

## EUWID Price Watch France

January 2026

Prices in € per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	January 2026	December 2025	January 2025
<b>Fine paper</b>			
Woodfree uncoated			
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	860 - 950	870 - 960	950 - 1,080
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	800 - 890	810 - 900	900 - 1,030
Offset sheets 80 g	900 - 980	900 - 990	980 - 1,070
Offset reels 80 g	830 - 900	830 - 910	900 - 1,000
Woodfree coated			
Sheets, double coated, 100 g	920 - 990	920 - 990	980 - 1,080
Reels, double coated, 100 g	870 - 930	870 - 930	910 - 1,020
<b>Publication paper</b>			
Standard newsprint 45 g	580 - 610	600 - 630	600 - 630
Standard newsprint 42 g	590 - 620	610 - 640	610 - 640
Improved newsprint ISO 68, 52 g	620 - 650	650 - 680	650 - 680
LWC offset 60 g	760 - 790	760 - 800	770 - 830
LWC rotogravure 60 g	770 - 800	770 - 810	780 - 840
SC offset 56 g (A)	650 - 680	660 - 700	670 - 720
SC rotogravure 56 g (A)	650 - 680	660 - 700	670 - 720
<b>Corrugated case material</b>			
Primary fibre corrugated case material			
Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+	750 - 850	770 - 870	720 - 810
Semi-chemical fluting	600 - 670	620 - 690	640 - 700
White-top kraftliner 140 g	860 - 970	880 - 990	840 - 990
Recycled corrugated case material			
Recycled fluting 100 g	570 - 605	590 - 625	580 - 605
Recycled fluting 90 g	580 - 620	600 - 640	590 - 620
Testliner II	590 - 630	610 - 650	600 - 630
Testliner III	580 - 615	600 - 635	590 - 615
White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g	680 - 740	700 - 770	680 - 730
<b>Cartonboard</b>			
GD II	800 - 930	820 - 950	810 - 940
GC II	1,100 - 1,260	1,120 - 1,300	1,140 - 1,330

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quarterly contracts, but prices without a specific duration have also been negotiated in several cases.

Despite the weakness in consumption and the difficult market situation for some time, several market participants were not dissatisfied with the demand situation at the beginning of the year. The new year began "not so badly", said one manufacturer in mid-January. Others also spoke of a good or at least satisfactory start. However, it is also not unusual for the month to be stronger than December, one customer pointed out. Over Christmas and New Year, cartonboard manufacturers in Europe as well as their customers in France took some downtime. Many insiders therefore consider the momentum at the beginning of the year to be a short-term upturn. The situation was basically unchanged and there were currently no signs of a real recovery in demand, commented one respondent.

Market players surveyed by EUWID do not expect the current situation to change anytime soon. For now, prices of FBB and WLC are expected to remain stable. After the price cuts in January, calm had returned for the time being and pressure from customers had eased, said most providers. "Now everyone is concentrating on business," remarked one respondent. Many players also concluded quarterly contracts with customers at the beginning of the year, fixing prices until the end of March. But even where prices were agreed for shorter periods, they are not expected to move in February.

However, the current position could change if commodity prices rise. GC producers referred to potential price increases for wood pulp. A price increase for GC in the second quarter would then be urgently necessary, otherwise there would be closures in the industry, said one producer. Further shrinking margins could not be sustained, added

another, while a third manufacturer complained that board prices were already too low and not profitable in the long term. Manufacturers on the GD board market had a similar view.

Cartonboard converters are aware of the delicate situation of their suppliers. But there was overcapacity in the market and a price increase was not enforceable in this market environment, commented one packaging manufacturer. □

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