

## ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

# VERTICAL PORCELAIN MARKERBOARD SLIDING UNIT

CLARIDGE PRODUCTS



Shown above: Vertical Sliding Units offer ideal visual communication solutions where large visual display surfaces are required but space is limited. The back panel and sliding panels can be LCS markerboard, porcelain chalkboard, Claridge Cork, Fabriccork, Designer Fabric Tan Nucork tackboard, Projections Screen, or COM fabric.



Claridge believes that great design is a way to express passion and elevate environments. Workspaces should not just be places to “park and work” for eight hours until the day is over. Instead, Claridge believes your workspace should elevate the senses, revitalize the soul, and offer the opportunity for collaboration.

As the writing surface experts, Claridge continually strives to develop innovative visual display products and manufacturing processes that protect the environment and benefit the communities where they work. Claridge believes that natural resources are critical by not only providing raw materials, but also helping to sustain livable communities and a high quality of life.

Claridge has chosen to publish EPDs to improve internal transparency of the environmental impacts from the production of their products and to assist the design and construction community to specify their products towards green building certifications and standards.



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This declaration is an environmental product declaration (EPD) in accordance with ISO 14025. EPDs rely on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) to provide information on a number of environmental impacts of products over their life cycle. **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, and the level of accuracy in estimation of effect differs for any particular product line and reported impact. **Comparability:** 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 calculations 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.



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## Product Description

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Claridge workspace products can be mounted or free-standing for use in a collaborative workspace. This EPD includes the following product series: CS SERIES.

Porcelain Markerboard surfaces allow one or more individuals to write down and capture innovate ideas, solve problems, and work through some of today's greatest challenges. Vertical Porcelain Markerboard Sliding Units can be used in both commercial and residential settings.

Table 1 – Product Attributes

Attribute	Vertical Sliding Units
Product category	Panels in addition with other office components
Occupants supported by the reference product	1 or more
Physical floor space area	0.1524 m <sup>2</sup>
Worksurface area	1 m <sup>2</sup>
Product mass per 1 m <sup>2</sup> of workspace area	76.04 kg
Volume of storage	0 m <sup>3</sup>
Post-industrial recycled content	35%
Post-consumer recycled content	3%
Additional features of reference product	N/A

Further information on Vertical Porcelain Markerboard Sliding Units is available at <https://claridgeproducts.com/>

### Functional Unit

While Claridge workspace products are estimated to last over 50 years, this workspace product does not have testing completed to show compliance to ANSI/BIFMA X5.5. Therefore, a service life of 5 years was used and the product would need to be replaced once during the 10 year service life specified by the PCR.

### Cut-off Criteria

The LCA is in compliance with the cut-off criteria since no known processes were neglected or excluded from this analysis with the exception of the following: construction of capital equipment, maintenance of operation and support equipment, and human labor and employee commute.

### Material Composition

The material composition of 1 m<sup>2</sup> of Vertical Porcelain Markerboard Sliding Unit is provided in Table 2, below.



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**Table 2 – Product Material Composition**

Material	kg/m <sup>2</sup>	%
Steel Bar Counterweight	2.06E+01	27.09%
Medium Density Fiberboard	1.64E+01	21.51%
Aluminum Trim	1.62E+01	21.27%
Porcelain Steel Writing Surface	1.22E+01	16.05%
Steel Backer for Panel	5.53E+00	7.27%
Cardboard Type Honeycomb	3.94E+00	5.18%
Steel Balancing Cable	3.54E-01	0.47%
Aluminum Bearing Roller	1.51E-01	0.20%
Steel Guide Roller	1.37E-01	0.18%
Steel Slider Pulley	1.34E-01	0.18%
Steel Roller for Cable	9.15E-02	0.12%
Steel Snap Ring	8.85E-02	0.12%
Steel Threads	7.63E-02	0.10%
Polyester Mylar Backing	7.62E-02	0.10%
Steel Wire Rope	4.58E-02	0.06%
Steel Screws	4.05E-02	0.05%
Rubber Bumper	1.53E-02	0.02%
Copper Cable Sleeve Stop	1.53E-02	0.02%
Steel Washer	1.14E-02	0.02%
Polyester End Stop	6.10E-03	0.01%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.60E+01</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Life Cycle Assessment

### System Boundary

The system boundary is cradle-to-grave as specified by the PCR. Capital goods, infrastructure, and personal-related activities are excluded from the system, as is typical for LCA studies.



**Figure 1 – Description of the System Boundary**

**Raw Material Extraction:** The material acquisition, pre-processing, and intermediate processing stage starts when the material is extracted from nature, and ends when the material in component form reaches the gate of the Claridge production facility located in Harrison, AR.

**Production:** The production stage starts with the product components entering the production site and ends with the final product leaving the Claridge facility.

**Distribution:** The product distribution stage starts with the product leaving the gate of the Claridge facility and ends when the consumer takes possession of the product.



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Use: The use stage begins when the consumer takes possession of the product and ends with the used product entering the end-of-life stage.

End-of-life: The end-of-life stage boundary begins when the used product is ready for disposal, recycling, etc. and ends when the product is landfilled, returned to nature, or transformed to be recycled or reused.

## Allocation Rules

Allocation was based on total workspace product production; electricity allocation was based on equipment run time.

## Life Cycle Inventory

Life cycle inventory results per 1 m<sup>2</sup> of workspace product are shown in Table 3, below.

**Table 3 – Life Cycle Inventory per 1 m<sup>2</sup> of Workspace Product**

Inventory Metric	Unit	Total
Net fresh water usage	kg	2.43E+03
Primary energy demand, total	MJ	4.50E+03
<i>Primary energy demand, renewable</i>	MJ	8.32E+02
<i>Primary energy demand, non-renewable</i>	MJ	3.67E+03

## Life Cycle Analysis Results

Results are reported based on characterization factors from the US EPA Tool for the Reduction and Assessment of Chemical and Other Environmental Impacts (TRACI 2.1 impact categories).

LCA results are presented per the declared unit (1 m<sup>2</sup> of product). Note that, at this point, the reported impact categories represent impact potentials, i.e., they are approximations of environmental impacts that could occur if the emissions would (a) follow the underlying impact pathway and (b) meet certain conditions in the receiving environment while doing so. Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) results are therefore relative expressions only and do not predict actual impacts, the exceeding of thresholds, safety margins, or risks.

**Table 4 – Life Cycle Impact Assessment per 1 m<sup>2</sup> of Vertical Porcelain Markerboard Sliding Unit**

Impact Category	Unit	Raw Materials	Production	Distribution	Installation & Use	End of Life
Global Warming Potential	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq	2.70E+02	1.47E+01	1.97E+00	3.32E+02	3.63E+01
Acidification Potential	kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq	1.34E+00	4.10E-02	5.07E-03	1.41E+00	1.52E-02
Photochemical Ozone Creation Potential	kg O <sub>3</sub> eq	1.64E+01	3.45E-01	7.38E-02	1.73E+01	2.75E-01
Eutrophication Potential	kg N eq	1.14E+00	1.21E-01	2.08E-03	1.72E+00	3.93E-01
Ozone Depletion Air	kg CFC-11 eq	1.85E-05	1.24E-06	4.94E-07	2.12E-05	3.78E-07
Ecotoxicity	CTUe	2.26E+02	2.04E+02	1.18E+01	1.55E+04	7.36E+03



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## Additional Environmental Information

The environmental program at Claridge is ongoing and continues to expand. Not only does Claridge practice ecologically responsible manufacturing, their facility eliminates tons of material from the normal landfill waste stream through in-house efforts in shredding waste paper for use in packing materials and full-time recycling programs for glass, aluminum, cardboard, and sawdust. Claridge aims to sustainably source raw materials; for example, Claridge Cork is made from the bark of cork oak trees without damaging the tree itself – making it both rapidly renewable and recyclable. The steel used in making porcelain markerboards contains a minimum of 30% recycled content and various core materials are rapidly renewable and average 85% recycled content. From GREENGUARD Certification for markerboards and select tackboards to in-house recycling programs, Claridge strives to help eliminate all indoor contaminants.

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