

# Ledges® K-2838

Ledges® under-mount bathroom sink



#### **Product Group**

Cast Iron Sanitary Ware

#### **Product Specifications**

Packaged Product Weight (kg) 17.7

Product Recycled Content 70%

Product Recyclable Content 10%

Product Life time (years) 100

Product Application Residential

#### **Use Phase Specifications**

Flush Volume (gal/ flush) N/A
User Frequency (flushes/day/person) N/A
Annual Cleaing Frequency (times) 52
Cleaner 10 ml of 1% sodium lauryl sulfate

#### Greenhouse Gas Emission (kg CO2- eq.)

Material & Manufacturing 486 Use & Maintenance 12

### Water Intensity (m3)

Material & Manufacturing 61.19
Use & Maintenance 3.6

### **Manufacturing Locations**

Kohler, WI

# **Believing in Better**

We believe in a better world. We are passionate about protecting the environment and enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. And that means designing products that look beautiful and deliver exceptional performance, while being as sustainable as possible.



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## **Environmental Product Declaration**

Cast Iron Sanitary Ware



Program Operator Name, Address, Logo, and Website	UL Environment
General Program Instructions and Version Number	Program Operator Rules V2.3 February 2018
Location of Explanatory Material	Kohler, WI
Declaration Holder and Address	Kohler Co.
Decialation Holder and Address	444 Highland Drive, Kohler, WI
Declaration Number	4788111728.102.1
Declared Product and Functional Unit	Ledges® K-2838, Single Lavatory Sink
Product Definition	Ledges® under-mount bathroom sink
Reference PCR and Version Number	PCR for Building-Related Products and Services. Adapted for UL Environment from the range of Environmental Product Declarations of Institute Construction and Environment e.V. (IBU). Part A (v.3): Calculation Rules for the Life Cycle Assessment and Requirements on the Project Report. Part B (v.1): Plumbing Vessel EPD Requirements
Markets of Applicability	North America
Date of Issue	04-Jun-18
Period of Validity	5 Years
EPD Type	Product Specific
EPD Scope	Cradle-to-grave
Year of Reported Manufacturer Primary Data	2016
LCA Software and Version Number	SimaPro v. 8.4.0.0
LCIA Database(s) and Versian Numbers	Ecoinvent 3
LCIA Database(s) and Version Numbers	DATASMART LCI Package (USEI 2.2)
	TRACI 2.1 v1.04
LCIA Methodology and Version Number	CML-IA baseline v3.04
	Cumulative Energy Demand (CED) v1.09
Applicable Green Building Certifications Schema	LEED v4/BD+C/Materials and Resources/Building Product Disclosure and Optimization- Environmental Product Declarations

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#### **Environmental Product Declaration**

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The PCR review was conducted by:

This declaration was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025:2006. The UL Environment "Part A: calculation Rules for the Life Cycle Assessment Reuirements on the Project Report" v3.0 (December 2017), based on CEN Norm EN 15804 (2012) and ISO 21930:2017, serves as the core PCR, with additional considerations from the USGBC/ UL Environment Part A Enhancement (2017).

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This life cycle assessment was conducted in accordance with ISO 14044 and reference PCR by:

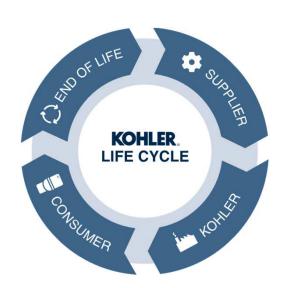
This life cycle assessment was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:

Thomas Gloria, Life-Cycle Services, LLC

LIMITATIONS: 1) Environmental declarations from different programs (ISO 14025) may not be comparable; 2) Comparison of the environmental performance using EPD information shall be based on the prodcut's use and impacts at the building level, and therefore EPDs may not be used for comparability purposes when not considering the building use phase as instructed under this PCR; 3) Full conformance with the PCR allows EPD comparability when all stages of a life cycle have been considered, when they comply with all referenced standards, use the same sub-category PCR, and use equivalent scenarios with respect to constrution work. 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.

This document is an environmental product declaration (EPD) in accordance with ISO 21930. EPDs rely on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) to provide information on a number of environmental impacts of products over their life cycles.

At Kohler Co., we believe in protecting the environment and enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. When developing new products, we consider the environmental impact at each stage of a product's existence - from the activities of our suppliers through the end of the product's useful life. Designing for a better world means every choice counts.





### **Product Description**



The unique geometry of Ledges creates a look that is modern and functional. Wet surface ledges flank both sides of this gently sloped basin, providing extra workspace and storage for everyday items like toothbrushes and contact lenses.

Additional data can be found at:

**Product Webpage** 

### Applications and Uses

- Gently curved basin.
- Two side ledges.
- Overflow drain.
- No faucet holes; requires wall- or counter-mount faucet.
- KOHLER® enameled cast iron.

### Product Standards, Approvals and Certifications

Specified model meets or exceeds the following:

- ASME A112.19.1/CSA B45.2
- ADA Compliant
- ICC/ANSI A117.1
- CSA B651



#### Base Material Content of the Product

Material	Function	Quantity (% By Weight)
Iron	Product Body Ingredient	55-65
Steel	Product Body Ingredient	25-35
Silicon carbide	Carburizer Ingredient	1-5
Balance	Miscellanous Hardware and Packaging	1-15





## **KOHLER OPERATIONS**

### Manufacturing Process Description

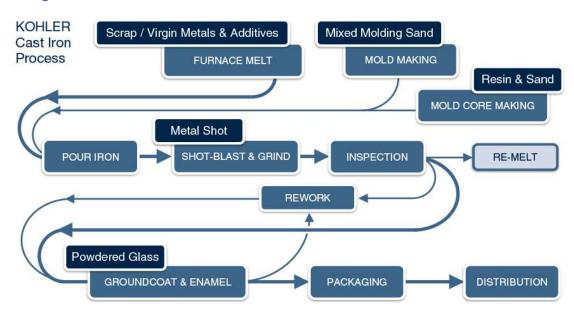
Enameled Cast Iron products are molded with a pattern and recycled sand/clay mixture; molten iron (2500F) is then poured into the mold. The iron casting is cleaned, inspected and heated up to 1700F where the powdered glass is spread on top. The products are put back into a furnace to allow the glass to melt and then a second coat is applied. Once the enameled casting is cooled, it is packaged and shipped.

### Manufacturing Locations



Not all products are produced in all plants. EPDs for specific models only include data from plants in which they are produced.

### Manufacturing Process



#### **Environmental Product Declaration**

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### Health, Safety and Environmental Aspects during Production

Kohler Co. has established program management guidelines for safety, accident prevention and environmental performance. These systems enable Kohler Co. operations to achieve world-class performance: Kohler Safety Management System (KSMS) and Kohler Environmental Management System (KEMS). The management systems are based on best management practices, and the application of these programs consistently delivers significant results.

### **Packaging**

Cast iron ware is packaged with double-wall corrugated containerboard. The whiter exterior wrapping is manufactured from the recycled paper using a two-step process. Other packaging materials can include expanded polystyrene (EPS) and honeycomb paper board blocking.

Corrugated containerboard and honeycomb blocking are 100% recyclable, and collection is available in most municipalities. Other materials are typically recyclable; however, this is dependent on local availability of collection programs.



#### Conditions of Use

The majority of product use phase environmental impacts for cast iron ware are related to water throughput. It is important to note that water use impacts are assigned to the device that controls water flow rate. For example, a lavatory sink EPD will not include these impacts, as water consumption is controlled by the faucet that is paired with it. Similarly, a toilet bowl EPD will not include water use impacts, as the tank or flushometer it is paired with provides this function. However, a one-piece toilet with integrated tank and bowl will include water use impacts within its EPD.

#### Reference Service Life

Residential lavatory sinks are assumed to remain in service for 100 years.

#### Cleaning and Maintenance

Residential lavatory sinks are assumed to require 52 cleanings per year with 10 ml of 1% sodium lauryl sulfate. These impacts are included within the product use stage of the LCA.



### Recycle or Reuse

Collection and processing for cast iron product beneficial recycle are widely avilable in most municipalities.

#### Disposal

Upon PCR default assumsptions, The KOHLER® LCA model assumes 100% of the cast iron portion of the product, accessories and packaging materials are landfilled.





### Description of Declared or Functional Unit

The functional unit represented here refers to a single lavatory sink.

Name	Value	Unit
Functional Unit	1 packaged p	product piece
Mass	17.70	kg
Conversion factor to 1 kg	0.06	
Flush rate	0	m3/flush
Flow rate	-	m3/sec

### **Estimates and Assumptions**

The LCI/ LCA assumptions are mentioned below:

- Product transport from DC to final customer and from customer to diposal site are modeled based on PCR specifications
- · Product and packaging disposal scenarios are adopted from the PCR specifications
- Building estimated service life (ESL) is assumed to be 75 years
- · Biogenic carbon removal is estimated for two types of packaging materials including corrugate box and kraft papers

#### **Cut-off Criteria**

This LCA is in compliance with the cutoff criteria specified in the PCR, as no known processes were excluded from this assessment outside of the specific items listed within the "System Boundary" section below.

#### Allocation

Impacts are allocated to individual products with a unit process approach. Typically, product mass is used to build the impact allocation factors. Product-specific quality data is also employed to match impacts to products.

#### **Data Sources**

Primary manufacturing data was collected directly from process experts for the two Kohler cast iron plants within North America and China, for the calender year of 2016. Secondary data primarily references the DATASMART and Ecoinvent 3 LCI databases. Both databases are widely distributed and are referenced within the LCA community. All ecoinvent datasets have been critically reviewed.

### **Data Quality**

Wherever secondary data is used, the study adopts critically reviewed data for consistency, precision and reproducibility to limit uncertainty. The data sources used are complete and representative of North America and China in terms of the geographic and technological coverage and are a recent vintage (i.e., less than ten years old). Any deviations from these initial data quality requirements for secondary data are documented in the critically reviewed LCA report. When a product is produced at more than one plant, impacts are weighted by unit volume to produce a single result.



# LCA Modeling Scenarios

Transport from gate to the building site (A4)									
Name	Value	Unit							
Liters of fuel	38	l/100 km							
Transport distance	821.9	km							
Capacity utilization (including empty runs)	89	%							
Gross density of products transported	-	kg/m <sup>3</sup>							
Capacity utilization volume factor	89	-							

Installation into the building (A5)		
Name	Value	Unit
Auxiliary material	-	kg
Water consumption	-	$m^3$
Other resources	-	km
Electricity consumption	-	kWh
Other energy carriers	-	MJ
Product loss per functional unit	-	kg
Waste material at the construction site before waste processing	3.778	kg
Output materials resulting from on-site waste processing	-	kg
Direct emissions to ambient air, soil and water	-	kg

Reference service life							
Name	Value	Unit					
Reference service life (RSL)	100	years					

Maintenance (B2)	Maintenance (B2)								
Name	Value	Unit							
Maintenance process information	-	-							
Maintenance cycle	5200	Number/RSL							
Maintenance cycle	3900	Number/ESL							
Water consumption	-	m <sup>3</sup>							
Auxiliary material (cleaning agent)	23.59	kg							
Other resources	-	kg							
Electricity consumption	-	kWh							
Other energy carriers	-	MJ							
Power output of equipment	-	kW							
Material loss	-	kg							
Direct emissions to ambient air, soil and water	-	kg							

Repair (B3)		
Name	Value	Unit
Repair process information	-	-
Inspection process information	-	-
Repair cycle	-	Number/RSL
Repair cycle	-	Number/ ESL
Water consumption	-	m <sup>3</sup>
Auxiliary	-	kg
Other resources	-	kg
Electricity consumption	-	kWh
Other energy carriers	-	MJ
Material loss	-	kg
Direct emissions to air, soil and water	-	kg

Replacement (B4)/Refurbishment (B5)									
Name	Value	Unit							
Replacement cycle	1	Number/RSL							
Replacement cycle	1.00	Number/ESL							
Electricity consumption	-	kWh							
Liters of fuel	38	l/100 km							
Water consumption	-	m <sup>3</sup>							
Auxiliary material	-	kg							
Replacement of worn parts	-	kg							
Direct emissions to air, soil and water	-	kg							

Operational energy use (B6) and water use (B7)								
Name	Value	Unit						
Water consumption	-	m3/p/RSL						
Electricity consumption	-	kWh						
Other energy carriers	-	MJ						
Equipment output	-	kW						
Direct emissions to air, soil and water	-	kg						

End of life (C1-C4)									
Name	Value	Unit							
Collected separately	1.714	kg							
Collected as mixed construction waste	15.98	kg							
Reuse	-	kg							
Recycling	-	kg							
Energy recovery	-	kg							
Landfilling	17.7	kg							



## System Boundaries

	Product Stage		Pro	ruction cess age	Use Stage						E	End of L	ife Stag	e	Benefits and Loads Beyond the System Boundaries			
dle to grave with options	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from gate to the site	Assembly/ Install	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling potential	Reference Service Life
Cradle	A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D	2
	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	MND	

Description of the System Boundary Stages Corresponding to the PCR (X = Included; MND = Module Not Declared)

### Results of the Assessment

TRACI 2.	1 Impact Assessme	ent				
Module	GWP	ODP	AP	EP	POCP	ADP
Wodule	(kg CO2 Eq.)	(kg CFC-11 Eq.)	(kg SO2- Eq.)	(kg N-Eq.)	(kg O3-Eq.)	(MJ surplus)
Total	4.98E+02	5.48E-05	2.83E+00	1.68E+00	4.33E+01	8.92E+02
A1- A3	4.86E+02	5.41E-05	2.77E+00	1.65E+00	4.22E+01	8.76E+02
A4	5.08E+00	3.65E-07	2.53E-02	3.46E-03	7.01E-01	9.88E+00
A5	3.04E-02	5.07E-09	1.01E-04	2.42E-03	2.82E-03	4.96E-02
B1	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B2	6.51E+00	2.54E-07	2.93E-02	2.58E-02	3.78E-01	5.83E+00
В3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B4	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B5	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
В6	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
В7	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C1	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C2	2.91E-01	5.10E-10	1.68E-03	1.57E-04	4.91E-02	5.44E-01
C3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C4	8.30E-02	3.79E-08	7.23E-04	1.53E-04	1.72E-02	3.51E-01



CML 4.1	Impact Assessm	ent					
Module	GWP	ODP	AP Air	EP	POCP	ADP element	ADP fossil fuels
Wodule	(kg CO2-Eq.)	(kg CFC-11 Eq.)	(kg SO2-Eq.)	(kg (PO4)3- Eq.)	(kg C2H4 Eq.)	(kg Sb-Eq.)	(MJ, LHV)
Total	5.06E+02	4.18E-05	2.73E+00	8.89E-01	2.48E-01	1.34E-03	8.28E+03
A1- A3	4.94E+02	4.13E-05	2.68E+00	8.69E-01	2.37E-01	1.31E-03	8.15E+03
A4	5.12E+00	2.73E-07	2.07E-02	4.53E-03	8.56E-04	4.86E-06	7.12E+01
A5	3.31E-02	3.80E-09	8.19E-05	8.81E-04	6.17E-06	1.46E-08	3.57E-01
B1	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B2	6.54E+00	1.89E-07	2.67E-02	1.43E-02	1.03E-02	2.05E-05	5.11E+01
В3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B4	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B5	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B6	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
В7	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C1	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C2	2.93E-01	3.19E-10	1.34E-03	2.86E-04	5.56E-05	1.32E-08	3.85E+00
C3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C4	8.37E-02	2.85E-08	6.26E-04	1.33E-04	3.00E-05	9.52E-08	2.53E+00

M = ded =	GWP	ODP	AP	EP	POCP
Module	(kg CO2-Eq.)	(kg CFC-11 Eq.)	(kg SO2-Eq.)	(kg N-Eq.)	(kg O3- Eq.)
Total	5.06E+02	4.18E-05	2.73E+00	8.89E-01	4.33E+01
A1- A3	4.94E+02	4.13E-05	2.68E+00	8.69E-01	4.22E+01
A4	5.12E+00	2.73E-07	2.07E-02	4.53E-03	7.01E-01
A5	3.31E-02	3.80E-09	8.19E-05	8.81E-04	2.82E-03
B1	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B2	6.54E+00	1.89E-07	2.67E-02	1.43E-02	3.78E-01
В3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B4	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B5	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B6	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B7	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C1	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C2	2.93E-01	3.19E-10	1.34E-03	2.86E-04	4.91E-02
С3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C4	8.37E-02	2.85E-08	6.26E-04	0.00E+00	1.72E-02



Resourc	e Use										
Module	RPRe	PRPm	RPRt	NRPRe	NPRPm	NRPRt	SM	RSF	NRSF	RE	FW
Wodule	(MJ)	(MJ)	(MJ)	(MJ)	(MJ)	(MJ)	(kg)	(MJ)	(MJ)	(MJ)	(MJ)
Total	2.46E+04	0.00E+00	2.46E+04	8.99E+03	0.00E+00	8.99E+03	2.48E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.5E+01
A1- A3	2.45E+04	0.00E+00	2.45E+04	8.84E+03	0.00E+00	8.84E+03	2.48E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.1E+01
A4	2.97E-01	0.00E+00	2.97E-01	7.27E+01	0.00E+00	7.27E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	7E-01
A5	1.78E-03	0.00E+00	1.78E-03	3.66E-01	0.00E+00	3.66E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.5E-03
B1	0.00E+00	0.0E+00									
B2	1.50E+02	0.00E+00	1.50E+02	7.26E+01	0.00E+00	7.26E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.9E+00
В3	0.00E+00	0.0E+00									
B4	0.00E+00	0.0E+00									
B5	0.00E+00	0.0E+00									
В6	0.00E+00	0.0E+00									
B7	0.00E+00	0.0E+00									
C1	0.00E+00	0.0E+00									
C2	8.29E-03	0.00E+00	8.29E-03	3.90E+00	0.00E+00	3.90E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.9E-02
С3	0.00E+00	0.0E+00									
C4	5.95E-02	0.00E+00	5.95E-02	2.57E+00	0.00E+00	2.57E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.5E-04

Madula	HWD	NHWD	HLRW	ILLRW	CRU	MFR	MER	EE
Module	(kg)	(MJ)						
Total	0.00E+00	1.45E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
A1- A3	0.00E+00	1.26E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
A4	0.00E+00	2.08E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
A5	0.00E+00	1.87E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B1	0.00E+00							
B2	0.00E+00	8.22E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
В3	0.00E+00							
B4	0.00E+00							
B5	0.00E+00							
B6	0.00E+00							
В7	0.00E+00							
C1	0.00E+00							
C2	0.00E+00	3.60E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C3	0.00E+00							
C4	0.00E+00	1.60E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00



Greenho	use Gas Emiss	ions and Remo	vals					
Module	BCRP	BCEP	BCRK	BCEK	BCEW	CCE	CCR	CWNR
Wodule	(kg CO2e)	(kg CO2e)	(kg CO2e)	(kgCO2e)	(kg CO2e)	(kg CO2e)	(kg CO2e)	(kg CO2e)
Total	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.17E+00	1.17E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
A1- A3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.17E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
A4	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
A5	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.17E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B1	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B2	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
В3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B4	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B5	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
В6	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
B7	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C1	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C2	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C3	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
C4	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

#### Interpretation

Due to the high degree of value add within the cast iron product manufacturing process, the Kohler Operations life cycle stage drives most of the environmental impact categories for cast iron ware.

Manufacturing impacts are primarily driven by energy (natural gas and electricity) use in melting of raw material. Therefore, projects that improve energy efficiency have been and will continue to be a primary area of focus. Hardware accessories, especially those that contain metals such as brass and steel, also carry a greater contribution toward overall product environmental impact. Mass reduction and material substitution are areas of focus within the supplier operations portion of the product life cycle.

Where applicable, water use reduction efforts will see the greatest return on investment due primarily to the associated reduction in energy required to pump and treat this water. These efforts must be balanced against the product and product system's capacity to operate effectively when less water is available as a motive force.



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