEA 05: Acoustic performance
- MAT 01: Life Cycle Impact
- MAT 02: Environmental Product Declarations
- MAT 03: Responsible sourcing of materials
- MAT 05: Designing for Robustness / durability and resilience
- WST 01: Construction Waste Management
- WST 04: Speculative floor and ceiling finishes
- WST 06: Design for disassembly and adaptability

b. LEED (US and international)

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

modulyss products can contribute to the following LEED v4 credits:

- SS credit: Tenant Design and Construction Guidelines
- MR credit: Interiors Life-Cycle Impact Reduction
- MR credit: Building product disclosure and optimization - Environmental Product Declarations
- MR credit: Building product disclosure and optimization - Sourcing of Raw Materials
- Post-Industrial recycled content: 55%
- Post-consumer recycled content: 8%

MR credit: Building products disclosure and optimisation - Material Ingredients
MR credit: Construction and demolition waste management
EQ credit: Low emitting materials
EQ credit: Indoor air quality assessment
EQ credit: Acoustic performance

Products are not reviewed under LEED, LEED credit requirements cover the performance of materials in aggregate, not the performance of individual products of brands. For more information on LEED, visit www.usgbc.org/contact

c. HQE (FR)

Haute Qualité Environnementale

Modulyss® has an individual FDES for this product in accordance with NF EN 15804/CN. The INIES registration number of this FDES is 20220830634. This product can contribute to seven of the 13 HQE targets.

d. WELL contribution

WELL v2 focuses on people and prioritises the health and wellbeing of the end-user in a building. modulyss products can contribute towards credits in indoor air quality, acoustics, toxic materials, biophilic design, optimal lighting design, ...

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| ■ A01 Air Quality | ■ X05 Enhanced Material Restrictions |
| ■ A02 Pollution Infiltration Management | ■ X06 VOC Restrictions |
| ■ L03 Circadian Lighting Design | ■ X07 Materials Transparency |
| ■ S04 Reverberation Time | ■ X08 Materials Optimization (C2C Certified products only) |
| ■ X01 Material Restrictions | ■ M07 Restorative Spaces |

10. Health & comfort

a. Platinum material health assessed backing

As a result of the materials health assessment, the ecoBack backing has the highest possible score: platinum level.

b. No heavy metals

modulyss carpet tiles are free of heavy metals and other harmful substances, such as lead, mercury or chromium.

c. Odour

modulyss carpet tiles are free from odours (see GUT certification programme).

d. Acoustics

This product is strongly sound absorbent. It reduces the contact noise by 26 decibels (ΔL_w - ISO10140), with a perfect acoustic effect as result.

11. Partnerships

11.1 Member of Healthy Seas®

As part of our sustainable mission to reduce the Life Cycle Impact of each product, modulyss decided to join Healthy Seas® as an associate partner member. Healthy Seas® was set up to protect our seas by diving for abandoned fishing nets that catch or injure marine life. Healthy Seas® makes sure that the fishing nets get recycled and regenerated into ECONYL® yarn by Aquafil, Europe's premier manufacturer of PA 6 carpet fibre.

11.2 CO₂RE

At modulyss we've been working to reduce our carbon footprint since 2008, taking huge steps in making our products and production process less impactful on the planet. But when producing carpet tiles, there is an unavoidable small footprint left behind. That's why we created CO₂RE, our CO₂ reduction initiative through offset. We've partnered with CO₂logic, to make sure CO₂RE delivers a long-term sustainable model for our offsetting. We currently sponsor a climate project that is in line with the PAS2060, an international standard which regulates the CO₂ offset-requirements.

CO₂RE comes as a standard on the Artcore collection (Core, Etch, Litho, Mezzo) and on all Cradle to Cradle Certified® Silver or Gold products. In addition, CO₂RE is available on request on all other modulyss carpet tile collections.