

## EUWID Price Watch France

August 2026

Prices in € per tonne free delivered  
unless otherwise stated

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## Fine paper

## Woodfree uncoated

|                            |             |             |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade | 880 - 990   | 910 - 990   | 910 - 1,020 |
| Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade | 820 - 940   | 850 - 940   | 860 - 970   |
| Offset sheets 80 g         | 920 - 1,030 | 940 - 1,030 | 960 - 1,040 |
| Offset reels 80 g          | 870 - 950   | 880 - 950   | 890 - 970   |

## Woodfree coated

|                              |             |             |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sheets, double coated, 100 g | 940 - 1,050 | 960 - 1,050 | 960 - 1,060 |
| Reels, double coated, 100 g  | 900 - 990   | 920 - 990   | 900 - 990   |

## Publication paper

|                                 |           |           |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Standard newsprint 45 g         | 615 - 640 | 615 - 640 | 600 - 630 |
| Standard newsprint 42 g         | 625 - 650 | 625 - 650 | 610 - 640 |
| Improved newsprint ISO 68, 52 g | 655 - 680 | 655 - 680 | 650 - 680 |
| LWC offset 60 g                 | 790 - 820 | 790 - 820 | 760 - 810 |
| LWC rotogravure 60 g            | 800 - 830 | 800 - 830 | 770 - 820 |
| SC offset 56 g (A)              | 670 - 700 | 670 - 700 | 660 - 710 |
| SC rotogravure 56 g (A)         | 670 - 700 | 670 - 700 | 660 - 710 |

## Corrugated case material

## Primary fibre corrugated case material

|                              |             |             |           |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+ | 870 - 970   | 870 - 970   | 770 - 890 |
| Semi-chemical fluting        | 660 - 710   | 660 - 710   | 630 - 690 |
| White-top kraftliner 140 g   | 940 - 1,050 | 940 - 1,050 | 880 - 990 |

## Recycled corrugated case material

|                                     |           |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Recycled fluting 100 g              | 670 - 705 | 670 - 705 | 610 - 645 |
| Recycled fluting 90 g               | 680 - 720 | 680 - 720 | 620 - 660 |
| Testliner 2                         | 690 - 730 | 690 - 730 | 630 - 670 |
| Testliner 3                         | 680 - 715 | 680 - 715 | 620 - 655 |
| White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g | 720 - 780 | 720 - 780 | 700 - 770 |

## Cartonboard

|      |               |                             |               |
|------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| GD 2 | 830 - 960     | 830 - 960                   | 840 - 970     |
| GC 2 | 1,100 - 1,295 | 1,100 - 1,295 <sup>1)</sup> | 1,140 - 1,330 |

<sup>1)</sup> Prices include temporary surcharges of up to €35/t.© 2026 EUWID Europäischer Wirtschaftsdienst GmbH  
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most companies sought to tack on €80/t, figures of €100/t and €120/t were also mentioned in isolated cases. That being said, negotiations are now mostly revolving around a sum of €80/t for brown and white recycled grades alike. White-top testliner manufacturers pointed out that they had managed to increase their prices by just €40/t the last time around and now needed to make up a gap of around €40/t compared with brown grades.

Paper manufacturers essentially pointed to higher costs and slim margins as justification for their demands. That being said, a few sources suggested that the latest price increase announcements were mainly intended to fend off the threat of summer discounts, a claim that manufacturers denied.

Sources said that the conditions on France's recycled corrugated case material market were not favourable for calls for higher prices in August.

Manufacturers described demand as generally moderate to barely satisfactory. They also pointed to the special circumstances seen in August, France's main holiday month, when converters take plant holidays and noted that order intake is seasonally subdued.

As the final full week of August drew to a close, the outcome of negotiations was not entirely clear. Nonetheless, producers were confident that prices would rise, regardless of the amount. Converters felt that the amount sought by manufacturers was somewhat excessive, particularly given the increases already secured in recent months and the present market climate. Insiders also pointed out that converters needed additional justification when seeking to pass higher prices for packaging on to their customers.

Manufacturers have put forward very similar price plans for kraftliner, with price increases of

€80/t also on the table for brown and white-top kraftliner. As this issue went to press, it was not yet clear what paper producers and converters had agreed on. Insiders deem mark-ups likely for kraftliner, given market conditions. The kraftliner market remains more balanced than the market for recycled paper, with manufacturers reporting satisfactory demand and solid capacity utilisation. Insiders pointed out that there is hardly any surplus capacity here and that producers are taking scheduled downtime to perform technical work. Compounding matters, a production stoppage caused by forest fires lasted a few days at Smurfit Westrock's Cellulose du Pin mill in France, sources said.

Semi-chemical fluting prices are also under discussion, with producers seeking hikes of up to €100/t.

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