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Hansen UnitAl curtain walling



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Basic information

This declaration is the Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) based on EN 15804+A2 and verified according to ISO 14025 by an external auditor. It contains the information on the impacts of the declared construction materials on the environment and their aspects verified by the independent body according to ISO 14025. Basically, comparison or evaluation of EPD data is possible only if all the compared data were created according to EN 15804+A2.

Life cycle analysis (LCA): A1-A3, B4-B6, C1-C4 and D modules in accordance with EN 15804 (Cradle-to-Gate with options)

The year of preparing the EPD: 2023

Product standard: EN 14351-1+A2

Service Life: 50 years

PCR: ITB-PCR A v 1,6

Functional unit: 1 m²

Reasons for performing LCA: B2B

Representativeness: European

MANUFACTURER

SHansen design, manufacture, and install unitised facades, curtain walling, bolted structural glazing, roofing, entrances, commercial window, and door systems, and others advanced building products. Hansen UnitAI is a prefabricated unitised curtain wall system with design possibilities for quick closure of the building envelope.

Prefab moves hours from the building site to a controlled environment and results in significantly shorter on-site construction time. HSHansen a/s produces windows and doors which can be built together in many different ways for the costumers individual specifications. The windows are sold to customers in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, United Kingdom, Germany and Poland.

Hansen Polska is the manufacturing plant within the group. The company is located in Głogów Małopolski, Poland (Fig. 1). The production facilities including warehouse covers an area of 7 800 m².



Fig. 1. Hansen Polska manufacturing plant located in Głogów Małopolski, Poland.

PRODUCTS DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION

Hansen UnitAI is a unitized curtain wall system for quick closure of the building envelope. It is possible to design the modules with both transparent and infilled areas. The transparent areas can be both fixed glazing and opening vents or a combination of both. It is possible to create interesting facades by adding extra architecture to the exterior of the façade. This could be aluminium cladding, stone cladding etc.

The technical specifications of UnitAI curtain wall produced by HSHansen a/s are presented in Table 1.

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Table 1. The specification of UnitAl curtain wall systems produced by HSHansen a/s.

Construction:	Elements span vertically between the floors. Elements are typically mounted in the top.
Design:	Elevation width of the profile system is 72 mm. Profile depth between 160 and 310 mm.
Profiles:	The system is available in a number of profile designs, which can create different visual appearances of the facade.
Glazing range	52-71mm
Insulating zone:	The profiles are insulated with a specially designed thermal break between the aluminium profiles. This breaks the cold bridge throughout the entire length of the profiles. Extra insulation of the rebate is optional.
Variety:	Hansen UnitAl is also found in a Structural Glazing (SG) system, where the glass is held by hidden fittings. For the visual appearance of the façade, the space between the two glass panes is jointed with silicone. Hansen UnitAl can be carried out in a flame retardant version (EI60).
Air permeability:	AE 1200
Water tightness:	RE 1200
Wind load classification:	Serviceability: 1600 Pa Safety: 2400 Pa

More information can be found on the HSHansen a/s website: www.hshansen.com

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – general rules applied

Allocation

The allocation rules used for this EPD are based on EN 15804 + A2 and ITB-PCRA v 1.6. Production of the curtain wall is a line process conducted in the manufacturing plant located in Głogów Małopolski (Poland). All impacts from raw materials extraction and processing are allocated in A1 module of EPD. Input and output data from the production is inventoried and allocated to the production on the mass basis. Water and energy consumption, associated emissions and generated wastes are allocated to module A3. Energy supply was inventoried for whole production process. Packaging materials were taken into consideration.

System boundary

The life cycle analysis (LCA) of the declared products covers: product stage – modules A1-A3, use stage – modules B4-B6, end of life – modules C3-C4 and benefits and loads beyond the system boundary – module D (cradle-to-gate with options). Energy and water consumption, emissions as well as information on generated wastes were inventoried and were included in the calculations. It can be assumed that the total sum of omitted processes does not exceed 5% of all impact categories. In accordance with EN 15804 + A2, machines and facilities (capital goods) required for the production as well as transportation of employees were not included in LCA.

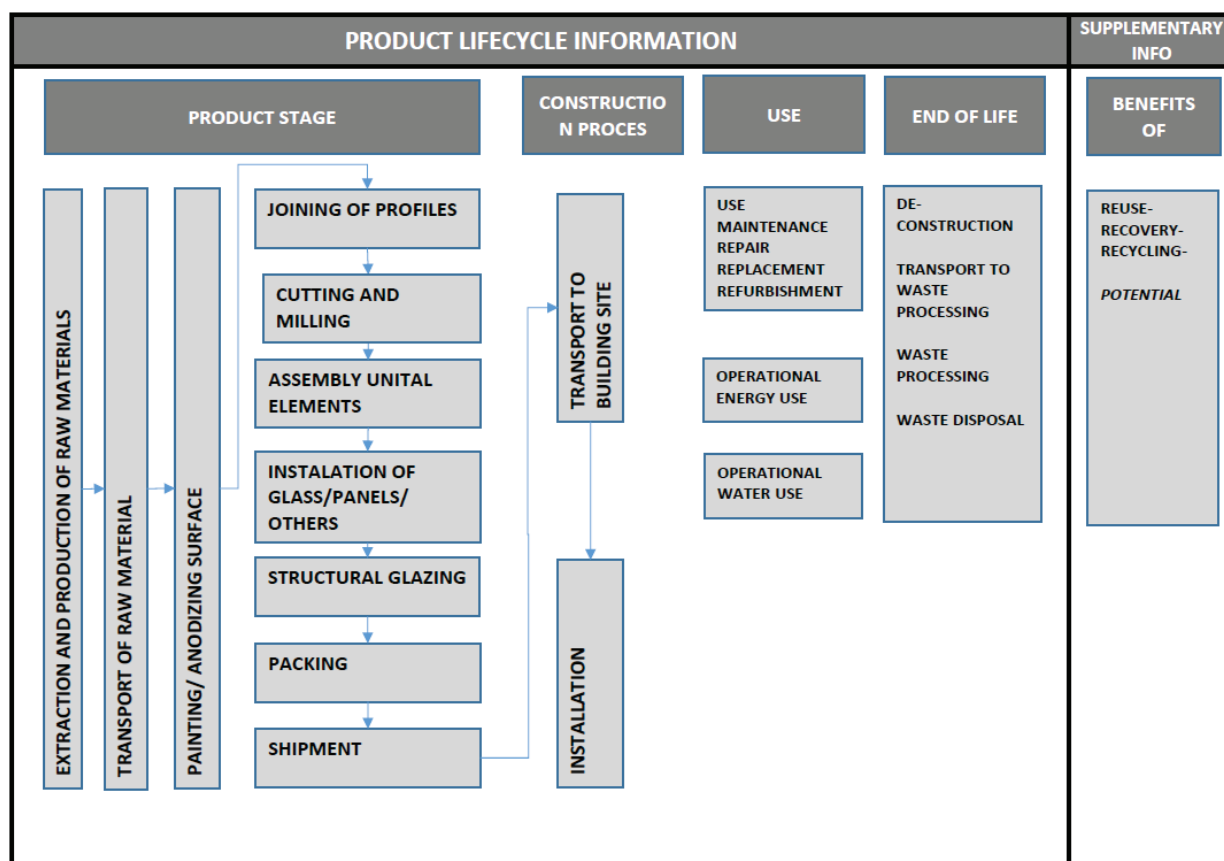


Fig. 2. A scheme of UnitAl curtain wall which are manufacturing by HSHansen a/s.

System limits

Minimum 99.0% input materials and 99.9% energy consumption (electricity, gas, LPG, other) were inventoried in a processing plant and were included in the calculation. In the assessment, all significant parameters from gathered production data are considered, i.e. all material used per formulation, utilized thermal energy, and electric power consumption, direct production waste and available emission measurements. Tires consumption for transport was not considered. Substances with a percentage share of less than 0.1% of total mass were excluded from the calculations. The packaging products (wooden pallets) are included.

Modules A1 and A2 : Raw materials supply and transport

Raw materials such as aluminium profiles and accessories are produced in Denmark whereas glass and most of ancillary items come mainly from local Polish suppliers. Data on transport of the different products to the manufacturing plants is collected and modelled for factory by assessor. Means of

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transport include small (>10 t), average (10 – 16 t) and big (>16 t) trucks. Based on data provided by the manufacturer, all input of transport resources was inventoried in details. For A2 module (transport) European averages for fuel data are applied.

Module A3 : *Production*

A scheme of Hansen UnitAl curtain wall production process is presented in Fig. 2. After anodizing or powder coating aluminium surface treatment which is done by external supplier in Denmark or Poland, the profiles are transported (ca. 1400 km) to the production facility in Głogów Małopolski. There, these profiles are CNC machined into correct lengths, holes are drilled and the frames are put together and mounted with glass and fittings for curtain wall system.

Module B4-B6 : *Use stage*

In the use stage all impacts related to the use of the Hansen UnitAl curtain wall system over its entire life cycle. This includes provisions for the transport of all materials as well as the energy and water impact associated with use of it. If the product contains at least one insulating glass unit, changing it at least once every 31 years shall be included in Module B4. There are no consumables, maintenance, repair, replacements or refurbishments related to the use of the UnitAl curtain wall for the period of the reference service life. UnitAl curtain wall does not use energy or water during its service life. There are no emissions released from the product during the use. There is no energy use to operate building integrated technical systems like energy use for electrical components e.g. electrical motors. Replacement of the product due to aesthetic reasons (change of interior design) and not related to the loss of performance is not taken into account. Therefore, modules B5-B6 have zero impacts.

Modules C1-C4 and D : *End-of-life (EoL)*

It is assumed that at the end-of-life, 100 % of curtain wall are demounted using electric tools. Materials recovered from dismantled products are recycled, incinerated (module C3) and landfilled (module C4) according to the realistic treatment practice (mass allocation) of industrial waste what is presented in Table 2. 95 % of the resulting aluminium undergo recycling after sorting and cutting while the remaining 5 % is forwarded to landfill as mixed construction and demolition wastes. In turn, 60 % plastic and 30 % glass undergo waste processing while the remaining are forwarded to landfill in the form of mixed construction and demolition wastes. A potential credit resulting from the recycling of aluminium, plastic and glass are presented in module D. Utilization of packaging material which constitute less than 1 % of the total system flows was not taken into consideration.

Table 2. End-of-life scenario for Hansen UnitAl curtain wall components.

Material	Waste processing		Landfilling
	Material recovery (reuse, recycling)	Energy recovery (incineration)	
aluminium	95 %	0 %	5 %
plastic	30 %	30 %	40 %
glass	30 %	0 %	70 %

Data quality

The data selected for LCA analysis originates from ITB-LCI questionnaires completed by HSHansen a/s using the inventory data, ITB and Ecoinvent database v. 3.9. No specific data collected is older than five years and no generic datasets used are older than ten years. The representativeness, completeness, reliability, and consistency are judged as good. Data for Polish electricity was supported by Ecoinvent database v. 3.9 and KOBIZE. KOBIZE data is supplemented with Ecoinvent v. 3.9 data on the national electricity mix impact where no specific indicator data is provided. Specific EPDs were used for hydro aluminium extrusion ingot inputs. Environmental characteristics that were not included in these EPDs were taken from the Ecoinvent.

Data collection period

The data for manufacture of the declared products refers to period between 01.07.2021 – 30.06.2022 (1 year). The life cycle assessments were prepared for Europe as reference area.

Assumptions and estimates

Impacts were inventoried and calculated for Hansen UnitAl curtain wall at the production site located in Poland which are a standard and representative for the Hansen UnitAl group system.

Additional information

Polish electricity (Ecoinvent v. 3.9 supplemented by actual national KOBIZE data) emission factor used is 0.761 kg CO₂/kWh. As a general rule, no particular environmental or health protection measures other than those specified by law are necessary.

Calculation rules

LCA was performed using ITB-LCA tool developed in accordance with EN 15804 + A2.

Databases

The data for the processes comes from Ecoinvent v. 3.9 and ITB-Database. Specific data quality analysis was a part of external audit.

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LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA) – Results

Declared unit

The declaration refers to declared unit (DU) – 1 m² of Hansen UnitAl curtain wall at the production site located in Poland.

Table 3. System boundaries for the environmental characteristic of Hansen UnitAl curtain wall.

Environmental assessment information (MD – Module Declared, MND – Module Not Declared, INA – Indicator Not Assessed)																
Product stage			Construction process		Use stage							End of life				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport to construction site	Construction-installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-recovery-recycling potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
MD	MD	MD	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MD	MD	MD	MND	MD	MD	MD	MD	MD

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Table 4. LCA results of Hansen UnitAI curtain wall – environmental impacts

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	B4	B5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Global Warming Potential total	eq. kg CO ₂	1.44E+02	1.47E+00	3.87E+00	1.50E+02	5.90E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.75E-01	8.35E-01	2.29E+00	5.01E-01	-2.60E+01
Greenhouse gas potential - fossil	eq. kg CO ₂	1.45E+02	1.46E+00	3.81E+00	1.50E+02	5.85E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.72E-01	8.32E-01	1.92E+00	4.97E-01	-2.62E+01
Greenhouse gas potential - biogenic	eq. kg CO ₂	-7.66E-01	4.66E-03	5.78E-02	-7.03E-01	4.56E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.10E-03	2.84E-03	3.69E-01	4.06E-03	2.37E-01
Global warming potential - land use and land use change	eq. kg CO ₂	1.58E-01	5.84E-04	8.32E-04	1.59E-01	2.17E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.04E-05	3.26E-04	6.75E-04	3.33E-04	-3.47E-02
Stratospheric ozone depletion potential	eq. kg CFC 11	1.92E-05	3.12E-07	6.78E-08	1.96E-05	2.01E-06	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	9.94E-10	1.92E-07	1.51E-07	1.20E-07	-4.55E-06
Soil and water acidification potential	eq. mol H ⁺	1.09E+00	5.69E-03	3.01E-02	1.12E+00	5.69E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.56E-03	3.38E-03	6.28E-03	3.19E-03	-1.73E-01
Eutrophication potential - freshwater	eq. kg P	3.19E-02	9.87E-05	4.82E-03	3.68E-02	9.21E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.61E-04	5.59E-05	1.91E-04	3.74E-05	-6.54E-03
Eutrophication potential - seawater	eq. kg N	3.34E-01	1.70E-03	4.53E-03	3.40E-01	9.36E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.25E-04	1.02E-03	2.41E-03	1.83E-03	-6.50E-02
Eutrophication potential - terrestrial	eq. mol N	3.66E+00	1.85E-02	3.96E-02	3.72E+00	1.12E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.96E-03	1.11E-02	2.39E-02	1.23E-02	-7.80E-01
Potential for photochemical ozone synthesis	eq. kg NMVOC	1.10E+00	5.88E-03	1.26E-02	1.12E+00	3.10E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.65E-04	3.40E-03	6.67E-03	3.56E-03	-2.05E-01
Potential for depletion of abiotic resources - non-fossil resources	eq. kg Sb	1.26E-03	5.16E-06	3.28E-06	1.26E-03	6.29E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.63E-07	2.95E-06	1.46E-05	1.18E-06	-4.24E-04
Abiotic depletion potential - fossil fuels	MJ	1.93E+03	2.17E+01	5.97E+01	2.01E+03	6.72E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.48E+00	1.23E+01	1.21E+01	8.66E+00	-3.87E+02
Water deprivation potential	eq. m ³	7.23E+01	1.01E-01	9.24E-01	7.33E+01	1.44E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.67E-02	5.71E-02	2.59E-01	4.01E-02	-1.91E+01

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Table 5. LCA results of Hansen UnitAl curtain wall – additional impacts indicators

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	B4	B5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Particulate matter	disease incidence	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential human exposure efficiency relative to U235	eg. kBq U235	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems	CTUe	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential comparative toxic unit for humans (non-cancer effects)	CTUh	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Potential soil quality index	dimensionless	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

Table 6. LCA results of Hansen UnitAl curtain wall - the resource use

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	B4	B5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Consumption of renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	6.84E+02	3.16E-01	4.26E+00	6.88E+02	4.02E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.30E-01	1.77E-01	7.30E-01	0.00E+00	-1.49E+02
Consumption of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	2.32E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.32E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Total consumption of renewable primary energy resources	MJ	7.07E+02	3.16E-01	4.27E+00	7.12E+02	4.02E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.30E-01	1.77E-01	1.09E+00	1.04E-01	-1.59E+02
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy - excluding renewable primary energy sources used as raw materials	MJ	1.86E+03	2.17E+01	5.45E+01	1.93E+03	6.72E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.48E+00	1.23E+01	-1.83E+02	0.00E+00	-2.23E+02
Consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials	MJ	8.26E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.26E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.85E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Total consumption of non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ	1.94E+03	2.17E+01	5.94E+01	2.02E+03	6.72E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.48E+00	1.23E+01	1.21E+01	8.55E+00	-3.90E+02
Consumption of secondary materials	kg	9.61E+00	7.44E-03	6.40E-03	9.62E+00	1.68E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.50E-04	4.14E-03	1.80E-02	2.99E-03	2.56E+00
Consumption of renewable secondary fuels	MJ	6.52E-01	8.13E-05	2.57E-05	6.52E-01	3.18E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.21E-06	4.56E-05	4.99E-04	5.77E-05	-4.95E-03
Consumption of non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Net consumption of freshwater resources	m³	6.53E+00	2.72E-03	1.23E-01	6.65E+00	3.84E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.60E-03	1.55E-03	5.50E-03	9.60E-03	-1.72E+00

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Table 7. LCA results of Hansen UnitAl curtain wall – waste categories

Indicator	Unit	A1	A2	A3	A1-A3	B4	B5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste neutralized	kg	2,51E+00	2.34E-02	3.36E-01	2,87E+00	7,80E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.80E-02	1,39E-02	7,48E-02	1,42E-02	-8,87E-01
Non-hazardous waste neutralised	kg	5,07E+01	4.35E-01	2.30E+01	7,99E+01	4,03E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.25E+00	2,46E-01	1,12E+00	2,10E+00	-2,57E+01
Radioactive waste	kg	1,05E-01	1.37E-04	6.87E-05	1,05E-01	1,08E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.75E-06	8,50E-05	7,53E-05	5,44E-05	-2,69E-02
Components for re-use	kg	0,00E+00	0.00E+00	1.92E-04	1,92E-04	0,00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00	0,00E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	1,19E+01	7.52E-05	2.18E-03	1,19E+01	9,28E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.17E-04	3,82E-05	1,81E+01	2,02E-05	-2,65E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	2,46E-01	5.33E-07	7.46E-07	2,46E-01	2,17E-04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.74E-08	3,09E-07	1,65E-06	5,84E-07	-6,33E-02
Energy exported	MJ	8,47E+00	2.46E-02	5.12E-02	8,54E+00	5,83E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.63E-03	1,37E-02	4,91E+00	2,02E-02	-8,33E-01

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Verification

The process of verification of this EPD is in accordance with ISO 14025 and ISO 21930. After verification, this EPD is valid for a 5-year-period. EPD does not have to be recalculated after 5 years, if the underlying data have not changed significantly.

The basis for LCA analysis was EN 15804 + A2 and ITB PCRA	
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Normative references

- ITB-PCR A General Product Category Rules for Construction Products
- ISO 14025:2006. Environmental labels and declarations – Type III environmental declarations – Principles and procedures
- ISO 21930:2017 Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works – Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services
- ISO 14044:2006 Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidelines
- ISO 15686-1:2011 Buildings and constructed assets – Service life planning – Part 1: General principles and framework
- ISO 15686-8:2008 Buildings and constructed assets – Service life planning – Part 8: Reference service life and service-life estimation
- EN 15804:2012+A2:2019 Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Core rules for the product category of construction products
- ISO 14067:2018 Greenhouse gases - Carbon footprint of products - Requirements and guidelines for quantification
- EN 15942:2012 Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations – Communication format business-to-business
- EN 14351-1+A2 Windows and doors - Product standard, performance characteristics - Part 1: Windows and external pedestrian doorsets
- EN 13830: 2003 Curtain Walling – Product standard
- KOBIZE Emissions (CO₂, SO₂, NO_x, CO and total dust) from electricity. December 2021



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