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FABRICATED STEEL ROOF AND FLOOR DECK

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Nucor Corporation's Vulcraft/Verco Group is the largest producer of steel roof and floor deck in the United States. The company's steel decking products are primarily used in nonresidential building construction. Nine Vulcraft/Verco facilities have the capacity to produce and market as much as 560,000 tons of steel decking each year.

Nucor is North America's largest steel producer and recycler, turning approximately 20 million net tons of scrap steel in 2020 into new steel. Nucor uses Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) technology at each of its steel recycling facilities. EAFs use post-consumer scrap as its major feedstock, unlike traditional blast furnace steelmaking, which produces more than 70% of the world's steel using mined iron ore and metallurgical coal as feedstock.

Through its use of EAFs, Nucor's steelmaking CO₂ emissions are less than one-third of the global average on a per ton Basis, and Nucor's energy intensity is approximately one-quarter the global average.



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EPD PROGRAM AND PROGRAM OPERATOR NAME, ADDRESS, LOGO, AND WEBSITE	UL ENVIRONMENT 333 PFINGSTEN ROAD NORTHBROOK, IL 60611
GENERAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS AND VERSION NUMBER	General Program Instructions v2.5 March 2020
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DECLARATION NUMBER	4789971341.101.1
DECLARED PRODUCT & FUNCTIONAL UNIT OR DECLARED UNIT	Fabricated steel roof and floor deck, 1 metric ton
REFERENCE PCR AND VERSION NUMBER	Part A: Calculation Rules for the LCA and Requirements Project Report, (IBU/UL Environment, V3.2, 12.12.2018) and Part B: Designated Steel Construction Product EPD Requirements (UL Environment, V2.0, 08.26.2020).
DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT APPLICATION/USE	Steel deck used in construction
PRODUCT RSL DESCRIPTION (IF APPL.)	N/A
MARKETS OF APPLICABILITY	North America
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LCI DATABASE(S) & VERSION NUMBER	GaBi CUP 2021.1
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LIMITATIONS

Exclusions: EPDs do not indicate that any environmental or social performance benchmarks are met, and there may be impacts that they do not encompass. LCAs do not typically address the site-specific environmental impacts of raw material extraction, nor are they meant to assess human health toxicity. EPDs can complement but cannot replace tools and certifications that are designed to address these impacts and/or set performance thresholds – e.g. Type 1 certifications, health assessments and declarations, environmental impact assessments, etc.

Accuracy of Results: EPDs regularly rely on estimations of impacts; the level of accuracy in estimation of effect differs for any particular product line and reported impact.

Comparability: EPDs from different programs may not be comparable. Full conformance with a PCR allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered. 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.

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1. Product Definition and Information

Description of Organization

This environmental product declaration (EPD) represents steel deck products produced by Nucor Corporation (Nucor) in Antioch, CA, Chemung, NY, Florence, SC, Fontana, CA, Fort Payne, AL, Grapeland, TX, Norfolk, NE, Phoenix, AZ, and Saint Joe, IN. The overall recycled content of Vulcraft/Verco steel decking products (% by Total Weight) is available at Nucor.com and is updated on an annual basis. As a vertically integrated company, Nucor controls a large and growing part of its supply chain from scrap recycling to raw steelmaking to steel products and distribution. Vulcraft/Verco decking products are made using sheet steel produced by Nucor's Sheet Mill Group and other manufacturers. All of the steel produced by Nucor is 100% recyclable at the end of its useful life.

The primary feedstock for our recycled steel facilities is largely provided by Nucor's wholly-owned subsidiary, the David J. Joseph Company (DJJ). DJJ operates more than 60 scrap recycling facilities within close proximity to our steel mills, processing approximately 5,000,000 tons of ferrous scrap annually and provide an abundant supply of scrap to our steel mills. Having an abundant and reliable supply of recycled scrap within close proximity not only gives Nucor's steel mills a logistical and economic advantage over their competitors, but also a carbon footprint that is a fraction of the average steel producer.

In addition to ferrous scrap, Nucor sheet mills also use direct reduced iron (DRI) produced with natural gas as a raw material input to meet more stringent quality requirements for sheet steel products. Nucor annually produces and uses up to 4.5 million tons of DRI for use by its sheet mills. By using natural gas, Nucor's two DRI plants each emit about **ONE-HALF the CO₂** compared to iron produced in blast furnaces at integrated steel mills.

Product Description

Steel deck is typically manufactured by rolling or otherwise forming light gage steel coils into specific shapes. The coils are either galvanized or uncoated steel to which a coating of paint may be applied. Deck in this EPD represents product manufactured in North America.

Typical steel roof and floor deck panels are 0.04 – 0.08 meters in depth and are manufactured from 22 – 16 gage material. Greater depths and heavier material thicknesses are available. Floor deck panels that are used only as forms are typically shallower and are manufactured from lighter gage material.

Product Specification

Steel deck products are defined by the following standards.

- ANSI/SDI RD-2017 Standard for Steel Roof Deck
- ANSI/SDI NC-2017 Standard for Non-Composite Steel Floor Deck
- ANSI/SDI C-2017 Standard for Composite Steel Floor Deck-Slabs

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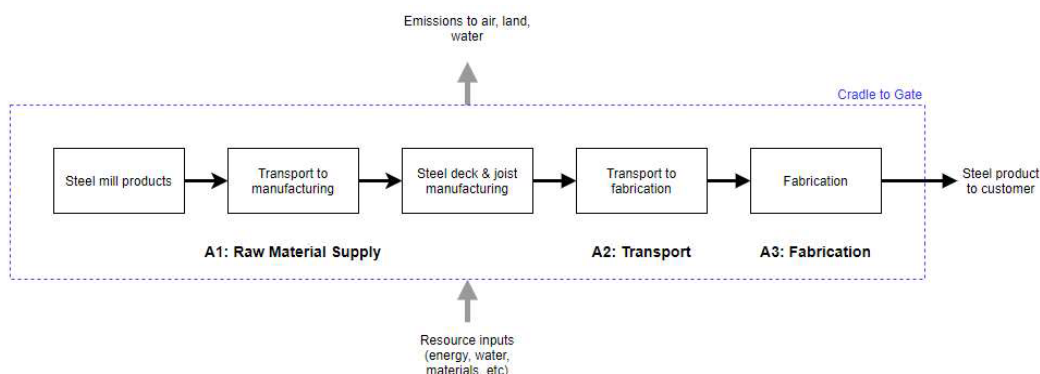
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Flow Diagram



Product Average

The 2019 and 2020 production data used in this EPD considers steel deck produced by Nucor during the year. The products are manufactured at 9 locations in the US. Results are weighted according to production totals at all locations. Facility-specific global warming potential results are provided in a separate table.

Application

Steel deck products are used as structural supports for building applications.

Technical Requirements

Technical data for the studied product can be found in the table below.

Table 1. Technical data for steel product

NAME	VALUE	UNIT
Density	7,800	kg/m ³
Melting point	1425-1450	°C
Electrical conductivity at 20°C	NA	% of IAC ⁸
Thermal conductivity	NA	W/(m-K)
Coefficient of thermal expansion	NA	m/m-°C
Modulus of elasticity	200,000	N/mm ²
Shear modulus	NA	N/mm ²
Specific heat capacity	NA	J/kg-°C
Hardness, Brinell Number	80-100	HB
Yield strength	250-550	N/mm ²
Ultimate tensile strength	410-655	N/mm ²
Breaking elongation	13-20	%
Chemical composition	Varies by ASTM Specification/Grade	% by mass

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Properties of Declared Product as Delivered

Steel deck can be fabricated (i.e., cut or otherwise modified) by a fabricator or shipped directly to a job site or end user.

Material Composition

Steel deck products are manufactured entirely from carbon steel; with a small amount of galvanized coating or paint applied. They do not contain any materials or substances for which there exists a route to exposure that leads to humans or flora/fauna in the environment being exposed to said materials or substances at levels exceeding safe health thresholds. The products do not contain any hazardous substances according to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Subtitle 3. The products do not release dangerous substances to the environment, including indoor air emissions, gamma or ionizing radiation, or chemicals released to air or leached to water and soil.

Manufacturing

Vulcraft/Verco manufactures steel deck from cold-rolled and hot dip galvanized coil, the major inputs; with a small amount of paint applied as a coating. Some process materials are needed, such as lubricants, welding gases and electrodes, and surface treatment chemicals. Energy is also needed to form the steel into a pattern of parallel ribs and to move the materials in the manufacturing facility. Metal scrap generated during manufacturing is recycled externally.

Fabrication results are taken from the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) industry average EPD (AISC, 2021).

Transportation

Transportation to the customer or construction site is outside the scope of this EPD.

Product Installation

Installation is outside the scope of this EPD.

Use

Product use is outside the scope of this EPD.

Reuse, Recycling, and Energy Recovery

Product reuse, recycling, and incineration for energy recovery is outside the scope of this EPD.

Disposal

Product disposal is outside the scope of this EPD.

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2. LCA Calculation Rules

Declared Unit

The declared unit is 1 metric ton of fabricated steel product. An alternative declared unit of 1 short ton is also presented.

System Boundary

Per the PCR, this cradle-to-gate analysis provides information on the Product Stage of the steel product life cycle, including modules A1, A2, and A3.

PRODUCT STAGE			CONSTRUCTION PROCESS STAGE		USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				BENEFITS AND LOADS BEYOND THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from gate to site	Assembly/Install	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Building Operational Energy Use During Product Use	Building Operational Water Use During Product Use	Deconstruction	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse, Recovery, Recycling Potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

Cut-off Rules

No cut-off criteria are defined for this study. The system boundary was defined based on relevance to the goals of the study. In cases where no matching life cycle inventories are available to represent a flow, proxy data have been applied based on conservative assumptions regarding environmental impacts.

Data Sources

The LCA model was created using the GaBi Software system for life cycle engineering, version 10, developed by Sphera (Sphera, 2021). Background life cycle inventory data for raw materials and processes were obtained from the GaBi 2021 databases. Primary manufacturing data were provided by Nucor.

Data Quality

A variety of tests and checks were performed by the LCA practitioner throughout the project to ensure high quality of the completed LCA. Checks included an extensive review of project-specific LCA models as well as the background data used.

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Geographical Coverage

Primary data represents production in the United States at the following Nucor facilities:

- Verco – Antioch, CA
- Verco – Fontana, CA
- Verco – Phoenix, AZ
- Vulcraft – Chemung, NY
- Vulcraft – Florence, SC
- Vulcraft – Fort Payne, AL
- Vulcraft – Grapeland, TX
- Vulcraft – Norfolk, NE
- Vulcraft – Saint Joe, IN

Regionally specific datasets, where available, were used to represent each manufacturing location's energy consumption. Proxy datasets were used as needed for raw material inputs to address lack of data for a specific material or for a specific geographical region. These proxy datasets were chosen for their technological representativeness of the actual materials.

Period under Review

Primary data collected represents production during the 2019 and 2020 calendar year. This analysis is intended to represent production in 2019.

Allocation

No multi-output allocation was required in the foreground system of the study. Allocation of background data (energy and materials) taken from the GaBi 2021 databases is documented online at <http://www.gabi-software.com/america/support/gabi/>

Estimates and Assumptions

The underlying study was conducted in accordance with the PCR. While this EPD has been developed by industry experts to best represent the product system, real life environmental impacts of steel deck products may extend beyond those defined in this document.

All of the raw materials and energy inputs have been modeled using processes and flows that closely follow actual production data on raw materials and processes. All of the reported material and energy flows have been accounted for.

Proxy data were applied to some materials where no matching life cycle inventories were available as documented in the background report.

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3. LCA Results

North American life cycle impact assessment (LCIA) results are declared using TRACI 2.1 methodology, with the exception of GWP which uses the IPCC AR5 methodology. LCIA results are relative expressions and do not predict actual impacts, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins or risks.

Fabrication requires 1.08 metric tons of steel deck per 1 metric ton of fabricated product (AISC, 2021). A1 includes production of all 1.08 metric tons of steel deck.

Table 2. LCIA results, per 1 metric ton

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL
GWP 100	kg CO ₂ eq.	2.15E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.29E+03
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	1.64E-09	8.67E-14	1.62E-09	3.26E-09
AP	kg SO ₂ eq.	5.02E+00	1.83E-01	1.52E-01	5.35E+00
EP	kg N eq.	2.67E-01	1.64E-02	1.23E-02	2.96E-01
SFP	kg O ₃ eq.	8.78E+01	4.44E+00	2.23E+00	9.45E+01
ADP _{fossil}	MJ surplus	1.96E+03	7.16E+01	1.04E+02	2.14E+03

Table 3. LCIA results, per 1 short ton

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL
GWP 100	kg CO ₂ eq.	1.95E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	2.08E+03
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	1.49E-09	7.87E-14	1.47E-09	2.96E-09
AP	kg SO ₂ eq.	4.55E+00	1.66E-01	1.38E-01	4.86E+00
EP	kg N eq.	2.42E-01	1.49E-02	1.12E-02	2.68E-01
SFP	kg O ₃ eq.	7.97E+01	4.02E+00	2.02E+00	8.57E+01
ADP _{fossil}	MJ surplus	1.78E+03	6.50E+01	9.40E+01	1.94E+03

Comparability: Comparisons cannot be made between product-specific or industry average EPDs at the design stage of a project before a building has been specified. Comparisons may be made between product-specific or industry average EPDs at the time of product purchase when product performance and specifications have been established and serve as a functional unit for comparison. Environmental impact results shall be converted to a functional unit basis before any comparison is attempted.

Any comparison of EPDs shall be subject to the requirements of ISO 21930. EPDs are not comparative assertions and are either not comparable or have limited comparability when they have different system boundaries, are based on different product category rules or are missing relevant environmental impacts. Such comparison can be inaccurate, and could lead to erroneous selection of materials or products which are higher-impact, at least in some impact categories.

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Table 4. Resource use results, per 1 metric ton

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL
RPR _E	MJ LHV	1.64E+03	6.24E+01	2.16E+02	1.92E+03
RPR _M	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRPR _E	MJ LHV	2.74E+04	6.91E+02	1.47E+03	2.95E+04
NRPR _M	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.26E+01	1.26E+01
SM	kg	6.81E+02	0.00E+00	7.52E-01	6.81E+02
RSF	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRSF	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RE	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
FW	m ³	8.53E+00	1.81E-01	6.82E-01	9.40E+00

Table 5. Resource use results, per 1 short ton

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL
RPR _E	MJ LHV	1.49E+03	5.66E+01	1.96E+02	1.74E+03
RPR _M	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRPR _E	MJ LHV	2.48E+04	6.27E+02	1.33E+03	2.68E+04
NRPR _M	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.14E+01	1.14E+01
SM	kg	6.18E+02	0.00E+00	6.82E-01	6.18E+02
RSF	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRSF	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RE	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
FW	m ³	7.74E+00	1.64E-01	6.19E-01	8.52E+00

Table 6. Output flows and waste categories results, per 1 metric ton

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL
HWD	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.32E-01	3.32E-01
NHWD	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	9.66E+00	9.66E+00
HLRW	kg	1.41E-03	3.16E-05	1.18E-04	1.56E-03
ILLRW	kg	1.18E+00	2.64E-02	9.85E-02	1.31E+00
CRU	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MR	kg	5.01E+00	0.00E+00	7.71E+01	8.21E+01
MER	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EE	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

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Table 7. Output flows and waste categories results, per 1 short ton

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL
HWD	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	3.01E-01	3.01E-01
NHWD	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	8.76E+00	8.76E+00
HLRW	kg	1.28E-03	2.87E-05	1.07E-04	1.42E-03
ILLRW	kg	1.07E+00	2.40E-02	8.93E-02	1.18E+00
CRU	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MR	kg	4.55E+00	0.00E+00	6.99E+01	7.45E+01
MER	kg	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EE	MJ LHV	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

To align with the PCR, “product specific EPDs which include averaging shall report the range of results for all IPCC AR5 and TRACI indicators for products included in the average.” Averaging across manufacturing facilities was used in this EPD. Fabrication represents the US average; therefore, it does not change between sites.

Table 8. LCIA results, variation per 1 metric ton

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1 (MIN)	A1 (MAX)	A2	A3	TOTAL (MIN)	TOTAL (MAX)
GWP 100	kg CO ₂ eq.	2.01E+03	2.48E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.15E+03	2.63E+03
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	-2.20E-12	2.66E-09	8.67E-14	1.62E-09	1.62E-09	4.28E-09
AP	kg SO ₂ eq.	4.73E+00	5.32E+00	1.83E-01	1.52E-01	5.07E+00	5.65E+00
EP	kg N eq.	2.43E-01	2.92E-01	1.64E-02	1.23E-02	2.72E-01	3.21E-01
SFP	kg O ₃ eq.	7.99E+01	9.72E+01	4.44E+00	2.23E+00	8.66E+01	1.04E+02
ADP _{fossil}	MJ surplus	1.84E+03	2.08E+03	7.16E+01	1.04E+02	2.02E+03	2.25E+03

Table 9. LCIA results, variation per 1 short ton

PARAMETER	UNIT	A1 (MIN)	A1 (MAX)	A2	A3	TOTAL (MIN)	TOTAL (MAX)
GWP 100	kg CO ₂ eq.	1.82E+03	2.25E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	1.95E+03	2.38E+03
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	-2.00E-12	2.42E-09	7.87E-14	1.47E-09	1.47E-09	3.89E-09
AP	kg SO ₂ eq.	4.29E+00	4.82E+00	1.66E-01	1.38E-01	4.60E+00	5.13E+00
EP	kg N eq.	2.20E-01	2.65E-01	1.49E-02	1.12E-02	2.46E-01	2.91E-01
SFP	kg O ₃ eq.	7.25E+01	8.82E+01	4.02E+00	2.02E+00	7.86E+01	9.42E+01
ADP _{fossil}	MJ surplus	1.67E+03	1.88E+03	6.50E+01	9.40E+01	1.83E+03	2.04E+03

4. LCA Interpretation

Figure 1 presents the relative contribution of the A1, A2, and A3 modules to the total.

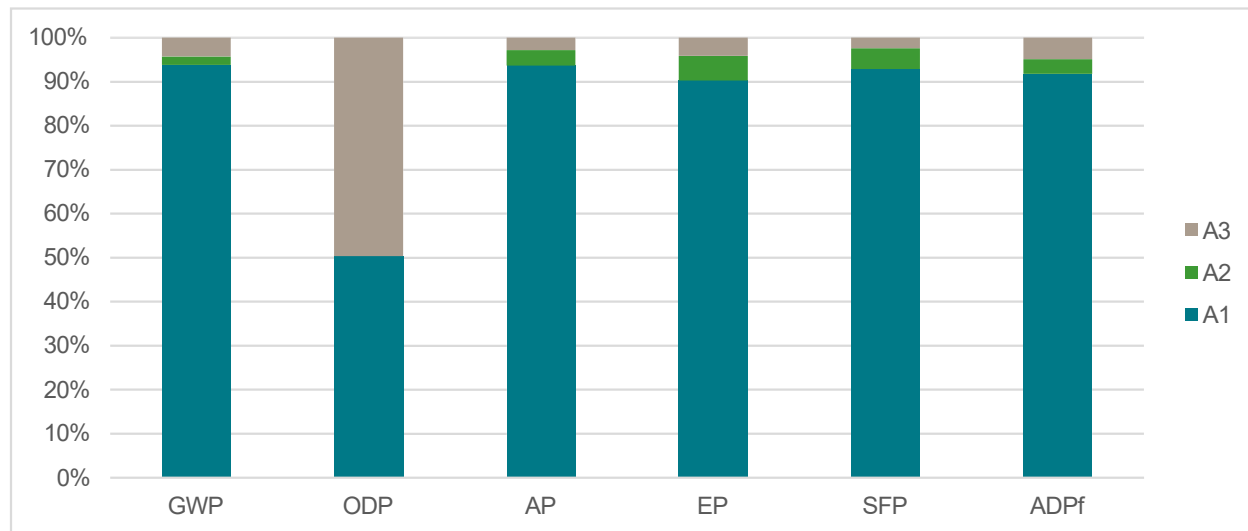


Figure 1: Relative contribution by life cycle stage for fabricated product

The vast majority of potential environmental impacts is driven by the upstream burdens of steelmaking, therefore A1 is the dominant contributor across LCIA indicators. ODP is also driven by use of electricity in fabrication, due to the background datasets used for electricity generation.

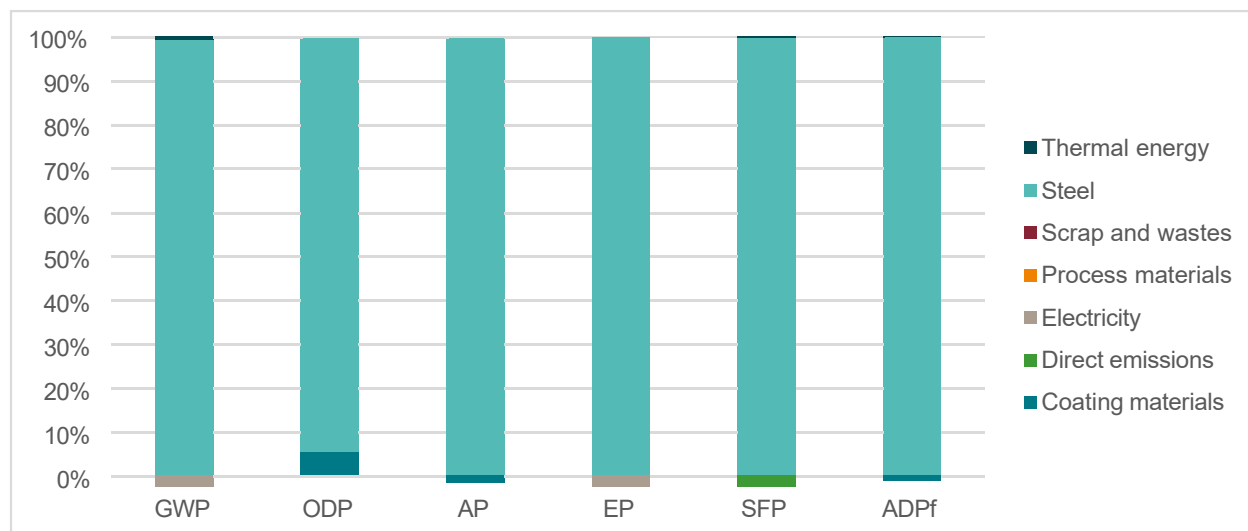


Figure 2: Relative contribution of manufacturing components for unfabricated product

To better understand sources of potential environmental impacts in Nucor's manufacturing process, Figure 2 presents relative results for steel deck manufacturing (A1 only). Potential environmental impacts for steel deck manufacturing

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are dominated by upstream burdens of steelmaking.

Facility-Specific GWP100 Results

Vulcraft/Vercor's steel deck products are manufactured at 9 different facilities. The results presented in the LCA Results section above represent a production-weighted average of these facilities. To understand how the GWP may vary between sites, facility-specific GWP100 results are presented below, per metric ton and per short ton.

Table 10: Facility-specific GWP100 results, per 1 metric ton fabricated product and 1 metric ton unfabricated product

GWP [KG CO ₂ EQ.]	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL	CRADLE-TO-GATE, UNFABRICATED*
Antioch, CA	2.48E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.63E+03	2.30E+03
Chemung, NY	2.03E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.17E+03	1.88E+03
Florence, SC	2.03E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.17E+03	1.88E+03
Fontana, CA	2.48E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.62E+03	2.29E+03
Fort Payne, AL	2.14E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.29E+03	1.99E+03
Grapeland, TX	2.01E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.15E+03	1.86E+03
Norfolk, NE	2.11E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.25E+03	1.96E+03
Phoenix, AZ	2.34E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.48E+03	2.17E+03
Saint Joe, IN	2.09E+03	4.46E+01	9.67E+01	2.23E+03	1.93E+03

* Per 1 metric ton unfabricated steel deck

Table 11: Facility-specific GWP100 results, per 1 short ton fabricated product and 1 short ton unfabricated product

GWP [KG CO ₂ EQ.]	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL	CRADLE-TO-GATE, UNFABRICATED*
Antioch, CA	2.25E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	2.38E+03	2.09E+03
Chemung, NY	1.84E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	1.97E+03	1.71E+03
Florence, SC	1.84E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	1.97E+03	1.71E+03
Fontana, CA	2.25E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	2.38E+03	2.08E+03
Fort Payne, AL	1.95E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	2.07E+03	1.80E+03
Grapeland, TX	1.82E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	1.95E+03	1.69E+03
Norfolk, NE	1.92E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	2.04E+03	1.77E+03
Phoenix, AZ	2.12E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	2.25E+03	1.97E+03
Saint Joe, IN	1.89E+03	4.05E+01	8.77E+01	2.02E+03	1.75E+03

* Per 1 short ton unfabricated steel deck

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5. Additional Environmental Information

Environment and Health During Manufacturing

Refer to the Vulcraft Steel Deck & Steel Accessories SDS¹ for additional environmental and health protection during the product manufacturing process. Be sure to follow all recommended handling and product manufacturing guidance.

Environmental Activities and Certifications

ISO 14001: Vulcraft/Verco facilities operate aggressive and sustainable environmental programs that incorporate the concept of individual employee, as well as management responsibility for environmental performance. All of Vulcraft/Verco's operations are ISO 14001 certified. Achieving ISO 14001 certification means that each plant has put an environmental management system in place with measurable targets and objectives, such as minimizing electricity use and implementing recycling programs. Many of our facilities have incorporated energy efficiency targets to reduce both cost and environmental impacts into their environmental management systems. These environmental management systems help facilitate compliance with our environmental commitment, which is every Nucor teammate's responsibility. Nucor's environmental program maintains a high level of ongoing training, commitment, outreach and visibility.

Waste and Water Recycling: Vulcraft/Verco facilities are either Small Quantity or Very Small Quantity hazardous waste generators. Most of the waste generated by the plants are recycled (scrap metal) or reused. By recycling this material, Vulcraft/Verco is not only acting in a sustainable, responsible manner but is also substantially limiting its potential for future liability under both CERCLA and RCRA.

Because Vulcraft/Verco long ago implemented environmental practices that have resulted in the responsible disposal of waste materials, Vulcraft/Verco is also not presently considered a major contributor to any major cleanups under CERCLA for which Vulcraft/Verco has been named a potentially responsible party.

Vulcraft/Verco also recognizes that water is a critical natural resource and is essential to our business and the communities in which we operate. Water used in process is either recirculated (closed loop) for cooling or continuously recirculated in the mill process. Currently there are no Vulcraft/Verco facilities located in a High or Extremely High Water Stress Area.

In addition to its routine compliance costs, Nucor budgets over \$10 million in capital spending related to environmental improvement projects every year.

Safety: The top priority for Nucor, Vulcraft's parent company, is to become the safest steel company in the world. This is accomplished through the empowerment of each and every teammate to hold one another accountable to work safely. In 2020, Nucor had its best safety performance in company history. Five Vulcraft/Verco facilities – Alabama, Indiana, Nebraska Texas and Verco Phoenix – have achieved OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) status, which recognizes companies that voluntarily exceed the safety standards required by law. Vulcraft South Carolina and Utah, as well as Verco Decking, Inc. have received the Nucor President's Safety Award, which is awarded to Nucor Divisions with an IIR and DART rate 2/3 below the national average for comparable facilities. At Vulcraft/Verco, nothing is more important than our teammates returning home safely to their families after each and every shift.

¹<https://vulcraft.com/files/SDS/SDS-deck%2012.21.2015.pdf>



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Clean Energy Investments: As America's cleanest and most efficient steel company, Nucor is extending beyond its fence line to lower its carbon footprint by investing in the development of new clean wind and solar power generation capacity. Nucor is currently supporting the development of more than 350MW, of new clean energy infrastructure, making us the 7th largest corporate buyer of renewable energy in America. Since November 2019, Nucor has entered two Virtual Power Purchase Agreements, which will enable the construction of 250MW of new solar energy and 100MW of new wind energy in Texas. Together, these two projects are equal to the electricity usage of nearly 70,000 Texas homes, and have the potential to supply renewable power to the regional electric grid 24-hours a day.

Environmental Training: In 2015, Nucor established Nucor Environmental University (NEU), an online training platform for Nucor teammates with environmental responsibilities and others looking to expand their involvement with the environmental team. From the beginning, Nucor designed this program to help teammates develop a thorough and meaningful understanding of environmental compliance.

NEU has had over 1,000 active users since its inception in 2015, and Nucor teammates have completed nearly 10,000 environmental training courses, passed over 6,600 training exams, and helped develop dozens of courses. Because of NEU, Nucor's teammates are better prepared to meet the demands of environmental compliance and achieve Nucor's goal of being a sustainable organization.

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