

# Pandrol Under Sleeper Pad

## EPD Summary Report



Pandrol is proud to be the first manufacturer in the field to be assessed and certified to EPD criteria in recognition of the impressively low carbon footprint of our sustainable resilient systems. Like all our products, these reflect Pandrol's commitment to reducing the environmental impact of railway infrastructure.

Pandrol Under Sleeper Pad (USP) solutions reduce maintenance requirements, increase track quality and provide vibration attenuation to Ballasted Track. The systems are easy to install, maintenance free and compatible with all types of track design; with their use also proven to reduce the life-cycle cost of the railway.



### High performance

Increased track lifetime and reduced track maintenance while reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> impact of railway infrastructure.

### Easy to install

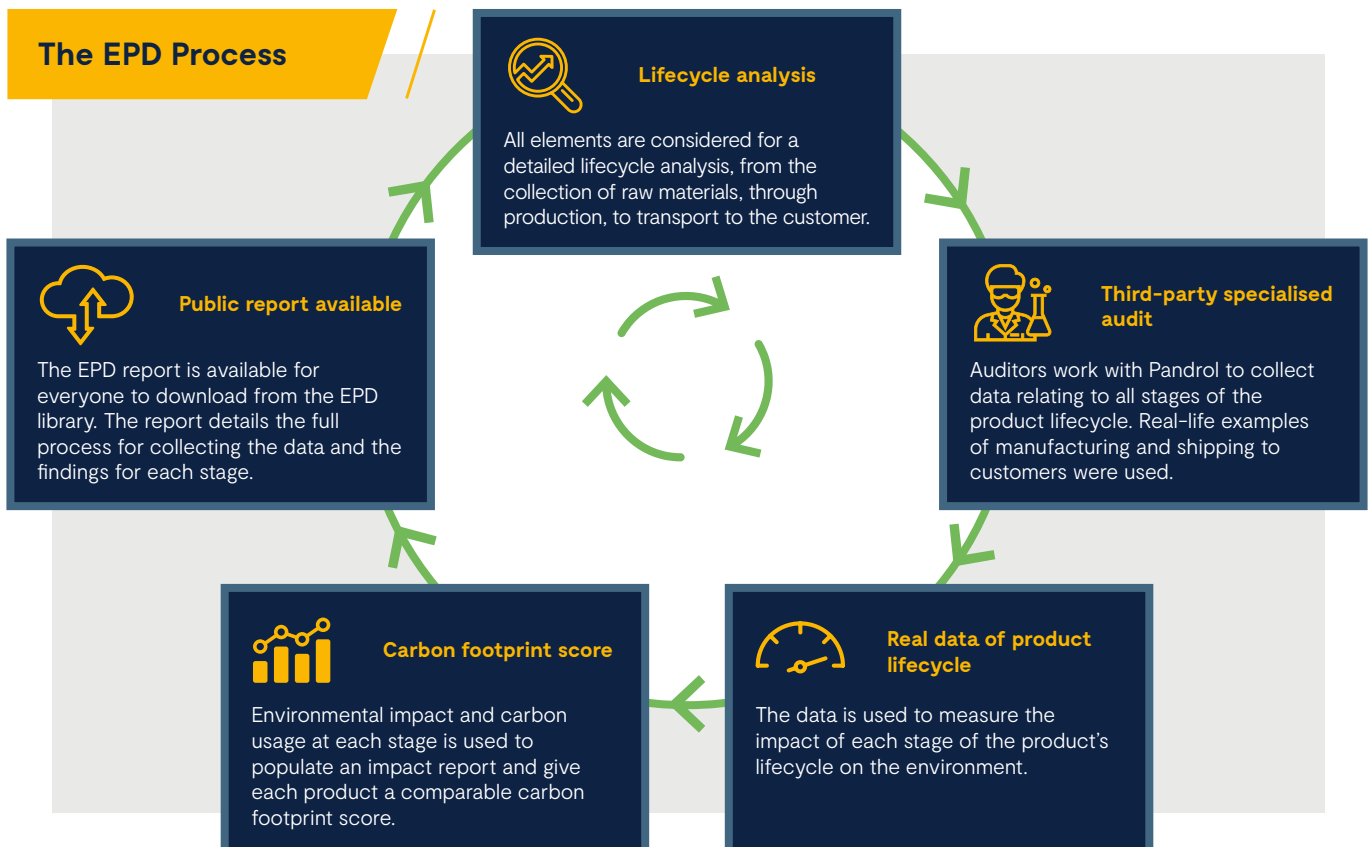
Very easy to install without machinery, the Pandrol USP is a maintenance-free system designed to last the lifetime of the sleeper.

### Eco-friendly

All Pandrol sustainable resilient systems are made from recycled material and are 100% recyclable.

## What is an Environmental Product Declaration?

Internationally accepted, an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is a transparent, third-party audited comparison tool that uses scientific parameters to measure a business' or product's environmental impact. Independently verified and used across all sectors, the EPD process supports increased understanding of environmental impact throughout the supply chain and provides businesses with a benchmark for continuous improvement.



## Pandrol Under Sleeper Pad EPD results

Example below is for USP-I-07d-MFF. Pandrol can provide specific value for each system and project needs.

### Acid Rain mitigation

Gases such as sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) react with water in the atmosphere to form acid deposition in a process known as 'acid rain'. Acidification Potential (AP) measures a product's impact on acid rain.

Pandrol USP results show there is only 0.2% SO<sub>2</sub> eq per kg of product. This means by choosing Pandrol USP as a sustainable alternative, less acid rain will fall.



**Pandrol USP: 0.010 kg SO<sub>2</sub> eq / USP**

### Ozone depletion

Ozone-depleting gases cause damage to the ozone layer. CFCs, halons and HCFCs are the major causes of ozone depletion. Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP) measures how many of these harmful chemicals are emitted during a product's lifecycle.

Pandrol USP results show nearly no ODP (less than 0.001 mg/USP to be accurate!). This means that choosing Pandrol USP as a sustainable alternative has no impact on ozone layer depletion.



**Pandrol USP: 0.0000000005 kg CFC 11 eq / USP**

### Global warming reduction

Human activity releases greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, causing changes to the global temperature and resulting in changes to the Earth's climate. Measuring Global Warming Potential (GWP) quantifies a product's impact on climate change.

Pandrol USP results show a minimal impact on global warming.



**Pandrol USP: 8.3 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq / USP**

### Water pollution

Water pollution can lead to the death of aquatic plants and animals and leaching of fertilisers into the water table leads to eutrophication. Eutrophication Potential (EP) measures the impact a product has on water quality and animal populations.

Pandrol USP results show limited impact on water quality. By choosing Pandrol USP as a sustainable alternative, quality of aquatic life improves.



**Pandrol USP: 0.002 kg PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> eq / USP**

## Pandrol Under Sleeper Pad key facts



Every kilometer of railway track installed with Pandrol USP saves 3,000 tyres from landfill or burning.



Pandrol saves nearly 80 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per km of railway track installed compared to industry average microcellular polyurethane. To give an idea of how much CO<sub>2</sub> this is, it's the equivalent of an average passenger vehicle driving 630,000 km or, 16 times around the globe!

## Footprint comparison

According to the United Nations Environment Programme, the building sector contributes nearly 40% of global green house gas emissions.

Pandrol USP is the lowest carbon footprint available on the market versus competitors.

