



LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT FOR STEERING RACKS

A remanufactured **steering rack** from CPI saves the environment 78% CO₂eq, 62% energy, and 96% of the new materials compared to a newly manufactured steering rack.



DID YOU KNOW?

When we remanufacture eight steering racks compared to eight newly manufactured ones, we avoid emitting around 345 kg CO₂ eq. For comparison, this is the same amount of CO₂ that an average petrol car emits on a journey from Paris to Berlin.



How did we find out?

Linköping University has performed a life cycle assessment of an steering rack from CPI. The environmental assessments will consider the potential benefits of remanufacturing regarding global warming, resource use, and energy use compared to a newly manufactured product of the same design. The report has been critically reviewed by a sustainability consultant at SustainX (LCA expertise and head of the critical review).

Method

Life cycle assessment (LCA) is a standardized and widely used method for evaluating the environmental impact of a product or service. It includes the whole life cycle, from extracting raw material, material production, product manufacturing, and product use to end-of-life treatment. With this approach, an LCA can expose what stage, process, or material causes the main environmental impact.

The aim of the life cycle assessment is to evaluate the environmental impact of a remanufactured product (reman) and to compare it to the environmental impact of a new product (newman). To achieve this, an attributional modelling approach is used, where the input and output flows of the processes of a system are inventoried for a specified period based on historical data.

The environmental assessment of the steering rack is performed through LCA methodology according to ISO 14040 and ISO 14044, where the principles and structure and the requirements and guidelines are described. Limited compliance on ISO 14044 due to critical review done by one expert and not by a panel. SimaPro Professional Version 9.4.0.2 software is used to perform the LCA, the inventory database Ecoinvent 3.8 is used for the life cycle inventory, and the Cumulative Energy Demand (CED) and EPD(2018) methods are used for the impact assessment.

