

Designers Lighting Forum

Championing Sustainable Lighting Specification Processes

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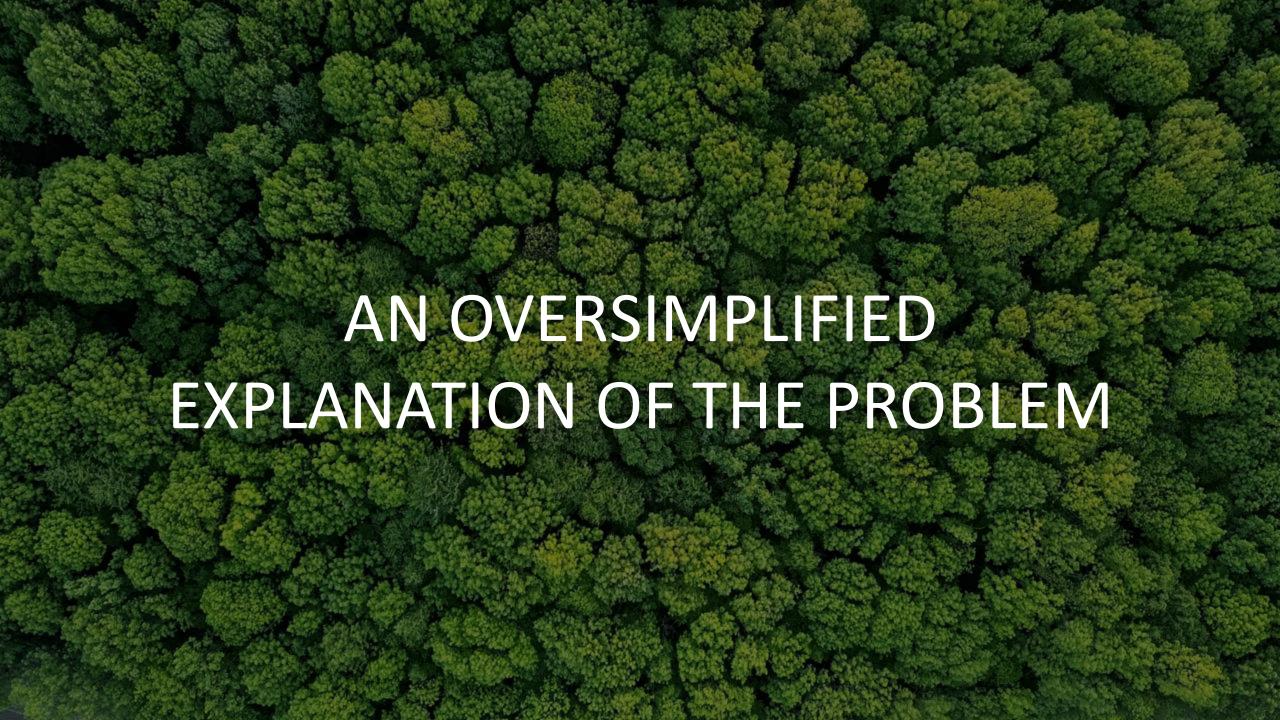


Learning Objectives

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- 1. Attendees will be able to understand the importance of standardizing sustainable lighting fixture sourcing.
- 2. Attendees will be able to identify light fixtures, materials, and manufacturing processes with lower environmental impacts than traditional versions.
- 3. Attendees will be able to apply sustainable sourcing strategies within their organization, making the effort firm-wide.
- 4. Attendees will be able to gain buy-in from project stakeholders to use sustainably sourced lighting materials that make it to the final project.





Anthropogenic Global Warming



- Human Impact has raised temperature of Earth's atmosphere by ~1°C compared to pre-Industrial levels (IPCC SR15, 2018)
- Primarily from the "greenhouse effect" where the Earth's atmosphere traps heat from the sun. Emissions from fossil fuels accelerate this effect.



Climate Catastrophe



- With no change to global emissions, global temperatures could rise 1.5°C by 2040 and 4°C by 2100
- 4°C of warming is catastrophic for life on earth sea levels rise by more than 8 meters (26 feet), agriculture starts to fail, half of all species face extinction





What are we doing about it?



- The 2015 Paris Agreement established a framework to limit global warming to 2°C with a stretch goal of 1.5°C
- Our planet will be different at 1.5 or 2°C warmer, but we can avoid the most catastrophic effects of global warming
- Reduce emissions, explore renewable energy sources, remove carbon dioxide from atmosphere





M.G. Fracassini, 2022 (Pen & Colored Pencil on Recycled Newsprint)



UN Sustainable Development Goals

- 17 Goals, 169 Targets
- Climate Action
- Health & Well-Being
- Sustainable Cities



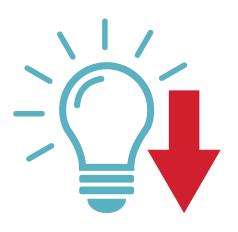




Lighting Industry Actions



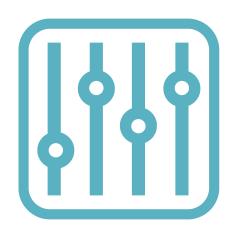
Reductions in Allowable LPD



Light Pollution Reduction



Near Elimination of Mercury



Advancements in Lighting Controls





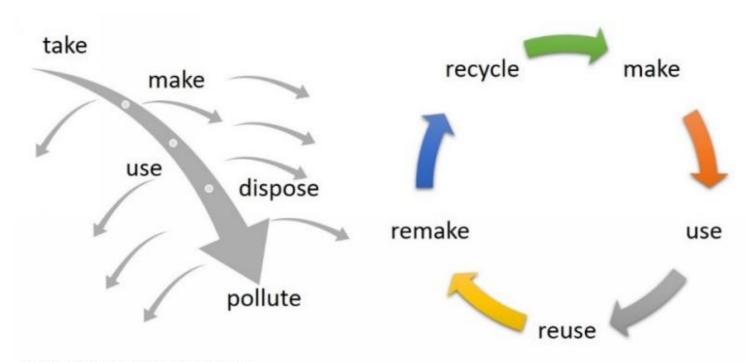
Elements of Sustainability





Circularity

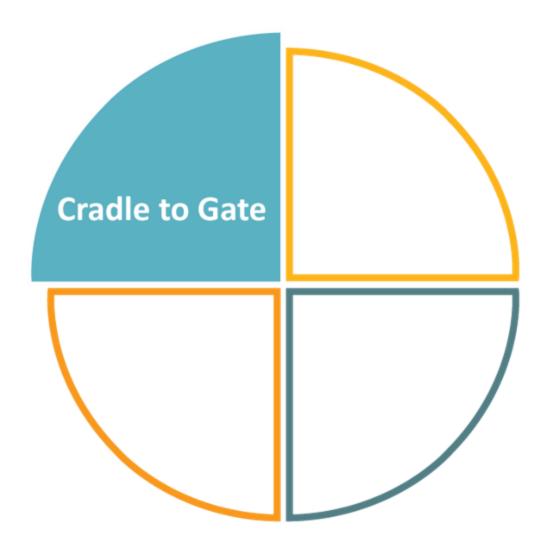
Linear versus Circular Economy



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Key Elements: Cradle to Gate



CO₂ Emissions



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- Embodied: Materials & Manufacture
- Operational: Energy Consumption



Cradle to Gate:

Recycled Steel & Aluminum







Cradle to Gate: Recycled Steel & Aluminum

CO2 Per Pound of Material Produced (pounds)	Material	CO2 Produced in making 10,000 luminaires with 10 pounds of material (pounds)
12	Aluminum	1,200,000
2.1	Recycled Aluminum	210,000
1.8	Steel	180,000
0.4	Recycled Steel	40,000



Cradle to Gate: Recycled Steel & Aluminum

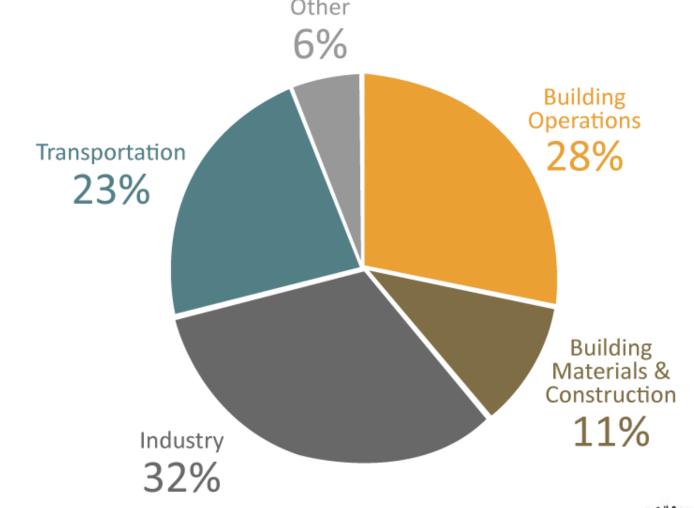
Material	Aggregate Recycled Content %	
Sheet Steel	25-30%	
Die-Cast Aluminum	80%	
Extruded Aluminum	54.2%	





Cradle to Gate:

Recycled Steel & Aluminum



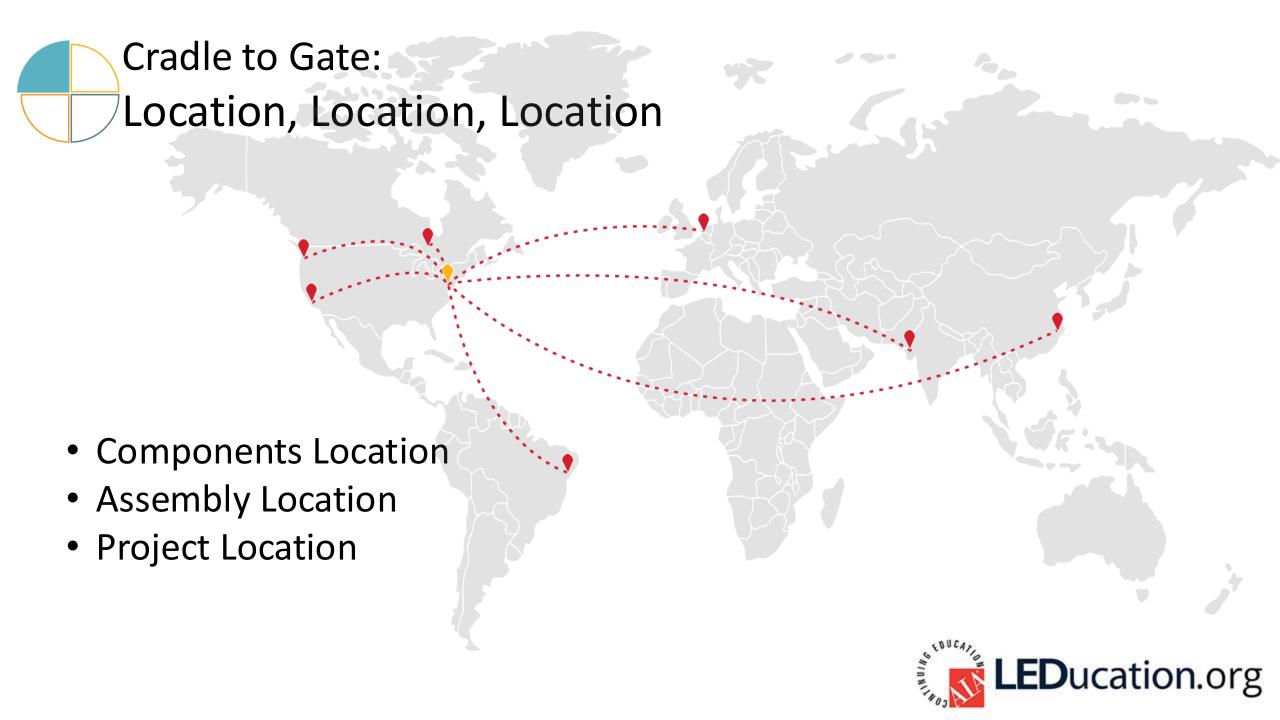


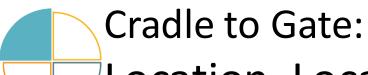


- Opportunities
 - Consider Location
 - Reduce Packaging

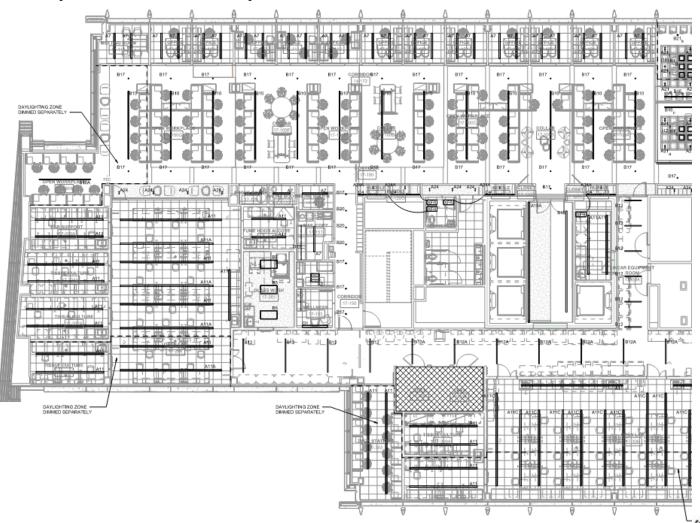








Location, Location, Location





Cradle to Gate:

Reduce Packing Materials



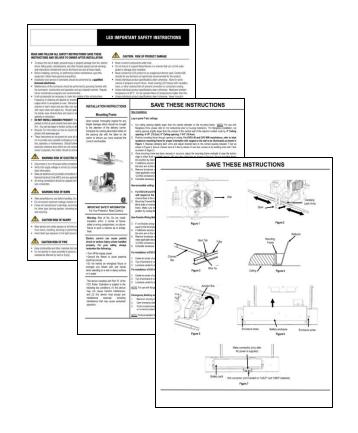


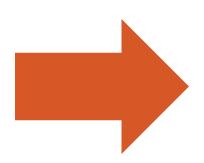




Cradle to Gate:

Eliminate Paper Instructions









Key Elements: Gate to Grave

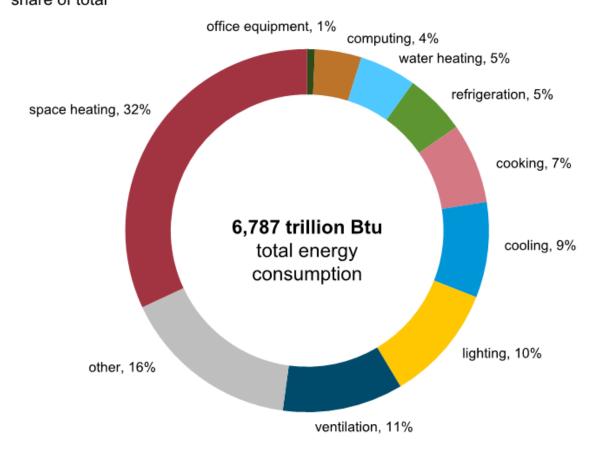




Gate to Grave:

Energy Consumption

Major fuels consumption by end use, 2018 share of total



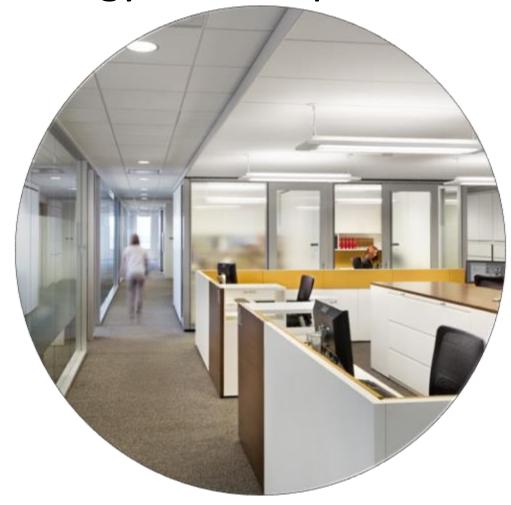






Gate to Grave:

Energy Consumption







Gate to Grave: Circular Economy... More than Emissions

 From "IALD Position Paper on Circular Economy"

The study states that energy efficiency benefits from optimized lighting applications are obtained not only through the adoption of high efficacy luminaires, but also through well refined design options. Lighting design that incorporates utilance, daylight contributions

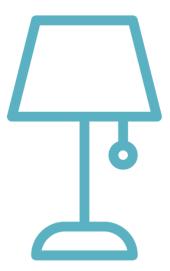
(via controls and design), apply occupancy control and surface reflectance, can all contribute to energy saving opportunities. The IALD believes that it is firmly within lighting designers'

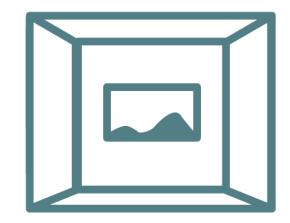




- Source Efficacy
- Luminaire Efficacy
- Application Efficacy











Gate to Grave:

Application Efficacy





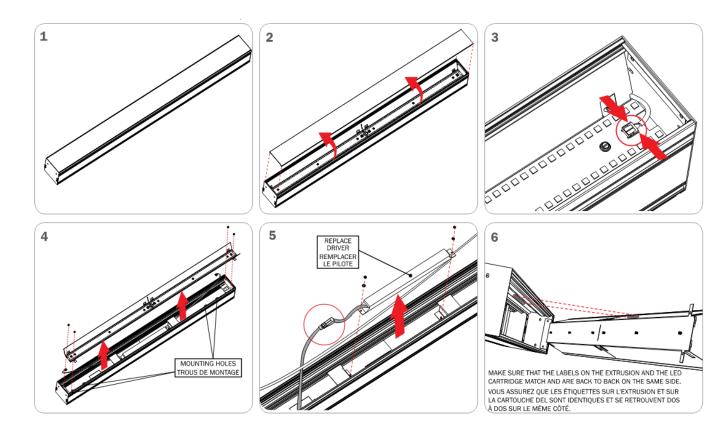




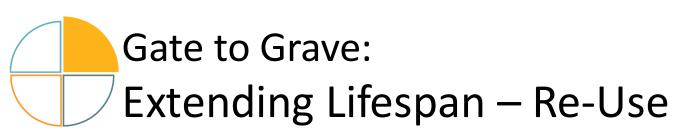




- Replacement Parts
- Replacement Lamps/ Boards/ Drivers
- Accessible & Available







We re-use buildings... Why not luminaires?



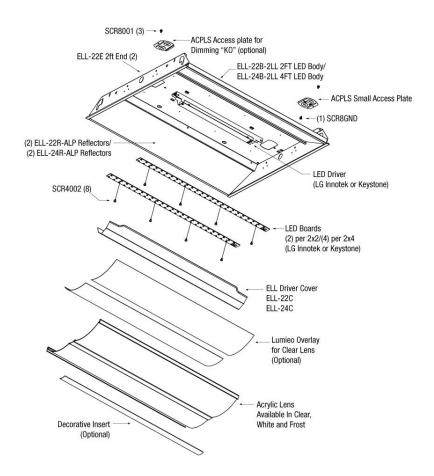




Gate to Grave:

What's in a Light Fixture?

- Steel
- Aluminum
- Glass
- Plastic
- LED Boards
- Drivers
- Wire





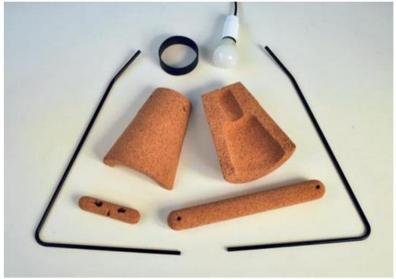


Gate to Grave:

Extending Lifespan – Recycle

- Ease of Disassembly
- Design for Disassembly (DfD)
- Scaled up from consumer efforts





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Key Elements:
Materials
Responsibility





Materials Responsibility: Materials Transparency

- Luminaires & Components
- Eliminating Hazardous Materials
- Materials Disclosures











Materials Responsibility: Materials Transparency

			LEED	LBC	WELL
Mfg. Driven	Luminaire Design	Material Sourcing/Ingredient Disclosure	X	X	X
		Life Cycle Assesment	X		
Specifier Driven	Lighting Performance & Application	Energy Performance	X	X	
		Visual Lighting Design/Light Quality	Χ		Χ
		Occupant Controlled Lighting Scenes	X		Χ
		Daylighting & Views	Χ	Χ	Χ
		Circadian Lighting Design			Χ
		Light Pollution	Χ		





Materials Responsibility:

EPD: Cradle to Gate









Materials Responsibility: Health Product Declaration



- Open Industry Standard
- Every chemical listed with PPM
- 3rd Party Verification

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Sustain Eco Door by HPD Collaborative

Health Product Declaration v2.2

created via: HPDC Online Builder

HPD UNIQUE IDENTIFIER: 21284 CLASSIFICATION: 08 14 00 Wood Doors

RODUCT DESCRIPTION: Luxury doors in ebony wood veneer and bio-fiber with stylized volumes and golden details, which give it glamour and a different aesthetic



Section 1: Summary

Nested Method / Product Threshold

CONTENT INVENTORY

Inventory Reporting Format

Nested Materials Method C Basic Method

Threshold Disclosed Per

C Material Product Threshold level Residuals/Impurities

Considered in 4 of 4 Materials C 1,000 ppm C Per GHS SDS

Yes ○ No

All Substances Ahove the Threshold Indicated Are

% weight and role provided for all substances except SC substances characterized according to SC guidance.

Yes Ex/SC ○ Yes ○ No

All substances screened using Priority Hazard Lists with results disclosed except SC substances screened according to SC guidance.

○ Yes Ex/SC ○ Yes ○ No

One or more substances not disclosed by Name (Specific or Generic) and Identifier and/ or one or more Special Condition did not follow guidance.

CONTENT IN DESCENDING ORDER OF QUANTITY

Summary of product contents and results from screening individual chemical substances against HPD Priority Hazard Lists and the GreenScreen for Safer Chemicals®. The HPD does not assess whether using or handling this product will expose individuals to its chemical substances or any health risk. Refer to Section 2 for further details

C Other

MATERIAL I SUBSTANCE | RESIDUAL OR IMPURIT

BREENSCREEN SCORE | HAZARD TYPE SUPERMAX CORE | SC:FLAX FIBER Not Screened POLYMETHYLENE LT-UNK | RES | MUL | CAN | DOOR POLYPHENYL ISOCYANATE (PMDI) BM-1 | MUL | REP AMMONIA LT-P1 | RES | AQU | SKI | MAM | END | MUL] BACKED STILES I WOOD DUST - UNSPECIFIED NoGS DIPHENYLMETHANE DIISOCYANATE (MDI) - NON ISOMER SPECIFIC (PRIMARY CASRN IS 26447-40-5) LT-UNK | MUL | SKI | EYE | RES | CAN PARAFFIN WAXES (COAL), BROWN-COAL HIGH-TEMP TAR, CLAY-TREATED LT-1 | CAN PARAFFIN WAXES (COAL), BROWN-COAL HIS TEMP TAR, CLAY-TREATED LT-1 | CAN | ADHESIVE MIX | WATER BM-

POLYVINYL ACETATE LT-UNK PHENOL-FORMALDEHYDE RESIN LT-PI

Number of Greenscreen BM-4/BM3 contents ... 1

Contents highest concern GreenScreen Benchmark or List translator Score ... BM-1

INVENTORY AND SCREENING NOTES:

Special conditions applied: BiologicalMaterial [LEED v4] "Yes ex/SC" result is due only to materials and substances for

which Special Conditions were applied. Thus "Yes ex/SC" does not disqualify the product for the LEED v4 Materials and Resources Disclosure and Optimization credit, Option 1.

Identified is marked "No" because there are proprietary substances and substances with no registered IDs reported on this HPD.

VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND (VOC) CONTENT

VOC Content data is not applicable for this product category.

CERTIFICATIONS AND COMPLIANCE See Section 3 for additional listing VOC emissions: GreenGuard - Gold (previously Children & Schools)

CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Pre-checked for LEED v4 Material Ingredients Option 1

Third Party Verified?

C Yes

O No

PREPARER: Self-Prepared VERIFIER: VERIFICATION (

SCREENING DATE: 2020-08-07 PUBLISHED DATE: 2020-08-07 EXPIRY DATE: 2023-08-07

Sustain Eco Door hpdrepository.hpd-collaborative.org

HPD v2.2 created via HPDC Builder Page 1 of 1





Materials Responsibility:

Declare. Label

Declare.

- Red List & Watch List Chemicals
- Final Assembly Location
- % Recycled Content
- 3rd Party Verification

https://living-future.org/declare/basics/





Product Name Manufacturer

Final Assembly: First City, State, Country;
Second City, State, Country; Third City, State, Country
Life Expectancy: 50 Years
Embodied Carbon: # kg CO₂-eq =
Declared Unit: # m?
End of Life Options: Recyclable (95%), Landfill (5%),
Take Back Program (Program Name/Location)

Ingredients:

Your First Component: Sustainably Sourced Ingredient; LBC Red List Ingredient; Your Second Component; LBC Water List Priority for Inclusion Non-Toxic Ingredient; Undisclosed (<0.1%)²

LBC Temp Exception RL-009 Formaldehyde
LBC Temp Exception RL-004var.a Proprietary Ingredients

Living Building Challenge Criteria: Compliant

I-13 Red List:

☐ LBC Red List Free

% Disclosed: 99.9% at 100ppm

■ LBC Red List Approved VOC Content: # g/L

□ Declared

I-10 Interior Performance: CDPH Standard Method v1.2-2017
I-14 Responsible Sourcing: Product Available with FSC Chain of Custody

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Materials Responsibility:

EPD – Cradle to Grave / Life Assessment











Materials Responsibility: CIBSE/ LIA TM-66

- TM66 Assured
- Self-Certification
- "Make" and "Specify" Options



Category	Points Scored	Maximum possible points	Assessment
Product design	21.0	35.0	2.4
Manufacturing	10.9	11.0	3.9
Materials	5.0	16.0	1.3
Ecosystem	15.0	22.0	2.7

How to analyse the score		
0 to 0.5	Very poor circular economy performance	
0.5 to 1.5	Some circular economy functionality	
1.5 to 2.5	Definite/substantial progress to circularity	
2.5 to 4.0	Excellent circularity	





Materials Responsibility: Lighting for Good

- Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)
- Tools for Manufacturers & Specifiers
- L70 Life, Color Quality, Ease of Maintenance, Source & Driver Efficacy







Materials Responsibility: Product Circularity Data Sheet

- Manufacturer Tool
- 3-Party Verification
- T/F Questions determine level of Circularity in 5 categories

	SECTIONS	STATEMENTS (EXAMPLES)	
1	GENERAL INFORMATION		
2	COMPOSITION	THE PRODUCT CONTAINS > 75-95 % POST-CONSUMER RECYCLED CONTENT BY WEIGHT THE PRODUCT DOES NOT CONTAIN SUBSTANCES OF VERY HIGH CONCERN FROM THE REACH CANDIDATE LIST IN CONCENTRATION ABOVE 0.1% BY WEIGHT	
3	DESIGNED FOR BETTER USE	THE PRODUCT CAN BE MAINTAINED & REPAIRED BY UNTRAINED PERSONNEL AT THE LOCATION OF THE PRODUCT USE	
4	DESIGNED FOR DISSASSEMBLY	THE PRODUCT IS DESIGNED TO BE INSTALLED AND DEMOUNTED USING REVERSIBLE CONNECTORS	
5	DESIGNED FOR RE-USE	THE PRODUCT IS DESIGNED FOR RE-USE AS-IS OR WITH MINIMAL MODIFICATION THE PRODUCT IS DESIGNED FOR COMPOSTING IN A HOME COMPOSTER	



Key Elements:
Health, Wellness,
Social
Responsibility













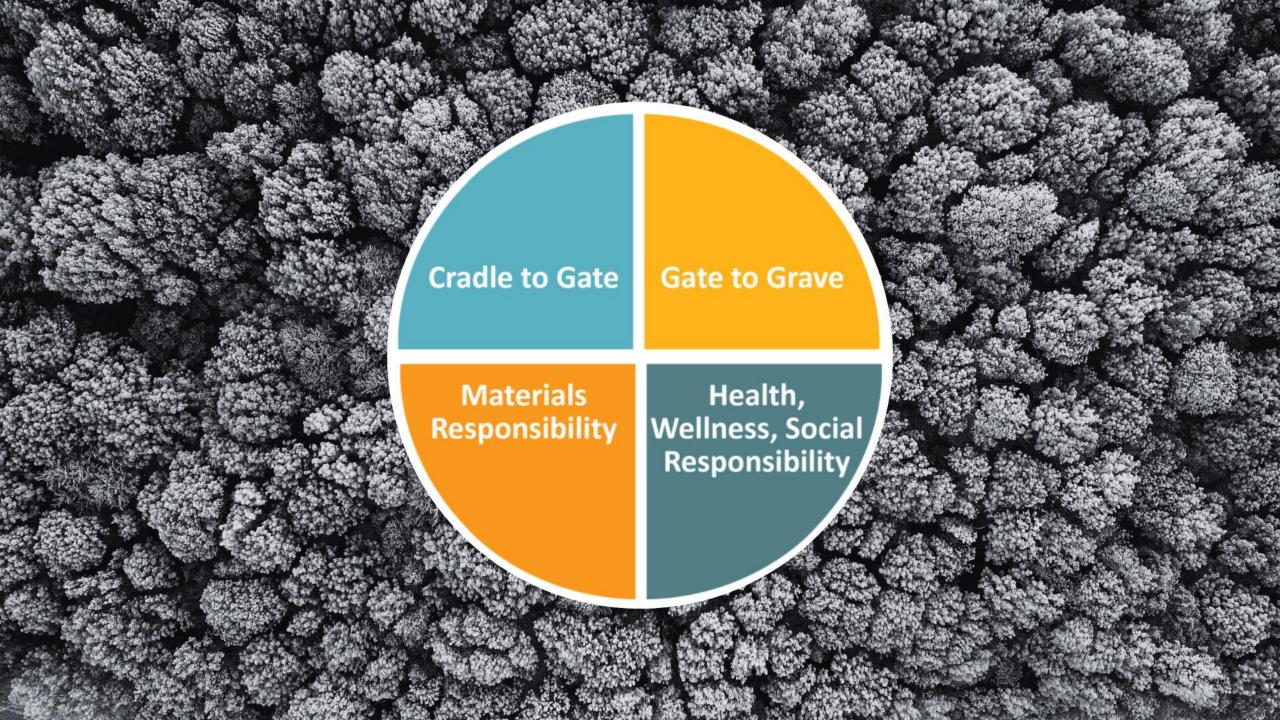














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