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# **PEDALLING FORWARD**

As the climate crisis intensifies, our motivation to have a positive impact on the planet grows ever stronger. At Frog Bikes, we have always believed that getting more kids cycling regularly is a powerful part of the solution. Inspiring a love of cycling from a young age helps bikes become a natural choice for everyday transportation, potentially saving a lifetime of car emissions!

As a manufacturer, we also feel it is our responsibility to reduce emissions from our materials and operations. When we first started tackling this, we focused on the quick wins: switching to renewable energy, investing in a fleet of electric vehicles, and reducing our waste and our packaging.

Now we are beginning to see the benefits of our longer-term actions, too, using lower-carbon materials in our bikes. We have been investing in post-consumer recycled aluminium for several years, and during 2024, we made our first bikes with some recycled content, paving the way to significantly lower emissions across our whole range!

Our plan is to keep expanding this year by year, whilst sharing what we're learning with other manufacturers to encourage them to make the same changes.

35% emissions reduction per bike\*



### **OUR COMPANY VALUES**



### **PEOPLE**

We collaborate to find solutions, communicating respectfully with honesty, humility and integrity looking forward with positivity to the future.



### PRODUCT

Innovation inspired by our customers, using our specialist knowledge, skilled manufacturing, and attention to detail to create market leading bikes.



### PLANET

We protect our natural resources by integrating sustainability into all aspects of our lives, sharing best practice both at home and at work



### ROFIT

We build positive, long-term relationships with our colleagues, customers, and suppliers, sourcing responsibly and spending thoughtfully

# **OUR HEADLINE IMPACTS**



Reduced emissions\* by 35% per bike since 2019



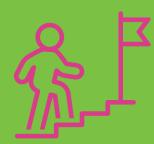
Reduced absolute emissions\* by 75% since 2019



Reduced plastic packaging throughout our supply chain



Developed smaller boxes: less space in transit means lower emissions per bike



Launched 2 internal sustainability challenges: on energy use and food



Reduced business travel and improved EV charging on sites



THE ABSOLUTE EMISSIONS SAVINGS WE'VE MADE SINCE 2019 EQUATE TO:

Using a washing machine for 50,000 years!





# **EXPERTS IN KIDS BIKES SINCE 2013**



### **EXPERTS IN KIDS BIKES**

Our passion for cycling and commitment to quality ensures that every bike is designed with a child's needs in mind, making biking a fun and safe experience for all ages.



### STRONG FROG FAMILY

With over a decade in the cycling industry, our dedicated and skilled team is committed to creating and building innovative, highquality bikes at our cutting-edge facilities.



### **ADVENTURE FOR ALL AGES**



With 23 different models to choose from, we offer a bike for every stage of a child's growth and development. Whether it's their first balance bike or a mountain bike for more adventurous trails, we have something to suit every young cvclist.



### **DESIGNED & BUILT IN GREAT BRITAIN**

Proudly designed and built in Great Britain\*, our bikes represent the pinnacle of British engineering and craftsmanship. Each bike undergoes rigorous testing and quality control to ensure it meets our exacting standards and surpasses safety standards.



### **GLOBAL REACH**

Frog Bikes are available in over 30 countries, making us a global brand. Our international presence allows children from all corners of the globe to experience the joy & freedom that comes with riding a Frog bike.



Since our inception, we have put smiles on the faces of over 500,000 children around the world. Our commitment to quality and fun ensures that every Frog bike brings joy to its rider.



### SUSTAINABLE **VISION**

We are committed to sustainability and responsible manufacturing, read on to find out more...



### **INNOVATION &** SAFETY

Safety is our top priority. We continually innovate, combining leading technology with ergonomic design to create bikes that are not only fun to ride but also exceptionally safe. Our commitment to research and development ensures our products consistently surpass industry safety standards.



# GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS PER BIKE



RAW MATERIALS & COMPONENTS

89%





**LOGISTICS** 

7%





FACTORY, OFFICE, TRAVEL & WFH

4%



86kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per bike 2024

**131kg CO<sub>2</sub>e**per bike
2019\*



THE SAVINGS WE'VE MADE PER BIKE EQUATE TO:

The same emissions as making 6 pairs of trainers!

\*2019 when we first started measuring our emissions

# **MATERIALS BREAKDOWN**





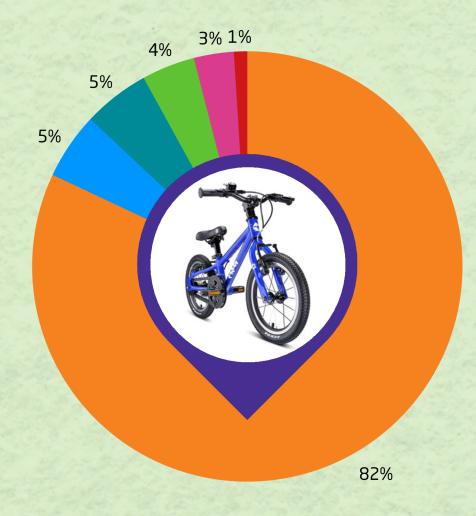








# ALUMINIUM IS OUR LARGEST SOURCE OF EMISSIONS

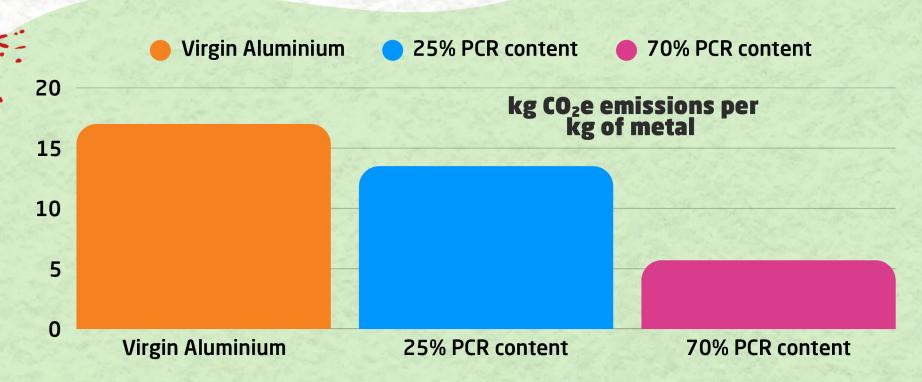


By using aluminium, which is at least partly "post-consumer recycled" - meaning it has previously been another product, maybe a window frame or a car door - the emissions per kg of aluminium drop.

During 2024, we introduced 25% PCR aluminium into the frames and cranks of some of our best-selling bikes (the Frog 53). Recycled aluminium has outperformed virgin aluminium in our test lab, so we know it is really strong and long-lasting.

Over the next year or two, we will be using 70% PCR aluminium in more parts of our bikes, delivering a massive emissions saving.





# **ROAD TO RECYCLED ALUMINIUM**

# 2021 FACING CHALLENGES

Although we found promising sources of lower-emission aluminium in Europe, finding suppliers who could handle frame production and painting was a challenge.



### STAGE

We started by examining our environmental impact and quickly realised that aluminium was our biggest challenge.



# 2020 THE SEARCH BEGINS

We began looking for suppliers who could integrate recycled aluminium into our production. Finding the right partners and clearing up some common myths took time.

### 2022

### **BREAKTHROUGH**

We finally found a supplier to produce frames and forks with 25% post-consumer recycled aluminium. To make it work, we needed to find funding for a significant upfront order to secure supply.

### 2025 & BEYOND

### **MORE RECYCLED ALUMINIUM**

Will see much more recycled content including seat posts and handlebars. This big change means we'll be working closely with our suppliers and conducting rigorous in-house testing to ensure every bike meets the high standards you expect from Frog Bikes.



### 2023

## TESTING & CERTIFICATION

We rigorously tested the new frames and forks, and they exceeded our expectations, proving even stronger than our existing ones. We gained third-party certification to confirm the recycled content and received a green loan from the Development Bank of Wales to help fund our upfront order.



# 2024 THE ARRIVAL

# The recycled frames, forks and cranks arrived at our factory in Wales! Production of our best-selling Frog 53 hybrid bike with this recycled aluminium started this year, with more models

to follow.





# **SMARTER PACKAGING**

The less single-use packaging that's in our supply chain, the fewer of earth's resources are used up, which also means less energy is needed, and less waste goes into landfill or incineration.

So we have worked with our suppliers to improve a lot of their packaging this year.



### **CRUNCHING DOWN WASTE**

Our crinkle machine allows us to reuse cardboard when we package up our bikes to send to customers.



boxes we receive from suppliers



### **LESS PLASTIC**

Now our bells and pedals arrive at our factory separated by cardboard or paper, instead of in individual plastic bags.











# BUT IT'S NOT ALL PLAIN SAILING...

Unfortunately, this year we used more air freight than in previous years. Sometimes we needed to rush components from our suppliers to our factory, and sea freight was taking longer due to geopolitical factors outside our control.

So, overall our logistics emissions have risen this year something we will be working hard to reduce in future.



Just 2.8% of our inbound freight went by air



Just 1% of our outbound freight went by air



But this added up to 70% of our logistics emissions!



Even a very small amount of air freight adds up to a lot of emissions.



In 2024 we sent fewer bikes out by air than in previous years.



Although we have customers worldwide, we try to ship out by surface transport whenever possible.

less land needed

# LOTS OF SMALL STEPS ADD UP TO BIG CHANGES

The whole Frog team was encouraged to take steps towards reducing their carbon footprint. This might have involved recycling, eating less meat, commuting by bike, or even a beach clean. Every step adds up!

In total, we took 259 steps this year, avoiding over 15 tonnes of carbon emissions.





**THE EMISSIONS SAVINGS EQUATE TO:** 28,300 miles driven in the average car

We carried out two team challenges to see who could make the most changes!

829,762 litres

less water used

# TAKE A BITE OUT OF YOUR FOOD FOOTPRINT CHALLENGE 1-28 JULY 24



### **CHALLENGE SUMMARY**

14
PARTICIPANTS

196 STEP ACTIVITY



75 STEPS COMPLETED



ENERGY SAVER
CHALLENGE
28 NOV - 15 DECEMBER 24

15,433 kg



single use plastic

### **CHALLENGE SUMMARY**

10 PARTICIPANTS



159
STEP ACTIVITY



45
STEPS COMPLETED



# RECYCLING THE RIDE





### **FACTORY OUTLET BIKES**

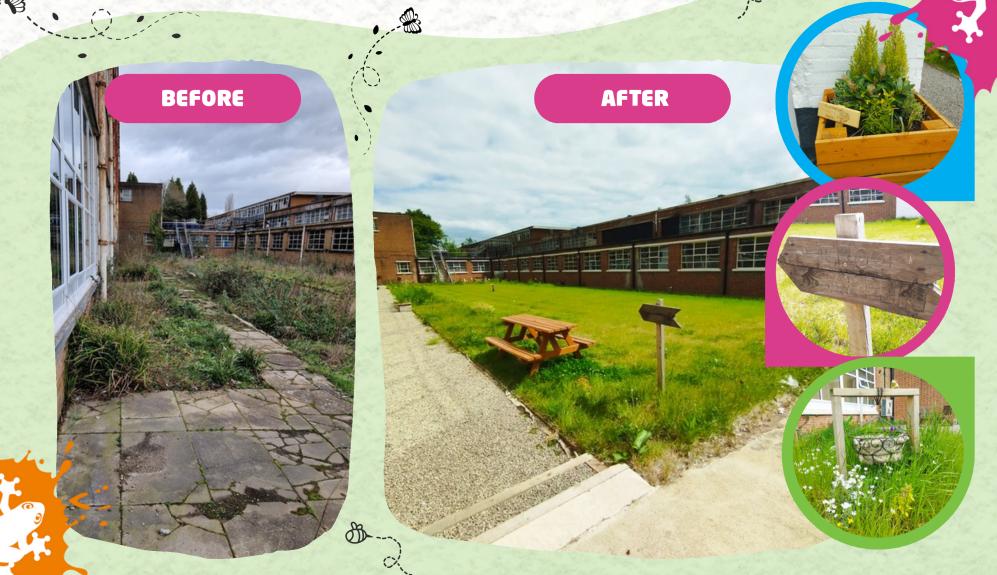
We believe in giving every bike a chance to shine, even those with minor imperfections like paint defects and scratches. Through our factory outlet, we offer these perfectly functional bikes at a discount of up to 40% off the original price. This makes our premium bikes more affordable and more accessible, and helps reduce waste by saving these bikes from being scrapped.





# **BLOOMING GARDEN**

In just 2 years our team has transformed a patch of unloved land next to our factory into a wildlife garden that we can enjoy on our breaks, and even use for parties!



# **WASTE UPDATE**

In 2024, we improved our waste sorting and reduced the amount of waste we generated.



### **RECYCLING WASTE**

In total 78% of our waste by weight goes to recycling and 22% to incineration or landfill.



### **TOTAL WASTE EMISSIONS**

Our waste emissions totalled 1.9 tonnes



### **WEEE WASTE**

We continuously collect electronic waste and send this to a Weee waste charity for sorting and recycling, keeping valuable components in use for longer.

### MORE 1 THAN 2

We have more than halved our waste emissions per bike since 2023



# SHARING OUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

We know that working with other organisations is the best way to have a really big impact, so we are delighted to collaborate wherever possible. We now speak regularly to other manufacturers who use aluminium, encouraging them to accelerate the switch to recycled content too.

It's often by sharing what each other has learnt, and working in partnership, that barriers can be overcome.



We're always keen to share what we've learnt about sustainable manufacturing and talk about the issues we face delivering our ambitions.

This year we've spoken to all sorts of audiences, both public and professional, about our journey.





















# REINVENTING THE WHEEL: FROG BIKES' JOURNEY TO NET-ZERO EMISSIONS



**United Nations**Climate Change

"Frog Bikes is leading by example on the road to net zero. Since measuring its carbon footprint in 2019 and joining the Race to Zero in 2021, the company has committed to cutting emissions in half by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2050. Its strategy includes renewable energy, electric vehicles, and innovative materials like recycled aluminium. Frog Bikes shows how small businesses can drive meaningful climate action."

Read the case study >>

# FROG IN THE COMMUNITY

We believe that cycling is more than just a mode of transport - it's a gateway to a healthier, more active lifestyle and a brighter future for our planet. That's why we partner with likeminded organisations and community groups who share our passion for getting more kids on bikes. By collaborating with these partners, we can reach deeper into communities, making cycling accessible and enjoyable for children of all backgrounds.













### **BRINGING BIKES TO GLASGOW'S YOUTH**

St. Paul's Youth Forum, in partnership with Frog and Cycling UK, is helping deliver cycling projects across Glasgow, with a focus on areas identified through the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). This collaboration not only supports vital cycling initiatives but also creates employment and training opportunities for local mechanics. Thanks to their efforts, thousands of children will get the chance to enjoy their first experience on a balance bike and take their initial pedal strokes on a lightweight bike. The project now has a fleet of over 200 Frog balance bikes and more than 200 Frog first pedal bikes to support this mission.









# **EXPANDING YOUTH CYCLING IN ABERDEENSHIRE**

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability, we've entered a partnership with Live Life Aberdeenshire's flagship cycling programme, Bringing the Bike to You. This collaboration supports our shared goal of promoting active travel, reducing environmental impact, and encouraging healthy lifestyles from an early age.

The initiative delivers inclusive cycling sessions to schools, families, and community groups across Aberdeenshire, focusing on skills development and confidence-building through programmes like "Balance to Pedal" and "Junior Cycling." Frog bikes are already used in these sessions, and this formal partnership strengthens our role in expanding access to quality cycling opportunities for children across the region.

By supporting this initiative, we make cycling more accessible and enjoyable for young people, encouraging lifelong habits that promote physical health, reduce reliance on cars, and strengthen our communities.

Learn more >>







# GET INVOLVED JOIN THE RIDE





### TRAVEL FASTER



### **DITCH THE CAR**



### **BOOST BRAINPOWER**



### **AGE IS IUST A NUMBER**





### **PEDAL YOUR WAY TO HAPPINESS**





### **REDUCE AIR POLLUTION**



### **BETTER SLEEP**



### **SAVE ON TRANSPORT COSTS**



### **MAKE PLAYTIME FUN**



### STRONGER TOGETHER



### **EXPLORE YOUR COMMUNITY**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

If you fuel your ride with cheeseburgers the emissions per mile are similar to driving. If you're fuelled by bananas, emissions are 12 times less per mile! How Bad Are Bananas?: The carbon footprint of everything - by Mike Berners-Lee

# **FUELLING FUN, NOT EMISSIONS**

Welcome to the Frog Squad! Our young ambassadors are passionate about cycling and spreading the word about Frog bikes. They help inspire others to ride for fun, fitness, and a more sustainable future through eco-friendly travel.

### **A SPOTLIGHT ON ZACHY**





Have you met Zachy, our incredible young ambassador on a mission! He's ONCE AGAIN completed a 35-mile ride to support children who are unwell or disabled, and he's been fundraising on two wheels since he was only 4 years old. Now, he's just hit his amazing £25,000 goal!

Let's cheer him on — he's a true inspiration!





# METHODOLOGY



# **WHAT WE MEASURED**

We strive for transparency in our environmental impact reporting. Here's a breakdown of what we include and exclude from our emissions measurement.



### **WE'VE INCLUDED EMISSIONS FROM:**

- Energy used at our factory and head office (using the market-based method) and for home working
- Raw materials used in our bikes, outbound packaging and spares & accessories
- Upstream and downstream logistics
- Business travel, reps' mileage, employee commuting and daily staff lunches in the factory
- Waste from our factory

### WE HAVEN'T YET INCLUDED EMISSIONS FROM:

- Supplier manufacturing processes we've only captured the raw material inputs, as we don't have accurate data from suppliers on their emissions yet
- Emissions from running our website no reliable data source identified yet (although we have optimised our website by hosting less energy-intensive content, e.g. videos on the high-traffic pages, which also improves loading times for users)
- Waste at our head office we sort all of our waste; however, we have no way to measure it, as it gets combined with the other businesses operating at our site
- End-of-life treatment of our bikes we do not currently have any estimates for this
- Use phase whilst we have included emissions from our spares and accessories, we have not estimated the impact of servicing over the bike's lifetime, but expect this to be very low
- We don't have any Scope 1 as we have no boilers, and our company-owned vehicles are fully electric (and charged using renewables)
- Offsets we are not offsetting any emissions, nor are we reducing our emissions to factor in future usage of our bikes, which may, in practice, take consumers out of their cars (we view this as a bonus!)







# METHODOLOGY



### **SCOPE 1**

The company has no Scope

1 emissions, as we have no
company-owned boilers,
and our company-owned
vehicles are both EVs,
which are charged primarily
at our sites using
renewable energy.



### **SCOPE 2**

Energy usage at our premises.



### **SCOPE 3**

Employee commuting and working from home Staff lunches Business Travel Materials Waste Logistics Capital purchases Water (factory only)



### **ENERGY USAGE AT OUR PREMISES**

We operate two sites in the UK, and in both cases, the electricity and gas used for heating, lighting and powering our assembly and warehouse equipment is bought by the respective landlords, and the costs were passed to us.

Having successfully persuaded our landlords to switch, we have been fully operating on renewable electricity at both sites since 2021. We have obtained certificates from our landlords showing that the renewable electricity consumed is backed by UK-certified renewable certificates of origin. We hope to switch to green gas in the future.

Using the market-based method we have included zero Scope 2 emissions from electricity (and in line with GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance we have captured transmission and distribution losses in the grid within our Scope 3 total). For gas, we applied the average kwh per square metre for UK offices\*.

Using the location-based method (relying on average grid emissions factors), our Scope 2 emissions would have been 1.3kg  $CO_2e$  per bike (down from 1.9kg last year).

Note that we directly capture electricity usage at our factory. We do not have access to data on our electricity usage at our office so we took the average kwh per square metre for UK offices\*.

\*www.gov.uk/government/statistics/energy-consumption-in-the-uk-2024



### **EMPLOYEE COMMUTING AND HOME WORKING**

We calculated emissions from employee commuting using the average number of commuting days per week for each staff member, their commute distance, and the emissions rating for their vehicle. (where known). For those who travel by EV, we used UK Government DESNZ emissions factors.

For those staff who work from home, we applied the DESNZ emission factors for heating and electricity to the number of hours we know are worked from home annually. Some of our staff are on a renewable electricity tariff, so this was taken into consideration.

### **BUSINESS TRAVEL**

There are two key categories of travel: our reps (who are self-employed agents, but we chose to include them in our calculations), and our head office team (buyers, marketing and sales) who travel to visit customers, suppliers and promotional events.

For rep travel, our UK reps reported how many miles they each drive for work in the year, and the emissions from their particular vehicles. We used the UK rep force as a model for other countries.

For head office travel we know how many flights and train trips were booked in the year, and the destinations, and used a standard calculator of emissions per destination for those journeys. We then added all the head office mileage that was claimed as expenses in a year, and multiplied this by a standard UK car emission rate.



### PURCHASED MATERIALS



This represents the majority of our emissions, so we have invested in systems to make our reporting in this category as accurate as possible.

We report on the quantity of every item of componentry and packaging that we purchased to build our bikes, and apply an emissions factor to the principle material within each component. e.g. aluminium, steel, rubber, plastic, cardboard. The emissions factor reflects whether the material has come from a post-consumer recycled source or not.

We include spare parts and accessories in our purchased materials.

Our suppliers are not able to give us detailed emissions for each product; we anticipate that this will be available in future years as more companies aim to be more transparent in their environmental footprint, and as they make improvements. Until then, we use publicly available emissions factors (see page 28).



A. Inbound logistics emissions are calculated using a global average of maritime and road freight emissions for the mileage travelled from the country of origin to the UK, by weight of materials. A small minority of materials (2.8% by weight) were freighted by air, which is included in the calculations.

B. For our outbound logistics, we grouped our sales into regions and took an average mileage from our factory to each region and applied the relevant industry average emissions factor for each transport type. Most bikes sold travelled by surface (i.e. road and sea) and a small minority by air (1%, which is less than last year's 2.6%).

### WASTE



We separate cardboard, plastics, metals and general waste. And we report on our waste by weight across the various waste streams. In 2024, 78% of our waste by weight was recycled, and 22% was sent to incineration or landfill.

We then applied the relevant DESNZ emissions factors. Our total waste emissions were 1.9 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e, down from 3 tonnes in 2023.

**78**% OF OUR

**WASTE WAS** RECYCLED

### **WATER (FACTORY ONLY)**

We capture water usage at our factory and then apply the relevant DESNZ emissions factors for water supply and waste water. We have not captured our water usage at our head office - our facilities are shared with other tenants in the building, and we expect this to have a minimal impact on our total emissions.

**EMISSIONS** 

### **STAFF LUNCHES (FACTORY ONLY)**

4 days per week, our factory and warehouse staff have a hot lunch delivered. For the first time, we have estimated the emissions from these meals in our carbon footprint, based on an average weekly menu.



THE SAVINGS WE'VE MADE IN **WASTE EMISSIONS EQUATE TO:** 

The same emissions as tumbledrying 550 loads of laundry!

## **EMISSIONS FACTORS**

Our emissions factors are based on publicly available data. We hope to be able to use more specific factors when our suppliers are able to provide them in the future.

### Aluminium (China average) 17 t CO2e/t. Triangulating from a range of sources:

- https://ore.exeter.ac.uk/repository/handle/10871/132248
- https://www.carbontrust.com/our-work-and-impact/guides-reports-and-tools/international- carbon
- https://international-aluminium.org/statistics/greenhouse-gas-emissions-intensity-primary- aluminium/ Aluminium (post-consumer recycled): International Aluminium Institute

#### Steel 1.9 t CO2e/t.

https://worldsteel.org/steel-topics/sustainability/sustainability-indicators/

### Rigid plastic averages 3.26 t CO2e / t

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/greenhouse-gas-reporting-conversion- factors-2022

#### PVC 3.41 t CO2e / t

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/greenhouse-gas-reporting-conversion- factors-2023

### Rubber tyres 2.92 t CO2e / t

https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1757-899X/644/1/012001

#### Paint 2.09 t CO2e / t

 https://communityrepaint.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/How-to-calculate-your-schemes CO2savings.pdf

#### Cardboard 0.69 t CO2e / t

• Access and download our ESG databook - DS Smith

### Paper 0.91 t CO2e / t

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/greenhouse-gas-reporting-conversion-factors-2023







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