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## LEED Version 3 (2009)

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning the recycled content of our steel Power-Strut® products. LEED Version 3 is the current version of LEED. Our recycled content values are based on average industry statistics from the Steel Recycling Institute.

According to the Steel Recycling Institute’s website, “average industry statistics more accurately portray the overall impact of industry recycling activity than do those of an individual company.” The SRI’s brochure also states that the recycled content percentages they provide for North American steel building products “is considered acceptable documentation by the USGBC LEED rating system and green codes and standards. These percentages and values of steel building products are easily entered into the LEED Letter Template spreadsheet for calculation.”

### LEED MR Credit 2: Construction Waste Management

Unlike other materials, steel contains recycled material and is also fully recyclable. In fact, according to the Steel Recycling Institute (SRI), steel is the world’s most recycled material. Therefore, scrap produced during construction is diverted from landfills.

### LEED MR Credit 4: Recycled Content

There are two different technologies used to make steel – the Basic Oxygen Furnace method (BOF) and the Electric Arc Furnace (EAF). These processes use differing amounts of old steel to make new but neither should be considered environmentally superior to the other.

The annual average industry values for the recycled content of steel manufactured in BOF and EAF furnaces are allowed to be used as the recycled content of steel products.

We do not segregate our products by the steel process used to make them. Therefore, we provide the following range of percentages based on industry averages obtained from the Steel Recycling Institute ([www.recycle-steel.org](http://www.recycle-steel.org)):

Post Consumer:	24.3% (BOF)	74.3% (EAF)
Pre Consumer:	9.4% (BOF)	17.8% (EAF)

**If you prefer not to submit an average number, use the BOF percentages as a conservative number. Steel products are net contributors to the LEED recycled content points even when using the more conservative percentages shown for BOF mills.**

### LEED MR Credit 5: Regional Materials

We manufacture Power-Strut fittings in Wayne, MI and Power-Strut channel in Harvey, IL and Phoenix, AZ.

Since steel producers do not supply the origin of the ore or other materials used to make steel, we are unable to provide point of extraction for raw materials.

If you have additional questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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