

Do-It-Yourself LCA Estimation From Lookup Tables

Purpose: Estimate biggest impacts to set design priorities

Boundaries: Scope 3 cradle to grave (materials & mfg, transport, & end of life)

Functional unit: impacts per 15-year lifetime

Impact unit: kg CO2 eq.

Uncertainty rubric: 10% for database perfect match, 30% for plausible substitution, 100% for wild guess

Design option:

Refrigerator baseline

Manufacturing							
	Eco-intensity (impacts/kg)	Mass per item (kg)	Items per func.unit (#)	Uncertainty %	Notes	Calculated Impact	
Steel, primary	0.98	47.6	1	12%	Wasn't sure which s	46.82160259	
Cast iron	1.99	4.5	1	40%	includes mfg proces	8.932768642	
Aluminum, primary	7.27	2.1	1	30%	Exact data in IDEM/	15.26553217	
Copper wire	2.99	2.7	1	30%	Data in IDEMAT, bu	8.066668733	
Rubber, synthetic	3.47	0.2	1	30%	Most synthetic rubb	0.694891017	
Polystyrene, primary	2.25	6.3	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	14.20194282	
ABS	3.10	5.1	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	15.83181089	
PVC	2.11	0.5	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	1.054138319	
Polyurethane foam	2.74	5.6	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	15.3658009	
Glass	1.10	2.9	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	3.17582975	
Refrigerant	113.59	0.1	1	100%	Used proxy of pent	11.35891552	
Other materials	2.74	7	1	100%	Estimated as electri	19.15475474	
Steel mfg -- Cold rolling	0.49	47.6	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	23.48846333	
PS & ABS mfg -- Injection molding	1.35	11.4	1	30%	Unclear if we shoul	15.43409078	
PVC mfg -- Injection molding	1.35	0.5	1	30%	Unclear if we shoul	0.676933806	
Aluminum mfg -- Extrusion	0.68	2.1	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	1.420435438	
						0	
Transport							
	Eco-Intensity (impacts/ton-km)	Mass per item (ton)	Distance per item (km)	Items per func.unit (#)	Uncertainty %	Notes	Calculated Impact
Ocean freight, 10,000 km	0.00	0.0846	10000	1	50%	Probably overestima	4.058749909
Rail, 800 km	0.03	0.0846	800	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	1.797121801
Truck, 80 km	0.09	0.0846	80	1	10%	Exact data in IDEM/	0.578886519
							0
Use							
	Eco-Intensity (impacts/MJ or other)	Amount per item (MJ or other)	Items per func.unit (#)	Uncertainty %	Notes	Calculated Impact	
Electricity Use (NL avg.)	0.12	2207.52	15	30%	Assumed Dutch elec	3930.831621	
						0	
End of Life							
	Eco-Intensity (impacts/kg)	Mass per item (kg)	Items per func.unit (#)	Uncertainty %	Notes	Calculated Impact	
Steel - landfill	0.00	47.6	1	30%	Listed in IDEMAT, b	0	
Iron - landfill	0.00	4.5	1	30%	Listed in IDEMAT, b	0	
Aluminum - landfill	0.00	2.1	1	30%	Listed in IDEMAT, b	0	
Copper - landfill	0.00	2.7	1	30%	Listed in IDEMAT, b	0	
Rubber - landfill	0.00	0.2	1	30%	Listed in IDEMAT, b	0	
Polystyrene landfill	0.00	6.3	1	30%	Listed in IDEMAT, b	0	
ABS - landfill	0.00	5.1	1	30%	Listed in IDEMAT, b	0	
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