

Design For Recycling

GUIDELINES for packaging

* Decorative technologies must not hinder the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer, such as size, print, mass colouration and/or barrier. The following size indications can be considered to ensure the recognition of PET:

- Size of non-PET surfaces on containers > 500 ml: < 70% coverage
- Size of non-PET surfaces on containers < 500 ml: < 50% coverage

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RecyClass

CIRCPACK
by VEOLIA

Material:

- PET bottle
- PET thermoform

PP rigid

Coloured

- PP flexible
- PE rigid
- PE flexible
- PS
- Paper & cardboard
- Beverage carton
- Glass
- Steel
- Aluminium



		Yes - Full compatibility	Conditional - Limited compatibility	No - Low (or no) compatibility
Main body	Material	PP TPO <= 10 % (full olefinic or aliphatic structure)	PE ≤ 10%	Multilayers with PLA; PVC; PS; PET; PETG; PE > 10% ; TPO (containing rubber, e.g EPDM)
	Colours	All colours	Black inner layer and dark colours (NIR-detectable)	Non NIR detectable colours
	Size		Items compacted ≤ 5 cm	Items compacted ≤ 2 cm
	Product residues	A if the index Easy-to-empty is < 5%; B if the index is < 10%	C if the index Easy-to-empty is < 15%	D if index <20%; E < if index 25%; F if index > 25%
	Barrier	EVOH ≤ 6% + PP-g -MAH tie layers with MAH ≥ 0.1wt% and EVOH:tie layers ratio ≤ 2;	EVOH > 6% + PP-g -MAH tie layers with MAH ≥ 0.1wt% and EVOH:tie layers ratio ≤ 2; EVOH ≤ 1% with any other tie layers; Metallisation	EVOH > 1% with different tie layers; PA; PVDC; Aluminium
	Additives	Additives that are unavoidable in processing (stabilizers, antioxidants, lubricants, nucleating agents, peroxides) and density remains <0,97 g/cm³	Mineral fillers (CaCO ₃ , talc) not increasing density more than 0,97 g/cm³	Additives changing material density >1 g/cm³; Flame retardant additives, plasticizers; Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additive
Laminating adhesives	Laminating adhesives approved as fully compatible by RecyClass; To be tested if in combination with a barrier material, PU < 3 wt%;	Laminating adhesives approved as limited compatible by RecyClass; To be tested if in combination with a barrier material, PU between 3 and 4.5 wt%	PU > 4.5wt% ; To be tested: Acrylics; Laminating adhesives specially developed for high thermal applications above boiling and/or for high chemical resistance	
Attachments	Closure Systems	PP	HDPE; LDPE; LLDPE; MDPE; PET; PETG; PS; PLA (all with a density >1g/cm³), Removable aluminium lidding	Non-PO and/or foams with density < 1 g/cm³; Aluminium; Metal; PVC
	Liners, Seals and Valves	PP; TPO; TPS <= 1%	HDPE; LDPE; LLDPE; MDPE; TPS; PET; PETG; PLA, PS (d>1 g/cm³); removable silicon with d>1 g/cm³; PO foamed <= 1%	Non-PO and/or foams with density < 1 g/cm³; Any other TPE ; Aluminium; Metal; Foiled paper; PVC
	Other Components	PP	PE with density <1 g/cm³; PET; PETG; PS; PLA (d >1 g/cm³)	Alu; PVC; Glass; Non-PO and/or foams with d < 1 g/cm³;
Decoration*	Inks	Non-bleeding inks compliant with EuPIA Exclusion Policy ; Inks & lacquer for direct printing representing <1 total wt%	More than 1 wt% direct printing (to be tested)	Inks that bleed; Inks non-compliant with EuPIA Exclusion Policy; PVC binders
	Facestock Label Materials	Labels in PP (all with density < 1 g/cm³) In-Mould-Labels in PP printed with < 1 wt% of the total packaging (except dark colours and bleeding inks)	Labels in PE, PO (with d < 1 g/cm³); Labels in PET, PETG, PLA, PS (all with d > 1 g/cm³); Labels in Paper without fibreless; PO-foamed labels; Any other IML in PP (except bleeding inks)	Labels that hinder PP recognition; labels in non PO-materials with d < 1 g/cm³ ; Paper labels with fibreless; alu; metallised labels; PVC; Cardboard or paper in In-Mould-Labels
	Adhesives for labels	Removable in the recycling process	Non-releasable adhesive approved by RecyClass in combination with filmic PO labels	Non water soluble or water releasable adhesives
	Sleeves	Sleeves in PO (all with density < 1 g/cm³), Self-separable plastic and cardboard sleeves under mechanical stress (sorting test mandatory)	Sleeves in PE (density < 1 g/cm³); Sleeves in PET, PETG, PET-C, PLA, PS (density > 1 g/cm³), Cardboard sleeves without fiberloss (sorting test mandatory)	Sleeves that hinder the PP recognition; Sleeves in non-PO materials with d < 1 g/cm³ ; Cardboard sleeves with fiberloss; Aluminium; Metalised sleeves; Heavily inked sleeves; PVC
	Other Decorative Tech	Laser marking	Electroplating on attachments (with density > 1 g/cm³); Cold transfer and hot stamping technologies not hindering detection	Electroplating on attachments (with density <1 g/cm³)