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EPA STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR RECYCLED CONTENT PRODUCTS

Recommended Recovered Fiber Content Levels For Uncoated Printing and Writing Papers

Item Description	Recovered Fiber	Postconsumer Fiber
Reprographic Paper (e.g. mimeo and duplicator paper, high-speed copier paper, and bond paper)(1)	20	20
Offset Paper (e.g., offset printing paper (1), book paper, bond paper (1))	20	20
Table Paper (e.g., office paper such as note pads, stationery (1) and other writing papers)	20	20
Forms Bond (e.g., forms, computer printout paper, ledger) (1)	20	20
Envelope paper: Wove	20	20
Kraft: White and colored (including manila)	10-20	10-20
Unbleached	20	20
Cotton Fiber Paper (e.g., cotton fiber papers, ledger (1), stationery (1) and matching envelopes, and other writing (1) papers)	20	20
Text & Cover Paper (e.g., cover stock, book paper (1), stationery (1) and matching envelopes, and other writing (1) paper)	20	20
Supercalendered	10	10
Machine finish groundwood	10	10
Papeteries	20	20
Check Safety Paper	10	10

(1) these items can be made from a variety of printing and writing papers, depending on the performance characteristics of the item. Some of the papers are a commodity-type and some are specialty papers. EPA recommends that procuring agencies determine the performance characteristics required of the paper prior to establishing minimum content standards. For example, bond, ledger, or stationery made

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from cotton fiber paper or a text & cover paper have different characteristics than similar items made from commodity papers.

**Recommended Recovered Fiber Content Levels
for Coated Printing and Writing Papers**

Item Description	Recovered Fiber	Postconsumer Fiber
Coated Printing Paper	10	10
Carbonless	20	20

**Recommended Recovered Fiber Content Levels
for Bristols**

Item Description	Recovered Fiber	Postconsumer Fiber
File Folders (Manila and Colored)	20	20
Dyed Filing Products	20-50	20
Cards (index, postal, and other, including index sheets)	50	20
Pressboard Report Covers and Binders	50	20
Tags and Tickets	20-50	20

**Recommended Recovered Fiber Content Levels
for Paperboard and Packaging Products**

Item Description	Recovered Fiber	Postconsumer Fiber
Corrugated containers: (1) (<300 psi) (300 psi)	25-50 25-30	25-50 25-30
Solid Fiber Boxes	40	40
Folding cartons (2)	100	40-80
Industrial paperboard (e.g., tubes, cores, drums, and cans)	100	45-100
Miscellaneous (e.g., pad backs, covered binders, book covers, mailing tubes, protective packaging)	90-100	75-100
Padded mailers	5-15	5-15
Carrierboard (3)	10-100	10-15
Brown papers (e.g., wrapping paper and bags)	5-40	5-20

(1) The recovered fiber and postconsumer fiber content is calculated from the content of each component relative to the weight each contributes to the total weight of the box.

(2) The recommended content ranges are not applicable to all types of paperboard used in folding cartons. Cartons made from solid bleached sulfate or solid unbleached sulfate contain no or small percentages of postconsumer fiber, depending on the paperboard source.

(3) Carrierboard made from unbleached draft contains up to 25% recovered fiber, while carrierboard made from recycled paperboard contains up to 100% recovered fiber.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Recommended Recovered Fiber Content Levels for Miscellaneous Paper Products, Commercial/Industrial Sanitary Tissue Products, Traffic Cones, Traffic Barricades, Running Tracks, Playground Surfaces Floor Tiles and Patio Blocks are also available.