

Environmental Product Declaration Stride® Panels Workstation

Product Description

Stride® systems furniture offers flexible space-planning solutions for a variety of design applications and work environments. Stride® offers aesthetic differentiation and increased design flexibility – from open, light-scale, collaborative work settings with lower panel heights to more private spaces with higher panels. Allsteel Stride® is certified Indoor Advantage™ Gold, BIFMA LEVEL® 3, *Cradle to Cradle Certified™* Bronze and available as FSC® Certified.

Functional Unit

The functional unit is 1 m² of floorspace, serving the function of providing office workspace for a 10-year period. The Stride Panels workstation includes panels, a height-adjustable worksurface and base, and a wood storage credenza. The reference flow for the modeling system is a configuration of six complete workstations, with panel walls, height-adjustable worksurface and base, and a wood storage credenza, and the results are normalized to 1 m² of floorspace. The configuration of six workstations occupies a total floorspace of 3.35m², with 0.93m² of worksurface and 0.39m³ of storage.

Manufacturer

At Allsteel, we believe in the power of solving problems with people, not just for them, so we help our customers see the potential their businesses have through uncovering the possibilities their workplace possesses. By helping our customers see the connection between the work patterns of their organization and the work environment, we can show them the impact it has on business performance, and then offer solutions designed to increase comfort, promote productivity, support health, and contribute to a better work experience for overall business success.

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Product Category Rule

BIFMA PCR for Office Furniture Workspace Products: UNCPC 3814, August 5, 2015.

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Disclaimers: This EPD conforms to ISO 14025, 14040, and 14044.

Scope of Results Reported: The PCR requirements limit the scope of the LCA metrics such that the results exclude environmental and social performance benchmarks and thresholds, and exclude impacts from the depletion of natural resources, land use ecological impacts, ocean impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions, risks from hazardous wastes and impacts linked to hazardous chemical emissions.

Accuracy of Results: Due to PCR constraints, this EPD provides estimations of potential impacts that are inherently limited in terms of accuracy.

Comparability: The PCR this EPD was based on was not written to support comparative assertions. EPDs based on different PCRs, or different calculation models, may not be comparable. When attempting to compare EPDs or life cycle impacts of products from different companies, the user should be aware of the uncertainty in the final results, due to and not limited to, the practitioner's assumptions, the source of the data used in the study, and the specifics of the product modeled.

Product Specifications

Stride is a furniture collection that seamlessly integrates worksurfaces, storage, space division, and a wide range of choices within a broad surface materials palette to make a statement about your brand and workstyle. Stride works throughout the entire office to respond to changing needs, utilizing panels, desking, benching, and storage options.

Stride Panels are primarily constructed with steel, extruded aluminum, laminated particleboard worksurfaces, fabric-covered fiberglass tiles, and wood storage. Stride passes the ANSI/BIFMA X5.6 tests, demonstrating a minimum expected lifetime of 10 years under specified conditions. This EPD is based on an Open-Plan workstation configuration for six people and features height-adjustable worksurfaces and wood storage.

Tables 1 and 2. The Allsteel Stride Panels product configuration and recycled content.

Allsteel Stride Panels Workstat	ion Physical Footprint
Physical Floor Space Area	3.35 m^2
Physical Worksurface Area	0.93 m ²
Storage Volume	0.39 m ³

Allsteel Stride Panels Wo	orkstation Recycled Content
Post-Consumer	14.7%
Pre-Consumer	39.0%

Materials Composition

Table 3. Material composition of Allsteel Stride Panels workstation. Results are shown on a mass basis, and as a percent of total.

Material Type	Amount (lb / six workstations)	Amount (lb / Functional Unit ¹)	Amount (%)
Steel	1,122	335	45%
Particleboard	934	279	38%
High-Pressure Laminate (HPL)	93	28	3.7%
Zamak	53	16	2.1%
ABS	52	16	2.1%
Fiberglass	49	15	2.0%
Aluminum	37	11	1.5%
Polyester fabric	34	10	1.4%
Eletrical Components	35	10	1.4%
High-Density Fiberboard (HDF)	32	9.4	1.3%
Adhesive (EVA, PVA, Polyolefin, Water-based)	16	1.9	0.6%
Backer	8.0	2.4	0.32%
Hardware	5.2	1.5	0.21%
Glass-filled Nylon 6	4.1	1.2	0.17%
Hardwood	3.5	1.0	0.14%
Plastic Generic	2.6	0.78	0.10%
Glass-filled Polypropylene	0.50	0.14	0.02%
Nylon 6,6	0.20	0.07	0.01%
Total	2,481	738	100%

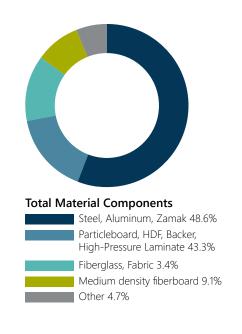


Table 4. Packaging material composition of Allsteel Stride Panels Workstation. Results are shown on a mass basis, and as a percent of total.

Packaging Material	Amount (lb / six workstations)	Amount (lb / Functional Unit ¹)	Amount (%)
Paper/Corrugated Paperboard	215	64	73%
Wood Pallets	40	12	14%
Polyethylene Film	31	10	10%
Expanded Polystyrene	4.3	1.3	1.5%
Adhesive	2.5	0.74	0.85%
Total Packaging	292	87	100%

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Life Cycle Assessment Stages

Figure 1 below is a representation of the life cycle of Stride Panels. The system boundary is cradle-to-grave and includes resource extraction and processing, product manufacture and assembly, distribution/transport, use and main-tenance, and end-of-life.

Figure 1. Life cycle diagram for Allsteel Stride Panels workstation.













Materials

This stage includes raw materials extraction and transformation, as well as transport of parts and semi-manufactured parts to the production site in Muscatine, lowa.

Production

Some raw materials are transformed and finished. All manufactured and supplied parts are assembled. Final products are packaged for shipment.

Distribution and Usage

Transport from Muscatine to the final customer. For this study, transportation to major US markets were considered. Use, maintenance, and regular cleaning of the product. Allsteel recommends cleaning with low-impact materials and our products typically require minimal maintenance during their warranted lifetime.

End of Life

Allsteel designs its products to be easily disassembled and recycled. End of life impacts were considered, including transport to waste treatment and recycling facilities. Emissions considered include disposal of product in a landfill or from incineration.

Life Cycle Inventory

The life cycle inventory (LCI) flows for the Allsteel Stride Panels workstation are shown in Table 5. Table 6 includes equivalency factors that were determined for the purpose of communicating critical environmental impacts in simplified terms for better understanding.

Table 5. Aggregated inventory flows and impacts for Allsteel Stride Panels workstation. Results are shown per 1 m² of floorspace, and per six workstations.

Parameters Prescribed by BIFMA PCR	Units	Total (per 1 m² floorspace)	Total (per six workstations)
Water Use	m³	24	81
Total Primary Energy Demand	MJ	17,000	57,000
Primary Energy Demand, Renewable	MJ	3,200	10,800
Primary Energy Demand, Non-renewable	MJ	13,800	46,000

Table 6. Translation of LCA results to familiar activities for select aggregated inventory results for Allsteel Stride Panels workstation.

Category Indicator	Life Cycle Inventory results for 1 m² of floorspace, maintained for 10-years	Life Cycle Inventory results for six workstations, maintained for 10-years	Basis of Equivalency Factor	1 m² of floorspace, maintained for 10-years	Six workstations, maintained for 10-years
Net Water Use	24 m³	81 m ³	Number of cycles run in a dishwasher [1]	540	1,800
Primary Energy Demand	17,000 MJ	57,000 MJ	Number of days operating a refrigerator [2]	900	3,000
Energy Resource Depletion (SCS-002)	6,100 MJ eq	20,000 MJ eq	Number of days of operating a refrigerator [2]	320	1,100

^[1] The net water use estimate is based on Energy Star-rated dishwashers and also considers the upstream water required to generate electricity to run the dishwasher. https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=dishwash.pr_crit_dishwashers

^[2] The primary energy demand estimate is based on the energy consumption for Energy Star refrigerators, using a US average electricity supply mix, and also considers the upstream energy demand for electricity generation in US. https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=refrig.calculator



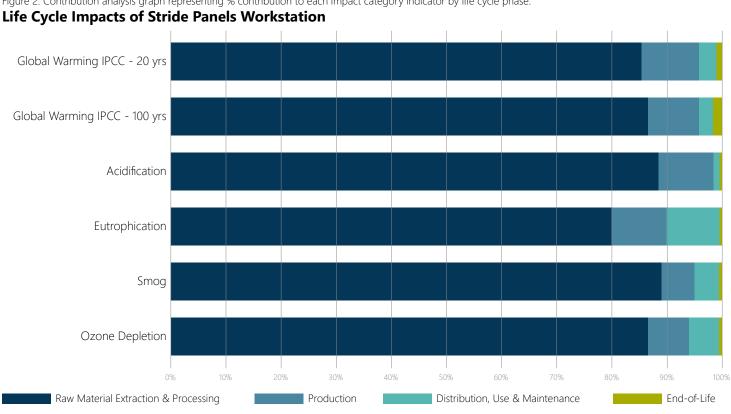
Life Cycle Impact Assessment

Impact category indicators are calculated using the TRACI 2.1 characterization methods, including acidification potential, eutrophication potential, smog potential, ozone depletion potential, and global warming potential based on IPCC 2013, in accordance with the BIFMA PCR. Additionally, the IPCC GWP result for a 20-year time horizon is reported following the BIFMA PCR requirements for IPCC 2013. Note, biogenic carbon uptake and biomass CO₂ emissions are not included.

Table 7. Life cycle impact assessment results for the Allsteel Stride Panels workstation. Results are shown per 1 m² of floorspace for a ten-year period. Results for six workstations are presented in parenthesis.

	Impact Category	Unit	Raw Material Extraction & Processing	Production (Manufacturing & Assembly)	Distribution, Use & Maintenance	End-of-Life	Total
20	IPCC Global Warming Potential – 20 year	kg CO ₂ eq	1,400 (4,700)	170 (580)	25 (85)	29 (150)	1,600 (5,500)
100	IPCC Global Warming Potential – 100 year	kg CO ₂ eq	1,200 (4,000)	140 (450)	24 (81)	25 (81)	1,400 (4,600)
	Acidification Potential	kg SO ₂ eq	5.5 (18)	0.60 (2.0)	0.11 (0.37)	4.5x10 ⁻² (0.15)	6.3 (21)
>1111	Eutrophication Potential	kg N eq	7.8 (26)	1.0 (3.4)	0.91 (3.0)	2.7x10 ⁻² (0.092)	9.7 (33)
	Smog Potential	kg O₃ eq	67 (220)	4.8 (16)	2.6 (8.8)	0.94 (3.0)	75 (250)
	Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11 eq	1.0x10 ⁻⁴ (3.5x10 ⁻⁴)	1.0x10 ⁻⁶ (2.7x10 ⁻⁵)	6.2x10 ⁻⁶ (2.1x10 ⁻⁵)	1.4x10 ⁻⁶ (4.6x10 ⁻⁶)	1.2x10 ⁻⁴ (4.0x10 ⁻⁴)

Figure 2. Contribution analysis graph representing % contribution to each impact category indicator by life cycle phase.



Life Cycle Impact Assessment (continued)

Additional life cycle impact results are reported in Table 8 below as optional parameters of concern. These impacts are calculated using the SCS-002 framework, which augments the specified impact categories and method TRACI 2.1, identified by the BIFMA PCR.

Table 8. Life cycle impact assessment results for Allsteel Stride Panels workstation according to SCS-002 draft standard.

Impact Category (SCS-002 Parameters)	Unit	Life Cycle Impact results for 1 m² of floorspace	Life Cycle Impact results for six workstations
Global Climate Change	(kg CO ₂ eq)	1,200	4,000
Ocean Acidification	(kg H ₂ CO ₃ eq)	1,900	6,500
Energy Resource Depletion	(MJ eq)	6,100	20,000

Results for select impact category indicators are translated to the number of miles driven in a typical passenger vehicle, and are provided to help customers interpret the scale of potential environmental impact attributed to the product.

Table 9. Equivalency factors for select life cycle impact assessment results for Stride Panels workstation.

Category Indicator	Life Cycle Impact Assessment results for 1 m ² of floorspace, maintained for 10-years	Life Cycle Impact Assessment results for six workstations, maintained for 10-years	Basis of Equivalency Factor	1 m ² of floorspace, maintained for 10-years	Six workstations, maintained for 10-years
Global Warming Potential (IPCC, 20 year time horizon)	1,600 kg CO ₂ eq	5,500 kg CO ₂ eq	Number of miles driven in a typical passenger vehicle [3]	3,850	13,000
Global Climate Change (SCS-002)	1,200 kg CO ₂ eq	4,000 kg CO ₂ eq	Number of miles driven in a typical passenger vehicle [3]	2,700	8,900

Additional Environmental Information

Allsteel makes it a priority to design products and implement processes that reduce our collective impact on the environment. Allsteel is proud to support sustainable initiatives in the building industry as a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

Stride is LEVEL® 3 certified to the ANSI/BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard; *Cradle to Cradle Certified*™ Bronze; SCS Indoor Advantage™ Gold certified for indoor air quality; and available as FSC® Certified. Stride has the ability to contribute to several credits in the LEED® green building program and the WELL Building Standard®.

^[3] Average vehicle miles traveled are estimated using average US fuel economies for passenger vehicles and light trucks and the amount of carbon dioxide emitted per gallon of motor gasoline burned. https://www.epa.gov/energy/ghg-equiv-alenciescalculator-calculations-and-references



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