



EPD – Environmental Product Declaration

In accordance with ISO 14025:2006 and EN 15804:2012
+ A2:2019/AC:2021 for Schwedenmeter 2-10 Folding rule

General information

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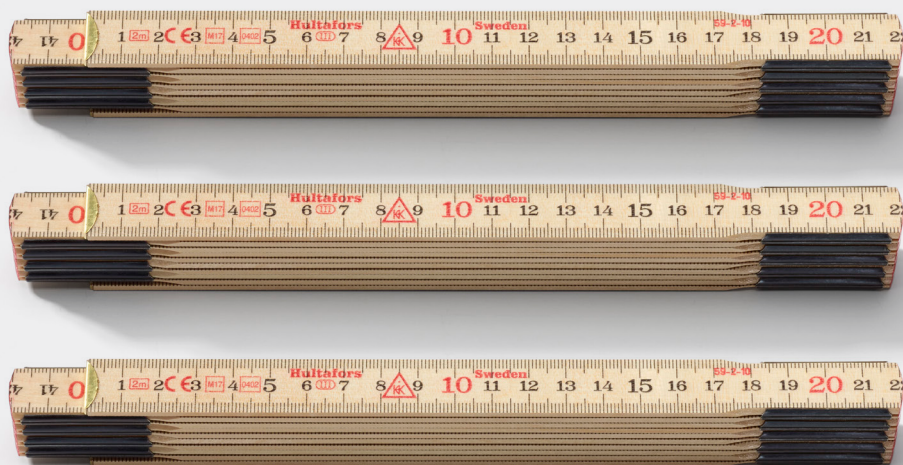
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Schwedenmeter

Length 2 meters

Schwedenmeter is a folding rule made from lacquered European birch wood intended for measuring distances. Beyond wood, the rule also consists of steel hinges, which are composed of three sub-components, and brass end tips.

UN CPC code: 31911.

Geographical scope: European market.

Product-related or management system-related certifications:
ISO9001 and 14001 certified.

LCA information – Life cycle assessment

Life Cycle Assessment is a method for analysing the environmental impact of a product throughout its life-cycle, from the extraction of raw materials (the cradle) to handling the waste (the grave).

Declared unit

One (1) piece of folding rule Schwedenmeter 2-10. The folding rule weighs 101 g and has a length of 2 meters.

To convert the results to impact per meter, the results should thus be divided by 2.

Time representativeness & data quality

The data used to model the manufacturing of the folding rule is representative for year 2023. No data older than 10 years has been used.

Specific data has been retrieved for the manufacturing process. Similarly, specific data has been collected for the transports and some of the production of the steel used in the rule's hinges. The remaining data has been modelled using generic data. The collected data was reviewed according to EN 15804 and is deemed to be of good quality.

Database(s) and LCA software used

The database ecoinvent 3.10 and LCA software SimaPro 10.0 was used.

Allocation

Allocation of resources used in manufacturing is done per produced unit, using the total number of produced folding rules at Hultafors as reference. The allocation of waste follows the polluter-pays principle. The system boundary to the subsequent product system is set where the waste (e.g., the discarded product) reaches the end-of-waste state, i.e., when the material has become a usable flow (e.g., for reuse, energy recovery and/or re-cycling).

Cut-off criteria

The cut-off criteria established by the PCR is 1% of all material and energy flows to a single unit process and 5% of total inflows (mass and energy) per module. No cut-offs exceeding this limit have been made.

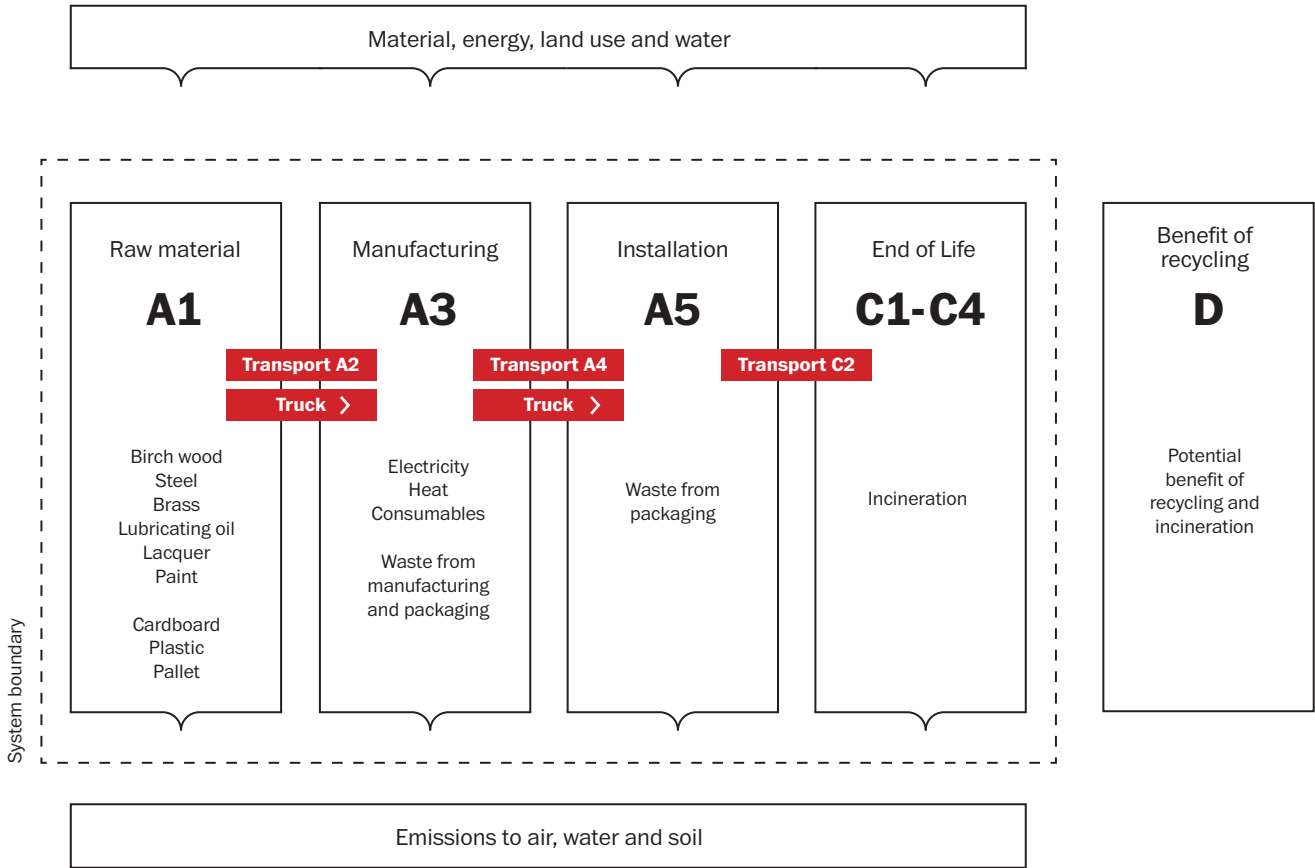
Description of system boundaries

The study's system boundaries are of type b) cradle to gate with options, modules C1-C4, module D and with optional modules A4-A5 (A1-A3 + C + D and additional modules A4-A5). The product does not give rise to any environmental impact during use and subsequently module B is excluded.

More information

Manufacturing takes place in Hultafors, Sweden. European birch wood and the other raw materials are transported by train and/or truck to Hultafors. The manufacturing process includes drying of wood, sawing, lacquering, production of steel hinges and brass fittings, and assembly. The electricity used at the facility comes from renewable sources (0.02 kg CO₂ eq/kWh) and is certified with a Guarantee of Origin. The finished products are packaged and distributed to Hultafors' European customers by truck. The weighted average of the transportation distance is estimated to 1103 km and the transport is modelled using "Transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO6 {RER}| transport, freight, lorry 16-32 metric ton, EURO6 | Cut-off, U" (diesel).

The installation entails the disposal of the consumer packaging and is modelled based on the waste handling in the European countries to which Hultafors sell their products. For the product's end-of-life, no deconstruction of the product is included. Instead, as a conservative assumption, the complete product is modelled to be incinerated at end-of-life.



Modules declared, geographical scope, share of specific data (in GWP-GHG results) and data variation (in GWP-GHG results):

	Product stage			Construc- tion pro- cess stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Resource recovery stage
	Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport	Construction installation	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery- Recycling-potential
Module	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Modules declared	x	x	x	x	x	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	x	x	x	x	x
Geography	Europe	Europe	Europe	Europe	Europe	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Europe	Europe	Europe	Europe	Europe
Specific data used	64%			100%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

X: Module declared, ND: Module not declared.

Content information

Product components	Weight, g	Post-consumer material, weight-%	Biogenic material, weight-%	Biogenic material, kg C/kg
Wood	48	0%	100%	0.02
Steel hinge	40	1%	0%	0
Brass tip	1.4	0%	0%	0
Paint	0.15	0%	>0%, no specific data	>0, no specific data
Lacquer	12	0%	0%	0
TOTAL	101	<1%	47%	0.02
Packaging materials	Weight, g	Weight-% (versus the product)	Weight biogenic carbon, weight-%	kg C/product
Cardboard	5.5	5.5%	100%	0.002
Paper label	0.1	0.1%	100%	<0.0001
Plastic	0.1	0.1%	0%	0
Pallet	6.9	6.9%	99%	0.0001

The product does not contain any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC) that exceed 0.1% of the product weight.

Results of the environmental performance indicators

EN 15804 reference package based on EF 3.1 has been used for calculating the environmental impact.

The estimated impact results are only relative statements, which do not indicate the endpoints of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety margins and/or risks. It should be noted that the EPD results of modules A1-A3 without considering the results of module C is discouraged.

Mandatory impact category indicators according to EN 15804 Results per declared unit

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-total	kg CO2 eq	1.51E-01	2.23E-02	9.30E-03	0.00E+00	7.69E-03	7.46E-02	2.97E-02	-2.50E-02
GWP-fossil	kg CO2 eq	2.28E-01	2.23E-02	1.80E-03	0.00E+00	7.69E-03	6.31E-04	2.97E-02	-2.51E-02
GWP-biogenic	kg CO2 eq	-7.94E-02	4.05E-06	7.50E-03	0.00E+00	6.40E-07	7.39E-02	8.51E-06	1.73E-04
GWP-luluc	kg CO2 eq	2.59E-03	7.41E-06	2.53E-07	0.00E+00	6.32E-07	1.02E-07	5.01E-06	-5.77E-05
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	7.37E-09	4.44E-10	2.73E-11	0.00E+00	1.51E-10	8.80E-12	2.98E-10	-5.94E-10
AP	mol H+ eq	1.85E-03	4.65E-05	7.68E-06	0.00E+00	3.81E-05	7.37E-06	3.77E-05	-1.46E-04
EP-freshwater	kg P eq	1.36E-05	1.74E-07	8.35E-09	0.00E+00	1.58E-08	9.79E-09	6.55E-07	-2.41E-06
EP-marine	kg N eq	4.54E-04	1.09E-05	3.38E-06	0.00E+00	1.71E-05	3.61E-06	9.03E-06	-2.10E-05
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	5.10E-03	1.21E-04	3.59E-05	0.00E+00	1.87E-04	3.84E-05	1.00E-04	-2.99E-04
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	1.67E-03	7.73E-05	1.45E-05	0.00E+00	7.88E-05	9.61E-06	4.06E-05	-8.55E-05
ADP-minerals & metals*	kg Sb eq	9.30E-06	7.27E-08	2.55E-09	0.00E+00	4.77E-09	1.03E-09	4.37E-08	-4.06E-08
ADP-fossil*	MJ	3.06E+00	3.14E-01	1.86E-02	0.00E+00	9.61E-02	5.13E-03	1.54E-01	-5.95E-01
WDP*	m3 depriv.	1.04E-01	1.30E-03	5.19E-05	0.00E+00	1.18E-04	1.05E-04	1.84E-03	-6.30E-03
Acronyms	GWP-fossil = Global Warming Potential fossil fuels; GWP-biogenic = Global Warming Potential biogenic; GWP-luluc = Global Warming Potential land use and land use change; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential, Accumulated Exceedance; EP-freshwater = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching freshwater end compartment; EP-marine = Eutrophication potential, fraction of nutrients reaching marine end compartment; EP-terrestrial = Eutrophication potential, Accumulated Exceedance; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone; ADP-minerals&metals = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADP-fossil = Abiotic depletion for fossil resources potential; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption								

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Additional mandatory and voluntary impact category indicators

Results per declared unit

Indicator	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-GHG**	kg CO2 eq	2.32E-01	2.23E-02	1.96E-03	0.00E+00	7.69E-03	6.32E-04	2.97E-02	-2.50E-02
PM	disease inc.	9.65E-08	1.64E-09	1.76E-10	0.00E+00	9.53E-10	8.03E-11	5.11E-10	-9.74E-10
IR***	kBq U-235 eq	1.22E-02	1.45E-04	8.57E-06	0.00E+00	1.65E-05	3.50E-06	2.24E-04	-5.81E-03
ETP-FW*	CTUe	2.80E+00	8.55E-02	6.38E-03	0.00E+00	7.08E-03	8.35E-03	4.43E-01	-8.27E-02
HTTP-C*	CTUh	1.32E-08	1.59E-10	5.51E-12	0.00E+00	1.11E-11	1.21E-11	7.10E-11	-1.06E-10
HTTP-NC*	CTUh	1.06E-08	1.97E-10	1.04E-11	0.00E+00	1.57E-11	7.66E-11	9.63E-11	-2.48E-10
Land use, SQP*	Pt	2.54E+01	1.90E-01	3.57E-03	0.00E+00	1.07E-02	1.33E-03	4.05E-02	-7.62E-01
Acronyms	PM: Particulate Matter, IRP: Ionizing Radiation - Human Health, ETP-FW: Ecotoxicity Potential – Freshwater, HTP-C: Human Toxicity Potential – Cancer, HTP-NC: Human Toxicity Potential – Non-Cancer, SQP: Soil Quality Potential Index								

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** Disclaimer: This indicator accounts for all greenhouse gases except biogenic carbon dioxide uptake and emissions and biogenic carbon stored in the product. As such, the indicator is identical to GWP-total except that the CF for biogenic CO2 is set to zero.

*** Disclaimer: This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure nor due to radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, from radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.

Resource use indicators

The use of primary energy resources is calculated according to option B in Annex 3 in PCR Construction Products v.1.3.4.

Results per declared unit

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Waste indicators

Results per declared unit

Indicator	Unit	Tot. A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D-module
Hazardous waste disposed	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-hazardous waste disposed	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Radioactive waste disposed	kg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Output flow indicators

Results per declared unit

Indicator	Unit	Tot.A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D-module
Components for reuse	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.67E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Material for recycling	kg	7.95E-03	0.00E+00	4.31E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Materials for energy recovery	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy, electricity	MJ	6.41E-01	0.00E+00	6.57E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.91E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Exported energy, thermal	MJ	1.50E+00	0.00E+00	1.53E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	6.79E-01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

Programme-related information and verification

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☒ EPD verification by individual verifier

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Procedure for follow-up of data during EPD validity involves third party verifier:

☐ Yes ☒ No

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