

EUWID Price Watch France

May 2025

Prices in € per tonne free delivered
unless otherwise stated

Fine paper

Woodfree uncoated

	May 2025	April 2025	May 2024
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	950 - 1,060	950 - 1,060	1,030 - 1,170
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	900 - 1,010	900 - 1,010	980 - 1,120
Offset sheets 80 g	980 - 1,070	980 - 1,070	1,040 - 1,140
Offset reels 80 g	900 - 1,000	900 - 1,000	980 - 1,100

Woodfree coated

Sheets, double coated, 100 g	980 - 1,080	980 - 1,080	1,030 - 1,150
Reels, double coated, 100 g	910 - 1,020	910 - 1,020	990 - 1,100

Publication paper

Standard newsprint 45 g	600 - 630	600 - 630	570 - 610
Standard newsprint 42 g	610 - 640	610 - 640	580 - 620
Improved newsprint ISO 68, 52 g	650 - 680	650 - 680	620 - 660
LWC offset 60 g	770 - 820	770 - 820	770 - 830
LWC rotogravure 60 g	780 - 830	780 - 830	780 - 840
SC offset 56 g (A)	670 - 710	670 - 710	670 - 720
SC rotogravure 56 g (A)	670 - 710	670 - 710	680 - 730

Corrugated case material

Primary fibre corrugated case material

Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+	780 - 870	780 - 870	700 - 790
Semi-chemical fluting	640 - 700	640 - 700	620 - 670
White-top kraftliner 140 g	880 - 990	880 - 990	810 - 910

Recycled corrugated case material

Recycled fluting 100 g	680 - 705	640 - 665	580 - 605
Recycled fluting 90 g	690 - 720	650 - 680	590 - 620
Testliner II	700 - 730	660 - 690	600 - 630
Testliner III	690 - 715	650 - 675	590 - 615
White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g	720 - 790	720 - 790	680 - 730

Cartonboard

GD II	840 - 970	840 - 970	810 - 940
GC II	1,140 - 1,330	1,140 - 1,330	1,100 - 1,280

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ket can support a price hike," said one insider. Others felt that a price increase is possible but not before the third quarter. One respondent did not completely rule out a hike in June. Players do agree that it will likely be difficult for suppliers to implement higher prices, owing to the demand situation.

Demand for both WLC and FBB did not improve in May, according to market participants. On the contrary, some of the experts surveyed reported that business had slowed slightly in the first half of the month, which came as no surprise given the many bank holidays since mid-April. During this time, some packaging producers – and occasionally cartonboard producers – have used the public holidays as an opportunity to carry out some production stoppages. This had an impact on the order situation, which some suppliers said was relatively stable but others described as weaker than in April.

In the second half of May, with just one remaining bank holiday, the situation could change, comments one cartonboard producer. However, the market participants surveyed by EUWID generally saw no upswing in consumption and therefore did not expect any lasting market rebound in the foreseeable future.

Delivery times in May were said to be quite regular, even though the bank holidays had caused some logistical problems. Market participants mentioned lead times of 3-4 weeks for GD board and 3-6 weeks for GC board. In Sweden, port strikes may be looming at the end of May. One market participant commented that strikes in Sweden did not have the same sweeping impact as those in Finland because there was the option of switching to road transports.

On the market for GC board, another month went by without any major changes. Demand remained subdued and prices for GC 2 in May were

stable. In contrast to the GD board segment, price hikes or announcements thereof are not an issue at the moment. "We do actually need an increase, but the market is not currently prepared to accept this," said one supplier, pointing to the weak demand. New capacities in Oulu were not making the situation any easier, commented a different player. In addition, there is currently uncertainty relating to the US import tariffs. If exports to the USA became too costly (primarily affecting the Nordic countries), it remained to be seen what would happen with these volumes and whether supplies would rise in Europe, some respondents in the market noted.

Against this backdrop, most market participants do not believe that higher prices for GC will be discussed anytime soon. Some could imagine hikes being implemented in the fourth quarter, while others are sceptical that anything will happen with prices this year. □