

OBERALP PACKAGING GUIDELINES

These guidelines are applicable to all the packaging used for Oberalp items: finished products, prototypes, salesmen's samples, pre-production samples, and all bulk production orders, in and outbound. Where relevant, they will also apply for POS & marketing materials.

Packaging comprises all products used for the containment, protection, handling, delivery and presentation of goods.

Oberalp operations are founded on a mindful use of resources and geared towards the circularity of products and materials. Because most packaging is intended for single use, and the possibilities of reuse and recycling are limited, we expect our product development and suppliers to reduce it to the bare minimum necessary for guaranteeing the integrity of the product during transport, to reduce as much as possible the use of virgin material, and to make packaging that can be recycled into new products, retaining as much as possible their value and quality.

Product development, procurement

The development and delivery of packaging items for Oberalp should comply with the following guidelines:

Remove or Reduce

Reduce packaging design in quantity, weight, size and volume

Use less or lighter materials while maintaining packaging functionality

Avoid the use of items which impair or reduce recyclability, such as laminates, grommets, adhesives, foils, colorants, inks, seals, waxing, oils, coatings

Rethink

Rethink design and construction of packaging to enable recyclability

Use materials which are easy to recycle

Use folding methods that reduce the size of packaging

Recycled

Materials used for packaging should be made from as much as possible recycled content, according to the durability standards required and best available technologies

Restrict

Packaging materials must comply with the Oberalp RSL on the Chemical Policy

No fibers from old growth or endangered forests, or PVC plastic are allowed

Reliable sources

Virgin fibers must be certified by FSC, PEFC or similar standards

Recycled content should be supported by certification documents, like GRS

Remind





Packaging materials should be easy to separate and clearly marked for the receiver to understand: recyclable plus instructions on how or where to dismantle the packaging item

Report





It is important to inform customers about the choice of Oberalp of environmentally preferred packaging materials used in products, initiatives to reduce and recycle packaging

Specific guidelines per item, material, use






Product packaging

ITEM	PREFERRED	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
POLYBAGS 	100% recycled PE Transparent Closure: PE No or little inks & print	PE (virgin), single recyclable materials	PET, PVC
STICKERS AND BARCODE STICKERS 	None PE, Recyclable See requirements for ink and adhesives	PP, PET, PETG, PS, PLA Recyclable See requirements for ink and adhesives	Mixed materials Metal, aluminium, PVC Paper labels (for polybags only)
PAPER AND PAPERBOARD 	100% recycled Recyclable	70% recycled Recyclable	Below 70% recycled Non-recyclable
HANGERS 	Single material Plastic: 100% recycled, non-black, PP(5) or PS (6) Cardboard: FSC certified Wood – no varnish Recyclable	Non-single material but easy disassembly	Virgin plastic Black plastic or (7) Mixed materials not easy to disassemble

Treatments, additives, adhesives

ITEM	PREFERRED	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
ADHESIVES 	Certified non-VOC	Certified non-VOC emitting Water soluble or water-releasable at less than 60° C	Non-soluble in water or non releasable in water at less than 60° C VOC-emitting
COATINGS 	No coating	Water / aqueous-based coating	Solvent-based
INKS 	No ink	Water-based Soy or vegetable-based	Metallic inks Petroleum-based ink
BLEACHING PROCESSES 	Non-bleached	Processed Chlorine Free (PFC) Totally Chlorine Free (TCF)	Traditional Chlorine Free Chlorine Bleaching

Warehouse materials

ITEM	PREFERRED	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
BOXES AND CARTONS 	100% recycled FSC certified	70% recycled FSC certified	<70% recycled Stapled All-over prints
VOID FILLING 	100% recycled FSC certified	FSC certified paper	Foam Polystyrene Bubble wrap / plastic options
TAPE 	100% recycled Recyclable	Recyclable	Non-recycled Non-recyclable
FILM AROUND PALLETS 	Shrink wrap with recycled content Recyclable	Shrink wrap with no recycled content Recyclable	Degradable / OXO- additive shrink wrap
DELIVERY NOTES 	100% recycled FSC certified paper	Paper envelope Recyclable	See-through plastic envelope

POS & marketing materials

ITEM	PREFERRED	ACCEPTED	NOT ACCEPTED
ALL	Recycled Recyclable	70% recycled	<50% recycled Non-recyclable

Labelling

Packaging material shall be clearly labeled to provide the receiver relevant information regarding the composition and origin of materials and to facilitate the recycling process. Particular labelling requirements in specific countries or for specific materials will be duly communicated by the Company.

References

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