

# teknion



## Leverage

### Workspace Solutions

#### Environmental Product Declaration

Date of Issue: 11/27/2024

Date of Expiration: 11/27/2029

#### PRODUCT CATEGORY RULE

BIFMA PCR for Office Furniture Workspace Products, UNCPC 3814 v1 (2023)

Product Sub-Category: Panels + other office components

#### FUNCTIONAL UNIT

1 m<sup>2</sup> of physical floor space for a period of 10 years (0.299 units of Leverage). This study covers a representative configuration based on the sales of variations and includes the fabric panels, glass elements, worksurface, filing storage, and a lighting solution requiring 0.013 kWh per hour of use.



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Program Operator	NSF Certification, LLC 789 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 sustainability@nsf.org
Manufacturer Name and Address	Teknion 1150 Flint Rd, North York, ON M3J 2J5, Canada
Declaration Number	EPD10186
Declared Product and Functional Unit	1 m <sup>2</sup> of physical floor space for a period of 10 years (0.299 units of Leverage)
Reference PCR and Version Number	BIFMA PCR for Office Furniture Workspace Products: UNCPC 3814 v1 (2023)
Product's intended Application and Use	Commercial Furniture
Product RSL	10 years
Markets of Applicability	North America
Date of Issue	11/27/2024
Period of Validity	5 years from date of issue
EPD Type	Product Specific
Range of Dataset Variability	N/A
EPD Scope	Cradle to Grave
Year of reported manufacturer primary data	2023
LCA Software and Version Number	Sphera LCA for Experts (fka GaBi) 10.8
LCI Database and Version Number	Managed Life Cycle Content Version 2024.1 (formerly GaBi)
LCIA Methodology and Version Number	TRACI 2.1, IPCC AR6 GWP100
The sub-category PCR review was conducted by:	Thomas Gloria, PhD (chair) Jack Geibig, P.E. Michael Overcash, PhD
This declaration was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025: 2006. The BIFMA PCR for Office Furniture Workspace Products: UNCPC 3814 serves as the core PCR. <input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External	 Jack Geibig jgeibig@ecoform.com
This life cycle assessment was conducted in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:	WAP Sustainability Consulting
This life cycle assessment was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14044 and the reference PCR by:	 Jack Geibig jgeibig@ecoform.com
<p><b>Limitations:</b></p> <p>Environmental declarations from different programs (ISO 14025) may not be comparable. Comparison of the environmental performance of products using EPD information shall be based on the product's use and impacts at the building level, and therefore EPDs may not be used for comparability purposes when not considering the building energy use phase as instructed under this PCR.</p> <p>Full conformance with the 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.</p> <p>The PCR this EPD was based on was written to determine the potential environmental impacts of a furniture workspace product from cradle-to-grave. It was not written to support comparative assertions. EPDs based on different PCRs, or different calculation models, may not be comparable. When attempting to compare EPDs or life cycle impacts of products from different companies, the user should be aware of the uncertainty in the final results, due to and not limited to, the practitioner's assumptions, the source of the data used in the study, and the specifics of the product modeled.</p>	



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## Company Description

Teknion Corporation designs, manufactures, and markets workplace interiors. Its products include panel systems, desking systems, private office systems/case goods, seating solutions, architectural products, tables and collaborative spaces, storage products, work better tech products (complements), and textiles. The company's products are used in various applications, including open, collaborative, private, meeting, lounge, learning, next culture, and work couture areas. Teknion Corporation was founded in 1981 and is based in Toronto, Canada.

## Product Description

Leverage® systems are customizable workspace solutions containing panels in addition with other office components. A typical workspace configuration was used to showcase a representative setup. The full configuration was studied and the results were then scaled appropriately based on the floor area of the final configuration and the functional unit.

The workspace solution studied can contain panels, worksurfaces, storage solutions, and power cables, depending on the final configuration. The specific configuration modeled includes product codes KPUT4236 (panel), KPUT5736 (panel), KET (glass element), KESF (acoustic element), KEMF (metal element), KWS3072 (worksurface), KTR36 X2 (panel trim), KTE57 (panel end trim), and KDNBF2815 (pedestal box/file). Additional details of the product configuration used for this EPD is below, but other configurations are possible. This product is determined to be a representative product based on sales of the variations. While the exact configuration purchased may be slightly different, it is expected to have impacts within 10% of this representative configuration.

	Leverage
<b>Product Category</b>	Panels + other office components
<b>Number of Occupants</b>	1
<b>Floor Area</b>	3.34 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Components Included</b>	2 Panels, Worksurface, Single Pedestal Box/File Storage, Lamp
<b>Defining Features</b>	Worksurface, integrated panels, storage device, task lighting
<b>Energy Usage</b>	0.013 kWh/hr
<b>Recycled Content</b>	32.3% pre-consumer, 24.2% post-consumer

## Product Composition

Like many commercial furniture products, Leverage is available in a multitude of configurations. For this particular study, a representative configuration was used. This composition of the configuration is provided in the table below. While the exact configuration purchased may be slightly different, it is expected to have impacts within 10% of this representative configuration.

The total product weight is 185 kg, with total product area of 3.34 m<sup>2</sup> and a reference service life of 10 years. To meet the functional unit, 0.299 units of Leverage are required, with a reference flow of 55.3 kg.

Material	Mass %	Material	Mass %
Steel	63.3%	White Fiberglass	1.4%
Particle Board	8.3%	Powder Coat	1.2%
Aluminum	7.7%	Fabric	1.0%
Glass	6.8%	HPL	<1%
Steel - Imported	5.4%	PP	<1%
Electrical	3.7%	Adhesive	<1%

## Selection of Impact Parameters

Environmental Impacts were calculated using the LCA for Experts software platform. Impact results have been calculated using TRACI 2.1 and IPCC AR6 GWP100 characterization factors. Results presented in this report are relative expressions and do not predict impacts on category endpoints, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins, or risks.

Abbreviation	Parameter	Unit
AP	Acidification potential of soil and water	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq
EP	Eutrophication potential	kg N eq
GWP incl bio c	Global warming potential, including biogenic carbon	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
GWP excl bio c	Global warming potential, excluding biogenic carbon	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq
ODP	Depletion of stratospheric ozone layer	kg CFC 11 eq
SFP	Photochemical ozone creation potential	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq

In addition to the environmental parameters above, the following resource use and waste categories are also disclosed.

Abbreviation	Parameter	Unit
PED	Total use of renewable and non-renewable primary energy resources	MJ, net calorific value
FW	Net use of fresh water	kg
RPRE	Renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier	MJ, net calorific value
RPRM	Renewable primary resources used as a material	MJ, net calorific value
NRPRE	Non-renewable primary resources used as an energy carrier	MJ, net calorific value
NRPRM	Non-renewable primary resources used as a material	MJ, net calorific value
RE	Recovered energy from disposal of waste in previous systems	MJ, net calorific value

## LCA Results

All results are given per functional unit, which is 1 m<sup>2</sup> of physical floor space for a period of 10 years. Leverage has an area of 3.34 m<sup>2</sup>. The product meets testing criteria per ANSI/BIFMA X5.6 and has a reference service life of 10 years. To fulfil the functional unit, 0.299 units of product are required.

## TRACI and IPCC AR6 GWP100 Results

Impact Category	Unit	Total	Material Acquisition	Production	Distribution, Storage, and Use	End-of-Life
AP	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	5.33E-01	3.91E-01	1.06E-01	2.32E-02	1.28E-02
EP	kg N eq	3.33E-02	1.70E-02	1.23E-02	2.07E-03	1.98E-03
GWP incl bio c	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.45E+02	1.16E+02	1.77E+01	5.00E+00	6.48E+00
GWP excl bio c	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.67E+02	1.24E+02	3.48E+01	5.01E+00	3.08E+00
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq	1.25E-07	1.25E-07	3.11E-12	1.48E-14	6.21E-14
SFP	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	7.64E+00	5.11E+00	1.81E+00	5.35E-01	1.92E-01

## LCI Indicators

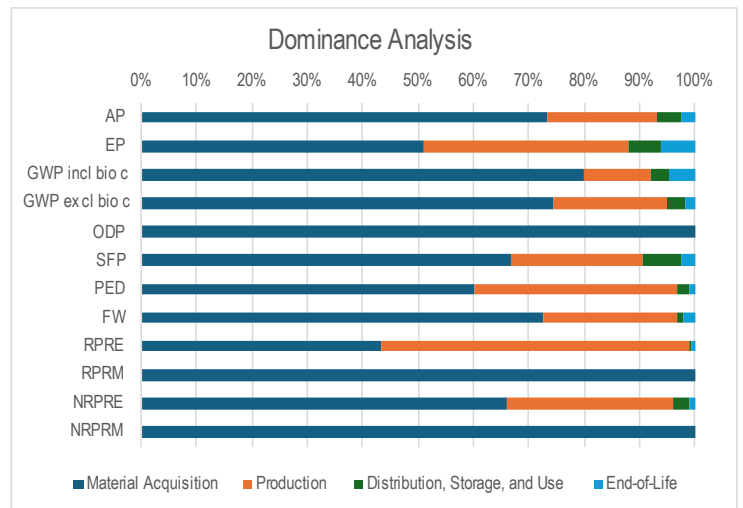
Impact Category	Unit	Total	Material Acquisition	Production	Distribution, Storage, and Use	End-of-Life
PED	MJ	3.21E+03	1.94E+03	1.17E+03	6.91E+01	2.93E+01
FW	kg	1.15E+00	8.36E-01	2.78E-01	9.73E-03	2.56E-02
RPRE	MJ	8.06E+02	3.51E+02	4.49E+02	2.93E+00	4.09E+00
RPRM	MJ	1.47E+02	1.47E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
NRPRE	MJ	2.40E+03	1.59E+03	7.25E+02	6.62E+01	2.52E+01
NRPRM	MJ	2.73E+01	2.73E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
RE	MJ	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

## Interpretation

A dominance analysis was performed for the product show which of the life cycle stages contributes to the majority of the impacts. Results are shown for the 4 TRACI 2.1 impact categories and IPCC AR6 GWP100.

Overall, the dominance analysis shows the vast majority of the impacts are coming from the material acquisition and pre-processing stage. This tracks with the majority of durable goods similar to Leverage workspace solutions. RE is equal to zero and is excluded from the dominance analysis graph at the right.

An additional dominance analysis was performed to determine the relative impacts of the materials used in the production of Leverage. For most of the LCIA indicators, the top material impacts are steel and aluminum, with glass, particle board, and the power cable, depending on the indicator.





## Additional Environmental Information

Teknion is a supporter and/or a participant in the following environmental and sustainability related programs.

- The International Living Future Institute's Declare program. Products with Declare labels can be found at <https://living-future.org/declare/>
- ANSI/BIFMA e3-2019 Furniture Sustainability Standard program. Leverage is certified to Level 3.
- Teknion products, including Leverage, comply with SCS's Indoor Advantage Gold program. Leverage's certification can be found at this [link](#).
- Teknion has been a member of the USGBC since 2016.

Additionally, Teknion publishes an annual Impact Report which is publicly available at <https://teknion-limited.shorthandstories.com/impact-report-3-0/index.html>

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