Life Cycle Assessment for Mobile Products

Background

Samsung has developed strong technical experience in assessing the life cycle environmental impacts of its smart phones. The most recent life cycle assessment (LCA) has been for the Samsung Galaxy S6; Note5; TAB E; J1x; On5x; Tab S2; Tab A 7.0; Note8; Galaxy Book, Galaxy A6 model. The assessment considers potential environmental impacts across the whole life cycle including; pre-manufacturing; product manufacturing; distribution; product use; and disposal phase.

To ensure technical quality; the analysis methodology has been completed according to international standard ISO 14040 series. Samsung has used Simapro7 software and a dedicated LCA S/W database to measure environmental impacts using a wide range of data categories including; Product bill of material (BOM), parts and components logistics, energy consumption in product use and end-of-life scenario data in order to attain the highest level of accuracy. The outcome of the LCA confirmed and quantified 12 potential environment impact categories including; global warming; abiotic depletion; ocean acidification; eutrophication; and ozone layer depletion; where each impact category has been assessed for each life cycle stage. These LCA results will continue to be considered during product development phase as we aspire to improve the environmental specifications of our products.

Calculation basis

Standard	ISO 14040:2006 and 14044:2006
Database	Ecoinvent 2.2
Method for impact assessment	Life cycle impact assessment classification and characterization factors according to CML 2001 as provided in the SimaPro 7.1.5 LCA tool
LCA software	SimaPro 7.1.5

• System boundary of LCA

Pre- manufacturing	Parts and materials constituting the products and its transportation (from supplier to Samsung factory)
Manufacturing	Product assembly by Samsung Electronics (Data collection period : 3 months ahead of assessment)
Distribution	From China or Vietnam to United States
Usage	2 years use
Disposal	Waste treatment of parts and material

Critical review for Galaxy S6 LCA study was done by an expert from Korean Society for Life Cycle Assessment. (kslca@naver.com) For the rest, it was done by internal expert in Global CS Center of Samsung Electronics. (ecodesign@samsung.com)



Model name	SM-G920V (Galaxy S6)
Processor	Octa-Core 2.1GHz, 1.5GHz
Dimension	143.4 x 70.5 x 6.8 mm
Display	Super AMOLED 5.1"
Memory	32GB
Battery	2550mAh
Camera	Main : 16M pixel / Front : 5M pixel
Wt.(g)	Product : 138g / Packaging 261 g

Material Use



Characterized Environment Impact



Pre-manufacturing Manufacturing Distribution Use Disposal

		Model name
		Processor
ISUNG		Dimension
		Display
		Battery
		Camera
		Wt.(g)

Nodel name	SM-N950U (Galaxy Note8)	
Processor	Qualcomm 2.35GHz, 1.9GHz Octa-Core 64bit	
Dimension	162.5 x 74.8 x 8.6 mm	
Display	6.3" 2960 x 1440, 16M In-Cell Touch LCD	
Battery	Li-Ion 3300 mAh	
Camera	12 MP / 5MP	
Wt.(g)	186.34g	

Material Use



Characterized Environment Impact



Pre-manufacturing Manufacturing Distrubution Use Disposal



lodel name	SM-T817V (Galaxy Tab S2)
Processor	Octa-Core 1.9 GHz, 1.3 GHz
Dimension	237.3 x 169.0 x 5.6 mm
Display	AMOLED 10.1"
Battery	Li-Ion 5870mAh
Camera	8 MP / 2.1MP
Wt.(g)	379 g



Characterized Environment Impact



Pre-manufacturing Manufacturing Distribution Use Disposal



Model name	SM-W727V (Galaxy Book)
Processor	Intel, Core i5, 3.1GHz Dual-Core 64bit
Dimension	199.8 * 291.3 * 7.4(H*W*D)
Diaplay	AMOLED, OCTA, SDC, 2160 x 1440
Display	(FHD+) 12.0", 303.7mm 16M
Battery	Li-Ion 5070 mAh
Camera	13 MP / 5MP
Wt.(g)	1881.9g

Material Use



Characterized Environment Impact



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