

Material appendix to:

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This table is an extension of Table 3 in the paper:

| Material | Typology and elements | Embodied Carbon Coefficient (A1-A3) (originally reported units), [kg CO ₂ e/kg] | | Material specific weight | Material strength and stiffness |
|--|--|--|---|--------------------------|--|
| | | 20 th percentile | 80 th percentile | | |
| Steel plate | Steel girder (primary system) | (~1550 kg CO ₂ e / metric ton), 1.55 kg CO ₂ e / kg | (~1650 kg CO ₂ e / metric ton), 1.65 kg CO ₂ e / kg | 78.5 kN/m ³ | $f_t = f_c = 36$ kN/cm ² $f_y = 34.5$ kN/cm ² $E = 20,000$ kN/cm ² |
| Steel hot-rolled section | Steel girder (secondary system) Steel truss (secondary system) | (~650 kg CO ₂ e / metric ton), 0.650 kg CO ₂ e / kg | (~850 kg CO ₂ e / metric ton), 0.850 kg CO ₂ e / kg | | |
| Steel hollow section | Steel truss (primary system) | (~1400 kg CO ₂ e / metric ton), 1.40 kg CO ₂ e / kg | (~1700 kg CO ₂ e / metric ton), 1.70 kg CO ₂ e / kg | | |
| Glue-laminated timber | Pair of glulam girders (primary) | (~140 kg CO ₂ e / m ³), 0.275 kg CO ₂ e / kg | (~320 kg CO ₂ e / m ³), 0.628 kg CO ₂ e / kg | 5 kN/m ³ | $f_t = 1.4$ kN/cm ² $f_c = 2.1$ kN/cm ² $E_{parallel} = 1160$ kN/cm ² |
| Softwood timber (ECCs of glulam used as a conservative estimate) | Pair of glulam girders (secondary) Timber truss (primary and secondary) | (~140 kg CO ₂ e / m ³), 0.392 kg CO ₂ e / kg | (~320 kg CO ₂ e / m ³), 0.897 kg CO ₂ e / kg | 3.5 kN/m ³ | $f_t = 1.4$ kN/cm ² $f_c = 1.6$ kN/cm ² $E_{parallel} = 700$ kN/cm ² |
| Ready-mix concrete, 27.6 MPa (4000 psi) normal weight | Reinforced concrete barrel beam (partial by volume, see Table 2) | (291 kg CO ₂ e / m ³), 0.121 kg CO ₂ e / kg | (422 kg CO ₂ e / m ³), 0.176 kg CO ₂ e / kg | 23.5 kN/m ³ | $f_t = 2.67$ kN/cm ² (only for simplified model used to calculate live load deflection) $f_c = 2.67$ kN/cm ² $E = 3500$ kN/cm ² |
| Rebar, fabricated | Reinforced concrete barrel beam (partial by volume, see Table 2) | (739 kg CO ₂ e / metric ton), 0.739 kg CO ₂ e / kg | (925 kg CO ₂ e / metric ton), 0.925 kg CO ₂ e / kg | 77.0 kN/m ³ | $f_y = 55.2$ kN/cm ² |

20th and 80th percentile embodied carbon coefficients (A1-A3) from: Carbon Leadership Forum, “2023 Carbon Leadership Forum: North American Material Baselines, Category Appendices v2,” Aug. 2023. [Online]. Available: <https://carbonleadershipforum.org/clf-material-baselines-2023/>

“~” indicates an approximation, where concluded that not enough EPDs were available to report a precise value at the percentile