

IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4

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Product Carbon Footprint

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IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 configuration		
CPC drawer		
Module DCM, all cores		2
PCIe Fan Out Gen 4		2
Integrated Coupling Adapter SR		1
Frame without Covers		1
Wooden Shipping Crate		1
PCIe+ I/O drawer		
FICON Express32S LX		8
OSA-Express7S 10 GbE LR		6
Coupling Express2 LR		1
Crypto Express8S (2 HSM)		1
PCIe Interconnect Gen4		2
Support Element		
1U Server Support Element		1
Ethernet Switch		
24-port Ethernet Switch		1

Table 1: Typical product configuration

CPC Drawer Product Carbon Footprint



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IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 CPC drawer configuration	
Module DCM, all cores	2
PCIe Fan Out Gen 4	2
Integrated Coupling Adapter SR	1
Frame without Covers	1
Wooden Shipping Crate	1

Table 2: Typical CPC drawer product configuration

The estimate

53,000

kg CO₂e¹

This number is the estimated mean GHG emissions in carbon dioxide equivalent associated with the manufacturing, assembly, electricity consumption², transportation and end-of-life handling of the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 CPC drawer over 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union.

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All estimates of carbon footprint are uncertain. For this product, the estimate has a mean of 53,000 kg CO₂e and a standard deviation of 25,000 kg CO₂e (53,000 ± 25,000 kg CO₂e) over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. IBM also reports the 95th percentile of the carbon footprint estimate, which is 158,000 kg CO₂e over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. The 95th percentile means that 5% of the time the carbon footprint will exceed the value provided.

Impact by phases of the product's lifecycle

The PCF for server equipment is largely driven by the use phase which is highly variable based on the electricity generation source used to power the product, the expected use life of the product, and the power profile. This PCF was generated using a distribution of emissions factors across the European Union. The analysis for this product shows that 61.2% of its carbon footprint occurs in the use phase. IBM focuses on improving our product energy efficiency and on providing mechanisms for our clients to measure the actual energy consumption of the product.

Figure 1 shows the estimated mean contribution for the individual phases of the product's lifecycle over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. Figure 2 shows the uncertainty in the product's carbon footprint. The blue bar representing the mean and one standard deviation and the error bars representing the 5th and 95th percentile of the carbon footprint estimate.

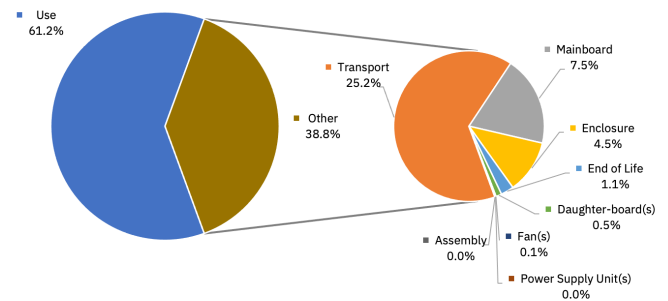


Figure 1: Carbon footprint impact by phase for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 CPC drawer typical product configuration listed in Table 2 using the PAIA model; 61.2% occurs in the use phase and the remaining 38.8% is broken out.

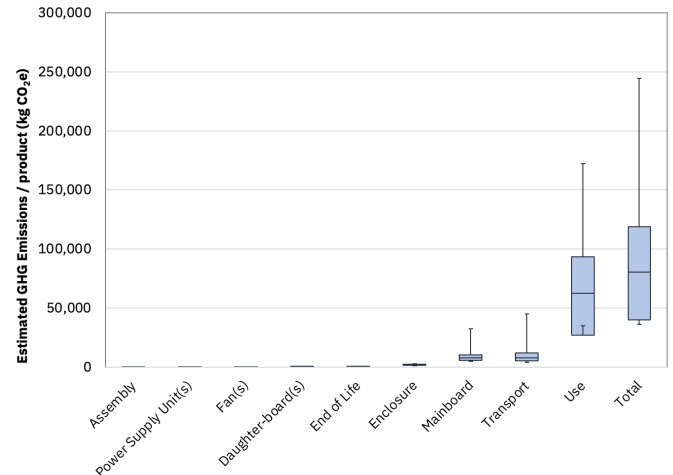


Figure 2: Uncertainty in the PCF estimate for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 CPC drawer typical product configuration listed in Table 2; the estimate has a total mean of 53,000 ± 25,000 kg CO₂e over a use period of 5 years.

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PCIe+ I/O Drawer Product Carbon Footprint



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IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 PCIe+ I/O drawer configuration	
FICON Express32S LX	8
OSA-Express7S 10 GbE LR	6
Coupling Express2 LR	1
Crypto Express8S (2 HSM)	1
PCIe Interconnect Gen4	2

Table 3: Typical PCIe+ I/O drawer product configuration

The estimate

18,000

kg CO₂e¹

This number is the estimated mean GHG emissions in carbon dioxide equivalent associated with the manufacturing, assembly, electricity consumption², transportation and end-of-life handling of the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 PCIe+ I/O drawer over 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union.

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All estimates of carbon footprint are uncertain. For this product, the estimate has a mean of 18,000 kg CO₂e and a standard deviation of 20,000 kg CO₂e (18,000 ± 20,000 kg CO₂e) over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. IBM also reports the 95th percentile of the carbon footprint estimate, which is 126,000 kg CO₂e over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. The 95th percentile means that 5% of the time the carbon footprint will exceed the value provided.

Impact by phases of the product's lifecycle

The PCF for server equipment is largely driven by the use phase which is highly variable based on the electricity generation source used to power the product, the expected use life of the product, and the power profile. This PCF was generated using a distribution of emissions factors across the European Union. The analysis for this product shows that 79.2% of its carbon footprint occurs in the use phase. IBM focuses on improving our product energy efficiency and on providing mechanisms for our clients to measure the actual energy consumption of the product.

Figure 3 shows the estimated mean contribution for the individual phases of the product's lifecycle over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. Figure 4 shows the uncertainty in the product's carbon footprint. The blue bar representing the mean and one standard deviation and the error bars representing the 5th and 95th percentile of the carbon footprint estimate.

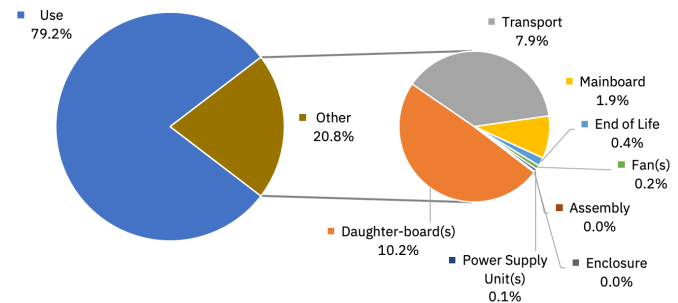


Figure 3: Carbon footprint impact by phase for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 PCIe+ I/O drawer typical product configuration listed in Table 3 using the PAIA model; 79.2% occurs in the use phase and the remaining 20.8% is broken out.

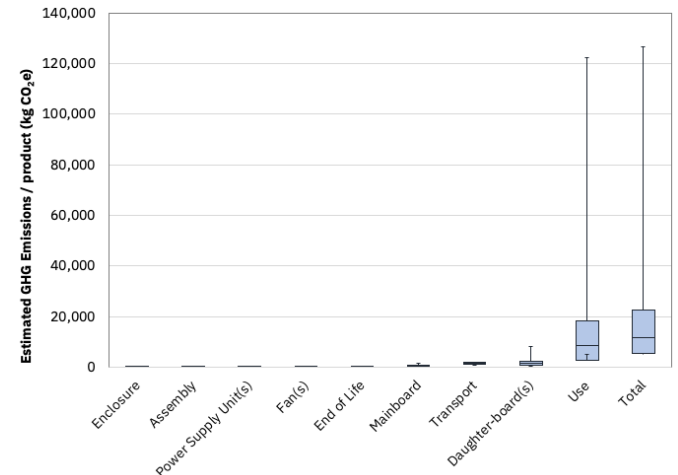


Figure 4: Uncertainty in the PCF estimate for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 PCIe+ I/O drawer typical product configuration listed in Table 3; the estimate has a total mean of 18,000 ± 20,000 kg CO₂e over a use period of 5 years.

Support Element Product Carbon Footprint



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IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 Support Element configuration	
1U Server Support Element	1

Table 4: Typical Support Element product configuration

The estimate

3,000

kg CO₂e¹

This number is the estimated mean GHG emissions in carbon dioxide equivalent associated with the manufacturing, assembly, electricity consumption², transportation and end-of-life handling of the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 Support Element over 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union.

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All estimates of carbon footprint are uncertain. For this product, the estimate has a mean of 3,000 kg CO₂e and a standard deviation of 2,000 kg CO₂e (3,000 ± 2,000 kg CO₂e) over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. IBM also reports the 95th percentile of the carbon footprint estimate, which is 9,000 kg CO₂e over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. The 95th percentile means that 5% of the time the carbon footprint will exceed the value provided.

Impact by phases of the product's lifecycle

The PCF for server equipment is largely driven by the use phase which is highly variable based on the electricity generation source used to power the product, the expected use life of the product, and the power profile. This PCF was generated using a distribution of emissions factors across the European Union. The analysis for this product shows that 77.2% of its carbon footprint occurs in the use phase. IBM focuses on improving our product energy efficiency and on providing mechanisms for our clients to measure the actual energy consumption of the product.

Figure 5 shows the estimated mean contribution for the individual phases of the product's lifecycle over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. Figure 6 shows the uncertainty in the product's carbon footprint. The blue bar representing the mean and one standard deviation and the error bars representing the 5th and 95th percentile of the carbon footprint estimate.

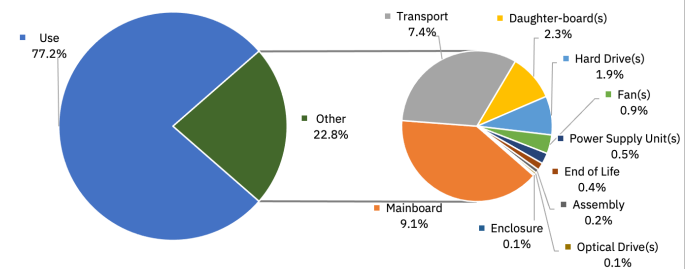


Figure 5: Carbon footprint impact by phase for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 Support Element typical product configuration listed in Table 4 using the PAIA model; 77.2% occurs in the use phase and the remaining 22.8% is broken out.

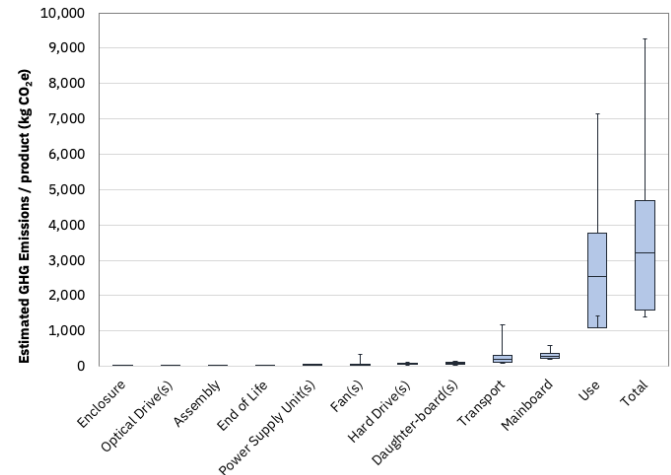


Figure 6: Uncertainty in the PCF estimate for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 Support Element typical product configuration listed in Table 4; the estimate has a total mean of 3,000 ± 2,000 kg CO₂e over a use period of 5 years.

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24-port Ethernet Switch Product Carbon Footprint



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IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 24-port Ethernet Switch configuration	
24-port Ethernet Switch	1

Table 5: Typical 24-port Ethernet Switch product configuration

The estimate

3,000

kg CO₂e¹

This number is the estimated mean GHG emissions in carbon dioxide equivalent associated with the manufacturing, assembly, electricity consumption², transportation and end-of-life handling of the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 24-port Ethernet Switch over 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union.

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All estimates of carbon footprint are uncertain. For this product, the estimate has a mean of 3,000 kg CO₂e and a standard deviation of 2,000 kg CO₂e (3,000 ± 2,000 kg CO₂e) over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. IBM also reports the 95th percentile of the carbon footprint estimate, which is 7,000 kg CO₂e over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. The 95th percentile means that 5% of the time the carbon footprint will exceed the value provided.

Impact by phases of the product's lifecycle

The PCF for server equipment is largely driven by the use phase which is highly variable based on the electricity generation source used to power the product, the expected use life of the product, and the power profile. This PCF was generated using a distribution of emissions factors across the European Union. The analysis for this product shows that 93.9% of its carbon footprint occurs in the use phase. IBM focuses on improving our product energy efficiency and on providing mechanisms for our clients to measure the actual energy consumption of the product.

Figure 7 shows the estimated mean contribution for the individual phases of the product's lifecycle over a use period of 5 years using hypothetical average GHG emissions factors for the European Union. Figure 8 shows the uncertainty in the product's carbon footprint. The blue bar representing the mean and one standard deviation and the error bars representing the 5th and 95th percentile of the carbon footprint estimate.

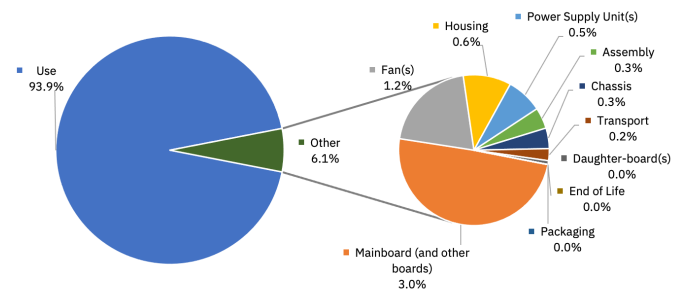


Figure 7: Carbon footprint impact by phase for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 24-port Ethernet Switch product configuration listed in Table 5 using the PAIA model; 93.9% occurs in the use phase and the remaining 6.1% is broken out.

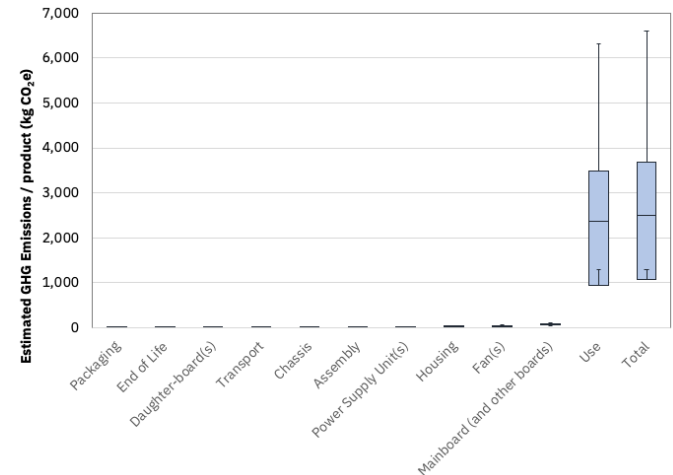


Figure 8: Uncertainty in the PCF estimate for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 24-port Ethernet Switch typical product configuration listed in Table 5; the estimate has a total mean of 3,000 ± 2,000 kg CO₂e over a use period of 5 years.

PAIA input assumptions

The PCF assumes a typical configuration of the product as described in Table 1. The numbers for your specific configuration might be different. The data used in the PAIA server tool is provided in Table 6 for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 CPC drawer.

PAIA input information ³	
Server type	Rack
Server quantity	1
Number of PSU	2
Number of fans	5
Server weight	83.0 kg
Rack weight	209.6 kg
Packaging weight	240.4 kg
Motherboard	
PWB area	2374.6 cm ²
CPU quantity	2
CPU package area	56.4 cm ²
DRAM total capacity	1.54 TB
Chipset & other ICs package area	Default
Chipset & other ICs quantity	Default
Storage	
SSD quantity	N/A
SSD PWB area	N/A
SSD IC area total	N/A
SSD IC quantity	N/A
Daughterboards	
Sub card total PWB area	2193.3 cm ²
Sub card main chip package area	177.3 cm ²
Sub card chip count	61
PSU	
PSU weight	1.13 kg
PSU dimensions	19.2 x 10.0 cm
Optical disk drives	
ODD quantity	N/A
Use ⁴	
Product lifetime	5 years
Yearly energy consumption	12956 kWh
Location	
Assembly location	United States
Use location	Europe
Transportation	
To country of use by air	6120 km
Within country of use by truck	300 km
End of life	
Fraction recycled	0.97
Fraction shredded recycling	0.00

Table 6: PAIA input information for the IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 CPC drawer

The data used in the PAIA server tool is provided in Table 7 for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 PCIe+ I/O drawer.

PAIA input information ⁵	
Server type	Rack
Server quantity	1
Number of PSU	2
Number of fans	6
Server weight	90.7 kg
Rack weight	N/A
Packaging weight	N/A
Motherboard	
PWB area	2164.0 cm ²
CPU quantity	0
CPU package area	N/A
DRAM total capacity	N/A
Chipset & other ICs package area	Default
Chipset & other ICs quantity	Default
Storage	
SSD quantity	N/A
SSD PWB area	N/A
SSD IC area total	N/A
SSD IC quantity	N/A
Daughterboards	
Sub card total PWB area	19515.9 cm ²
Sub card main chip package area	520.9 cm ²
Sub card chip count	110
PSU	
PSU weight	1.04 kg
PSU dimensions	20.0 x 10.0 cm
Optical disk drives	
ODD quantity	N/A
Use ⁴	
Product lifetime	5 years
Yearly energy consumption	5676 kWh
Location	
Assembly location	United States
Use location	Europe
Transportation	
To country of use by air	6120 km
Within country of use by truck	300 km
End of life	
Fraction recycled	0.97
Fraction shredded recycling	0.00

Table 7: PAIA input information for the IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 PCIe+ I/O drawer

The data used in the PAIA server tool is provided in Table 8 for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 Support Element.

PAIA input information ⁵	
Server type	Rack
Server quantity	1
Number of PSU	2
Number of fans	5
Server weight	16.0 kg
Rack weight	N/A
Packaging weight	N/A
Motherboard	
PWB area	791.1 cm ²
CPU quantity	1
CPU package area	14.1 cm ²
DRAM total capacity	0.032 TB
Chipset & other ICs package area	15.8 cm ²
Chipset & other ICs quantity	5
Storage	
HDD quantity	1
HDD form factor	2.5
HDD IC area total	N/A
HDD IC quantity	N/A
Daughterboards	
Sub card total PWB area	863.9 cm ²
Sub card main chip package area	0.0 cm ²
Sub card chip count	1
PSU	
PSU weight	0.89 kg
PSU dimensions	19.4 x 8.0 cm
Optical disk drives	
ODD quantity	1
Use ⁴	
Product lifetime	5 years
Yearly energy consumption	1051 kWh
Location	
Assembly location	United States
Use location	Europe
Transportation	
To country of use by air	6120 km
Within country of use by truck	300 km
End of life	
Fraction recycled	0.97
Fraction shredded recycling	0.00

Table 8: PAIA input information for the IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 Support Element

The data used in the PAIA network tool is provided in Table 9 for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 24-port Ethernet Switch.

PAIA input information ⁵	
Form factor	Rack
Product weight	3.3 kg
Packaging weight	N/A
Chassis weight	2.6 kg
Number of switches	1
Rack weight	N/A
Motherboard	
PWB area	0.061 m ²
CPU quantity	1
CPU package area	7.3 cm ²
DRAM total capacity	1 GB
Chipset & other ICs count	4
Chipset & other ICs area	2.9 cm ²
Sub boards	
Sub card total PWB area	0.01 m ²
Sub card main chip package area	0.001 cm ²
Sub card chip count	1
PSU	
PSU count	1
PSU weight	0.19 kg
PSU dimensions	12.7 x 7.6 cm
Fan Tray	
Fan count	1
Ports	
Port count	24
Use ⁴	
Product lifetime	5 years
Yearly energy consumption	964 kWh
Location	
Use location	Europe
Transportation	
To country of use by air	6120 km
Within country of use by truck	300 km

Table 9: PAIA input information for the IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 24-port Ethernet Switch

Limitations of PAIA

PAIA results represent a streamlined Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). While the product carbon footprint provides a high-level estimate of the emissions associated with the product, it should not be used for emissions inventory, formal carbon footprinting exercises or comparing products. LCA results are strongly influenced by the assumptions made by the analyst; if those assumptions are inconsistent, comparisons are not likely meaningful. Furthermore, PAIA may not be compliant with the primary data requirements of some LCA standards. The results from the PAIA tools are liable to change over time as the methodology is improved and data is updated. More information on these limitations, as well as general guidance for interpreting this report, is available in the publication “[Assessment of lifecycle carbon footprints of products](#)”

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¹ The results are reported using the units of kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent (kg CO₂e). This represents the amount of global warming caused by a quantity of GHGs (CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, HFCs, PFCs and SF₆) at a specific point in time, expressed in terms of the amount of CO₂ which would have the same instantaneous warming effect. Recognizing the uncertainty in carbon footprint estimates, the results have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

² The electricity consumption is incurred by clients using an IBM product. The estimate used is not specific to any client deployment of the IBM product or client workload.

³ The estimated carbon footprint was computed including the system frame and shipping crate. The estimated carbon footprint for the CPC drawer without the frame and shipping crate has a mean of 38,000 kg CO₂e and a standard deviation of 23,000 kg CO₂e (38,000 ± 23,000 kg CO₂e).

⁴ Power consumption data is obtained using the IBM Power Estimation Tool for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4, a web-based tool for estimating power requirements for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4. This tool estimates the typical power requirements for the specific configuration listed in Table 1 under Normal operating conditions. The power consumption assumes that the product operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for its product lifetime.

⁵ The estimated carbon footprint was computed without the system frame and shipping crate. The carbon footprint of the system frame and shipping crate are included in the carbon footprint report for the IBM® LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 CPC drawer.

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