EUWID Price Watch UK
March 2025

Prices in £ per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	March 2025 £	March 2025 €*	February 2025 £	March 2024 £
Fine paper				
Woodfree uncoated				
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	830 - 890	996 - 1,068	830 - 910	850 - 960
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	790 - 860	948 - 1,032	790 - 880	820 - 930
Offset sheets 80 g	880 - 920	1,056 - 1,104	880 - 920	890 - 970
Offset reels 80 g	800 - 880	960 - 1,056	800 - 880	830 - 930
Woodfree coated				
Sheets, double coated, 115 g	890 - 940	1,068 - 1,128	890 - 940	910 - 970
Reels, double coated, 100 g	800 - 860	960 - 1,032	800 - 860	830 - 910
Publication paper				
Standard newsprint 45 g	480 - 510	576 - 612	480 - 510	440 - 490
Standard newsprint 42.5 g	490 - 520	588 - 624	490 - 520	450 - 500
Standard newsprint 40 g	500 - 530	600 - 636	500 - 530	460 - 510
Improved newsprint 52 g, ISO 68	530 - 560	636 - 672	530 - 560	490 - 530
LWC offset 60 g	660 - 710	792 - 852	660 - 710	680 - 750
LWC rotogravure 60 g	660 - 710	792 - 852	660 - 710	680 - 750
SC offset 56 g (A)	580 - 620	696 - 744	580 - 620	600 - 650
SC rotogravure 56 g (A)	580 - 640	696 - 768	580 - 640	600 - 650
Corrugated case material				
Primary fibre corrugated case material				
Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+, European quality	670 - 730	804 - 876	670 - 730	615 - 650
White-top kraftliner 140 g, European quality	785 - 845	942 - 1014	785 - 845	730 - 795
Recycled corrugated case material				
Recycled fluting 100 g	505 - 605	606 - 726	505 - 555	480 - 510
Recycled fluting 90 g	505 - 610	606 - 732	505 - 560	480 - 515
Recycled fluting 85 g	515 - 620	618 - 744	515 - 570	490 - 525
Testliner II	525 - 625	630 - 750	525 - 575	500 - 530
Testliner III	505 - 605	606 - 726	505 - 555	480 - 510
White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g	640 - 680	768 - 816	640 - 680	620 - 670
Cartonboard				
GD II	620 - 715	744 - 858	650 - 715	630 - 750
GC II	930 - 1,010	1,116 - 1,212	930 - 1,010	900 - 1,030

* Exchange rate as of 27 March 2025: £1 = €1.20

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first quarter. However, not all of the negotiations had been completed by the second half of March.

The imbalance is even greater in the markets for SC and especially LWC paper than in the newsprint market. Commercial printing companies had recently started using more newsprint again, say market participants in the UK. Otherwise, consumption of magazine paper in the UK is seeing the same structural decline as in the rest of Europe. While the UK's annual consumption of coated mechanical paper ten years ago amounted to around 790,000 t, by 2024 this volume had shrunk to just 320,000 t. A similar trend was seen for uncoated mechanical paper, where consumption in the UK fell from 460,000 t to 175,000 t over the same period.

In the publication paper market, in light of the yawning gap between production capacity and paper consumption, which is constantly growing, the question of further capacity closures is on everyone's mind. The shuttering of UPM's Ettringen mill in Germany will remove further production capacity from the market and the latest developments at the German LWC and MWC paper producer Kabel Premium underscore the difficult situation facing producers of printing and writing paper in Europe. Most of the market players surveyed expect further closures will be announced soon. Should prices decline, such announcements could come even faster.

Prices for recycled CCM now also rise in the UK despite sluggish demand

British paper producers have pushed through a price increase of £50/t for brown recycled corrugated case material on the British market from mid-March or 1 April at the latest. Higher prices have also been announced for unbleached kraftliner, white-top kraftliner and white-top testliner – these are to take effect from April or May. According to market participants, it is still unclear whether the increases will also be £50/t or slightly lower.

The price movement is taking place in a market environment with sufficient, but by no means buoyant, demand. Supply is considered to be ample, even though one market player reports that less imported base paper is currently entering the UK. However, the imminent launch of three new paper machines on the European mainland and another in Turkey is casting its shadow. As a result,

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