

## EUWID Price Watch France

March 2025

Prices in € per tonne free delivered  
unless otherwise stated

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February 2025

March 2024

## Fine paper

## Woodfree uncoated

Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	950 - 1,060	950 - 1,080	990 - 1,130
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	900 - 1,010	900 - 1,030	940 - 1,080
Offset sheets 80 g	980 - 1,070	980 - 1,070	1,000 - 1,100
Offset reels 80 g	900 - 1,000	900 - 1,000	950 - 1,060

## Woodfree coated

Sheets, double coated, 100 g	980 - 1,080	980 - 1,080	990 - 1,110
Reels, double coated, 100 g	910 - 1,020	910 - 1,020	950 - 1,060

## Publication paper

Standard newsprint 45 g	600 - 630	600 - 630	580 - 630
Standard newsprint 42 g	610 - 640	610 - 640	580 - 640
Improved newsprint ISO 68, 52 g	650 - 680	650 - 680	620 - 670
LWC offset 60 g	770 - 830	770 - 830	780 - 850
LWC rotogravure 60 g	780 - 840	780 - 840	810 - 880
SC offset 56 g (A)	670 - 720	670 - 720	680 - 740
SC rotogravure 56 g (A)	670 - 720	670 - 720	700 - 750

## Corrugated case material

## Primary fibre corrugated case material

Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+	780 - 870	720 - 810	640 - 730
Semi-chemical fluting	640 - 700	640 - 700	570 - 630
White-top kraftliner 140 g	840 - 990	840 - 990	770 - 870

## Recycled corrugated case material

Recycled fluting 100 g	640 - 665	640 - 665	520 - 545
Recycled fluting 90 g	650 - 680	650 - 680	530 - 560
Testliner II	660 - 690	660 - 690	540 - 570
Testliner III	650 - 675	650 - 675	530 - 555
White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g	720 - 790	680 - 730	640 - 690

## Cartonboard

GD II	810 - 940	810 - 940	780 - 910
GC II	1,140 - 1,330	1,140 - 1,330	1,100 - 1,280

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It is slowly becoming apparent that manufacturers might soon be successful in securing higher prices across the board. So far, mark-ups have taken hold only partially. A few suppliers told EUWID that they had already instituted price hikes with some clients, mostly in the region of €30-40/t for GD 2, with one manufacturer in particular reportedly having made pretty good progress. However, these hikes had yet to spread to the entire market in March, meaning that many GD 2 prices were still left untouched in the third month of 2025.

Many producers are still in discussions with their customers. Their plans to invoice more for white-lined chipboard are not easy to implement. Sources said that buyers are resisting higher prices as far or as long as possible, although they are said to have some understanding for the concerns raised by manufacturers. Producers are complaining about hefty costs, especially for energy and recovered paper. Manufacturers had absorbed a lot last year, but higher costs from 2024 now had to be passed on to

buyers, one white-lined chipboard producer said.

One manufacturer was especially firm and steadfast in its demands. This seller said that he was prepared to accept losing a few orders in the process, adding that some customers were indeed redistributing their orders. Others were more cautious. Generally speaking, though, buyers and suppliers alike expect that GD 2 prices will increase everywhere sooner or later. One manufacturer that had previously charged unchanged prices said in mid-March that it had now managed to secure the majority of orders for deliveries from April onwards at higher prices.

While some contracts reportedly apply for three months until the end of June, several manufacturers would rather opt for month-long agreements or prices applying until further notice.

Raising prices is difficult, not least because demand does not provide any real tailwind. The slight momentum in demand for both white-lined chipboard and fresh fibre cartonboard

(folding boxboard) since the beginning of 2025 is still evident, insiders said, and manufacturers were pleased with their order books in March. One producer told EUWID that sales volumes were in line with last year's level, while another even saw a minor year-on-year improvement. However, insiders still do not have the impression that this momentum represents signs of a turnaround. "It has been a good month, but the situation remains fragile," one market player remarked.

Market players put current lead times at 3-4 weeks for GD board and 3-6 weeks for GC.

There was not much action on the folding boxboard market in March. The price round starting back in the summer of 2024 that gradually led to mark-ups for GC 2 was only recently completely wrapped up. Manufacturers are now waiting to see how prices develop on the white-lined chipboard market. Higher costs, especially those for pulp wood, are viewed as problematic here, too, with

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