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Sustainability

Our Promise to the Planet

We believe that the environment we thrive from should be cherished and protected for future generations.

We are committed to ensuring that we do our part to protect our planet.

As the global leader in innovative product packaging for over 50 years, we are steadfast in our beliefs that protecting our environment is one of the single, most important facets of our business. We embrace the values that cultivate a more sustainable society. We believe that the environment we thrive from, should be cherished and protected for future generations. We are committed to ensuring that we do our part, both internally and externally, to protect our planet.

At A&H Worldwide, one of our top priorities is creating innovative products, processes and technologies which incorporate ecologically friendly materials and techniques, to assist our customers in achieving their own sustainability objectives. We offer many eco-friendly packaging solutions, including **recyclable** and **recycled** materials, as well as in depth package engineering solutions to enhance brand image and reputation. We offer our customers an online “paperless” re-ordering system and work closely with brand owners and managers to incorporate sustainable solutions in current and future package design.

Our Certifications

A&H is proudly
ISO 9001:2015, GMI,
FSC, CONEG, SEDEX
and RCS Certified.



FSC has its roots in certifying that wood shipped from South America is not being illegally harvested from the rain forest. This has since grown to encompass all wood and wood products, (including paper) to review the “cradle to grave” process for sustainability and best practices.

To become FSC certified requires the build-out of document control for every step of manufacturing, from receipt of raw materials, to shipping of finished goods. An onsite management representative must be present at all times and there must be a training plan for employees involved in sourcing, manufacturing, shipping, and accounting to ensure all requirements are met.

Our Chain of Custody certification (COC), allows us to process FSC material. Certification is for a five year period, with annual onsite audits required. Documentation of raw materials, finished goods, and scrap are required. A separate warehouse must be established as a holding area, designated for FSC material only. Calculations needs to be done to confirm FSC raw materials match finished goods shipped, and the paper trail must ship with finished goods. All FSC raw material suppliers must be reviewed to ensure they are authorized.

Our records must be maintained for five years, including raw materials, sales, production, employee records, and total plant production.



The **RCS** (Recycled Claim Standard) is used as a chain of custody standard to track recycled raw materials through the supply chain. The standard was developed through work done by the Materials Traceability Working Group, part of OIA's Sustainability Working Group. The RCS uses the chain of custody requirements of the Content Claim Standard. The RCS verifies the presence and amount of recycled material in a final product. It allows for the transparent, consistent and comprehensive independent evaluation and verification of recycled material content claims on products. RCS can be used as a business-to-business tool to give companies the means to ensure that they are selling quality products and getting what they pay for. It is also used to ensure accurate and honest communication with consumers.



A&H is qualified with both **ISO 9001:2015** certification and **GMI** certification, which ensures compliance with the highest of international standards for quality control, as well as meeting global requirements for social responsibility



A&H Worldwide also certifies that all of our packaging meets **CONEG** Heavy Metals Regulations.



A&H Worldwide is **Sedex** Certified and is consistently in full compliance with delivering improvements in responsible and ethical business practices in all of our wholly owned operations, worldwide.

Sustainable Materials

A&H Worldwide offers many alternative, sustainable materials to meet our customers' needs including recyclable and recycled paper, board, plastics, water based non-toxic inks and more.

Our talented teams of designers and packaging engineers are continuously creating innovative packaging solutions that reduce material requirements through package re-engineering and work with the most environmentally sound options available today.

Eco-Friendly Inks

A&H uses only soy and water-based inks that are free of heavy metals and toxins and are environmentally friendly. The ink vendors that we work with are all compliant with CONEG and other heavy metals restrictions. These requirements are always mandated from our vendors.

Paper & Paper Board

At A&H, paper and cardboard are used in many packaging products that we manufacture including boxes, cards, accessory hangers and more. Our vendors offer a wide variety of FSC certified paper and paper board, including materials made with up to 100% recycled content. While not all product packaging can be manufactured with paper or board (depending on the end use of the packaging), this is a great option for many of our eco-conscious customers.

Hot Stamp Foils

Our hot stamping foils can add a beautiful touch of dimension to any piece of product packaging without impacting the ability of the item to be recycled or even composted at the end of use. These foils are specially designed for ultra thin application, leaving behind no plastic film on your products.

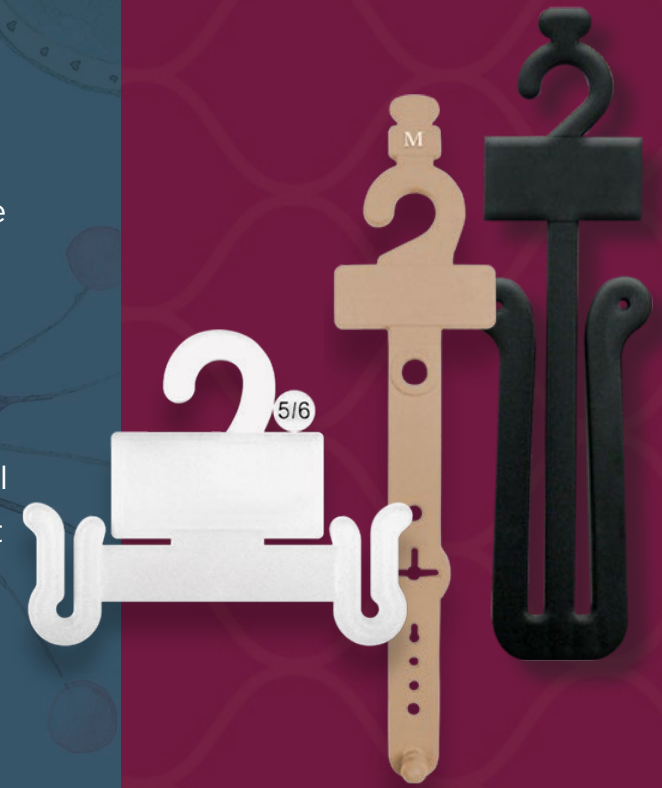


Molded Plastics

Molded plastic products have become increasingly popular in the packaging industry due to their strength, durability, and security when displaying products. At A&H Worldwide, we understand the importance of providing high-quality molded plastic hangers to our customers. While these items are in high demand, we also recognize the need for sustainable packaging solutions. That's why we have taken measures to ensure that our molded plastic products can be produced sustainably, using up to 100% recycled material content and being designed for easy recycling at the end of their useful life, ensuring that they can continue to be used in new products rather than being sent to landfill.

100 pt. Paper Board

A&H Worldwide recognizes the desire of many brands to reduce their plastic consumption. As part of our commitment to reducing our environmental impact, we have developed an eco-friendly alternative to our traditional molded plastic hangers. Our 100pt board hangers offer the strength and durability associated with molded plastics, while also being made from 100% eco-friendly and recyclable materials. These hangers are suitable for displaying heavy products such as footwear and apparel and can be easily customized in terms of shape and size to fit your unique needs. Additionally, our 100pt board can be printed on directly with soy and water-based inks.

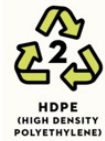


What Do All The Numbers Mean?

Recyclable items can be labeled with a number and the universal chasing arrows recycling logo around it. This number is called a resin identification number, or RIN. The resin identification numbers run from 1 to 7. This number indicates what type of resin the plastic is made of.

With all the different rules and symbols, it can be confusing for consumers to figure out exactly what each recycling symbol means and how to recycle it. While the universal plastic resin symbol (three chasing arrows forming a triangle) remains the same, the numbers one through seven inside, make a significant difference.

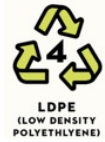
Below is some information on each type of plastic and some of the uses of them at A&H Worldwide.



HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) is a versatile plastic with many uses. Earring cards and some molded security items are made from this type of plastic.



PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) and V (more commonly referred to as “vinyl”) are essentially the same material. Some earring cards and puff pads are made from this type of plastic.



LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene) is a flexible plastic with many applications. This is used for belt hangers and other molded items.



PP (Polypropylene) - This plastic has a lower density and is typically used in injection molded items. It is not as stiff as PVC. This type of plastic is used for belt hangers and other molded items. More recently, it has been used for some earring cards.



PS (Polystyrene/Styrofoam) - This is typically used in injection molded items.



A wide variety of plastic resins that don't fit into the previous categories are lumped into this one. Polycarbonate is number seven plastic.



20 PAP - Paper, cardboard, cards, and boxes



We're Here to Help!

For more information on our sustainable packaging solutions,
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