



Cradle to Cradle Certified®

**DRAFT -- Section 3.2 Transparency Requirements
Reference Document**

Required Disclosures

Applicable Achievement Levels: The level(s) the product has achieved in each of the five core Cradle to Cradle Certified standard categories (Sections 4-8) – Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum

The Cradle to Cradle Certified® Products Program is based on the concept of continuous improvement and, thus, there are four possible levels of achievement within each of the standard's five key requirement categories: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. To reach a desired achievement level within each category, the product must meet all of the requirements (including all of the applicable required disclosures), for that level, in addition to the requirements at all lower levels. In other words, for the required transparency disclosures described in this document, it is necessary to publicly disclose information and/or data consistent with the product's level of achievement in each standard category.

The requirements for transparency can be met by disclosure via the applicant's own documentation (e.g., public-facing sustainability report), third-party documentation (e.g., EPDs), or the C2CPH-generated Cradle to Cradle Digital Product Report (in development).

Recommended Disclosures

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It is recommended to include the additional disclosures described in this document on the C2CPH-generated Cradle to Cradle Digital Product Report (in development). The applicant must choose to opt-in to this additional transparency reporting.

General Product Information

RECOMMENDED DISCLOSURES

For the Bronze level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. The final manufacturing stage processes (as defined per the Final Manufacturing Stage Process Definitions document) and associated final manufacturing facility locations at the country level,
2. Number of suppliers by country for tier 1 suppliers to the final manufacturing stage,
3. ***Product composition by generic material type (e.g., for a cotton sweater: 90% Dyed Cotton Fabric, 4.5% Cotton Label, 4.5% Nylon Label, 1% Label Inks).
4. Information about primary and secondary product packaging subject to the Section 9 packaging requirements, including:
 - a. Packaging composition by generic material type,
 - b. Circular content type and amount,
 - c. Any relevant information about intended cycling pathways, refill programs, or weight reduction,
 - d. List of analytical tests conducted to determine compliance for packaging (if relevant).

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Material Health

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

There are no required disclosures for Material Health. All Material Health disclosures are optional.

RECOMMENDED DISCLOSURES

For Bronze level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. List of analytical tests conducted to determine Bronze level compliance in Material Health (if relevant),
2. Percentage assessed as calculated for Material Health Section 4.4,
3. Percentage grey/Grey-, x/X-, c/C-, a/b/A/B- assessed as determined in Material Health Section 4.4,
 - a. Based on the Material Health Assessment Methodology, chemicals subject to review are assigned a, b, c, x, or grey chemical risk ratings and homogeneous materials subject to review are assigned A, B, C, X, or GREY ratings. The product is assessed as further described in Material Health Section 4.4.
4. Any safety information for product use or disposal.

For Silver level, in addition to what is listed for Bronze level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. List of analytical tests conducted to determine Silver level compliance in Material Health (if relevant).

For Gold and Platinum levels, in addition to what is listed for Bronze and Silver levels, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. List of analytical tests conducted to determine Gold level compliance in Material Health (if relevant).

Product Circularity

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

For the Bronze level, it is required to disclose the following:

1. Intended cycling pathway(s) as determined per Product Circularity Section 5.1,
2. Percentage and type of recycled and/or renewable content as demonstrated for Section 5.3,
 - a. If the Feasibility Analysis alternative pathway is followed for Section 5.3, an explanation of the limitation(s) (e.g., “chain of custody documentation was not collected from the supply chain”),
3. Percentage of the product that is compatible for the intended cycling pathway(s) and description of compatibility as determined per Product Circularity Section 5.4,
4. List of tests conducted to determine compliance with the Section 5.4 requirements (if relevant).

For the Silver level, in addition to what is required for Bronze level, it is required to disclose the following:

1. Instructions for cycling the product via each intended cycling pathway as determined per Product Circularity Section 5.1, if applicable,
2. Relevant links or references to cycling pathway information (return programs, etc.), if applicable.

For the Gold and Platinum levels, in addition to what is listed for the Bronze and Silver levels, it is required to disclose the following:

1. Disassembly instructions, if applicable.
2. Information about extraction scenarios for cycling, if applicable.

The required disclosures in this section apply to all products except those that are designated for a biological cycling pathway and for which no intervention is needed to ensure active cycling occurs. For example, this includes cleaning products, soaps, personal care products, and cosmetics. For these product types, the disclosures listed above are still recommended.

RECOMMENDED DISCLOSURES

For the Bronze and Silver level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. List of analytical test(s) conducted to investigate potential contaminants,
2. Percentage of the product that may be released to the environment during use and compatibility of that fraction with the biological cycle,
3. Information about negative impacts of chemical recycling if chemically recycled materials are used.
4. List of any responsible sourcing, renewable content, or recycled content certifications applicable to the product.

For the Gold and Platinum levels, in addition to what is listed for the Bronze and Silver levels, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. Information about high value cycling potential, as determined in Product Circularity Section 5.4,
2. Description of the circular design or innovation that has been implemented as determined in Product Circularity Section 5.6,
3. Percentage of product actively cycled, as determined in Product Circularity Section 5.8.

Clean Air & Climate Protection

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

For the Bronze level, it is required to include the following:

1. Greenhouse gas emissions data for either the applicant company, all final manufacturing stage facilities, or the product's final manufacturing stage as calculated in Clean Air & Climate Protection Section 6.2.
 - a. It is required to report scope 1 and scope 2 emissions separately,
 - b. It is required to report location and market-based emissions separately; if only one is reported, it's identity (i.e., market or location based)

If employing the option to make applicant company level data available, the data must include data applicable to the final manufacturing stage. This means that in cases where the applicant company does not own the final manufacturing stage facilities, the company level disclosure option may not be fully applicable.

For construction products and building materials used to construct the primary building elements, for the Silver level, it is required to disclose the following:

1. Environmental Product Declaration for the product.

For other types of products, for the Gold level, it is required to disclose the following:

1. Embodied greenhouse gas emissions data for the product.

For other types of products, for the Platinum level, it is required to disclose the following:

1. Environmental Product Declaration for the product.

RECOMMENDED DISCLOSURES

For the Bronze level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. How the Cradle to Cradle Certified targets for using renewable electricity and addressing greenhouse gas emissions (per Sections 6.4 and 6.8) were achieved,
2. ***Information on any certifications or labels held by the product through an energy efficiency standard or labelling program, if applicable.
3. For the reported greenhouse gas emissions data:
 - a. It is recommended to report totals and on a ***per unit product basis for the final manufacturing stage of the certified product.
 - b. If only reporting one value (i.e., market or location based), it is recommended to disclose the reason for reporting only one.

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Water & Soil Stewardship

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

There are no required disclosures for the Bronze level.

For the Silver level, it is required to disclose the following:

1. Water use data (withdrawals and consumption) for either the applicant company, all final manufacturing stage facilities, or the product's final manufacturing stage as calculated for Water & Soil Stewardship Section 7.3.

RECOMMENDED DISCLOSURES

For the Bronze level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. Details on water use, including withdrawals by source and stress level, and discharge by level of treatment and destination.
2. Information about process chemical percentage grey/Grey-, x/X-, c/C-, a/b/A/B- assessed as determined for Water & Soil Stewardship Section 7.7.
3. For water use data, it is recommended to report total and on a ***per unit product basis for the final manufacturing stage of the certified product.

For the Silver level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. Information about water conservation and effluent quality improvements at the final manufacturing stage facilities per Water & Soil Stewardship Section 7.6.

For the Gold level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. Information about water conservation and effluent quality improvement actions within the supply chain per Water & Soil Stewardship Section 7.6.

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Social Fairness

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

There are no required disclosures for Social Fairness. All Social Fairness disclosures are optional.

RECOMMENDED DISCLOSURES

For the Bronze level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. ***A link to a human rights policy demonstrating commitment to respect human rights.
2. ***Sourcing information by country for materials and components from countries where there is reason to believe that child labor or forced labor is involved, and tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold from conflict-affected and high-risk areas.

For the Silver level, it is recommended to disclose the following:

1. Information about the Section 8.8 social project (i.e., Positive Impact Project) and relevant impact metrics.

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