



## Canadian Institute of Steel Construction (CISC) Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)

### Fabricated Hollow Structural Steel Sections (Unpainted)



TM  
Environmental  
Product  
Declaration

CSA Group Registered  
Based on ISO 14025  
and Other Requirements

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The development of this industry average environmental product declaration (EPD) for **fabricated hollow structural steel sections (unpainted) manufactured in Canada** was commissioned by the **Canadian Institute of Steel Construction (CISC)**. This Type III EPD was developed in compliance with CAN/CSA-ISO 14025.

This EPD includes life cycle assessment (LCA) results for raw material supply, transport and manufacturing (cradle-to-gate). The LCA was performed by Groupe AGÉCO.


CISC fabricators authorized to use this industry average EPD are listed here: <http://www.cisc-icca.ca/sustainability/EPD>.

For more information about CISC, please go to [www.cisc-icca.ca](http://www.cisc-icca.ca).

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This environmental product declaration (EPD) is in accordance with CAN/CSA-ISO 14025, ISO 21930:2017 and the PCR noted below. EPDs within the same product category but from different programs may not be comparable.

<b>EPD program operator</b>	CSA Group  178 Rexdale Blvd, Toronto, ON, Canada M9W 1R3 <a href="http://www.csagroup.org">www.csagroup.org</a>
<b>General program instructions</b>	CSA-SDP-5-13 CSA Group program operator rules for Type III environmental product declarations (2013)
<b>Manufacturer name and address</b>	Canadian Institute of Steel Construction (CISC) 445 Apple Creek Blvd., Suite 102, Markham ON, Canada L3R 9X7 <a href="http://www.cisc-icca.ca">www.cisc-icca.ca</a>
<b>Declaration number</b>	#6333-3310
<b>Declaration product &amp; declared unit</b>	1 metric ton and 1 short ton of unpainted fabricated hollow structural steel sections with a density of 7,800 kg/m <sup>3</sup> or 487 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>
<b>Reference PCR and version number</b>	Product Category Rule Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part A: Life Cycle Assessment Calculation Rules and Report Requirements (version 3.2) UL Environment Product Category Rule Guidance for Building-Related Products and Services Part B: Designated Steel Construction Product EPD Requirements (version 2.0) UL Environment Valid until August 2025 UN CPC code: 412
<b>Markets of applicability</b>	Canada
<b>Date of issue</b>	December 13, 2021
<b>Period of validity</b>	December 13, 2021 – December 12, 2026
<b>EPD type</b>	Industry-average
<b>Dataset variability</b>	See Table 7, page 16
<b>EPD scope</b>	Cradle-to-gate A1-A3
<b>Year(s) of reported primary data</b>	January 2019-December 2020
<b>LCA software &amp; version number</b>	SimaPro 9
<b>LCI database(s) &amp; version number</b>	Ecoinvent 3.6 Background dataset for North American hot-rolled coil, published by American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI, 2020) LCI of steel scrap from Worldsteel Association (2021)
<b>LCIA methodology &amp; version number</b>	TRACI 2.1

**The sub-category PCR review was conducted by:**

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**This declaration was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025:2006. The UL Environment "Part A: Calculation Rules for the Life Cycle Assessment and Requirements on the Project Report," v3.2 (December 2018), in conformance with 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 the reference PCR by:**

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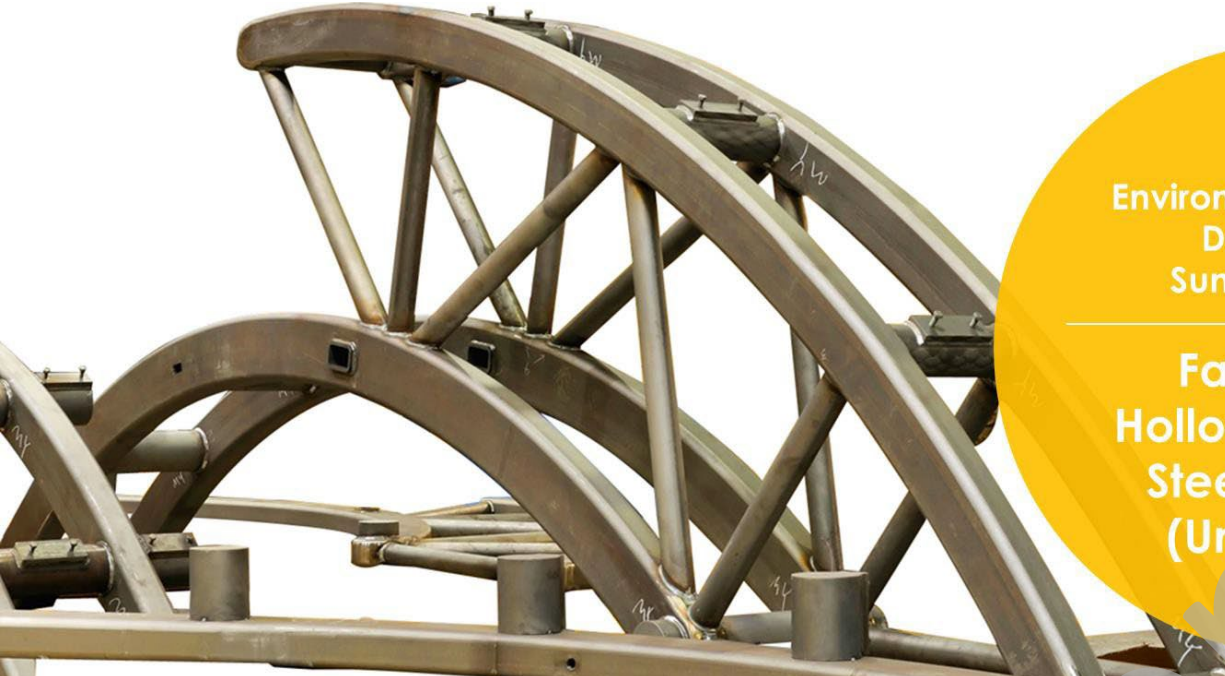
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**Limitations**

The environmental impact results of steel products in this document are based on a declared unit and therefore do not provide sufficient information to establish comparisons. The results shall not be used for comparisons without knowledge of how the physical properties of the steel product impact the precise function at the construction level. The environmental impact results shall be converted to a functional unit basis before any comparison is attempted. See Section 3.10 for additional EPD comparability guidelines. Environmental declarations from different programs (ISO 14025) may not be comparable.





## CISC Environmental Product Declaration Summary sheet

### Fabricated Hollow Structural Steel Sections (Unpainted)

This is a summary of the industry average environmental product declaration (EPD) describing the environmental performance of fabricated hollow structural steel sections (unpainted) manufactured in Canada. This EPD is only applicable to structural steel sourced from Canadian and US steel mills.

CISC fabricators authorized to use this EPD are listed on the CISC website: [www.cisc-icca.ca/sustainability/EPD](http://www.cisc-icca.ca/sustainability/EPD).



#### EPD commissioner and owner

Canadian Institute  
of Steel Construction  
(CISC)

#### Period of validity

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#### Program operator and registration number

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#### Product Category Rule

Product Category Rule Guidance for  
Building-Related Products and Services  
Part B: Designated Steel Construction  
Product EPD Requirements v.2

#### LCA and EPD consultants

Groupe  
AGÉCO

#### Product description

Unpainted fabricated hollow structural steel sections as specified by CSA G40.21, ASTM A500 and ASTM 1085 standards ASTM A1085 / A1085M, 2015; ASTM A500 / A500M-21, 2015; CSA, 2020.

#### Declared units

1 metric ton and 1 short ton of unpainted fabricated hollow structural steel sections with a density of 7,800 kg/m<sup>3</sup> or 487 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>.

#### Material content (% of total product mass)

Steel: 100%

#### Scope and system boundary

Cradle-to-gate: production (A1 to A3).

#### What is a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)?

LCA is a science-based and internationally recognized tool to evaluate the relative potential environmental and human health impacts of products and services throughout their life cycle, beginning with raw material extraction and including all aspects of transportation, production, use, and end-of-life treatment. The method is defined by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14040 and 14044 standards.

#### Why an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)?

CISC fabricator members are seeking to communicate their environmental performances to clients and to position their products through a rigorous and recognized approach, an EPD. By selecting products with an EPD, building projects can earn credits towards the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system certification, among others. In the latest versions of the program (LEED v4 and v4.1), points are awarded in the Materials and Resources category.

This EPD summary provides an overview of the full ISO 14025 compliant EPD registered with CSA Group.