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## Environmental Product Declaration

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### PRODUCT CATEGORY RULE

BIFMA PCR for Seating, UNCPC 3811

### FUNCTIONAL UNIT

1 unit of seating to seat one individual, maintained for a 10-year period.

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Manufacturer Name and Address	Bernhardt Design 1839 Morganton Blvd, Lenoir NC, 28645
Declaration Number	EPD10663
Declared Product and Functional Unit	1 unit of seating to seat one individual, maintained for a 10 year period.
Reference PCR and Version Number	BIFMA PCR for Seating: UNCPC 3811
Product's intended Application and Use	Commercial Furniture
Product RSL	10 year
Markets of Applicability	North America
Date of Issue	November 1, 2021
Period of Validity	5 years from date of issue
EPD Type	Product Specific
Intended Audience	Business-to-Business, Business-to-Consumer
Range of Dataset Variability	N/A
EPD Scope	Cradle to Grave
Year of reported manufacturer primary data	2020
LCA Software and Version Number	GaBi 10.0.0.20
LCI Database and Version Number	GaBi Database Version 2021.1
LCIA Methodology and Version Number	TRACI 2.1
The sub-category PCR review was conducted by:	Thomas Gloria, PhD (chair) Jack Geibig, P.E. Michael Overcash, PhD
This declaration was independently verified in accordance with ISO 14025: 2006. The BIFMA PCR for Office Furniture Seating Products: UNCPC 3811 serves as the core PCR. <input type="checkbox"/> Internal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External	 Tony Favilla afavilla@nsf.org
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<p>Limitations:</p> <p>Environmental declarations from different programs (ISO 14025) may not be comparable. Comparison of the environmental performance of products using EPD information shall be based on the product's use and impacts at the building level, and therefore EPDs may not be used for comparability purposes when not considering the building energy use phase as instructed under this PCR. Full conformance with the PCR allows EPD comparability only when all stages of a life cycle have been considered. However, variations and deviations are possible". Example of variations: Different LCA software and background LCI datasets may lead to differences results for upstream or downstream of the life cycle stages declared.</p> <p>Additional information on the life cycle assessment can be found by contacting Bernhardt directly.</p>	

## Company Description

Bernhardt Furniture Company was founded in 1889 by John M. Bernhardt. Orphaned at 13, John Bernhardt left for Oregon to become a government surveyor but returned home three years later to pursue a career as a logger and timber cutter. After buying a sawmill, he saw an opportunity to use timber in the manufacture of sturdy oak bedroom furniture. The company he started quickly found a market in such urban centers as Chicago and New York City. As the business grew under the leadership of the Bernhardt family, new product categories, dining room and living room furniture were added and additional facilities were built or purchased from other furniture manufacturers.



In 1983, Bernhardt Furniture added a line of commercial furniture, Bernhardt Design, manufacturing quality conservatively styled casegoods, conference and occasional tables, guest, lounge and wood guest chairs for the corporate and legal markets. Gradually, the product line expanded stylistically, adding more contemporary products and multi-purpose tables and seating and conference chairs. Bernhardt Design markets to the architectural and design communities and is known for its excellence in design, winning many awards through the years. Its products are sold globally through sales representatives and selected dealers. The 20,000 sq. ft. flagship showroom is located on Madison Avenue in New York City.

## Product Description

Kylo swivel chairs come in a variety of options. Kylo chairs can be mid-back or high back with polished aluminum or matte black powder-coat aluminum base and black dual casters. All seats are fully upholstered with molded foam over polypropylene shell. The products covered by this EPD are the Kylo 600 and Kylo 602 series. Results are presented for 602K, which was the largest by mass of the products. All options within each of these Kylo series have impacts within 10% of the reported configuration and are therefore covered by this EPD.

## Additional Environmental Information

Kylo chairs are GREENGUARD Gold Certified and comply with ANSI/BIFMA e3-2014e Credits 7.6.1, 7.6.2, and 7.6.3 along with CDPH Standard Method v1.2-2017. Additionally, Kylo chairs are LEVEL 1 Certified under the ANSI/BIFMA e3-2019 Furniture Sustainability Standard.

Bernhardt Design products are designed and engineered to last for many years. Frequently, whether designed under the Design for the Environment program or a legacy product, the life span of the product is longer than customers require, resulting in the issue of disposal. While disposal in a landfill can occur, Bernhardt Design offers alternatives to discarding products as found at <https://bernhardtdesign.com/environmental/recovery/>.

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## Product Composition

This mid-back or high-back swivel chair consists of an upholstered shell of molded foam over polypropylene and a polished or powder coated aluminum base with black dual casters and comes in a variety of finishes. The composition of the chair is provided in the table below, with a total product weight of 13.9 kg. The exact composition of the purchased product may be slightly different based on the configuration chosen. However, this EPD will still be applicable to the purchased configuration due to the minimal impact on the results.



Material	Mass %	Weight (kg)	Resource Type
Foam over Plastic	29.7%	4.1	Virgin Non-Renewable
Aluminum	17.9%	2.5	Virgin Non-Renewable
ABS	17.3%	2.4	Virgin Non-Renewable
Stamped Steel	9.8%	1.4	Virgin Non-Renewable
Steel	8.8%	1.2	Virgin Non-Renewable
Chromeplated Metal	7.8%	1.1	Virgin Non-Renewable
Nylon with Metal	5.6%	0.8	Virgin Non-Renewable
PET Fabric	2.1%	0.3	Virgin Non-Renewable
Zinc	0.5%	0.1	Virgin Non-Renewable
Other	<0.5%	<0.1	Virgin Non-Renewable

Though materials may contain recycled content, minimum contents are not specified for any materials contained in the product, therefore it is affected by variability in the market. Best available industry data was used to model the upstream production of these materials.

## Functional Unit

One unit of seating to seat one individual, maintained for a 10-year period. The product under study has a 10-year service life under ANSI/BIFMA X5.1 and therefore does not require additional units of seating to meet the functional unit.

## LCA Stages



*Materials Acquisition & Pre-Processing* | Includes raw material extraction, pre-processing of materials, and transport to production.

*Production* | Includes component and final assembly manufacturing operations, both by Bernhardt and upstream suppliers, as well as intermediate transport and packaging requirements.

*Distribution, Storage, and Use* | Includes the production-weighted average distribution to customers. No additional storage is required, and no use phase impacts are incurred.

*End-of-Life* | Includes transport to and disposal of product and packaging based on average US recycling rates for homogenous materials, and an 80/20 landfill/incineration rate for non-homogenous materials.

**LCA Results**

All results are given per functional unit, which is one chair for a period of 10 years.

**TRACI Results**

Impact Category	Unit	Material Acquisition	Production	Distribution, Storage, Use	End-of-Life	Total
Acidification Potential	kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eq	4.21E-01	1.57E-01	1.25E-02	5.91E-03	<b>5.96E-01</b>
Eutrophication Potential	kg N-eq	1.75E-02	1.83E-02	1.19E-03	2.35E-03	<b>3.93E-02</b>
Global Warming Potential, incl biogenic C	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq	1.10E+02	3.31E+01	2.69E+00	5.00E+00	<b>1.51E+02</b>
Global Warming Potential, excl biogenic C	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq	1.10E+02	2.50E+01	2.68E+00	5.45E+00	<b>1.43E+02</b>
Ozone Depletion Potential	kg CFC-11 eq	7.85E-08	7.18E-11	5.34E-16	2.39E-15	<b>7.85E-08</b>
Smog Formation Potential	kg O <sub>3</sub> -eq	5.63E+00	2.63E+00	2.89E-01	6.11E-02	<b>8.61E+00</b>

**LCI Indicators**

Impact Category	Unit	Material Acquisition	Production	Distribution, Storage, Use	End-of-Life	Total
Primary Energy Demand, renewable	MJ	9.38E+01	5.96E+02	1.56E+00	9.07E-01	<b>6.92E+02</b>
Primary Energy Demand, non-renewable	MJ	1.58E+03	6.12E+02	3.78E+01	1.22E+01	<b>2.24E+03</b>
Net Fresh Water Usage	kg	4.46E+02	2.21E+02	6.66E+00	1.06E+01	<b>6.84E+02</b>

**References**

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ISO 14044:2006 Environmental management – Life cycle assessment – Requirements and guidelines.

