

EUWID Price Watch Germany

May 2026

Prices in € per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	May 2026	April 2026	May 2025
Fine paper			
Woodfree uncoated			
A4 C-grade, branded paper	820 - 900	800 - 880	880 - 970
A4 C-grade, non-branded paper	790 - 820	790 - 800	850 - 930
Offset sheets 80 g	940 - 990	930 - 990	1,000 - 1,110
Offset reels 80 g	900 - 940	890 - 930	940 - 1,010
Woodfree coated			
Sheets, double coated, 100 g	930 - 990	900 - 990	1,000 - 1,110
Reels, double coated, 100 g	900 - 950	880 - 930	920 - 990
Publication paper			
Newsprint 45 g (coldset)	585 - 610	585 - 610	600 - 625
Newsprint 42.5 g (coldset)	595 - 620	595 - 620	610 - 635
Newsprint 45 g (heatset)	585 - 610	585 - 610	600 - 625
LWC offset 60 g	795 - 840	795 - 840	780 - 810
SC offset 56 g (A)	670 - 690	670 - 690	680 - 700
SC rotogravure 56 g (A)	670 - 700	670 - 700	680 - 700
Corrugated case material			
Primary fibre corrugated case material			
Unbleached kraftliner from Scandinavia 175 g	910 - 930	850 - 930	870 - 890
Semi-chemical corrugated medium ¹⁾	815 - 1,040	775 - 1,040	775 - 1,020
White-top kraftliner 140 g	1,110 - 1,190	1,070 - 1,190	1,090 - 1,170
Recycled corrugated case material			
Schrenz	640 - 650	640 - 650	650 - 670
Wellenstoff	670 - 680	670 - 680	680 - 700
Testliner II	700 - 710	700 - 710	710 - 730
Testliner III	680 - 690	680 - 690	690 - 710
White-top testliner, coated	930 - 950	890 - 910	930 - 970
White-top testliner, 140 g, ISO 70-75	810 - 825	810 - 825	830 - 885
Cartonboard			
Unlined chipboard	815 - 835	775 - 835	815 - 855
GD II	870 - 940	870 - 940	890 - 960
GC II	1,140 - 1,205	1,140 - 1,205*	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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taken hold across the board. In a few instances, prices had already risen by €40/t in April. However, the majority of the mark-ups took effect in May. Sources throughout the supply chain agreed that the cartonboard industry was not currently seeking additional hikes for June.

The same is true for GD 2 board (white-lined chipboard). Prices remained mostly stable in May. One exception was a producer who, according to contacts, had only announced and implemented a price hike in May that had been planned for April. At the same time, a few GD 2 cartonboard contracts with the folding carton industry are valid until 30 June. Cartonboard producers interviewed by EUWID expect to raise prices by a corresponding sum once these contracts expire. Since recycled cartonboard producers are not

using temporary surcharges, like those for folding boxboard, attention was now focused on regular contract talks for July.

Suppliers described GD cartonboard mills as typically operating at relatively good capacity utilisation. Lead times have reportedly become slightly longer, depending on the manufacturer in question. Contacts sometimes put them at three to four weeks or sometimes less.

The situation on the GC market remains varied, with mills seeking temporary energy and freight cost surcharges. GC manufacturers were able to institute a portion of their plans, with surcharges of €30/t mostly taking effect in April, although not all suppliers are said to have negotiated with the same degree of determination, folding carton producers told EUWID.

"There's always someone who is keen to secure the tonnage," one converter remarked, indicating a certain degree of flexibility on the part of the cartonboard industry to drop surcharges altogether or accept a smaller one in return for volume commitments. In May, EUWID learned that no additional movement in prices is expected across the board for the time being. At the same time, insiders stated that previously implemented surcharges had not been reversed in May.

In terms of capacity utilisation, the picture is not entirely uniform for GC cartonboard mills. Some producers are reported to be pretty well booked, with lead times becoming longer. Yet other GC producers see plenty of scope to increase capacity utilisation and describe the availability of GC as plentiful. □