

# How to Decarbonize Your Products

There is growing pressure to disclose the carbon impact and chemical composition of products from consumers, suppliers, and policymakers. Product carbon — often referred to as embedded carbon — is the total amount of carbon emitted to make your product.

#### **STEPS TO DETERMINE PRODUCT CARBON**

#### Map out the life of your product

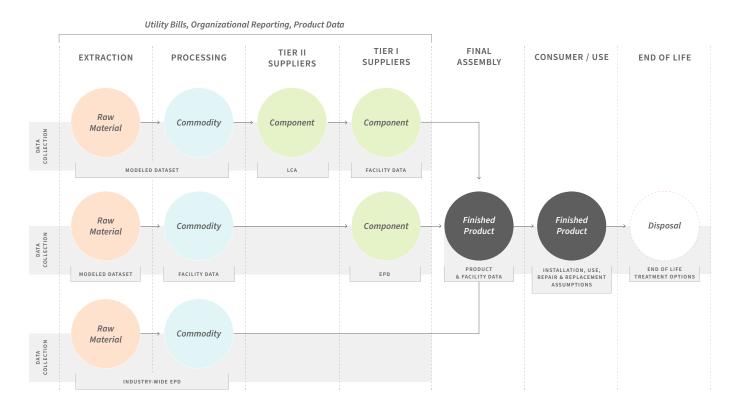
There are three categories of products: commodities, components, and finished products. Mapping out the product's evolution identifies where you need to collect data.

#### Collect data from supply chain

Primary data is preferred, but, normalized datasets can be used when primary data is unavailable. The more primary data, the more accurate the final calculation.

# Aggregate data and calculate the carbon impact

This step will provide you with a final emissions amount per product.



#### LIFE OF A PRODUCT

### WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THIS INFORMATION?

#### Design for Impact

With this data, you can make carbon-informed decisions in the product design phase by choosing less carbon-intensive materials.

#### Pursue an Environmental Product Disclosure (EPD)

EPDs are third-party verified disclosures about a product's impact. They can be used to validate your product in pursuit of a standard, share with your supply chain, or meet regulatory requirements.

#### Achieve a Product Certification

Product certifications highlight sustainable attributes about your product, making it easier for your customers to find products that align with their values and goals.

## Want to learn more?

Explore our resource library to dive deeper into decarbonizing your products:



- > <u>The Difference Between Product</u> <u>& Corporate Carbon</u>
- > Do you know the carbon impact of your product?

#### **CASE STUDIES & SERVICES**

- > Life Cycle Assessments
- > Chemical Management
- > Green Product Certification & Standard Management

#### MICROVLOGCAST VIDEOS

> <u>The Impact of Product Data</u>

#### FORESIGHT FORUM WEBINARS

> <u>How to Decarbonize Your Products</u>



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