

Returnable Pallet Containers



Project Implementation

Many products, including packaging, are supplied in cardboard corrugate boxes. Sometimes it is possible to replace these boxes with a pallet sized container that can be collapsed and returned to the supplier for reuse. Typically up to 15 containers can be collapsed and stored on one pallet after being used.

Deliveries of thermoformed trays provide one example of this use for packaging as the trays still need a level of protection, but are normally delivered in quantities of several pallets. Firms such as Avoncourt Packaging use this type of returnable container to pack their products on request from their customers.

Benefits of the Project

Returning pallet containers to suppliers leads to:

- Reduced levels of cardboard for recycling
- Reduced amount of product unpacking
- Reduced producer responsibility fees



Issues Encountered

- Cost of return journeys must be negotiated.
- Volume of deliveries must be greater than a few pallets.
- Storage space is required for containers awaiting return.
- Empty containers must be well managed for return.
- Overseas suppliers may not wish containers to be returned.

Further Information

For further information on Avoncourt see:

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