

Recycled Steel Content and Scrap Origin of Products Manufactured by Gerdau Ameristeel

Gerdau Ameristeel uses the electric furnace and continuous casting process for the production of its basic steel that is further processed into finished products. The overwhelming raw material for the electric furnace steelmaking process is recycled steel scrap. Recycled steel scrap consists of post-consumer and pre-consumer portions depending upon the sources and requirements for each steel plant. In addition to the recycled steel scrap, a small percentage of non-recycled raw materials, including pig iron, direct reduced iron and ferro-alloys, are used depending upon the metallurgical requirements.

The following table presents the data for post-consumer, pre-consumer, total recycled content and other iron units by plant location for the year 2008.

Plant Location	Post-Consumer Scrap Content %	Pre-Consumer Scrap Content %	Total Recycled Content %	Other Iron units and Ferro-alloys Content %
Beaumont, TX	78	6	84	16
Calvert City, KY	82	15	97	3
Cambridge, Ontario	71	28	99	1
Cartersville, GA	78	17	95	5
Charlotte, NC	93	6	99	1
Jackson, TN	84	15	99	1
Jacksonville, FL	87	10	97	3
Joliet, IL	91	8	99	1
Knoxville, TN	97	2	99	1
Selkirk, Manitoba	95	4	99	1
Midlothian, TX	95	4	99	1
Perth Amboy, NJ	85	11	96	4
Petersburg, VA	97	2	99	1
Sand Springs, OK	98	1	99	1
Sayreville, NJ	93	6	99	1
St Paul, MN	90	9	99	1
Whitby, Ontario	77	20	97	3
Wilton, IA	90	9	99	1
All Mills	88	9	97	3

LEED Point Credits for Recycled Content of Gerdau Ameristeel Products may be calculated from the data in the table and the following formulas:

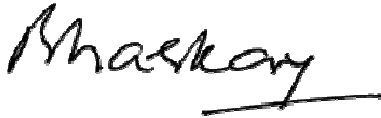
- MR Credit 4.1 – 1 point (post-consumer + ½ of pre-consumer) recycled content is 10 % or more.
- MR Credit 4.2 - 2 points (post-consumer + ½ of pre-consumer) recycled content is 20 % or more.

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LEED Credit 5 for regionally manufactured materials and regionally acquired raw materials is based on location and distance from the project site to point of recovery of raw materials and the manufacturing facility.

Gerdau Ameristeel's own steel recycling facilities provide approximately 40% percent of all the recycled steel scrap used in our steel mills. The individual Gerdau Ameristeel mills select scrap based upon metallurgical needs and costs. In general, it is estimated that at least 80-90% or more of the steel scrap used by Gerdau Ameristeel comes from locations within 200 miles of the producing mill and 95-100% within 500 miles of the producing mill.

Sincerely,



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