

EUWID Price Watch UK

August 2026

Prices in £ per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	August 2026 £	August 2026 €*	July 2026 £	August 2025 £
Fine paper				
Woodfree uncoated				
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	770 - 860	901 - 1,006	790 - 860	790 - 860
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	720 - 830	842 - 971	740 - 830	750 - 830
Offset sheets 80 g	830 - 890	971 - 1,041	850 - 890	860 - 920
Offset reels 80 g	750 - 830	878 - 971	770 - 830	790 - 850
Woodfree coated				
Sheets, double coated, 115 g	850 - 940	995 - 1,100	870 - 940	870 - 940
Reels, double coated, 100 g	800 - 870	936 - 1,018	820 - 870	790 - 850
Publication paper				
Standard newsprint 45 g	510 - 540	597 - 632	510 - 540	480 - 510
Standard newsprint 42.5 g	520 - 550	608 - 644	520 - 550	490 - 520
Standard newsprint 40 g	530 - 560	620 - 655	530 - 560	500 - 530
Improved newsprint 52 g, ISO 68	560 - 590	655 - 690	560 - 590	530 - 560
LWC offset 60 g	690 - 720	807 - 842	690 - 720	660 - 700
SC offset 56 g (A)	590 - 610	690 - 714	590 - 610	580 - 610
Corrugated case material				
Primary fibre corrugated case material				
Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+, European quality	770 - 810	901 - 948	770 - 810	720 - 745
White-top kraftliner 140 g, European quality	865 - 945	1,012 - 1,106	865 - 945	805 - 875
Recycled corrugated case material				
Recycled fluting 100 g	585 - 655	684 - 766	585 - 655	530 - 585
Recycled fluting 90 g	585 - 660	684 - 772	585 - 660	530 - 590
Recycled fluting 85 g	595 - 670	696 - 784	595 - 670	540 - 600
Testliner 2	605 - 675	708 - 790	605 - 675	550 - 605
Testliner 3	585 - 655	684 - 766	585 - 655	530 - 585
White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g	675 - 725	790 - 848	675 - 725	660 - 720
Cartonboard				
GD 2	600 - 670	702 - 784	600 - 670	600 - 690
GC 2	880 - 1,030	1,030 - 1,205	880 - 1,030	910 - 1,010

* Exchange rate as of 28 August 2026: £1 = €1.17

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med somewhat. Packaging producers report that they have now been able to explain more clearly to customers along the supply chain what requirements actually arise from the regulation. Initially, some customers had demanded considerably more extensive documentation than producers believed was required. These sometimes excessive demands have since become less common.

Prolonged lead time for GC board over the summer

The British folding cartonboard market remained "unchanged" and showed "little particular momentum" in August. Converters described a typically quiet August, shaped by the holiday period and generally subdued consumer sentiment. However, some respondents said they were quite satisfied with sales in both July and August. In some cases, volumes were reportedly higher than a year earlier.

Long lead times at some suppliers resulted in a good month in volume terms for some merchants, which were able to step in at short notice.

Both GD and GC board are fundamentally available in sufficient quantities, although lead times differ considerably depending on the producer and mill. Established GC board mills in northern Europe, including the UK, are often quoting lead times of nine to eleven weeks. Material from newer capacities, by contrast, can in some cases be sourced considerably faster.

According to market reports, the longer lead times for GC2 board were caused by both logistics problems and technical disruptions in sheeting and converting operations at two northern European mills. In addition, there is speculation in the market that some producers may be deliberately maintaining longer lead times in order to support the utilisation of new capacities in the European market.

The loss of GC supply from the former Folbb mill in Eerbeek is also being felt. The site had supplied British customers, among others, at short notice and at competitive prices. Other European GC mills and British merchants were able to step in, although not at the low prices previously offered by Folbb.

Some market insiders believe that the longer lead times for GC board may also have been indirectly influenced by developments in barrier board. Following the loss of Eerbeek and uncertainty over the future of Folbb's other mill in Baiersbronn, many customers increased their ordering activity, with lead times for barrier board reportedly extending into November in some cases. Some producers offering both grades are said to have shifted production capacity towards barrier qualities, thereby also contributing to longer GC lead times. It has since been confirmed that both Baiersbronn

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