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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning the use of recycled steel in Allied Tube products. Allied Tube & Conduit manufactures galvanized steel fence framework.

Unlike other materials, steel contains recycled material and is also fully recyclable. In fact, according to the Steel Recycling Institute (SRI), steel is the world's most recycled material.

The amount of recycled material in our steel fence products depends upon the process used by our various steel suppliers. If the pipe is made from a steel coil that comes from a steel mini-mill, then the scrap or recycled content of the steel is between 95-100% because mini-mills use a technology called "electric arc furnace" (EAF) that allows them to use up to 100% scrap. If the pipe is made from a steel coil that comes from an integrated mill, then the scrap or recycled content of the steel is about 30% because integrated mills use a technology called "basic oxygen furnace" (BOF) that restricts the use of scrap steel to no more than 30%.

There is no way we can confirm which steel is used in our products as we use both on a regular basis.

Both the EAF and the BOF methods provide an enhanced environmental benefit. One is not environmentally superior to the other, since they are both complementary parts of the total interlocking infrastructure of steel making, product manufacture, scrap generation, and recycling, as explained on the Steel Recycling Institutes's website.

You may want to review two articles by the Steel Recycling Institute (www.recycle-steel.org) for further information. The two segments are "Steel Takes LEED with Recycled Content" and "Modern Steel Production Technologies".

If you have additional questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Disborough".

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