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## **Cascadia Clip**®

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Transparency Report (EPD)

The Cascadia Clip® allows architects and specifiers to design thinner, lighter and more cost-effective exterior cladding assemblies, while at the same time measurably improving a building's overall energy performance. Acting as a thermal break between the structure and the exterior cladding, the Cascadia Clip® fiberglass spacer can be used in steel frame, concrete and wood construction buildings, and is compatible with semi-rigid mineral wool, rigid foampolystyrene, polyiso and others- and spray foam insulations.





### Performance dashboard

### Features & functionality

Available in 8 different sizes

Carrying a comprehensive IAPMO-UES code evaluation

Fully adjustable and compatible with vertical and horizontal cladding supports

Free online spacing calculator available to optimize spacing and performance

Pre-punched Galvalume<sup>™</sup> AZM 150 (AZ-50) - 18 gauge z-girts and hat channel available

Dual-layer coated (NZF 3000) and stainless steel fasteners available

Visit Cascadia Windows for more product information: Cascadia Clip®, Cascadia Clip® Spacing Calculator

### **Environment & materials**

#### Improved by:

Living Building Challenge Declare Red List Approved

Made from non-organic, chemically inert pultruded fiberglass, the clip is not susceptible to corrosion, rot, decay, mildew, insect damage

Used in successful NFPA 285 testing

Designed & manufactured in North America

Modelled service life of 200 years

Certifications, rating systems & disclosures:

IAPMO - UES

Red List Approved

Intertek Report (NFPA 285 acceptance)

**RDH Structural Report** 

**RDH** Thermal Modelling

MasterFormat® 07 05 43 Cascadia Clip<sup>®</sup> Guide Spec Cascadia Clip® Technical Data Sheet

For spec help, contact us or call 604-857-4600

See LCA, interpretation & rating systems





### SM Transparency Report (EPD)™





Self-declared

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### **SUMMARY**

**Reference PCR** 

**Regions; system boundaries** North America; Cradle-to-gate

### **Declared unit**

0.6096m (24 linear in) of cladding support system: one single clip unit & metal rails with clip spaced at one per 24in, w/ exterior cavity depth sufficient to accommodate 101.6mm (4in) of insulation plus depth of support components outboard of insulation layer to which the cladding is attached.

LCIA methodology; LCA software; LCI databases

TRACI 2.1; SimaPro Analyst 9.5; ecoinvent v3.9, Industry data 2.0, and US-EI 2.2

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### LCA results & interpretation

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### Scope and summary

Cradle to gate 🔘 Cradle to gate with options 🔘 Cradle to grave

### Application

The Cascadia Clip® fiberglass thermal spacer is a thermally-improved cladding support product created by combining glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin in the pultrusion process. The product creates a thermal break separating the building structure from the exterior cladding support framing and is available in eight different sizes to accommodate insulation thicknesses.

### **Declared unit**

The declared unit is 0.6096 m (24 linear inches) of the Cascadia Clip<sup>®</sup> fiberglass thermal spacer support system, consisting of a single clip unit and metal rails with the clip spaced at one per 24 inches. The exterior cavity depth is sufficient to accommodate 101.6 mm (4 inches) of insulation plus depth of support components outboard of the insulation layer to which the cladding is attached. Fasteners are excluded.

### Mass per declared unit: 0.869kg

### Manufacturing data

**Reporting period:** May 2022 – April 2023 **Location:** British Columbia, Canada

### Material composition greater than 1% by weight

MATERIAL	% <b>WT</b>
Galvanized steel	60-65%
Glass fiber	15-20%
Resin	10-15%
Packaging, pallet	2-3%
Packaging, cardboard box	<1%
Packaging, stretch wrap	<1%

### Total impacts by life cycle stage [mPts/decl unit]

2.50E-01	LIFE CYCLE STAGE	MPTS/DECL. UNIT
	Raw material acquisition	1.92E-01
2.00E-01 -	Transportation	1.40E-02
	Manufacturing	3.70E-03

### What's causing the greatest impacts

### All life cycle stages

Activities during the supply of raw materials (A1) are responsible for much of the impacts in each impact category. The next highest impact contributor is transportation (A2) in most of the impact categories. Manufacturing (A3) accounts for a notable impact only in the ozone depletion and global warming impact categories.

#### **Raw materials acquisition**

**This stage (A1) dominated the results for all impact categories.** This module includes the raw materials acquired and preprocessed by the suppliers, including upstream packaging. The glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin are combined in the pultrusion process. This stage has the highest contribution across the total ten impact categories compared to the transportation and manufacturing stages.

#### Transportation

**Transportation (A2) of raw materials is the second highest contributor to all product life cycle impacts.** This module includes the raw material transportation from suppliers to the Cascadia manufacturing facility. Most of the ingredients sourced in North America are transported by semi-truck, whereas materials sourced from overseas use a mix of road transportation by semi-truck and sea transportation by ship.

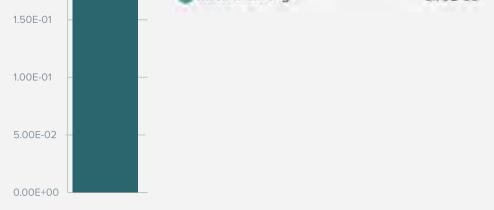
#### Manufacturing

Manufacturing (A3) is the smallest contributor to all product life cycle impacts. This module includes clip fabrication and manufacturing waste treatment processes. The clip fabrication process includes cutting the fiberglass, drilling, packaging, and cleaning. The metal rail steel is produced and coated with Galvalume<sup>™</sup> corrosion-resistant coating. Fiberglass production waste, incoming raw material packaging waste, and nonhazardous wastes are transported to a landfill, and recyclable packaging wastes are transported to a recycling facility or reused within the plant.

#### Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analyses were performed to check the robustness of the results where the highest potential environmental impacts are occurring. As the bulk of impacts are attributed to raw materials acquisition and transportation, a sensitivity analysis was conducted to explore the possibility of changing one of the raw materials suppliers to a more adjacent supplier.

Global warming potential was evaluated for sensitivity since Cascadia is interested in the potential  $CO_2$ -equivalent emissions of its products. The change in supplier location to one who was local to Canada resulted in a +/-3% change in total life cycle impacts.



### How we're making it greener

The Cascadia Clip<sup>®</sup> was created to help measurably improve a building's overall energy performance, by reducing thermal bridging through the exterior cladding assembly without sacrificing structural or fire performance.

- Made from non-organic, chemically inert pultruded fiberglass, the clip is not susceptible to corrosion, rot, decay, mildew, insect damage
- Used in successful NFPA 285 testing
- Carries a comprehensive IAPMO-UES code evaluation
- Designed & manufactured in North America
- Modelled service life of 200 years

See how we make it greener

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 UPSTREAM TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
	(X) A1 Raw material supply	(X) A2 Transport	(X) A3 Manufacturing
Information modules: Included (X)   Excluded (MND)* *Modules A4, A5, B, C, and D are excluded.			CLIPT CASCADIA CLIPT CA ASS FIBERGLASS FI ACER THERMAL SPACER TH VISION CASADIG WARDOWN DOWN COS NG DECENT PREVAG

### **SM Single Score**

Impacts per declared unit	1.92E-01 mPts	1.40E-02 mPts	3.70E-03 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to	Energy and materials consumed during metal and glass fibers processing.	Truck transportation to Cascadia facility.	Energy consumed during clip fabrication (electricity and fuels).

### TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	GE		A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
Ecological damage	•				
Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO₂ eq	?	1.09E-02	2.62E-03	6.18E-05
Eutrophication	kg N eq	0	2.38E-03	1.13E-04	1.94E-05
Global warming	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	?	3.61E+00	2.15E-01	1.14E-01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	5.09E-08	3.40E-09	1.07E-09

### Human health damage

Carcinogenics CTU <sub>h</sub>	0	2.95E-08	1.67E-10	1.91E-11
Non-carcinogenics CTU <sub>h</sub>	0	1.57E-07	1.86E-08	8.71E-10
Respiratory effects kg PM <sub>2.1</sub>	eq 🕜	1.35E-03	1.79E-04	4.79E-06
Smog kg O <sub>3</sub> e	0	1.57E-01	4.84E-02	1.69E-03

### LCA results

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	0	4.65E+01	2.80E+00	1.52E+00
Ecotoxicity	CTU <sub>e</sub>	0	2.54E+00	3.53E-01	1.50E-03

### **References**

### LCA Background Report

Cascadia Cascadia Clip<sup>®</sup> Fiberglass Thermal Spacer LCA Background Report, Cascadia 2023; SimaPro Analyst 9.5; ecoinvent v3, Industry data 2.0, and US-EI 2.2 databases; TRACI 2.1.

ISO 14025, "Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works -- Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services"

ISO 21930:2017, "Sustainability in Building Construction — Environmental Declaration of Building Products" serves as the core PCR along with Sustainable Minds Part A.

**SM Part A: LCA calculation rules and report requirements, version 2023** August, 2023. Part A review conducted by the Sustainable Minds TAB, tab@sustainableminds.com.

### SM Part B: Cladding Support Components and Systems, 2022

Oct 31, 2022. Part B review conducted by the Sustainable Minds TAB, tab@sustainableminds.com.

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### **Rating systems**

The intent is to reward project teams for selecting products from manufacturers who have verified improved life-cycle environmental performance.

### LEED BD+C: New Construction | v4 - LEED v4

Building product disclosure and optimization

### **Environmental product declarations**

Industry-wide (generic) EPD	1/2 product
Product-specific Type III EPD	1 product

### LEED BD+C: New Construction | v4.1 - LEED v4.1

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## Collaborative for High Performance Schools National Criteria

**MW C5.1 – Environmental Product Declarations** 

V Third-party certified type III EPD

### Green Globes for New Construction and Sustainable Interiors

**Materials and resources** 

V NC 3.5.1.2 Path B: Prescriptive Path for Building Core and Shell

NC 3.5.2.2 and SI 4.1.2 Path B: Prescriptive Path for Interior Fit-outs

### **BREEAM New Construction 2018**

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### **Environmental Product Declarations (EPD)**

Industry-average EPD

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O Multi-product specific EPD



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MATERIAL HEALTH	Material evaluation
Self-declared	<

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### Data

### Background

This product-specific plant-specific declaration was created by collecting production data from the British Columbia, Canada location. Secondary data sources include those available in ecoinvent v3, Industry data 2.0, and US-EI 2.2 databases.

#### Allocation

The PCR prescribes where and how allocation occurs. Since only facility-level data were available, allocation among the facility's other products was necessary to determine the input and output flows associated with the product. The allocation of electricity, water, and fuel consumption was based on the percentage of production by mass for the fabricated clip systems. The mass allocation considered the ratio between each clip production and the total annual site production output. Additionally, no co-products were produced during the fabrication processes.

### **Cut-off criteria**

Cut-off criteria for the inclusion of mass and energy flows are 1% of renewable primary resource (energy) usage, 1% nonrenewable primary resource (energy) usage, 1% of the total mass input of that unit process, and 1% of environmental impacts. The total of neglected input flows per module does not exceed 5% of energy usage, mass, and environmental impacts. The only exceptions to these criteria are substances with hazardous and toxic properties, which must be listed even when the given process unit is under the cut-off criterion of 1% of the total mass. No known flows are deliberately excluded from this declaration; therefore, these criteria have been met. Biogenic carbon is included in reported results.

#### Quality

Inventory data quality is judged by its precision (measured, calculated, or estimated), completeness (e.g., unreported emissions), consistency (degree of uniformity of the methodology applied on a study serving as a data source), and representativeness (geographical, temporal, and technological).

To cover these requirements and to ensure reliable results, first-hand industry data in combination with consistent background LCA information from SimaPro Analyst 9.5, and the ecoinvent v3.9, Industry data 2.0, and US-EI 2.2 databases were used.

Sustainable Minds worked with Cascadia to obtain a comprehensive set of primary data associated with the manufacturing processes. The product system

### **Technical information**

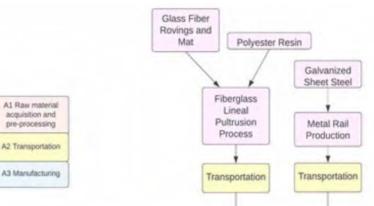
#### Major assumptions and limitations:

- Primary data were modeled based on the information provided by Cascadia and supplemented by data contained in the technical and safety data sheets provided.
- Since energy inputs were not available on a per-product basis, electricity and natural gas consumption were allocated proportionately based on the percentage of production for individual clip products versus total site annual outputs.
- Generic data sets used for material inputs, transport, and waste processing are considered good quality, but actual impacts from material suppliers, transport carriers, and local waste processing may vary.
- The impact assessment methodology categories do not represent all possible environmental impact categories.
- Characterization factors used within the impact assessment methodology may contain varying levels of uncertainty.
- LCA results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins, or risks.

#### Major system boundary exclusions:

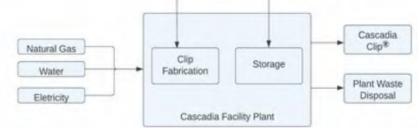
- Construction of major capital equipment
- Maintenance and operation of support equipment
- Human labor and employee transport
- Manufacture and transport of packaging materials not associated with the final product
- Disposal of packaging materials not associated with the final product
- Building operational energy and water use

#### Flow diagram



was checked for mass balance and completeness of the inventory. The data set was considered complete based on our understanding of the manufacturing site and a review with key stakeholders on the Cascadia team, and cut-off criteria were observed consistent with those prescribed in the PCR. Capital equipment was excluded as required by the PCR. Otherwise, no data was knowingly omitted. Where country-specific data were unavailable, global or rest-of-world averages were used as proxies to represent transportation in those locations. Additionally, no proxy data were used to represent materials and therefore did not have a significant impact of the results.

Primary data were collected with a similar level of detail, while background data were sourced primarily from the ecoinvent database, and other databases were used if data were not available in ecoinvent or the data set was judged to be more representative. Other methodological choices were made consistently throughout the model.



## Cascadia Clip® fiberglass thermal spacer: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1 Raw materials	A2 Transport	A3 Manufacturing	Total
LCIA results					
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	5.09E-08	3.40E-09	1.07E-09	5.54E-08
Global warming	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	3.61E+00	2.15E-01	1.14E-01	3.94E+00
Smog	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	1.57E-01	4.84E-02	1.69E-03	2.08E-01
Acidification	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.09E-02	2.62E-03	6.18E-05	1.36E-02
Eutrophication	kg N eq	2.38E-03	1.13E-04	1.94E-05	2.52E-03
Carcinogenics	CTUh	2.95E-08	1.67E-10	1.91E-11	2.97E-08
Non-carcinogenics	CTUh	1.57E-07	1.86E-08	8.71E-10	1.77E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM2.5 eq	1.35E-03	1.79E-04	4.79E-06	1.54E-03
Additional environmental information					
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	2.54E+00	3.53E-01	1.50E-03	2.89E+00
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	4.65E+01	2.80E+00	1.52E+00	5.08E+01
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.49E+01	1.47E+01	4.36E-03	2.97E+01
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	1.58E-01	0	0	1.58E-01
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.51E+01	1.47E+01	4.36E-03	2.98E+01
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	5.81E+01	5.34E+01	2.99E+00	1.14E+02
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	4.33E-02	0	0	4.33E-02
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	5.81E+01	5.34E+01	2.99E+00	1.14E+02
Secondary materials	kg	0	0	0	0
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Use of net fresh water resources	m <sup>3</sup>	3.27E+00	2.00E-02	2.98E-02	3.32E+00
Output flows and waste category indicator	S				
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	0	0	0	0
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0	0	1.92E-02	1.92E-02
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.66E+02	2.90E+00	8.23E+00	3.77E+02
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	2.63E-01	1.51E-03	9.24E-04	2.66E-01
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	2.00E-02	2.00E-02
Materials for recycling	kg	0	0	9.95E-05	9.95E-05
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0
Exported energy	MJ	0	0	0	0
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic carbon removal from product	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0
Biogenic carbon emission from product	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0
Biogenic carbon removal from packaging	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	1.99E-02	0	1.12E-02	3.11E-02
Biogenic carbon emission from packaging	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0
Biogenic carbon emission from combustion of waste from renewable sources used in production processes	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0
Calcination carbon emissions	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0
Carbonation carbon removals	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0
Carbon emissions from combustion of waste from renewable and non- renewable sources used in production processes	kg CO <sub>2</sub>	0	0	0	0

### LCIA results for a single clip component

Impact category	Unit	A1 Raw materials	A2 Transport	A3 Manufacturing	Total
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	4.82E-08	1.81E-09	1.06E-09	5.11E-08
Global warming	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.97E+00	1.16E-01	1.14E-01	2.20E+00
Smog	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	9.41E-02	2.48E-03	1.69E-03	9.82E-02
Acidification	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	6.95E-03	1.57E-04	6.18E-05	7.17E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	2.14E-03	1.91E-05	1.94E-05	2.18E-03
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Respiratory effects	kg PM2.5 eq	9.21E-04	3.63E-05	4.78E-06	9.62E-04
Additional environmental inf	ormation				
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	2.07E+00	3.12E-01	1.48E-03	2.39E+00
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	2.84E+01	1.56E+00	1.54E+00	3.14E+01

### LCIA results for 12 inches of metal rail

Impact category	Unit	A1 Raw materials	A2 Transport	A3 Manufacturing	Total
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	1.35E-09	7.96E-10	1.71E-12	2.15E-09
Global warming	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	8.17E-01	4.99E-02	6.74E-05	8.67E-01
Smog	kg $O_3$ eq	3.17E-02	2.30E-02	1.89E-06	5.47E-02
Acidification	$kg SO_2 eq$	1.96E-03	1.23E-03	4.04E-08	3.19E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	1.20E-04	4.69E-05	5.76E-09	1.67E-04
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### How we make it greener

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### **RAW MATERIALS ACQUISITION**

The Cascadia Clip<sup>®</sup> is manufactured in North America, using resins and fiberglass rovings from domestic and foreign suppliers. These chemically inert materials are combined through pultrusion, creating a thermoset fiberglass that won't creep, sag, or decay over its 200-year modelled service life.



### TRANSPORTATION

The Cascadia Clip<sup>®</sup> is nested in its packaging, maximizing the volume of the standard shipping boxes and minimizing wasted space when shipping. Standard wooden pallets received from various vendors are reused for outbound orders, reducing the amount of new materials needed for product shipping.



### ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

### Installation and maintenance

The clip system is mounted to a building's exterior using handheld power tools, which are expected to produce negligible impacts. Once installed, the Cascadia Clip<sup>®</sup> produces no additional impacts over the use phase, since it is expected to last the life of the building, requiring no replacements or maintenance.

#### Disposal

The Cascadia Clip® reaches the end of its useful life when a building's exterior is replaced or demolished. While the clip system can be reused, or its rail components recycled, it is most likely to be sent with demolition waste to a landfill. However, transportation to a landfill (100 miles) and the landfilling of fiberglass and steel only generates 0.59% more impacts on top of the cradle-to-gate global warming potential.

### **Cascadia Clip®**

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### SM Transparency Report (EPD)™

EPD	LCA					
3rd-party reviewed	<					
Transparency Report (EPD)						
3rd-party verified	<					
Validity: 01/23/24 – 01/22/29 CAS – 01232024 – 001						
MATERIAL HEALTH	Material evaluation					
Self-declared	<					

This environmental product declaration (EPD) was externally verified by Ecoform, LLC, according to ISO 14044; ISO 21930:2017; SM Part A: LCA calculation rules and report requirements, 2023; SM Part B: Cladding Support Components and Systems; and ISO 14025:2006.

In accordance with ISO 14044 and the referenced PCR, the life cycle assessment was conducted by Sustainable Minds and critically reviewed by Ecoform, LLC.

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### SUMMARY

**Reference PCR** SM Part B: Cladding Support Components and Systems, 2022

**Regions; system boundaries** North America; Cradle-to-gate

#### Declared unit

0.6096m (24 linear in) of cladding support system: one single clip unit & metal rails with clip spaced at one per 24in, w/ exterior cavity depth sufficient to accommodate 101.6mm (4in) of insulation plus depth of support components outboard of insulation layer to which the cladding is attached.

#### LCIA methodology; LCA software; LCI databases

TRACI 2.1; SimaPro Analyst 9.5; ecoinvent v3.9, Industry data 2.0, and US-EI 2.2

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