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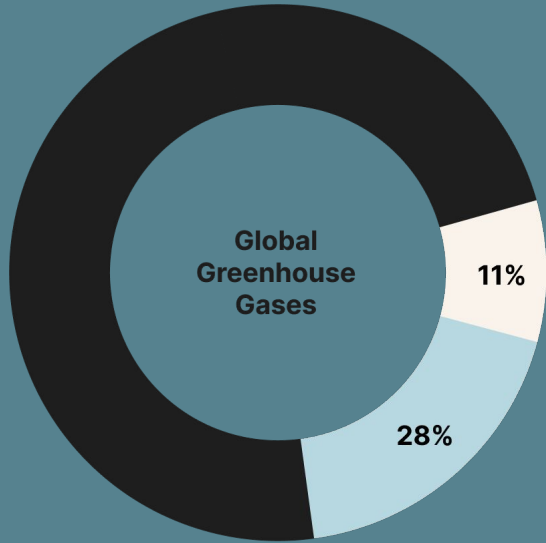
Clean Air Partnership Webinar

OUR MISSION

**Turn buildings into a
climate solution.**

THE PROBLEM

Building materials are responsible for approximately 11% of all global greenhouse gas emissions.

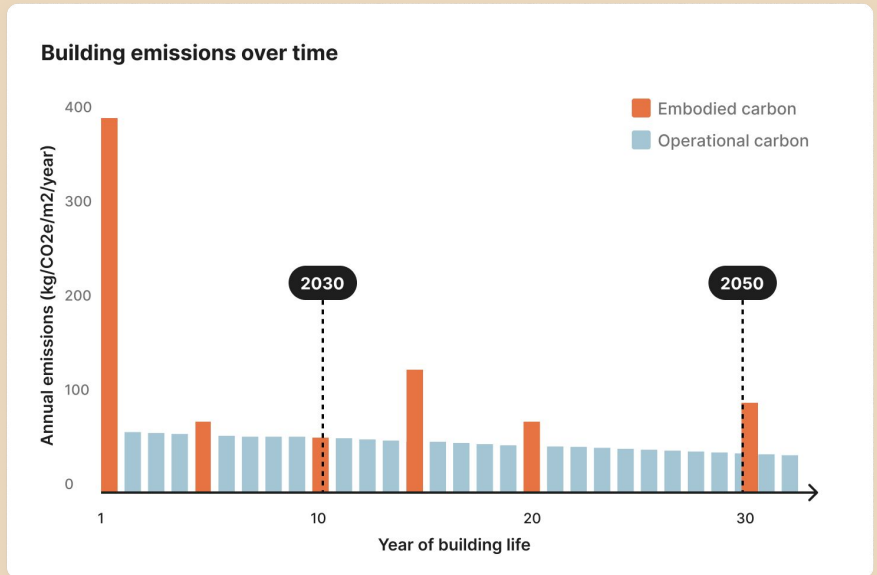


Embodied carbon

Operational carbon

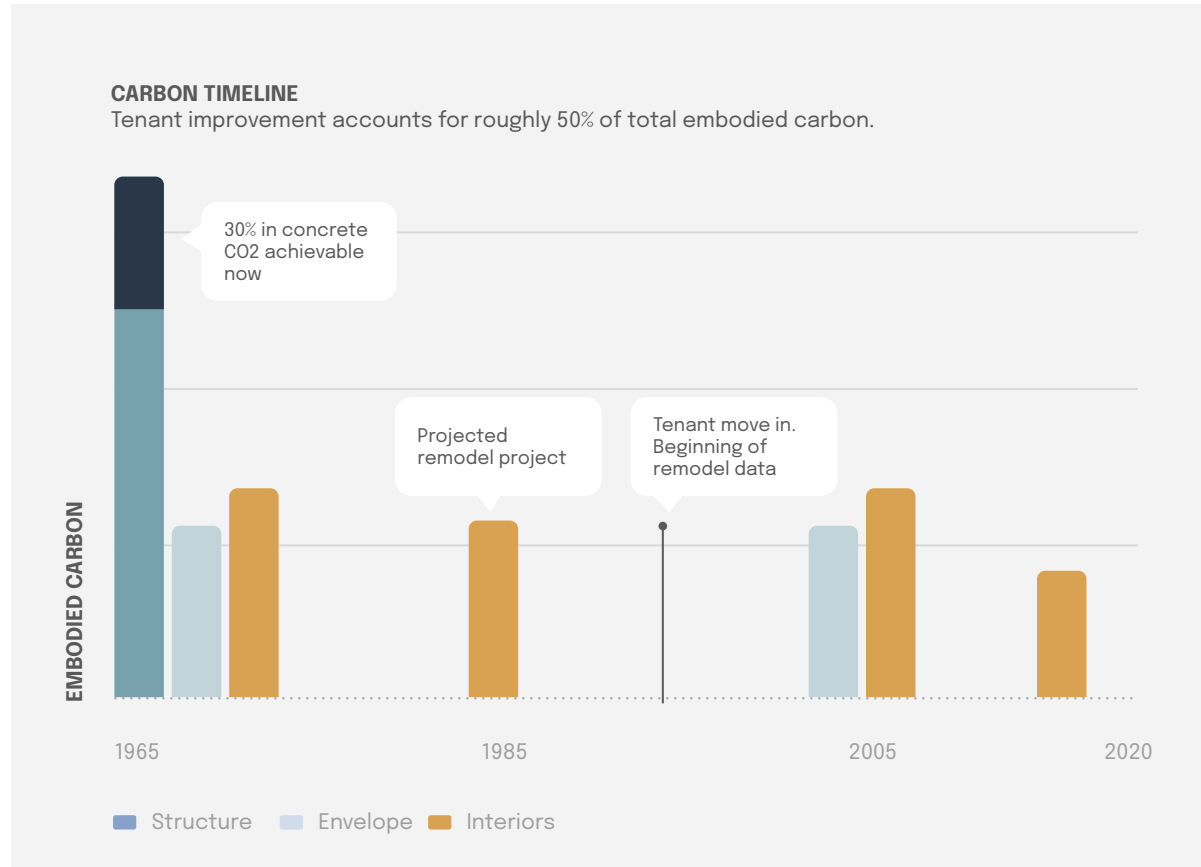
What is embodied carbon?

- Emissions associated with the **production of building materials** and the process of constructing or demolishing a building.
- The upfront embodied carbon of a building can be **equivalent to the carbon emissions of 10 years of operating the building.**

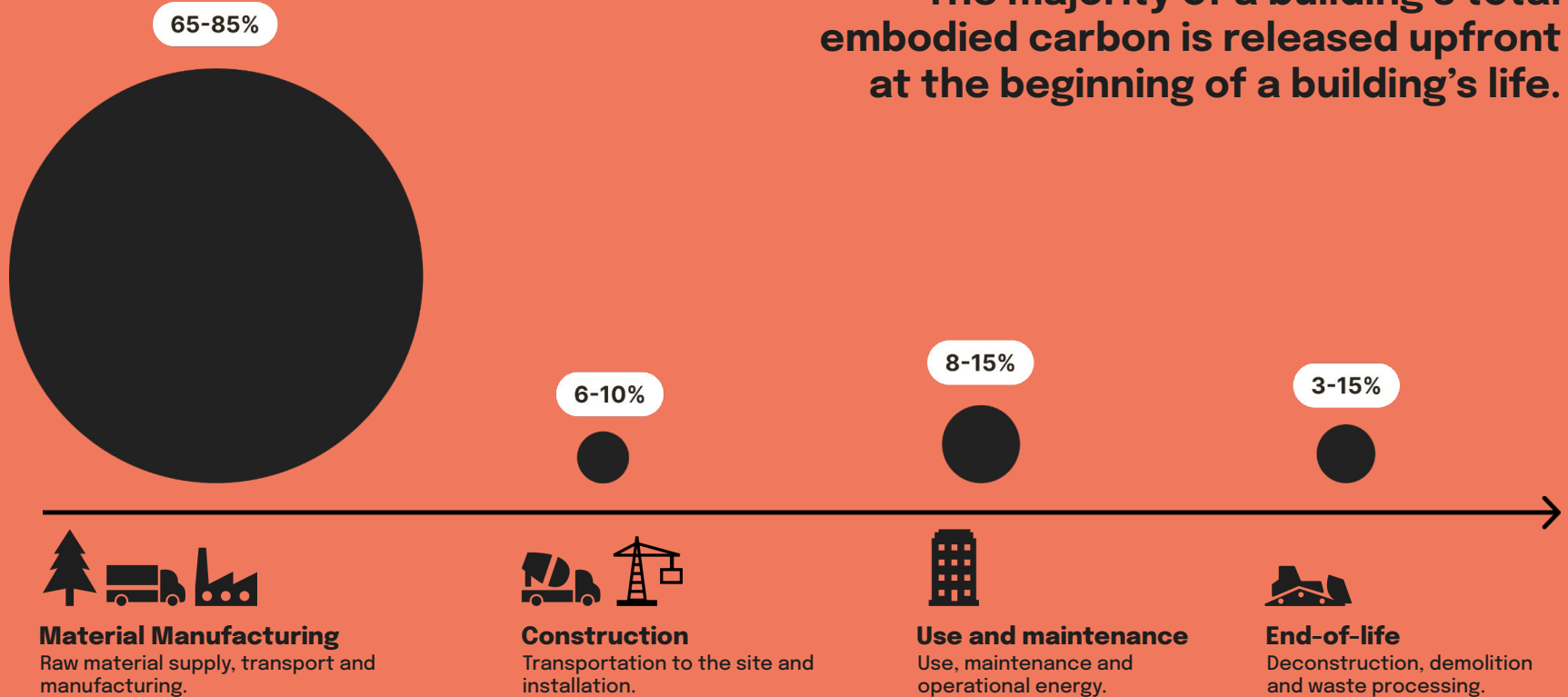


It's not just structures

While the structural materials often get the most focus, interiors and renovations make up a sizable portion of a building's carbon emissions over the life cycle of a building - often >50%.



The majority of a building's total embodied carbon is released upfront at the beginning of a building's life.





Scope 3
Building Materials

58-83%



Scope 3
Other

17-27%



Scope 1+2
Building Operations

10-17%

83%

Building materials are responsible for up to 83% of emissions for a real estate developer and owner.

Investor pressure and **market pressure** are pushing the construction industry to build more sustainably.



As part of Salesforce's [Climate Action Plan](#), the healthy and sustainable materials in our buildings are a key part of our net zero achievement. We have made a commitment to pursue [Zero Carbon Certification](#) on our new major building projects and reduce our embodied carbon impact by 80% by 2030. Through our efforts to date, we've already achieved a 20% reduction in embodied carbon. By focusing on our

to drive down our impact even

CalPERS United Nations Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance Partnership

We joined the [United Nations \(UN\) Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance \(Alliance\)](#) in 2019, committing to accelerating decarbonization in line with limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (°C) by 2050.

Our strategy emphasizes:

- A holistic sustainable investment approach
- Incorporating climate change risks and opportunities
- A focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Hines Embodied Carbon Reduction Guide

Through the years, we have endeavored to bring responsible, sustainable practices to Hines projects, and we will continue to lead our industry by creating sustainability guides that set and raise the bar as we build for the future.

THE GOOD NEWS

There are pathways to reduction.

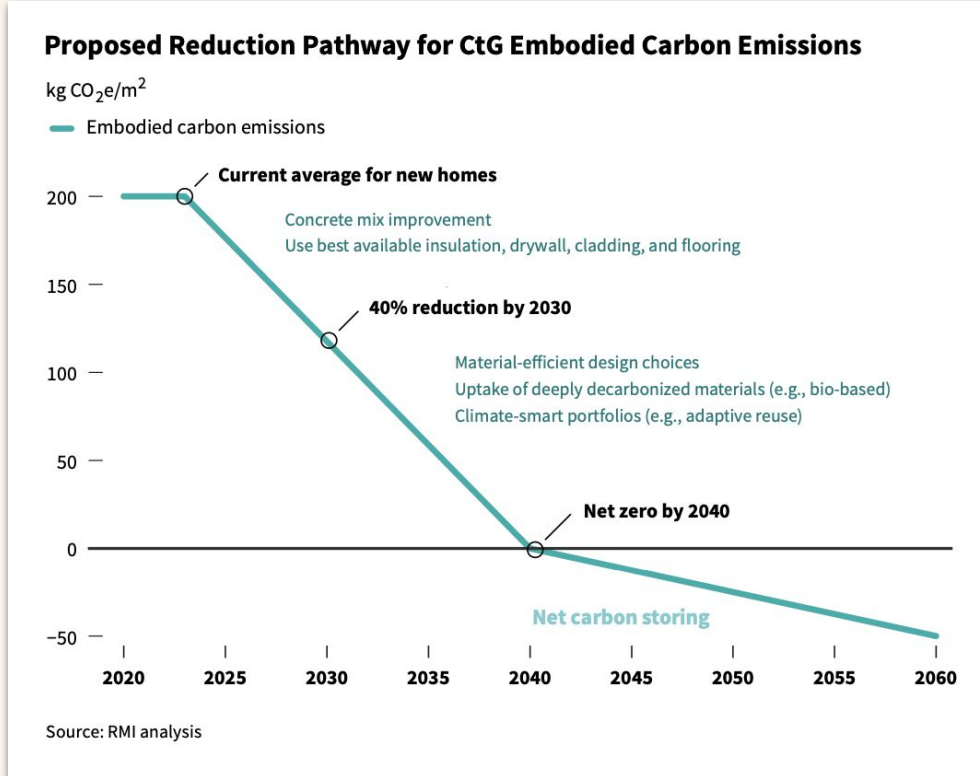
Table 6.1. Upfront embodied GHG emission intensities using a grandfathering downscaling approach, corrected for renovation (kg CO₂-eq/m²)

TYPOLOGY	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Residential	406.8	264.0	154.1	84.2	49.0	11.3
Office	598.6	410.0	247.1	129.9	70.3	14.3
Retail	638.1	414.9	239.2	121.7	64.2	12.9
Other	504.0	350.6	230.3	124.0	69.4	14.9

Source: SBTi Draft Guidelines for Buildings

THE GOOD NEWS

There are pathways to reduction.



There are better products out there.

Examples of Material Substitutions and Scale of Possible Embodied Carbon Emissions Reductions

	As-Built Materials	Best Available	Best Possible
Concrete Mix	0%–14% SCM	15%–29% SCM	30%–50% SCM
Cavity Insulation	Fiberglass	Cellulose	Agricultural residue fibers
Exterior Cladding	Brick	Engineered wood	Bamboo or bio-composite
Flooring	Carpet and tiling	Linoleum and cork	Mycelium composite and clay
Interior Cladding	Drywall	Drywall lowest-emitting product	Lime cork plaster

Note: SCM = supplementary cementitious materials.

Source: C. Magwood and M. Trottier, *Material Emissions Benchmark Report for Part 9 Homes in Vancouver*, 2022

THE GOOD NEWS

There are better products out there.

ALL PRODUCTS > COMPOSITE LUMBER > ACCOYA WOOD FROM SCOTS PINE



COMPOSITE LUMBER

Accoya Wood FROM SCOTS PINE

Accsys Technologies PLC
Gelderland, NL

EMBODIED CARBON

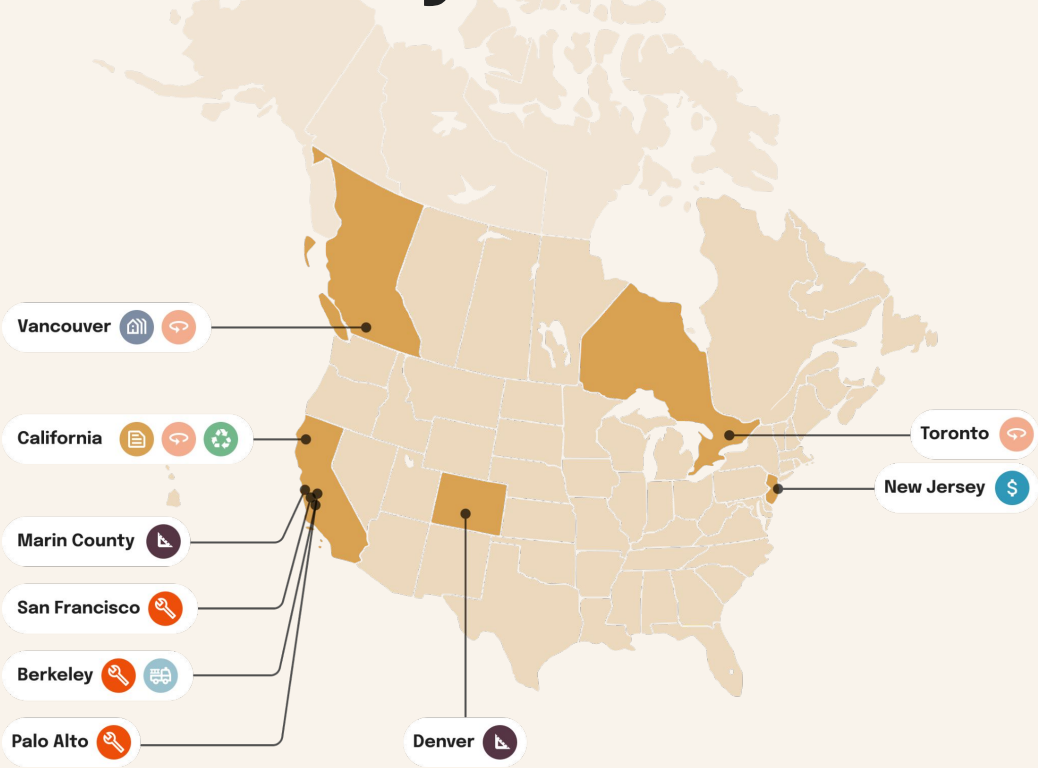
CARBON SINK

Absolute Carbon: -741.00 kg CO₂e / 1 m³

PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTES

Density: 562.50 kg / m³

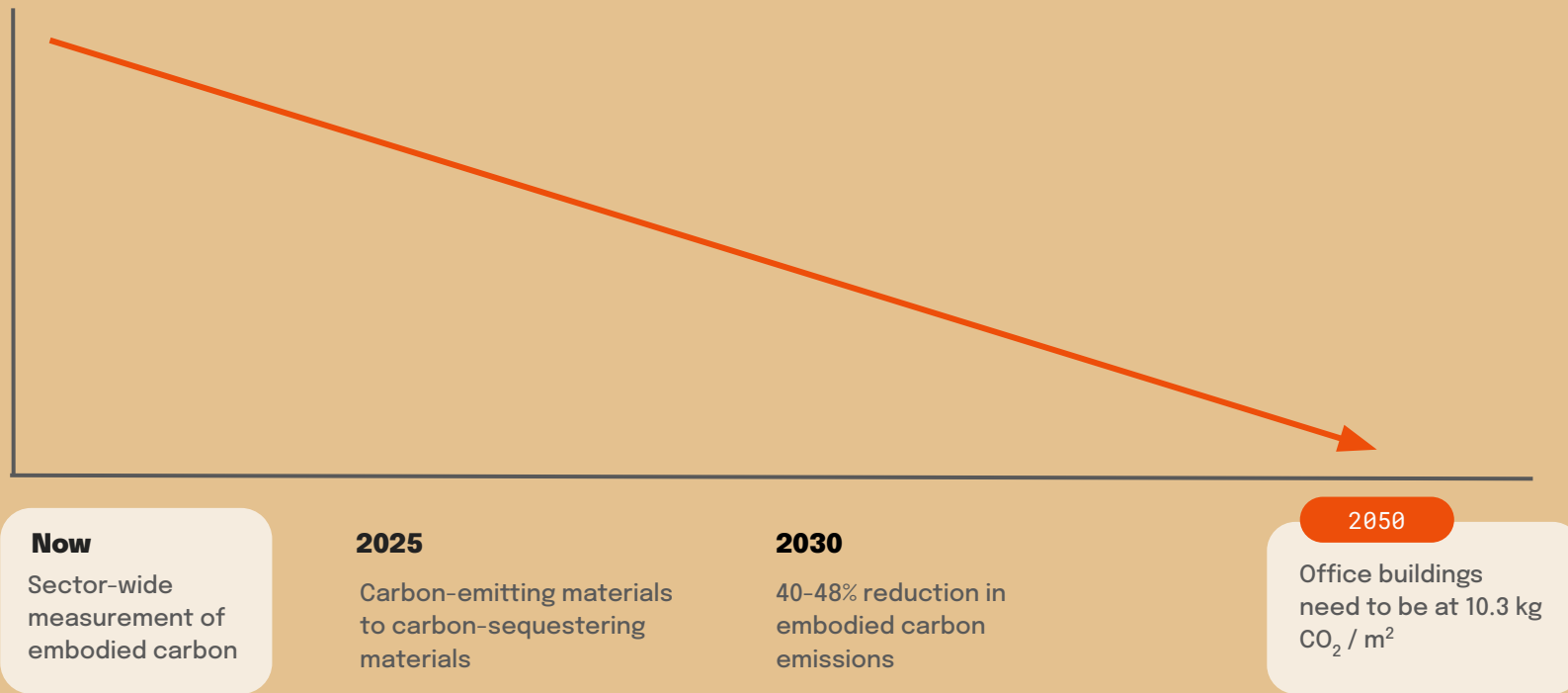
The industry will have to adapt to legislation.



Policy Types
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- Material Intensity Policies
- Building Intensity Policies
- WBLCA
- EPD Requirements
- Demolition / Deconstruction
- Tax Incentives
- Cement Reduction in Concrete
- Building Reuse

Where the industry needs to be



Sources: IPCC, SBTi, RMI

WHAT WE NEED

To fundamentally
change **what gets built.**

Where the industry stands



Don't know portfolio performance

No idea how individual product data or even reports add up to a cumulative figure.



Static, if any, embodied carbon reports

Have to ask consultants to “redo” a report if anything changes.



No collaboration

If reports are shared, it's all emailed PDFs.



Unclear next steps

OK this building was high carbon... now what??

What the industry needs



Understand portfolio performance

Track progress across projects and against embodied carbon goals.



Make changes in real time

As projects are updated, reports are reflected accordingly, throughout construction process.



Coordinate across stakeholders

Delegate responsibilities accordingly.



Prompt action

Discover alternative products that help you meet your embodied carbon targets.

HOW IT WORKS

**Tangible is an embodied carbon
operating system.**

OWNER

CONSULTANT

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

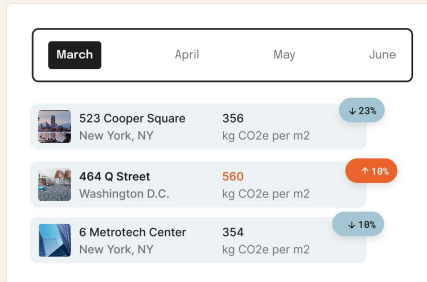
ARCHITECT

HOW IT WORKS

Tangible helps measure embodied carbon portfolio-wide.

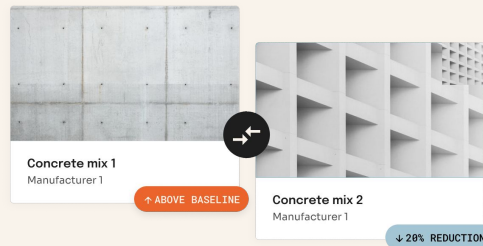
Measure your impact

Measure embodied carbon across your portfolio, allowing you to compare projects and make strategic, portfolio-wide decisions.



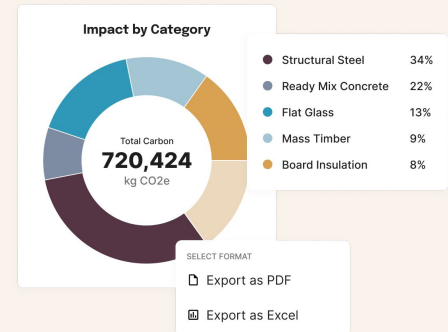
Take action immediately

Find opportunities to reduce embodied carbon at all stages to help you meet your goals.



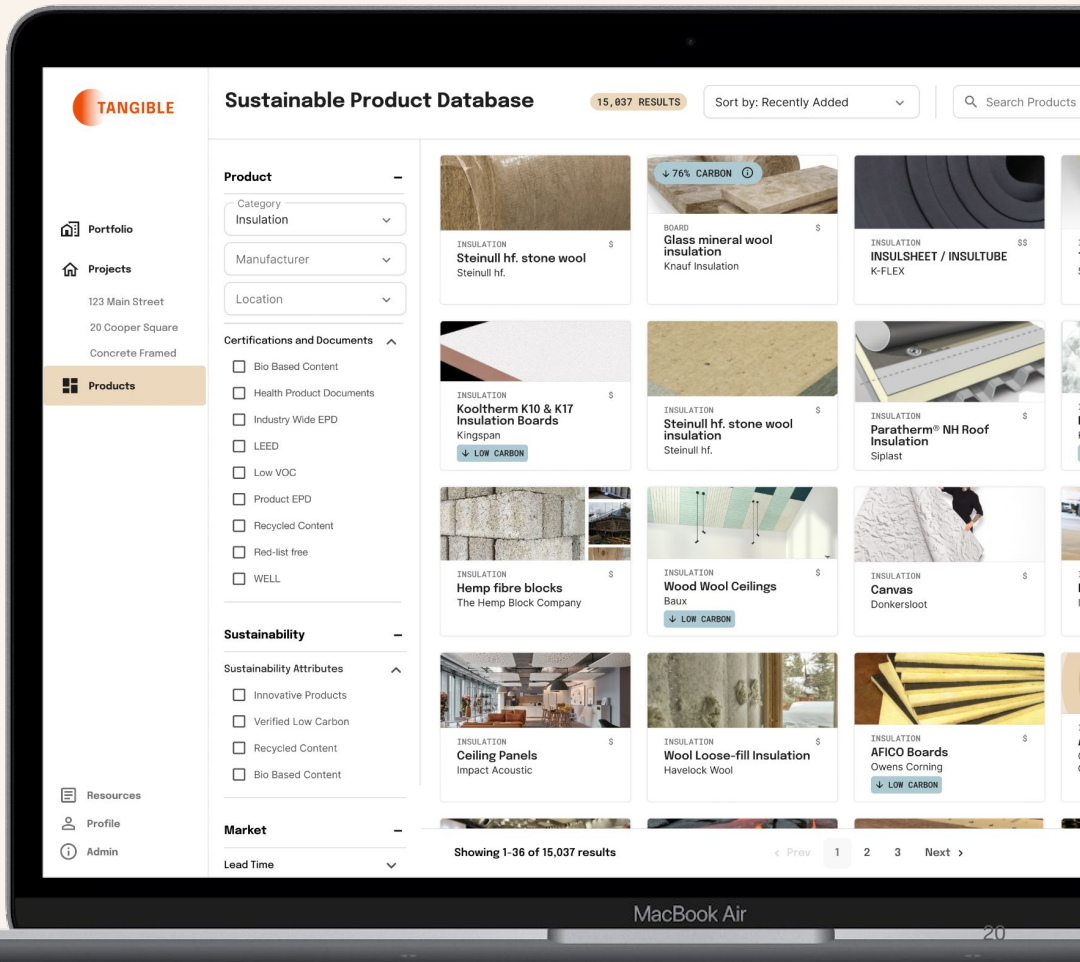
Report on-demand

Export reports with one click at a portfolio or project level, to meet local and global regulatory standards.



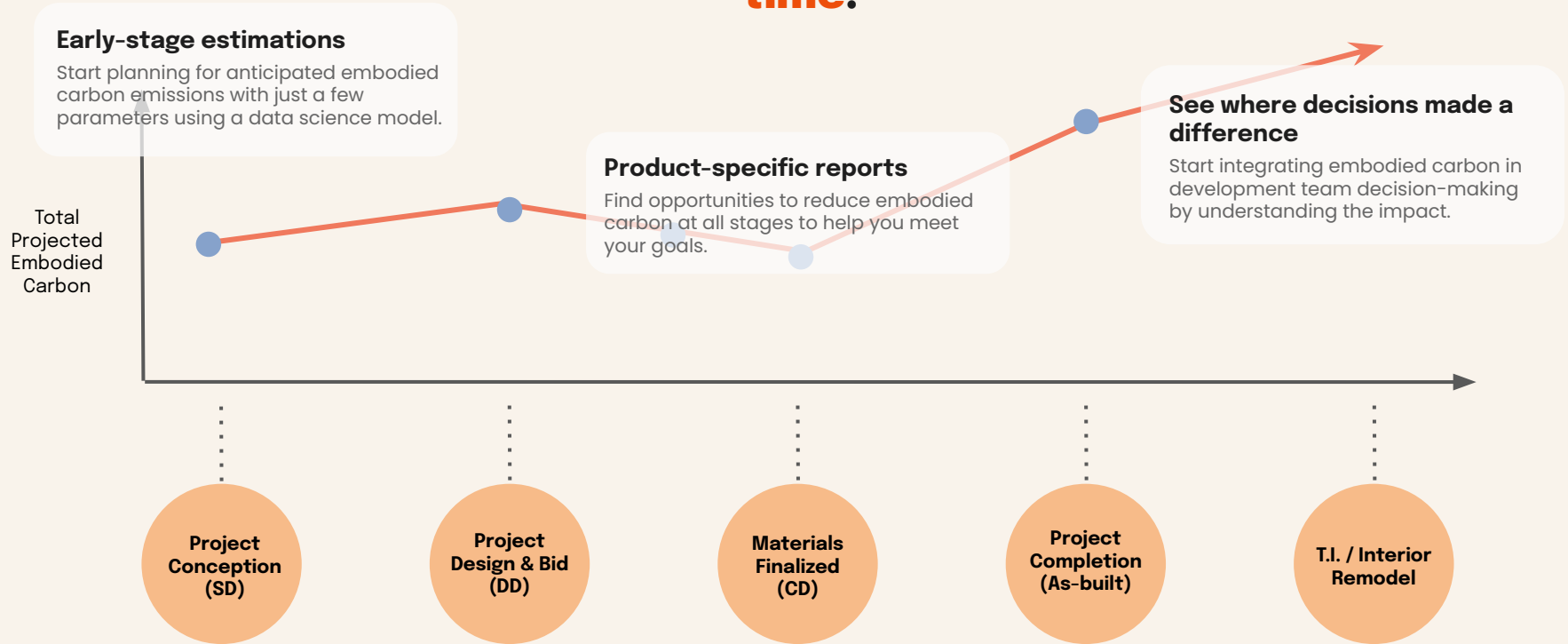
Rich database of materials

Tangible product database includes EPDs, HPDs, Declare labels, and Low-VOC Certifications.



HOW IT WORKS

Tangible helps measure embodied carbon **over time.**



Early-stage estimation

Create a project

SAVE AN

Primary structural system

This design decision has an outsized impact on the total carbon emissions of a building.

Light Wood Frame Mass Timber **Reinforced Concrete** Composite Steel Frame Hybrid Concrete-Steel (High Rise)

Asset type

The typical designs of different asset types can affect the total carbon emissions.

Education Healthcare Hospitality Industrial **Multifamily** Office Retail

Location

Zip code: 20001

Gross Floor Area: 200,000 ft²

Used to calculate embodied carbon intensity using only above ground floors.

Number of Above Ground Floors: 20 Number of Below Ground Floors: 4

Floor area per Above Ground Floors (indoor space only): 10,000 ft² Floor area per Below Ground Floors: 70,000 ft²

Estimated Total Embodied Carbon

A1-A3, Structures, Enclosures, Interiors

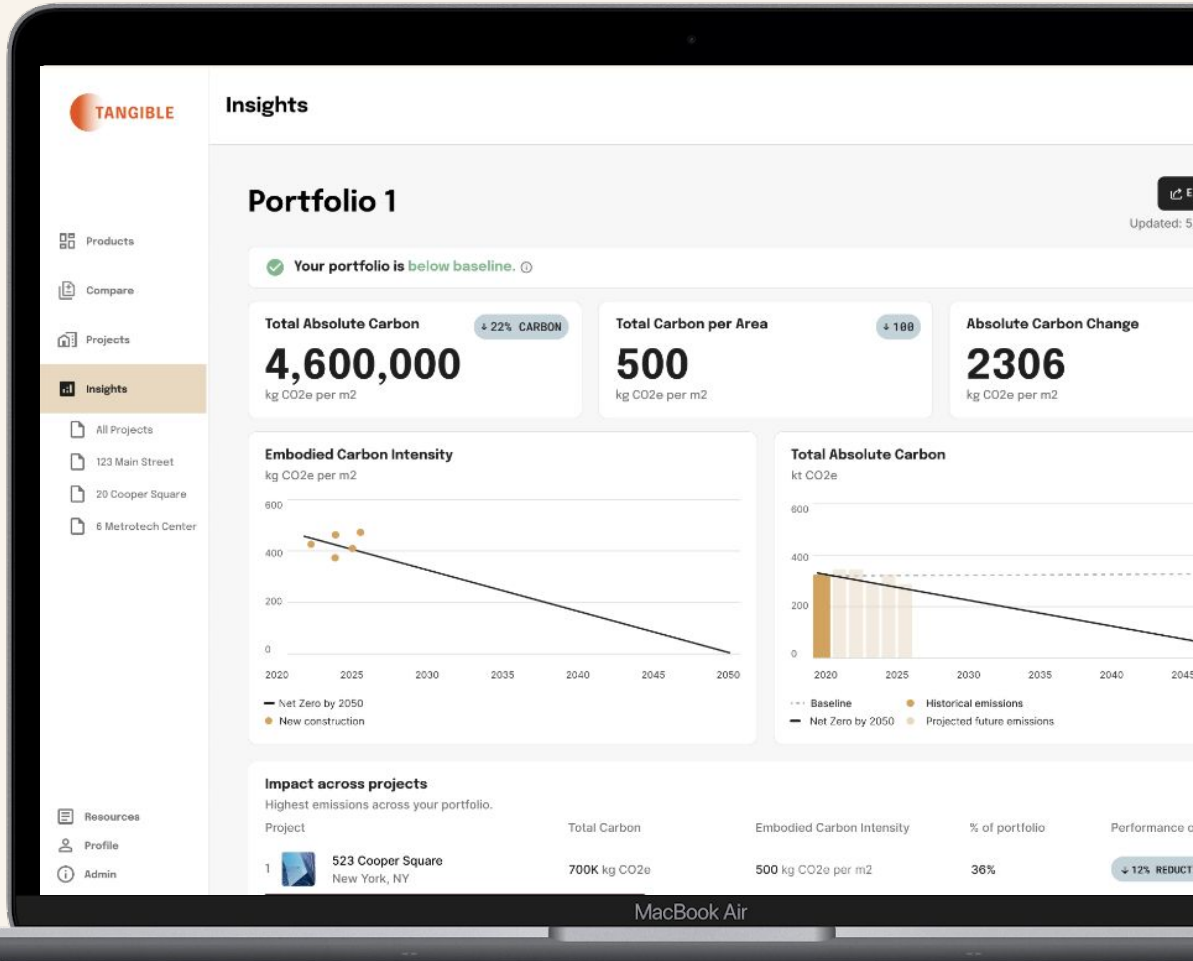
5,000,028

kg CO₂e

Category	Estimated Carbon Emissions (kg CO ₂ e)
Your estimated carbon emissions	5,000,028
Low carbon similar building	~3,500,000

MacBook Air

Portfolio dashboard



WHAT IS POSSIBLE

To reduce embodied
carbon **at scale.**



Thank you!

Reach out with questions

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