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Arturo Flooring

Arturo Flooring is a brand from Uzin Utz AG which specialises in resin flooring and other synthetic resin-bonded flooring. It is produced by Uzin Utz Nederland bv in Haaksbergen, the Dutch subsidiary of the German listed company Uzin Utz AG.

Although a young company, we already have over 40 years' experience as a leading partner in the field of resin flooring and other synthetic resin-bonded floorings. We can look back on and draw on this experience, but our sights are predominantly focussed ahead. We are always engaged in research and development that keeps us young.

The world keeps on turning and changes constantly. We keep it closely in our sights and take a fresh look at the latest technology. We see that there is room for colour and creativity, for inspiring ideas. Through innovations and production techniques, we make things possible that appeared improbable in the past. But sustainability has long ceased to be a trend. It is rooted in our genes and part of everything we do.

Arturo from the 'greenest' factory in the Netherlands

The premises of Uzin Utz Nederland bv underlines the company's policy in the field of sustainability and corporate social responsibility (CSR) to which we are committed. These new premises embody the latest ideas in 'green building'.

The strength of the Uzin Utz Nederland bv premises can be seen in the judicious combination of different energy-efficiency and sustainability measures. Calculations by GPR Gebouw (Dutch Green Building Rating) show that Uzin Utz Nederland bv achieves a "score" of 8.66 for its sustainability performance.



Certification of Arturo products

Arturo floors are an outstanding choice for sustainable building.

The Eco Institute conducted an audit at Uzin Utz Nederland bv, the manufacturer of Arturo products, and awarded full certification to both the production process and the quality control.

Some Arturo systems have been approved in accordance with the test scheme of the German Committee for Health-Related Evaluation of Building Products (AgBB). The Arturo polyurethane products more than meet the criteria of this German standard. The level of volatile organic compounds (VOC) in resin floorings is precisely measured with this test method. The Arturo polyurethane resin floorings have very low emissions, enabling them to contribute to a healthy indoor climate.

The decorative self-smoothing cementitious floor Arturo Concreta has been tested according to GEV-Emicode: EC 1. In order to provide a reliable description of the emission behaviour of products, the classification system EMICODE was introduced in 1997 by the GEV (Gemeinschaft Emissionskontrollierte Verlegewerkstoffe Klebstoffe und Bauprodukte). EMICODE is divided into various emission classes on the basis of the strictly defined GEV test method (emission test chamber) and the GEV classification criteria. The AgBB and Emicode certified Arturo Flooring systems can be used to create a healthy indoor climate due to their very low emissions.



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Sustainable building

BREEAM is one of the instruments for measuring and assessing the sustainability of new and existing buildings. BREEAM makes demands on floors with respect to the indoor climate, Hea 9 - Volatile Organic Compounds.

Explanations of this certification can be downloaded from the website



Environmental Product Declaration (EPD's)

European construction materials manufacturers draw up Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) to provide an insight into the impact of a product. EPDs allow the impact of a product on health or the environment to be easily compared.

The Environmental Product Declaration states the consumption of raw materials and the emissions from a product during its whole life cycle. In addition, the environmental factors are taken into consideration in the environmental balance sheet. The EPD thus assesses the sustainability of a product.

The EPDs can be downloaded from the website arturoflooring.co.uk

Raw materials for Arturo products

Uzin Utz Nederland bv has been producing synthetic resin floorings for over 40 years. We use vegetable oil for the A component of the PU products. 85% of the ingredients of Arturo PU products are natural raw materials.

Packaging of Arturo products

A wide range of packaging units offers the possibility of ordering exactly the right amount of product, minimising the amount of waste material at the place of work.

Uzin Utz Nederland Warranty System

Damage resulting from a defect in a product supplied by Arturo and/or an error in specification given by Arturo is insured with the Arturo Warranty. Replacement costs are refunded (not applicable to consequential damage). It therefore pays to complete the Arturo Warranty for your projects. That gives both the installer and the client security.

With the Arturo Warranty, the end user can contact us directly in the event that the company that originally installed the flooring no longer exists. The guarantee on our products or advice then remains unchanged.

The Arturo Warranty offers the client at least 10 years' peace of mind.



Business processes

In addition to a certified quality management system in accordance with ISO 9001, Uzin Utz Nederland bv also has a certified environmental management system in accordance with ISO 14001.



Purchasing

During purchasing, critical attention is paid to the product and safety characteristics of substances and products. Wherever possible, we work together with suppliers that are also certified and thus attach importance to quality and the environment. These suppliers are also audited accordingly at regular intervals. Raw materials are purchased in bulk and packaging returned wherever possible, and delivered in full trucks

Sales

During sales, packaging is tailored to the order size, wherever possible. For larger projects, products can be delivered in bulk packaging that can be reused. Supplementary requirements are combined as effectively as possible with current orders.

Transport

Shipping companies operating energy-efficient vehicles are employed for the transport to the customer. Collections of returns are combined with deliveries.

Product management and R&D

During our product development, we look for substances with the least possible impact on health and the environment, while maintaining the technical properties of the product. Wherever technically possible, the products satisfy the demands on solvents and emissions (EC1 Plus, EC1, Blue Angel)



Production

Our products are manufactured as efficiently as possible. A good maintenance management system minimises faults and standstills. Various products are manufactured in bulk and packed as required. As long as the quality is assured, finished products that are returned can be used again for manufacturing new products.

Uzin Utz Nederland bv attaches importance to energy consumption, limitation of waste and separate disposal of waste flows, with paper, cardboard and plastic film being recycled. An environmental programme is drawn up and implemented every year for the control of environmental aspects (waste, energy, emissions).

When it comes to waste separation, Uzin Utz Nederland bv is extremely goal-oriented. Some parts of the packaging process can be recycled and are then employed again. Packaging materials and waste from the production process, such as the rinsing water, are recycled and used for the next round of production. The same applies to the maintenance of the machines. Attention is paid to the possibilities of modifying instead of replacing them, and at the same time solutions are identified for reducing the energy consumption. Uzin Utz Nederland bv always was and still is an innovation driver.

Know-how transfer

An Arturo floor cannot be produced without the high-quality expertise of the installer. Arturo also ensures that the installers are intensively trained. This allows the knowledge for new products, styles and techniques to be perfectly transformed into a unique floor. Furthermore, the risk of complaints and possible repair work is enormously reduced. After a tour of the factory, visitors often say how surprised they are at the eco-friendly manner in which Uzin Utz Nederland bv operates in its day-to-day working.



Care for one another

Fruit at the place of work

The well-being of its employees is important for Uzin Utz Nederland bv. Uzin Utz Nederland bv wants to be a good and attractive employer, but more importantly, employees perform better in a pleasant working environment. This policy does not stop with good intentions, but is put into practice every working day. For example, by ensuring that each department has a basket of fresh fruit from which the employees can help themselves.



Informal Care

One in eight employees in the Netherlands is an informal carer. For Uzin Utz Nederland bv employees who are informal carers, the company offers various possibilities of combining the care with their work. The informal care support centre holds walk-in consultation sessions twice a year, and Uzin Utz Nederland bv observes the National Informal Care Day.



Jobs for people with reduced possibilities

In the company restaurant where we take lunch together every day, jobs have been created for people with reduced possibilities. In cooperation with Aveleijn, a number of positions in and around the company restaurant have been filled by employees with reduced possibilities on the normal labour market. In addition, Uzin Utz Nederland bv works together with Stichting ASSortimens; this foundation offers people with autism a meaningful way of spending the day. Uzin Utz Nederland bv is conducting a number of innovative projects together with this foundation.

Prijzen, nominaties, certificeringen

2021

- CRADLE TO CRADLE CERTIFIED™ Silver for Arturo PU2030 Self-smoothing Floor

2017

- Uzin Utz Nederland wins BIM (Business Improvement Managers)-Award concerning sustainability (for the greenest company in the Netherlands)

2016

- CO₂ Performance Ladder highest level (5) reached.

2015

- Greener Packaging Awards in the category 'Commercial Packaging'
- FD Gazellen Award for the fastest growing healthy companies.
- De Groene Twinkeling; greenest company in Overijssel.

2014

- Twentse Vastgoedprijs.
- German news station n-tv; Uzin Utz AG 'Hidden Champion' in the category Sustainability.
- Business magazine 'Wirtschaftswoche', Uzin Utz AG one of the most innovative companies in Germany.
- Nomination for King Willem I Plaque for Sustainable Entrepreneurship.



Uzin Utz Nederland bv operates the quality assurance system in accordance with NEN-EN ISO-9001/14001 and is certified for this by TÜV Nederland QA. This means that deliveries are made in accordance with the product and process specifications drawn up for this system. Products and services supplied by Uzin Utz Nederland bv also comply with the description in these technical specifications. As different site conditions and working practices are unknown, Uzin Utz Nederland bv accepts no liability for any damage resulting from any use of its products. With the publication of this data sheet, all previously published data sheets concerning this product become invalid. © Uzin Utz Nederland bv. All rights reserved. Copying and/or reproduction of this publication, in whatever form, is not permitted without the written permission of Uzin Utz Nederland bv. | 03.2020