



# GRANT WESTFIELD

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### **Grant Westfield proves their commitment to a sustainably built environment with their new EPD certification**

Grant Westfield, the UK's manufacturer of leading wall panel brand Multipanel, as well as newly launched nature inspired panel brand Naturepanel, has announced the publication of an EPD (an environmental product declaration).

Grant Westfield's EPD is a certification that is produced by conducting a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of its products. The analysis looks at the full product lifecycle of Grant Westfield's products, from the product construction, raw materials, packaging, transportation, and installation process to how the product is disposed of at the end of its life.

#### **How can tradespeople, architects and specifiers use EPDs?**

EPDs can be used to compare and select products that have the lightest impact on the environment. In the pledge to reach net zero by 2050, builders, architects and specifiers can use EPDs to compare the impacts of materials at the product selection stage, ensuring that the most sustainable options are specified. This allows designers to increase the number of points a building receives, which in turn can increase the market value of a project and reduce the overall ownership costs.

Michael Dobson, Sales Director, Grant Westfield, said:

“At Grant Westfield we understand the importance of a transparent supply chain and our EPD certification provides specifiers, architects and builders greater visibility on the environmental impact of materials, helping them make more sustainable choices.

“Our panels are manufactured in Britain, using raw materials sourced in the UK and Ireland, it’s efficient to transport and requires less energy to produce than ceramic tiles. Choosing Multipanel or Naturepanel over tiles results in a 60% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, in 2023 that reduction was the equivalent to driving around the Earth’s circumference 628 times! The publication of our EPD through an official program operator helps verify this significant environmental impact, and we’re proud to share the results.”

Other examples of CO<sub>2</sub> savings if wall panels were chosen instead of tiles include:

- In a residential home, choosing panels over tiles would save the equivalent of a kettle being boiled 2235 times
- If all new built homes in the UK in 2023 used wall panels instead of tiles, the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction would equate to enough energy to run 2500 homes for the year.

There is also new guidance by NHBC (Technical 9.2/06) which comes into force from 1 July 2024, which introduces the need for additional impervious waterproofing material behind ceramic tiles. This added layer will have further environmental impact when choosing tiles during a bathroom refit.

In addition to its EPD, Grant Westfield has also obtained FSC® certification [FSC 128180] for its products, ensuring that materials are responsibly sourced from managed forests and controlled sources. The company also implements a range of environmental and sustainability initiatives within its manufacturing and design processes, including sourcing materials locally and recycling post-production waste into biomass fuel and other products.

Grant Westfield's bathroom wall panels, which hold a 30-year guarantee and are 100% recyclable, exemplify the company's commitment to longevity and sustainability. By offering

durable, eco-friendly alternatives to traditional wall coverings, Grant Westfield aims to minimise environmental impact while promoting a circular economy.

To find out more visit:

<https://www.multipanel.co.uk/professionals/articles/multipanel-s-epd-certification/>

<https://www.naturepanel.co.uk/certifications/epd-certification/>

Notes to editors

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Manufactured in Edinburgh, [Multipanel](#) is the UK's best-selling bathroom wall panel, and a sustainable and modern alternative to bathroom tiling.

The fast, grout-free installation of Multipanel wall panels makes them a modern alternative to tiles and a favourite with homeowners, bathroom installers, and specifiers in the housing sector

Over 8,000 Multipanel wall panels are manufactured each week at the company's factory in Edinburgh, which are distributed throughout the UK and Northern Europe through merchants, bathroom showrooms and leading online retailers.

Multipanel's new Tile Collection is the only tile-effect wall panel collection in the UK to hold both Made In Britain and FSC<sup>®</sup> (Forest Stewardship Council FSC 128180) certification. Its [bathroom wall panels](#), which come with a 30-year warranty, have a unique tongue and groove installation system, [Hydrolock](#) which allows profile-free installation.

To find out more about Multipanel please head to: <https://www.Multipanel.co.uk>