



*Manufacturers of Premium Framing Components*

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Recycled Steel Content and Manufacturing Origin of steel framing

This letter is to verify that MRI Steel Framing LLC's steel framing products are manufactured considering the following steel recycling facts. The information below is available from the Steel Recycling Institute (SRI), the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), and the Steel Framing Alliance (SFA).

- Steel is produced in an integrated mill or a mini-mill. An integrated mill utilizes the basic oxygen furnace (BOF) process that uses 25 to 35 percent recycled material in its steel manufacturing process. A mini-mill employs the electric arc furnace (EAF) process that uses almost 100 percent recycled material.
- Steel products can be recycled continually without degradation or loss of chemical or structural properties. This fact, in conjunction with the ease of magnetic separation of steel scrap, makes the steel industry the largest recycler in North America.
- The U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) developed a rating system to encourage the use of recycled steel. The LEED score for total recycled steel content value is computed using the following formula: (Value of Steel Product)(Post-Consumer % + 1/2 Post-Industrial %). End-users of recycled steel products can receive credits for using steel products that attain LEED scores of 5 percent and 10 percent recycled steel.
- In 2003, the BOF process used 23 percent post-consumer recycled content and 7.3 percent post-industrial recycled content. The EAF process used 58.6 percent post-consumer recycled content and 32.6 percent post-industrial recycled content.

Based on the steel manufacturing processes stated above and the data provided by the Steel Recycling Institute, our steel framing products exceed the minimum 5 percent and 10 percent LEED scores needed to achieve full credit for using steel products that are manufactured from recycled steel.

MRI Steel Framing, LLC's products are roll-formed at our production facility located in Gary, Indiana and our material is purchased from facilities located in Gary, Indiana.

If you have any inquires or need further assistance please call our production facility.

Sincerely,

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