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Vest Incorporated is a manufacturer of welded carbon steel tubing. As such, we purchase our steel from various steel mills, both domestically and internationally. Our sources produce the steel we consume in one of two processes:

- 1) Electric Arc Furnace (**EAF**) process is the method of melting scrap metal combined with other metallurgical elements to produce various steel grades to specific customer applications.
- 2) Basic Oxygen Furnace (**BOF**) process requires the combination of virgin iron ore and coking coal with a determined mix of scrap metal melted together to produce steel as described above.

Per the Steel Recycling Institute the US domestic steel industry reports the **EAF** process utilized 93.3% scrap content in the melt and manufacture process of their steel making. 56.9 % was derived from "post-consumer" scrap and 31.4% was from "pre-consumer" scrap.

The Steel Recycling Institute also claims that the integrated steel manufacturers utilizing the **BOF** process reported that 32.7% of their product was scrap metal of which 25.5% was derived from "post-consumer" content and 6.8% was from "pre-consumer" scrap.

It should be noted that the above data represents US industry averages and exact amounts would vary by mill and by heat designation (heat number). It is also important to note that Vest does not add any contaminants to our finished products that would preclude 100% recyclability after our products have served their useful life.

Should you require any further information please direct your inquiry to our Sales Department.

Sincerely,


Chris Knox

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