

Environmental Product DeclarationInvolve® 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal

Product Description

Allsteel Involve's modular design brings everything together to accommodate all the different ways work gets done, from private office to open plan and beyond. It incorporates soft seating in the primary workspace to encourage spontaneous interaction, laminate storage options that support active work, and screens that define space and create separation. Allsteel Involve® is certified Indoor Advantage™ Gold, BIFMA LEVEL® 3, *Cradle to Cradle Certified*™ Bronze, and available as FSC® Certified.

Functional Unit

The primary function of Allsteel Involve's 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal is to store office-based materials and supplies in an office setting. As a storage device with retractable areas (2 drawers), the functional unit is 0.15 m³ of storage capacity, serving the function of storage for a 10-year period. The pedestal provides a total storage capacity of 0.042 m³. The reference flow for the modeling system is one complete storage unit and the results are normalized to 0.15 m³ of storage capacity.

Manufacturer

At Allsteel, we demystify the office planning process by helping our customers align their workplace strategy with their business strategy. With an accessible team and an adaptable portfolio of systems, seating, casegoods, tables, collaborative furniture and architectural walls, we address our customers' needs for today and tomorrow.

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

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

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

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Product Specifications

Involve's modular design is intended to accommodate all the different ways work gets done, from private office to open plan and beyond. It incorporates laminate storage options that support active work and screens that define space and create separation.

The Allsteel Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal, assembled at the Progress Park facility in Muscatine, Iowa, is primarily constructed using particleboard and steel, high-pressure laminate, high-density fiberboard, zinc alloys, various plastics, and adhesive. The Allsteel Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal passes the ANSI/BIFMA X5.9 test, demonstrating a minimum expected lifetime of 10 years under specified conditions. This unit contains 11% post-consumer and 44% pre-consumer recycled content.

Table 1. The Allsteel Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal product information.

| Product Dimensions (W x D x H) | Storage Volume (m³) | Number of Storage Units to Fulfill the Functional Unit |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 15.1" x 18" x 24" | 0.042 | 3.54 |

Material Composition

Table 2. Material composition of the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. Results are shown on a mass basis and as a percent of total.

| Material Classification | (kg/unit) | (kg/ Functional Unit ¹) | Percent of Total |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--|------------------|
| Particleboard | 24 | 85 | 50% |
| Galvanized Steel | 16 | 57 | 33% |
| Steel | 3.7 | 13 | 7.7% |
| High-Pressure Laminate (HPL) | 2 | 8.7 | 5.1% |
| High-Density Fiberboard (HDF) | 1 | 2.8 | 1.6% |
| Plastic | 0.71 | 2.5 | 1.5% |
| Zinc | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.4% |
| Adhesive | 0.15 | 0.5 | 0.3% |
| Wood | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2% |
| Polyester felt | 0.036 | 0.1 | 0.1% |
| Total | 48 | 171 | 100% |

¹The Functional Unit is defined as 0.15m³ of storage capacity for a ten-year period.

Table 3. Packaging material composition of Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. Results are shown on a mass basis, and as a percent of total.

| Packaging Material | (kg/unit) | (kg/ Functional Unit¹) | Percent of Total |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Paper/Corrugated paperboard | 1.9 | 6.8 | 71% |
| Polyethylene Film | 0.69 | 2.4 | 26% |
| Adhesive | 0.08 | 0.29 | 3% |
| Total Packaging | 2.7 | 9.5 | 100% |

¹The Functional Unit is defined as 0.15m³ of storage capacity for a ten-year period.



Life Cycle Assessment Stages

Figure 1 below is a representation of the life cycle of the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. The system boundary is cradle-to-grave and includes resource extraction and processing, product manufacture and assembly, distribution/transport, use and maintenance, and end-of-life.

Figure 1. Life cycle diagram for Allsteel Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal.















Materials

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

Production

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

Delivery, Installation & Use

Transport from Muscatine to the final customer. For this EPD, transportation to major US markets were considered. Use, maintenance, and regular cleaning of the product over the 10 year period was included. Allsteel recommends cleaning with low-impact materials and our products typically require minimal maintenance during their warranted lifetime.

End of Life

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

Life Cycle Inventory

The life cycle inventory (LCI) flows by life cycle stage of the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal are shown in Tables 4-8.

Table 4. Average air emissions by life cycle stage for the the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. Results are shown in kg per functional unit.

| Parameter | Unit | Total | Material Acquisition | Production | Delivery, Installation & Use | Disposal |
|---|------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂) | kg | 0.72 | 0.61 | 8.4x 10 ⁻² | 1.5 x 10 ⁻² | 3.1 x 10 ⁻³ |
| Nitrogen Oxides (NO _x) | kg | 0.89 | 0.77 | 6.8 x 10 ⁻² | 4.6 x 10 ⁻² | 1.1 x 10 ⁻² |
| Carbon Dioxide, fossil (CO ₂) | kg | 300 | 250 | 37 | 10 | 3.5 |
| Carbon Dioxide, biogenic (CO ₂) | kg | 51 | 24 | 6.2 | 6.2 x 10 ⁻² | 21 |
| Methane (CH ₄) | kg | 0.98 | 0.63 | 0.18 | 7.4×10^{-3} | 0.16 |
| Nitrous Oxide (N ₂ 0) | kg | 1.7 x 10 ⁻² | 1.5 x 10 ⁻² | 1.3 x 10 ⁻³ | 2.2 x 10 ⁻⁴ | 3.1 x 10 ⁻⁴ |
| Carbon Monoxide (CO) | kg | 1.4 | 1.4 | 3.7 x 10 ⁻² | 2.1 x 10 ⁻² | 7.3 x 10 ⁻³ |

Table 5. Water emissions by life cycle stage for the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. Results are shown in kg per functional unit.

| Parameter | Unit | Total | Material Acquisition | Production | Delivery, Installation & Use | Disposal |
|------------|------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Phosphates | kg | 0.36 | 0.24 | 0.11 | 2.5 x 10 ⁻³ | 1.2 x 10 ⁻³ |
| Nitrates | kg | 0.16 | 8.4 x 10 ⁻² | 6.6 x 10 ⁻² | 1.2 x 10 ⁻³ | 9.3 x 10 ⁻³ |
| Dioxin | kg | - | - | - | - | - |
| Arsenic | kg | 1.2 x 10 ⁻³ | 1.0 x 10 ⁻³ | 1.7 x 10 ⁻⁴ | 9.0 x 10 ⁻⁶ | 3.8 x 10 ⁻⁵ |
| Lead | kg | 2.1 x 10 ⁻² | 7.9 x 10 ⁻³ | 7.1 x 10 ⁻³ | 7.7 x 10 ⁻⁵ | 5.5 x 10 ⁻³ |
| Mercury | kg | 5.2 x 10 ⁻⁵ | 1.5 x 10 ⁻⁵ | 1.9 x 10 ⁻⁵ | 1.9 x 10 ⁻⁷ | 1.9 x 10 ⁻⁵ |
| Cadmium | kg | 5.7 x 10 ⁻⁶ | 4.9 x 10 ⁻⁶ | 6.5 x 10 ⁻⁷ | 1.1 x 10 ⁻⁷ | 3.2 x 10 ⁻⁸ |
| Chromium | kg | 4.6 x 10 ⁻³ | 3.7 x 10 ⁻³ | 8.9 x 10 ⁻⁴ | 3.9 x 10 ⁻⁵ | 7.5 x 10 ⁻⁵ |

Life Cycle Inventory (continued)

Table 6. Average water usage by life cycle stage for the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. Results are shown in kg per functional unit.

| Parameter | Unit | Total | Material Acquisition | Production | Delivery, Installation & Use | Disposal |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Water Consumption | kg | 3,400 | 2,100 | 1,300 | 30 | 7.0 |

Table 7. Average energy usage by life cycle stage for the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. Results are shown in MJ per functional unit.

| Parameter | Unit | Total | Material Acquisition | Production | Delivery, Installation & Use | Disposal |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Primary Energy Demand | MJ | 5,000 | 4,200 | 610 | 160 | 28 |
| Fossil Fuels | MJ | 3,500 | 2,900 | 450 | 160 | 27 |
| Nuclear | MJ | 500 | 410 | 81 | 2 | 1 |
| Renewable Energy | MJ | 1,000 | 930 | 81 | 1.8 | 0.44 |
| Miscellaneous Fuels | MJ | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 0.04 | 2.5 x 10 ⁻⁴ |

Table 8. Average waste type by life cycle stage for the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. Results are shown in kg per functional unit.

| Parameter | Unit | Total | Material Acquisition | Production | Delivery, Installation & Use | Disposal |
|----------------------------------|------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Incineration w/ Energy Recovery | kg | 24 | INA | 2.2 | INA | 22 |
| Incineration w/o Energy Recovery | kg | 0 | INA | 0 | INA | 0 |
| Recycling | kg | 35 | INA | 2.0 | INA | 33 |
| Hazardous | kg | 7.1 x 10 ⁻³ | 6.0 x 10 ⁻³ | 9.9 x 10 ⁻⁴ | 9.8 x 10 ⁻⁵ | 2.8 x 10 ⁻⁵ |
| Non-Hazardous (Landfill) | kg | 160 | 43 | 14 | 14 | 87 |

Table 9. Translation of LCA results to familiar activities for select aggregated inventory results for Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal.

| Category Indicator | Life Cycle Impact Assessment for 0.15 m³ of storage volume, maintained for 10-years | Life Cycle Impact Assessment for 1 storage unit, maintained for 10-years | Basis of Calculation | 0.15 m³ of storage volume, maintained for 10-years | 1 storage unit, maintained for 10-years |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Net Water Consumption | 3.4 m ³ | 0.95 m³ | Number of cycles run in a dishwasher¹ | 75 | 21 |
| Primary Energy Demand | 5,000 MJ | 1,400 MJ | Number of days operating a refrigerator ² | 264 | 75 |
| Energy Resource Depletion (SCS-002) | 4,400 MJ eq | 1,200 MJ eq | Number of days operating a refrigerator ² | 233 | 66 |

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

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



Life Cycle Impact Assessment

Impact category indicators are calculated using the TRACI 2.0 characterization methods, including acidification potential, eutrophication potential, photochemical ozone creation potential, ozone depletion potential, and global warming potential 100-year time horizon based on IPCC 2013.

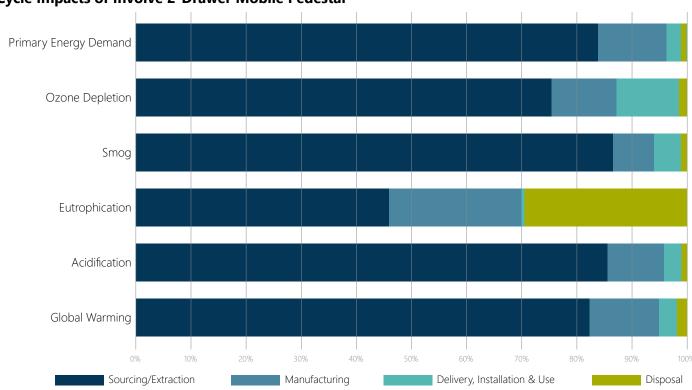
Table 10. Average life cycle impact assessment results for Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal. Results are shown per functional unit (0.15 m³ storage capacity). Results for 1 storage unit are shown in parenthesis.

| | Impact Category | Unit | Total | Material Acquisition | Production | Distribution, Installation & Use | Disposal |
|-------|---|--------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| 100 | Global Warming Potential | kg CO₂ eq | 341 (96) | 279 (79) | 44 (12) | 11 (3.0) | 7.9 (2.2) |
| | Acidification Potential | mol H+ eq | 77 (22) | 66 (19) | 7.7 (2.2) | 2.6 (0.74) | 0.61 (0.17) |
| >1111 | Eutrophication Potential | kg N eq | 1.5 (0.43) | 0.70 (0.20) | 0.36 (0.10) | 1.2 x 10 ⁻² (3.4 x 10 ⁻³) | 0.44 (0.12) |
| | Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential | kg O₃ eq | 23 (6.4) | 19 (5.5) | 1.7 (0.49) | 1.1 (0.32) | 0.27 (7.7 x 10 ⁻²) |
| | Ozone Depletion Potential | kg CFC-11 eq | 2.2 x 10 ⁻⁵ (6.2 x 10 ⁻⁶) | 1.7 x 10 ⁻⁵ (4.7 x 10 ⁻⁶) | 2.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ (6.6 x 10 ⁻⁷) | 2.7 x 10 ⁻⁶ (7.6 x 10 ⁻⁷) | 4.4×10^{-7} (1.3 × 10^{-7}) |

On assessing the percentage contribution by life cycle phase, it is evident that the raw material extraction and processing phase is the most dominant phase with significant environmental impacts across all the category indicators. The end-of-life phase also contributes measurably to the eutrophication potential indicator.

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

Life Cycle Impacts of Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal



Life Cycle Impact Assessment (continued)

Additional life cycle impact results are reported in Table 11 below as optional parameters of concern. These impacts are calculated using the SCS-002 framework, which complements the ISO 14044 standard for LCA with additional guidance on conducting a more comprehensive impact assessment.

Table 11. Life cycle impact assessment results for the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal, according to SCS-002 standard.

| Impact Category (SCS-002 Parameters) | Unit | Life Cycle Impact Results for 0.15m ³ of Storage Capacity | Life Cycle Impact Results for 1 Storage Unit |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Global Climate Change | kg CO₂ eq | 540 | 150 |
| Ocean Acidification | kg H ₂ CO ₃ eq | 125 | 35 |
| Energy Resource Depletion | MJ eq | 4,400 | 1,200 |

Select impact category indicators are equated on the basis of the number of miles driven in a typical passenger vehicle, or number of days of refrigerator operation, to help consumers make more informed choices regarding purchase of commercial furniture.

Table 12. Translation of LCA results to familiar activities for select aggregated inventory results for the Involve 2-Drawer Mobile Pedestal.

| Category Indicator | Life Cycle Impact Assessment results for 0.15 m³ of storage volume, maintained for 10-years | Life Cycle Impact Assessment results for 1 unit of storage, maintained for 10-years | Basis of Calculation | 0.15 m³ of storage, maintained for 10-years | 1 storage unit, maintained for 10-years |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Global Warming Potential (IPCC, 100 year time horizon) | 340 kg CO ₂ eq | 96 kg CO ₂ eq | Number of miles driven in a typical passenger vehicle ³ | 820 | 232 |
| Global Climate Change (SCS-002) | 540 kg CO ₂ eq | 150 kg CO ₂ eq | Number of miles driven in a typical passenger vehicle ³ | 1,210 | 343 |

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

Additional Environmental Information

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

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



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