



AIR-SHIELD™
AIR-SHIELD™ THRU-WALL FLASHING
AIR-SHIELD™ LOW TEMP
AIR-SHIELD™ XLT

AIR-SHIELD self-adhering air/vapor and liquid moisture barrier is a part of a total system to complete the building envelope. It is a roll-type product that is nominally 40 mils thick. This unique, self-adhesive membrane, protected by a special release paper, is strong and durable. It remains flexible when surface mounted and will adhere to most primed surfaces at minimum temperatures of 40° F (4° C).



Performance dashboard

Features & functionality

- Low permeability
- Prevents the transmission of air and inhibits moisture vapor through porous building materials
- Provides a complete above-grade air, vapor, and water barrier on a variety of construction materials
- Controlled thickness membrane is ideal for air barrier applications
- Cross-laminated polyethylene film has excellent tensile strength, elongation, and tear resistance
- Modified membrane is flexible at low temperatures

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Environment & materials

Improved by:

- Made in the United States
- USGBC member
- CAGBC member

Certifications, rating systems & disclosures:

- Health Product Declaration
- Build America, Buy America Act compliant (AIR-SHIELD™ THRU-WALL FLASHING, AIR-SHIELD™ LOW TEMP, AIR-SHIELD™ XLT)

[See LCA, interpretation & rating systems](#)



SM Transparency Report (EPD)™

EPD	LCA
3rd-party reviewed	✓
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LCA results & interpretation

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Scope and summary

☒ Cradle to gate

☐ Cradle to gate with options

☐ Cradle to grave

Application
AIR-SHIELD™ is a self-adhering, flexible membrane flashing. It is a roll-type product that is nominally 40 mils thick. This material is an air, vapor, and liquid moisture barrier. It is made from cross-laminated polyethylene bonded to modified asphalt. It adheres to various surfaces at temperatures as low as 40°F (4°C) and exceeds the Massachusetts Commercial Energy Code for Building Envelope Systems and meets ABAA Section 07261 standards.

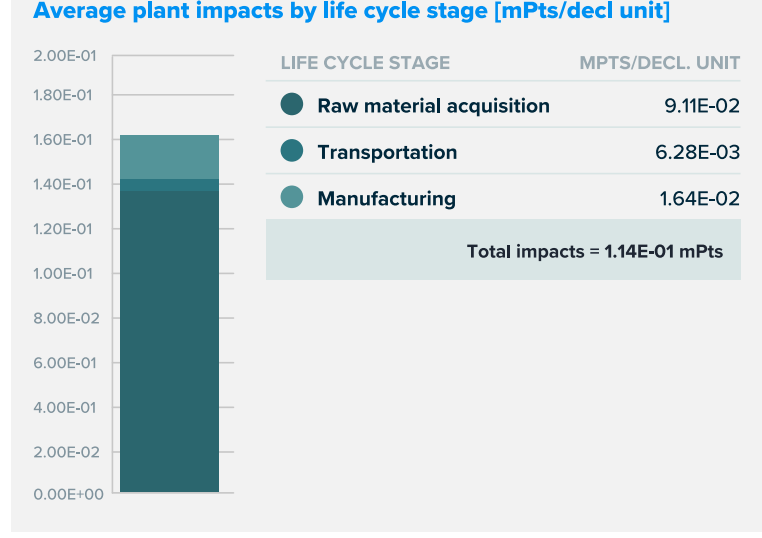
Declared unit
Coverage rate (kg/m²) = 1.328 kg/m²

Manufacturing data
Reporting period: January 2023 – December 2023
Location: Hampshire, IL

Sensitivity analysis
Sensitivity analyses were performed to check the robustness of the results where the highest potential environmental impacts are occurring. Since there were two raw materials which contributed the most to total impacts across air and vapor barrier products evaluated, sensitivity analyses were conducted on their usage to assess the impact of decreasing their presence in those products.

Global warming potential was evaluated for sensitivity since W. R. Meadows is interested in the potential CO₂-equivalent emissions of its products. Decreasing the amount of styrene butadiene copolymer by 10% could reduce the total GWP by 2.9%, and decreasing the amount of LLDPE resin could lower the total GWP by 13.8%. This shows that global warming potential is sensitive to the amount of LLDPE resin present in the products.

Material composition by wt%	
MATERIAL	WT%
SBS-modified bitumen mixture	60-75%
Limestone	5-10%
Plastic film	5-10%
Packaging, wood pallet	5-10%
Packaging, paper	5-10%
Packaging, carton	<5%



LCA results

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL ACQUISITION	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
	(X) A1 Raw material acquisition	(X) A2 Transport	(X) A3 Manufacturing
			
Information modules: Included (X) Excluded (MND)*			
*Modules A4, A5, B, C, and D are excluded.			

SM Single Score

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Impacts per declared unit	9.11E-02 mPts	6.28E-03 mPts	1.64E-02 mPts
Materials or processes contributing >20% to total impacts in each life cycle stage	Extraction and preprocessing of polymers, mastic asphalt, and other raw materials.	Truck transportation to manufacturing facility.	Electricity and natural gas consumption during the manufacturing process.

Life cycle impact results per declared unit

LIFE CYCLE STAGE	A1 RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	A2 TRANSPORT	A3 MANUFACTURING
Ecological damage			
Impact category	Unit		
GWP, IPCC _{TOTAL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.22E+00	1.05E-01
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Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	3.39E-07	1.49E-09
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	4.62E-03	2.56E-04
Eutrophication	kg N eq	8.34E-04	1.74E-05
Human health damage			
Impact category	Unit		
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	6.24E-02	6.58E-03
Respiratory effects	kg PM _{2.5} eq	7.35E-04	3.53E-05
Additional environmental information			
Impact category	Unit		
Carcinogenics	CTU _h	71.69%	1.02%
Non-carcinogenics	CTU _h	44.79%	8.36%
Ecotoxicity	CTU _e	83.34%	8.72%
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	4.54E+00	1.98E-01

References

LCA Background Report
LCA of W. R. MEADOWS Water Resistive and Air Barriers, 2025. Developed using the [IPCC Fifth Assessment Report \(AR5\) 100-year time, TRACI v2.1, CML, and Cumulative Energy Demand \(LHV\)](#) impact assessment methodologies, [SimaPro Analyst 9.6 software](#), and [ecoinvent v3.10](#) and US-EI 2.2 databases.

ISO 14025:2006 Environmental labels and declarations — Type III environmental declarations — Principles and procedures

ISO 21930:2017, Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works -- Core rules for environmental product declarations of construction products and services

ASTM PCR for Water-Resistive and Air Barriers (UNCPC 54530 and/or CSI MasterFormat DESIGNATIONS 072500, 072600 and 072700); Version 3.0, September 2024. PCR review conducted by Thomas Gloria, PhD (chair, t.gloria@industrial-ecology.com); Graham Finch (RDH, Building Science, Inc.) and Paul H. Shipp (USG Corporation).

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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

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1.5 products

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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

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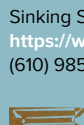
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Data

Background This product-specific plant-specific declaration was created by collecting production data from the facility in Hampshire, IL. All unit processes were modeled using primary data. Secondary data sources include those available in the ecoinvent v3.10 and US-EI 2.2 databases.

Product-specific packaging includes poly bags which are typically disposed of at the site of installation.

Allocation The W. R. MEADOWS facility produces multiple types of products each year. To allocate electricity and natural gas consumption accurately to each product, total annual energy consumption was distributed based on the proportion of each product's annual production (by mass) relative to the total plant production. This approach assigns manufacturing activities proportionally to each product type.

All associated manufacturing resources and waste flows were allocated using the same approach. There are no co-products produced during their manufacturing processes. The model used in the LCA ensures that the sum of the allocated inputs and outputs of a unit process shall be equal to the inputs and outputs of the unit process before allocation. This means that no double counting or omissions of inputs or outputs through allocation is occurring.

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 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle C are present in the products. Therefore, these criteria have been met. Biogenic carbon is included in reported results.

Quality

The precision of the data is considered high. W. R. MEADOWS personnel provided a detailed bill of materials, and facility managers provided utility information for the manufacturing facility. The raw material transportation distances were provided directly by the facility.

The data included is considered complete. The LCA model included all known material and energy flows. As pointed out in that section, no known flows above 1% were excluded and the sum of all excluded flows totals less than 5%, whether evaluated by mass, energy, or potential environmental impact.

The consistency of the model is considered high. Furthermore, the modeling assumptions were consistent throughout the model, with a preference for the ecoinvent v3.10 database.

Major system boundary exclusions

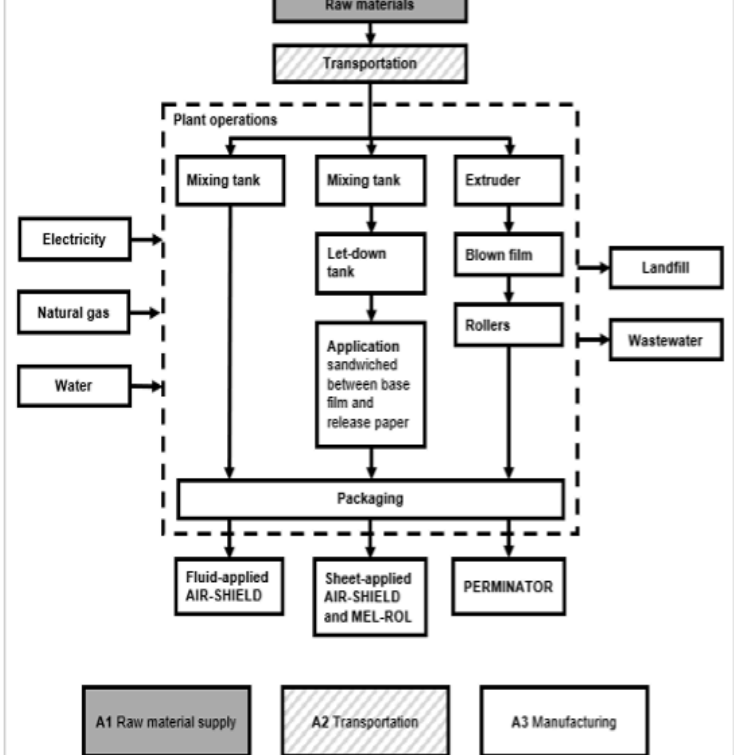
- Manufacture and transport of packaging not associated with final product
- Construction of major capital equipment
- Maintenance and operation of support equipment
- Human labor and employee transport
- Disposal of final product, except for biogenic carbon balance reporting

Scenarios and additional technical information

Biogenic carbon disclosure in installation stage [A5] 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 of after product installation are separately reported. The biogenic carbon removals from packaging in the manufacturing stage (A3) are later accounted for as biogenic carbon emissions in the installation stage (A5).

Product name	Biogenic carbon emission from packaging (A5)
AIR-SHIELD	5.48E-01 Kg CO2
AIR-SHIELD THRU-WALL FLASHING	5.48E-01 Kg CO2
AIR-SHIELD LOW TEMP	6.93E-01 Kg CO2
AIR-SHIELD XLT	4.18E-01 Kg CO2

Flow diagram



Major assumptions and limitations

- Generic data sets used for material inputs, transport, and waste processing are considered good quality, but actual impacts from material suppliers, transport carriers, and local waste processing may vary
- The impact assessment methodology categories do not represent all possible environmental impact categories; characterization factors used within the impact assessment methodology may contain varying levels of uncertainty
- LCA results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins, or risks
- This EPD covers only the cradle-to-gate impacts of products using a declared unit. The results listed in this EPD cannot be used to compare between products.

LCIA impact factors required by the PCR are global warming, ozone depletion potential, acidification, eutrophication, smog, and fossil fuel depletion. The EPDs from different programs shall not be comparable.

LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit (1m2) of AIR-SHIELD™

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
LCIA results					
GWP, IPCC _{TOTAL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.22E+00	1.05E-01	1.98E-01	1.52E+00
GWP, IPCC _{BIOGENIC}	kg CO ₂ eq	-1.39E-02	0	1.39E-02	0
GWP, IPCC _{FOSSIL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.23E+00	1.05E-01	1.84E-01	1.52E+00
GWP, TRACI 2.1 _{TOTAL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.19E+00	1.04E-01	2.04E-01	1.50E+00
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GWP, TRACI 2.1 _{FOSSIL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.21E+00	1.04E-01	1.90E-01	1.50E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	3.39E-07	1.49E-09	7.59E-09	3.48E-07
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	4.62E-03	2.56E-04	9.52E-04	5.83E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	8.34E-04	1.74E-05	3.31E-04	1.18E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	6.24E-02	6.58E-03	1.62E-02	8.52E-02
Respiratory effects	kg PM2.5 eq	7.35E-04	3.53E-05	1.78E-04	9.48E-04
Additional environmental information					
Carcinogenics	CTUh	71.69%	1.02%	27.29%	100%
Non-carcinogenics	CTUh	44.79%	8.36%	46.86%	100%
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	83.34%	8.72%	7.95%	100%
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	4.54E+00	1.98E-01	2.22E-01	4.96E+00
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	7.50E+00	2.28E-03	5.82E+00	1.33E+01
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	4.48E+00	0	0	4.48E+00
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.20E+01	2.28E-03	5.82E+00	1.78E+01
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.22E+01	1.49E+00	2.56E+00	1.62E+01
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	2.55E+01	0	0	2.55E+01
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	3.77E+01	1.49E+00	2.56E+00	4.17E+01
Secondary materials	kg	0	0	0	0
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	2.40E+00	1.1E-02	5.87E-01	2.99E+00
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	3.46E+01	1.40E+00	2.17E+00	3.82E+01
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	2.33E-02	3.25E-04	1.02E-02	3.38E-02
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.50E+00	1.29E-03	6.43E-02	1.57E+00
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	9.19E-07	0	4.53E-06	5.45E-06
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	2.12E-06	7.08E-08	1.11E-05	1.33E-05
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0
Materials for recycling	kg	0	0	0	0
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0
Exported energy	MJ	0	0	0	0
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic carbon removal from product	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
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Biogenic carbon removal from packaging	kg CO ₂	-1.39E-02	0	-5.48E-01	-5.61E-01
Biogenic carbon emission from packaging	kg CO ₂	0	0	1.39E-02	1.39E-02
Biogenic carbon emission from combustion of waste from renewable sources used in production processes	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
Calcination carbon emissions	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
Carbonation carbon removals	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
Carbon emissions from combustion of waste from non-renewable sources used in production processes	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0

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GWP, IPCC _{BIOGENIC}	kg CO ₂ eq	-1.80E-02	0	1.80E-02	0
GWP, IPCC _{FOSSIL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.98E+00	1.38E-01	2.34E-01	2.36E+00
GWP, TRACI 2.1 _{TOTAL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.92E+00	1.37E-01	2.60E-01	2.32E+00
GWP, TRACI 2.1 _{BIOGENIC}	kg CO ₂ eq	-1.80E-02	0	1.80E-02	0
GWP, TRACI 2.1 _{FOSSIL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.94E+00	1.37E-01	2.42E-01	2.32E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	3.58E-07	1.97E-09	9.62E-09	3.69E-07
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	7.58E-03	3.38E-04	1.21E-03	9.13E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	1.61E-03	2.30E-05	4.22E-04	2.06E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	1.00E-01	8.67E-03	2.07E-02	1.30E-01
Respiratory effects	kg PM2.5 eq	1.16E-03	4.65E-05	2.27E-04	1.44E-03
Additional environmental information					
Carcinogenics	CTUh	77.89%	0.82%	21.29%	100%
Non-carcinogenics	CTUh	51.84%	7.53%	40.63%	100%
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	87.85%	6.41%	5.75%	100%
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	7.46E+00	2.61E-01	2.81E-01	8.00E+00
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	1.02E+01	3.01E-03	7.44E+00	1.76E+01
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	5.67E+00	0	0	5.67E+00
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.58E+01	3.01E-03	7.44E+00	2.33E+01
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	3.33E+01	1.96E+00	3.25E+00	3.86E+01
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	2.84E+01	0	0	2.84E+01
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	6.17E+01	1.96E+00	3.25E+00	6.69E+01
Secondary materials	kg	0	0	0	0

Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Non-renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Recovered energy	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
Use of net fresh water resources	m3	2.67E+00	1.14E-02	6.15E-01	3.30E+00
Abiotic depletion (fossil fuels)	MJ, LHV	5.68E+01	1.84E+00	2.76E+00	6.14E+01
Output flows and waste category indicators					
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	3.85E-02	4.29E-04	1.30E-02	5.19E-02
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	1.80E+00	1.70E-03	8.30E-02	1.88E+00
High-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	1.41E-06	0	5.51E-06	6.92E-06
Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	kg	3.25E-06	9.33E-08	1.35E-05	1.68E-05
Components for re-use	kg	0	0	0	0
Materials for recycling	kg	0	0	0	0
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0	0	0	0
Exported energy	MJ	0	0	0	0
Carbon emissions and removals					
Biogenic carbon removal from product	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
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Biogenic carbon removal from packaging	kg CO ₂	-1.80E-02	0	-6.93E-01	-7.11E-01
Biogenic carbon emission from packaging	kg CO ₂	0	0	1.80E-02	1.80E-02
Biogenic carbon emission from combustion of waste from renewable sources used in production processes	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
Calcination carbon emissions	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
Carbonation carbon removals	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
Carbon emissions from combustion of waste from non-renewable sources used in production processes	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0

LCIA results, resource use, output and waste flows, and carbon emissions & removals per declared unit (1m2) of AIR-SHIELD™ XLT

Parameter	Unit	A1	A2	A3	Total
LCIA results					
GWP, IPCC _{TOTAL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.73E+00	1.13E-01	2.14E-01	2.05E+00
GWP, IPCC _{BIOGENIC}	kg CO ₂ eq	-1.52E-02	0	1.52E-02	0
GWP, IPCC _{FOSSIL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.74E+00	1.13E-01	1.99E-01	2.05E+00
GWP, TRACI 2.1 _{TOTAL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.69E+00	1.11E-01	2.21E-01	2.02E+00
GWP, TRACI 2.1 _{BIOGENIC}	kg CO ₂ eq	-1.52E-02	0	1.52E-02	0
GWP, TRACI 2.1 _{FOSSIL}	kg CO ₂ eq	1.70E+00	1.11E-01	2.06E-01	2.02E+00
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	3.51E-07	1.60E-09	8.75E-09	3.62E-07
Acidification	kg SO ₂ eq	6.56E-03	2.75E-04	1.02E-03	7.85E-03
Eutrophication	kg N eq	1.40E-03	1.87E-05	3.54E-04	1.77E-03
Smog	kg O ₃ eq	8.63E-02	7.05E-03	1.73E-02	1.11E-01
Respiratory effects	kg PM2.5 eq	1.00E-03	3.78E-05	1.93E-04	1.23E-03
Additional environmental information					
Carcinogenics	CTUh	77.14%	0.79%	22.07%	100%
Non-carcinogenics	CTUh	50.56%	6.99%	42.45%	100%
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	88.27%	5.94%	5.79%	100%
Fossil fuel depletion	MJ surplus	6.54E+00	2.12E-01	2.44E-01	6.99E+00
Resource use indicators					
Renewable primary energy used as energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	7.64E+00	2.24E-03	3.30E+01	4.06E+01
Renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	3.42E+00	0	0	3.42E+00
Total use of renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	1.11E+01	2.24E-03	3.30E+01	4.41E+01
Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier (fuel)	MJ, NCV	2.32E+01	1.42E+00	1.75E+01	4.22E+01
Non-renewable primary resources with energy content used as material	MJ, NCV	2.08E+01	0	0	2.08E+01
Total use of non-renewable primary resources with energy content	MJ, NCV	4.41E+01	1.42E+00	1.75E+01	6.30E+01
Secondary materials	kg	0	0	0	0
Renewable secondary fuels	MJ, NCV	0	0	0	0
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Carbonation carbon removals	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0
Carbon emissions from combustion of waste from non-renewable sources used in production processes	kg CO ₂	0	0	0	0



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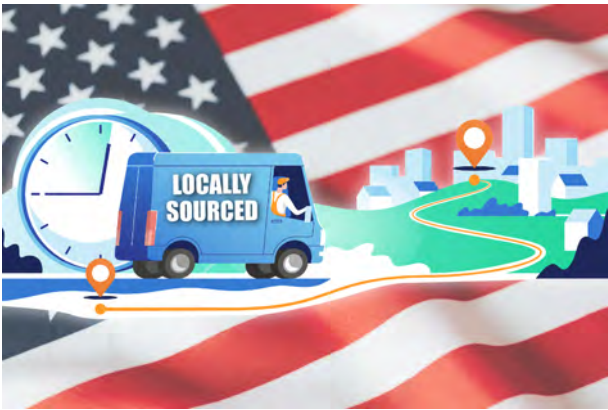
How we make it greener

AIR-SHIELD™

– RAW MATERIALS ACQUISITION

W. R. MEADOWS sources many materials domestically. Sourcing materials locally is more sustainable and results in a smaller carbon footprint for several reasons. It reduces transportation emissions by avoiding long-distance and overseas shipping, cutting fuel use and greenhouse gas output.

Supporting domestic industries strengthens local economies and promotes sustainable practices, reducing reliance on global supply chains. Local sourcing ensures efficient logistics, as materials are transported over shorter distances, saving energy in storage and transit. Finally, it eliminates dependence on energy-intensive transport modes like cargo ships and planes, which consume large amounts of fossil fuels. Domestic sourcing supports the environment and creates more resilient, eco-friendly supply chains.



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W. R. MEADOWS manufactures AIR-SHIELD, AIR-SHIELD THRU-WALL FLASHING, AIR-SHIELD LOW TEMP, and AIR-SHIELD XLT in the USA. Sourcing materials domestically can be more sustainable and result in a lower carbon footprint for several reasons:

- **Reduced transportation emissions:** Local sourcing eliminates the need for long-distance shipping, especially overseas transport, significantly reducing fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Support for local economies:** Buying domestically strengthens local industries, encourages more sustainable practices, and reduces dependence on global supply chains.
- **Efficient logistics:** With materials sourced nearby, transportation and delivery are quicker and more efficient, requiring less energy for storage and transit.
- **Improved quality control:** Local suppliers are often easier to monitor, ensuring higher standards for sustainability practices in production.
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In short, domestic sourcing benefits the environment and helps create more resilient and eco-conscious supply chains!



– MANUFACTURING

W. R. MEADOWS utilizes Continuous Improvement in its daily standard work for all manufacturing activities.

Front-line supervisors are the champions of OEE (Overall Equipment Effectiveness), which plays a crucial role in reducing energy consumption in manufacturing. It highlights any inefficiencies and directs our efforts to minimize unnecessary energy use. By closely monitoring equipment performance, OEE identifies periods of downtime, slow speeds, and quality defects, which can all lead to wasted energy. Moreover, OEE-driven improvements have led Meadows to more streamlined processes, better scheduling, and reduced machine wear, all of which contribute to lower energy costs and a more sustainable operation. This proactive approach not only decreases energy consumption but also helps manufacturers meet environmental goals and reduce their carbon footprint.

Further, OEE has helped Meadows to identify and reduce scrap by providing insights into equipment performance, highlighting areas where defects or inefficiencies occur during production. With improved equipment efficiency and fewer production delays, OEE ensures that processes run optimally, resulting in fewer errors and reduced waste. Ultimately, this leads to a higher-quality product with less material being wasted during the manufacturing process.



– USE & END OF LIFE

We understand the importance of end-of-life disposal. However, these products are meant to remain permanently adhered to their substrates, making them challenging to remove. As a result, they are typically landfilled during deconstruction or demolition.



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