

RecyClass Unwrapped Towards circular flexible packaging

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Circular Future of Flexible Plastic Packaging

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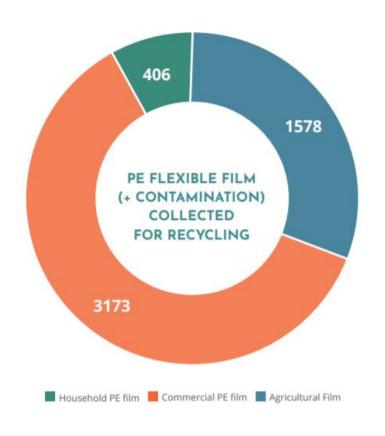
RecyClass | ONCE UPON A TIME...



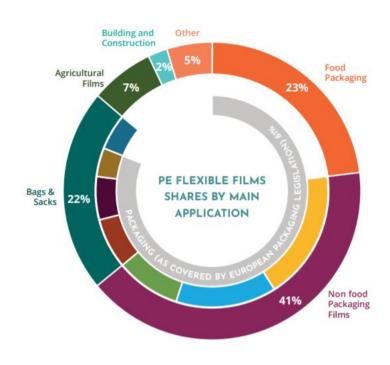




RecyClass | STATE OF PLAY (data 2018)



- 13-15 MT flexible films (8.5 9MT PE) used
- Around 80% of flexible films used for packaging applications
- 46% collected in EU28+2 in 2018
- 2.7 MT PE flexible films sorted (data on PP not available)
- 2 MT recycled



Once deemed difficult to recycle, flexible household polyethylene waste recycling is a successful business case model of today

RecyClass | DESIGN FOR....









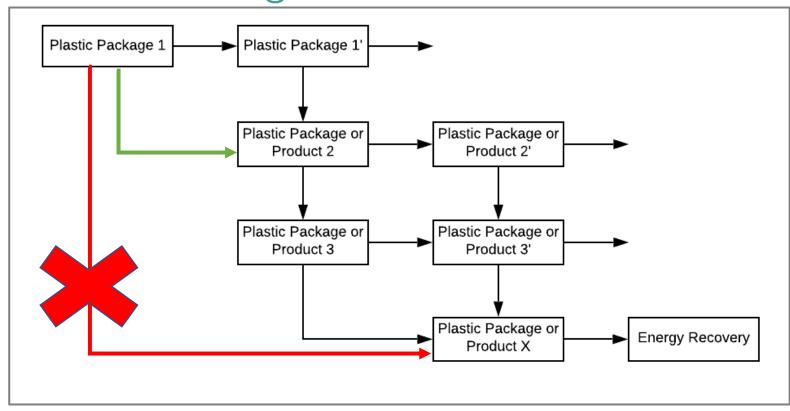


INNOVATE



RecyClass | KEEP THE VALUE

Design for RECYCLING



RecyClass | TIPS



95%



90%

Prefer monomaterial: the highest concentration in one polymer is a prerequisite for a high <u>recyclability score</u>

Prefer transparent or light coloured to extensive printing/decoration

Follow <u>fact-based design for recycling guidelines</u> and avoid exotic guidelines

<u>Test innovative solutions</u> by following RecyClass Sorting and Recyclability Protocols

Self-assess the packaging recyclability for free by using the Recyclass Tool

Certify your packaging for <u>Recyclability</u> (also Country specific) and for <u>Recycled Content</u> (based on Traceability and Chain of Custody) with RecyClass

RecyClass | AN OCEAN OF... GUIDELINES AND CLAIMS

- The importance of harmonised and scientific-based information
- Standard Evaluation Protocols and Design Guidelines are essential
- Recyclability and Recycled content Claims Guidance
 - ✓ Strengthens and gives credibility to the message;
 - ✓ Provides for effective communication with stakeholders;
 - ✓ Provides clear direction for design for recyclability policies within brands.

AN OCEAN OF... RecyClass | GUIDELINES AND CLAIMS

RecyClass PE TRANSPARENT FLEXIBLE FILMS for Household and Commercial Packaging

YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY CLASS RANKING* A-B Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact DESCRIPTION (Test Protocol) materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in PE MAIN MATERIAL PE-LD, PE-LLD; PE-HD MATERIAL COMPOSITION A when PE content is > 95%; B when PE content is > 90% COLOURS Unpigmented; transparent > A4 or > 50 x 50 mm once compacted PRODUCT RESIDUES A if the index is < 5%: B if the index is < 10% (Easy to Empty index) Barrier in the polymer matrix; BARRIER SiOx and AlOx without additional coatings ADDITIVES Additives that do not increase the density higher than 0,97 g/cm³ **CLOSURE SYSTEM** PE-LD, PE-LLD, PE-HD LINERS, SEALS AND VALVES PE-LD, PE-LLD, PE-HD ABELS ADHESIVES FOR LABELS Water soluble or water-releasable at less than 60°C Laser marked print; DIRECT PRINTING Printed production or expiry date PE-LD, PE-LLD, PE-HD

CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY B-C Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with PE Multilayer PE PP with PP ≤ 5% C when PE conte Light colours; translucent colours < A4 format or between 20 x 20 and 50 x 50 mm once compacted (Sorting test) 5% EVOH (in polyolefinic combination film): metallized layers without coatings; EcoLam High Plus; VO+ LLDPE; <15% PA 6/66 copolymer with melting temperature < 192 °C and incorporating um 10% PE-g-MAH tie layers PP, removable aluminium liddings PP, paper labels without fiberloss Non-toxic (according to EUPIA guidelines) Printing covering < 50%**

	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY					
D-E-F						
Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering wit recycling						
	Multilayer PE/PP with PP > 5%; Any other polymer (e.g. PET, PVC, etc.)					
	D when PE content is > 50%; E when PE content is > 30%; F when PE content is < 30%					
	Dark colours; black; carbon black					
	< 20 x 20 mm					
	D if the index is < 20%; E < if the index is < 25%; F if the index is > 25%					
	> 5% EVOH (in polyolefinic combination film); Any other PA; barrier layer PVC, PVDC; any other barrier layer; foaming agents used as expanding chemical agents; aluminium					
	Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives Additives that do increase the density higher than 0,97 g/cm ³ (CaCO ₂ , talc, glass fibers, etc.)					
	Metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, non PO or foams with density < 1 g/cm ²					
	Metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, foiled paper, non PO or foams with density $<$ 1 g/cm 2					
	Metallized labels, any other; paper labels with fibreloss					
	Adhesives non-soluble in water or non-releasable in water at less than 60°C					
	Inks that bleed; Toxic or hazardous inks.					
	Printing covering > 50% **					
	Metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, paper, foams with density < 1 g/cm ³					
	is available with RecyClass					

No change in the recyclability assessment. A separate 'Recycled Content Traceability Certification' based on a Chain of Custody approach is available with RecyClas

RECYCLED CONTENT

^{*} Class ranking resulting from the RecyClass assessment. B class is reported two times because of the 90-95% amount of PE in the packaging or because of slight incompatibilities in the design.

^{**} temporary solution

RecyClass | ONGOING WORK on Flexibles



-AMINATING WG

Ongoing tasks

- Test campaign on selected laminating adhesives to define the level of compatibility
- Define a Quick Test procedures to predict laminating adhesive issues



Completed tasks

- Terminology document
- Defining printing inks test campaign

Ongoing tasks

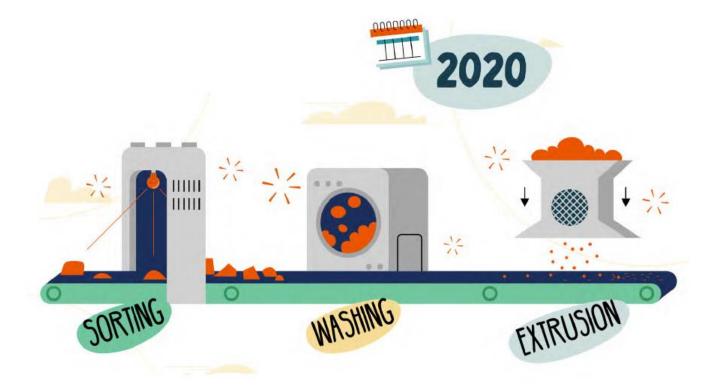
- Decorative technologies classification
- QT procedure on bleeding inks
- Testing on printing inks

Not started tasks

• PE and PP films guidelines update

RecyClass | NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Today 17% of recycled flexible polyethylene already finds outlet in film-to-film applications with non-food packaging and building & construction being its largest markets, while the forecasts show that PE film products could incorporate overall as much as 38% of recycled content by 2030.



To pursue these positive trends, nevertheless, the industry players must look towards long-term solutions and not quick fixes.

RecyClass | ...AND 'CHEMICAL RECYCLING'?

Is not a Game Changer

INPUT (+GENERATION)= OUTPUT (+CONSUMPTION)

Contamination in plastic waste = Contamination in chemical recycling products

The future of plastic flexibles is Film-to-Film

RecyClass

PLASTIC FUTURE IS CIRCULAR



Accelerating Circularity in Flexible Packaging

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Bostik belongs to Arkema Group, Specialty Materials player

ARKEMA

INNOVATIVE CHEMISTRY

A global manufacturer of specialty chemicals and advanced materials



€8.8bn

Worldwide Sales



20,000

Employees



55

Countries



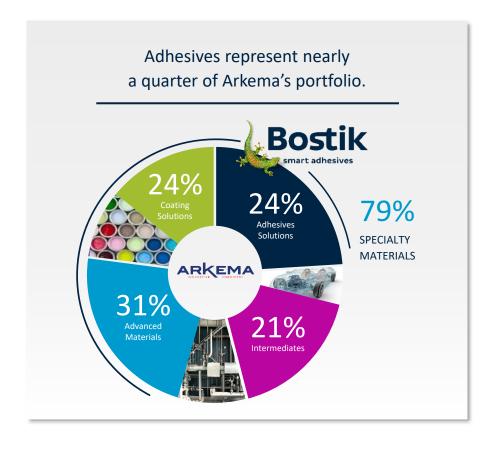
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Production Plants



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R&D Centers









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RILSAN

SARTOMER



Bostik is a world-class Leader in Adhesive Technologies.





€2.1 billion

Annual Sales 2019



6,000+

Employees



4 Global

Smart Technology Centers



Our adhesives are almost everywhere INDUSTRIAL | CONSUMER | CONSTRUCTION

including an expansive portfolio for the most challenging applications.





- Developing bonding solutions addressing today's challenges
- Innovating with customers through joint development
- Building strong and collaborative partnerships across the value chain



Bostik's Advanced Packaging Global BU

- **Flexible Packaging**
- **Tapes & Labels**



Labels

Tapes



Challenges ahead for the Packaging Industry



1.3 billion tons of food wasted every year



6,9 billion tons of plastic waste since 2015. **Circularity needed**!



IPCC confirmed: widespread, rapid, and intensifying climate change.

INNOVATION NEEDED

MATERIALS, STRUCTURES, PACKAGING DESIGN



What is Bostik doing to accelerate Circularity in Flexible Packaging?



Bringing solutions for recyclable mono-material packaging



Re-design



Multi-materials laminates

Not recycled today: systematically sorted out and incinerated for energy recovery

Mono-material laminates

Fit sorting and mechanical recycling

Need

Lamination Adhesives compatible w/ recycling streams allowing maximum recyclate quality

RecyClass[™] Technology Approval



LAMINATION ADHESIVE voyage during direct mechanical **RECYCLING**

Heavy duty recycling extruder

BASIC BLOWN FILM LINE **Recyclate** Barrel heater/cooler Filter Breaker Melt screen plate thermocouple Barrel Collapsing Fram Thermocouples bearing Bubble -Roll of Film Resin Pellets Adapter Die Throat-cooling channel Air Ring Melting zone Melt-pumping zone Hoppor loler Roll https://materialsection.files.wordpress.com/2011/02/9-2-Extrudor

Adhesives must not generate gas, odor, yellowing, back pressure.

High temperatures

Shear stress

Strain stress at filter

Adhesives must allow high quality films without gels, odor, yellowing, black spots. Not clogging filters or bursting the bubble.

Blown film extruder



Concrete lamination SOLUTIONS TODAY

SF10M



"Fully compatible with PE flexibles recycling."

"Compliant with Design guidelines for mono-PE packaging"





Bostik SF10M (A+B)

TWO COMPONENT POLYURETHANE

- Recyclass (1) approved fully compatible with the PE films recycling stream in Europe. Solvent free
- Suitable for laminates consisting of plastic films (including printed or metalized), metalized and aluminum.

Bostik SF10M A+B is a solvent free two component polyurethane-cross-linking adhesive system approved as fully compatible with the polyethylene films recycling stream in Europe by Recyclass (1).

Bostik SF10M is suitable for laminates consisting of

Before starting production the suitability of the applied printing inks, film qualities, film additives, coatings etc. has to be controlled individually. In case of any change of quality of these printing inks, films etc. new tests concerning the suitability are necessary. The desired properties of the laminates have to be verified by performance tests prior to production.

Depending on substrate, 1,5-2,5 g/m².

Bostik SF10M can be processed on all common solvent free laminating machines. The viscosity stability depends on temperature and machine parameters. In case of longer machine stops (approx. 30 minutes) a cleaning of the application head is necessary:

- In case of explosion-proof machines with esters and
- in case of not explosion-proof machines with environmentally friendly rinsing agents as for example Dibase-ester DBE® or rape oil instead of

When the a.m. solvents are used (especially chlorinated hydrocarbons) the corresponding safety rules have to be observed. Depending on dosing equipment a special

PROPERTIES	Bostik SF10M A	Bostik SF10M B		
Component	NCO	он		
Solid content [%]	100	100		
Brookfield Viscosity At [mPa.s] 23°C	Approx. 2750	Approx. 750		

Production of 2-ply laminates, rewinding and slitting is possible already after 1 to 3 days storing at ambient temperature. Maximum cure will be reached in 4 to 7 days depending on temperature and humidity conditions. High quantities of retained alcoholic solvents will impair adequate cross-linking which can result in remaining

PROPERTIES		Bostik SF10M A	Bostik SF10M B				
Component		NCO	он				
Mixing ratio in weight		100	40 to 50				
Preheating [°C]		20 to 40					
Temperature of [°C]		20 to 40					
Gap-temperature [°C]		40					
Application head [°C temperature		40					
Nip-temperature [°C]		40 to 70 (depending on laminate					

9 months for Bostik SFIOM A and 12 months for Bostik SFIOM B in originally closed containers at temperatures of 10 to 35°C stored in a dry and clean place. The remainder in partly emptied barrels must be used as soon

Bostik SF10M A is a MDI-containing polymer which could negatively influence the sealing properties of polyethylene-films. Compatibility tests are necessary. As Bostlik SE10M A contains more than 1% monomeric MOI packaging are labelled according to EEC-guidelines. During processing precautions for the contact with



Commercial and available



Bostik SUSTAINABLE LAMINATION PROGRAM (SLP)



Internal Program aiming to deliver laminating adhesives that fit

- > Mechanical Recycling for mono-material structures
 Enabling Circularity
- > **GHG** emission reduction and energy savings **Environmental Care**
- Flexible packaging free of all substances of concern: PAA, Glymo, Cyclic esters, BPA. Peace-of-mind!
 Food Safety, anticipate Regulatory Restrictions
- Efficient. Curing time reduction, streamlined processes, ...
 Converting Efficiency



R&D and **SCIENCE** at the heart of **CIRCULARITY IN FLEXIBLE PACKAGING**







Cooperation

Internal technologies and R&D

- + Concrete collaborations for specific projects
- Now and short term:Mono-material mechanical recyclability
- A step forward future possible advanced recycling
 Selective de-bonding and de-inking systems

External complementary R&D

General collaboration in adhesives recycling

smart adhesives

- > Fundamental understanding
- > Adhesive impact modeling





Reducing food waste and circular





Re-closable lidding films

- ✓ Keeps left-over food fresh longer. Reduce food waste.
- ✓ No re-packing in Tupperware® or zipper bags → Brand visibility!
- ✓ Highly appreciated by consumers. Convenient.
- ✓ No capex needed in the packaging workshop
- ✓ Bostik is pioneer and leader offering over 18 years of experience

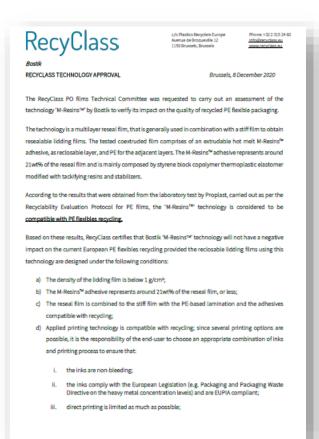


Typical applications:

- ✓ Cheese: pre-sliced / crumbled / shredded
- ✓ Sausages, ham, charcuterie
- ✓ Fresh cuts, produce, vegetables and fruits
- ✓ Bakery



M-Resins for re-closable lid comply with Recyclability Guidelines



RecyClass™

"Recyclass concludes that
Bostik M-Resins
technology is compatible
with the existing
European Industrial
recycling processes for
PE flexibles"

PLASTIC SENSE RECYCLABILITY GUIDELINES FOR **PLASTIC** SENSE RECYCLABILITY ASSESSMENT nanufactured by the company Bostik, Inc. comply with the Recyclability Guidelines for Thermoformed PET Trays (attached in Annex 1) not disturbing the recycling process of thermoformed PET packaging and are, This statement is based on the following considerations: M-Resins™ is an extrudable hot melt pressure sensitive adhesive used in the reseal layer of multilayer LDPE flexible lidding films which characteristics are described in its technical data sheet attached in Annex 2. Plastic Sense Foundation certification applies only to this reference (M650.F) and takes also into account the results of the Recyclability Evaluation Protocol for PE films for the Recyclass Technology Approval obtained by Bostik the 8th December 2020 (attached in Annex 3). Vitel® is an extrudable copolyester resin adhesive that it is used, among other applications, in the reseal layer of multilayer PET flexible lidding films. The characteristics are described in the technical (1916NSB.F. 2200B.F. 2700B.F and 1250.F) and takes also into account the results obtained from th laboratory tests performed by Sulayr that are following described Eight samples of thermoformed packaging, that were composed of a mono PET tray base and a multilaver PET flexible lid sealed with the Vitel® resealable adhesive, were sent by Bostik to be tested by Sulayr at their recycling facilities in Spain The flexible lids were removed of each sample confirming that adhesive residues remained in the perimeter zone of bases and lids. The multilaver PET lids were not tested as they are removed without any problem in the standard recycling process complying with the Recyclability Guidelines Each PET tray base was treated following the same procedure. The perimetral zone with adhesive residues was out obtaining flakes, of around 10 mm diameter size, that were afterwards introduced to Avda. de España 17, 2º planta, Oficina 1, 20100 Alcobendas (Madrid) T. +34 91 836 38 23

"The PLASTIC SENSE
FOUNDATION certifies
that the adhesives
M-Resins manufactured
by the company Bostik
comply with the
Recyclability Guidelines
for Thermoformed PET
Trays"

https://fundacionplasticsense.eu/en/

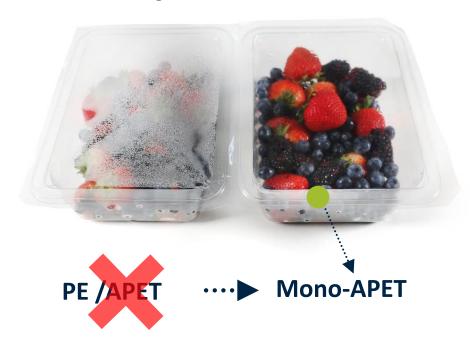
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Polyester sealing for lidding films

- ✓ Seals directly on monomaterial APET trays facilitating recycling
- ✓ Clam-shell replacement. Less plastic.
- ✓ Easy opening peelable
- ✓ Fresh produce, bakery, meat
- ✓ Ovenable
- ✓ Anti-fog built-in

Vitel® Heat Seal polyesters Lidding film seals onto mono-APET





Vitel® **resins** used as a sealing layer comply with Recyclability Guidelines



The PLASTIC SENSE FOUNDATION certifies that [...] selected **Vitel®** manufactured by the company **Bostik**, **Inc.** comply with the Recyclability Guidelines for Thermoformed PET Trays (attached in Annex 1) not disturbing the recycling process of thermoformed PET packaging and is, therefore, **approved for its use in processes and products to be certified under ECOSENSE and RETRAY schemes supported by the Foundation.**

In collaboration with



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Collaboration within the value chain

Cross Company Collaboration TERPHANE & Bostik



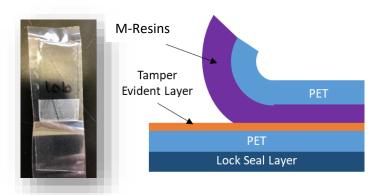
- Combining Terphane's specialty BOPET films and Bostik's M-Resin™ to create optimal reclosable packaging lid
- Overcome drawbacks of current structures, particularly for produce applications





Smart tamper-evident layer that becomes white/matte after first opening

Multilayer re-closable lid





Take aways: the Bostik's way towards **SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS**



Truly engaged supplier

Bostik is a **top global adhesive supplier**, committed to **sustainable solutions**.



Adhesives that do more

Our products offer more than simple bond with a unique set of technologies and valuable functionalities.



Value chain partnerships

Strong partnerships with key actors of the packaging value chain to accelerate and enhance **innovation**.

Let's work together on your project of sustainable packaging!

Active members of:

















RecyClass Unwrapped

Towards circular flexible packaging

P&G All in One Laundry Pouches

Challenges when designing Circular Flexible Packages



L. Van Rompaey
P&G BIC

AMBITION 2030

Packaging Strategy for Circular Economy "closing the loop"



We will find solutions so no P&G packaging will find its way to the ocean

1. Design for Recycling
/ Circularity
(Eco-design)



All of our packaging will be recyclable or reusable







Collection

5. Production Innovation

We will advance recycling solutions (Verso Vita)



Reduce our use of virgin petroleum plastic by 50%

(~ 300kty of virgin)

- Mechanical recycling plastics
- Advanced recycling plastics
 - Dissolution recycling
 - Feedstock recycling



Sorting



Problem Statement prior Development

Historical introduction of PET/PE laundry pouches were a first step in driving package sustainability on our single unit dose business.

Strong & Safe package whilst being light weighted versus initial tub package © ...



...however PET/PE bag being not considered recyclable ② per RecyClass guidelines.

Development Design Targets

Develop a monomaterial pouch solution without compromising on:

<u>Child Safety</u> (AISE <u>Product Stewardship Program Standard):</u>

Need for fully opaque package!

Must contain child impeding closure (CIC)

Resistant bag mechanical properties to young children



Consumer Acceptance: FMOT/SMOT

Manufacturing Capability

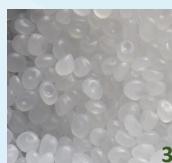
+ Demonstrate ability to be <u>fully recyclable</u>

DfR = 1.COLLECT + 2.SORT + 3.RECYCLE

RecyClass[™]







Paradigm # 1: Recyclability & Safety

Deliver a mono material PE film vs PET/PE being a strong material benchmark in delivering sufficient tear + puncture resistance





Develop a monomaterial PE closure solution and meet PSP



Original closure system made of mixed plastic

(PP slider and PE zipper)

New closure system made of mono material PE

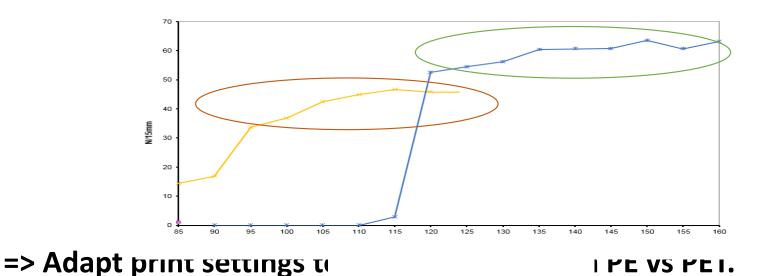


Paradigm # 2: Recyclability & Manufacturing Feasibility

=> Engineer film properties that delivers robust sealing at variable speed converting.

Historical PET/PE giving a large operating window to process stand up pouches

- Good thermal stability thanks to PET
- Wide sealing temperature range: Tm PET (260C) vs Tm LDPE (105C)





RecyClass On Line Tool Assessment - Coloured PE film

= self-assessment tool to analyze recyclability of a plastic packaging.

Interim result after Question Part 1: CLASS A Interim result after Question Part 2: CLASS B Interim result after Question Part 3: CLASS B Interim result after Question Part 4: CLASS B Interim result after Question Part 5: CLASS B

- CLASS A: The package does not pose any recyclability issues and it can potentially feed a closed-loop scheme to be used in the same application.
- CLASS B: The package has some minor recyclability issues and could even potentially feed a closed loop scheme.
- CLASS C: The package has some recyclability issues that affect the quality of its final recyclate.
- CLASS D: The package has some significant design issues that highly affect its recyclability.
- **CLASS E**: The package has major design issues that put in jeopardy its recyclability.
- CLASS F: The package is not recyclable either because of fundamental design issues or a

Elements that prevent "A" classification linked to Part 2 (Compatibility) ck of specific waste stream widely present in the EU. If your package obtains this class in one of the question areas, then the analysis is completed.

-> Driven by AISE child safety package design standard: need for opaque pack!



RecyClass Industrial Sorting Test - Flexible PE bag



Following the Recyclass sorting protocol, P&G All in One monomaterial Laundry Pouches can be sorted easily into the LDPE fraction -> $\eta = 1$

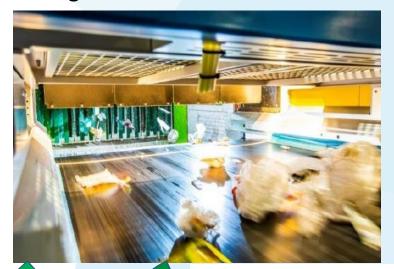
Sieving drum

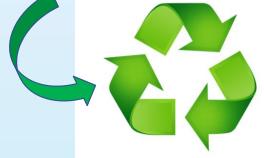


Wind Sifter

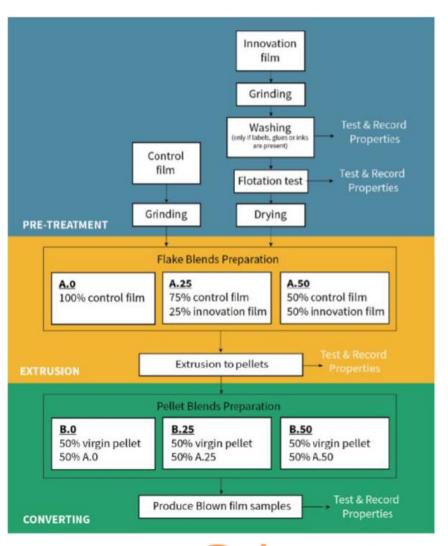


NIR sorting behaviour





RecyClass External Lab Testing - Coloured PE film



- = lab test following RecyClass test protocol to evaluate recyclability of a plastic packaging.
- => Objective: lab scale simulation end-to-end recycling stream





RecyClass Certification

RecyClass

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For immediate release

PRESS RELEASE

Brussels, June 2021

Single Unit Dose laundry pouch pack by Procter & Gamble approved by RecyClass

Recyclability increased with polyethylene closure system

Procter & Gamble's 'Single Unit Dose laundry pouch pack' is compatible with the European flexible polyethylene (PE) stream recycling, an independent laboratory confirmed. The recycled material can be now used back in high-end, or even closed-loop applications.

RecyClass[™]



RECYCLABILITY RATE CERTIFICATE

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Procter & Gamble

Soluble Unit Dose All in One Pouch Monomaterial PE pouch

Has successfully been certified conform the RecyClass standard.

The packaging scored

80,82 % recyclability

This value represents the amount of material that will be effectively recycled during a recycling process.



HolyGrail 2.0: intelligent sorting

exciting news to share: #HolyGrail2 to start semi-industrial trial in Copenhagen led and supported by: AIM - European Brands
Association Alliance to End Plastic Waste #recycling #circulareconomy #sustainability













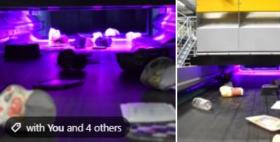
Breaking news: >95% ejection rate achieved on Pellenc ST brand new Mistral+ prototype, combining NIR/VIS infrared and #DigitalWatermarks technology for the first time.

This sorter is now ready to be installed in Københavns Kommune to start the semi-industrial test phase. Join

the #DigitalWatermarks Initiative #HolyGrail2 driven by AIM - European Brands Association and powered by Alliance to End Plastic Waste to learn more and contribute.

#circulareconomy #recycling #Digimarc #sorting
#Brands4Sustainability #Brands4Innovation+ #CityofCopenhagen





































Questions & Answers

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Thank you for participating!

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