

Environmental Product Declaration



In accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012+A2:2019/AC:2021 for:

Steel merchant bars, painted and non-painted

from

Stalia AB



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Product Category Rules (PCR)

CEN standard EN 15804 serves as the Core Product Category Rules (PCR)

Product Category Rules (PCR):

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UN CPC code: 4219 Other structures (except prefabricated buildings) and parts of structures, of iron, steel or aluminium

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EPD Version 2.0 updates

- Minor editorial changes were made to the document

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The use of the EPD is restricted to steel supplied by supplier D mentioned in the background report. Contact Stalia directly for information if this EPD is valid for a specific purchase.

Company information

Owner of the EPD:

Stalia AB

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Description of the organisation:

Stalia AB is a Swedish wholesaler that stores, sells, and further refines a wide portfolio consisting of various steel and metal products.

Product-related or management system-related certifications:

- EN 1090-1:2009+A1:2011

Name and location of production site(s):

Stalia AB, Industrivägen 10, 313 94 Sennan, SE

Product information

Product name: Steel merchant bars

Product identification:

- Boron steel and spring steel according to EN 10025, EN 10089, and EN ISO 683-2:2018

Product description:

Steel merchant bars purchased from a supplier with a manufacturing facility in Denmark. The merchant bars are hot rolled and based on 85% recycled steel and 15% primary steel.

The Steel merchant bars are used for structural and general construction purposes and vary in physical dimensions, chemical composition, and technical specifications depending on customer need. The product characteristics are detailed in table 1, showing a value range based on data from the Danish supplier.

Characteristic	Value
Size (height)	5 – 50 mm
Size (width)	16 – 160 mm
Steel grade	S235 or S355

UN CPC code: 4219 Other structures (except prefabricated buildings) and parts of structures, of iron, steel, or aluminium.

Geographical scope: Europe. Products under study are purchased from supplier in Denmark but are used in Sweden.

LCA information

Functional unit / declared unit: 1 000 kg of Steel merchant bars

Reference service life: Not applicable

Time representativeness: January 1st – December 31st 2022.

Database(s) and LCA software used:

The LCA software used for modelling was SimaPro version 9.5.0.1, with Ecoinvent 3.9.1 as a complementary database in addition to direct inputs from the steel supplier EPD.

Description of system boundaries:

b) Cradle to gate with options, modules C1–C4, module D and with optional modules (A1–A3 + C + D and additional modules). The additional module included in the system boundary is A4.

A1-A3 Cradle-to-gate

Production of all steel products from the suppliers that is purchased by Stalia are based on existing EN15804+A2 EPDs developed by each supplier or LCI data derived from type EN15804+A1 EPDs. The EN15804+A2 EPDs include production and handling of raw materials, energy use, auxiliary materials, transportation to production site, disposal and handling of production scrap.

The electricity mix used at Stalia is modelled as Swedish residual electricity with a GWP-GHG of 0,079 kg CO_{2,eq}/kWh.

When Stalia AB receives the steel merchant bars from the supplier, paint is sometimes applied to the product before transporting to customer, a process which is also included.

A4 Transportation

Transportation of purchased product between supplier and Stalia AB, as well as between Stalia AB and a typical customer in Sweden.

Material	Country of origin	Distance (km)	Type of transport
Steel merchant bars	Denmark	150	Road
Transportation from Stalia to customer	Sweden	150	Road

C1 Demolition/Deconstruction

Presented scenarios in for modules C1-D are currently in use and are representative for one of the most probable alternatives.

This Chapter describes the energy needed to demolish the steel.

Activity	Energy type	Amount (MJ/DU)
Demolition	Diesel	11

Energy requirements for removal of steel is based on (Erlandsson & Pettersson, 2015). As a conservative measure, it is assumed that the demolition takes place more than 6m above ground level.

C2 Transport to waste processing

Transport	Distance
Road	50 km

C3 Waste processing for reuse, recovery and/or recycling

The materials are assumed to go through a crushing and sorting process according to values in the table below.

Material	Treatment type	Amount (kg/DU)
Steel	Material recycling	850

C4 Final disposal

Material	Treatment type	Amount (kg/DU)
Steel	Inert waste	150

D Benefits and loads beyond the product system

The D module is calculated with a formula originally proposed in EN 15804 and adjusted with a factor for material yield (Y) in PCR:2019:14.

Formula for calculating net benefits and loads for export of secondary materials (recycling of materials):

$$e_1 = \Sigma(Y \cdot M_{MR,out} - Y \cdot M_{MR,in}) \cdot (E_{MR \text{ after } EoW \text{ out}} - E_{VM \text{ Sub out}} \cdot \frac{Q_{R,out}}{Q_{Sub}}) \quad (\text{Eq.1})$$

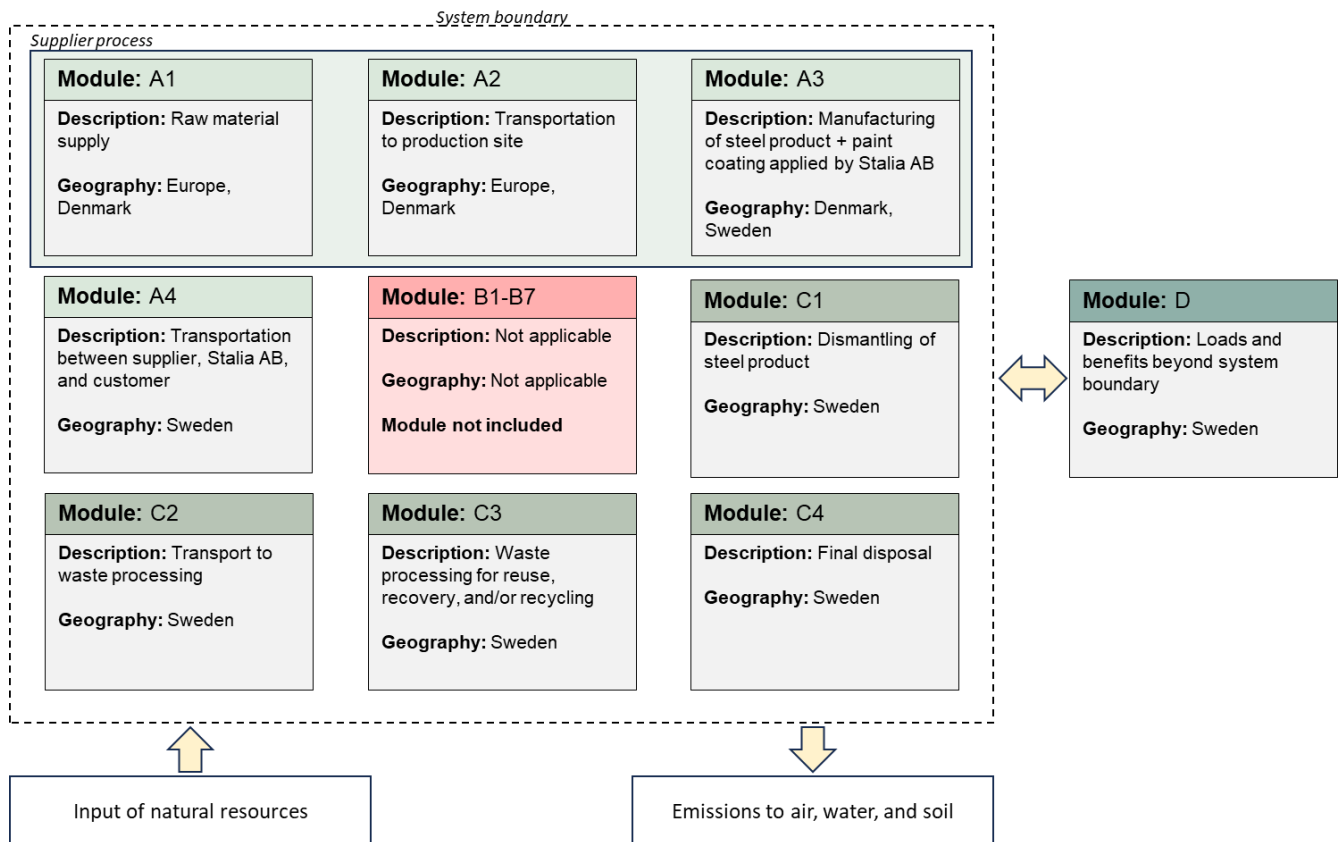
No benefits or loads from export of energy.

System diagram:

The system boundary of the EPD is cradle-to-gate with options, meaning that modules A1-A4, C, and D are declared, exempting module A5 + B from the model. Modules A1-A3, illustrated in figure 1, are all part of the supplier process in which Stalia AB does not perform any activities due to their position as a wholesaler. Module A3 also includes a process conducted by Stalia AB at their facility in Sweden, which takes place, process-wise, after transport in module A4, consisting of the occasional application of a paint coating on the purchased steel products from the supplier.

The system boundary to nature is set to include those processes that provide the material and energy inputs into the system and the following manufacturing, and transport processes up to the factory gate as well as the processing of any waste arising from the processes.

All infrastructure/capital goods are included as a standard through the datasets used in ecoinvent for all generic data. Data used from the EPDs (from suppliers of Stalia AB) must cover infrastructure/capital goods in modules A1-A3 if it is deemed relevant, and should therefore be included by extension in this LCA.



Assumptions:

- The Greenhouse gas reduction mandate for transport that is implemented in Sweden is not applied since there are international routes covered in the model
- Supplier D processes incoming steel billets to merchant bars. In order to account for the steel billet production, an average European steel production is assumed as the source of the steel billets are not identified
- The steel products are assumed to have a coating of paint applied to them as there was no data available regarding what product was painted, in order to maintain a conservative approach
- When recycled steel is declared to be used as input by the suppliers but it's not specified if it's pre or post-consumer, pre-consumer steel is assumed.
- In the cases where steel is procured directly by a steel manufacturer, the generated scrap is assumed to be remelted inside of the plant and the emissions associated with this is included in the dataset.
- Additional spillage in value chains for steel procured by other wholesalers are assumed to be below cut-off due to no additional processing being required when that wholesaler has procured the material.

Cut-off rules:

The cut-off criteria are in accordance with the EN 15804 standard, therefore a maximum of 1% of the renewable and non-renewable primary energy use and max 1% of the total mass input of a specific unit are excluded. For a full module, the combined cut-off of all unit processes do not exceed 5%. Particular care should be taken for materials or processes can cause significant emissions to air, water or soil for any of the declared LCIA categories.

In this study, the following flows are deemed to be below cut-off:

- Packaging material for steel product as it represents less than 0.5% of the total product weight
- Difference between S235 and S355 steel as the only difference is 0,01% C content.

Allocation:

Allocation is performed according to the allocation hierarchy in EN 15804 chapter 6.4.3.2, that is:

Step 1 – Avoid allocation by dividing the unit processes into sub-processes or expanding the product system to include additional functions.

Step 2 – Partitioning the inputs and outputs of the system between its different products or functions in a way that reflects the underlying physical relationships between them. Examples of this is mass or energy.

Step 3 – Partitioning the inputs and outputs of the system between its different products or functions in a way that reflects other relationships between them. Examples of this is economic value.

Allocation procedures for A1-A3

A3 flows occurring at the site owned by Stalia and for material sent to painting, mass allocation was used.

Allocation procedure for pre-consumer scrap steel

The pre-consumer scrap steel was divided through economic allocation according to the table below:

Steel	Timeframe	Average value (USD/Metric ton)	Economic allocation
Primary steel	Jan 2022-Dec 2022	959.25	85%
Recycled steel	Jun 2022 – Apr 2023	170.11	15%

For primary steel, data was retrieved from an online source (Focus Economics, 2023) where the average price for hot rolled coil steel during 2022 was used. Data for recycled steel was also taken from an online source (MEPS International, 2009). The average price for recycled steel is

represented by the ferrous scrap price between June 2022 and April 2023, which was presented in EUR/metric ton. For converting to USD/metric ton, the average exchange rate for 2022 was taken (Exchange Rates, 2022).

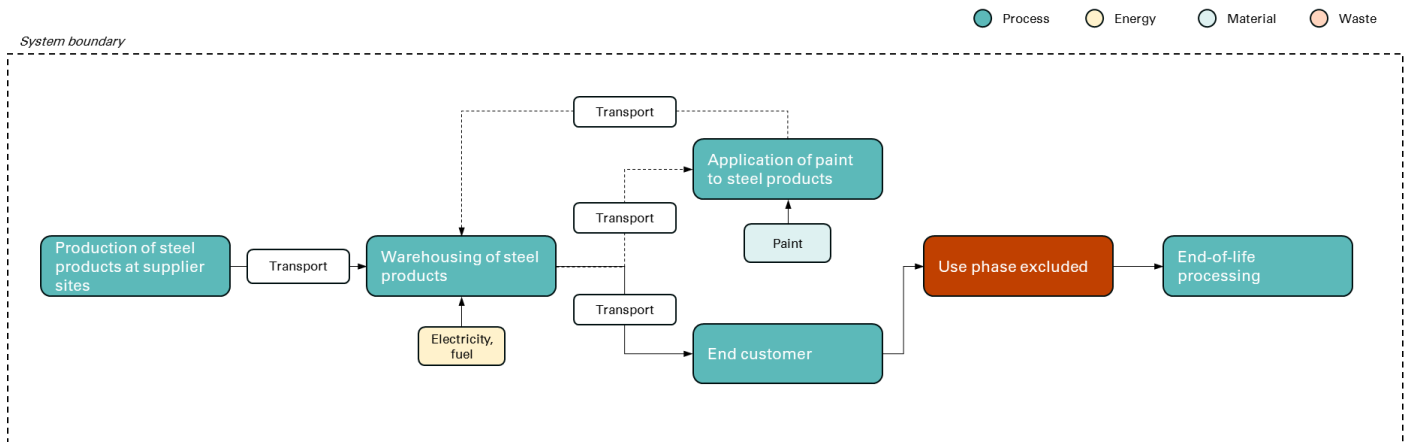
Modules declared, geographical scope, share of specific data (in GWP-GHG results) and data variation (in GWP-GHG results):

	Product stage			Constructi on process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Resource recovery stage
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	X	X	X	X	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	X	X	X	X	X
Geography	EU	EU	EU	SE	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	SE	SE	SE	SE	SE
Specific data used	85%			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Variation – products	<10%															-	
Variation – sites	N/A															-	

X = declared, ND = Not declared, EU = European Union, SE = Sweden

Description of production activities:

Stalia AB purchases steel merchant from a supplier in Denmark (supplier D). The figure below represents the modelling from the supplier, where the manufacturing process of the product is based on A2 EPDs.



1. Steel merchant bars are produced at supplier site in Frederiksværk, Denmark. The process of raw material extraction to manufactured steel merchant bars is modelled based on the A2 EPD from the manufacturer, corresponding to modules A1-A3
2. Transportation from the manufacturing site to Stalia AB facility in Halmstad, Sweden
3. When the steel merchant bars arrive at the Stalia AB facility, they are stored in a warehouse, where internal operations represent the energy use for the warehouse as well as internal transportation
4. Some steel merchant bars have paint applied to them depending on customer order. This is done by an external party situated in Halmstad. After paint has been applied, the steel merchant bar is transported back to Stalia AB
5. The merchant bars are then transported to end customer either with paint applied or non-painted.
6. Use phase is not modelled
7. End-of-life is modelled using relevant generic datasets representative of the region, in this case Sweden

Content information

The recycled content in the product as well as the split between post-consumer and pre-consumer can be seen in the table below. The total weighted recycled content is 85.22%.

Product components	Weight, kg	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Pre-consumer material, weight-%	Biogenic material, weight-% and kg C/kg
Steel merchant bar from Supplier	1 000	85.22	0	0

Packaging materials	Weight, kg	Weight-% (versus the product)
None included		

The product does not contain any substances of very high concern (SVHC).

Results of the environmental performance indicators

The results for A1-A3 should not only be analyzed at face value without considering the impacts represented by module C.

The estimated impact results are only relative statements, which do not indicate the endpoints of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety margins and/or risks.

The results of the impact categories abiotic depletion of minerals and metals, land use, human toxicity (cancer), human toxicity, noncancer and ecotoxicity (freshwater) may be highly uncertain in LCAs that include capital goods/infrastructure in generic datasets, in case infrastructure/capital goods contribute greatly to the total results. This is because the LCI data of infrastructure/capital goods used to quantify these indicators in currently available generic datasets sometimes lack temporal, technological and geographical representativeness. Caution should be exercised when using the results of these indicators for decision-making purposes.

Mandatory impact category indicators according to EN 15804

Results per functional or declared unit								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-fossil	kg CO ₂ eq.	1.16E+03	2.92E+01	1.12E+00	9.66E+00	2.65E+01	9.62E-01	2.31E+00
GWP-biogenic	kg CO ₂ eq.	4.27E+00	2.86E-02	2.92E-04	9.45E-03	9.30E-02	6.56E-04	-1.43E-02
GWP-luluc	kg CO ₂ eq.	4.13E-01	1.39E-02	1.24E-04	4.61E-03	3.83E-02	5.66E-04	-2.97E-03
GWP-total	kg CO ₂ eq.	1.16E+03	2.92E+01	1.12E+00	9.68E+00	2.67E+01	9.64E-01	2.30E+00
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	4.59E-06	6.18E-07	1.74E-08	2.05E-07	4.11E-07	2.67E-08	5.80E-08
AP	mol H ⁺ eq.	5.02E+00	9.27E-02	1.01E-02	3.07E-02	2.90E-01	6.95E-03	1.23E-04
EP-freshwater	kg P eq.	3.97E-02	2.27E-04	3.94E-06	7.53E-05	1.18E-03	9.00E-06	1.17E-04
EP-marine	kg N eq.	1.13E+00	3.15E-02	4.68E-03	1.04E-02	6.61E-02	2.65E-03	1.64E-03
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq.	1.26E+01	3.37E-01	5.10E-02	1.11E-01	7.56E-01	2.86E-02	1.93E-02
POCP	kg NMVOC eq.	4.11E+00	1.38E-01	1.51E-02	4.59E-02	2.26E-01	9.96E-03	1.21E-02
ADP-minerals & metals*	kg Sb eq.	4.90E-03	9.13E-05	3.81E-07	3.02E-05	1.60E-03	1.28E-06	-2.27E-05
ADP-fossil*	MJ	1.52E+04	4.03E+02	1.43E+01	1.33E+02	3.51E+02	2.30E+01	1.78E+01
WDP*	m ³	1.40E+02	1.61E+00	2.92E-02	5.32E-01	4.27E+00	1.01E+00	-3.01E-01

Acronyms	GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption
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Additional mandatory and voluntary impact category indicators

Results per functional or declared unit								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Particulate matter	Disease inc.	8.04E-05	1.83E-06	2.79E-07	6.05E-07	3.78E-06	1.48E-07	1.42E-07
Ionising radiation**	kBq U235 eq	6.07E+01	2.02E-01	2.92E-03	6.69E-02	9.35E-01	6.08E-03	-1.95E-01
Ecotoxicity, freshwater*	CTUe	4.03E+03	2.13E+02	7.27E+00	7.05E+01	2.24E+02	1.13E+01	-5.73E+01
Human toxicity, cancer*	CTUh	2.68E-05	1.29E-08	3.34E-10	4.27E-09	3.95E-08	3.93E-10	1.05E-08
Human toxicity, non-cancer*	CTUh	2.55E-05	3.73E-07	7.36E-09	1.24E-07	1.91E-06	1.11E-08	2.52E-08
Land use*	Pt	4.31E+03	2.40E+02	9.55E-01	7.94E+01	6.24E+02	4.56E+01	3.18E-01

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*** This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionising radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure, not due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionising radiation from the soil, from radon, and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.*

Potential environmental impact for 1 000 kg of Steel merchant bar – GWP-GHG

This table presents global warming potential according to IPCC 2013 GWP 100a without any biogenic uptake.

Results per functional or declared unit								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-GHG ¹	kg CO ₂ eq.	1.13E+03	2.85E+01	1.09E+00	9.44E+00	2.61E+01	9.26E-01	2.19E+00

Resource use indicators

Results per functional or declared unit								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	6.88E+02	6.25E+00	8.13E-02	2.07E+00	5.45E+01	1.95E-01	-3.89E+00
PERM	MJ	7.22E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PERT	MJ	7.60E+02	6.25E+00	8.13E-02	2.07E+00	5.45E+01	1.95E-01	-3.89E+00
PENRE	MJ	1.62E+04	4.29E+02	1.52E+01	1.42E+02	3.73E+02	2.44E+01	1.90E+01
PENRM	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PENRT	MJ	1.62E+04	4.29E+02	1.52E+01	1.42E+02	3.73E+02	2.44E+01	1.90E+01
SM	kg	8.52E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRSF	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
FW	m ³	1.23E+01	6.67E-02	1.24E-03	2.21E-02	1.39E-01	2.45E-02	4.33E-03
Acronyms	PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water							

¹ This indicator accounts for all greenhouse gases except biogenic carbon dioxide uptake and emissions and biogenic carbon stored in the product. As such, the indicator is identical to GWP-total except that the CF for biogenic CO₂ is set to zero.

Waste indicators

This table presents all the waste that is not treated within the system boundary. Since ecoinvent is used as the database, treatment processes of all wastes generated in the system are included within the system boundaries except for those inputs where other EPDs are used.

Results per functional or declared unit								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	2.07E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	4.76E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	5.00E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

Output flow indicators

This table presents flows that exit the system boundary that are not waste.

Results per functional or declared unit								
Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Material for recycling	kg	6.76E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.50E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

LCIA differences between painted and non-painted products

As this EPD is a worst-case scenario type EPD, there are no impacts that increases for a non-painted product. The largest difference in one LCIA category between a painted and a non-painted product is 23%.

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