

EUWID Price Watch UK

April 2026

Prices in £ per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	April 2026 £	April 2026 €*	March 2026 £	April 2025 £
Fine paper				
Woodfree uncoated				
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	790 - 850	908 - 978	760 - 820	830 - 890
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	740 - 820	851 - 943	710 - 790	790 - 860
Offset sheets 80 g	840 - 890	966 - 1,024	810 - 860	880 - 920
Offset reels 80 g	760 - 830	874 - 955	730 - 800	800 - 880
Woodfree coated				
Sheets, double coated, 115 g	860 - 930	989 - 1070	820 - 890	890 - 940
Reels, double coated, 100 g	810 - 860	932 - 989	770 - 820	800 - 860
Publication paper				
Standard newsprint 45 g	500 - 530	575 - 610	480 - 510	480 - 510
Standard newsprint 42.5 g	510 - 540	587 - 621	490 - 520	490 - 520
Standard newsprint 40 g	520 - 550	598 - 633	500 - 530	500 - 530
Improved newsprint 52 g, ISO 68	550 - 580	633 - 667	530 - 560	530 - 560
LWC offset 60 g	690 - 720	794 - 828	660 - 690	660 - 700
SC offset 56 g (A)	590 - 610	679 - 702	570 - 590	580 - 610
Corrugated case material				
Primary fibre corrugated case material				
Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+, European quality	695 - 720	799 - 828	695 - 720	720 - 755
White-top kraftliner 140 g, European quality	805 - 875	926 - 1,006	805 - 875	785 - 845
Recycled corrugated case material				
Recycled fluting 100 g	585 - 655	673 - 753	505 - 575	555 - 605
Recycled fluting 90 g	585 - 660	673 - 759	505 - 580	555 - 610
Recycled fluting 85 g	595 - 670	684 - 771	515 - 590	565 - 620
Testliner II	605 - 675	696 - 776	525 - 595	575 - 625
Testliner III	585 - 655	673 - 753	505 - 575	555 - 605
White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g	640 - 690	736 - 794	640 - 690	640 - 680
Cartonboard				
GD II	560 - 650	644 - 748	560 - 650	620 - 715
GC II	880 - 1,000	1,012 - 1,150	880 - 1,000	930 - 1,010

* Exchange rate as of 24 April 2026: £1 = €1.15

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Brown recycled corrugated case material prices edge higher in the UK as well

In the wake of the steep rise in energy costs, corrugated case material prices are soaring in the UK, too. Manufacturers initially managed to tack on £80/t for brown recycled corrugated case material with effect from 1 April. Price momentum was more muted for other grades monitored by EUWID. What's more, price increases originally scheduled for April have been postponed until May and, in some cases, scaled back. As things stand in April 2026, brown kraftliner prices are expected to rise by roughly £50/t, while white-top kraftliner and white-top testliner look set to become roughly £35/t more expensive.

However, opposition to the plans for May hikes is already forming. A few converters say that there is growing pushback. Market players are also highly sceptical about one supplier's announcement that

it plans to push through another hefty increase for brown recycled grades with effect from May, at least in mainland Europe.

In the meantime, comparatively good demand for containerboard continued to play out in April. Like their counterparts in mainland Europe, British paper mills have reportedly experienced a marked improvement in capacity utilisation. That being said, insiders question whether this uptick is not at least partially due to orders being brought forward in advance of higher prices taking effect. It is seen as uncertain whether this level will hold, especially since the impact of the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has hardly been felt in the UK and the rest of Europe. "The higher costs we have seen so far at the pump, as painful as they are, will not be the end of it," one expert warned.

Demand for corrugated sheets and packaging in the UK was generally positive into early April, before the first signs of a slowdown emerged. In

many cases, lead times for sheets have returned to normal, at three working days to a week.

At the same time, market players are implementing price increases, typically in the range of 8 to 13 per cent. Higher sheet prices usually take effect automatically and without delay, whereas adjustments for packaging and other corrugated products tend to follow later and to a lesser extent, not least because sheet prices account for only part of total packaging production costs. This pattern does appear to be shifting, though. A few packaging producers are only able to raise their prices in July because of quarterly contracts, but many others are now trying to pass higher costs on to customers as quickly as possible.

Mark-ups for packaging and other corrugated board products are similar in size to those for sheets, typically in the range of eight to 11 per cent, peaking at 13 per cent. By way of rationale,

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