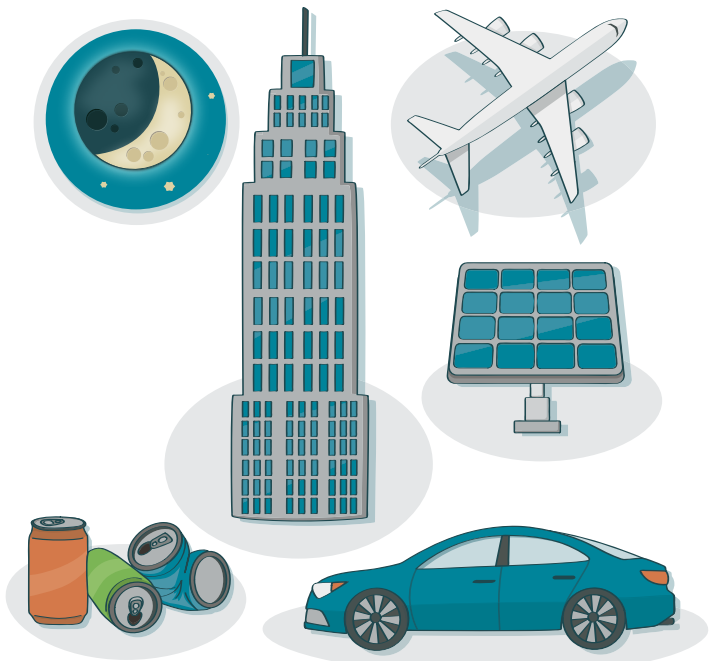

What do all these items have in common?



All of these items contain aluminum

Aluminum (Al) is the most widely used nonferrous metal. It has favourable characteristics for a broad spectrum of applications: Aluminum is light weight, durable, recyclable, a good conductor of electricity and heat as well as easily formed, machined, or cast. Aluminum is the third most abundant element in the Earth's crust; however, primary aluminum production relies on electrolysis process, leading to a high energy intensity of 14.3 kWh/kg on average.



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