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**Accolade Plus**

This Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) discloses potential environmental outcomes compliant with ISO 14025 for business to business communication.

The declared product Accolade Plus was made by Armstrong Flooring in Australia in 2016 for sale with a 15 year warranty as floorcovering in commercial and health care sectors.

Armstrong Flooring Pty Ltd is an environmental best practice leader manufacturing Australian-made resilient vinyl flooring.

The company is committed to environmental protection through intelligent use of resources and environmental stewardship.

Its commitment is to a decreased environmental footprint overall.

Armstrong Flooring has a closed-loop flooring recycling program.

By continued innovation it is reducing energy, water and waste and driving sustainable building.

In communities in which it operates it is also being a responsible partner.

The company effort in improved sustainability has been recognised by many environmental partners.

Armstrong Flooring's operating principles are to ensure employees' rights and morale, high safety standards and fair business relations.

Actively involved in socially beneficial programs Armstrong Flooring is a partner in several environmental and educational organisations.

Armstrong Flooring has certified ISO 9001 Quality Management and ISO 14001 Environmental Management System operations.

More information is at <http://www.armstrong.com/corporate/company.html>



**Figure 1 Accolade Plus Floor Covering**



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## 1. Details of This Declaration

<b>Program Operator</b>	GreenTag Global Pty Ltd hereafter called Global GreenTag noted at <a href="http://www.globalgreentag.com">www.globalgreentag.com</a>
<b>EPD Number</b>	AWF-001-2015
<b>Date issue</b>	26 June 2017
<b>Validity</b>	26 June 2020
<b>Reference PCR</b>	Compliant with PCR:FP Building Floor Coverings 2017
<b>Time</b>	Made in and sold from 2016 for 20 years use
<b>Geography</b>	Made in Australia. Uses are assumed as for Australasia.
<b>Application</b>	Commercial and Health Care building interiors
<b>Functional unit</b>	20 year use Accolade Plus Floorcovering 3.1 kg/m <sup>2</sup> cradle to fate

## 2. Product Characterisation

<b>Definition</b>	Armstrong Flooring Accolade Plus floor covering for commercial and health care sectors
<b>Standard</b>	AS/NZS 4586:2004 Slip resistance classification of new pedestrian surface materials.

## 3. Green Star® Certified Credits

Products are relevant to the Green Building Council of Australia's (GBCA) Green Star® scheme. If required this EPD is evidence the declared product meets the following Green Star® credits.

It may be used as evidence in Green Star® submissions for those credits.

The product is certified by GBCA recognised Global GreenTag GreenRate to meet the following credits of Green Star®:

- Design and As Built V1.1: Sustainable Product, Responsible Building Material
- Interiors V1.1 Sustainable Products, Responsible Building Materials
- Performance V1.1: Procurement and Purchasing: Refurbishment Materials

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#### 4. Sustainability Assessment Scores

Table 1 lists Global GreenTag Sustainability Assessment Criteria (SAC) scores prior to weighting and then used to determine the GreenTag EcoPOINT<sup>1</sup>.

**Table 1 Normalised GreenTag EcoPOINT & SAC Scores**

Category Potential	Results (-1 to +1)
Building Synergy	1.00
Health & Ecotoxicity	0.25
Biodiversity	0.62
LCA Score	0.65
Greenhouse Emission	0.60
Social Responsibility	0.65
GreenTag EcoPOINT	0.59

SAC scores are normalised against business as usual (BAU) product performing comparable functions under the same category rules.

Lower scores show better environmental and social benefits with fewer impacts and damages. Considering sustainability:

- worst case BAU results = 1.0,
- neutral = 0.0 and
- net positive benefit = -1.0

#### 5. Type 1 Ecolabel

The declared product Type 1 Ecolabel achieved

**Global  
GreenTag<sup>Cert™</sup>**

Silver PLUS GreenRate Level A



#### 6. Verification of this Declaration

This EPD was approved on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 according to requirements of ISO14025 8.1.3b.

Role	Name	Position	Signature
PCR Review Chair	Murray Jones	Ecquate Pty Ltd CEO	
LCI Developer	Delwyn Jones	The Evah Institute CEO	
LCIA, LCARate & EPD Developer	Mathilde Vlieg	Global GreenTag Researcher	
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Internal EPD Audit	David Baggs	Global GreenTag CEO & Program Director	

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ecospecifier.com.au/knowledge-green/glossary.aspx#greentagecopoint>



## 7. Packaging, Installation, Use & Disposal

<b>Packaging</b>	Cardboard forms & cartons, plastic wrap & strapping on reused pallets.
<b>Service life</b>	Residential and commercial refits vary but 20 year life is assumed typical.
<b>Health Safety &amp; Environment</b>	Apart from compliance to occupational and workplace health safety and environmental laws no additional personal protection is considered essential.
<b>Residual Scrap</b>	Mill off-cuts are minimised. Installation scrap of 5% is assumed to landfill.
<b>Cleaning &amp; Maintenance</b>	The recommended cleaning and maintenance raises no ecosystem or human health concerns. Care and maintenance guides are on company websites.
<b>Scenario</b>	Weekly detergent spray, light mop, monthly wet machine scrub and cloth dry.
<b>Recycling</b>	Home mill, fabrication and installation scrap is reworked into new product.
<b>Re-use</b>	This study assumes 60% product is serviceable for reuse over 40 more years.
<b>Disposal</b>	It assumes 30% is recycled. Incineration is rare in Australia so none is modelled.

## 8. Whole of life Performance

<b>Health Protection</b>	<p>The product does not contain levels of carcinogenic, toxic or hazardous substances that warrant ecological or human health concern cradle to grave.</p> <p>It passed the Ecospecifier Cautionary Assessment Process (ESCAP) and no issues or red light concerns existed for product human or ecological toxicity.</p>
<b>Effluent</b>	The LCI results and ESCAP raised no red light concerns in emissions to water <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Waste</b>	Cradle to grave waste to landfill was <0.01% hazardous in fuel supply chains.
<b>Environmental Protection</b>	Continuous improvement under the maker's certified ISO14001 EMS aims to avoid toxics, waste and pollution plus reduce their material and energy use.
<b>Environmental Health Effects</b>	<p>Installed products are certified as having VOC's compliant with Green Star® IEQ VOC credits for indoor environment<sup>3</sup> quality credits.</p> <p>No other potential in-use impacts on environment or health are known.</p>

<sup>2</sup> According with national standards in ANZECC Guideline For Fresh & Marine Water Quality (2000)

<sup>3</sup> in accordance with national standards and practice



## 9. Base Material Origin and Detail

Table 2 lists key components by function, type, key operation, source and mass share.

**Table 2 Base Material**

Function	Component	Production	Origin	%
White Filler	Limestone	Mine, Crush, Sieve & Haul	Australia	<45.0
Binder	Suspension PVC	Extract, Chlorinate, Polymerise	Pacific Rim	<45.0
Plasticiser	Diisodecyl phthalate	Drill, Farm, Extract, Blend	Pacific Rim	<11.0
Plasticiser	Epoxidised Soybean Oil	Farm, Press, Refine, Mill	UK Pacific	<2.5
Stabiliser	Ca Zn Stearate	Mine, Farm, Press, Refine, Mill	UK	<2.5
Antioxidant	TNPP <sup>4</sup> Ba Zn Stearate	Mine, Farm, Press, Refine, Mill	UK	<1.0
Coating	Polyurethane elastomer	Farm, Drill, Extract, Polymerise	Global	<1.0
Whiting	Titanium Dioxide	Mine, Digest, Separate, Coat	Australia	<1.0
EVA Foam	Ethylene vinyl acetate	Drill, Extract, Polymerise, Blend	Pacific Rim	<1.0
Adhesive	DPGME 5	Drill, Extract, Mill, Polymerise	Pacific Rim	<0.6
Matte Agent	Silicates	Drill, Extract, Sieve, Mill, Blend	Pacific Rim	<0.15
Recyclate	PC rPVC bottle	Collect, Clean, Debale ,Crush	Australia	<0.1
Pigments	Iron Oxides	Recycle, Sieve, Mill, Blend	Global	<0.1
Dyes	Red, Blue, Gold etc	Drill, Extract, Sieve, Mill, Blend	Global	<0.1
Defoamer	Siloxanes	Drill, Extract, Polymerise, Blend	Global	<0.1
Leveller	Methyl Pyrrolidone	Drill, Farm, Extract, Blend	Singapore	<0.1
Cross Linker	Polyaziridine	Drill, Extract, Polymerise, Blend	Singapore	<0.1
Viscofier	Ca Stearate	Farm, Drill, Mine, Refine,	UK	<0.1

## 10. Life Cycle Impact Results

Table 3 shows Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Eco-Indicator 99 results for 20 years of product use.

**Table 3 Potential Impact Results**

Evaluation Category	Unit	Result
Product mass	kg/item	3.1
EcoIndicator 99	ecopoint	0.86
Embodied Water	kl	322
Carbon Dioxide Equivalent Emissions <sup>6</sup>	kg CO <sub>2e</sub>	16
Gross Energy & Feedstock	MJ	263
Renewable Primary Energy	MJ	14
Ecosystem Quality Damages	PDF*m <sup>2</sup> *yr	10E-05
Human Health Damages	DALY	1.4E-03
Ozone Depletion	kg R11 <sub>e</sub>	1.6E-09
Acidification	kg SO <sub>2e</sub>	0.48
Eutrophication	kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> <sub>e</sub>	10E-03
Fossil Fuel Depletion	MJ <sub>surplus</sub>	12
Mineral Resource	MJ <sub>surplus</sub>	0.2

<sup>4</sup> Tris Nonyl Phenyl Phosphite Antioxidant

<sup>5</sup> Dipropylene glycol methyl ether

<sup>6</sup> Stocker et al (eds.) Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis, CH8, IPCC AR5, Cambridge U Press, UK.



## 11. Supply Chain Modelling

Processes to acquire, refine, transport, fabricate, coat, use, clean, repair, reuse and dispose of metal, masonry, ceramic, timber, glass, plastic and composites are modelled.

These include those of:

- Mining, extracting and refining resources to make commodities and packaging;
- Acquiring, cultivating, harvesting, extracting, refining produce and biomass;
- Fuel production to supply power and process energy and freight;
- Chemicals use in processing resources, intermediates and ancillaries;
- Process energy, fuel and freight of resources, intermediates and ancillaries;
- Use, cleaning, recoating, repair, recycling, re-use and landfill, as well as
- Infrastructure process energy transformed and material wear loss e.g. tyres.

A flow chart in Figure 2 shows key product supply chain operations from cradle to fate. While all known operations are included not all are shown.

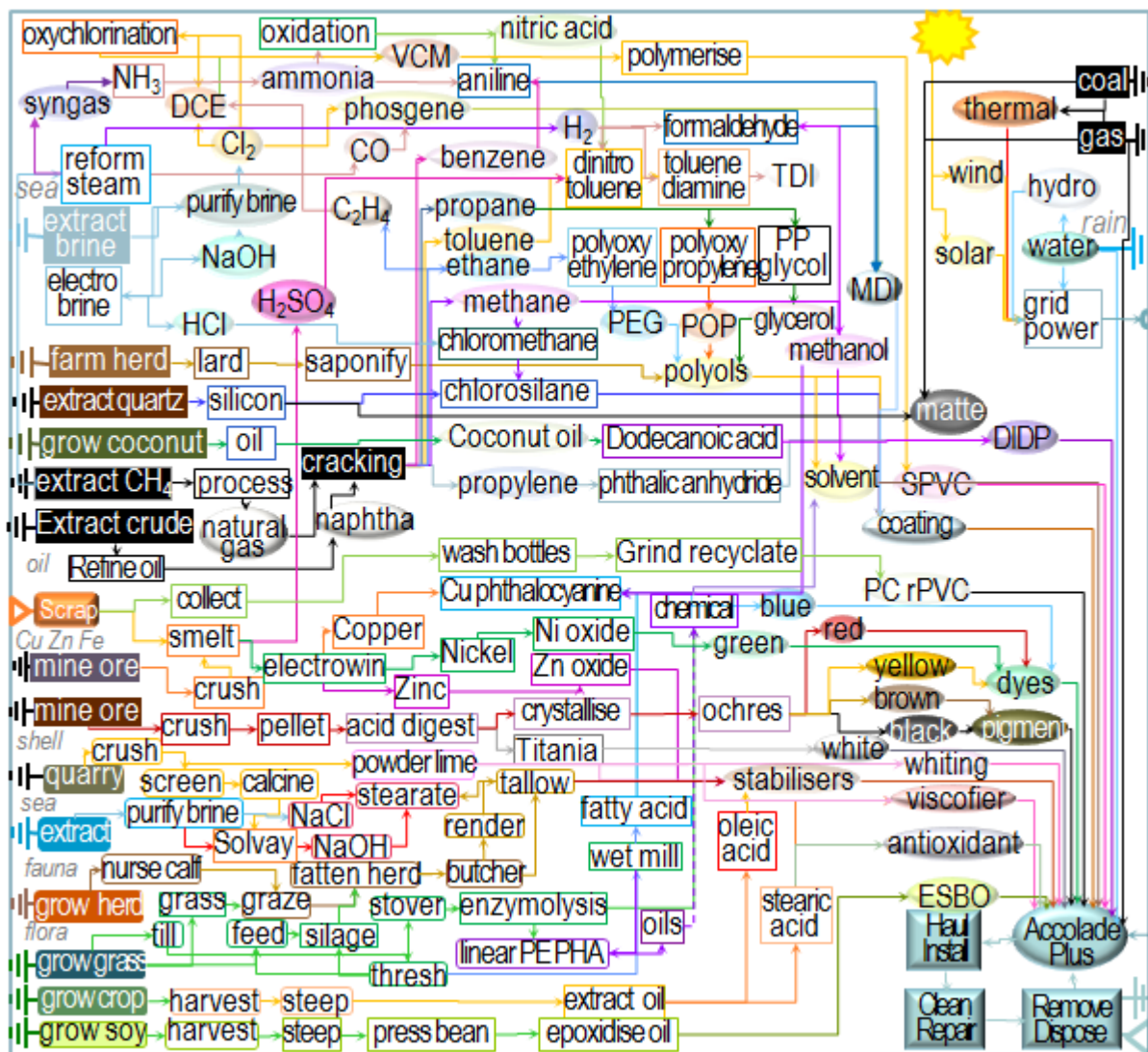


Figure 2 Major Product Operations

## 12. Life Cycle Assessment Method

<b>LCA Author</b>	The Evah Institute as described at <a href="http://www.evah.com.au">www.evah.com.au</a>
<b>Study Period</b>	Factory data was collected from year 2015
<b>LCA Method</b>	Compliant with ISO 14040 and ISO 14044 Standards
<b>LCIA method</b>	EcoIndicator 99 Life Cycle Impact (LCIA) Assessment
<b>Scope</b>	Cradle to Fate including all supply chain phases and stages depicted in Figure 3.
<b>Phases</b>	The LCA covered all known flows in all known stages cradle to end of life fate.
<b>Assumptions</b>	Use is to typical Australian Facility Management professional practice.
<b>Scenarios</b>	Use, cleaning, maintenance plus disposal and re-use were scenario-based using Facility Management Association denoted and published typical operations.
<b>System Boundaries</b>	The LCA covers all operations in the system boundary depicted in Figure 3.
<b>Processes</b>	All known processes are included from resource acquisition, water, fuel & energy use, power generation & distribution, freight, refining, intermediates, manufacture, scrap re-use, packing and dispatch, installation, use, maintenance and landfill. All significant waste and emission flows from all supply chain operations involved to make, pack and install the product are included.



Phases A-D Stages 1-20	A Produce			A Construct		B Use Built Fabric Operate						C End of life				D Fate				
Operation Modules 1-20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Acquire Resources & refine material	Dispatch, Transport, Ship & deliver	Fabricate, Finish & Pack product	Deliver, Unpack & dispatch packing	Prep, Build, Install, Scrap & Dispatch	Product Use	Clean & Maintain	Repair Product	Replace Product	Refurbish Product	Operating Energy	Operating Water	Deconstruct & Sort	Transport to Depot	Process Scrap	Disposal in Landfill	Potential Recovery	Potential Reuse	Potential Recycle	Potential Upcycled
Scope																				
C <sub>2</sub> Gate	Mandatory 1,2,3																			
C <sub>2</sub> Gate +	Mandatory 1,2,3					Usual 4,5					Optional		Usual 13-16				Optional 17-20			
C <sub>2</sub> Grave	Mandatory 1,2,3			Mandatory 4,5		Mandatory 6 to 10					Mandatory		Mandatory 13-16				Optional 17-20			

**Figure 3 Phases and Stages Cradle to Grave**

Evah industry databases cover all known domestic and global scope 1 and 2 operations.

They exclude scope 3 burdens from capital facilities, equipment churn, noise and dehydration as well as incidental activities and employee commuting.

The databases exist in top zones of commercial global modelling and calculating engines. Quality control methods are applied to ensure:

- Coverage of place in time with all information<sup>7</sup> for each dataset noted, checked and updated;
- Consistency to Evah guidelines<sup>8</sup> for all process technology, transport and energy demand;
- Completeness of modelling based on in-house reports, literature and industry reviews;
- Plausibility in 2 way checks of LCI input and output flows of data checked for validity, plus
- Mathematical correctness of all calculations in mass and energy balance cross checks.

Electricity supply models in active databases are updated annually. As each project is modelled and new data is available the databases are updated and audited by external Type 1 ecolabel certifiers.

<sup>7</sup> Jones D G (2004) LCI Database for Commercial Building Report 2001-006-B-15 Icon.net, Australia

<sup>8</sup> Evah Tools, Databases and Methodology Queensland, Australia at <http://www.evah.com.au/tools.html>





### 13. Data Sources Representativeness and Quality

Primary data used for modelling the state of art of each operation includes all known process for:

- Technology sequences;
- Energy and water use;
- Landfill and effluent plus
- Reliance on raw and recycled material;
- High and reduced process emissions;
- Freight and distribution systems.

Primary data is sourced from clients, Annual Reports and their publications on corporate locations, logistics, technology use, market share, management systems, standards and commitment to improved environmental performance. Information on operations is also sourced from client:

- Supply chain mills, their technical manuals, corporate annual reports and sector experts, and
- Manufacturing specifications websites and factory site development license applications.

Background data is sourced from the International Energy Agency, IBISWorld, USGS Minerals, Franklin Associates, Boustead 6, Plastics Europe, CML2, Simapro 8, Ecolnvent 3 and NREL USLCI model databases. Information on operations is also sourced from:

- Library, document, NPI and web searches, review papers, building manuals and
- Global Industry Association and Government reports on Best Available Technology (BAT).

For benchmarking, comparison and integrity checks inventory data is developed to represent BAT, business as usual and worst practice options with operations covering industry sector supply and infrastructure in Australia and overseas.

Such technology, performance and license conditions were modelled and evaluated across mining, farming, forestry, freight, infrastructure and manufacturing and building industry sectors since 1995.

As most sources do not provide estimates of accuracy, a pedigree matrix of uncertainty estimates to 95% confidence levels of Geometric Standard Deviation<sup>2</sup> ( $\sigma_g$ ) is used to define quality as in Table 4<sup>9</sup>.

**Table 4 Data Quality Uncertainty (U) for 2014**

Metric $\sigma_g$	U $\pm 0.01$	U $\pm 0.05$	U $\pm 0.10$	U $\pm 0.20$	U $\pm 0.30$
Temporal	Post 2015	Post 2010	Post 2005	Post 2000	Pre 2000
Duration	>3yr	3yr	2yr	1yr	<1yr
Data Source	Process	Line	Plant	Corporate	Sector
Technology	Actual	Comparable	Within Class	Conventional	Within Sector
Reliability on	Site Audit	Expert verify	Region Report	Sector Report	Academic
Precision to	Process	Line	Plant	Company	Industry
Geography	Process	Line	Plant	Nation	Continent
True of the	Process	Mill	Company	Group	Industry
Sites cover of	>50%	>25%	>10%	>5%	<5%
Sample size	>66% trend	>25% trend	>10% batch	>5% batch	Academic
Cut-off mass	0.01%	0.05%	0.1%	0.5%	1%
Consistent to	$\pm 0.01$	$< \pm 0.05$	$< \pm 0.10$	$< \pm 0.20$	$< \pm 0.30$
Reproducible	>98% confidence	>95%	>90%	>80%	<70%
Certainty	Very High	High	Typical	Poor	$\geq \pm 0.30$ unused

No data set with  $\geq \pm 30\%$  uncertainty is used without notation in the LCA as well as the EPD.

<sup>9</sup> Evah Institute data quality control system accords with UNEP SETAC Global LCI Database Quality 2010 Guidelines



## 14. Supply Chain Modelling Assumptions

Australian building sector rules and Evah assumptions applied are defined in Table 5.

**Table 5 Scope Boundaries Assumptions and Metadata**

Quality/Domain	National including Import and Export
Process Model	Typical industry practice with currently most common or best (BAT) technology
Resource flows	Regional data for resource mapping, fuels, energy, electricity and logistics
Temporal	Project data was collated from 2014 to 2016
Geography	Designated client, site, regional, national, Pacific Rim then European jurisdiction
Representation	Designated client, their suppliers and energy supply chains back to the cradle
Consistency	Model all operations by known given operations with closest proximity
Technology	Pacific Rim Industry Supply Chain Technology typical of 2014 to 2016
Functional Unit	Typical product usage with cleaning & disposal/m <sup>2</sup> over the set year service life
<b>System Control</b>	
Primary Sources	Clients and suppliers mills, publications, websites, specifications & manuals
Other Sources	IEA 2016, GGT 2016, Boustead 2013, Simapro 2016, IBIS 2016, EcolInvent 2016
Data mix	Power grid and renewable shares updated to latest IEA 2016 reports
Operational	Company data for process performance, product share, waste and emissions
Logistics	Local data is used for power, fuel mix, water supply, logistics share & capacity
New Data Entry	VliegLCA, Evah Institute 2016; Global Green Tag Researchers 2016
Data Generator	Manufacturers, Evah Institute 2016; GGT 2016; Meta: IBIS 2016, Other pre 2016
Data Publisher	The Evah Institute Pty Ltd to Global GreenTag and designated client only
Persons input	All contributors cited in Evah & Global GreenTag records or websites
<b>Data Flow &amp; Mix</b>	
System Boundary	Earth's cradle of all resource & emission flows to end of use, fitout or build life
System flows	All known from and to air, land, water and community sources & sinks
Capital inclusions	Natural stocks $\Delta$ , industry stockpiles $\Delta$ , capital wear $\Delta$ , system losses and use
Arid Practice	Dry technology adopted, Water use is factored by 0.1 as for e.g. Mining
Transportation	Distance >20% than EU; >20% fuel efficient larger vehicles, load & distance
Industrial	Company or industry sector data for manufacturing and minerals involved
Mining	All raw material extraction is based on Australian or Pacific Rim technology
Imported fuel	Mix is from nearest sources is e.g. UAE, SE Asia, Canada or New Zealand
Finishes	Processing inputs with finishing burdens are factored in. If not that is denoted
<b>Validation</b>	
Accuracy	10 <sup>th</sup> generation study is $\pm$ 5 to 15% uncertain due to some background data
Completeness	All significant operations are tracked and documented from the cradle to grave
Precision	Tracking of >90% flows applies a 90:10 rule sequentially to 99.9% and beyond
Allocation	%100 to co products on reaction stoichiometry by energetic or mass fraction
Burdens	All resource use from & emissions to community air land, water are included
Plausibility	Results are checked and benchmarked against BAT, BAU & worst practice
Sensitivity	Calculated U is reported & compared to libraries of Bath U RICE & EcolInvent 3.2
Validity Checks	Are made versus Plastics Europe, Ecobilan, GaBi & or Industry LCA Literature



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