

It is the policy of Crest Nicholson PLC to use recycled paper wherever practicable without compromising our cost competitiveness, quality standards, technical requirements and delivery programmes. Paper suppliers able to deliver products containing recycled materials that meet or exceed our performance standards are encouraged to offer them in competitive proposals.

Technical specification for paper

The supplier should offer recycled paper to the following specifications wherever possible.

1. Recycled fibre content:

Paper type	Minimum recycled content
Coated paper	50%
Uncoated paper	50 - 70%
Copier paper	100%
Drawing paper grades	Offer market availability
Tissue (Toilet tissue, Hand towels, Kitchen roll, Napkins etc)	100%

Note: Mill broke is not included in the recycled fibre content. Applying the National Association of Paper Merchants (NAPM) definition for recycled content, the recycled fibre can include converters' waste, printers' waste and post consumer waste from homes and offices.

2. Bleaching:

Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) or preferably Totally Chlorine Free (TCF)

3. Virgin fibre content:

Any virgin fibre contained must be sourced from a sustainable managed forest preferably with external certification or at a minimum with a defined internal management system.

The paper supplier should specify the percentage of recycled content (excluding mill broke), the bleaching method and details describing how any virgin content is from a sustainable managed source. The supplier should also state whether the papers have any eco labels, such as NAPM, Nordic Swan, Blue Angel or other environmental standard – or meet equivalent criteria.

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