# VERSAWALL V / V+ INSULATED METAL PANELS

WALL IMP SYSTEMS





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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. EPD Content

#### 1.1. Description of Company/Organization

CENTRIA is a recognized leader in the advancement of building cladding, panel, and façade technology, serving the architectural, commercial, industrial and cold storage industries with energy efficient and cost-effective cladding and insulated metal wall and roof panels. Aware of the increasing interest in transparent reporting of products' environmental performance, CENTRIA seeks to demonstrate their sustainability leadership and leverage business value through evaluating the environmental profile of insulated metal panels (IMPs) and cladding and communicating the results via environmental product declarations (EPDs).

## 1.2. Product Description

Insulated metal panels in their simplest form are rigid foam sandwiched between two sheets of coated metal. Steel panel facings create a vapor, air, and moisture barrier and provide long-term thermal stability. The panels are produced in a variety of styles and sizes depending on application. Panels are then cut to length, packaged, and distributed to construction sites.

CENTRIA products are used in a multitude of building coverage applications and offer a wide range of benefits, including aesthetics, durability, rain screening, fireproofing, and reduced energy costs, with each product type offering its own unique properties.

This EPD focuses on the Versawall V and Versawall V+ IMP product line as seen in Table 1. A flow diagram depicting the manufacturing process can be found in Figure 3.

Table 1: Panel products under study

NAME	VERSAWALL V AND V+
Weight [lbs. / sq. ft.]	2.1 – 4.3
Sheet metal gauge	20 – 26 ga.

Manufacturing information for the aforementioned products was supplied by the CENTRIA facility in Sheridan, AR.

#### 1.3. Application

CENTRIA's commercial & industrial insulated metal panels deliver the industry's best combination of aesthetics, performance, sustainability and value. These lightweight panels provide tremendous flexibility with long lengths, various finish options and superior weather resistance, as well as vertical installation capability. These panels are the ideal product to create a modern aesthetic for large-scale buildings like warehouses, industrial facilities, schools and shopping centers.

## 1.4. Declaration of Methodological Framework





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The production stage (i.e., cradle-to-gate), including raw material extraction and processing, processing of secondary material, transport to the manufacturer, and manufacturing, is required by the PCR. The PCR considers installation, use, end-of-life, and recovery stages (modules A4 through D) as optional. As such, this study excludes the optional stages. Since this is a "cradle-to-gate" study, the products are not declared as fulfilling a building reference service life. This study also excludes construction of capital equipment, including tools used to produce, install and maintain the products; maintenance and operation of support equipment; human labor and commute; building energy consumption; and all other impacts associated with the use stage relative to energy use for the building in which the product is installed. The included and excluded life cycle stages are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Life cycle modules included in EPD

Р	Production		Installation			Use stage						End-o	of-Life		Next product system	
Raw material supply (extraction, processing recycled material)	Transport to manufacturer	Manufacturing	Transport to building site	Installation into building	Use / application	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	Deconstruction / demolition	Transport to EoL	Waste processing for reuse, recovery or recycling		Reuse, recovery or recycling potential
A1	A2	А3	A4	A5	B1	B2	В3	B4	B5	В6	В7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
Х	Х	Х	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND	MND

X = declared module; MND = module not declared

#### 1.5. Technical Data

Substrate Performance	
AISI S100	North American Specification for the Design of Cold-Formed Steel Structural Members
ASTM A653	Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process
ASTM A792	Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, 55 % Aluminum-Zinc Alloy-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process
ASTM A924	Standard Specification for General Requirements for Steel Sheet, Metallic-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process







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ASTM C1363 Standard Test Method for Thermal Performance of Building

Materials and Envelope Assemblies by Means of a Hot Box

**Apparatus** 

ASTM E72 Standard Test Methods of Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for

**Building Construction** 

ASTM E90 Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne

Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements

ASTM E283 Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through

Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified

Pressure Differences Across the

ASTM E330 Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior

Windows, Doors, Skylights and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air

Pressure Difference

ASTM E331 Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows,

Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure

Difference

FM 4481 FM Global Approval Standard for Class 1 Exterior Wall Systems

**Paint Finish Performance** 

ASTM B117 Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus

ASTM D523 Standard Test Method for Specular Gloss

ASTM D968 Standard Test Methods for Abrasion Resistance of Organic Coatings

by Falling Abrasive

ASTM D2244 Standard Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color

Differences from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates

ASTM D2247 Standard Practice for Testing Water Resistance of Coatings in 100%

Relative Humidity

ASTM D2794 Standard Test Method for Resistance of Organic Coatings to the

Effects of Rapid Deformation (Impact)

ASTM D4214 Standard Test Methods for Evaluating the Degree of Chalking of

**Exterior Paint Films** 







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**Fire Performance** 

ASTM E84 Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of

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ASTM E119 Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and

Materials

FM 4480 FM Global Approval Standard for Class 1 Fire Rating of Building

Panels or Interior Finish Materials

NFPA 259 Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials

NFPA 268 Standard Test Method for Determining Ignitability of Exterior Wall

Assemblies Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source

NFPA 285 Standard Fire Test Method for Evaluation of Fire Propagation

Characteristics of Exterior Wall Assemblies Containing Combustible

Components

## **Model Codes or Standards**

International Building Code

Local Building Code

ASCE/SEI 7 – Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

**UL-Building Materials Directory** 

**UL- Fire Resistance Directory** 

ASHRAE, TIMA –[Handbook of Fundamentals & Insulation Requirements]

SMACNA, [Architectural Sheet Metal Manual – Gutter design and flashing details]

FS HH-I-1972)-([Insulation Board Thermal Faced, Polyurethane or Polyisocyanurate])

FMRC-Approval Guide

**FMRC-Specification Tested Products Guide** 

ANSI B18.6.4 – [Steel Self-Tapping Screw Standard]

SAE J78 Self Drilling Tapping Screws

MCA Technical Bulletin, Fastener Selection Guidelines, 2008

AAMA 501-[Method of Test for Metal Curtain Walls]

## 1.6. Properties of Declared Product as Delivered

Versawall V and V+ IMPs come in a variety of sizes and configurations customized to each project's requirements. Technical properties of the Versawall products under study can be seen in Table 3.









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**Table 3: Product properties** 

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PARAMETER	Unit	VERSAWALL V AND V+			
Thickness	inch	2 – 4"			
Length	feet	6 – 52'			
Width	inch	30 – 36"			
Weight	lb. / sq. ft.	3.05			

#### 1.7. Material Composition

The main components that make up the Versawall product are show below in Table 4.

Table 4: Versawall material composition

MATERIAL	% COMPOSITION
Steel coil	78%
Methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI)	13%
Polyester polyol	6%
Sealant and adhesive	1%
Blowing agent	1%
Preblended foam	<1%

Steel coil represents steel that has been rolled out into sheets (20 through 26 gauge) and hot-dipped galvanized.

<u>Polyester polyol</u> is one of the primary components of polyisocyanurate and is typically produced by polymerizing propylene oxide and ethylene oxide.

Methylene diphenyl diisocyanate (MDI) is another primary component of polyurethane.

<u>Blowing agent</u> is an inert gas to facilitate the formation of foam. A blend of cyclopentane and isopentane is used as blowing agent.

<u>Catalysts</u> are used to balance the reaction between polyester polyol and MDI that produces polyurethane.

#### 1.8. Manufacturing







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IMPs consist of a polyisocyanurate foam core sandwiched between two sheets of steel. These panels are manufactured on a continuous production line. In IMP production, foam chemicals are mixed and injected in-line between the two steel sheets; preblended foam is also used in CENTRIA's operations. CENTRIA uses a blend of cyclopentane and isopentane as a blowing agent. Emissions mainly occur during foam injection between metal sheets. Blowing agent loss rate during manufacturing is estimated as 5% of received material. Foam scrap sent to landfill is assumed to emit 50% of the blowing agent entrapped within the material.

Once the foam has cured, panels are cut to length, packaged, and distributed to construction sites. All finished cladding products are packaged in custom built wooden crates, along with a variety of protective materials, including expanded polystyrene, corrugate, oriented strand board, paper, and plastic film shrink wrap.

Ancillary materials, such as lubricants and sealants, were also used to facilitate operations. Utilities including municipal water, electricity, natural gas, and propane were also used on site at manufacturing facilities. Materials used during installation and manufactured by CENTRIA, such as clips, fasteners, and flashing, were included in this study.

Figure 3 shows a cradle-to-gate flow diagram of IMP production.

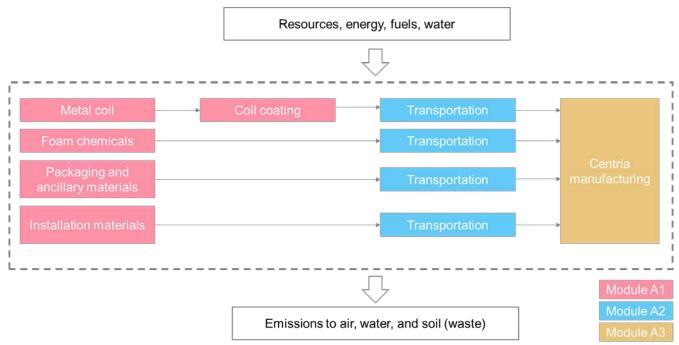


Figure 1: IMP cradle-to-gate flow diagram

IMPs are offered in a variety of profiles and sizes depending on the need of the project, as seen in Figure 4.





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Figure 2: Examples of Versawall V and V+ IMP products

## 1.9. Packaging

IMP products are packaged in custom built crates, consutructed with lumber and plywood. Packaging materials also include plastic stretch film, paper, cardboard, and expanded polystyrene (EPS).

#### 1.10. Transportation

Average transportation distances and modes of transport are used to model the transport of the raw materials, operating materials, and auxiliary materials to the Sheridan production facilities.

# 2. Life Cycle Assessment Background Information

## 2.1. Functional Unit

The main purpose of IMPs is to provide thermal insulation and weather protection for building walls and roofs. The panels create barriers that control noise, water, air, and thermal transmission between an external environment and interior building space. Accordingly, the PCR's declared unit for metal panels is the coverage of 100 square meters (1076.4 square feet) of building area. The coverage area refers to the projected flat area covered by the product as output by the final manufacturing process step and does not account for losses due to overlap and scrap during installation.

Table 5: Reference flows

NAME	VERSAWALL
Declared unit [m²]	100
Product mass [kg / 100 m <sup>2</sup> ]*	1,523

<sup>\*</sup>Product mass includes installation materials

## 2.2. System Boundary





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A "cradle-to-gate" life cycle analysis was conducted. Within these boundaries, only the product stage (A1 - A3)—raw material supply, inbound transport of raw materials to manufacturing facility, manufacturing—is considered. The construction stage (A4 - A5), building use stage (B1 - B7), and end-of-life stage (C1 - C4) were not assessed, nor were the construction and maintenance of capital equipment (e.g., production equipment). Additionally, human labor and employee commute were not included in the analysis.

#### 2.3. Estimates and Assumptions

This study was based on primary data collected at the CENTRIA Sheridan, AR facility. Datasets selected to represent the production of raw materials by upstream suppliers are based on regional or global averages rather than on primary data collected directly from CENTRIA supply chains. When selecting these datasets, a conservative approach was applied in that datasets associated with higher impacts were used when there were multiple possible options. However, these choices were not shown to significantly affect results.

Secondly, this study was conducted in accordance with a PCR. While this guidance document has been developed by industry experts to best represent this product system, real life environmental impacts of aluminum cladding products may extend beyond those defined in this document.

This study assumes that 5% of blowing agent used in the IMP production process are emitted during manufacturing. However, actual blowing agent releases may vary and additional releases may take place during subsequent life cycle stages.

#### 2.4. Cut-off Criteria

Data were included whenever possible. If it was necessary to exclude materials in order to facilitate the analysis, only flows representing less than 1% of the cumulative mass of the product system were excluded, providing their environmental relevance was judged not to be a concern.

Packaging of incoming raw materials (e.g. pallets) are excluded as they represent less than 1% of the product mass and are not environmentally relevant. Capital goods and infrastructure required to produce metal panel and cladding products are presumed to produce millions of units to over the course of their life, so impact of a single functional unit attributed to this equipment is negligible; therefore, capital goods and infrastructure were excluded from this study.

#### 2.5. Data Sources

As a general rule, specific data derived from specific production processes or average data derived from specific production processes shall be the first choice as a basis for calculating LCA results.

For life cycle modeling of the considered products, the GaBi Software System for Life Cycle Engineering, developed by Sphera, was used. All relevant background datasets were taken from the GaBi 2019 software database (service pack 39). The datasets from the GaBi database are documented in the online documentation (Sphera, 2019).

#### 2.6. Data Quality

A variety of tests and checks were performed throughout the project to ensure high quality of the completed LCA.







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Checks included an extensive review of project-specific LCA models as well as the background data used.

#### **Temporal Coverage**

All of the primary data is taken from 12 months of continuous operation in the 2018 fiscal year. All secondary data were obtained from the GaBi 2019 databases and published EPDs. Data are representative of the years 2010 to 2018

#### **Geographical Coverage**

All primary and secondary data were collected specific to the countries or regions under study. Where country-specific or region-specific data were unavailable, proxy data were used. In the case of steel coil, a dataset representative of global production was used.

#### **Technological Coverage**

All primary and secondary data were modeled to be specific to the technologies or technology mixes under study. Where technology-specific data were unavailable, proxy data were used.

#### 2.7. Reference Period

CENTRIA provided annual data for 2018.

#### 2.8. Allocation

Since only facility level data were available, input and output flows were allocated among the facility's co-products to determine the flows associated with the products analyzed. Allocation of materials was done on an mass-basis as appropriate.

End-of-life allocation generally follows the requirements of ISO 14044, section 4.3.4.3 and the product category rule. (UL Environment, 2018). Under the PCR, the product life cycle is modeled using the cut-off approach. Scrap inputs to manufacturing are reported under the secondary materials metric.

Processing and recycling of the net amount of scrap leaving the system (i.e., scrap outputs minus secondary material inputs) is not included in this study.

#### 2.9. Comparability

No comparisons or benchmarking is included in this EPD. LCA results across EPDs can be calculated with different background databases, modeling assumptions, geographic scope and time periods, all of which are valid and acceptable according to the Product Category Rules (PCR) and ISO standards. Caution should be used when attempting to compare EPD results.

#### 3. Scenarios and Additional Technical Information

This EPD represents a cradle-to-gate analysis; as such, no additional information is provided as the downstream modules are not declared.







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# 4. Life Cycle Assessment Results

Cradle-to-gate life cycle impact assessment results are shown for TRACI 2.1 characterization factors. These results are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints such as human health or ecosystem quality, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins, or risks.

With respect to global warming potential, biogenic carbon is not considered as the declared products only use biogenic materials for packaging. For packaging, no credit was given for the sequestration of biogenic carbon during the growth of plants used in plant-derived packaging materials. Since the lifetime of plant-derived packaging materials is shorter than the 100 year time horizon of this impact category (GWP 100), GWP including biogenic carbon is not reported. Table 5 through Table 7 provide descriptions of the environmental metric acronyms.

Table 6: Impact assessment results

ACRONYM	NAME	TRACI 2.1 UNIT
GWP	Global Warming Potential	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]
ODP	Ozone Depletion Potential	[kg CFC-11 eq.]
AP	Acidification Potential	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.]
EP	Eutrophication Potential	[kg N eq.]
SFP	Smog Formation Potential	[kg O <sub>3</sub> eq.]
ADPF	Abiotic Depletion Potential - Fossil	[MJ, LHV]

Table 7: LCI Results: Resource Use

ACRONYM	Name	Unit
RPRE	Renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ, LHV]
RPRM	Renewable primary energy resources as material utilization	[MJ, LHV]
RPRT	Total use of renewable primary energy resources	[MJ, LHV]
NRPRE	Non-renewable primary energy as energy carrier	[MJ, LHV]
NRPRM	Non-renewable primary energy as material-utilization	[MJ, LHV]
NRPRT	Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources	[MJ, LHV]
SM	Use of secondary material	[kg]
RSF	Use of renewable secondary fuels	[MJ, LHV]
NRSF	Use of non-renewable secondary fuels	[MJ, LHV]
RE	Recovered energy	[MJ, LHV]
FW	Use of fresh water	[m <sup>3</sup> ]

Table 8: LCI Results: Output Flows and Waste

ACRONYM	NAME	Unit
HWD	Hazardous waste disposed	[kg]
NHWD	Non-hazardous waste disposed	[kg]
HLRW	High-level radioactive waste, condition, to final repository	[kg]







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ILLRW	Intermediate- and low-level radioactive waste, conditioned, to final repository	[kg]
CRU	Components for re-use	[kg]
MFR	Materials for recycling	[kg]
MER	Materials for energy recovery	[kg]
EET	Exported energy	[MJ]





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## 4.1. Life Cycle Impact Assessment Results

Table 9: North American Impact Assessment Results - Versawall

PARAMETER	UNIT	Total	A1	A2	А3
GWP	[kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	6.76E+03	5.91E+03	1.92E+02	6.60E+02
ODP	[kg CFC-11 eq.]	8.50E-05	8.48E-05	-1.07E-12	2.04E-07
AP	[kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq.]	1.50E+01	1.28E+01	9.67E-01	1.19E+00
EP	[kg N eq.]	8.82E-01	7.30E-01	7.99E-02	7.14E-02
SFP	[kg O <sub>3</sub> eq.]	2.55E+02	2.07E+02	2.20E+01	2.54E+01
ADPF	Surplus MJ	8.29E+03	6.65E+03	3.77E+02	1.26E+03

## 4.2. Life Cycle Inventory Results

Table 10: Resource Use - Versawall

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PARAMETER	Unit	TOTAL	A1	A2	A3
RPRE	[MJ, LHV]	3.25E+03	2.58E+03	8.77E+01	5.86E+02
RPRM	[MJ, LHV]	1.64E+03	6.86E+00	0.00E+00	1.63E+03
RPRT	[MJ, LHV]	4.89E+03	2.58E+03	8.77E+01	2.22E+03
NRPRE	[MJ, LHV]	9.72E+04	8.22E+04	2.83E+03	1.22E+04
NRPRM	[MJ, LHV]	1.30E+04	1.24E+04	0.00E+00	6.51E+02
NRPRT	[MJ, LHV]	1.10E+05	9.46E+04	2.83E+03	1.29E+04
SM	[kg]	9.09E+01	9.09E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
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	[m3]	2.63E+01	2.26E+01	3.40E-01	3.45E+00

Table 11: Output Flows and Waste Categories - Versawall

PARAMETER	Unit	TOTAL	A1	A2	А3
HWD	[kg]	4.27E-03	4.13E-03	2.30E-05	1.17E-04
NHWD	[kg]	1.79E+02	1.75E+02	1.07E-01	4.44E+00
HLRW	[kg]	1.82E-03	9.37E-04	7.57E-06	8.76E-04
ILLRW	[kg]	4.42E-02	2.00E-02	2.04E-04	2.40E-02
CRU	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
MFR	[kg]	2.40E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	2.40E+01
MER	[kg]	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
EET	[MJ]	6.25E-01	7.26E-03	0.00E+00	6.18E-01





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# 5. LCA Interpretation

Nearly the entirety of burdens for all categories fall within module A1 (production of raw materials). Within raw materials production, the majority of impact categories are driven by the production of steel.

Though some raw materials are transported vast distances, the inbound transportation module (A2) has a modest contribution to overall impact.

Manufacturing (A3) impacts were mainly driven by utility use and had modest contribution to overall impact.

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