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Re: Recycled Steel Content in Hilti Products

To Whom It May Concern:

One of the vendor/supplier requirements on LEED projects is to supply specific information about the products being used on the projects such as, manufacturing location of the product, VOC content, recycled content, etc. Hilti Inc. will always make every attempt to supply our Customers with any information needed to complete the documentation requirements of the project. One of the areas that is proving to be problematic is the recycled content of our various steel products.

Steel mills have two primary criteria to meet when they produce steel; 1) They must meet the chemical requirements of the particular grade of steel that they are producing. 2) They must meet the physical (strength) requirements for the particular grade of steel that they are producing. If these two requirements are met, the steel mills have met their obligations. Consequently, unless special lots of steel are used (which would be cost prohibitive) it is not possible for the steel mills to positively identify the source of their raw materials.

While most steel does have recycled content, it is almost impossible to quantify exact percentages. For this reason, Hilti Inc. is unable to provide recycled content of our steel products.

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