Materials Groups: Dry Recyclables

These tables detail the material identification codes that are laid out in International Universal Recycling Codes. These codes outline what material an item is made from, to facilitate easier reprocessing.

To aid with polymer identification for plastic recycling purposes, plastic manufacturers have taken to marking their products with a plastics identification marking system, but this only covers the major plastic groups which are currently being recycled..

| Fibre Material | | | | |
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| Marking | Grade Identifier | Material | | |
| PAP | #20 C PAP (PCB) | <u>Cardboard</u> | | |
| | #21 PAP | Other paper, mixed paper (magazines, mail) | | |
| 22 PAP | #22 PAP | Paper | | |
| | #23 PBD (PPB) | Paperboard: Greeting cards, frozen food boxes, book covers | | |
| Metals | | | | |
| A | #40 FE | Steel | | |
| <u>A</u> | #41 ALU | Aluminium | | |

| Plastics | | | |
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| Marking | Material | Acronym | |
| PETE | Polyethylene Terephthalate | PETE | |
| HDPE | High Density Polyethylene | HDPE | |
| 3 | Polyvinylchloride (PVC) | V | |
| LDPE | Low Density Polyethylene | LDPE | |
| 5 | Polypropylene | PP | |
| 6 PS | Polystyrene | PS | |
| OTHER | All other resins | OTHER | |

The following table outlines the International Universal Recycling Codes: