

Key Features of Existing Infrastructure Models

Brief Narrative Description of Model, followed by a matrix that describes/analyzes the following features:

1. Basic Scope
 - Voluntary/mandatory
 - Geographic coverage
 - Products
2. Administration of infrastructure
What organization(s) manage/oversee the operation of the product recovery and recycling system? What are its functions?
3. Responsibilities of Stakeholders
Who holds ultimate responsibility/accountability for creating and managing the system? What roles do different stakeholder groups play in the financing, recovery, transportation or recycling of products?
4. Flow of Funds
How are funds distributed among firms, organizations and agencies that provide collection, transportation, reuse and recycling services?
5. Collection System(s)
How is equipment collected? Are different population groups (urban versus rural) served differently? Are all brands included?
6. Flow of Product
How does product flow through the system? How does the system integrate the hierarchy of uses including reuse and recycling? How are products sorted (triage) for channeling to reuse, refurbishment, or recycling, which may be performed by different firms or organizations?
7. Treatment of Historic Waste & Orphan Products
How does the system handle and finance historic waste and orphaned products?
8. Incentives
What mechanisms are utilized to provide incentives (or even disincentives) for: consumer return, product design, and product reuse?
9. Rates, Dates & Accountability Mechanisms
Does the model incorporate recovery and/or reuse/recycling rates? Are there other mechanisms to hold stakeholders accountable for success of the system?
10. Processing

- a. Who collects and processes equipment and how are they selected and contracted?
 - b. Is there a certification process? What certification standards are applied?
 - c. Does the model establish recycling guidelines or requirements of processors?
11. **System Effectiveness and Cost**
Are there any published reports or data on the effectiveness or cost of system operation?