



Shipping and Packing Instructions

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3 Ecological Requirements

In accordance with our product philosophy "Performance Meets Ecology" we are constantly working to reduce the environmental footprint of our products. As part of this strategy, it is important that our packaging is as environmentally friendly as possible.

In general:

- The VAUDE RSL also applies to all packaging materials.
- Avoid/minimize packaging: Use only as much packaging as necessary to protect the goods according to our specifications.
- Sustainable materials are preferred: use packaging with the highest possible recycled content and from certified materials.

These guidelines (see Table 3) represent our minimum requirements ("must have") for packaging. We have also defined additional requirements with which compliance is desirable ("should").

Material	Required / must be met / "must have"	Best practice alternatives "should"
Wood	No illegally harvested wood or wood from High Conservation Value Forests	Reusable pallets, Euro-pallets
		FSC certification PEFC certification
Paper, Cardboard	No materials from illegally harvested wood or High Conservation Value Forests	FSC certification PEFC certification
	At least 30 % post consumer recycled material	Higher recycling percentage, max. 70 %
	No composites / laminate	
Plastic	No PVC	
	Pure-grade plastics	At least 30 % post consumer recycled material
	No fill materials from plastic or Styrofoam	Fill material from waste products (i.e. paper) or other renewable raw materials

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Plastic	Plastics properly marked	http://www.plasticsindustry.org/AboutPlastics/content.cfm?ItemNumber=823&navItemNumber=2144
Treatments	No heavy-metal based print dyes	Do not use prints unless required, waterbased print dyes, organic/soy based dyes
	No laminating/ laminated coatings	Do not use coatings, UV coatings, water-based coatings, overprint varnish
	No VOC-emitting labels or adhesive tapes	Do not use labels or adhesive tapes. Certified non-VOC
	No chlorine bleach	Unbleached material chlorine-free bleaching
Chemicals	See RSL	

Table 3: Ecological packaging requirements