

EUWID Price Watch Germany

April 2026

Prices in € per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	April 2026	March 2026	April 2025
Fine paper			
Woodfree uncoated			
A4 C-grade, branded paper	800 - 880	780 - 850	880 - 980
A4 C-grade, non-branded paper	790 - 800	770 - 800	850 - 950
Offset sheets 80 g	930 - 990	890 - 960	1,000 - 1,110
Offset reels 80 g	890 - 930	870 - 900	940 - 1,010
Woodfree coated			
Sheets, double coated, 100 g	900 - 990	870 - 950	1,000 - 1,110
Reels, double coated, 100 g	880 - 930	850 - 900	920 - 990
Publication paper			
Newsprint 45 g (coldset)	585 - 610	575 - 590	600 - 625
Newsprint 42.5 g (coldset)	595 - 620	585 - 600	610 - 635
Newsprint 45 g (heatset)	585 - 610	570 - 590	600 - 625
LWC offset 60 g	795 - 840	770 - 800	780 - 810
SC offset 56 g (A)	670 - 690	660 - 675	680 - 700
SC rotogravure 56 g (A)	670 - 700	660 - 680	680 - 700
Corrugated case material			
Primary fibre corrugated case material			
Unbleached kraftliner from Scandinavia 175 g	850 - 930	850 - 870	870 - 890
Semi-chemical corrugated medium ¹⁾	775 - 1,040	775 - 980	775 - 1,000
White-top kraftliner 140 g	1,070 - 1,190	1,070 - 1,150	1,090 - 1,170
Recycled corrugated case material			
Schrenz	640 - 650	580 - 590	610 - 630
Wellenstoff	670 - 680	610 - 620	640 - 660
Testliner II	700 - 710	640 - 650	670 - 690
Testliner III	680 - 690	620 - 630	650 - 670
White-top testliner, coated	890 - 910	890 - 910	930 - 970
White-top testliner, 140 g, ISO 70-75	810 - 825	770 - 785	830 - 845
Cartonboard			
Unlined chipboard	775 - 835	775 - 795	815 - 855
GD II	870 - 940	850 - 900	890 - 960
GC II	1,140 - 1,205*	1,140 - 1,175	1,240 - 1,275

* Price movement reflects temporary surcharges of €30/t.

¹⁾ Prices at the upper end of the range represent Scandinavian primary fibre grades, lower-end prices are quoted for other European grades.

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too. That being said, insiders stressed that they saw no signs of a paper shortage yet.

Higher prices take hold for GD board, temporary surcharges reported for GC

The primary fibre-based board is currently the only segment within the cartonboard markets surveyed by EUWID where manufacturers are working with temporary (energy) cost surcharges. Sources said that these surcharges were limited to a one-month term and did not represent changes to the base prices agreed in contracts. The first surcharges reportedly took hold on the German market in April, with others set to follow in early May. According to most sources, the temporary surcharges for April amount to €30/t and apply to all contracts, regardless of their duration.

The price increases announced in March and primarily implemented in April for GD board and unlined chipboard are not temporary surcharges but an adjustment to base prices with effect from the start of the respective month or quarter. The sometimes sharp spikes in energy costs are only one factor behind the price demands, and recycled cartonboard producers had already been informally indicating to customers that hikes were inevitable even before the outbreak of Iran war. The conflict in Iran and the Gulf region has merely added to the urgency of the situation, EUWID contacts pointed out.

Recycled cartonboard manufacturers' attempts to charge more were helped by solid demand, which has pushed lead times out to as much as six weeks or sometimes even longer, as confirmed

by both manufacturers and converters. However, this strong machine utilisation is not mirrored in order intake from the packaging industry, where only a handful of companies report good or satisfactory demand for folding cartons.

The reasons for the strong machine utilisation remain a matter of speculation. Converters suspect that producers may be trying to exert pressure and create room for price adjustments by tightening supply. Some cartonboard producers pointed to market talk and rumours surrounding one competitor as the trigger for volumes being shifted to other mills. Other EUWID contacts doing business in Germany cited the effects of stronger demand on other European markets, and quite a few market players even believe that a degree of panic buying could also be at work. □