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## FIRST WAVES

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### 1. Recycled Content

a. 8 % Overall recycled content

b. Yarn

100% PA6 Solution Dyed Xelux™ Color

Xelux™ is manufactured using a 10% recycled Polyamide 6.

c. Primary Backing

Colback SMR is produced out 100% post-consumer recycled PET, originated from bottle scrap.

d. Secondary Backing – back2back

The waste from the tile cutting process is shredded and added to the secondary backing, giving it a 10% post-industrial recycled content.

### 2. Production site

modulyss® only has one production site (Zelee, Belgium), which makes it possible for us to reduce internal transportation and limits our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions drastically.

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

b. modulyss® works in accordance with ISO26000, Corporate Social Responsibility.

### 3. Installation

a. Adhesive

modulyss® advises to use a solvent-free, easy release system with very low emissions.

b. Installation waste

In a rectangular building, installed before walls, using our installation descriptions the waste for Carpet tiles is 3-4%.

In comparison for broadloom the waste during installation rises till +/- 10%.

### 4. 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

Carpet tiles can be used as raw material for the backing of new carpet tiles in our back2back program.

c. CARE

Partnership modulyss®/ Vanheede Environment Group in which carpet tiles are converted into secondary fuel to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions drastically.

## 5. Emissions

This product fulfills the testing criteria for emissions of:

- a. GUT (DE)  
Gemeinschaft Umweltfreundlicher Teppichboden  
TVOC28<100 µg/m³
- b. DIBT (DE)  
Deutsche Institute für BauTechnik  
TVOC28<1,0 mg/m³
- c. CRI (US and international)  
Carpet & Rug Institute  
Compliant to the requirements of the Green Label Plus programme (see LEED®, point 6.b)

## 6. Compliance to Green Building Certifications

- a. BRE Global (UK)  
Building Research Establishment  
All modulyss products are rated for offices according to BRE Green Guide to Specification. The BRE Global Environmental Profiles Certification Scheme requires evidence of a minimum of 6 months continuous production prior to a request for certification and the certification process takes approximately 6 months to complete. As a result, we are currently not able to provide a BRE Global Environmental Profile Certificate for First Waves but please note that similar products have obtained Ecopoint scores ranging from 0.29 to 0.33, and are A-rated for offices.

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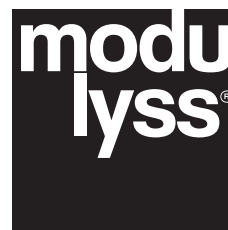
This product can contribute towards credits in Mat 01 Life Cycle Impacts - to recognise and encourage the use of construction materials with a low environmental impact (including embodied carbon) over the full life cycle of the building. For more information on BREEAM visit [www.breeam.org](http://www.breeam.org).

- b. LEED (US and international)  
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design  
This product can contribute towards satisfying IEQ Credit 4.1 (low emitting materials – adhesives & sealants), IEQ 4.3 (low emitting – flooring systems), MR Credit 4 (recycled content) and MR Credit 5 (recycled materials). 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](http://www.usgbc.org/contact)
- c. HQE (FR)  
Haute Qualité Environnementale  
In 2005 modulyss® received the HQE-certificate by the FDES in accordance to the norm NF P01-010.
- d. DIBT (DE)  
Deutsche Institute für BauTechnik  
This product is DIBT-certified, Abz-nummer Z-156.601-604.
- e. GUT (DE)  
Gemeinschaft Umweltfreundlicher, Teppichboden  
GUT-license number in request.
- f. REACH (EU)  
modulyss® complies with the strict European REACH standards.

## 7. Green Energy

The electricity that we use at modulyss® is 100% 'green electricity' generated from renewable sources:

- a. 14% of our consumption is, since February 2010, covered by our own **Solar Panels** on site-roof.
- b. The remaining 86% of the energy consumption is 100% **Green Energy Purchase**



## 8. Production Process

### a. H<sub>2</sub>O

modulyss® reduced the water consumption for the carpet tile production with 44% since 2008.

### b. Electricity savings

Through a variety of measures, we have succeeded in reducing our electricity consumption by 41% in only 2 years.

### c. Gas

Through intensive investments, we have reduced our own consumption of natural gas by 50%.

### d. Steam

Through the optimization of our processes, the volume of steam needed is reduced till half.

### e. Recycling raw yarns

All the remainder and waste yarns are collected and recycled into new yarns.

### f. Ecological Packaging

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

### g. Waste reduction

In 2008, we reduced the volume of yarns and cut-waste by 25%.

## 9. Health & Comfort

### a. Solvent-free Bitume

For the bitumebacking we only use bitumen that is not oxidized and is solvent-free.

### 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 program)

### d. Acoustics

This product is strongly sound absorbent. It reduces the contact noise by 37 decibels (ISO354), with a perfect acoustic effect as result.