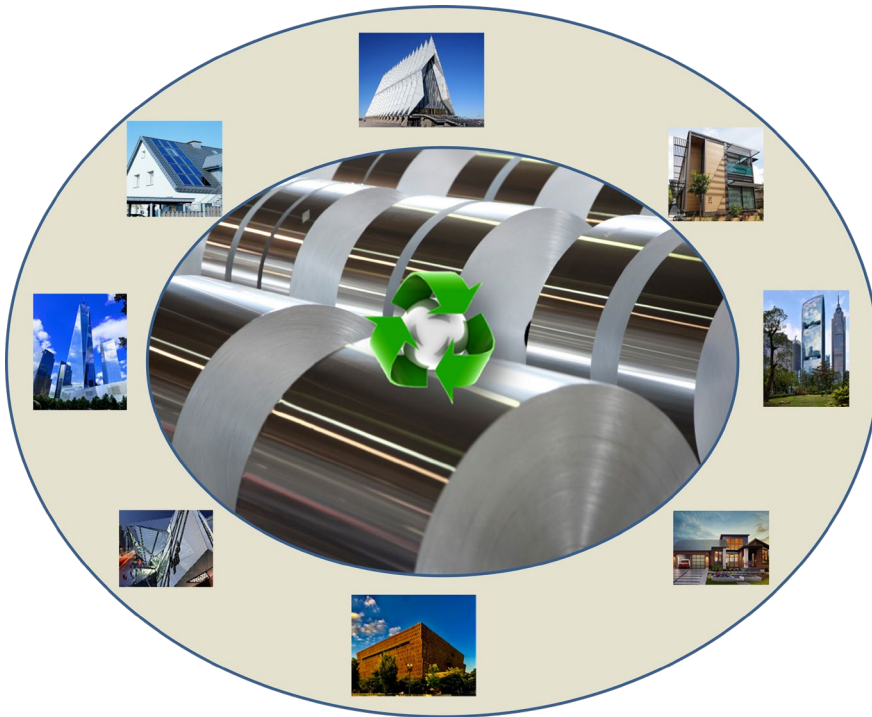


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ALUMINUM SHEET

INDUSTRY-AVERAGE ALUMINUM SHEET MANUFACTURED IN NORTH AMERICA



The Aluminum Association and the aluminum industry are committed to responsible environmental stewardship. Aluminum is one of the most sustainable materials in use today:

- Strong and lightweight: Aluminum's favorable strength-to-weight ratio means it can be substituted for heavier materials, driving energy efficiency.
- Infinitely recyclable: Aluminum can be recycled over and over again without losing any of its fundamental properties.
- Efficiency improvements: Through voluntary industry efforts, the North American aluminum industry has reduced the carbon footprint of primary aluminum production by 49 percent since 1991.
- Corrosion-resistant: Durable aluminum lasts longer than many competing materials, limiting the need for replacement.
- Highly recycled: Aluminum is one of the most recycled materials on the market today. And production recycled aluminum takes just 7 percent of the energy needed to make primary aluminum.



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EPD PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OPERATOR NAME, ADDRESS, LOGO, AND WEBSITE	UL Environment 333 Pfingsten Road Northbrook, IL 60611	WWW.UL.COM www.spot.ul.com
GENERAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS AND VERSION NUMBER	Program Operator Rules v2.7 2022	
MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS	The Aluminum Association 1400 Crystal Drive, Suite 430, Arlington, VA 22202	
DECLARATION NUMBER	4790545973.103.1	
DECLARED PRODUCT & FUNCTIONAL UNIT OR DECLARED UNIT	Aluminum sheet, one metric ton of aluminum sheet product	
REFERENCE PCR AND VERSION NUMBER	ULE PCR Part A – Product Category Rules for Building-Related Products and Services v4 ULE PCR Part B – Aluminum Construction Products v1.0	
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT APPLICATION/USE	Rolled aluminum sheet for use in building applications	
PRODUCT RSL DESCRIPTION (IF APPL.)	n/a	
MARKETS OF APPLICABILITY	North America	
DATE OF ISSUE	September 27, 2022	
PERIOD OF VALIDITY	5 Years	
EPD TYPE	Industry-average	
RANGE OF DATASET VARIABILITY	Industry-average only	
EPD SCOPE	Cradle to gate with end-of-life options (C1-C4 and D)	
YEAR(S) OF REPORTED PRIMARY DATA	2015-2019	
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LIMITATIONS

Exclusions: EPDs do not indicate that any environmental or social performance benchmarks are met, and there may be impacts that they do not encompass. LCAs do not typically address the site-specific environmental impacts of raw material extraction, nor are they meant to assess human health toxicity. EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address these impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, environmental impact assessments, etc.

Accuracy of Results: EPDs regularly rely on estimations of impacts; the level of accuracy in estimation of effect differs for any particular product line and reported impact.

Comparability: EPDs from different programs may not be comparable. Full conformance with a PCR allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered. However, variations and deviations are possible. Example of variations: Different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to differences results for upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared.

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Product Definition and Information

Description of Organization

The Aluminum Association represents aluminum production and jobs in the United States, ranging from primary production to value added products to recycling, as well as suppliers to the industry. The association is the industry's leading voice, representing companies that make 70% of the aluminum and aluminum products shipped in North America.

Based in the Washington, D.C. area, the association is the U.S. industry's leading voice — developing global standards, business intelligence, sustainability research and industry expertise for member companies, policymakers and the general public (AA, 2022).

Product Description

Product Identification

This EPD covers the production of aluminum plates and sheets, excluding aluminum foil. The results represent an average across all aluminum sheets and plates manufactured in North America (United States and Canada). Averages are obtained through aggregating production-weighted data from the participating companies.

Table 1 Product Specification

Name	Value	Unit
Density	2.66-2.84	(kg/m ³) x 10 ³
Melting point (Typical)	475-655	°C
Electrical conductivity (Typical) at 20°C/at 68°F	Equal Volume:16-36	MS/m (0.58*%IACS)
Thermal conductivity (Typical) at 25°c/at 77°F	113-234	W/(m.K)
Average Coefficient of thermal expansion (Typical) 20° to 100°c /68° to 212°F	22.3-23.9	per °C
Modulus of elasticity (Typical)	69-73	MPa * 10 ³
Chemical composition	Varying alloy by alloy, Al 87.17-99.6	% by mass

Product Average

This EPD covers the production of aluminum sheet from Aluminum Association participating companies. The list of participating members is available in the full report produced by the Aluminum Association in January 2022 (AA, 2022).

Application

Aluminum sheets are used in a variety of market sectors, including the following:

- Transportation: automobile components, truck/trailer components, train components, aircraft components, etc.



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- Building, construction and infrastructure: building roofs, sidings, wall plates, furniture and decorations, bridge and stadium components, road and traffic signs, etc.
- Packaging: beverage containers
- Consumer durables: components of consumer durable goods, such as computers, home appliances, and recreation devices and utilities.

Technical Requirements

ASTM B209/B209M-10 Standard Specification for Aluminum and Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate

ASTM B928/B928M-13 Standard Specification for High Magnesium Aluminum-Alloy Sheet and Plate for Marine Service and Similar Environments

ASTM B632/B632M-08 Standard Specification for Aluminum-Alloy Rolled Tread Plate

ASTM B746/B746M-02(2012) Standard Specification for Corrugated Aluminum Alloy Structural Plate for Field-Bolted Pipe, Pipe-Arches, and Arches

Properties of Declared Product as Delivered

The aluminum sheet and plate, often cold-rolled and finished with coatings, are transported to an end-use customer in flat form or in coils. The dimensions of the sheet and plate vary based on the product type and application.

Material Composition

Aluminum sheet products made in North America contain a considerable proportion of metal recycled from aluminum scrap. The metal composition of products, based on metal feedstock information collected at the melting furnaces for rolling ingot production or subsequent rolling on-site, is shown below. Product shipped to different market sectors may vary significantly on its metal compositions. Recovered aluminum from internal process (run-around) scrap is considered as a repeated closed-loop manufacturing process and therefore is excluded from metal composition declaration. Definitions of Internal Process (Run-Around) Scrap, Post-Industrial Scrap and Post-Consumer Scrap are consistent with ISO 14021/25 (2006) on environmental labels and declarations, and the related interpretations by UL Environment.

Aluminum sheet products may include various types of coatings, including anodized, painted, and laquered finishes. All coating materials are included in inventory, based on averages across the industry.

Table 2 Material composition

Category of Metal Source	Rolled sheet (% by mass)
Primary Aluminum (including alloy agents)	23.8%
Recovered Aluminum from Other Post-Industrial Scrap	52%
Recovered Metal from Post-Consumer Scrap	24.2%

Manufacturing

Hot rolling:



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Typically aluminum is delivered to a hot-rolling facility as pre-cast aluminum ingots, scrap, or molten aluminum. The metal is then melted and cast, as necessary, into ingots to be rolled, or molten metal may be formed into sheets through a process called continuous casting. Continuous casting takes molten metal and solidifies it into a continuous strip. Currently about 20% of the North American sheet and plate production is produced by continuous casting. It is worthwhile to note that continuous casting products can be either directly used for end-use purposes, or further rolled to produce thinner gauge products.

Direct chill cast aluminum ingots/slabs or continuous cast strips, while still hot, can be further treated and hot rolled. Or in other cases, completely chilled ingots or strips can be used for hot rolling but preheating must be done to heat the intermediates to a required temperature.

Hot rolling is the method of rolling metal at a temperature high enough to avoid strain-hardening (work-hardening) as the metal is deformed. The ingots are preheated to about 1000°F and fed through a hot reversing mill. In the reversing mill, the coil passes back and forth between rolls and the thickness is reduced to 4 to 5 inches with a corresponding increase in length. This part of the hot rolling process is also called a breakdown rolling process.

Following the reversing mills, the slabs are fed to a continuous hot mill where the thickness is further reduced. The metal, called re-roll or hot band, is edge trimmed and rolled into a coil and is ready to be transferred to the cold mill.

Cold rolling:

The purpose of cold rolling is to give aluminum sheet a desired strength and temper; to provide a final surface finish; or to reduce the sheet to very small thicknesses. This may be done in three or four passes through a single-stand mill or in one pass through a multiple-stand mill.

Prior to the cold mill, the coils may be annealed to give the metal the workability for down-stream working. The coils are then passed through multiple sets of rolls to reduce the gauge. The resulted coils are cut to the width and length as required by customers. The coils are packaged to prevent damage to the metal in shipping.

Although aluminum sheet enters the cold rolling mill "cold" at room temperature, the friction and pressure of rolling may raise its temperature to about 180 °F (80 °C) or more. This excess heat must be removed by an appropriate coolant/lubricant. Lubricants used for cold rolling are usually composed of a load bearing additive in a light petroleum distillate oil. Oil-water emulsions have been developed for high speed cold rolling and have been adopted at some mills. Rolling lubricants are filtered to remove rolling wear debris and then recirculated.

Packaging

Product delivery packaging includes wood, steel, paper board, and sometimes plastic wraps. Packaging is included in the scope of this EPD.

Transportation

Supply chain material transportation is included in the various stages of raw material production and scrap collection processes. In addition, a transportation distance of 100 km (62 miles) by truck has been added for the transportation of the semi-fabricated products and for the transportation of waste to end-of-life.

Product Installation

Further processing and installation of aluminum sheets depends on the final application of the product and is outside the scope of this EPD.

Use



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No special conditions of use are relevant for this product under the scope of this EPD.

Reference Service Life and Estimated Building Service Life

Service lives for aluminum sheets vary based on the application. This EPD does not cover the product use phase and therefore makes no specific claim as to a typical reference service life.

Recycling and Disposal

Aluminum is a highly recyclable material. During manufacturing, most process and new scrap are fed back into the production process. At the end of life, aluminum scrap is collected and sold to both secondary smelting and semi-fabrication companies. The recycling rate for aluminum sheet is assumed to be 95%. Recycling over 95% is typical for aluminum products in high volume automotive and construction market sectors (IAI, 2013).

Table 3 Recycling and disposal

Name	Unit
Deconstruction	--
Transportation to the disposal site	100 km by truck
Waste processing	--
Disposal to landfill	5%
Recycling rate of the product	95%
Removals of biogenic carbon	N/A

Life Cycle Assessment Background Information

Declared Unit

The declared unit is the production and end-of-life treatment for one metric ton of aluminum sheets. The results can be converted to one kilogram by dividing by 1000.

System Boundary

Per the PCR (UL Environment, 2022), this cradle-to-gate with options analysis provides information on the Product Stage of the aluminum product life cycle, including modules A1–A3, C1-C4 and D:

- A1 The provision of resources, additives and energy
- A2 Transport of resources and additives to the production site
- A3 Production process on site, including energy, production of additives, disposal of production residues, consideration of related emissions and recycling of production scrap (“closed loop”)
- C1 Deconstruction
- C2 Transport to the disposal site
- C3 Waste processing



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- C4 Disposal at the end of the life cycle, i.e., during building deconstruction
- D Net benefits resulting from reuse, recycling and energy recovery that take place beyond the system boundary.

Table 4 below represents the system boundary and scope.

Table 4 System boundary modules included and excluded from the study

	PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY
	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from gate to site	Assembly/Install	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Building Operational Energy Use During Product Use	Building Operational Water Use During Product Use	Deconstruction	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery, Recycling Potential
EPD Type	X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	X	X	X	X	X

* X = module included, MND = module not declared

It should be noted here that, C1 and C3 are to be reported as zero as they are assumed to fall below the cut-off criteria defined by ISO 21930. C2 is assumed as 100 km by truck. Materials for recycling (95%) for aluminum is reported in C4 module.

Time coverage: Aluminum Association primary data represent production within calendar year 2016. Refer to the 2022 Semi-fab LCA report for more information on temporal coverage (AA, 2022). Background data for upstream and downstream processes (i.e., raw materials, energy resources, transportation, and ancillary materials) were obtained from the GaBi 10 (CUP 2020.1) databases.

Technology coverage: Data were collected for sheet aluminum produced by various AA members throughout North America.

Geographical coverage: Aluminum Association members manufacture sheet aluminum products in various locations in the United States. As such, the geographical coverage for this study is based on North American system boundaries for all processes and products. Whenever Canadian or U.S. background data were not readily available, European data or global data were used as proxies.

Interpreting the Results in Module D

The values in Module D include a recognition of the benefits or impacts related to aluminum recycling which occur at the end of the product's service life. The rate of aluminum recycling and related processes will evolve over time. The results included in Module D attempt to capture future benefits, or impacts, but are based on a methodology that uses current industry-average data reflecting current processes.

A net scrap approach was taken to capture the benefits and impacts related to aluminum recycling reported in Module D. The following datasets in Table 5 were used to calculate the associated net recycling credit:



Table 5 Background datasets used for module D

Background datasets	Reference year
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RNA: Secondary aluminum ingot (95% recycled content) AA	2016
RNA: Primary aluminum ingot AA	2016

Estimates and Assumptions

The LCA required only limited use of estimates and assumptions. The most relevant estimation/assumption is the end-of-life recycling rate of 95%, which is discussed in the Recycling Phase section. Averages and best-estimates were used to fill in minor data gaps, such as the source of ingots for some facilities. Other estimates and assumptions are discussed in detail in the LCA background report.

Cut-off Criteria

Input: All material flows that enter the system and are over 1% of the product mass or contribute more than 1% to the primary energy consumption are included.

Output: All material flows that exit the system and whose environmental impact makes up more than 1% of the total impact in an impact category considered are included.

Data Sources

In order to model the life cycle for the production of the aluminum sheets, the GaBi 10 software system developed by Sphera was used. All relevant background data necessary for the production of primary aluminum ingot were taken from the GaBi 2020 databases or were made available by the Aluminum Association through industry survey results. Companies participating in the project, either with AA or AIA, are provided in the Participating Companies section.

Primary aluminum used in North America is sourced domestically and from other geographic regions, for which carbon intensity information is shared in the below Table 6:

Table 6 Data sources, origin and carbon intensity for primary aluminum

Dataset	Geographic origin	Electricity sources (IAI, 2017)	Carbon intensity (kg CO ₂ eq/kWh)
RNA: Primary aluminum ingot	Domestic (North America)	Hydro (80%), lignite (17%), natural gas (3%), nuclear and fuel oil: <1%	0.214
RLA: Aluminum ingot mix IAI 2015	Argentina	Hydro (64%), natural gas (35%), coal <1%	0.393
RME: Aluminum ingot mix IAI 2015	Bahrain	Natural gas (100%)	0.45
RLA: Aluminum ingot mix IAI 2015	Brazil	Hydro (64%), natural gas (35%), coal <1%	0.393
RU: Aluminum ingot mix IAI 2015	Russia	Hydro (98%), coal (2%)	0.0421
RME: Aluminum ingot mix IAI 2015	United Arab Emirates	Natural gas (100%)	0.45
RLA: Aluminum ingot mix IAI 2015	Venezuela	Hydro (64%), natural gas (35%), coal <1%	0.393
GLO: Aluminum ingot mix IAI 2015	Rest of the World	Hydro (25%), coal (64%), natural gas (10%), nuclear (1%), oil <1%	0.778

Data Quality

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The data is considered of high quality. Inventory data quality is judged by its precision (measured, calculated or estimated), completeness (e.g., unreported emissions), consistency (degree of uniformity of the methodology applied on a study serving as a data source) and representativeness (geographical, temporal, and technological). To cover these requirements and to ensure reliable results, first-hand industry data in combination with consistent background life cycle inventories from the GaBi 2020 database were used.

The LCI data sets from the GaBi database are widely distributed and used with the GaBi 10 Software. The datasets have been used in LCA models worldwide in industrial and scientific applications in internal as well as in many critically reviewed and published studies. In the process of providing these datasets, they are cross-checked with other databases and values from industry and science.

Period under Review

Primary data for bauxite mining, alumina refining, and primary aluminum production was collected by the International Aluminum Institute (IAI) and provided to the Aluminum Association (AA). Primary data for recycling, rolling ingot production and sheet rolling and finishing is collected by the Aluminum Association. Primary data collected from the participating companies and from their operational activities is representative for the year of 2016. Additional data necessary to model raw material production, energy generation, etc. were adopted from the GaBi 2020 database with typical reference years between 2016 and 2021.

Allocation

Internal recycling of by-products (e.g., salt cake, dross) is included within the system boundary. Note that co-product allocation may also be used in background data from the GaBi database (e.g., caustic acid).

The “net scrap” substitution approach is used to address recycled content, post-industrial scrap, and post-consumer scrap. Under this approach, the end-of-life scrap collected for recycling is first reduced by the scrap inputs into production. Only the remaining *net scrap* is then modeled as being sent to material recycling in order to avoid double-counting the benefits of using recycled content. If more scrap is recovered at product end-of-life than is required in the manufacturing stage, the product system receives a credit equal to the burden of primary material production minus the burden of recycling scrap into secondary material based on the mass of secondary material produced. If less scrap is recovered at product end-of-life than is required in the manufacturing stage, this net credit becomes a net burden.

Comparability (Optional)

A comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to ISO 21930 and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance are taken into account.



Life Cycle Assessment Results

The results from the Aluminum Association’s aluminum sheets and plates are given below. While interpreting the Module D results one should consider that, the values in Module D include a recognition of the benefits or impacts related to aluminum recycling which occur at the end of the product’s service life. The rate of aluminum recycling and related processes will evolve over time. The results included in Module D attempt to capture future benefits, or impacts, but are based on a methodology that uses current industry-average data reflecting current processes.

GWP excludes biogenic carbon as there are no relevant biogenic carbon removals or emissions in the life cycle. There is no calcination, carbonation and combustion of waste from non-renewable sources.

Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results

Table 7. North American Impact Assessment Results

TRACI v2.1	UNIT	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
IPCC AR5 GWP	[kg CO ₂ eq]	3.82E+03	-	9.90E+00	-	2.17E+00	-8.90E+02
ODP	[kg CFC-11 eq]	4.47E-08	-	1.05E-15	-	7.02E-15	6.71E-14
AP	[kg SO ₂ eq]	1.30E+01	-	2.85E-02	-	9.49E-03	-4.22E+00
EP	[kg PO ₄ ³⁻ eq]	3.83E-01	-	3.36E-03	-	5.35E-04	-9.35E-02
SFP	[kg O ₃ eq]	1.35E+02	-	6.40E-01	-	1.67E-01	-3.46E+01
ADP _{fossil}	[MJ, LHV]	4.66E+03	-	1.86E+01	-	4.25E+00	-5.98E+02

Table 8. EU Impact Assessment Results

CML v4.2	UNIT	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP 100	[kg CO ₂ eq]	3.80E+03	-	9.88E+00	-	2.16E+00	-8.88E+02
ODP	[kg CFC-11 eq]	3.86E-08	-	1.05E-15	-	7.02E-15	-3.03E-13
AP	[kg SO ₂ eq]	1.35E+01	-	2.12E-02	-	8.75E-03	-4.54E+00
EP	[kg PO ₄ ³⁻ eq]	9.88E-01	-	6.49E-03	-	1.17E-03	-2.72E-01
POCP	[kg ethene eq]	7.96E-01	-	-7.13E-03	-	7.64E-05	-2.25E-01
ADP _{fossil}	[MJ]	4.50E+04	-	1.39E+02	-	3.27E+01	-8.10E+03
ADP _{element}	[kg Sb eq]	1.43E-03	-	1.79E-06	-	8.18E-07	-3.34E-04

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Life Cycle Inventory Results

Table 9. Resource Use

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
RPR _E	[MJ, LHV]	1.67E+04	-	5.82E+00	-	2.71E+00	-5.85E+03
RPR _M	[MJ, LHV]	-	-	-	-	-	-
RPR _T	[MJ, LHV]	1.67E+04	-	5.82E+00	-	2.71E+00	-5.85E+03
NRPR _E	[MJ, LHV]	4.75E+04	-	1.40E+02	-	3.35E+01	-8.24E+03
NRPR _M	[MJ, LHV]	2.88E+02	-	-	-	-	-1.66E+01
NRPR _T	[MJ, LHV]	4.75E+04	-	1.40E+02	-	3.35E+01	-8.25E+03
SM	[kg]	1.01E+03	-	-	-	-	1.12E+02
RSF	[MJ, LHV]	-	-	-	-	-	-
NRSF	[MJ, LHV]	-	-	-	-	-	-
RE	[MJ, LHV]	-	-	-	-	-	-
FW	[m ³]	4.20E+03	-	2.55E+01	-	4.43E+00	-7.99E+02

Table 10. Output Flows and Waste Categories

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1-A3	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	[kg]	1.15E-04	-	2.40E-06	-	2.24E-07	-5.00E-06
NHWD	[kg]	7.07E+02	-	-	-	5.00E+01	-2.66E+02
HLRW	[kg]	1.21E-03	-	3.05E-07	-	3.30E-07	-7.05E-05
ILLRW	[kg]	3.28E-02	-	8.16E-06	-	8.70E-06	-1.78E-03
CRU	[kg]	-	-	-	-	-	-
MFR	[kg]	1.77E+02	-	-	9.50E+02	-	-6.09E-01
MER	[kg]	4.47E+00	-	-	-	-	-1.54E+00
EE	[MJ]	-	-	-	-	-	-

LCA Interpretation

The results represent the cradle-to-gate and end-of-life environmental performance of a metric ton of aluminum sheet product. The majority of the environmental impacts are from the production of the primary aluminum, however the credits from recycling the aluminum at end-of-life help to offset the initial burden.

As with any metal, the recycling rate has a significant impact on the life cycle environmental performance of aluminum sheets. A 95% recycling rate is assumed. Aluminum is an ideal material for recycling because the metal can be recycled over and over again without any loss in quality (IAI, 2013).

Finally, it is interesting to note that the landfilling of aluminum sheet in C4 has a negative use of net fresh water (FW). This is due to the landfill collecting rain water and introducing it into the watershed as landfill leachate.

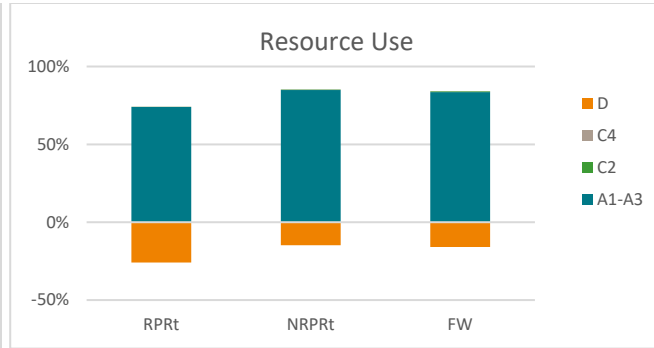
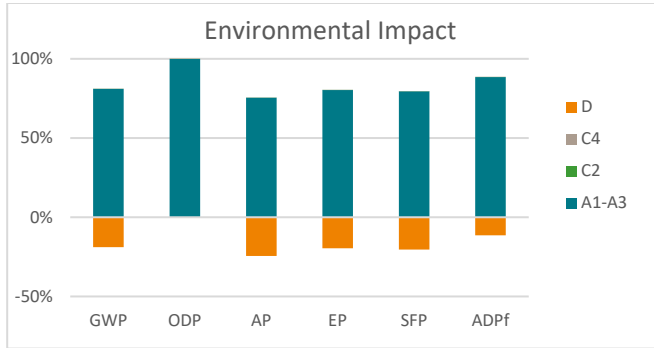


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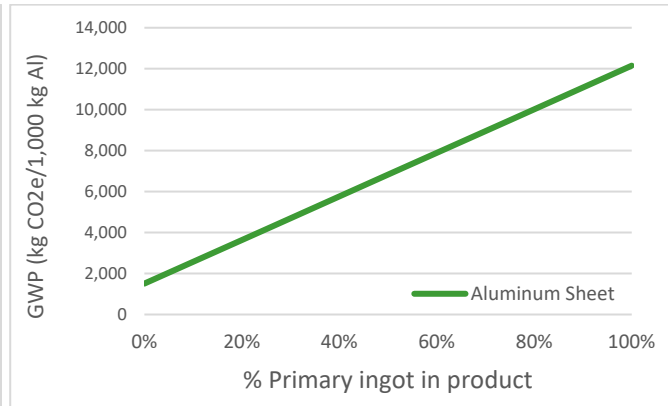
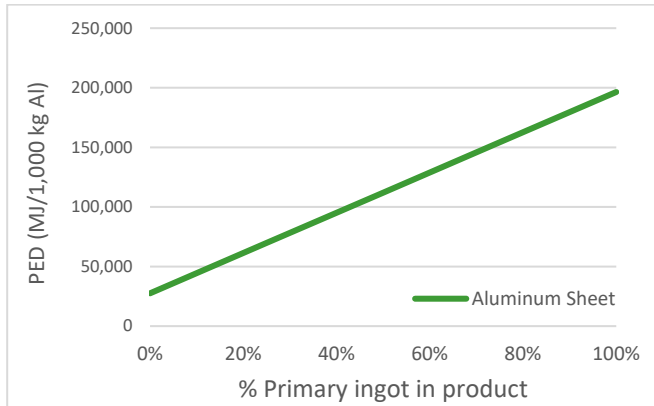
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Sensitivity Analysis

A sensitivity analysis has been conducted to examine the impact of increasing primary aluminum content in semi-finished products. Given the significant influence of primary aluminum on the cradle-to-gate footprint, one way to address it is to reduce the use of primary aluminum and increase the use of recycled metal. As shown below, a one percent increase in primary aluminum content in the products will increase the cradle-to-gate primary energy demand and global warming potential by as much as 1856 MJ and 117 kg CO₂e, respectively, for 1,000 kg semi-finished products. This is equal to say that a one percentage point increase in recycled aluminum content will reduce the energy demand and carbon footprint by the same amount.



Scenario Analysis

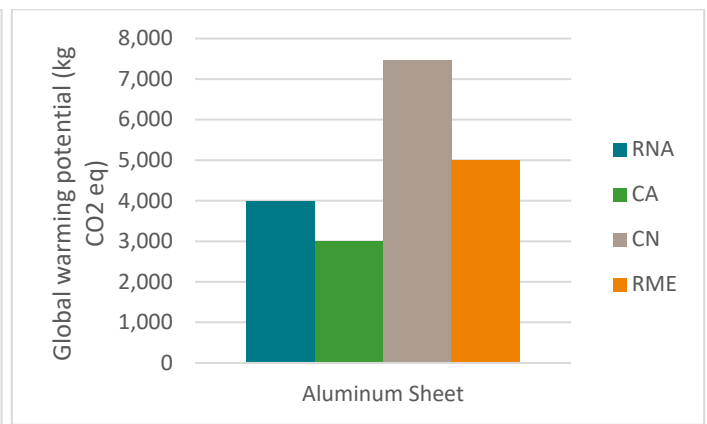
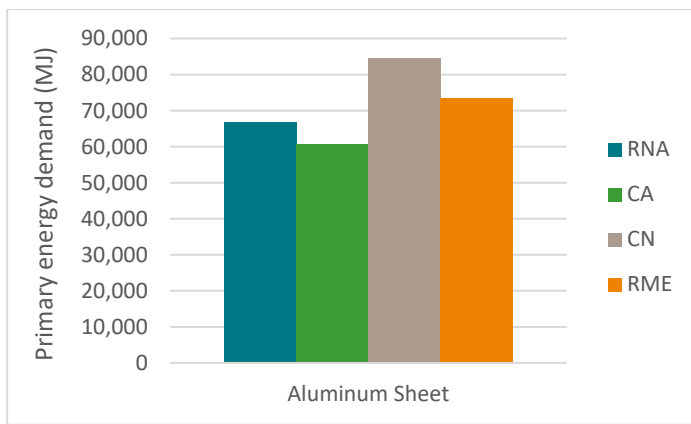
To see the effect of primary aluminum sourcing, a scenario analysis was conducted to alternate the sourcing from different regions or countries other than the baseline case of the North American consumption mix. The metal compositions – shares of primary and recycled metal in the products, are kept unchanged for the scenario analysis. Both figures below show the effects of primary aluminum sourcing on cradle-to-gate primary energy demand and global warming potential, respectively. The regions and countries included in the scenario analysis are:

- RNA represents the weighted average of primary aluminum consumption mix in North America, which is the baseline case;
- CA represents Canada where primary aluminum is exclusively smelted with hydropower electricity;
- CN represents China where primary aluminum is mainly smelted with coal-fired electricity;



- RME represents the Middle East where primary aluminum is mainly smelted with natural gas fired electricity.

Clearly, the scale of difference is dependent both on impact category (e.g., PED or GWP) and on how much primary aluminum content is in the products. The more primary aluminum is in the product, the more striking the difference between hydropower smelted aluminum and coal-power smelted aluminum. The difference is more prominent for GWP than it is for PED. The cradle-to-gate carbon footprint of aluminum sheet made of Chinese primary aluminum would be 3.2 times higher than it is made of Canadian primary aluminum under the same share of primary and recycled content as the baseline case.



For additional sensitivity and scenario analysis information for the above products, please refer to the report (Aluminum Association, 2022).

Additional Environmental Information

Environment and Health During Manufacturing

Air: Hazardous air emission releases comply with regulatory thresholds.

Water/soil: Pollutants in wastewater discharge comply with regulatory thresholds.

Noise: Due to adequate acoustical absorption and mitigation devices, measurements of sound levels have shown that all values inside and outside the production plant comply with regulatory thresholds.

Environment and Health During Use

The environmental and health effects during use are dependent on the ultimate use of the aluminum sheets and are outside the scope of this EPD. The following general statements are relevant for all aluminum products:

- Aluminum products are often made from both primary and recycled ingots
- There is no relevant chemical composition difference between primary and secondary ingots if both are governed by the same alloy designation and chemical composition limit standards
- The service life of the final product depends on its application, but is typically long due to aluminum's excellent durability and corrosion resistance
- For that same reason, maintenance needs during use are usually low.

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Extraordinary Effects

Fire: Aluminum products comply with all local and federal laws with respect to fire hazards and control.

Water: There is no evidence to suggest water runoff or exposure under normal and intended operation will violate general water quality standards.

Mechanical destruction: Not relevant for aluminum sheet and plate.

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Participating Companies

No.	COMPANY	NOTE
1	Alcoa Corporation	Primary aluminum
2	Arconic Corporation	Recycling, sheet, extrusion
3	Century Aluminum	Primary aluminum
4	Commonwealth Rolled Products	Formally Aleris International, recycling, sheet
5	Constellium	Recycling, sheet, extrusion
6	Howmet	Formally part of Arconic, recycling, sheet, extrusion
7	Hydro Extrusions North America	Recycling, extrusion
8	Hydro Metals North America	Recycling, extrusion billet
9	Jupiter Aluminum	Recycling, sheet
10	JW Aluminum	Recycling, sheet, foil
11	Kaiser Aluminum	Recycling, sheet, extrusion
12	Keymark	Recycling, extrusion
13	Novelis Inc.	Recycling, sheet, foil
14	Real Alloys	Recycling, RSI
15	Rio Tinto	Primary aluminum
16	Reynolds	Foil
17	Scepter Inc.	Recycling, RSI
18	Skana	Recycling, sheet
19	Smelter Service Corporation	Recycling, RSI
20	United Aluminum	Recycling, sheet

