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Summary

Bicycles and scooters are effective means of transport for short distance travel. Especially for daily commuter travel, electric bicycles and scooters become more and more popular. The aim of this report is to provide up-to-date LCI data on transport by two wheel vehicles.

The life cycle inventories of two wheel vehicles expand the existing data sets on transport life cycle inventories. Existing ecoinvent data (Spielmann et al. 2007) is adapted to two wheel vehicle manufacture and operation. The life cycle inventories of bicycles and electric bicycles manufacture are established from literature on bicycle manufacture, whereas the life cycle inventories of scooter and electric scooter manufacture are extrapolated from passenger car manufacture.

The cumulative LCI results show, that the manufacture of two wheel vehicles has a main influence on the environmental performance of transport by bicycles or scooters.

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Abbreviations and Glossary

| | |
|------|--------------------------|
| BEV | Battery electric vehicle |
| CED | Cumulative energy demand |
| LiIo | Lithium-ion |

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1 Two wheel vehicles

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1.1 Introduction

Bicycles and scooters are an effective means of transport for short distance travel. In the last decade, electric bicycles and electric scooters have become more affordable, which makes them attractive for commuter travel on short distances. The market for electric bicycles is currently growing at annual rates of 100 % and more (velosuisse 2008). Thanks to newer generation of battery packs, mainly Lithium-ion (LiIo) batteries, the operating distance of electric vehicles have attained an operation range, which is suitable for daily short and medium distance operation.

The life cycle inventories cover both the conventional transport by bicycles or scooters and the electrically powered alternative. In order to assess the influence of electricity generation on the overall environmental impact of bicycle transport, the data sets are established for electricity consumption from the Swiss grid (supply mix) and from certified electricity in Switzerland.

The data set of transport by two wheel vehicles is composed of the following input data:

- vehicle operation
- vehicle manufacture
- vehicle maintenance
- vehicle disposal
- use of road infrastructure

1.2 Characterisation of bicycles and electric bicycles

The construction of an average electric bicycle basically is comparable to normal bicycles. However, there are two categories of electric bicycles available. The first category contains bicycles, whose speed is limited to 25 km/h. They can be driven without special permit or license plate. Bicycles with a speed limit up to 45 km/h belong into the second category and need to be registered according to Swiss regulations as motor-assisted bicycle/moped (Bundesversammlung 1995). This study focuses on electric bicycles of the first category. An electric bicycle usually offers four different levels of assistance. The more assistance is provided by the electric motor, the lower is the operating distance of the electric bicycle. We assume an average electricity consumption of 1 kWh per 100 km (Biketech 2009).

The product leader in Switzerland is Biketech AG, who produces the electric bicycles of the label "Flyer". Flyer bicycles are equipped with an electric motor at the wheel hub and a battery pack mounted on the back of the frame. The weight of a Flyer ranges from 21 to 25 kg. The electric motor contributes 4.4 kg and the battery pack 2.6 kg to the total weight. A comparable bicycle has an overall weight of 17 kg, which is a standard value for so-called citybikes (bicycles for daily use in an urban environment).

Only a small percentage of the bicycles sold in Switzerland are produced or assembled in Switzerland (less than 10%)¹. We therefore include manufacture and transport to Switzerland from Far East Asia.

¹ Personal communication: Mr. Reto Meier, Tour de Suisse Velos, Kreuzlingen, 2009-08-31

Tab. 1.1: Overview of data sets for bicycles and electric bicycles

| Components/activities | Data set |
|---|--|
| Bicycle, produced in the Far East, sold in Switzerland | bicycle, at regional storage, CH [unit] |
| Electric bicycle, produced in Far East, assembled and sold in Switzerland | electric bicycle, at regional storage, CH [unit] |
| Maintenance of a bicycle over the lifetime | maintenance, bicycle, CH [unit] |
| Maintenance of an electric bicycle over the lifetime | maintenance, electric bicycle, CH [unit] |
| End-of-life of a bicycle | disposal, bicycle, CH [unit] |
| End-of-life of an electric bicycle | disposal, electric bicycle, CH [unit] |
| Operation of bicycle | operation, bicycle, CH [km] |
| Operation of an electric bicycle charged with Swiss supply mix | operation, electric bicycle, CH [km] |
| Operation of an electric bicycle charged with certified electricity | operation, electric bicycle, certified electricity, CH [km] |
| Transport of one person on one kilometre by bicycle | transport, bicycle, CH [pkm] |
| Transport of one person on one kilometre by electric bicycle charged with Swiss supply mix | transport, electric bicycle, CH [pkm] |
| Transport of one person on one kilometre by electric bicycle charged with certified electricity | transport, electric bicycle, certified electricity, CH [pkm] |

1.3 Characterisation of scooters and electric scooters

The market for electric scooters is evolving and the number of vehicles in circulation is still small. There are three main producers in Switzerland: i.o. e-Scooter, Vespino and Vectrix, which offer various models differing in size and power. Conventional scooters are available in two main categories, 50cc and 125cc. Currently, the majority of the electric scooters sold is comparable to the 50cc class, as their speed limit is at 60-70 km/h (NewRide 2009). We therefore establish the data sets for scooters and electric scooters with engines limited to this speed.

Tab. 1.2: Overview of data sets for scooters and electric scooters

| Components/activities | Data set |
|---|--|
| Scooter, produced in the Far East, sold in Switzerland | scooter, at regional storage, CH [unit] |
| Electric scooter, produced in Far East, assembled and sold in Switzerland | electric scooter, at regional storage, CH [unit] |
| Maintenance of a scooter over the lifetime | maintenance, scooter, CH [unit] |
| Maintenance of an electric scooter over the lifetime | maintenance, electric scooter, CH [unit] |
| End-of-life of a scooter | disposal, scooter, CH [unit] |
| End-of-life of an electric scooter | disposal, electric scooter, CH [unit] |
| Operation of scooter | operation, scooter, CH [km] |
| Operation of an electric scooter charged with Swiss supply mix | operation, electric scooter, CH [km] |
| Operation of an electric scooter charged with certified electricity | operation, electric scooter, certified electricity, CH [km] |
| Transport of one person on one kilometre by scooter | transport, scooter, CH [pkm] |
| Transport of one person on one kilometre by electric scooter charged with Swiss supply mix | transport, electric scooter, CH [pkm] |
| Transport of one person on one kilometre by electric scooter charged with certified electricity | transport, electric scooter, certified electricity, CH [pkm] |

1.4 System characterisation

The following sections describe the life cycle inventories of electric bicycles and scooters. To be able to compare the different vehicle types, not only the inventory of electric bicycle is established, but also the inventory of a conventional bicycle and a petrol fuelled scooter. Furthermore, the operation of electric bicycles and scooters are considered using different electricity mixes for battery charging. All data sets represent the most commonly used type of vehicle in Switzerland with respect to vehicle weight, battery type and other materials applied.

Some data are extrapolated from passenger car manufacturing and operation using the weight ratio as extrapolation factor (see Tab. 1.3). Whenever the weight ratio is used as extrapolation factor the following values are applied:

Tab. 1.3: weight ratios applied for extrapolation from passenger car data sets

| | weights | weight ratio |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| bicycle : passenger car | 17 kg : 1320 kg | 0.013 |
| electric bicycle : passenger car | 24 kg : 1320 kg | 0.018 |
| electric scooter : passenger car | 144 kg : 1320 kg | 0.109 |
| scooter : passenger car | 90 kg : 1320 kg | 0.068 |

1.5 Life cycle inventories of transport by two-wheel vehicles

The transport data sets combine the inventories of vehicle production, operation, maintenance, road infrastructure use and disposal. The comparison of the different vehicle types is carried out on the level of transport services in person kilometres. This comparison requires information from transport statistics, which is outlined in the following section. Furthermore, the vehicle types and the corresponding unit process raw data of the transport data sets are outlined.

1.5.1 Road infrastructure

According to the ecoinvent report no.14 (Spielmann et al. 2007), the allocation factor for road use and disposal is defined by calculating the share of the gross transport performance. The gross transport performance is calculated using the gross vehicle weight, including passengers. Assuming that an average person riding a bicycle weighs 75 kg, the gross vehicle weight is 0.092 t. Multiplying the gross vehicle weight with the vehicle kilometres (BfS 2007) results in a gross transport performance of 1.26E+8 Gt·km. This is a share of 0.001% of the total Swiss gross transport performance. Applied to 71600 km road network in Switzerland, where two wheel vehicles of these categories are admitted, the specific road demand per person kilometre is 4.92E-5 m³/a.

Electric bicycles and electric scooters account for approximately 2.5% of all bicycles² or scooters registered in Switzerland. The total kilometres ridden by electric bicycles or scooters are therefore 2.5% of the conventional bicycles or scooters respectively. The road network demand is calculated identically to calculations carried out for bicycles or scooters (Tab. 1.4).

² Personal communication: Mr. Roland Fuchs, Schweizerische Fachstelle für Zweiradfragen, Solothurn, 2009-08-31

Tab. 1.4: Calculation of demand factors of bicycle transport using Gtkm as allocation factor

| Road use and disposal | unit | bicycles | eBikes | Scooters | eScooters | source |
|--|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|---|
| length road network | km | 71600 | 71600 | 71600 | 71600 | ecoinvent report No. 14 |
| total kilometers by vehicle type | vkm | 1.37E+09 | 1.39E+07 | 2.26E+09 | 2.28E+07 | Bike: BFS Mikrozensus 2005, motorcycle: ecoinvent |
| net-transport performance | pkm | 1.37E+09 | 1.39E+07 | 2.48E+09 | 2.51E+07 | BFS, Mikrozensus Verkehrsverhalten 2005 |
| net vehicle weight | t | 1.70E-02 | 2.40E-02 | 9.00E-02 | 1.43E-01 | own calculation, see in Overview |
| average load | t | 7.50E-02 | 7.50E-02 | 8.25E-02 | 8.25E-02 | estimation: average person: 75kg |
| average gross vehicle weight | t | 9.20E-02 | 9.90E-02 | 1.73E-01 | 2.26E-01 | sum of vehicle and load weight |
| Gross transport performance vehicle | Gtkm | 1.26E+08 | 1.37E+06 | 3.89E+08 | 5.14E+06 | share of gross transport performance |
| Gross transport performance total (CH) | Gtkm | 1.34E+11 | 1.34E+11 | 1.34E+11 | 1.34E+11 | ecoinvent report No. 14 |
| Demand of total network | % | 0.094% | 0.00102% | 0.29057% | 0.00384% | own calculation from share of road network |
| Specific road demand per pkm | m ³ a/p | 4.92E-05 | 5.29E-05 | 8.38E-05 | 1.10E-04 | own calculation from total network demand |

Road maintenance mainly includes snow clearance and pavement repair on motorways, to which bicycles and small scooters are not admitted. Therefore, no share of road maintenance is attributed to transport by the two-wheelers.

1.5.2 Capacity utilization

The average occupation of the vehicle is needed to calculate the person kilometres (pkm). In contrast to bicycles, which have a transport capacity of one person, scooters usually have a pillion's seat. The ecoinvent report (Spielmann et al. 2007) states an average occupation of 1.1 persons for motorcycles. These two values are used to calculate the bicycle or scooter manufacture input, maintenance (if applicable) and disposal per pkm.

Tab. 1.5: Occupation of bicycles and scooters

| operation | persons/vehicle | source |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| bicycle | 1.00 | defined by laws and physics |
| e-bicycle | 1.00 | defined by laws and physics |
| e-scooter | 1.10 | ecoinvent report Nr.14 |
| scooter | 1.10 | ecoinvent report Nr.14 |

1.5.3 Transport

The data set of bicycle transport refers to an average, not weight optimized, all-round bicycle designed for the use on paved roads in an urban environment (citybike). It contains some additional equipment such as a rear rack, mudguards and lights and has a total weight of 17 kg. The same data is used for electric bicycles, which are additionally equipped with an electric motor (4.4 kg) and a rechargeable lithium-ion battery pack (2.6 kg). The total weight of the electric bicycle is 24 kg, which corresponds to current standards. Bicycles can be used as regular means of transport, e.g. for the daily travel to work or shopping, and as a sport equipment. This inventory focuses on the use of bicycles as means of transport with an average operation range of 1000 km per year. Bicycles used as sport equipment usually have a higher operation range than 1000 km per year. An average bicycle is used for 10'000 to 15'000 kilometers³.

The scooter data set is established for a 50cc scooter with a maximum speed of 70-80 km/h. Even though there are electric scooters with more powerful motors, the majority of the electric scooter on Swiss roads has a maximal speed limit of 60-70 km/h⁴. Further specification of the vehicle types are outlined in the section on the manufacture data sets (see Section 1.8).

³ Personal communication: Mr. Roland Fuchs, Schweizerische Fachstelle für Zweiradfragen, Solothurn, 2009-08-31

⁴ Personal communication: Mr. Wirth, i.o. eScooter, Schöftland, 2009-07-06

The manufacture, maintenance and disposal are accounted for based on the life expectancy of the vehicle. Bicycles⁵ have an estimated life time of 15000 km and the life time of scooters⁶ is set to 50000 km.

Tab. 1.6: Life expectancies of bicycles and scooters

| Life expectancy | unit | value | source |
|-----------------|------|-------|------------------------|
| bicycle | km | 15000 | personal communication |
| e-bicycle | km | 15000 | personal communication |
| e-scooter | km | 50000 | personal communication |
| scooter | km | 50000 | personal communication |

Tab. 1.7: Unit process raw data for transport by bicycles and scooters

| product | Name | Location Infrastructure | Unit | transport, electric bicycle | transport, electric bicycle, certified electricity | transport, electric scooter | transport, electric scooter, certified electricity | transport, bicycle | transport, scooter | Uncertainty Type | Standard Deviation [%] | GeneralComment |
|--------------|--|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|
| | | | | CH | CH | CH | CH | CH | CH | | | |
| | Location InfrastructureProcess Unit | | | CH | CH | CH | CH | CH | CH | | | |
| | transport, electric bicycle | CH | 0 pkm | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | transport, electric bicycle, certified electricity | CH | 0 pkm | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | transport, electric scooter | CH | 0 pkm | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | transport, electric scooter, certified electricity | CH | 0 pkm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | transport, bicycle | CH | 0 pkm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| | transport, scooter | CH | 0 pkm | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| technosphere | bicycle, at regional storage | RER | 1 unit | | | | | 6.67E-5 | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: Bike 15'000km |
| | electric bicycle, at regional storage | RER | 1 unit | 6.67E-5 | 6.67E-5 | | | | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: eBike 15'000km |
| | electric scooter, at regional storage | RER | 1 unit | | | 1.82E-5 | 1.82E-5 | | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: eScooter 50'000km |
| | scooter, ICE, at regional storage | RER | 1 unit | | | | | | 1.82E-5 | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: Scooter 50'000km |
| | operation, electric bicycle | CH | 0 km | 1.00E+0 | | | | | | 1 | 2.00 | (1,1,1,1,1); defined by laws and physics |
| | operation, electric bicycle, certified electricity | CH | 0 km | | 1.00E+0 | | | | | 1 | 2.00 | (1,1,1,1,1); defined by laws and physics |
| | operation, electric scooter | CH | 0 km | | | 9.09E-1 | | | | 1 | 2.00 | (1,1,2,1,1,3); ecoinvent report Nr.14 |
| | operation, electric scooter, certified electricity | CH | 0 km | | | | 9.09E-1 | | | 1 | 2.00 | (1,1,2,1,1,3); ecoinvent report Nr.14 |
| | operation, scooter | CH | 0 km | | | | | | 9.09E-1 | 1 | 2.00 | (1,1,2,1,1,3); ecoinvent report Nr.14 |
| | road | CH | 1 ma | 5.29E-5 | 5.29E-5 | 1.10E-4 | 1.10E-4 | 4.92E-5 | 8.38E-5 | 1 | 3.28 | (4,1,2,1,4,4); allocation of road use according to gross ton kilometre performance |
| | maintenance, bicycle | CH | 1 unit | | | | | 6.67E-5 | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: Bike 15'000km |
| | maintenance, electric bicycle | CH | 1 unit | 6.67E-5 | 6.67E-5 | | | | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: eBike 15'000km |
| | maintenance, electric scooter | CH | 1 unit | | | 1.82E-5 | 1.82E-5 | | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: eScooter 50'000km |
| | maintenance, scooter | CH | 1 unit | | | | | | 1.82E-5 | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: Scooter 50'000km |
| | disposal, road | RER | 1 ma | 5.29E-5 | 5.29E-5 | 1.10E-4 | 1.10E-4 | 4.92E-5 | 8.38E-5 | 1 | 3.28 | (4,1,2,1,4,4); allocation of road use according to gross ton kilometre performance |
| | disposal, bicycle | CH | 1 unit | | | | | 6.67E-5 | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: Bike 15'000km |
| | disposal, electric bicycle | CH | 1 unit | 6.67E-5 | 6.67E-5 | | | | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: eBike 15'000km |
| | disposal, electric scooter | CH | 1 unit | | | 1.82E-5 | 1.82E-5 | | | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: eScooter 50'000km |
| | disposal, scooter | CH | 1 unit | | | | | | 1.82E-5 | 1 | 3.02 | (2,1,1,1,4); Estimation: Scooter 50'000km |

1.6 Life cycle inventories of two-wheel vehicle operation

1.6.1 Bicycles and electric bicycles

For the assessment of vehicle operation, two main aspects have to be considered. Firstly, the electricity consumption is of interest: the electricity consumption per kilometre varies depending on the grade of motor powered support. Assuming an average support factor, the electricity consumption is 1 kWh per 100 km (Biketech 2009). Two electricity mixes for battery charging are taken into account: certified electricity and Swiss supply mix.

⁵ Personal communication: Mr. M. Kofmehl, Biketec AG, Huttwil, 2009-08-31

⁶ Personal communication: Mr. Moser, 2-Rad-Center Hofer, Meilen, 2009-09-07

Secondly, vehicle operation leads to particle emissions e.g. due to tyre wear. For heavy and fast vehicles, this is an important point to consider. However, bicycles weigh 1 % of a passenger car and are relatively slow. Consequently, the particle emissions are negligible and therefore are omitted (see Tab. 1.10).

1.6.2 Scooters and electric scooters

Electric scooters have an electricity consumption of 2 to 4 kWh per 100 km (i.o. E-Scooter 2009). An electricity demand of 3 kWh per 100 km is used for these data sets. The particle emissions of electric scooters are approximated using 10 % of the emissions of a battery electric vehicle (BEV), which represents the approximate weight ratio of BEV and electric scooters (see Tab. 1.10).

The majority of conventional scooters (50cc) have an average consumption of 3.5 litres of 2-stroke petrol per 100 km. Newer scooters contain a 4-stroke engine.⁷ The data set of scooter operation refers to 45 % 2-stroke and 55 % 4-stroke engines because the statistical data available for this class of motorcycles refer to these shares. The emissions originating from the combustion engine are derived from the HBEFA v2.1 (BUWAL & INFRAS 2004) for 50-150cc motorcycles (see Tab. 1.8) and extrapolated from the average fuel consumption of these categories. The provided data refers to average emissions of all motorcycles within this engine-power class. It includes, for instance, the actual share of two-stroke motorcycle (4 %) with very high NMVOC emissions as well as newest 4-stroke engines (17 %) with rather low NMVOC emissions. The air emissions not monitored by the HBEFA are proportionally extrapolated from passenger car emissions according to the petrol consumption of the scooter. Emissions into soil and surface water are extrapolated using the weight ratio between scooter and passenger car as extrapolation factor (see Tab. 1.11).

Tab. 1.8: Emission factors from 50-150cc motorcycles according to HBEFA v2.1, shares of emission categories indicated

| | Unit | 2stroke <Euro1 | 2stroke Euro1 | 2stroke Euro2 | 2stroke Euro3 | average 2stroke | 4stroke <Euro1 | 4stroke Euro1 | 4stroke Euro2 | 4stroke Euro3 | average 4stroke | average overall |
|------------|------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Share | % | 4.04% | 19.91% | 7.53% | 13.74% | 45.22% | 0.00% | 28.05% | 9.71% | 17.01% | 54.78% | 100.00% |
| HC | g/km | 1.88E+01 | 4.77E+00 | 2.54E+00 | 1.59E+00 | 4.69E+00 | 7.84E-01 | 7.84E-01 | 4.32E-01 | 2.71E-01 | 5.62E-01 | 2.43E+00 |
| CO | g/km | 2.44E+01 | 2.10E+01 | 1.66E+01 | 9.11E+00 | 1.70E+01 | 1.28E+01 | 4.51E+00 | 7.65E+00 | 4.20E+00 | 4.97E+00 | 1.04E+01 |
| NOx | g/km | 1.20E-01 | 9.54E-02 | 2.23E-01 | 1.17E-01 | 1.26E-01 | 2.31E-01 | 4.95E-01 | 2.23E-01 | 1.43E-01 | 3.37E-01 | 2.42E-01 |
| Part | g/km | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 | 0.00E+00 |
| CO2 | g/km | 1.66E+02 | 1.13E+02 | 9.60E+01 | 8.13E+01 | 1.05E+02 | 6.60E+01 | 6.86E+01 | 7.23E+01 | 6.46E+01 | 6.80E+01 | 8.48E+01 |
| CH4 | g/km | 1.32E+00 | 3.34E-01 | 5.68E-01 | 3.56E-01 | 4.68E-01 | 2.64E-02 | 2.64E-02 | 3.62E-02 | 2.27E-02 | 2.70E-02 | 2.26E-01 |
| NMHC | g/km | 1.75E+01 | 4.44E+00 | 1.97E+00 | 1.23E+00 | 4.23E+00 | 7.57E-01 | 7.57E-01 | 3.95E-01 | 2.48E-01 | 5.35E-01 | 2.20E+00 |
| Pb | g/km | 7.10E-05 | 4.83E-05 | 4.12E-05 | 3.49E-05 | 4.51E-05 | 2.83E-05 | 2.94E-05 | 3.10E-05 | 2.77E-05 | 2.92E-05 | 3.64E-05 |
| SO2 | g/km | 8.43E-04 | 5.74E-04 | 4.89E-04 | 4.14E-04 | 5.35E-04 | 3.36E-04 | 3.49E-04 | 3.68E-04 | 3.29E-04 | 3.46E-04 | 4.32E-04 |
| N2O | g/km | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 | 1.00E-03 |
| NH3 | g/km | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 | 2.00E-03 |
| Benzene | g/km | 9.42E-01 | 2.39E-01 | 1.27E-01 | 7.95E-02 | 2.35E-01 | 3.43E-02 | 3.43E-02 | 5.58E-02 | 3.50E-02 | 3.83E-02 | 1.27E-01 |
| Toluene | g/km | 2.28E+00 | 5.78E-01 | 3.07E-01 | 1.92E-01 | 5.68E-01 | 8.23E-02 | 8.23E-02 | 4.01E-02 | 2.52E-02 | 5.71E-02 | 2.88E-01 |
| Xylene | g/km | 2.07E+00 | 5.25E-01 | 2.79E-01 | 1.75E-01 | 5.16E-01 | 6.66E-02 | 6.66E-02 | 3.32E-02 | 2.08E-02 | 4.65E-02 | 2.59E-01 |
| Fuel input | g/km | 5.27E+01 | 3.59E+01 | 3.06E+01 | 2.59E+01 | 3.35E+01 | 2.10E+01 | 2.18E+01 | 2.30E+01 | 2.06E+01 | 2.17E+01 | 2.70E+01 |

⁷ Personal communication Mr. Roland Fuchs, Fachstelle für Zweiradfragen, Solothurn, 2009-10-30

Tab. 1.9: Calculation of emissions from scooter operation

| Substances | To | Unit | Emissions from passenger car average fleet (ecoinvent) | Extrapolated emissions from passenger car | Emissions extrapolated from HBEFA v2.1 |
|---|-------|-------|--|---|--|
| Carbon dioxide, fossil | air | kg/km | 1.91E-01 | | 7.91E-02 |
| Sulfur dioxide | air | kg/km | 6.03E-06 | | 4.03E-07 |
| Cadmium | air | kg/km | 7.30E-10 | 4.58E-10 | |
| Copper | air | kg/km | 4.88E-07 | 3.06E-07 | |
| Chromium | air | kg/km | 8.39E-09 | 5.27E-09 | |
| Nickel | air | kg/km | 8.05E-09 | 5.06E-09 | |
| Zinc | air | kg/km | 2.04E-07 | 1.28E-07 | |
| Lead | air | kg/km | 2.46E-08 | | 3.40E-08 |
| Selenium | air | kg/km | 6.03E-10 | 3.79E-10 | |
| Mercury | air | kg/km | 1.21E-12 | 7.58E-13 | |
| Chromium VI | air | kg/km | 6.03E-12 | 3.79E-12 | |
| Carbon monoxide, fossil | air | kg/km | 1.15E-03 | | 9.70E-03 |
| Nitrogen oxides | air | kg/km | 5.32E-04 | | 2.26E-04 |
| Particulates, < 2.5 um | air | kg/km | 2.54E-05 | 1.60E-05 | |
| Particulates, > 10 um | air | kg/km | 1.19E-05 | 7.49E-06 | |
| Particulates, > 2.5 um, and < 10um | air | kg/km | 1.35E-05 | 8.45E-06 | |
| NMVOOC, non-methane volatile organic compound | air | kg/km | 1.94E-04 | | 2.37E-03 |
| Methane, fossil | air | kg/km | 8.89E-06 | | 2.11E-04 |
| Benzene | air | kg/km | 2.92E-05 | | 1.21E-04 |
| Toluene | air | kg/km | 1.51E-05 | | 2.78E-04 |
| Xylene | air | kg/km | 2.05E-05 | | 2.45E-04 |
| Formaldehyde | air | kg/km | 5.85E-06 | 3.67E-06 | |
| Acetaldehyde | air | kg/km | 2.71E-06 | 1.70E-06 | |
| Ammonia | air | kg/km | 2.03E-05 | | 1.87E-06 |
| Dinitrogen monoxide | air | kg/km | 1.03E-05 | | 9.34E-07 |
| PAH, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons | air | kg/km | 6.01E-10 | 3.77E-10 | |
| Heat, waste | air | kg/km | 9.11E-01 | 5.72E-01 | |
| Zinc, ion | water | kg/km | 2.70E-07 | 1.69E-07 | |
| Copper, ion | water | kg/km | 6.39E-09 | 4.01E-09 | |
| Cadmium, ion | water | kg/km | 9.55E-11 | 6.00E-11 | |
| Chromium, ion | water | kg/km | 4.55E-10 | 2.86E-10 | |
| Nickel, ion | water | kg/km | 1.23E-09 | 7.75E-10 | |
| Lead | water | kg/km | 3.93E-09 | 2.47E-09 | |
| Zinc | soil | kg/km | 2.70E-07 | 1.69E-07 | |
| Copper | soil | kg/km | 6.39E-09 | 4.01E-09 | |
| Cadmium | soil | kg/km | 9.55E-11 | 6.00E-11 | |
| Chromium | soil | kg/km | 4.55E-10 | 2.86E-10 | |
| Nickel | soil | kg/km | 1.23E-09 | 7.75E-10 | |
| Lead | soil | kg/km | 3.93E-09 | 2.47E-09 | |

Tab. 1.10: Unit process raw data of the operation of electric bicycles and e-scooters

| Name | Location Infrastructure | Unit | operation, electric bicycle | operation, electric bicycle, certified electricity | operation, electric scooter | operation, electric scooter, certified electricity | Uncertainty Type | Standard Deviation 5% | General Comment |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|---|
| | | | CH 0 km | CH 0 km | CH 0 km | CH 0 km | | | |
| product | operation, electric bicycle | CH 0 km | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | operation, electric bicycle, certified electricity | CH 0 km | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | operation, electric scooter | CH 0 km | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| | operation, electric scooter, certified electricity | CH 0 km | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| technosphere | electricity, low voltage, consumer mix, at grid | CH 0 kWh | 1.00E-2 | | 3.00E-2 | | 1 | 1.11 | (1,1,1,1,1,4); Company information: e-bike: 1kWh/100km, i.o.-scooter: 3 kWh/100km |
| | electricity, low voltage, certified, at grid | CH 0 kWh | | 1.00E-2 | | 3.00E-2 | 1 | 1.11 | (1,1,1,1,1,4); Company information: e-bike: 1kWh/100km, i.o.-scooter: 3 kWh/100km |
| emission air, unspecified | Cadmium | - - kg | | | 1.27E-11 | 1.27E-11 | 1 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Copper | - - kg | | | 1.74E-8 | 1.74E-8 | 1 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Chromium | - - kg | | | 7.99E-10 | 7.99E-10 | 1 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Nickel | - - kg | | | 7.85E-10 | 7.85E-10 | 2 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Zinc | - - kg | | | 2.02E-8 | 2.02E-8 | 1 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Lead | - - kg | | | 2.46E-9 | 2.46E-9 | 1 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Particulates, < 2.5 um | - - kg | | | 7.80E-7 | 7.80E-7 | 1 | 3.06 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Particulates, > 10 um | - - kg | | | 1.20E-6 | 1.20E-6 | 1 | 1.58 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Particulates, > 2.5 um, and < 10um | - - kg | | | 1.35E-6 | 1.35E-6 | 1 | 2.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| emission air, high population density | Heat, waste | - - MJ | | | 2.76E-1 | 2.76E-1 | 1 | 1.25 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| emission water, unspecified | Zinc, ion | - - kg | | | 2.70E-8 | 2.70E-8 | 1 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Copper, ion | - - kg | | | 6.39E-10 | 6.39E-10 | 1 | 3.06 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Cadmium, ion | - - kg | | | 9.55E-12 | 9.55E-12 | 1 | 3.06 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Chromium, ion | - - kg | | | 4.55E-11 | 4.55E-11 | 1 | 3.06 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Nickel, ion | - - kg | | | 1.23E-10 | 1.23E-10 | 1 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Lead | - - kg | | | 3.93E-10 | 3.93E-10 | 1 | 5.07 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| | Zinc | - - kg | | | 2.70E-8 | 2.70E-8 | 1 | 1.58 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| emission soil, agricultural | Copper | - - kg | | | 6.39E-10 | 6.39E-10 | 1 | 1.58 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| emission soil, unspecified | Cadmium | - - kg | | | 9.55E-12 | 9.55E-12 | 1 | 1.58 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| emission soil, unspecified | Chromium | - - kg | | | 4.55E-11 | 4.55E-11 | 1 | 1.58 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| emission soil, unspecified | Nickel | - - kg | | | 1.23E-10 | 1.23E-10 | 1 | 1.58 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |
| emission soil, unspecified | Lead | - - kg | | | 3.93E-10 | 3.93E-10 | 1 | 1.58 | (2,2,2,1,3,4); Bicycles: no emissions, eScooters abrasion emissions: 10% of BEV |

Tab. 1.11: Unit process raw data of scooter operation

| | Name | | | Location Infrastructure | Unit | operation, scooter | Uncertainty Typ e | Standard Deviation 95% | GeneralComment |
|--|--|-----------------|------|----------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------|
| | Location Infrastructure | Process Unit | Unit | | | | | | |
| product | operation, scooter | | | CH | 0 km | 1 | | | |
| technosphere | petrol, low-sulphur, at regional storage | | | CH | 0 kg | 1.39E-2 | 1 | 1.12 (1,3,1,1,1,4); Literature: 3.5 liters/100km, 55% 4-stroke | |
| technosphere | petrol, two-stroke blend, at regional storage | | | CH | 0 kg | 1.13E-2 | 1 | 1.12 (1,3,1,1,1,4); Literature: 3.5 liters/100km, 45% 2-stroke | |
| emission air, unspecified | Carbon dioxide, fossil | | | - | - kg | 7.91E-2 | 1 | 1.23 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | Sulfur dioxide | | | - | - kg | 4.03E-7 | 1 | 1.23 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | Cadmium | | | - | - kg | 4.58E-10 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Copper | | | - | - kg | 3.06E-7 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Chromium | | | - | - kg | 5.27E-9 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Nickel | | | - | - kg | 5.06E-9 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Zinc | | | - | - kg | 1.28E-7 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Lead | | | - | - kg | 1.54E-8 | 1 | 5.06 (2,3,2,1,3,1); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Selenium | | | - | - kg | 3.79E-10 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Mercury | | | - | - kg | 7.58E-13 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Chromium VI | | | - | - kg | 3.79E-12 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Carbon monoxide, fossil | | | - | - kg | 9.70E-3 | 1 | 5.06 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | Nitrogen oxides | | | - | - kg | 2.26E-4 | 1 | 1.57 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | Particulates, < 2.5 um | | | - | - kg | 1.60E-5 | 1 | 3.05 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | Particulates, > 10 um | | | - | - kg | 7.49E-6 | 1 | 1.57 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | Particulates, > 2.5 um, and < 10um | | | - | - kg | 8.45E-6 | 1 | 2.06 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, unspecified origin | | | - | - kg | 2.37E-3 | 1 | 1.57 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average Emission, including tank evaporation | |
| | Methane, fossil | | | - | - kg | 2.11E-4 | 1 | 1.57 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average Emission, including tank evaporation | |
| | Benzene | | | - | - kg | 1.21E-4 | 1 | 3.05 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average Emission, including tank evaporation | |
| | Toluene | | | - | - kg | 2.78E-4 | 1 | 1.57 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average Emission, including tank evaporation | |
| | Xylene | | | - | - kg | 2.45E-4 | 1 | 1.57 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average Emission, including tank evaporation | |
| | Formaldehyde | | | - | - kg | 3.67E-6 | 1 | 1.79 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Acetaldehyde | | | - | - kg | 1.70E-6 | 1 | 1.79 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Ammonia | | | - | - kg | 1.87E-6 | 1 | 1.31 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | Dinitrogen monoxide | | | - | - kg | 9.34E-7 | 1 | 1.57 (2,3,2,1,3,1); HBEFA v2.1, 50-150cc average emissions | |
| | PAH, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons | | | - | - kg | 3.77E-10 | 1 | 3.24 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| emission air, high population density | Heat, waste | | | - | - MJ | 5.72E-1 | 1 | 1.52 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| emission water, unspecified | Zinc, ion | | | - | - kg | 1.69E-7 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Copper, ion | | | - | - kg | 4.01E-9 | 1 | 3.24 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Cadmium, ion | | | - | - kg | 6.00E-11 | 1 | 3.24 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Chromium, ion | | | - | - kg | 2.86E-10 | 1 | 3.24 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Nickel, ion | | | - | - kg | 7.75E-10 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Lead | | | - | - kg | 2.47E-9 | 1 | 5.27 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| emission soil, unspecified | Zinc | | | - | - kg | 1.69E-7 | 1 | 1.79 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| emission soil, agricultural | Copper | | | - | - kg | 4.01E-9 | 1 | 1.79 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| emission soil, unspecified | Cadmium | | | - | - kg | 6.00E-11 | 1 | 1.79 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Chromium | | | - | - kg | 2.86E-10 | 1 | 1.79 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Nickel | | | - | - kg | 7.75E-10 | 1 | 1.79 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |
| | Lead | | | - | - kg | 2.47E-9 | 1 | 1.79 (2,3,2,1,4,3); calculated from passenger car emissions | |

1.7 Life cycle inventories of bicycle manufacture

The term electric bicycle stands for a wide range of electrically supported bicycles: from normal bicycles with an additional electric motor to small motorcycles. In this study electric bicycles are referred to as average bicycles (citybike) with an added auxiliary motor, usually at the wheel hub. Hence, the life cycle inventory of the manufacture of a bicycle and an electric bicycle only differ in the additional equipment for the auxiliary motor and the batteries.

1.7.1 Input material

The main components of a bicycle are the frame, the gears and the tyres. Consisting mainly of aluminium and steel they contribute the major part to the total mass. Smaller parts of a bicycle can be made of plastic or other composites, depending on their quality. In order to model bicycle components, the weight and type of material of the individual components are assessed (see Tab. 1.12).

An average bicycle for every day use weighs approximately 17 kg (simpl.ch 2009), mainly depending on the frame weight and the additional equipment installed. Taking into account, that the majority of today's bicycles have aluminium frames and posts, the major input is alloyed aluminium. Further components such as shifters, chains and crank sets were estimated using data from the leading manufacturer (Shimano 2009). The manufacturer displays weight information only for special lightweight products. In consequence, an inventory of a lightweight bicycle is established and the obtained data extrapolated to an average bicycle using 1.5 as extrapolation factor (see Tab. 1.13)⁸.

The electric motor in electric bicycles usually is integrated in the hub of the wheel. Although the available technologies slightly differ, an average value of 4.4 kg for an electric motor and 2.6 kg for the LiIlo battery can be set (Biketech 2009). This leads to a total weight of 24 kg, which corresponds with the weight of the majority of the electric bicycles in circulation.

⁸ LCI data reviewed by Mr. Andreas Burkhardt, Komenda AG, St. Gallen, 2009-11-03 and Mr. Markus Baumann, Tour de Suisse Rad AG, Kreuzlingen, 2009-12-04

Tab. 1.12: Components of a lightweight and average weight bicycle

| Componentes | Material | Weight minimal | Weight average | Unit | Source |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Frame | Aluminium alloyed | 1.5 | 2.50 | kg | Estimation from manufacturer data |
| Handlebar | Aluminium alloyed | 0.15 | 0.23 | kg | Kalloy (2009) |
| Stem | Aluminium alloyed | 0.15 | 0.23 | kg | Kalloy (2009) |
| Seat Post | Aluminium alloyed | 0.4 | 0.60 | kg | Kalloy (2009) |
| Bearings | Stainless steel | 0.4 | 0.60 | kg | Dt Swiss (2009) |
| Wheels | Aluminium alloyed | 0.2 | 0.30 | kg | Dt Swiss (2009) |
| | Steel, alloyed | 0.1 | 0.10 | kg | Personal communication TdS |
| Tyres | Wire | 0.125 | 0.19 | kg | Schwalbe (2009) |
| | Rubber | 0.375 | 0.56 | kg | Schwalbe (2009) |
| Pedals | Aluminium alloyed | 0.2 | 0.30 | kg | Wellgo (2009) |
| Seat | Plastic | 0.02 | 0.03 | kg | Selle Italia (2009) |
| | Steel, alloyed | 0.16 | 0.24 | kg | Selle Italia (2009) |
| | PU, flexible foam | 0.02 | 0.03 | kg | Selle Italia (2009) |
| Chain | Stainless steel | 0.1 | 0.15 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| | | 0.2 | 0.30 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| Crankset | Aluminium alloyed | 0.56 | 0.84 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| | Stainless steel | 0.16 | 0.24 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| | | 0.08 | 0.12 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| V-Brakes | Plastic | 0 | 0.14 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| | Aluminium alloyed | 0 | 0.28 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| | Steel, alloyed | 0 | 0.28 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| Brakehandel | Aluminium alloyed | 0.075 | 0.11 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| | Plastic | 0.075 | 0.11 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| Cassett Sprockets | Steel, alloyed | 0.35 | 0.53 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| Derailleurs | Aluminium alloyed | 0.1 | 0.15 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| Derailleurs | Stainless steel | 0.4 | 0.60 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| Shifters | Plastic | 0.45 | 0.68 | kg | Shimano (2009) |
| Cables | Wire | 0.1 | 0.15 | kg | Estimation from manufacturer data |
| Others | Plastic | 0.2 | 1.00 | kg | Estimation from manufacturer data |
| Others | Aluminium alloyed | 0.1 | 2.00 | kg | Estimation from manufacturer data |
| Others | Electronic equipment | 0.1 | 0.50 | kg | Estimation from manufacturer data |
| Others | Steel, alloyed | 0 | 3.00 | kg | Estimation from manufacturer data |
| Electric motor | Electric motor | 4.4 | 4.40 | kg | Bionx, Flyer (2009) |
| Battery | Battery | 2.6 | 2.60 | kg | Bionx, Flyer (2009) |

1.7.2 Processing and energy demand

The production process for bicycle production includes the processing of metals such as wire drawing and turning. Consequently, for all materials the processing is included into the data set. All plastic components obtain their form from injection moulding.

The majority of frames and components are produced in Taiwan or other countries in Far East Asia. We therefore assume electricity consumption from the Chinese grid. As no environmental reports are available that show the energy demand of bicycle production, the value is extrapolated from the production of passenger car production according to the weight ratio of a bicycle (see Tab. 1.15). This energy input is further reduced to 25%, because bicycle manufacture contains less energy intensive processes than passenger car manufacture. The energy surplus of electric bicycle production is taken into account in the electric motor and battery production. The same values are used for both vehicles. Waste residues arising from the production process are accounted for according to Cherry et al. (2009).

1.7.3 Transports of bicycles

Being produced in Far East Asia, shipping of the components to the final assembly site in Europe is taken into account. Long distance transport is usually carried out by oceanic freight ships (13'000 km) whereas the distribution in Europe is effected by lorries with more than 16 tons cargo weight (1000 km).

1.7.4 Bicycle plant

The demand for bicycle plant infrastructure is extrapolated from the passenger car plant using the weight ratio bicycle to passenger car. Since bicycle production is considerably less complex, we assume that the extrapolated value needs to be reduced to further 25%.

Tab. 1.13: Unit process raw data of bicycle and electric bicycle manufacture

| product | Name | Location | Infrastructure | Unit | bicycle, at regional storage | electric bicycle, at regional storage | Uncertainty type | Standard Deviation 95% | GeneralComment |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------|----------------|------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---|
| | | | | | RER 1 unit | RER 1 unit | | | |
| | bicycle, at regional storage | RER | 1 | unit | 1 | 0 | | | |
| | electric bicycle, at regional storage | RER | 1 | unit | 0 | 1 | | | |
| | chromium steel 18/8, at plant | RER | 0 | kg | 1.59E+0 | 1.59E+0 | 1 | 1.09 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Factsheets Bicycle parts manufacturer: Shimano, DT Swiss |
| | steel, low-alloyed, at plant | RER | 0 | kg | 4.90E+0 | 4.90E+0 | 1 | 1.09 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Factsheets Bicycle parts manufacturer: Shimano, DT Swiss |
| | synthetic rubber, at plant | RER | 0 | kg | 5.63E-1 | 5.63E-1 | 1 | 1.09 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Literature, Schwalbe |
| | polyethylene, HDPE, granulate, at plant | RER | 0 | kg | 1.96E+0 | 1.96E+0 | 1 | 1.09 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Literature, Shimano/Selle Italia |
| | polyurethane, flexible foam, at plant | RER | 0 | kg | 3.00E-2 | 3.00E-2 | 1 | 1.09 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Literature, Selle Italia |
| | aluminium, production mix, at plant | RER | 0 | kg | 7.53E+0 | 7.53E+0 | 1 | 1.09 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Factsheets Bicycle parts manufacturer: Shimano, DT Swiss |
| | section bar extrusion, aluminium | RER | 0 | kg | 3.77E+0 | 3.77E+0 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,1,1,1,4,3); Assumption for pipe drawing |
| | wire drawing, steel | RER | 0 | kg | 3.38E-1 | 3.38E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,1,1,1,4,3); Assumption |
| | turning, chromium steel, conventional, average | RER | 0 | kg | 1.59E-1 | 1.59E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,1,1,1,4,3); Assumption |
| | injection moulding | RER | 0 | kg | 1.96E+0 | 1.96E+0 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,1,1,1,4,3); Assumption |
| | welding, arc, aluminium | RER | 0 | m | 7.50E-1 | 7.50E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,1,1,1,4,3); Assumption: pipe diameter: 4cm -> 0.125 m per joint, 6 joints per bike |
| | powder coating, aluminium sheet | RER | 0 | m2 | 3.50E-1 | 3.50E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,1,1,1,4,3); Assumption: pipe diameter: 4cm, pipe length: 3m |
| | natural gas, burned in industrial furnace >100kW | RER | 0 | MJ | 1.43E+1 | 1.43E+1 | 1 | 1.60 | (4,4,2,1,4,4); Extrapolation from passenger car manufacture; weight ratio |
| | electricity, medium voltage, at grid | CN | 0 | kWh | 6.89E+0 | 6.89E+0 | 1 | 1.60 | (4,4,2,1,4,4); Extrapolation from passenger car manufacture using weight ratio, thereof 25% |
| | light fuel oil, burned in industrial furnace 1MW, non-modulating | RER | 0 | MJ | 2.03E-1 | 2.03E-1 | 1 | 1.60 | (4,4,2,1,4,4); Extrapolation from passenger car manufacture using weight ratio, thereof 25% |
| | tap water, at user | RER | 0 | kg | 7.44E-1 | 7.44E-1 | 1 | 1.14 | (2,3,1,1,1,4); Assumption based on: Cherry, C.R. 2009, 1488 liters waste water for all production phases (incl. Battery manufacturing -> 50%) |
| | transport, transoceanic freight ship | OCE | 0 | tkm | 2.21E+2 | 3.12E+2 | 1 | 2.09 | (4,5,na,na,na,na); Assumption for Asia-> Europe: 13000km |
| | transport, lorry >16t, fleet average | RER | 0 | tkm | 1.70E+1 | 2.40E+1 | 1 | 2.09 | (4,5,na,na,na,na); Assumption Rotterdam/Genoa -> assembly site: 1000km |
| | electric motor, electric vehicle, at plant | RER | 0 | kg | | 4.40E+0 | 1 | 1.09 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Literature, Biketec |
| | battery, Lilo, rechargeable, prismatic, at plant | GLO | 0 | kg | | 2.60E+0 | 1 | 1.09 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Literature, Biketec |
| | road vehicle plant | RER | 1 | unit | 9.37E-10 | 1.32E-9 | 1 | 3.01 | (2,1,1,1,1,3); Extrapolation for bicycle plant: 25% of weight ratio |
| emission air, high population density | Heat, waste | - | - | MJ | 2.48E+1 | 2.48E+1 | 1 | 1.24 | (2,4,1,1,1,5); |
| | treatment, sewage, to wastewater treatment, class 3 | CH | 0 | m3 | 7.44E-4 | 7.44E-4 | 1 | 1.14 | (2,3,1,1,1,4); Assumption based on: Cherry, C.R. 2009, 1488 liters waste water for all production phases (incl. Battery manufacturing -> 50%) |
| | disposal, municipal solid waste, 22.9% water, to municipal incineration | CH | 0 | kg | 4.50E+0 | 4.50E+0 | 1 | 1.14 | (2,3,1,1,1,4); Assumption based on: Cherry, C.R. 2009, 4.5 kg solid waste |

1.8 Life cycle inventories of scooter manufacturing

The market for electric scooters in Switzerland was recently established and is especially promoted for sustainable commuter traffic in an urban environment. The majority of vehicles sold, reach a maximum speed of 60-70 km per hour (NewRide 2009). However, with a growing acceptance of e-scooters the demand for more powerful engines is arising⁹.

This inventory is established for the current average fleet of electric scooters, which are comparable to 50cc class scooters. For the LCI of the manufacture of a scooter and an electric scooter the inventory of an average passenger car is used as a basis (Spielmann et al. 2007). The extrapolation factors are calculated using the weight ratio given in Tab. 1.3, which are calculated using the average vehicle

⁹ Personal communication: Mr. Wirth, i.o. e-scooters Switzerland, Schöftland, 2009-07-06

weight shown in Tab. 1.14. For the conventional scooter theecoinvent inventory of a passenger car and for the e-scooter the inventory of a battery electric vehicle was adapted.

Tab. 1.14: Total weights of scooter and e-scooter.

| | Unit | Value | Source |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|--------------|
| Average weight e-scooter (70 km/h) | kg | 144 | NewRide 2009 |
| Average weight scooter (50cc) | kg | 90 | Peugeot 2009 |

1.8.1 Input material

The internal parts of a scooter such as the chassis or engine parts are comparable to a passenger car. For these parts, the values from the passenger car proportionally are applied as material input using the weight ratio of passenger car to scooter. However, some parts differ strongly in both proportion and material. For instance, the housing of a scooter is made of plastic materials whereas passenger car housing is made of steel panels. Furthermore, the basic material of suspension forks and handle bars is aluminium¹⁰. This leads to proportionally higher amounts of plastics and aluminium. We therefore set 15% of the passenger car's plastic input for the scooter manufacture. As the ecoinvent inventory of the passenger car has a very low aluminium input, 15kg of aluminium input are assumed (see Tab. 1.16). On the other hand, the steel input needs to be reduced. In this case, only 5% of the passenger car's steel demand input value is used for the scooter inventory.

The latest models of electric scooters use a LiMn₂O₄ battery (Gauch et al. 2009) with an average weight of 32 kg (Vespino 2009). The electric motor is a wheel hub motor and is assumed to weight 11 kg, which is also extrapolated from the weight of an electric motor in a BEV.

1.8.2 Processing and energy demand

The manufacturing process is adapted from the ecoinvent data of passenger car manufacturing as well. In addition to the existing processing steps, injection moulding is added, as most of the plastic parts are formed using this method. Data on the energy demand are taken from the environmental report of Honda (Honda Motors Co Ltd. 2008). The environmental report gives a total of electricity and fuel consumption for all production sites, which include the production of different vehicle types. In order to attribute the energy demand of scooter production, an economic allocation is applied (see Tab. 1.15). This economic allocation includes the manufacture of heavier motorcycles. Therefore, only 50% of the energy is attributed to scooter manufacture.

¹⁰ Personal communication: Mr. Wirth, i.o. e-scooters Switzerland, Schöftland, 2009-07-06

Tab. 1.15: Allocation of energy demand from figures of the environmental report Honda 2008

| | Unit | Value |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Total electricity demand | MWh | 3875776 |
| Total natural gas demand | GJ | 11569566 |
| Total oil based fuel demand | GJ | 4280345 |
| Motorcycles share of net sales | % | 13 |
| Motorcycles share of electricity demand | MWh | 503851 |
| Motorcycle production | Unit | 13831000 |
| Electricity demand per motorcycle | kWh | 36 |
| Natural gas demand per motorcycle | MJ | 109 |
| Light fuel oil demand per motorcycle | MJ | 4 |
| Electricity demand per scooter | kWh | 18 |
| Natural gas demand per scooter | MJ | 54.5 |
| Light fuel oil demand per motorcycle | MJ | 2 |

1.8.3 Transport

The production plants of some providers of scooters and e-scooters are located in Europe (Piaggio, Aprilia, Gilera, Peugeot, Vespa). However, the market share of Asian motorcycles (Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, SYM) is growing and many manufacturers produce in Far East Asia. Hence, the data set is established for an Asian production site and includes shipping to Europe.

Tab. 1.16: Unit process raw data of e-scooter and scooter manufacturing

| product | Name | Location | Infrastructure | Process | Unit | electric scooter, at regional storage | | scooter, ICE, at regional storage | UncertaintyType | StandardDeviation95% | GeneralComment |
|---|--|----------|----------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| | | | | | | RER 1 unit | RER 1 unit | | | | |
| | electric scooter, at regional storage | | RER | 1 | unit | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| | scooter, ICE, at regional storage | | RER | 1 | unit | 0 | 1 | | | | |
| technosphere | steel, low-alloyed, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 6.62E+0 | 6.62E+0 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | reinforcing steel, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 4.46E+1 | 4.46E+1 | 1 | 1.38 | (4,3,1,1,3,5); 5% of passenger car | |
| | sheet rolling, steel | | RER | 0 | kg | 2.71E+1 | 2.71E+1 | 1 | 1.38 | (4,3,1,1,3,5); 5% of passenger car | |
| | section bar rolling, steel | | RER | 0 | kg | 1.36E+1 | 1.36E+1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | wire drawing, copper | | RER | 0 | kg | 6.76E-1 | 6.76E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | copper, at regional storage | | RER | 0 | kg | 6.76E-1 | 6.76E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | chromium, at regional storage | | RER | 0 | kg | 1.61E-1 | 1.61E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | nickel, 99.5%, at plant | | GLO | 0 | kg | 9.37E-2 | 9.37E-2 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | aluminium, production mix, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 1.50E+1 | 1.50E+1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); 15 kg | |
| | polyethylene, HDPE, granulate, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 1.53E+1 | 1.53E+1 | 1 | 1.38 | (4,3,1,1,3,5); 15% of passenger car | |
| | polypropylene, granulate, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 7.35E+0 | 7.35E+0 | 1 | 1.38 | (4,3,1,1,3,5); 15% of passenger car | |
| | polyvinylchloride, at regional storage | | RER | 0 | kg | 2.40E+0 | 2.40E+0 | 1 | 1.38 | (4,3,1,1,3,5); 15% of passenger car | |
| | injection moulding | | RER | 0 | kg | 1.53E+1 | 1.53E+1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); All HDPE | |
| | synthetic rubber, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 2.95E+0 | 2.95E+0 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | alkyd paint, white, 60% in solvent, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 4.16E-1 | 4.16E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | platinum, at regional storage | | RER | 0 | kg | 1.07E-4 | 1.07E-4 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | palladium, at regional storage | | RER | 0 | kg | | 2.01E-5 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | zinc, primary, at regional storage | | RER | 0 | kg | 3.94E-1 | 3.94E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | natural gas, burned in industrial furnace >100kW | | RER | 0 | MJ | 1.09E+2 | 1.09E+2 | 1 | 1.31 | (4,3,1,1,3,3); 50% of Environmental report Honda, 2008 | |
| | electricity, medium voltage, at grid | | JP | 0 | kWh | 1.80E+1 | 1.80E+1 | 1 | 1.31 | (4,3,1,1,3,3); 50% of Environmental report Honda, 2008 | |
| | light fuel oil, burned in industrial furnace 1MW, non-modulating | | RER | 0 | MJ | 4.02E+0 | 4.02E+0 | 1 | 1.31 | (4,3,1,1,3,3); 50% of Environmental report Honda, 2008 | |
| | tap water, at user | | RER | 0 | kg | 2.15E+2 | 2.15E+2 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | ethylene, average, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 1.24E+0 | 1.24E+0 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | battery, LiIo, rechargeable, prismatic, at plant | | GLO | 0 | kg | 3.20E+1 | | 1 | 1.22 | (1,2,1,1,3,3); Factsheet Vespiro Sky Evolution 2009 | |
| | sulphuric acid, liquid, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | | 5.35E-2 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| | lead, at regional storage | | RER | 0 | kg | | 8.70E-1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | |
| electric motor, electric vehicle, at plant | | RER | 0 | kg | 1.13E+1 | | 1 | 1.22 | (1,2,1,1,3,3); Factsheet Vespiro Sky Evolution 2009 | | |
| transport, lorry >16t, fleet average | | RER | 0 | tkm | 5.78E+0 | 5.78E+0 | 1 | 2.09 | (4,5,na,na,na,na); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | | |
| transport, transoceanic freight ship | | OCE | 0 | tkm | 1.87E+3 | 1.87E+3 | 1 | 2.09 | (4,5,na,na,na,na); Transport from Asia to Europe: 13000km | | |
| transport, freight, rail | | CH | 0 | tkm | 5.78E+1 | 5.78E+1 | 1 | 2.09 | (4,5,na,na,na,na); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | | |
| road vehicle plant | | RER | 1 | unit | 1.95E-8 | 1.95E-8 | 1 | 3.28 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | | |
| NM VOC, non-methane volatile organic compounds, un- | | - | - | kg | 3.21E-1 | 3.21E-1 | 1 | 1.58 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | | |
| Heat, waste | | - | - | MJ | 6.48E+1 | 6.48E+1 | 1 | 1.57 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | | |
| emission air, unspecified | COD, Chemical Oxygen Demand | | - | kg | 1.29E-2 | 1.29E-2 | 1 | 1.58 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | | |
| | BOD5, Biological Oxygen Demand | | - | kg | 1.74E-3 | 1.74E-3 | 1 | 1.58 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | | |
| | Phosphate | | - | kg | 6.69E-5 | 6.69E-5 | 1 | 1.58 | (4,3,2,3,4,3); weight ratio scooter:passenger car | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

1.9 Life cycle inventories of two-wheel vehicle maintenance

Some parts of a bicycle or scooter need to be replaced, because their life expectancy is shorter than the one of the entire vehicle. For bicycles, these are typically small parts such as shifters, chains or brakes. This leads to the assumption, that 50 % of plastic parts of a bicycle are replaced once in its life time. Furthermore, we assume that 5 % of the steel parts have to be exchanged. Aluminium is mostly used for frame and posts, which are rarely replaced (5 %). The bicycle tyres have a lifetime of four years¹¹, which corresponds to 4000 km.

Usually, similar parts have to be replaced in scooters. However, the percentages of materials are adapted with respect to the material composition of scooters. As scooters contain more steel in the chassis, we estimate that only 10% of the steel material needs replacement. The same assumption is taken for aluminium. Plastic is the most important component in scooter housing, hence not all plastic parts are replaced in a life time (see Tab. 1.18). Scooter tyres¹² have to be replaced every 5000 km.

Values used for the calculation of the replacement of batteries are given in Tab. 1.17. Although a Lithium-ion battery can be recharged more than 500 times, average life expectancy of an electric bicycle

¹¹ Personal communication: Mr. M. Kofmehl, Biketec AG, Huttwil, 2009-08-31

¹² Personal communication: Mr. Moser, 2-Rad-Center Hofer, Meilen, 2009-09-07

battery is 3-4 years (Biketech 2009). Over the lifetime of 15000km the battery has to be replaced 2.75 times.

Scooter batteries last for 500 charging cycles with an average operating distance of 50 km per cycle (i.o. E-Scooter 2009).

The service parts are mainly produced in Far East Asia. We assume that 100 % of the parts are shipped from Asia (13'000 km) and are delivered in lorries over 1000 km within Europe¹³.

Tab. 1.17: Calculation of battery replacement in electric bicycles and scooters

| battery life expectancy | number of charging cycles | life expectancy battery (km) | batteries replaced per vehicle life cycle | source |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| eBike (Lilo) | 500 | 4000 | 2.75 | Data sheet Flyer, Biketech |
| eScooter (Lilo) | 500 | 25000 | 1 | Personal communication i.o. e-scooter |
| Scooter | 500 | 25000 | 1 | estimation |

Tab. 1.18: Unit process raw data of bicycle and scooter maintenance

| product | Name | Location Infrastructure | Unit | maintenance, bicycle | maintenance, electric bicycle | maintenance, electric scooter | maintenance, scooter | Uncertainty Type | Standard Deviation 100% | General Comment |
|--------------|---|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | maintenance, bicycle | CH | 1 unit | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | maintenance, electric bicycle | CH | 1 unit | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | maintenance, electric scooter | CH | 1 unit | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| | maintenance, scooter | CH | 1 unit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| technosphere | aluminium alloy, AlMg3, at plant | RER | 0 kg | 3.77E-1 | 3.77E-1 | 1.50E+0 | 1.50E+0 | 1 | 1.24 | (2,2,1,1,3,4); Estimation:5% of aluminium parts replaced |
| | steel, low-alloyed, at plant | RER | 0 kg | 2.28E-1 | 2.28E-1 | 1.06E+0 | 1.06E+0 | 1 | 1.24 | (2,2,1,1,3,4); Estimation: 5% of steel parts replaced, Scooter: 10% |
| | synthetic rubber, at plant | RER | 0 kg | 1.69E+0 | 1.69E+0 | 4.72E+1 | 4.72E+1 | 1 | 1.24 | (2,2,1,1,3,4); Estimation: 3.75 (bike)/3 (scooter) tyre-sets use in life-time |
| | polyethylene, HDPE, granulate, at plant | RER | 0 kg | 9.79E-1 | 9.79E-1 | 1.87E+0 | 1.87E+0 | 1 | 1.24 | (2,2,1,1,3,4); Estimation: Bicycle: 50% of plastic parts once replaced, Scooter 15% |
| | polyurethane, flexible foam, at plant | RER | 0 kg | 3.00E-2 | 3.00E-2 | | | 1 | 1.24 | (2,2,1,1,3,4); Estimation: saddle once replaced, Scooter: no replacement |
| | section bar extrusion, aluminium | RER | 0 kg | 3.77E-1 | 3.77E-1 | 1.50E+0 | 1.50E+0 | 1 | 1.58 | (4,2,1,1,4,4); Assumption for pipe drawing |
| | turning, chromium steel, conventional, average | RER | 0 kg | 2.28E-1 | 2.28E-1 | 1.06E+0 | 1.06E+0 | 1 | 1.58 | (4,2,1,1,4,4); Assumption |
| | injection moulding | RER | 0 kg | 9.79E-1 | 9.79E-1 | 1.87E+0 | 1.87E+0 | 1 | 1.58 | (4,2,1,1,4,4); Assumption |
| | tap water, at user | RER | 0 kg | 7.44E-2 | 7.44E-2 | 3.44E+1 | 3.44E+1 | 1 | 1.14 | (2,3,1,1,1,4); Assumption based on: Cherry, C.R. 2007, 1488 liters waste water for all (4,5,na,na,na,na); 80% of parts: assumption for Asia-> Europe: 13000km |
| | transport, transoceanic freight ship | OCE | 0 tkm | 3.43E+1 | 3.43E+1 | 5.37E+2 | 5.37E+2 | 1 | 2.09 | (4,5,na,na,na,na); 100% of parts: assumption for distribution in Europe: 1000km |
| | transport, lorry >16t, fleet average | RER | 0 tkm | 3.30E+0 | 3.30E+0 | 5.16E+1 | 5.16E+1 | 1 | 2.09 | (4,5,na,na,na,na); 100% of parts: assumption for distribution in Europe: 1000km |
| | battery, Lilo, rechargeable, prismatic, at plant | GLO | 0 kg | | 7.15E+0 | 3.20E+1 | | 1 | 1.24 | (2,2,1,1,3,4); Personal communication: 2.75 batteries per 15000km bicycles, 2 batteries 50000 scooter |
| | sulphuric acid, liquid, at plant | RER | 0 kg | | | | 8.00E-2 | 1 | 1.32 | (4,2,1,1,3,4); Estimation: 2 batteries per 50000km |
| | lead, at regional storage | RER | 0 kg | | | | 1.30E+0 | 1 | 1.32 | (4,2,1,1,3,4); Estimation: 2 batteries per 50000km |
| | disposal, Li-ions batteries, mixed technology | GLO | 0 kg | 0 | 7.15E+0 | 3.20E+1 | 0 | 1 | 1.32 | (4,2,1,1,3,4); all Lilo batteries into battery recycling |
| | disposal, plastics, mixture, 15.3% water, to municipal incineration | CH | 0 kg | 1.01E+0 | 1.01E+0 | 1.87E+0 | 1.87E+0 | 1 | 1.32 | (4,2,1,1,3,4); plastics to municipal incineration |
| | disposal, rubber, unspecified, 0% water, to municipal incineration | CH | 0 kg | 8.44E-1 | 8.44E-1 | 2.36E+1 | 2.36E+1 | 1 | 1.32 | (4,2,1,1,3,4); 50% of tyres to municipal incineration |
| | disposal, treatment of batteries | GLO | 0 kg | | | | 1.38E+0 | 1 | 1.24 | (2,2,1,1,3,4); Amount of S-Pb batteries replaced |

1.10 Life cycle inventories of two-wheel vehicle disposal

The majority of raw materials in bicycles and scooters can easily be recycled. We therefore assume that all metal parts are fully recycled. Identically to the disposal process of passenger cars, we make a cut-off allocation for metal materials and allocate all environmental impacts to the secondary materials

¹³ Personal communication: Mr. Roland Fuchs, Fachstelle für Zweiradfragen, Solothurn

produced by the recycling process. The tyres are either exported and/or used as a secondary fuel in cement works (50 % of the tyres) (ecoinvent Centre 2007) or burned in a municipal incineration plant (50 % of the tyres). The exported tyres are allocated to the cement production process (cut-off allocation). Plastic parts are incinerated. The environmental impact from the end of life treatment of the battery is attributed to the two-wheel vehicles' transport life cycle. Residues from the metal shredder are accounted for using the extrapolation of the values from car disposal.

For all recycled materials only the transport to the recycling plant is taken into account. We estimate an average distance of 100km.

Tab. 1.19: Unit process raw data of bicycle and scooter disposal

| | Name | Location | Infrastructure | Unit | disposal, bicycle | disposal, electric bicycle | disposal, electric scooter | disposal, scooter | UncertaintyType | StandardDeviation95% | GeneralComment |
|--------------|---|----------|----------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|
| | | | | | CH 1 unit | CH 1 unit | CH 1 unit | CH 1 unit | | | |
| product | disposal, bicycle | | CH | 1 unit | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | disposal, electric bicycle | | CH | 1 unit | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | disposal, electric scooter | | CH | 1 unit | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| | disposal, scooter | | CH | 1 unit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| technosphere | transport, lorry 20-28t, fleet average | | CH | 0 tkm | 1.71E+0 | 2.41E+0 | 1.12E+2 | 1.45E+1 | 1 | 2.05 | (4.1.1.1.1.3); Assumption: all materials to recycling plant (4.1.1.1.3.3); Assumption for plastic recycling: all parts (2.1.1.1.3.3); Assumption for battery recycling |
| | disposal, plastics, mixture, 15.3% water, to municipal incineration | | CH | 0 kg | 1.99E+0 | 1.99E+0 | 2.22E+1 | 2.22E+1 | 1 | 1.31 | (2.1.1.1.3.3); Assumption for battery recycling |
| | disposal, Li-ions batteries, mixed technology | | GLO | 0 kg | | 7.15E+0 | 3.20E+1 | | 1 | 1.22 | (2.1.1.1.3.3); Assumption for battery treatment |
| | disposal, treatment of batteries | | GLO | 0 kg | | | | 6.90E+0 | 1 | 1.22 | (2.1.1.1.3.3); Assumption for municipal incineration |
| | disposal, rubber, unspecified, 0% water, to municipal incineration | | CH | 0 kg | 2.81E-1 | 2.81E-1 | 2.40E+0 | 2.40E+0 | 1 | 1.22 | (2.1.1.1.3.3); 50% of tyres to municipal incineration |
| | disposal, zinc in car shredder residue, 0% water, to municipal incineration | | CH | 0 kg | 9.10E-2 | 1.29E-1 | 6.77E-1 | 3.95E-1 | 1 | 1.22 | (2.1.1.1.3.3); Extrapolated from car disposal |

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Appendices: EcoSpold Meta Information

Tab. A. 1: Metainformation of datasets "transport"

| Type | Field name, IndexNumber | 277-08 | 277-09 | 277-10 | 277-11 | 277-12 | 277-20 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| ReferenceFunction | Name | transport, electric bicycle | transport, electric bicycle, certified electricity | transport, electric scooter | transport, electric scooter, certified electricity | transport, bicycle | transport, scooter |
| Geography | Location | CH | CH | CH | CH | CH | CH |
| ReferenceFunction | InfrastructureProcess | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ReferenceFunction | Unit | pkm | pkm | pkm | pkm | pkm | pkm |
| | IncludedProcesses | This data includes the operation, maintenance and disposal of an electric bicycle and the use of the road infrastructure. For e-bike operation Swiss certified electricity mix is used. | This data includes the operation, maintenance and disposal of an electric bicycle and the use of the road infrastructure. For e-bike operation Swiss certified electricity is used. | This data includes the operation, maintenance and disposal of an electric scooter and the use of the road infrastructure. For e-scooter operation Swiss certified electricity mix is used. | This data includes the operation, maintenance and disposal of an electric scooter and the use of the road infrastructure. For e-scooter operation Swiss certified electricity is used. | This data includes the operation, maintenance and disposal of a bicycle and the use of the road infrastructure. | This data includes the operation, maintenance and disposal of scooter and the use of the road infrastructure. The data set refers to a mix of two and four-stroke engines. |
| | LocalName | Transport, Elektrofahrad | Transport, Elektrofahrad, zertifizierter Strom | Transport, Elektroscooter | Transport, Elektroscooter, zertifizierter Strom | Transport, Fahrrad | Transport, Scooter |
| | Synonyms | e-bike | e-bike | e-scooter | e-scooter | Citybike | |
| | GeneralComment | The data set reflects the transport of one person on one kilometer on an electric bicycle. Capacity utilisation: 1 person | The data set reflects the transport of one person on one kilometer on an electric bicycle. Capacity utilisation: 1 person | The data set reflects the transport of one person on one kilometer on an electric scooter. Capacity utilisation: 1.1 persons | The data set reflects the transport of one person on one kilometer on an electric scooter. Capacity utilisation: 1.1 persons | The data set reflects the transport of one person on one kilometer on a bicycle. Capacity utilisation: 1 person | The data set reflects the transport of one person on one kilometer on a scooter. Capacity utilisation: 1.1 persons |
| | InfrastructureIncluded | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Category | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems |
| | SubCategory | road | road | road | road | road | road |
| | LocalCategory | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme |
| | LocalSubCategory | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse |
| | Formula | | | | | | |
| | StatisticalClassification | | | | | | |
| | CASNumber | | | | | | |
| TimePeriod | StartDate | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 |
| | EndDate | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 |
| | DataValidForEntirePeriod | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | OtherPeriodText | | | | | | |
| Geography | Text | Data for transport in Switzerland | Data for transport in Switzerland | Data for transport in Switzerland | Data for transport in Switzerland | Data for transport in Switzerland | Data for transport in Switzerland |
| Technology | Text | Transport using Swiss electricity mix. Life expectancy: 15000km | Transport using Swiss certified electricity mix. Life expectancy: 15000km | Transport using Swiss electricity mix. Life expectancy: 50000km | Transport using Swiss certified electricity mix. Life expectancy: 50000km | Citybike with racks. Life expectancy: 15000km | Average transport by 50-150cc scooter: 45% 2-stroke and 55% 4-stroke engines. Life expectancy: 50000km |
| Representativeness | Percent | | | | | | |
| | ProductionVolume | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown |
| | SamplingProcedure | Literature | Literature | Literature | Literature | Literature | Literature and statistics |
| | Extrapolations | Some data extrapolated from motorcycle use | Some data extrapolated from motorcycle use | Some data extrapolated from motorcycle use | Some data extrapolated from motorcycle use | Some data extrapolated from motorcycle use | Some data extrapolated from motorcycle use |
| | UncertaintyAdjustments | none | none | none | none | none | none |

Tab. A. 2: Metainformation of datasets “vehicle maintenance”

| ReferenceFunction | Name | maintenance, bicycle | maintenance, electric bicycle | maintenance, electric scooter | maintenance, scooter |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Geography | Location | CH | CH | CH | CH |
| ReferenceFunction | InfrastructureProcess | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ReferenceFunction | Unit | unit | unit | unit | unit |
| | IncludedProcesses | This data sets includes the maintenance of a bicycle throughout its life cycle. | This data sets includes the maintenance of an electric bicycle throughout its life cycle. | This data sets includes the maintenance of an electric scooter throughout its life cycle. | This data sets includes the maintenance of a scooter throughout its life cycle. |
| | LocalName | Unterhalt, Fahrrad | Unterhalt, Elektrofahrzeug | Unterhalt, Elektroscooter | Unterhalt, Scooter |
| | Synonyms | | | | |
| | GeneralComment | The data set reflects the replacement of parts for the maintenance of a bike of 17 kg. Life expectancy battery: 4'000 km. | The data set reflects the replacement of parts for the maintenance of an e-bike of 24kg with a Lilo battery. Battery replacement: 2.75 times. Life expectancy battery: 4'000 km. | The data reflects the replacement of parts for the maintenance of an e-scooter of 144kg with a Lilo battery pack. Mainly the battery, plastic and steel parts are replaced. Battery replacement: once. Life expectancy battery: 25'000 km. | The data reflects the replacement of parts for the maintenance of a scooter of c 90kg (50cc). Mainly plastic and steel parts are replaced. Battery replacement: once. Life expectancy battery: 25'000 km. |
| | InfrastructureIncluded | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Category | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems |
| | SubCategory | road | road | road | road |
| | LocalCategory | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme |
| | LocalSubCategory | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse |
| | Formula | | | | |
| | StatisticalClassification | | | | |
| | CASNumber | | | | |
| TimePeriod | StartDate | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 |
| | EndDate | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 |
| | DataValidForEntirePeriod | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | OtherPeriodText | | | | |
| Geography | Text | Data cover maintenance in Switzerland | Data cover maintenance in Switzerland | Data cover maintenance in Switzerland | Data cover maintenance in Switzerland |
| Technology | Text | Maintenance of a citybike | Maintenance of an electric bicycle | Maintenance of an electric scooter (max. 60-70km/h) | Maintenance of a scooter (50cc) |
| Representativeness | Percent | | | | |
| | ProductionVolume | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown |
| | SamplingProcedure | Literature | Literature | Literature | Literature |
| | Extrapolations | none | none | none | none |
| | UncertaintyAdjustments | none | none | none | none |

Tab. A. 3: Metainformation of datasets “vehicle disposal”

| ReferenceFunction | Name | disposal, bicycle | disposal, electric bicycle | disposal, electric scooter | disposal, scooter |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Geography | Location | CH | CH | CH | CH |
| ReferenceFunction | InfrastructureProcess | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ReferenceFunction | Unit | unit | unit | unit | unit |
| | IncludedProcesses | This data set includes the disposal of all remaining parts, that are not recycled. All recycled parts are attributed to the reuse process (cut-off). Transport for recycled materials included. | This data set includes the disposal of all remaining parts, that are not recycled. All recycled parts are attributed to the reuse process (cut-off). Transport for recycled materials included. | This data set includes the disposal of all remaining parts, that are not recycled. All recycled parts are attributed to the reuse process (cut-off). Transport for recycled materials included. | This data set includes the disposal of all remaining parts, that are not recycled. All recycled parts are attributed to the reuse process (cut-off). Transport for recycled materials included. |
| | LocalName | Entsorgung, Fahrrad | Entsorgung, Elektrofahrrad | Entsorgung, Elektroscooter | Entsorgung, Scooter |
| | Synonyms | | | | |
| | GeneralComment | The data set reflects the disposal of a bike of 17kg. Aluminium and steel parts are fully recycled. Plastics are incinerated. | The data set reflects the disposal of an electric bike of 24kg. Aluminium and steel parts are fully recycled. Plastics are incinerated, batteries are treated. | The data set reflects the disposal of an electric scooter of 144kg. Aluminium and steel parts are fully recycled. Plastics are incinerated, batteries are treated. | The data set reflects the disposal of a scooter of 90kg. Aluminium and steel parts are fully recycled. Plastics are incinerated, batteries are treated. |
| | InfrastructureIncluded | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Category | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems |
| | SubCategory | road | road | road | road |
| | LocalCategory | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme |
| | LocalSubCategory | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse |
| | Formula | | | | |
| | StatisticalClassification | | | | |
| | CASNumber | | | | |
| TimePeriod | StartDate | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 |
| | EndDate | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 |
| | DataValidForEntirePeriod | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | OtherPeriodText | | | | |
| Geography | Text | Data for disposal of vehicle parts in Europe. unknown | Data for disposal of vehicle parts in Europe. unknown | Data for disposal of vehicle parts in Europe. unknown | Data for disposal of vehicle parts in Europe. unknown |
| Technology | Text | | | | |
| Representativeness | Percent | | | | |
| | ProductionVolume | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown |
| | SamplingProcedure | Literature | Literature | Literature | Literature |
| | Extrapolations | Some data derived from car disposal | Some data derived from car disposal | Some data derived from car disposal | Some data derived from car disposal |
| | UncertaintyAdjustments | none | none | none | none |

Tab. A. 4: Metainformation of the datasets "operation"

| Type | Field name, IndexNumber | 277-04 | 277-05 | 277-06 | 277-07 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| ReferenceFunction | Name | operation, electric bicycle | operation, electric bicycle, certified electricity | operation, electric scooter | operation, electric scooter, certified electricity |
| Geography | Location | CH | CH | CH | CH |
| ReferenceFunction | InfrastructureProcess | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ReferenceFunction | Unit | km | km | km | km |
| | IncludedProcesses | This data set includes the electricity demand using Swiss electricity mix for bicycle operation. | This data set includes the electricity demand using certified electricity mix for bicycle operation. | This data set includes the electricity demand using Swiss electricity mix for scooter operation and emission from abrasion and tyre wear. | This data set includes the electricity demand using certified electricity mix for scooter operation and emission from abrasion and tyre wear. |
| | LocalName | Betrieb, Elektrofahrrad | Betrieb, Elektrofahrrad, zertifizierter Strom | Betrieb, Elektroscooter | Betrieb, Elektroscooter, zertifizierter Strom |
| | Synonyms | | | | |
| | GeneralComment | The data set reflects the average operation (1 kWh/100km) of a e-bike of 24kg total weight. | The data set reflects the average operation (1 kWh/100km) of a e-bike of 24kg total weight. | The data set reflects the average operation (3 kWh/100km) of a e-scooter of 144kg total weight. | The data set reflects the average operation (3 kWh/100km) of a e-scooter of 144kg total weight. |
| | InfrastructureIncluded | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Category | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems | transport systems |
| | SubCategory | road | road | road | road |
| | LocalCategory | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme |
| | LocalSubCategory | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse | Strasse |
| | Formula | | | | |
| | StatisticalClassification | | | | |
| | CASNumber | | | | |
| TimePeriod | StartDate | 2009 | 2009 | 2007 | 2007 |
| | EndDate | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 |
| | DataValidForEntirePeriod | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | OtherPeriodText | | | | |
| Geography | Text | Data cover operation in Switerland eBike with four level support function of electric motor. Maximal speed 25km/h. Battery charged with Swiss electricity mix. | Data cover operation in Switerland eBike with four level support function of electric motor. Maximal speed 25km/h. Battery charged with certified electricity mix. | Data cover operation in Switerland Electric scooter with max. speed 60-70km/h. Battery charged with Swiss electricity mix. | Data cover operation in Switerland Electric scooter with max. speed 60-70km/h. Battery charged with certified electricity mix. |
| Technology | Text | | | | |
| Representativeness | Percent | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown |
| | ProductionVolume | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown |
| | SamplingProcedure | | | Some emissions extrapolated from BEV operation (10%) | Some emissions extrapolated from BEV operation (10%) |
| | Extrapolations | | | | |
| | UncertaintyAdjustments | none | none | none | none |

Tab. A. 5: Metainformation of the dataset "scooter operation"

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
| ReferenceFunction | Name | operation, scooter |
| Geography | Location | CH |
| ReferenceFunction | InfrastructureProcess | 0 |
| ReferenceFunction | Unit | km |
| | IncludedProcesses | Dataset for operation of a scooter with a 50cc motor. Fuel consumption for two-stroke petrol included. Direct airborne emissions of gaseous substances and particulates matter according to HBEFA (2004) for motorcycles (with catalyst). Heavy metal emissions caused by tyre wear extrapolated from average passenger car emissions. |
| | LocalName | Betrieb, Scooter |
| | Synonyms | |
| | GeneralComment | Data derived from average data for motorcycle operation in Europe in the year 2010. HBEFA data extrapolated to 3.5 lt/100km fuel consumption. |
| | InfrastructureIncluded | 1 |
| | Category | transport systems |
| | SubCategory | road |
| | LocalCategory | Transportsysteme |
| | LocalSubCategory | Strasse |
| | Formula | |
| | StatisticalClassification | |
| | CASNumber | |
| TimePeriod | StartDate | 2004 |
| | EndDate | 2010 |
| | DataValidForEntirePeriod | 1 |
| | OtherPeriodText | |
| Geography | Text | Data refers to Swiss Conditions |
| Technology | Text | average values for Swiss 50cc-150cc fleet: two-stroke: 45%, four-stroke: 55% |
| Representativeness | Percent | |
| | ProductionVolume | unknown |
| | SamplingProcedure | unknown |
| | Extrapolations | some data extrapolated from passenger car emissions |
| | UncertaintyAdjustments | none |

Tab. A. 6: Metainformation of datasets "bicycle manufacture"

| ReferenceFunction | Name | bicycle, at regional storage | electric bicycle, at regional storage |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| Geography | Location | RER | RER |
| ReferenceFunction | InfrastructureProcess | 1 | 1 |
| ReferenceFunction | Unit | unit | unit |
| | IncludedProcesses | This data set includes the material use for the manufacturing of an average bicycle. Manufacturing of the bike parts is assumed to take place in China. Transport to Europe included. | This data set includes the material use for the manufacturing of an average bicycle with an additional electric motor. Manufacturing of the bike parts is assumed to take place in China. Transport to Europe included. |
| | LocalName | Fahrrad, ab Regionallager | Elektrofahrrad, ab Regionallager |
| | Synonyms | Citybike | e-Bike |
| | GeneralComment | The data set reflects a bike of 17kg including additional (e.g. carriers, lights). The frame material is Aluminium. | The data set reflects a e-bike of 24kg including additional (e.g. carriers, lights). The frame material is Aluminium and the battery contains LiMn2O4-cells. |
| | InfrastructureIncluded | 1 | 1 |
| | Category | transport systems | transport systems |
| | SubCategory | road | road |
| | LocalCategory | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme |
| | LocalSubCategory | Strasse | Strasse |
| | Formula | | |
| | StatisticalClassification | | |
| | CASNumber | | |
| TimePeriod | StartDate | 2000 | 2000 |
| | EndDate | 2009 | 2009 |
| | DataValidForEntirePeriod | 1 | 1 |
| | OtherPeriodText | | |
| Geography | Text | Data cover manufacturing in China and retail in Europe | Data cover manufacturing in China and retail in Europe |
| Technology | Text | Citybike | Electric bicycle with electric motor at wheel-hub and LiMn2O4 battery pack, 100Wh/kg- |
| Representativeness | Percent | | |
| | ProductionVolume | unknown | unknown |
| | SamplingProcedure | Literature | Literature |
| | Extrapolations | Manufacturing plant is extrapolated from passenger car plant, electricity consumption extrapolated according to weight ratio from passenger car (50%) | Electric motor and battery extrapolated from BEV, Manufacturing plant is extrapolated from passenger car plant, electricity consumption extrapolated according to weight ratio from passenger car |
| | UncertaintyAdjustments | none | none |

Tab. A. 7: Metainformation of the datasets "scooter manufacturing"

| ReferenceFunction | Name | electric scooter, at regional storage | scooter, ICE, at regional storage |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| Geography | Location | RER | RER |
| ReferenceFunction | InfrastructureProcess | 1 | 1 |
| ReferenceFunction | Unit | unit | unit |
| | IncludedProcesses | This data set includes all processes and materials for eScooter manufacturing, containing a Lilo battery. Transport to regional storage included. | This data set includes all processes and materials for eScooter manufacturing, containing an ICE motor. Transport to regional storage included. |
| | LocalName | Elektroscooter, ab Regionallager | Scooter, ICE, ab Regionallager |
| | Synonyms | eScooter, eRoller | Roller |
| | GeneralComment | The data set reflects a scooter running 60-70 km/h at max. speed. Corresponding 50cc .Manufacturing in Asia. | The data set reflects a scooter running 60-70km/h at max. speed, 50cc. Manufacturing in Asia. |
| | InfrastructureIncluded | 1 | 1 |
| | Category | transport systems | transport systems |
| | SubCategory | road | road |
| | LocalCategory | Transportsysteme | Transportsysteme |
| | LocalSubCategory | Strasse | Strasse |
| | Formula | | |
| | StatisticalClassification | | |
| | CASNumber | | |
| TimePeriod | StartDate | 2000 | 2000 |
| | EndDate | 2009 | 2009 |
| | DataValidForEntirePeriod | 1 | 1 |
| | OtherPeriodText | | |
| Geography | Text | Data for manufacturing in Asia and retail in Europe | Data for manufacturing in Asia and retail in Europe |
| Technology | Text | Automised production of small e-scooters. LiMn2O4 battery pack, 100Wh/kg. | Automised production of 50cc scooters |
| Representativeness | Percent | | |
| | ProductionVolume | unknown | unknown |
| | SamplingProcedure | Literature, manufacturer data | Literature, manufacturer data |
| | Extrapolations | All values extrapolated from BEV production. Some adaptations made for change of material. | All values extrapolated from passenger car production. Some adaptations made for change of material. |
| | UncertaintyAdjustments | none | none |