

EUWID Price Watch UK

January 2026

Prices in £ per tonne free delivered unless otherwise stated	January 2026 £	January 2026 €*	December 2025 £	January 2025 £
Fine paper				
Woodfree uncoated				
Copy paper 80 g A4 B grade	760 - 820	874 - 943	760 - 820	830 - 910
Copy paper 80 g A4 C grade	710 - 790	817 - 909	710 - 790	790 - 880
Offset sheets 80 g	810 - 860	932 - 989	810 - 860	880 - 920
Offset reels 80 g	730 - 800	840 - 920	730 - 800	800 - 880
Woodfree coated				
Sheets, double coated, 115 g	820 - 890	943 - 1,023	820 - 890	890 - 940
Reels, double coated, 100 g	770 - 820	885 - 943	770 - 820	800 - 860
Publication paper				
Standard newsprint 45 g	480 - 510	552 - 587	480 - 510	480 - 510
Standard newsprint 42.5 g	490 - 520	564 - 598	490 - 520	490 - 520
Standard newsprint 40 g	500 - 530	575 - 610	500 - 530	500 - 530
Improved newsprint 52 g, ISO 68	530 - 560	610 - 644	530 - 560	530 - 560
LWC offset 60 g	660 - 690	759 - 794	660 - 695	660 - 710
SC offset 56 g (A)	570 - 590	656 - 679	580 - 605	580 - 620
Corrugated case material				
Primary fibre corrugated case material				
Unbleached kraftliner 175 g+, European quality	695 - 720	799 - 828	695 - 745	670 - 730
White-top kraftliner 140 g, European quality	805 - 875	926 - 1,006	805 - 875	785 - 845
Recycled corrugated case material				
Recycled fluting 100 g	505 - 575	581 - 661	520 - 575	525 - 555
Recycled fluting 90 g	505 - 580	581 - 667	520 - 580	525 - 560
Recycled fluting 85 g	515 - 590	592 - 679	530 - 590	535 - 570
Testliner II	525 - 595	604 - 684	540 - 595	545 - 575
Testliner III	505 - 575	581 - 661	520 - 575	525 - 555
White-top testliner, grade B, 140 g	640 - 690	736 - 794	640 - 700	640 - 680
Cartonboard				
GD II	560 - 650	644 - 748	560 - 640	650 - 725
GC II	880 - 1,000	1,012 - 1,150	880 - 1,000	930 - 1,010

* Exchange rate as of 23 January 2026: £1 = €1.15

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market will develop, according to market players. Fundamentally, it remains a challenging market in which consumption continues to decline. All market players expect sales figures to continue to fall in 2026, with varying expectations in terms of the extent of the decline. Most anticipate sales declines in the high single-digit percentage range.

Discounts and uncertain price signals shape UK containerboard market

As is typical for January, activity on the UK corrugated market was initially fairly solid, although the month began slowly, because many converters had taken extended shutdowns over the year-end holiday period. Thereafter, however, order intake and capacity utilisation were said to be good. As a result, converters focused on replenishing paper inventories in January.

Price developments, by contrast, were somewhat erratic. In the course of negotiations over delivery conditions for 2026, paper manufactur-

ers granted customers discounts on brown corrugated case material grades. According to market sources, these mostly amounted to £20-25 for recycled containerboard, while discounts of around £25/t were reported for kraftliner.

However, the reductions were not granted across the board. Rather, numerous converters reported being surprised when they heard or read about these discounts in mid-January. They subsequently contacted their recycled containerboard suppliers and were also granted concessions, leading market participants to speak of a "self-fulfilling prophecy". In some cases, discounts were implemented in the course of January or will apply from 1 February.

For brown kraftliner, significantly fewer interlocutors confirmed corresponding price reductions. White-top testliner and white-top testliner were largely unaffected by this development.

At the same time, paper manufacturers announced price increases of around €100/t for

brown recycled corrugated case material as of 1 February. Initially, these were said to apply only to converters on the European mainland. However, market participants now also confirm increases of this magnitude and timing for the UK. Other paper manufacturers are said to have left the timing of the price increases open in their announcements.

Given that, in many cases, the price reductions first still need to be implemented and that the first quarter is traditionally the weakest in terms of volumes, many experts expect manufacturers to make compromises both on the amount and the timing of the announced increases.

Paper manufacturers cite their difficult economic situation and recently rising recovered paper prices, stressing the necessity of the announced increases.

It remains unclear whether corresponding initiatives will also be rolled out on a larger scale

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