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## ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

### PRODUCT NAME

LVM

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Short description and technical information of the product (s)	LVM is a device for supply control of electrical energy, produced by Bitron Poland SP. z.o.o. exclusively for Gridspertise S.r.l. and following Gridspertise technical specifications.
Field of application of the product	Device for managing low voltage network
CPC Code (number) <a href="https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Econ">https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Econ</a>	4621 « electricity distributor or control apparatus »

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## Introduction

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This document represents EPD report of product LVM produced by Bitron Electronics S.p.A in compliance with EPDItaly program and related regulation. This report is developed in compliance to ISO 14025 aimed to provide rules for development, verification, and publication of Environmental Product declarations.

This study is compliant with “PCR EPDItaly011 – Meters”, which identifies the goal, scope, application field of information rules for production of environmental information, life cycle phases to be included in the study, parameters considered, how to collect those parameters and how to perform communication on the report.

## Organization

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Bitron Group is an Italian international corporation that helps companies to design and realize innovative solutions by guiding them in research, development and production of mechatronic components and systems for automotive, home appliance, heating & ventilation, eV-charging, energy measurement and management.

Bitron Group's global presence extends with several plants located in Italy, China, Poland, Mexico, Turkey, and Spain, as well as commercial offices situated in France, Spain, Brazil, Germany, the United States, China, Turkey, and Mexico.

The company also has multiple technical research sites, located in Italy, Germany, and Romania, in addition to one after-market site in Italy.

## Scope and goal of EPD

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This is a specific product EPD of Low Voltage Manager LVM: a device used in MT/BT electrical substation, produced by Bitron Poland SP. z.o.o. exclusively for Gridspertise S.r.l. and following Gridspertise technical specifications.

The study includes all phases of life cycle from extraction of raw material to the disposal including recycling processes, reuse and/or recovery of materials at the end-of-life as secondary raw materials.

It was adopted a “cradle to grave” approach and calculation was performed with software OpenLCA v2.2 with database Ecoinvent 3.10.

To enhance the accuracy of the model, the Ecoinvent database has been enriched with new datasets/processes related to purchasing components/goods that are part of the beat\_database (bitron eco assessment tool) supplementary to Ecoinvent v.3.10.



The modules included into evaluation are defined in accordance with PCR011 and are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: System boundaries in accordance with PCR011

Manufacturing STAGE		DISTRIBUTION STAGE	INSTALLATION STAGE	USE & MAINTENANCE STAGE	END OF LIFE STAGE
UPSTREAM MODULE	CORE MODULE	DOWNSTREAM			
Extraction of raw materials, including waste recycling processes and the production of semi-finished and ancillary products	Manufacturing of the product constituents, including all the stages	IN ACCORDANCE WITH EN 50693			
Transportation of raw materials to the manufacturing company	Product assembly				
	Packaging <sup>1</sup>				
	Waste recycling processes				

## Functional unit

The functional unit object of the study is 1 single device designed for the monitoring of electric energy consumption from first measure to 20 years of life.

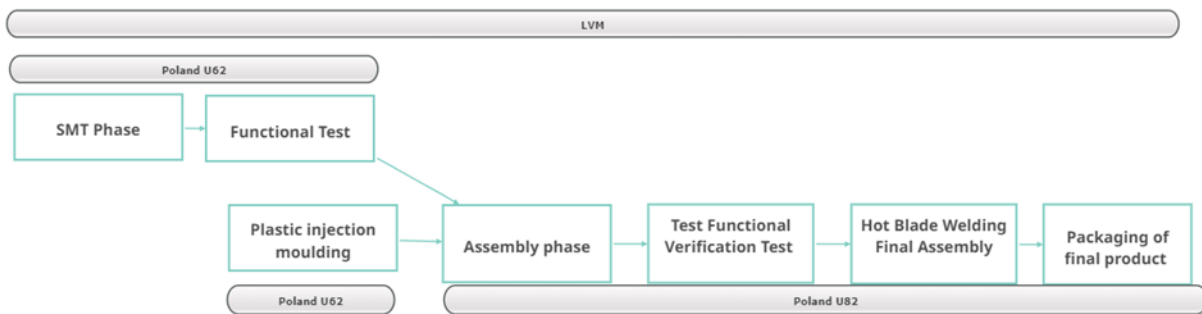
## Product and processes description

Low Voltage Manager is a device used in MT/BT electrical substation. This device is the main gateway for communication between the meters, underlying the same network powered by the LV transformer of the secondary substation where the concentrator is installed, and the central system.

<sup>1</sup> Only Boxing, while raw material is considered upstream.

Production of device consist of 3 main processes due to complexity of parts:

1. The process involving the assembly of electronic parts on printed circuit board (PCB), called SMT phase, takes place at the plant in Poland (U62). In this plant components are assembled and soldered on the PCB. The line is completely automatic and provides full traceability and MLS automatic control (Moisture sensitivity level refers to packaging and handling precaution of some semiconductor), 3D inspection of soldering paste, test in-line ICT e AOI (2D/3D), X-ray test.
2. The molding process of the plastic components is carried out at the plant in Poland (U62) with injection presses and all moulded parts are subjected to dimensional and aesthetic checks, if applicable.
3. Plastic and electronic boards are assembled plant (U82). The assembly line is semi-automatic and the LVM, when completed, is identified with a unique serial number, and configured due to market demand. Finally, the device is packed in containers and sent to the customer sorting centre or customer warehouse.



## Component and characteristics of product

The characteristic data of the meter are:

Technical specification	Value
Power supply	3N 220/127V-400/230V
Frequency	50-60 Hz
Current intensity:	In 0.25A

Based on our current knowledge and verification:

- We have detected a presence greater than 0.1% wt/wt of substances included in “Candidate List of SVHC” (number of Substances on list: 240, last updated: January 23, 2024) (see Table 2).

- The listed groups of restricted substances in the current version of the European Directive 2011/65/UE (RoHS II) (and last updating 2015/863/UE) and 2011/37/UE (ELV) and their implementations, are not contained or are contained only in homogeneous proportions below the tolerance/exemption values.

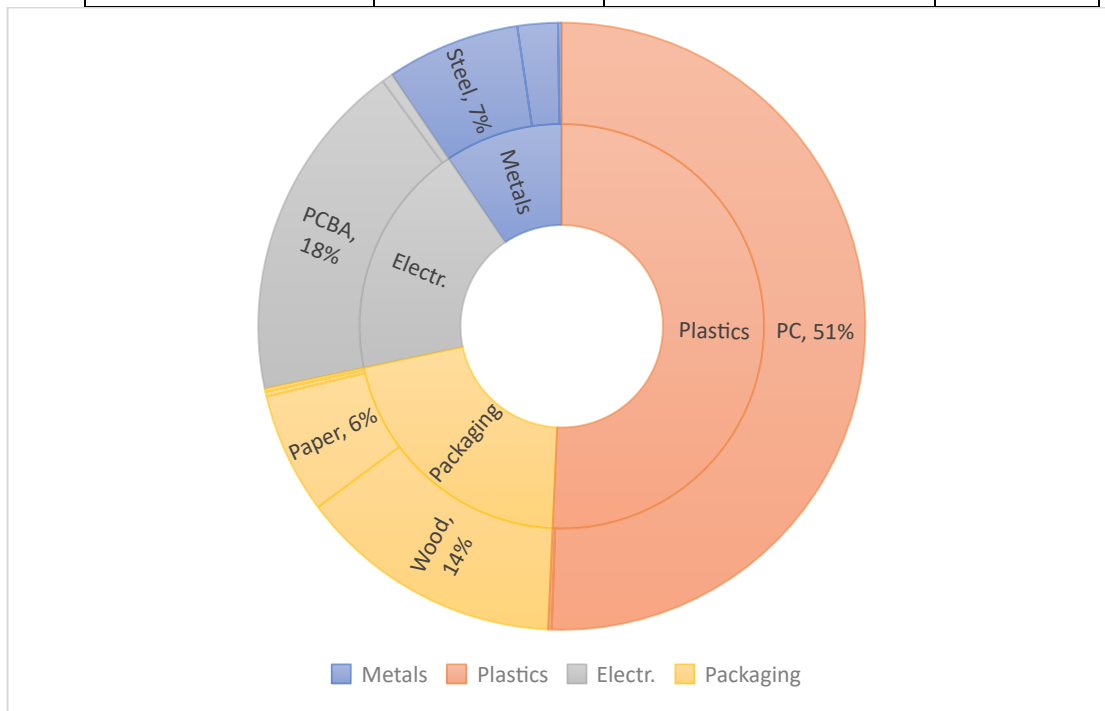
Table 2: Presence of SVHCs and RoHS exemptions

SVHCs	RoHS exemptions
7439-92-1 LEAD	7A
110-71-4 EGDME	7C1
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Materials contents by weight are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Materials contents by weight

Total weight [kg]	Material cluster	Materials	Quantity
2.730	Metals	Stainless steel	0.8%
		Steel	0.9%
		Other	0.4%
	Plastics	PC	54.6%
		Other	0.2%
	Electronics	PCBA	19.7%
		Other	0.6%
	Packaging	Paper	7.0%
		Wood	15.3%
		Plastic	0.3%
Other		0.3%	



## Reference service life (RSL)

According to PCR EPDItaly, the reference life service (RLS) 20 years. The following formula show the calculation for electric energy consumption of the device during use phase according to PCR EPDItaly 011.

$$E_{use} = \frac{P(\text{use}) * 8760 * RLS}{1000}$$

## LCA results

This section shows the LCA results calculated according to EN15804 methodologies.

*Table 4: Results of LCA study for impact EPD impact categories.*

Impact categories	Unit	Total	Manufacturing Stage	Distribution stage	Installation Stage	Use and Maintenance stage	End of Life
Climate Change - Total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.86E+02	4.32E+01	1.93E+00	1.09E+00	1.36E+02	4.43E+00
Climate change - fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.75E+02	4.31E+01	1.93E+00	4.89E-02	1.25E+02	4.39E+00
Climate change - biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.15E+01	7.90E-02	1.32E-03	1.04E+00	1.03E+01	4.15E-02
Climate change - land use and change in land use	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	8.42E-02	5.70E-02	6.65E-04	4.19E-06	2.35E-02	3.06E-03
Ozone Depletion	kgCFC-11eq	4.20E-06	1.19E-06	3.83E-08	6.11E-10	2.93E-06	4.11E-08
Acidification	moli H+eq	8.82E-01	3.44E-01	4.82E-03	2.12E-04	5.18E-01	1.62E-02
Eutrophication aquatic freshwater	kgP eq	6.98E-02	4.15E-02	1.36E-04	1.68E-06	2.72E-02	9.98E-04
Eutrophication aquatic marine	kg N eq	1.38E-01	5.45E-02	1.37E-03	9.31E-05	7.80E-02	4.00E-03
Eutrophication terrestrial	molc N eq	1.50E+00	5.85E-01	1.48E-02	1.04E-03	8.50E-01	4.65E-02
Photochemical ozone formation	kg NMVOCeq	6.04E-01	2.12E-01	7.67E-03	3.97E-04	3.68E-01	1.58E-02
Depletion of abiotic resources – minerals and metals	kg Sb eq	1.07E-02	9.10E-03	6.95E-06	2.81E-08	1.56E-03	5.43E-06
Depletion of abiotic resources – fossil fuels	MJ	2.70E+03	6.20E+02	2.71E+01	5.12E-01	2.01E+03	4.14E+01
Water use	m <sup>3</sup> eq	8.90E+01	1.36E+01	1.37E-01	2.56E-03	7.42E+01	1.06E+00

Table 5: Results of use of resource.

Impact categories	Unit	Total	Manufacturing stage	Distribution stage	Installation stage	Use and Maintenance stage	End of Life
PENRE	MJ	2.56E+03	5.93E+02	2.46E+01	4.61E-01	1.90E+03	3.92E+01
PERE	MJ	9.18E+02	6.92E+01	5.09E-01	2.43E-03	8.43E+02	5.74E+00
PENRM	MJ	1.35E+02	2.61E+01	2.51E+00	5.13E-02	1.04E+02	2.26E+00
PERM	MJ	2.45E+00	2.45E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PENRT	MJ	2.70E+03	6.20E+02	2.71E+01	5.12E-01	2.01E+03	4.14E+01
PERT	MJ	9.21E+02	7.16E+01	5.09E-01	2.43E-03	8.43E+02	5.74E+00
FW	m <sup>3</sup>	2.74E+00	3.73E-01	3.78E-03	5.04E-05	2.33E+00	3.11E-02
MS	kg	9.95E+01	1.86E+00	3.38E-02	1.55E-04	9.72E+01	3.95E-01
RSF	MJ	5.80E+01	6.79E-01	1.01E-02	2.21E-05	5.71E+01	2.26E-01
NRSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

Legenda:

- PENRE = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials.
- PERE = Use of renewable primary energy resources excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials.
- PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials.
- PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials.
- PENRT = Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources.
- PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources.
- FW = Use of fresh water.
- SM = Use of secondary materials.
- RSF = Use of secondary renewable fuels.
- NRSF = Use of secondary non-renewable fuels.

\*Considering impact category SM, RSF, NRSF for the use of secondary materials, we have specific secondary raw material usage in the BoM for recycled polycarbonate. All the value calculated are totally reasonable but are related to specific Ecoinvent datasets used for the model.



Table 6: Results for waste production and output flux.

Impact categories	Unit	Total	Manufacturing stage	Distribution stage	Installation stage	Use and Maintenance stage	End of Life
HWD	kgHW	5.19E+00	3.04E+00	2.72E-02	1.27E-03	2.00E+00	1.15E-01
NHWD	kgW	6.91E+01	4.63E+01	3.18E-01	2.68E-02	2.12E+01	1.30E+00
RWD	kgRW	5.04E-03	1.08E-03	9.69E-06	4.11E-08	3.79E-03	1.62E-04
MER	kg MER	2.60E-02	3.05E-04	4.52E-06	9.93E-09	2.56E-02	1.01E-04
MFR	kg MFR	9.88E+01	3.80E+00	3.07E-02	1.20E-04	9.46E+01	3.78E-01
CRU	kg CRU	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
ETE	MJ ET	5.63E-01	1.93E-01	1.59E-02	1.70E-05	3.48E-01	6.54E-03
EEE	MJ EE	2.06E+01	4.38E-01	5.25E-03	1.52E-05	2.01E+01	1.59E-02

Legenda:

- HWD = Hazardous waste disposal
- NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposal
- RWD = Radioactive waste disposal
- MER = Materials for energy recovering
- MFR = Materials for recycling
- CRU = Components for reuse
- ETE = Thermal energy exported
- EEE = Electric energy exported

## Calculation rules

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The evaluation was carried out in accordance with the reference standard for life cycle analysis (UNI EN ISO 14040:2021 e UNI EN ISO 14044:2021) and others reference documents previously mentioned (PCR EPDItaly011 – Meters).

## Data quality

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In this study, almost all data related to core activities are primary data and documented through appropriate reference documentation (e.g., energy consumption records, bill of materials, etc).

Secondary data are referred to specific datasets or technical documentation, to ensure a good level of reliability.

## Cut-off

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In this study impact related to production of buildings, machineries, and equipment (except for dataset already available on Ecoinvent 3.10), packaging wastes of purchased electronic components, device for installation, extraordinary maintenance of product, energy and materials used for disposal of meter are not considered. There are no specific cut-off criteria applied for inventory data.

## Allocation

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Main primary data are Bitron data and directly referred to U.F.. Some production data were allocated to the U.F. based on volumes. Allocation methods are applied to following processes related to production phase of meter: Energy consumption for the production, Primary packaging of product, Waste/scrap, Auxiliaries materials.

## Development of scenarios

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All life cycle stages are considered, as shown in Table 1, according to EN 50693. Specifically, the activities included in production stage (Upstream and core modules) are:

- Extraction of raw materials and production of materials/semi-finished/ancillary products (UPSTREAM)
- Transport of materials/semi-finished/ancillary products to manufacturing company (UPSTREAM)
- Intercompany transport and package (CORE)
- Manufacturing of the product constituents, including all stages (CORE)
- Production and assembly of product (CORE)
- Packaging <sup>2</sup>(CORE)
- Waste recycling and disposal (CORE)

In downstream are considered:

- Transport of complete product in its packaging from manufacturer to final customer and from manufacturer to installation site
- Disposal of packaging and scraps due to installation stage
- Energy consumption of the product during its use and over the RLS
- De-installation and final disposal of product

## Reference period

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The reference period for LCA study is from February 2024 to July 2024. It should be noted that the activity data collected can be considered representative thanks to the absence of consistent variability.

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<sup>2</sup> Only Boxing, while raw material is considered upstream.

## Reference documents

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- » UNI EN ISO 14040:2021 Environmental management - Life cycle assessment - Principles and framework
- » UNI EN ISO 14044:2021 Environmental management - Life cycle assessment - Requirements and guidelines
- » ISO 14020:2000 Environmental labels and declarations -- General principles
- » UNI EN ISO 14025:2010, Etichette e dichiarazioni ambientali - Dichiarazioni ambientali di Tipo III - Principi e procedure
- » EN 50693:2019 Product category rules for life cycle assessments of electronic and electrical products and systems
- » Regolamento EPDItaly rev. 6 del 30/10/2023
- » Core-PCR: EPDITALY007 " Electronic and electrical product and systems" Rev. 3 del 13/01/2023
- » Sub-PCR: EPDITALY011 "Electronic and electrical product and systems -Meters" Rev. 0 del 16/03/2020
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