# **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

# **IPC WALL BASE**

IPC DOOR AND WALL PROTECTION SYSTEMS



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# **Manufacturer Information**

Inpro (IPC) is a manufacturer of building protection products. Products range from wall protection, privacy systems, building joining systems and signage. The World Headquarters and manufacturing campus is located in Muskego, Wisconsin. On-site manufacturing processes include plastic extrusion, injection molding, coloring, assembly, and other processes.

# **Environmental Management System**

Inpro has established, documented, and implemented an ISO 14001 certified environmental management system and maintains and continually improves the effectiveness of this system.

# **Environmental Policy**

Inpro is committed to sustainable business practices in our dealings with employees, customers, suppliers, government entities and our community neighbors—all with an eye toward our obligation to future generations. Through our business operations, we shall:

- Communicate environmental practices to all employees.
- Develop products and processes to minimize adverse environmental impacts.
- Comply with environmental regulations and other requirements.
- Prevent pollution, conserve resources and reduce waste.
- Continually improve our environmental management system.
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# **Product Specification**

This EPD covers Inpro's wall base listed below. Also listed is the mass per unit length, including accessories and adhesives but excluding packaging materials.

Inpro wall base system is designed for wall protection and decoration. Wall base is comprised of an aluminum retainer and an extruded vinyl cover. Accessories include end caps and corners. An inner foam bumper improves impact protection. The cover material is rigid vinyl.

Representative Product	Products Included (Product ID)	Mass (kg/m)
Wall Base	WB4	0.83

Table 1: Product names and masses per unit length

#### **Declared Unit**

The environmental inventory and impacts are reported using a declared unit of one (1) meter.

# **Product Photo**



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# **Material Content and Chemical Substances**

The breakdown of material content for each product family is shown in Table 2. These materials have been cross-reference against the "Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC)" from the European Chemicals Agency. No SVHC substances are present in the products and are thus not reported in this EPD.

Material	Material weight breakdown (%)
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	38.7
Adhesive	1.8
Aluminum	58.4
Stainless steel	1.1

Table 2: Declaration of materials and chemical substances

# Scope

This is a "cradle-to-gate with options" EPD. Manufacturing (A1, A2, A3), packaging (A3, A5), end-of-life disposal and recycling processes (C4) and credits (D) are included within the scope of the EPD. The scope excludes transport of the finished product (A4), the use stage (B1-7), de-construction and demolition (C1), and end-of-life transport (C2) modules because they are case-dependent. Module D is reported per PCR as "Other environmental information". The Reference Service Life (RSL) is declared as "not specified". A summary of included and excluded modules are shown in Table 3.

	DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY															
PRODUCT STAGE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE			USE STAGE								BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARIES					
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction- installation process	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement <sup>1</sup>	Refurbishment <sup>1</sup>	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse- Recovery- Recycling- potential
A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Х	Х	Χ	MND	Х	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	Х	Х

Table 3: Summary of included and excluded modules (X = Included in LCA; MND = Module not declared)

#### Notes:

- A5: limited to disposal of packaging materials. Cardboard is assumed to be recycled, leading to zero values for all impact and most
  inventory categories, per the cut-off recycling allocation approach. Production of installation materials such as adhesives and brackets are
  accounted for in A1.
- C4: includes disposal of plastics and other materials
- D: includes recycling credits for aluminum and steel alloys. Recycling rates are 90% for aluminum and 92% for steel alloys, based on expectations for recycling in the building and construction sector.



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The products declared in this EPD are only comparable to other products if their analyses follow the same scope and method, including compatibility with EN15804. Thus, EPDs from different programs may not be comparable.

Allocation is necessary to address recycled content, post-production scrap, and waste at end-of-life. The avoided burden allocation approach is applied to metal (aluminum and steel alloys). Under this approach, end-of-life scrap is first balanced out with any open 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. This credit represents the avoided burden of primary material production.

The cut-off approach is applied for paper and corrugates since these contain significant recycled contents and primary and secondary material production is closely intertwined. Any open scrap inputs into manufacturing remain unconnected. The system boundary in end of life is drawn after scrap collection to account for the collection rate, which generates an open scrap output for the product system. The processing and recycling of the scrap then becomes part of the subsequent product system and is not considered in this study.



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# **Environmental Inventory and Impacts**

This section contains the absolute results for the product per the declared unit. The following section (interpretation) provides a visual breakdown of the relative impacts, allowing for a more intuitive understanding of where impacts occur in the product life cycle. Biogenic carbon is included in the global warming potential calculations. This is significant for products using G2 plastics, where biogenic carbon that is removed from the atmosphere will remain stored in the product throughout the end of life. The environmental inventory and impacts are reported per EN 15804, as follows

# Environmental Impacts (CML 2001 and TRACI 2.1)

GWP Global warming potential

ODP Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer

AP Acidification potential of land and water

EP Eutrophication potential

POCP Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants

ADPE Abiotic depletion potential for non fossil resources (not available for TRACI 2.1)

ADPF Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources (not available for TRACI 2.1)

SP Smog formation potential

# Resource Use

PERE Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials;

PERM Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials

PERT Total use of renewable primary energy resources

PENRE Use of non renewable primary energy excluding non renewable primary energy resources used as raw

materials

PENRM Use of non renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials

PENRT Total use of non renewable primary energy resources

SM Use of secondary material FW Use of net fresh water

#### **Output Flows and Waste Categories**

HWD Hazardous waste disposed
NHWD Non-hazardous waste disposed
RWD Radioactive waste disposed
CRU Components for re-use
MFR Materials for recycling
MER Materials for energy recovery
EE Exported energy per energy carrier



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# (results given per meter of product)

# **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

CML 2001 (Nov 2010)

Wall Base		Manufacturing			End-of-Life	Credits	
Parameter	Unit	A1 A2 A3		A3	A5	C4	D
GWP	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	5.95E+00	4.54E-02	1.71E-01	0.00E+00	1.65E-02	-3.54E+00
ODP	kg CFC-11 eq	5.11E-09	1.17E-12	7.98E-11	0.00E+00	1.92E-12	9.02E-09
AP	kg SO₂ eq	2.94E-02	5.28E-05	8.21E-04	0.00E+00	2.56E-04	-1.99E-02
EP	kg PO <sub>4</sub> 3- eq	1.56E-03	6.81E-06	3.69E-05	0.00E+00	1.00E-04	-8.98E-04
POCP	kg C₂H₄ eq	2.08E-03	1.36E-05	2.40E-05	0.00E+00	1.27E-04	-1.08E-03
ADPe	kg Sb eq	2.01E-05	5.44E-09	-2.37E-07	0.00E+00	6.17E-09	-1.61E-06
ADPf	MJ	8.64E+01	6.26E-01	1.87E+00	0.00E+00	2.63E-01	-4.31E+01

TRACI 2.1

Wall Base		Manufactur	ing	End-of-Life	Credits		
Parameter	Unit	A1	A1 A2		A5	C4	D
GWP	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	5.95E+00	4.54E-02	1.71E-01	0.00E+00	1.65E-02	-3.54E+00
ODP	kg CFC-11 eq	5.95E-09	1.25E-12	8.49E-11	0.00E+00	2.04E-12	9.85E-09
AP	kg SO₂ eq	2.78E-02	5.37E-05	7.54E-04	0.00E+00	2.89E-04	-1.86E-02
EP	kg N eq	9.52E-04	3.41E-06	2.85E-05	0.00E+00	8.44E-05	-3.94E-04
SP	kg O₃ eq	2.74E-01	8.79E-04	5.23E-03	0.00E+00	1.89E-03	-1.63E-01

Wall Base		Manufactur	ing			End-of-Life	Credits
Parameter		A1	A2	A3	A5	C4	D
PERE	MJ	2.05E+01	3.65E-03	2.09E-01	0.00E+00	1.22E-02	-1.54E+01
PERM	MJ	3.39E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PERT	MJ	2.08E+01	3.65E-03	2.09E-01	0.00E+00	1.22E-02	-1.54E+01
PENRE	MJ	8.65E+01	6.26E-01	1.87E+00	0.00E+00	2.63E-01	-4.29E+01
PENRM	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
PENRT	MJ	8.65E+01	6.26E-01	1.87E+00	0.00E+00	2.63E-01	-4.29E+01
SM	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
FW	m³	5.86E+01	6.14E-02	9.95E-01	0.00E+00	-6.29E-01	-4.19E+01

OUTPUT FLOW	WS AND W	ASTE CATEGORIES
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Wall Base		Manufacturi	ing	End-of-Life	Credits		
Parameter		A1	A2	A3	A5	C4	D
Hazardous waste	kg	1.71E-03	0.00E+00	7.22E-04	0.00E+00	4.13E-05	1.84E-02
Non-hazardous Waste	kg	2.22E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.66E-02
Radioactive waste	kg	5.86E-03	1.08E-06	2.37E-04	0.00E+00	3.39E-06	-3.77E-03



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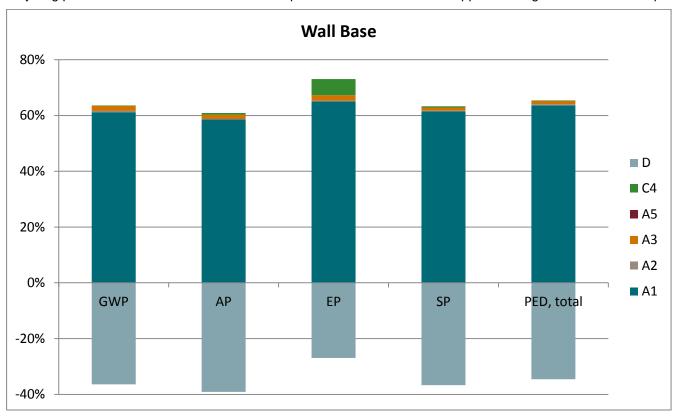
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# Interpretation

The following plot show the breakdown of environmental impacts (TRACI 2.1) and total Primary Energy Demand (PED, total) over the life cycle. The raw materials supply (A1), which includes the PVC, aluminum, steel, and other feedstocks, is the highest source of impact across all impact categories. In particular, aluminum has a large impact, making the onsite manufacturing processes small compared the impacts from aluminum manufacturing. Credits for recycling potential for aluminum and steel are represented in module D and appear as negative values on the plots.





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# **Additional Information**

Additional information, including product details and company information, can be found at Inpro's website: <a href="https://www.inprocorp.com">www.inprocorp.com</a>.

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