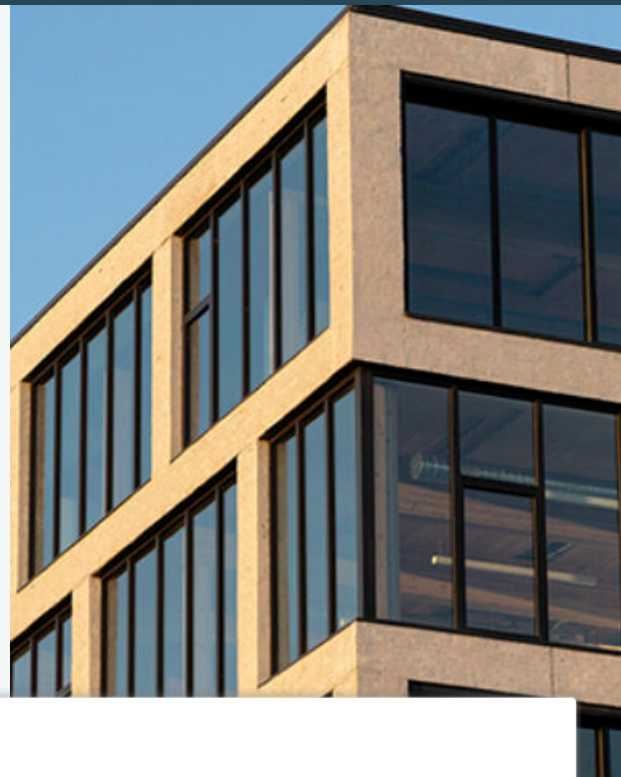


CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS

Cascadia Universal Series™ Fixed & Operable Windows and Doors

The Universal Series™ Fixed & Operable Windows and Doors offers a patented, high-performance fiberglass solution for fixed and operable windows, as well as doors, storefront and window wall. Designed and manufactured in North America, the Universal Series™ windows feature an innovative, commercial-grade fiberglass frame boasting up to 250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum windows. Beyond its high strength and thermal efficiency, Cascadia's pultruded, thermoset fiberglass frames also contain roughly 58% recycled content.



Performance dashboard

Features & functionality

Boasts 100%-250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum windows, lowering heating and cooling costs

Made from high resin-to-glass, thermoset fiberglass, the windows will not sag, weaken or creep over time

Can withstand extreme temperatures (-40°F through 350°F, and higher) without becoming brittle or soft

Made from non-organic, chemically inert pultruded fiberglass, the windows are not susceptible to corrosion, rot, insect damage or UV degradation

Modelled lifespan of up to 80 years

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Environment & materials

Improved by:

Available with double & triple-glazed Low-E insulated glass units (IGUs)

European-engineered, multi-point locking hardware

Low-VOC standard & custom colors exceed AAMA 625 performance criteria (Hydro Tuff water-borne urethane coatings)

Certifications, rating systems & disclosures:

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EPD

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3rd-party reviewed



Transparency Report (EPD)

3rd-party verified



Validity: 09/05/24 – 09/04/29
CAS – 090524 – 001

This environmental product declaration (EPD) was externally verified by Ecoform, LLC, in accordance with ISO 14025:2006. ISO 21930:2017 serves as the core PCR. NSF sub-category PCR: Fenestration Assembly Product Category Rules.

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

PCR for Fenestration Assemblies, NSF International, 2023

Regions; system boundaries

North America; cradle-to-gate

Declared unit

One square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass)

LCIA methodology; LCA software; LCI databases

TRACI 2.1; SimaPro Analyst 9.5; ecoinvent v3.10, and US-EI 2.2

Public LCA

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Sliding Door

EPD additional content

Scope and summary

Cradle to gate Cradle to gate with options Cradle to grave

Application

The Cascadia Universal Series™ Fixed Window offers a patented, high-performance fiberglass solution designed and manufactured in North America. It features an innovative, commercial-grade fiberglass frame that boasts up to 250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum windows. Fixed windows consist of a singular frame around a transparent glazing unit that remains in one position and cannot be opened. The primary function of these fenestration systems is to create a façade between the building's interior and exterior, providing structural support and limiting thermal transfer through the building envelope.

Declared unit

The declared unit is one 1,200mm × 1,500mm (47in × 59in) fixed window normalized to one square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass). Glazing beads and stops, sealants, gaskets, and other parts that retain or support the glazing are considered part of the framing assembly, not the glazing assembly. The declared product meets the relevant performance standards in ANSI/NFRC 100 per the identified sub-type.

Mass per declared unit:

Fenestration sub-type	Whole unit, kg	Frame only, kg	Glazing only, kg
Fixed window	28.1	9.96	18.2

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: May 2022 – April 2023

Location: British Columbia, Canada

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the acquisition and preprocessing of raw materials are responsible for the majority of the impacts in each impact category. Fixed window configurations require less manufacturing activity for the window frame when compared to operable windows and doors, highlighting the larger contribution from A1. The upstream transportation stage is the next highest contributor to most impact categories including global warming and ecotoxicity. Manufacturing is the smallest contributor to all impacts except for fossil fuel depletion, due to fabrication and waste disposal activities.

Raw materials acquisition

Raw materials acquisition (A1) dominates the results for all impact categories. This module includes the raw materials acquired and preprocessed by the suppliers, including packaging. This stage makes up 80-90% of the total impacts for all impact categories. The glazing and frame are the two contributors calculated separately in the raw material acquisition stage. The fiberglass window frame generated 27.1% of total GWP results, whereas the glazing generated 72.9% of the total. The glazing unit contains two 4mm glass panes, which are manufactured by an upstream supplier and sourced in North America. The frame unit contains fiberglass lineals, insulation, hardware, and packaging. During the production of these fiberglass lineals, glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin are combined in a pultrusion process. The fiberglass lineals make up most of the weight of the frame unit, and they dominate the environmental impacts over the other frame components.

Transportation

Transportation (A2) of raw materials accounts for a notable contribution to impacts at around 10-20% for many categories. This module includes 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 impact categories except for fossil fuel depletion. This module includes fabrication and the disposal of manufacturing waste. The fabrication process includes cutting the fiberglass, drilling, packaging, and cleaning. Fiberglass production waste, incoming raw material packaging waste, and other non-hazardous 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 were occurring. Since the bulk of impacts were attributed to raw materials acquisition, a sensitivity analysis was conducted to examine the sensitivity of the different available glazing configurations.

Material composition by wt%

MATERIAL	WT%
Glazing	64.6%
Fiberglass lineals	30.1%
Sill angle	0.970%
Insulation	0.740%
Paint	0.590%
Shear block	0.570%
Strap anchor	0.550%
Screws	0.120%
Sealant	0.070%
Gaskets	0.050%
Packaging (wood crate)	1.64%

Global warming potential was evaluated for sensitivity since Cascadia is interested in the potential CO₂-equivalent emissions of its products. The fixed window was evaluated as a worst case scenario, since it has the highest percentage of glazing and therefore provides the most conservative estimate of change. Choosing a triple-glazed product configuration rather than the double-glazed option resulted in a 32.9% increase in total life cycle impacts, highlighting the importance of this choice on total impacts.

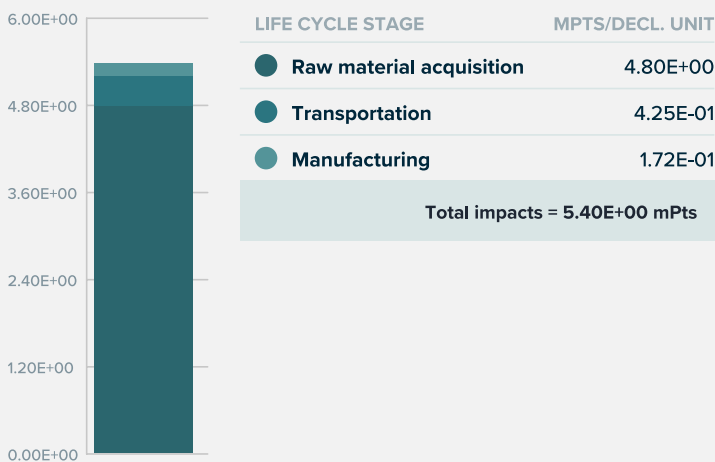
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Total impacts by life cycle stage [mPts/decl unit]



LCA results

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.			

SM Single Score

Impacts per declared unit	4.80E+00 mPts	4.25E-01 mPts	1.72E-01 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Upstream manufacturing of the fiberglass lineals and glass panes.	Transportation of raw materials to the Cascadia facility.	Product fabrication including cutting, drilling, packaging, and cleaning.

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Fixed Window (total)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING	
Ecological damage				
Impact category	Unit			
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	3.51E-01	8.98E-03	3.00E-03

Impact category	Unit				
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	3.40E-02	6.42E-04	2.86E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	5.59E+01	7.24E+00	5.10E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	3.63E-06	1.12E-07	4.63E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.21E-06	4.61E-09	1.04E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	5.51E-06	9.13E-07	6.94E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	3.28E-02	2.27E-03	3.68E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	4.10E+00	1.40E-01	6.96E-02

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	8.20E+01	1.38E+01	1.22E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	3.71E+01	1.86E+01	1.18E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Fixed Window (frame only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	4.34E-02	7.18E-03	1.07E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	9.45E-03	5.10E-04	1.02E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	1.10E+01	5.73E+00	1.82E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	3.69E-07	8.88E-08	1.66E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.96E-07	3.65E-09	3.73E-10
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.16E-06	7.21E-07	2.48E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	6.53E-03	1.80E-03	1.32E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	5.72E-01	1.12E-01	2.49E-02

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	2.10E+01	1.09E+01	4.36E+00
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	2.54E+00	3.53E-01	1.50E-03

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Fixed Window (glazing only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	3.08E-01	1.80E-03	1.92E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	2.45E-02	1.32E-04	1.83E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	4.49E+01	1.52E+00	3.28E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	3.26E-06	2.36E-08	2.97E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.01E-06	9.67E-10	6.69E-10
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	4.35E-06	1.92E-07	4.46E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	2.63E-02	4.73E-04	2.37E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	3.53E+00	2.77E-02	4.47E-02

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	6.09E+01	2.90E+00	7.83E+00
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.86E+01	3.92E+00	7.57E-02

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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.

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Building product disclosure and optimization

Environmental product declarations

- Industry-wide (generic) EPD ½ product
- Product-specific Type III EPD 1 product

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- Third-party certified type III EPD 2 points

Green Globes for New Construction and Sustainable Interiors

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- NC 3.5.1.2 Path B: Prescriptive Path for Building Core and Shell
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- Industry-average EPD .5 points
- Multi-product specific EPD .75 points
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EPD additional content

Scope and summary

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Application

The Cascadia Universal Series™ Casement Window offers a patented, high-performance fiberglass solution designed and manufactured in North America. It features an innovative, commercial-grade fiberglass frame that boasts up to 250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum windows. Casement windows consist of an operable sash frame around a transparent glazing unit, placed within a fixed frame and equipped with hardware that allows the window to remain stationary in a closed position, and swing to open. The primary function of these fenestration systems is to create a façade between the building's interior and exterior, providing structural support and limiting thermal transfer through the building envelope.

Declared unit

The declared unit is one 600mm × 1,500mm (24in × 59in) casement window normalized to one square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass). Glazing beads and stops, sealants, gaskets, and other parts that retain or support the glazing are considered part of the framing assembly, not the glazing assembly. The declared product meets the relevant performance standards in ANSI/NFRC 100 per the identified sub-type.

Mass per declared unit:

Fenestration sub-type	Whole unit, kg	Frame only, kg	Glazing only, kg
Casement window	39.7	26.9	12.8

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: May 2022 – April 2023

Location: British Columbia, Canada

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the acquisition and preprocessing of raw materials are responsible for the majority of the impacts in each impact category. The upstream transportation stage is the next highest contributor to most impact categories including ozone depletion, smog, acidification, eutrophication, carcinogenics, non-carcinogenics, respiratory effects, and ecotoxicity. The manufacturing stage is the next highest contributor to global warming and fossil fuel depletion, due to fabrication and waste disposal activities.

Raw materials acquisition

Raw materials acquisition (A1) dominates the results for all impact categories. This module includes the raw materials acquired and preprocessed by the suppliers, including packaging. This stage makes up on average 80-85% of the total impacts for all impact categories. The glazing and frame are the two contributors calculated separately in the raw material acquisition stage. The fiberglass window frame generated 62.2% of total global warming results, whereas the glazing generated 37.8% of the total. The glazing unit contains two 4mm glass panes manufactured by an upstream supplier and sourced in North America. The frame unit contains fiberglass lineals, insulation, hardware, and packaging. During the production of these fiberglass lineals, glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin are combined in a pultrusion process. The fiberglass lineals make up most of the weight of the frame unit, and they dominate the environmental impacts over the other frame components.

Transportation

Transportation (A2) of raw materials is the next highest contributor to most impact categories. This module includes 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) accounts for a notable contribution to impacts at around 20% for Global Warming Potentials (GWP) and Fossil Fuel Depletion. This module includes fabrication and the disposal of manufacturing waste. The fabrication process includes cutting the fiberglass, drilling, packaging, and cleaning. Fiberglass production waste, incoming raw material packaging waste, and other non-hazardous wastes are transported to a landfill, and recyclable packaging wastes are transported to a recycling facility or reused within the plant.

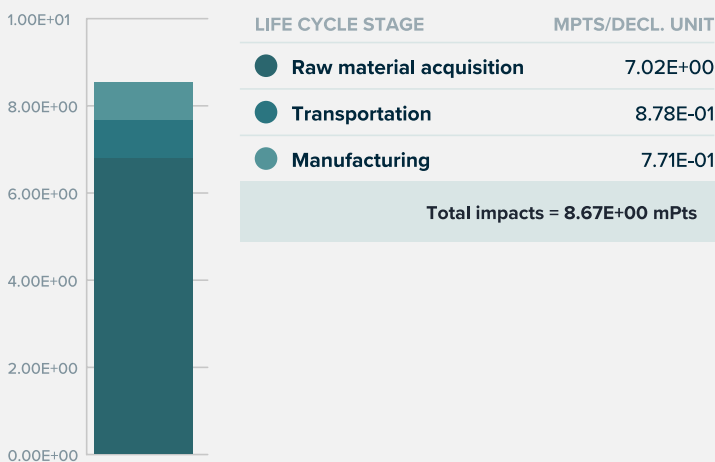
Sensitivity analysis

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Material composition by wt%

MATERIAL	WT%
Fiberglass lineals	50.1%
Glazing	32.2%
Hardware	7.12%
Shear block	2.27%
Sill angle	1.34%
Insulation	1.27%
Paint	1.02%
Screws	1.00%
Strap anchor	0.760%
Gaskets	0.430%
Sealant	0.180%
Packaging (wood crate)	2.28%

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



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LCA results

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.			

SM Single Score

Impacts per declared unit	7.02E+00 mPts	8.78E-01 mPts	7.71E-01 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Upstream manufacturing of the fiberglass lineals and glass panels.	Transportation of raw materials to the Cascadia facility.	Product fabrication including cutting, drilling, packaging, and cleaning.

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Casement Window (total)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
Ecological damage			

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	3.59E-01	2.69E-02	1.35E-02
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	5.11E-02	1.60E-03	1.16E-03
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	6.81E+01	1.49E+01	2.29E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	3.30E-06	2.31E-07	2.08E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.64E-06	9.47E-09	4.67E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	8.02E-06	1.84E-06	3.12E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	4.19E-02	5.08E-03	1.66E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	4.44E+00	4.45E-01	3.13E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	1.06E+02	2.84E+01	5.48E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.42E+02	3.76E+01	5.29E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Casement Window (frame only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	1.42E-01	2.56E-02	9.12E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	3.38E-02	1.51E-03	7.89E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.65E+01	1.38E+01	1.55E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	1.00E-06	2.15E-07	1.41E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	9.24E-07	8.79E-09	3.17E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	4.96E-06	1.71E-06	2.11E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	2.34E-02	4.75E-03	1.12E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.96E+00	4.26E-01	2.12E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	6.36E+01	2.64E+01	3.72E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.29E+02	3.48E+01	3.58E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Casement Window (glazing only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	2.17E-01	1.27E-03	4.33E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	1.73E-02	9.28E-05	3.75E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.16E+01	1.07E+00	7.36E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	2.30E-06	1.66E-08	6.69E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	7.11E-07	6.81E-10	1.50E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	3.06E-06	1.35E-07	1.00E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	1.85E-02	3.33E-04	5.33E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	2.48E+00	1.95E-02	1.01E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	4.29E+01	2.04E+00	1.77E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.31E+01	2.76E+00	1.70E-01

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Application

The Cascadia Universal Series™ Awning Window offers a patented, high-performance fiberglass solution designed and manufactured in North America. It features an innovative, commercial-grade fiberglass frame that boasts up to 250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum windows. Awning windows consist of an operable sash frame around a transparent glazing unit, placed within a fixed frame and equipped with hardware that allows the window to remain stationary in a closed position, and swing at the top of the window to open. The primary function of these fenestration systems is to create a façade between the building's interior and exterior, providing structural support and limiting thermal transfer through the building envelope.

Declared unit

The declared unit is one 1,500mm × 600mm (59in × 24in) awning window normalized to one square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass). Glazing beads and stops, sealants, gaskets, and other parts that retain or support the glazing are considered part of the framing assembly, not the glazing assembly. The declared product meets the relevant performance standards in ANSI/NFRC 100 per the identified sub-type.

Mass per declared unit:

Fenestration sub-type	Whole unit, kg	Frame only, kg	Glazing only, kg
Awning window	40.29	27.5	12.8

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: May 2022 – April 2023

Location: British Columbia, Canada

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the acquisition and preprocessing of raw materials are responsible for the majority of the impacts in each impact category. The manufacturing stage is the next highest contributor to the global warming and fossil fuel depletion impact categories. The upstream transportation stage has the next highest contribution for the remaining categories including ozone depletion, smog, acidification, eutrophication, carcinogenics, non-carcinogenics, respiratory effects, and ecotoxicity.

Raw materials acquisition

Raw materials acquisition (A1) dominates the results for all impact categories. This module includes the raw materials acquired and preprocessed by the suppliers, including packaging. This stage makes up 80-90% of the total impacts for all impact categories. The glazing and frame are the two contributors calculated separately in the raw materials acquisition stage. The fiberglass window frame generated 62.4% of total global warming results, whereas the glazing generated 37.6% of the total. The glazing unit contains two 4mm glass panes manufactured by an upstream supplier and sourced in North America. The frame unit contains fiberglass lineals, insulation, hardware, and packaging. During the production of these fiberglass lineals, glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin are combined in a pultrusion process. The fiberglass lineals make up most of the weight of the frame unit, and they dominate the environmental impacts over the other frame components.

Transportation

Transportation (A2) of raw materials has the second highest contribution to many impact categories. This module includes raw material transportation from suppliers to the Cascadia manufacturing facility. Most 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) of raw materials accounts for a notable contribution to Global Warming Potentials (GWP) at around 21% and Fossil Fuel Depletion at around 28%, with relatively low contributions to the remaining impact categories. This module includes fabrication and the disposal of manufacturing waste. The fabrication process includes cutting the fiberglass, drilling, packaging, and cleaning. Fiberglass production waste, incoming raw material packaging waste, and other non-hazardous wastes are transported to a landfill, and recyclable packaging wastes are transported to a recycling facility or reused within the plant.

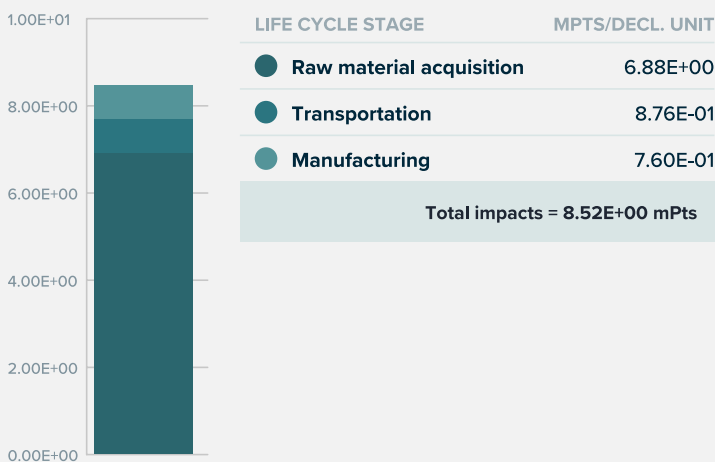
Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analyses were performed to check the robustness of the results where the highest potential environmental impacts were occurring. Since the bulk of impacts were attributed to raw materials acquisition, a sensitivity

Material composition by wt%

MATERIAL	WT%
Fiberglass lineals	49.4%
Glazing	31.8%
Hardware	5.89%
Shear block	2.53%
Insulation	1.26%
Paint	1.00%
Screws	0.990%
Sill angle	0.800%
Strap anchor	0.750%
Gaskets	0.430%
Sealant	0.180%
Packaging (wood crate)	4.99%

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



analysis was conducted to examine the sensitivity of the different available glazing configurations.

Global warming potential was evaluated for sensitivity since Cascadia is interested in the potential CO₂-equivalent emissions of its products. The fixed window was evaluated as a worst case scenario, since it has the highest percentage of glazing and therefore provides the most conservative estimate of change. Choosing a triple-glazed product configuration rather than the double-glazed option resulted in a 32.9% increase in total life cycle impacts, highlighting the importance of this choice on total impacts.

How we're making it greener

Fiberglass is an ideal structural material for window and door frames, which is why Cascadia has used a proprietary, high glass-fiber-to-resin formula for more than a decade. Beyond its high strength and thermal efficiency, Cascadia's pultruded, thermoset fiberglass frames contain roughly 58% recycled content, low VOC's, and represent less embodied energy compared to vinyl or aluminum.

Not susceptible to decay or corrosion, fiberglass also expands and contracts with temperature change at roughly the same rate as the adjacent IGU. This extends the longevity of window seals and gaskets, reducing maintenance costs. Combined with a modeled lifespan of up to 80 years, fiberglass represents the future of high-performance windows and doors.

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LCA results

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)*			
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SM Single Score

Impacts per declared unit	6.88E+00 mPts	8.76E-01 mPts	7.60E-01 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Upstream manufacturing of the fiberglass lineals and glass panes.	Transportation of raw materials to the Cascadia facility.	Product fabrication including cutting, drilling, packaging, and cleaning.

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Awning Window (total)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	3.60E-01	2.60E-02	1.33E-02
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	5.26E-02	1.57E-03	1.20E-03
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	6.86E+01	1.49E+01	2.25E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	3.30E-06	2.31E-07	2.05E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.61E-06	9.45E-09	4.61E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	7.87E-06	1.84E-06	3.07E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	4.09E-02	5.03E-03	1.63E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	4.45E+00	4.29E-01	3.08E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	1.09E+02	2.84E+01	5.40E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.29E+02	3.76E+01	5.21E-01

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LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	1.44E-01	2.47E-02	9.05E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	3.54E-02	1.48E-03	8.17E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.70E+01	1.38E+01	1.54E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	1.00E-06	2.14E-07	1.40E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	8.95E-07	8.77E-09	3.14E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	4.80E-06	1.71E-06	2.10E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	2.25E-02	4.70E-03	1.11E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.97E+00	4.09E-01	2.10E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	6.61E+01	2.63E+01	3.68E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.16E+02	3.48E+01	3.56E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Awning Window (glazing only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	2.17E-01	1.27E-03	4.21E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	1.73E-02	9.28E-05	3.80E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.16E+01	1.07E+00	7.16E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	2.30E-06	1.66E-08	6.50E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	7.11E-07	6.81E-10	1.46E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	3.06E-06	1.35E-07	9.75E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	1.85E-02	3.33E-04	5.18E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	2.48E+00	1.95E-02	9.77E-02

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Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	4.29E+01	2.04E+00	1.71E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.31E+01	2.76E+00	1.65E-01

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Mass per declared unit:

Fenestration sub-type	Whole unit, kg	Frame only, kg	Glazing only, kg
Hopper window	40.1	27.0	13.0

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: May 2022 – April 2023

Location: British Columbia, Canada

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the acquisition and preprocessing of raw materials are responsible for the majority of the impacts in each impact category. The manufacturing activities contribute to a higher contribution to global warming and fossil fuel depletion when compared to the upstream transportation stage. Upstream transportation is the next highest contributor to the remaining impact categories.

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Transportation

Transportation (A2) of raw materials accounts for a notable contribution to impacts at around 10-20% for many impact categories. This module includes 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 impact categories except for fossil fuel depletion. This module includes fabrication and the disposal of manufacturing waste. The fabrication process includes cutting the fiberglass, drilling, packaging, and cleaning. Fiberglass production waste, incoming raw material packaging waste, and other non-hazardous wastes are transported to a landfill, and recyclable packaging wastes are transported to a recycling facility or reused within the plant.

Sensitivity analysis

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Material composition by wt%

MATERIAL	WT%
Fiberglass lineals	50.3%
Glazing	32.6%
Hardware	3.17%
Shear block	1.95%
Sill angle	1.66%
Insulation	1.27%
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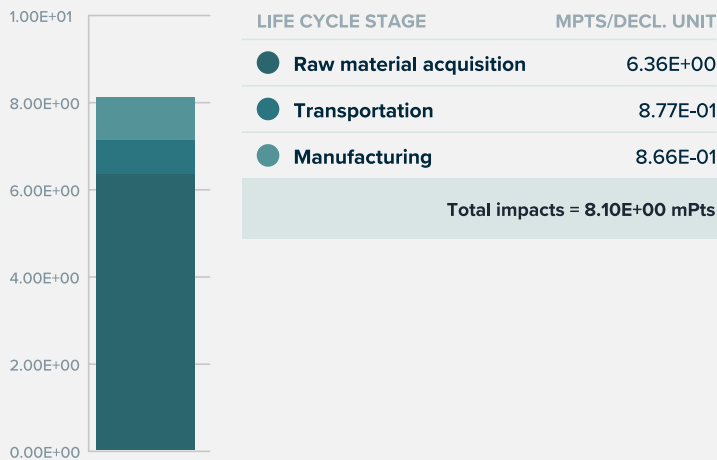
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Total impacts by life cycle stage [mPts/decl unit]



LCA results

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Information modules: Included (X) Excluded (MND)*			
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SM Single Score

Impacts per declared unit	6.36E+00 mPts	8.77E-01 mPts	8.66E-01 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Upstream manufacturing of the fiberglass lineals and glass panes.	Transportation of raw materials to the Cascadia facility.	Product fabrication including cutting, drilling, packaging, and cleaning.

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Hopper Window (total)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
Ecological damage			

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	3.57E-01	2.29E-02	1.51E-02
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	4.83E-02	1.47E-03	1.39E-03
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	6.71E+01	1.49E+01	2.57E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	3.53E-06	2.32E-07	2.33E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.48E-06	9.49E-09	5.25E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	7.18E-06	1.86E-06	3.50E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	4.04E-02	4.89E-03	1.86E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	4.34E+00	3.70E-01	3.51E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	1.05E+02	2.85E+01	6.15E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.05E+02	3.80E+01	5.94E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Hopper Window (frame only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	1.35E-01	2.16E-02	1.02E-02
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	3.06E-02	1.38E-03	9.35E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.48E+01	1.38E+01	1.73E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	1.18E-06	2.15E-07	1.57E-07

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Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	7.57E-07	8.80E-09	3.54E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	4.05E-06	1.72E-06	2.36E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	2.15E-02	4.55E-03	1.25E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.80E+00	3.50E-01	2.36E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	6.16E+01	2.64E+01	4.14E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	9.16E+01	3.52E+01	4.00E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Hopper Window (glazing only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	2.21E-01	1.30E-03	4.92E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	1.76E-02	9.48E-05	4.52E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.23E+01	1.09E+00	8.38E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	2.35E-06	1.69E-08	7.60E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	7.27E-07	6.96E-10	1.71E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	3.13E-06	1.38E-07	1.14E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	1.89E-02	3.40E-04	6.06E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	2.54E+00	1.99E-02	1.14E-01

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Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	4.38E+01	2.09E+00	2.00E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.34E+01	2.82E+00	1.94E-01

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Application

The Cascadia Universal Series™ Tilt & Turn Window offers a patented, high-performance fiberglass solution designed and manufactured in North America. It features an innovative, commercial-grade fiberglass frame that boasts up to 250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum windows. Tilt & turn windows consist of an operable sash frame around a transparent glazing unit, placed within a fixed frame and equipped with hardware that allows the window to remain stationary in a closed position, tilt the window, and turn the window open. The primary function of these fenestration systems is to create a façade between the building's interior and exterior, providing structural support and limiting thermal transfer through the building envelope.

Declared unit

The declared unit is one 1,200mm × 1,500mm (47in × 59in) Tilt & Turn window normalized to one square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass). Glazing beads and stops, sealants, gaskets, and other parts that retain or support the glazing are considered part of the framing assembly, not the glazing assembly. The declared product meets the relevant performance standards in ANSI/NFRC 100 per the identified sub-type.

Mass per declared unit:

Fenestration sub-type	Whole unit, kg	Frame only, kg	Glazing only, kg
Tilt & Turn window	33.0	17.5	15.5

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: May 2022 – April 2023

Location: British Columbia, Canada

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the acquisition and preprocessing of raw materials are responsible for the majority of the impacts in each impact category. The upstream transportation stage is the next highest contributor to most impact categories including ozone depletion, smog, acidification, eutrophication, carcinogenics, non-carcinogenics, respiratory effects, and ecotoxicity. The manufacturing stage is the next highest contributor to global warming and fossil fuel depletion, due to fabrication and waste disposal activities.

Raw materials acquisition

Raw materials acquisition (A1) dominates the results for all impact categories. This module includes the raw materials acquired and preprocessed by the suppliers, including packaging. This stage makes up on average 80-85% of the total impacts for all impact categories. The glazing and frame are the two contributors calculated separately in the raw material acquisition stage. The fiberglass window frame generated 44.2% of total global warming results, whereas the glazing generated 55.8% of the total. The glazing unit contains two 4mm glass panes manufactured by an upstream supplier and sourced in North America. The frame unit contains fiberglass lineals, insulation, hardware, and packaging. During the production of these fiberglass lineals, glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin are combined in a pultrusion process. The fiberglass lineals make up most of the weight of the frame unit, and they dominate the environmental impacts over the other frame components.

Transportation

Transportation (A2) of raw materials has the second highest contributions to many impact categories. This module includes 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) of raw materials accounts for a notable contribution to Global Warming Potentials (GWP) at around 15%, with relatively low contributions to the remaining impact categories. This module includes fabrication and the disposal of manufacturing waste. The fabrication process includes cutting the fiberglass, drilling, packaging, and cleaning. Fiberglass production waste, incoming raw material packaging waste, and other non-hazardous wastes are transported to a landfill, and recyclable packaging wastes are transported to a recycling facility or reused within the plant.

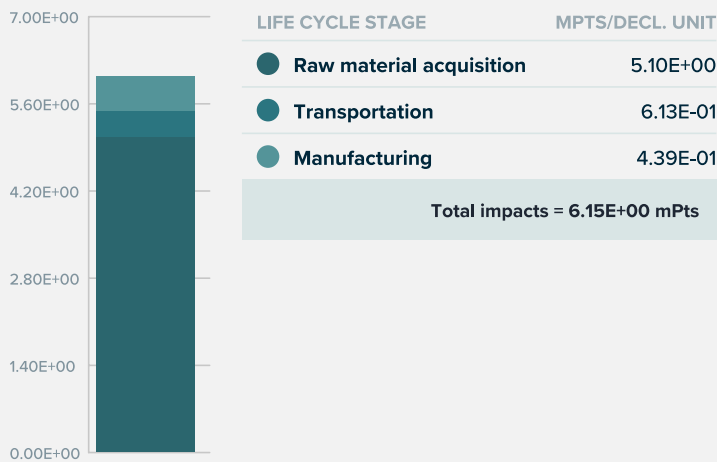
Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analyses were performed to check the robustness of the results where the highest potential environmental impacts were occurring. Since the bulk of impacts were attributed to raw materials acquisition, a sensitivity analysis was conducted to examine the sensitivity of the different available glazing configurations.

Material composition by wt%

MATERIAL	WT%
Glazing	47.1%
Fiberglass lineals	40.3%
Hardware	3.43%
Shear block	1.21%
Insulation	1.01%
Sill angle	0.830%
Paint	0.700%
Screws	0.610%
Strap anchor	0.470%
Sealant	0.450%
Gaskets	0.350%
Packaging (wood crate)	3.54%

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



Global warming potential was evaluated for sensitivity since Cascadia is interested in the potential CO₂-equivalent emissions of its products. The fixed window was evaluated as a worst case scenario, since it has the highest percentage of glazing and therefore provides the most conservative estimate of change. Choosing a triple-glazed product configuration rather than the double-glazed option resulted in a 32.9% increase in total life cycle impacts, highlighting the importance of this choice on total impacts.

How we're making it greener

Fiberglass is an ideal structural material for window and door frames, which is why Cascadia has used a proprietary, high glass-fiber-to-resin formula for more than a decade. Beyond its high strength and thermal efficiency, Cascadia's pultruded, thermoset fiberglass frames contain roughly 58% recycled content, low VOC's, and represent less embodied energy compared to vinyl or aluminum.

Not susceptible to decay or corrosion, fiberglass also expands and contracts with temperature change at roughly the same rate as the adjacent IGU. This extends the longevity of window seals and gaskets, reducing maintenance costs. Combined with a modeled lifespan of up to 80 years, fiberglass represents the future of high-performance windows and doors.

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LCA results

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)*			
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SM Single Score

Impacts per declared unit	5.10E+00 mPts	6.13E-01 mPts	4.39E-01 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Upstream manufacturing of the fiberglass lineals and glass panes.	Transportation of raw materials to the Cascadia facility.	Product fabrication including cutting, drilling, packaging, and cleaning.

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Tilt & Turn Window (total)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
Ecological damage			

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	3.41E-01	1.62E-02	7.66E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	3.87E-02	1.04E-03	6.46E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	5.88E+01	1.04E+01	1.30E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	3.49E-06	1.62E-07	1.18E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.16E-06	6.63E-09	2.66E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	5.67E-06	1.30E-06	1.78E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	3.53E-02	3.43E-03	9.42E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	4.08E+00	2.63E-01	1.78E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	8.92E+01	1.99E+01	3.12E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	7.16E+01	2.65E+01	3.01E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Tilt & Turn Window (frame only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	7.78E-02	1.47E-02	4.05E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	1.77E-02	9.22E-04	3.42E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	2.03E+01	9.13E+00	6.88E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	6.95E-07	1.42E-07	6.25E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	2.93E-07	5.80E-09	1.41E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.94E-06	1.14E-06	9.39E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	1.28E-02	3.03E-03	4.98E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.06E+00	2.39E-01	9.41E-02

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	3.70E+01	1.74E+01	1.65E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	5.57E+01	2.32E+01	1.59E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Tilt & Turn Window (glazing only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	2.63E-01	1.54E-03	3.61E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	2.10E-02	1.13E-04	3.04E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.85E+01	1.30E+00	6.13E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	2.79E-06	2.02E-08	5.57E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit			
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	? 8.65E-07	8.28E-10	1.25E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	? 3.72E-06	1.64E-07	8.37E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	? 2.25E-02	4.04E-04	4.44E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	? 3.02E+00	2.37E-02	8.38E-02

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit			
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	? 5.21E+01	2.48E+00	1.47E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	? 1.59E+01	3.35E+00	1.42E-01

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Application

The Cascadia Universal Series™ Swing Doors offers a patented, high-performance fiberglass solution designed and manufactured in North America. The swing door features an innovative, commercial-grade fiberglass frame that boasts up to 250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum doors. Swing doors consist of an operable door frame around a transparent glazing unit, placed within a fixed frame and equipped with hardware that allows the door to remain stationary in a closed position, and swing to open. The primary function of these fenestration systems is to create a façade between the building's interior and exterior, allow occupant egress, provide structural support, and limiting thermal transfer through the building envelope.

Declared unit

The declared unit is one 960mm × 2090mm (38in × 82in) swing door normalized to one square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass). Glazing beads and stops, sealants, gaskets, and other parts that retain or support the glazing are considered part of the framing assembly, not the glazing assembly. The declared product meets the relevant performance standards in ANSI/NFRC 100 per the identified sub-type.

Mass per declared unit:

Fenestration sub-type	Whole unit, kg	Frame only, kg	Glazing only, kg
Swing door	41.2	25.3	15.9

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: May 2022 – April 2023

Location: British Columbia, Canada

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the acquisition and preprocessing of raw materials are responsible for the majority of the impacts in each impact category. Swing door configurations require fewer manufacturing activities for the frame as compared to windows, resulting in a larger contribution to A1. The upstream transportation stage is the next highest contributor to most impact categories including global warming and ecotoxicity. Manufacturing is the smallest contributor to all impacts except for fossil fuel depletion, due to fabrication and waste disposal activities.

Raw materials acquisition

Raw materials acquisition (A1) dominates the results for all impact categories. This module includes the raw materials acquired and preprocessed by the suppliers, including packaging. This stage makes up 80-90% of the total impacts for all impact categories. The glazing and frame are the two contributors calculated separately in the raw material acquisition stage. The fiberglass door frame generated 43% of total global warming results, whereas the glazing generated 57% of the total. The glazing unit contains two 5mm tempered glass panes manufactured by an upstream supplier and sourced in North America. The frame unit contains fiberglass lineals, insulation, hardware, and packaging. During the production of these fiberglass lineals, glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin are combined in a pultrusion process. The fiberglass lineals make up most of the weight of the frame unit, and they dominate the environmental impacts over the other frame components.

Transportation

Transportation (A2) of raw materials is the next highest contributor to most impact categories at around 10-20%. This module includes 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) of raw materials accounts for a notable contribution to Global Warming Potentials (GWP) at around 16% and Fossil Fuel Depletion at around 23%, with relatively low contributions to the remaining impact categories. This module includes fabrication and the disposal of manufacturing waste. The fabrication process includes cutting the fiberglass, drilling, packaging, and cleaning. Fiberglass production waste, incoming raw material packaging waste, and other non-hazardous 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 were occurring. Since the bulk of impacts were attributed to raw materials acquisition, a sensitivity

Material composition by wt%

MATERIAL	WT%
Fiberglass lineals	45.8%
Glazing	38.5%
Hardware	4.85%
Insulation	1.26%
Aluminum lineals	1.25%
Shear block	0.910%
Polypropylene lineals	0.880%
Paint	0.680%
Strap anchor	0.440%
Screws	0.440%
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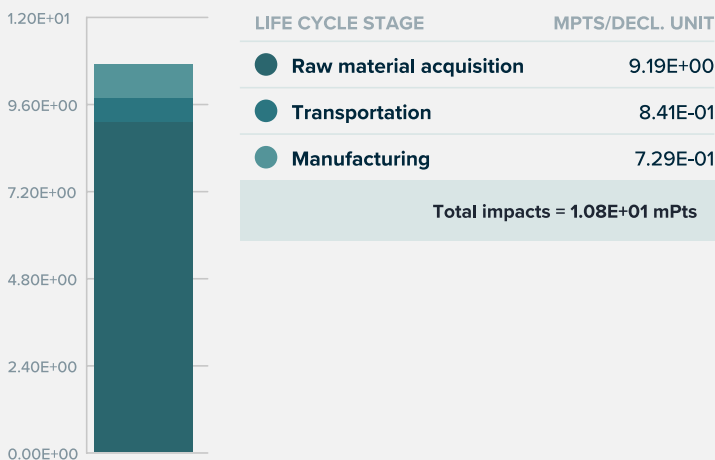
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Total impacts by life cycle stage [mPts/decl unit]



LCA results

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Information modules: Included (X) Excluded (MND)*			
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SM Single Score

Impacts per declared unit	9.19E+00 mPts	8.41E-01 mPts	7.29E-01 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Upstream manufacturing of the fiberglass lineals and glass panes.	Transportation of raw materials to the Cascadia facility.	Product fabrication including cutting, drilling, packaging, and cleaning.

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Swing Door (total)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
Ecological damage			

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	5.75E-01	2.36E-02	1.27E-02
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	6.04E-02	1.47E-03	9.87E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	9.99E+01	1.43E+01	2.16E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	5.71E-06	2.22E-07	1.96E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	2.34E-06	9.09E-09	4.41E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.04E-05	1.78E-06	2.95E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	6.07E-02	4.77E-03	1.57E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	6.76E+00	3.87E-01	2.96E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	1.48E+02	2.73E+01	5.19E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	9.89E+01	3.62E+01	4.99E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Swing Door (frame only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	1.53E-01	2.21E-02	7.83E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	2.80E-02	1.35E-03	6.07E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.78E+01	1.30E+01	1.33E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	1.49E-06	2.01E-07	1.21E-07

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Impact category	Unit				
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Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	4.79E-06	1.61E-06	1.82E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	2.45E-02	4.36E-03	9.64E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.88E+00	3.63E-01	1.82E-01

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Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	6.23E+01	2.48E+01	3.20E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	7.45E+01	3.28E+01	3.07E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Swing Door (glazing only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	4.22E-01	1.57E-03	4.89E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	3.25E-02	1.15E-04	3.79E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	6.21E+01	1.32E+00	8.30E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	4.22E-06	2.05E-08	7.55E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.29E-06	8.42E-10	1.69E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	5.62E-06	1.67E-07	1.13E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	3.61E-02	4.11E-04	6.02E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	4.88E+00	2.41E-02	1.14E-01

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Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	8.56E+01	2.53E+00	2.00E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	2.44E+01	3.41E+00	1.92E-01

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Application

The Cascadia Universal Series™ Double Swing Doors offers a patented, high-performance fiberglass solution designed and manufactured in North America. The swing door features an innovative, commercial-grade fiberglass frame that boasts up to 250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum doors. Double swing doors consist of two operable door frames around a transparent glazing unit, placed withing a fixed frame and equipped with hardware that allows the each door to remain stationary in a closed position, and swing to open independently of each other. The primary function of these fenestration systems is to create a façade between the building's interior and exterior, allow occupant egress, provide structural support, and limiting thermal transfer through the building envelope.

Declared unit

The declared unit is one 1,920mm × 2,090mm (76in × 82in) double swing doors normalized to one square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass). Glazing beads and stops, sealants, gaskets, and other parts that retain or support the glazing are considered part of the framing assembly, not the glazing assembly. The declared product meets the relevant performance standards in ANSI/NFRC 100 per the identified sub-type.

Mass per declared unit:

Fenestration sub-type	Whole unit, kg	Frame only, kg	Glazing only, kg
Double swing door	36.6	20.1	16.3

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: May 2022 – April 2023

Location: British Columbia, Canada

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the acquisition and preprocessing of raw materials are responsible for the majority of the impacts in each impact category. The upstream transportation stage is the next highest contributor to most impact categories including global warming and ecotoxicity. Manufacturing is the smallest contributor to all impacts except for global warming and fossil fuel depletion, due to fabrication and waste disposal activities.

Raw materials acquisition

Raw materials acquisition (A1) dominates the results for all impact categories. This module includes the raw materials acquired and preprocessed by the suppliers, including packaging. This stage makes up 80-90% of the total impacts for all impact categories. The glazing and frame are the two contributors calculated separately in the raw material acquisition stage. The fiberglass door frame generated 43% of total global warming results, whereas the glazing generated 57% of the total. The glazing unit contains two 6mm tempered glass panes manufactured by an upstream supplier and sourced in North America. The frame unit contains fiberglass lineals, insulation, hardware, and packaging. During the production of these fiberglass lineals, glass fibers and catalyzed polyester resin are combined in a pultrusion process. The fiberglass lineals make up most of the weight of the frame unit, and they dominate the environmental impacts over the other frame components.

Transportation

Transportation (A2) of raw materials accounts for a notable contribution to impacts at around 5-10% to many impact categories. This module includes 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 second-highest contributor to many impact categories. This module includes fabrication and the disposal of manufacturing waste. The fabrication process includes cutting the fiberglass, drilling, packaging, and cleaning. Fiberglass production waste, incoming raw material packaging waste, and other non-hazardous 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 were occurring. Since the bulk of impacts were attributed to raw materials acquisition, a sensitivity analysis was conducted to examine the sensitivity of the different available glazing configurations.

Global warming potential was evaluated for sensitivity since Cascadia is interested in the potential CO₂-equivalent emissions of its products. The fixed

Material composition by wt%

MATERIAL	WT%
Glazing	44.5%
Fiberglass lineals	38.4%
Hardware	5.45%
Insulation	1.65%
Shear block	1.27%
Polypropylene lineals	1.03%
Aluminum lineals	0.790%
Paint	0.700%
Gaskets	0.300%
Strap anchor	0.280%
Screws	0.250%
Sealant	0.090%
Packaging (wood crate)	5.28%

window was evaluated as a worst case scenario, since it has the highest percentage of glazing and therefore provides the most conservative estimate of change. Choosing a triple-glazed product configuration rather than the double-glazed option resulted in a 32.9% increase in total life cycle impacts, highlighting the importance of this choice on total impacts.

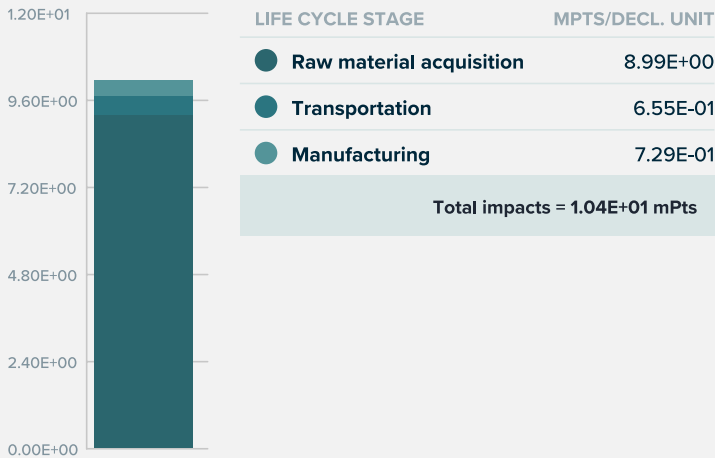
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Total impacts by life cycle stage [mPts/decl unit]



LCA results

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)*			
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SM Single Score

Impacts per declared unit	8.99E+00 mPts	6.55E-01 mPts	7.29E-01 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Upstream manufacturing of the fiberglass lineals and glass panes.	Transportation of raw materials to the Cascadia facility.	Product fabrication including cutting, drilling, packaging, and cleaning.

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Double Swing Door (total)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
Ecological damage			

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	5.74E-01	2.01E-02	1.27E-02
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	5.90E-02	1.20E-03	9.86E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	9.86E+01	1.11E+01	2.16E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	5.70E-06	1.73E-07	1.96E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	2.32E-06	7.07E-09	4.41E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.00E-05	1.37E-06	2.95E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	5.90E-02	3.79E-03	1.56E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	6.70E+00	3.33E-01	2.95E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	1.45E+02	2.12E+01	5.19E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	8.89E+01	2.80E+01	4.99E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Double Swing Door (frame only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	1.40E-01	1.85E-02	7.05E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	2.56E-02	1.08E-03	5.17E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.46E+01	9.77E+00	1.20E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	1.36E-06	1.52E-07	1.09E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	9.84E-07	6.20E-09	2.44E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	4.26E-06	1.20E-06	1.64E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	2.19E-02	3.37E-03	8.68E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.68E+00	3.08E-01	1.64E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	5.69E+01	1.86E+01	2.88E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	6.38E+01	2.45E+01	2.76E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Double Swing Door (glazing only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	4.34E-01	1.62E-03	5.66E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	3.34E-02	1.18E-04	4.15E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	6.39E+01	1.36E+00	9.60E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	4.34E-06	2.11E-08	8.73E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.33E-06	8.67E-10	1.96E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	5.78E-06	1.72E-07	1.31E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	3.72E-02	4.23E-04	6.97E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	5.02E+00	2.49E-02	1.32E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	8.81E+01	2.60E+00	2.31E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	2.51E+01	3.51E+00	2.22E-01

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Application

The Cascadia Universal Series™ Sliding Door offers a patented, high-performance fiberglass solution designed and manufactured in North America. The sliding door features an innovative, commercial-grade fiberglass frame that boasts up to 250% improved thermal performance compared to traditional aluminum doors. Sliding doors consist of an operable door frame around a transparent glazing unit, and fixed door frame around a transparent glazing unit. These are placed withing a fixed frame and equipped with hardware that allows the operable door to remain stationary in a closed position, or to slide parallel to the fixed door. The primary function of these fenestration systems is to create a façade between the building's interior and exterior, allow occupant egress, provide structural support, and limiting thermal transfer through the building envelope.

Declared unit

The declared unit is one 2,000mm × 2,000mm (79in × 79in) sliding door normalized to one square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass). Glazing beads and stops, sealants, gaskets, and other parts that retain or support the glazing are considered part of the framing assembly, not the glazing assembly. The declared product meets the relevant performance standards in ANSI/NFRC 100 per the identified sub-type.

Mass per declared unit:

Fenestration sub-type	Whole unit, kg	Frame only, kg	Glazing only, kg
Sliding door	33.0	14.6	18.4

Manufacturing data

Reporting period: May 2022 – April 2023

Location: British Columbia, Canada

What's causing the greatest impacts

All life cycle stages

Activities during the acquisition and preprocessing of raw materials are responsible for the majority of the impacts in each impact category. The raw material supply stage dominates the results for all impact categories. The next highest contributor to global warming and fossil fuel depletion is the manufacturing stage due to fabrication and waste disposal activities, which makes up 10.8% of global warming and 16.9% of fossil fuel depletion impacts. The upstream transportation stage is the next highest contributor to the remaining impact categories.

Raw materials acquisition

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Transportation (A2) of raw materials accounts for a notable contribution to impacts at around 5-10% to many impact categories. This module includes raw material transportation from suppliers to the Cascadia manufacturing facility. The transportation stage accounts for slightly higher percentages compared to the manufacturing stage in the following impact categories: ozone depletion, smog, acidification, eutrophication, carcinogenic, non-carcinogenic, respiratory effects, and ecotoxicity. Most 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

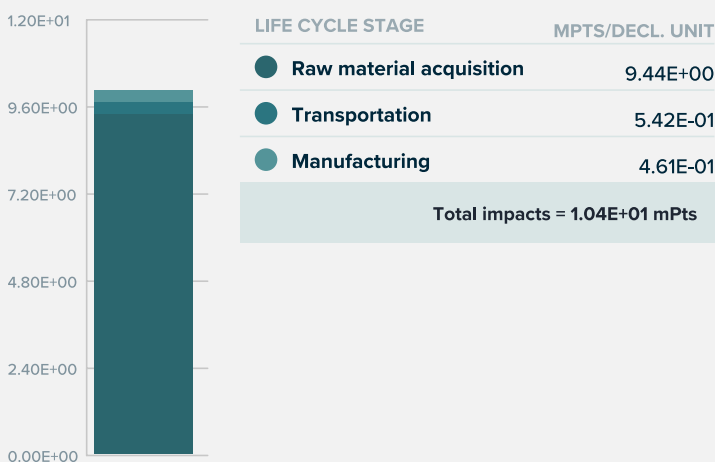
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Sensitivity analysis

Material composition by wt%

MATERIAL	WT%
Glazing	55.8%
Fiberglass lineals	34.2%
Aluminum lineals	1.82%
Shear block	1.27%
Insulation	1.23%
Hardware	0.740%
Paint	0.410%
Strap anchor	0.350%
Gaskets	0.310%
Screws	0.270%
Sealant	0.080%
Packaging (wood crate)	3.54%

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



Sensitivity analyses were performed to check the robustness of the results where the highest potential environmental impacts were occurring. Since the bulk of impacts were attributed to raw materials acquisition, a sensitivity analysis was conducted to examine the sensitivity of the different available glazing configurations.

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Information modules: Included (X) Excluded (MND)* *Modules A4, A5, B, C, and D are excluded.	(X) A1 Raw material supply 	(X) A2 Transport 	(X) A3 Manufacturing 

SM Single Score

Impacts per declared unit	9.44E+00 mPts	5.42E-01 mPts	4.61E-01 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Upstream manufacturing of the fiberglass lineals and glass panes.	Transportation of raw materials to the Cascadia facility.	Product fabrication including cutting, drilling, packaging, and cleaning.

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Sliding Door (total)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
Ecological damage			

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	6.21E-01	1.27E-02	8.04E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	6.02E-02	8.59E-04	6.06E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	1.04E+02	9.22E+00	1.36E+01
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	6.06E-06	1.43E-07	1.24E-07

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	2.37E-06	5.87E-09	2.79E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.04E-05	1.16E-06	1.87E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	6.46E-02	2.95E-03	9.90E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	7.25E+00	2.01E-01	1.87E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	1.44E+02	1.76E+01	3.28E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	1.13E+02	2.36E+01	3.15E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Sliding Door (frame only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	1.30E-01	1.09E-02	3.55E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	2.25E-02	7.26E-04	2.68E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	3.17E+01	7.69E+00	6.03E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	1.15E-06	1.19E-07	5.48E-08

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Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	8.67E-07	4.89E-09	1.23E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	3.87E-06	9.62E-07	8.24E-08
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	2.26E-02	2.48E-03	4.37E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	1.57E+00	1.73E-01	8.26E-02

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Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	4.46E+01	1.47E+01	1.45E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	8.46E+01	1.96E+01	1.39E-01

TRACI v2.1 results per declared unit of Universal Series™ Sliding Door (glazing only)

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
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Ecological damage

Impact category	Unit				
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	?	4.91E-01	1.83E-03	4.49E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	?	3.78E-02	1.34E-04	3.38E-04
Global warming	kg CO ₂ eq	?	7.23E+01	1.54E+00	7.61E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	?	4.91E-06	2.39E-08	6.92E-08

Human health damage

Impact category	Unit				
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	1.51E-06	9.80E-10	1.55E-09
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	?	6.53E-06	1.94E-07	1.04E-07
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	?	4.20E-02	4.79E-04	5.52E-04
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	?	5.67E+00	2.81E-02	1.04E-01

Additional environmental information

Impact category	Unit				
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	?	9.96E+01	2.94E+00	1.83E+01
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	?	2.84E+01	3.97E+00	1.76E-01

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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 ½ product
- Product-specific Type III EPD 1 product

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

Building product disclosure and optimization

Environmental product declarations

- Industry-wide (generic) EPD 1 product
- Product-specific Type III EPD 1.5 products

Collaborative for High Performance Schools National Criteria

MW C5.1 – Environmental Product Declarations

- Third-party certified type III EPD 2 points

Green Globes for New Construction and Sustainable Interiors

Materials and resources

- 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

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Environmental Product Declarations (EPD)

- Industry-average EPD .5 points
- Multi-product specific EPD .75 points
- Product-specific EPD 1 point

EPD additional content

Cascadia Universal Series™ Fixed & Operable Windows and Doors

Fixed Window	Casement Window	Awning Window	Hopper Window	Tilt & Turn Window	Swing Door
Double Swing Door	Sliding Door	EPD additional content			

Data

Background This product-specific declaration was created by collecting production data from the British Columbia, Canada location. Secondary data sources include those available in ecoinvent v3.10 and US-EI 2.2 databases. The materials, energy usage, and transportation to the point of usage of fenestration assemblies reported in this document include the production of the final fenestration assemblies, any other ancillary materials used during production, and the primary packaging of the final product.

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. To accurately allocate electricity and natural gas used at the facility to window, door, and window wall production, the total annual energy consumption was calculated through labor unit allocation, which proportionally assesses the percentage of manufacturing activities for each product type versus total annual labor activities. Additionally, no co-products were produced during the fabrication processes.

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, and no substances considered to be hazardous or toxic according to the TRI or local regulations are present in the products. Therefore, these criteria have been met. Biogenic carbon is included in reported results.

Quality of inventory data 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 ensure reliable results, first-hand industry data in combination with consistent background LCA information from SimaPro and LCI databases were used. Primary data associated with the manufacturing process was collected and checked for mass balance and data inventory completeness. 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. The data set is considered complete based on a review between the LCA team and key Cascadia stakeholders. Where country-specific data were unavailable, global or rest-of-world averages were used to represent transportation in those

Scenarios and additional technical information

Installation [A5] Biogenic carbon emissions generated in the installation phase stem from wood crates used as packaging. While the impacts from installation are out of the scope of this cradle-to-gate study, ISO 21930:2017 requires that biogenic carbon emissions associated with packaging disposed after product installation be separately reported. The table below shows that the biogenic carbon removals from packaging in the manufacturing stage (A3) are then accounted for as biogenic carbon emissions from packaging in the installation stage (A5).

Product	Biogenic carbon emissions associated with installation [A5] (kg CO ₂)
Universal Series™ Fixed Window	6.55E-02
Universal Series™ Casement Window	6.01E-01
Universal Series™ Tilt & Turn Window	7.76E-01
Universal Series™ Awning Window	1.34E+00
Universal Series™ Hopper Window	1.52E+00
Universal Series™ Swing Door	1.28E+00
Universal Series™ Double Swing Door	7.28E-01
Universal Series™ Sliding Door	2.44E+02

Flow diagram

locations. Additionally, no proxy data were used to represent materials and therefore did not have a significant impact of the results.

The following data sets were used in the LCA for modeling glazing:

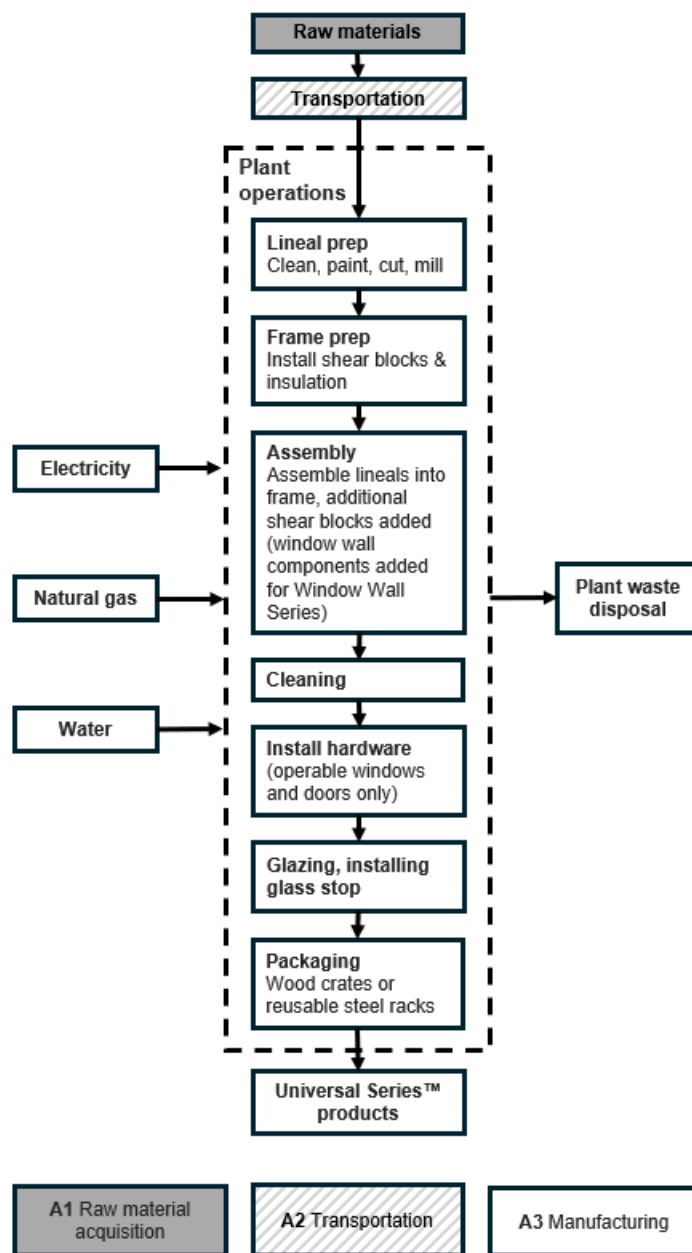
- Flat glass, uncoated, at plant/US- US-EI U
- Flat glass, coated, at plant/US- US-EI U
- Aluminum, production mix, at plant/US- US-EI U
- Sheet rolling, aluminium/US- US-EI U
- Argon, liquid, at plant/US- US-EI U
- Zeolite, powder, at plant/RER S
- Polybutadiene, at plant/US- US-EI U
- Polysulphide, sealing compound, at plant/US- US-EI

Major system boundary exclusions:

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

Major assumptions and limitations:

- Primary data were modeled based on the information provided by Cascadia and supplemented by 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 based on the percentage of labor units per product.
- Generic data sets used are considered good quality, but actual impacts from material suppliers, transport carriers, and waste processing may vary.



Scaling factors: double-glazed to triple-glazed

Results in this EPD are presented assuming a default double-glazed option. In order to calculate results for triple-glazed products for the applicable product types, multiply the results in each impact category by their associated product-specific scaling factor shown here:

Impact category	Fixed Window	Casement Window	Tilt & Turn Window	Awning Window	Hopper Window	Swing Door	Double Swing Door	Sliding Door
Ozone depletion	1.43	1.31	1.37	1.31	1.31	1.34	1.36	1.43
Global warming	1.33	1.15	1.23	1.15	1.15	1.23	1.24	1.2
Smog	1.41	1.24	1.33	1.24	1.24	1.33	1.34	1.41
Acidification	1.42	1.27	1.36	1.27	1.27	1.34	1.36	1.45
Eutrophication	1.35	1.16	1.26	1.16	1.16	1.26	1.27	1.28
Carcinogenics	1.42	1.22	1.37	1.22	1.22	1.27	1.29	1.33
Non-carcinogenics	1.34	1.15	1.26	1.15	1.15	1.22	1.25	1.2
Respiratory effects	1.37	1.19	1.28	1.19	1.19	1.27	1.29	1.34
Ecotoxicity	1.17	1.04	1.08	1.04	1.04	1.09	1.11	1.11
Fossil fuel depletion	1.28	1.11	1.19	1.11	1.11	1.19	1.2	1.08

Universal Series™ Fixed Window whole system: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	6.45E+01	1.60E-01	4.73E+01	1.12E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	9.41E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	9.41E+00
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	7.39E+01	1.60E-01	4.73E+01	1.21E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	7.22E+02	1.04E+02	9.06E+01	9.17E+02
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	8.76E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.76E+01
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	8.10E+02	1.04E+02	9.06E+01	1.00E+03
Secondary materials	kg	4.96E+00	0.00E+00	4.62E-01	5.42E+00
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.64E+00	1.64E+00
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	9.53E+00	4.31E-01	4.44E-01	1.04E+01
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	6.63E+02	9.78E+01	8.14E+01	8.42E+02
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	2.36E+02	2.21E+01	4.56E-01	2.59E+02
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	3.47E+00	8.94E-02	6.76E-03	3.57E+00
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.67E-05	1.17E-06	3.84E-06	2.17E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	6.00E-04	2.27E-06	2.00E-06	6.05E-04
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.62E-01	4.62E-01
Materials for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.31E-01	1.31E-01
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	6.55E-02	0.00E+00	3.07E-01	3.72E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.55E-02	6.55E-02
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for fixed window (frame only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Output flows and waste category indicators					
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.67E-05	9.23E-07	1.37E-06	1.90E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.21E-04	1.79E-06	7.15E-07	1.24E-04

High- and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for the fixed window (glazing only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Output flows and waste category indicators					
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	0.00E+00	2.45E-07	2.46E-06	2.71E-06
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	4.79E-04	4.75E-07	1.40E-07	4.81E-04

Universal Series™ Casement Window whole system: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.06E+02	3.29E-01	2.13E+02	3.19E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	1.64E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.64E+01
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.23E+02	3.29E-01	2.13E+02	3.36E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	8.29E+02	2.14E+02	4.08E+02	1.45E+03
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	2.24E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.24E+02
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.05E+03	2.14E+02	4.08E+02	1.68E+03
Secondary materials	kg	1.17E+01	0.00E+00	9.05E-01	1.26E+01
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.84E+00	1.84E+00
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	2.12E+01	5.79E-01	1.04E+00	2.18E+01
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	8.83E+02	2.01E+02	3.66E+02	1.45E+03
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	2.81E+00	4.46E-02	2.05E-03	2.86E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.32E+01	1.83E-01	3.04E-02	1.34E+01
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	7.63E-05	2.57E-06	1.43E-05	9.31E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	6.41E-04	6.81E-06	2.35E-05	6.72E-04
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	9.05E-01	9.05E-01
Materials for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.47E-01	1.47E-01
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	7.35E-02	0.00E+00	6.01E-01	6.74E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	7.35E-02	7.35E-02
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Casement Window (frame only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	7.63E-05	2.24E-06	1.17E-05	9.02E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.04E-04	6.63E-06	1.76E-05	3.28E-04

High- and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Casement Window (glazing only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	0.00E+00	3.34E-07	2.58E-06	2.91E-06
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.37E-04	1.72E-07	5.86E-06	3.43E-04

Universal Series™ Tilt & Turn Window whole system: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Resource use indicators					

Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	8.34E+01	2.30E-01	1.21E+02	2.05E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	9.41E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	9.41E+00
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	9.29E+01	2.30E-01	1.21E+02	2.14E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	7.91E+02	1.50E+02	2.32E+02	1.17E+03
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	8.76E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.76E+01
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	8.78E+02	1.50E+02	2.32E+02	1.26E+03
Secondary materials	kg	4.96E+00	0.00E+00	4.62E-01	5.42E+00
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.64E+00	1.64E+00
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	1.45E+01	4.95E-01	1.05E+00	1.60E+01
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	7.29E+02	1.41E+02	2.09E+02	1.08E+03
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.17E+00	3.14E-02	1.17E-03	1.20E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	7.14E+00	1.28E-01	1.73E-02	7.28E+00
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.12E-05	1.68E-06	9.83E-06	4.28E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	5.71E-04	3.30E-06	5.14E-06	5.79E-04
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.62E-01	4.62E-01
Materials for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.31E-01	1.31E-01
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	6.55E-02	0.00E+00	7.76E-01	8.42E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.55E-02	6.55E-02
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Tilt & Turn Window (frame only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.12E-05	1.47E-06	5.20E-06	3.79E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.60E-04	2.87E-06	2.70E-06	1.65E-04

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Tilt & Turn Window (glazing only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	0.00E+00	2.10E-07	4.63E-06	4.84E-06
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	4.10E-04	4.07E-07	2.53E-07	4.13E-04

Universal Series™ Awning Window whole system: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	8.78E+01	3.28E-01	2.09E+02	2.99E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	3.32E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.32E+01

Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.21E+02	3.28E-01	2.09E+02	3.32E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	8.32E+02	2.14E+02	4.01E+02	1.46E+03
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	2.28E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.28E+02
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.06E+03	2.14E+02	4.01E+02	1.68E+03
Secondary materials	kg	1.17E+01	0.00E+00	2.01E+00	1.37E+01
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.00E+00	2.00E+00
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	1.89E+01	5.77E-01	1.03E+00	2.14E+01
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	8.87E+02	2.01E+02	3.61E+02	1.46E+03
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	2.12E+00	4.46E-02	2.02E-03	2.50E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.18E+01	1.83E-01	2.99E-02	1.28E+01
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	7.18E-05	2.40E-06	1.70E-05	9.38E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	5.93E-04	4.68E-06	8.83E-06	6.07E-04
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.01E+00	2.01E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.60E-01	1.60E-01
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	2.93E-01	0.00E+00	1.34E+00	1.63E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.93E-01	2.93E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Awning Window (frame only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	7.44E-05	2.23E-06	1.16E-05	8.82E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	2.56E-04	4.34E-06	6.03E-06	2.66E-04

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Awning Window (glazing only) per declared unit (1m2)

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	0.00E+00	1.72E-07	5.40E-06	5.57E-06
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.37E-04	0.00E+00	3.01E-07	3.38E-04

Universal Series™ Hopper Window whole system: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	9.10E+01	3.29E-01	2.39E+02	3.30E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	3.72E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.72E+01
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.28E+02	3.29E-01	2.39E+02	3.67E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	8.15E+02	2.14E+02	4.57E+02	1.49E+03

Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	2.23E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.23E+02
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.04E+03	2.14E+02	4.57E+02	1.71E+03
Secondary materials	kg	1.18E+01	0.00E+00	2.29E+00	1.41E+01
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.84E+00	1.84E+00
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	1.99E+01	6.56E-01	1.17E+00	2.17E+01
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	8.67E+02	2.01E+02	4.11E+02	1.48E+03
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.82E+00	4.50E-02	2.30E-03	1.87E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.12E+01	1.84E-01	3.41E-02	1.14E+01
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	5.80E-05	2.41E-06	1.94E-05	7.97E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	6.73E-04	4.73E-06	1.01E-05	6.88E-04
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.29E+00	2.29E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.47E-01	1.47E-01
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	2.70E-01	0.00E+00	1.52E+00	1.79E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.70E-01	2.70E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Hopper Window (frame only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	5.80E-05	2.23E-06	1.30E-05	7.33E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.27E-04	4.34E-06	6.79E-06	3.38E-04

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Hopper Window (glazing only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	0.00E+00	1.76E-07	6.31E-06	6.49E-06
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.45E-04	0.00E+00	3.54E-07	3.45E-04

Universal Series™ Swing Door whole system: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.28E+02	3.16E-01	2.02E+02	3.29E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	3.30E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.30E+01
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.61E+02	3.16E-01	2.02E+02	3.62E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.26E+03	2.05E+02	3.86E+02	1.85E+03
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	2.12E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.12E+02
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.47E+03	2.05E+02	3.86E+02	2.07E+03

Secondary materials	kg	1.10E+01	0.00E+00	1.93E+00	1.30E+01
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.00E+01	2.66E+00
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	2.16E+01	5.36E-01	1.73E+00	2.39E+01
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	1.22E+03	1.93E+02	3.47E+02	1.76E+03
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.47E+00	4.30E-02	1.94E-03	1.51E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.26E+01	1.76E-01	2.88E-02	1.28E+01
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	5.78E-05	2.31E-06	1.64E-05	7.64E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.16E-03	4.53E-06	8.52E-06	1.17E-03
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.93E+00	1.93E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.13E-01	2.13E-01
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	3.91E-01	0.00E+00	1.28E+00	1.67E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.91E-01	3.91E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Swing Door (frame only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	5.41E-05	2.09E-06	1.01E-05	6.63E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	5.42E-04	4.08E-06	5.21E-06	5.51E-04

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Swing Door (glazing only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.68E-06	2.13E-07	6.29E-06	1.02E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	6.18E-04	4.14E-07	3.25E-06	6.22E-04

Universal Series™ Double Swing Door whole system: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.04E+02	2.46E-01	2.02E+02	3.06E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	3.64E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.64E+01
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.41E+02	2.46E-01	2.02E+02	3.42E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.27E+03	1.60E+02	3.86E+02	1.81E+03
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	1.77E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.77E+02
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.44E+03	1.60E+02	3.86E+02	1.99E+03
Secondary materials	kg	8.21E+00	0.00E+00	1.93E+00	1.01E+01
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.96E+00	4.96E+00

Non-renewable secondary fuels		MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Recovered energy		MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Use of net fresh water resources		m3	1.99E+01	4.39E-01	1.74E+00	2.21E+01
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)		MJ, LHV	1.19E+03	1.50E+02	3.47E+02	1.69E+03
Output flows and waste category indicators						
Hazardous waste disposed		kg	1.33E+00	3.33E-02	1.94E-03	1.36E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed		kg	1.09E+01	1.36E-01	2.88E-02	1.11E+01
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository		kg	4.91E-05	1.80E-06	1.64E-05	6.73E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository		kg	1.13E-03	3.53E-06	8.52E-06	1.14E-03
Components for re-use		kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.93E+00	1.93E+00
Materials for recycling		kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.97E-01	3.97E-01
Materials for energy recovery		kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy		MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon emissions and removals						
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product		kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product		kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging		kg CO ₂	7.28E-01	0.00E+00	1.28E+00	2.01E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging		kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	7.28E-01	7.28E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes		kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Calcination Carbon Emissions		kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbonation Carbon Removals		kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes		kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Double Swing Door (frame only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	4.54E-05	1.58E-06	9.07E-06	5.60E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	4.95E-04	3.08E-06	4.69E-06	5.03E-04

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Double Swing Door (glazing only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.78E-06	2.19E-07	7.28E-06	1.13E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	6.36E-04	4.26E-07	3.76E-06	6.40E-04

Universal Series™ Sliding Door whole system: LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.09E+02	2.03E-01	1.27E+02	2.37E+02
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	2.41E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.41E+01
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.33E+02	2.03E-01	1.27E+02	2.61E+02
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.34E+03	1.33E+02	2.44E+02	1.71E+03
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	1.26E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.26E+02
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.46E+03	1.33E+02	2.44E+02	1.84E+03
Secondary materials	kg	6.60E+00	0.00E+00	1.17E+00	7.77E+00
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	4.38E+00	4.38E+00
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

Use of net freshwater resources	m3	2.03E+01	3.48E-01	1.10E+00	2.17E+01
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	1.20E+03	1.24E+02	2.19E+02	1.55E+03
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.09E+02	2.80E-02	1.27E+02	2.35E+00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	2.41E+01	1.14E-01	0.00E+00	8.78E+00
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	4.39E-05	1.49E-06	1.03E-05	5.58E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.14E-03	2.92E-06	5.39E-06	1.15E-03
Components for re-use	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.17E+00	1.17E+00
Materials for recycling	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.50E-01	3.50E-01
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Product	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Biogenic Carbon Removal from Packaging	kg CO ₂	6.42E-01	0.00E+00	7.74E-01	1.42E+00
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Packaging	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.42E-01	6.42E-01
Biogenic Carbon Emission from Combustion of Waste from Renewable Sources Used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Calcination Carbon Emissions	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbonation Carbon Removals	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Carbon Emissions from Combustion of Waste from Non-Renewable Sources used in Production Processes	kg CO ₂	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Sliding Door (frame only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.96E-05	1.24E-06	4.57E-06	4.55E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	4.24E-04	2.41E-06	2.36E-06	4.29E-04

High and low-level radioactive waste reported by A1-A3 modules for Sliding Door (glazing only) per declared unit

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	4.28E-06	2.48E-07	5.77E-06	1.03E-05
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	7.19E-04	4.81E-07	2.98E-06	7.22E-04

Significant data limitations currently exist within the LCI data used to generate waste metrics for Life Cycle Assessments and Environmental Product Declarations. The waste metrics were calculated in a way conformant with the requirements of ISO 21930:2017, but these values represent rough estimates and are for informational purposes only. As such, no decisions regarding actual cradle-gate waste performance between products should be derived from these reported values.



How we make it greener

Cascadia Universal Series™ Fixed & Operable Windows and Doors

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RAW MATERIALS ACQUISITION

Cascadia's windows and doors are designed and 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 80-year modelled service life. Cascadia's pultruded, thermoset fiberglass frames also contain roughly 58% recycled content.



MANUFACTURING

Efficiencies in manufacturing help Cascadia minimize their environmental impacts. Incoming fiberglass pultrusions are painted on an automatic paint line, cutting down on waste that would otherwise be generated using a manual process.



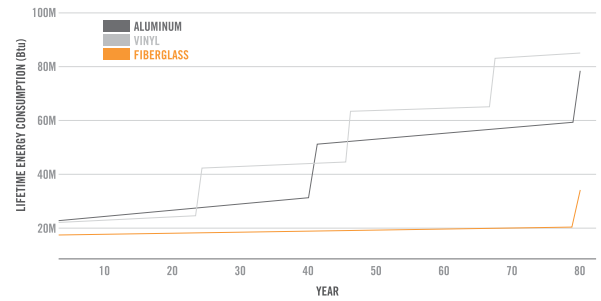
DISTRIBUTION

Cascadia works with project stakeholders to optimize shipping and transportation methods, using a variety of shipping materials depending on project requirements, including reusable steel racks or custom-made reusable wood crates. The steel racks are returned to Cascadia via a return program and reused many times over several years and are used for about two thirds of all shipments, cutting down the need for one-time-use packaging.



With a modeled lifespan of up to 80 years, fiberglass windows are expected to consume less energy over their lifetime compared to aluminum and vinyl.

Fiberglass windows and doors are able to resist issues common with other materials like corrosion, rot, insect damage, or UV degradation. While windows and doors of all material types are commonly sent to the landfill, whether due to glazing tape contamination or wear and tear, the durability of fiberglass helps extend the longevity of these products, which means fewer replacements over the life of the building and ultimately fewer trips to the landfill.



Life cycle primary energy consumption of one window frame, including embodied energy, use phase energy loss, and disposal energy requirements. Sudden increases in energy consumption indicate window frame replacement and represent the energy required to dispose of the old frame as well as manufacture a new one.

Broeckx-Smith, S., Suh, S. (2019). Comparative Life Cycle Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emission Performance of Window Frame Materials. Goleta, CA, USA: VitalMetrics (IERS LLC).



SM Transparency Report (EPD)™

EPD	LCA
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This environmental product declaration (EPD) was externally verified by Ecoform, LLC, in accordance with ISO 14025:2006. ISO 21930:2017 serves as the core PCR. NSF sub-category PCR: Fenestration Assembly Product Category Rules.

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
PCR for Fenestration Assemblies, NSF International, 2023

Regions; system boundaries
North America; cradle-to-gate

Declared unit
One square meter (1 m²) of fenestration assemblies (including frame and glass)

LCIA methodology; LCA software; LCI databases
TRACI 2.1; SimaPro Analyst 9.5; ecoinvent v3.10, and US-EI 2.2

Public LCA
Cascadia LCA report of Universal Series™ Fixed & Operable Windows and Doors, and Universal Series™ Window Wall

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