

LCA/Carbon footprint

VOLVO COMPACT WHEEL LOADERS

In this document, the LCA/ Carbon footprint results for Volvo Compact Wheel Loaders are presented.

In the table below, carbon dioxide emissions from *cradle to gate* (raw materials processing, component manufacturing and machine assembly) for each wheel loader can be found.

Cradle to gate	Emissions [kg CO2-eq per machine]				
Model [Analysis year]	L20 [2024]	L30 [2021]	L35 [202x]	L45 [202x]	L50 [202x]
Upstream (Scope 3)	15 050	23 250			
Core (Scope 1, 2 & 3.3)	185	405			
Total:	15 235	23 655			

In the table below, cradle to grave (all steps from extraction of raw materials to recycling and end of life) emissions per hour used for the same wheel loader models are summarized.

Cradle to grave	Emissions [kg CO2-eq per operating hour]														
Model [Analysis year]	L20 [2024*]			L30 [2021]			L35 [202x]			L45 [202x]			L50 [202x]		
Emission factor MK1 diesel (kgCO2e/liter)	3,3			3,3											
Operating hours/year	500	700	900	500	700	900									
Manufacturing	3,05	2,18	1,69	4,73	3,38	2,63									
Use (incl. outbound & service)	14,53	14,43	14,38	14,57	14,46	14,40									
End of Life *	0,10	0,07	0,06	0,29	0,21	0,16									
Total:	17,7	16,7	16,1	19,6	18,0	17,2									

Please note that the use phase calculation is presented in 3 different use scenarios depending on how many operating hours the machine is used/year.

To obtain a site-specific carbon footprint, specific studies on the site are required.

(* Analyses from 2024 has a new End of Life calculation method following the Circular Footprint Formula (CFF))

Comparing life cycle assessment results

There is currently no agreed industry standard methodology for construction equipment LCAs and assessments can be performed in various ways. Methodology choices, such as system boundaries and input data, can differ and influence the results. Therefore, LCAs conducted by different OEMs with different methodologies are not comparable.

For more information

The methodology behind these calculations is presented in the document “*Methodology for Volvo CE’s LCA/carbon footprint calculations*” that can be obtained on our website www.volvoce.com/global. For other information, please contact your Volvo CE representative, who will put you in contact with the Volvo CE LCA team.