

# Environmental Product Declaration

## Currents®

### Open Plan Workstation



Reconciling the flexible-but-wired paradox of the modern office, Currents manages ever-growing technology and power demands while simultaneously allowing for easy workspace reconfiguration. With data and power consolidated in a central spine, wall-mounted and freestanding furniture components can be easily and endlessly rearranged according to your team's changing workspace design needs.

#### Recycled Content

16% Post-consumer recycled content

42% Post-industrial recycled content

#### Functional Unit

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<b>Declared Product</b>	Currents® Open Plan Workstation
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<b>Period of Validity</b>	5 Years (Expiration: December 14, 2022)
<b>Contents of the Declaration</b>	Product definition and information about building physics Information about basic material and the material's origin Description of the products' manufacture Indication of product processing Information about the in-use conditions Life cycle assessment results Testing results and verifications

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This EPD conforms with ISO 21930-2007

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• **Reference Product Description**

Desking

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Product Category

Occupants Supported  
by Product

2.02 m<sup>2</sup>

1.81 m<sup>2</sup>

.16 m<sup>3</sup>

Physical Floor Space  
Area

Worksurface Area

Volume of Storage

106 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

42%

16%

Product mass per 1m<sup>2</sup> of  
Work Space Area

Post-Industrial  
Recycled Content

Post-Consumer  
Recycled Content

L shaped workstation with panel  
walls and pedestal storage

Additional Features

• **Functional Unit**

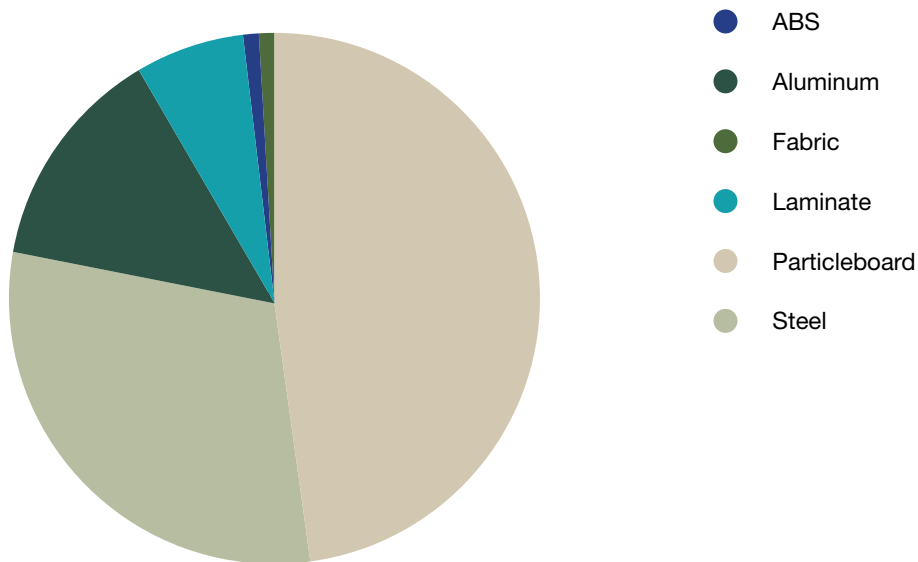
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• **Materials Composition**

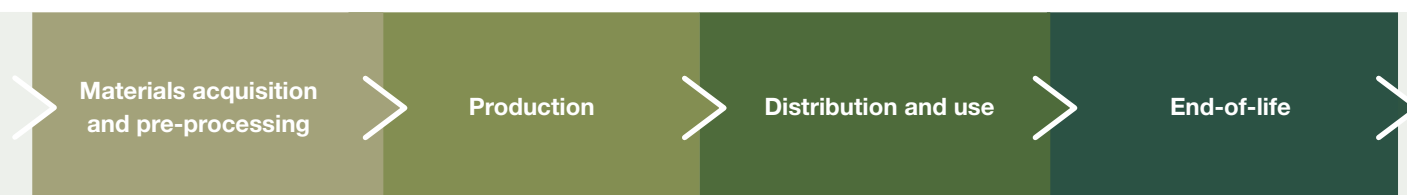


Material	% by mass	kg per m <sup>2</sup> floor space	kg. per workstation
ABS	0.943	1	2.02
Aluminum	13.5	14.4	29
Fabric	0.873	0.929	1.87
Laminate	6.53	6.95	14
Particleboard	47.8	50.9	103
Steel	30.3	32.2	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>214.89</b>

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- **Life Cycle Stages**



**A cradle-to-grave analysis was conducted for this EPD.** Materials acquisition and pre-processing starts when the material is extracted from nature and ends when the material in component form reaches the gate of the production facility or service delivery operation. As such, it includes transportation between upstream suppliers and Knoll's production facility.

The production stage is a gate-to-gate stage that starts with the product components entering the production facility and ends with the final product, packaged for shipment, leaving the facility. This stage includes manufacturing processes that take place at Knoll, along with the production of packaging materials.

Product distribution and storage are included in the next stage, along with product use and maintenance. This stage can include multiple legs of distribution and storage. The use stage begins when the consumer takes possession of the product, and includes assembly, installation, repair, and maintenance as appropriate. For products with electrical components, use stage electricity consumption is also considered.

The end-of-life stage starts when the product is ready for disposal and ends when the product is landfilled, returned to nature, or transformed to be recycled or reused. This stage includes transportation of the used product to treatment or recycling facilities and emissions associated with disposal.

### Life Cycle Assessment Results per functional unit (1m<sup>2</sup> of floorspace)

Inventory Metric	Units	Total
Net fresh water usage*	kg	1,980
<b>Primary energy demand, total</b>	<b>MJ</b>	<b>10,090</b>
Primary energy demand, renewable	MJ	2,289
Primary energy demand, non-renewable	MJ	7,801

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### Life Cycle Assessment Results

#### Impact Assessment Categories

Impact assessment results are calculated using the TRACI 2.1 methodology (Bare, 2012).

Global Warming Potential (100 yr)



=614  
kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq.

Global Warming Potential (20 yr)



=877  
kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq.

Acidification Potential



=1.78  
kg SO<sub>2</sub> eq.

Eutrophication Potential



=0.171  
kg N eq.

Ozone Depletion



=1.98E-006  
kg CFC-11 eq.

Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential



=21.5  
kg O<sub>3</sub> eq.

● Materials Acquisition   ● Production   ● Distribution & Use   ● End of Life

#### Life Cycle Assessment Results per functional unit (1m<sup>2</sup> of workspace)

Impact Category	Units	Materials Acquisition	Production	Distribution & Use	End-of-Life	Total
Global warming potential (100 yr)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	232	263	30.3	88.1	614
Global warming potential (20 yr)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	263	295	307.2	252	877
Acidification potential	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.	1.15	0.458	0.06859	0.103	1.78
Eutrophication potential	kg N eq.	0.106	0.0257	0.00627	0.0331	0.171
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq.	1.87E-006	1.06E-007	1.0683E-010	1.81E-011	1.98E-006
Photochemical ozone creation potential	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq.	12.8	6.36	1.52	0.809	21.5

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