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Brand	Product	Post Consumer Recycled Content	Post Industrial Recycled Content	Total LEED Recycled Content Percentage
PBB	Barrel Type Steel Continuous Hinges	15%	10	20%
PBB	Barrel Type Stainless Steel Continuous Hinges	15%	10	20%

The total is calculated using 100% of Post Consumer and 50% of Post Industrial.

LEED Category: Material and Resources (MR)

MR Credit(s) 4.1 and 4.2 Recycled Content: Post Industrial

Product contains post industrial content as defined by Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims, 16 CFR 260.7 (e) (available at www.ftc.gov/bcp/gnrule/guides980427.htm) and therefore qualify as credit.

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Brand	Product	Post Consumer Recycled Content*	Pre-Consumer Recycled Content**	Total LEED Recycled Content Percentage
PBB	Commercial Steel Spring Hinges	15%	0	20%
PBB	Commercial Stainless Steel Spring Hinges	15%	0	20%

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PBB	Commercial Steel Hinges	15%	0	15%
PBB	Commercial Stainless Steel Hinges	25%	0	25%
PBB	Commercial Brass and Bronze Hinges	35%	0	35%

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+Waste materials generated by the production of PBB hinges are collected and shipped off site where it then reenters the recycle stream.

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