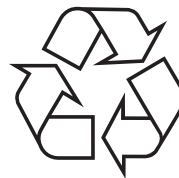
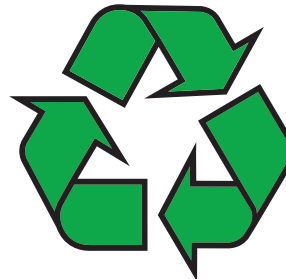


# Ramko's guide to the most commonly used eco-labels found on our products

## Universal Recycling Symbol

This is the most commonly used international symbol to designate that a product is either made of recycled materials or that it is recyclable. The symbol itself can be freely used by all but may be limited by regional governmental regulations. Several iterations of the symbol are commonly used as shown below.



The symbols within a circle commonly denote that a product is made wholly or partly of recycled materials, often with a percentage of how much or a subtitle stating this fact. The last of these three often has a particular color. The other two symbols without a circle often found on paper products commonly indicate that a product is recyclable.

## FSC® Certified

The FSC®, Forest Stewardship Council®, is an independent, non-profit organisation that certifies that wood based products come from well managed forests. They are an internationally recognised, highly respected organisation whose certification enjoys wide acceptance. The use of their trademarks is highly controlled and monitored worldwide. Please note, you can only use the FSC symbols and mention FSC paper on your product if you can prove you have used FSC Certified Paper and an FSC Certified Factory to run the production. Ramko can offer FSC Certified products and packaging – please contact us for more information. For more details about the FSC®, visit [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org). Below are the three FSC certifications available:



**FSC 100%** - All the timber or fibre in the product comes from an FSC-certified forest<sup>1</sup>

**FSC Recycled** - All the timber or fibre in the product is reclaimed material.<sup>1</sup>

**FSC Mix** - All the timber or fibre in the product is a mixture of some/all of the following:  
 - Timber or fibre from an FSC-certified forest  
 - Post-consumer reclaimed timber or fibre  
 - Timber or fibre from other controlled sources<sup>1</sup>

## REACH compliance

The **Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)** was initiated by the European Union to certify the safety of products containing chemical substances that could have an impact on human health or our environment. Ramko support REACH and submit many of our products for certification. If you would like to REACH certify your product, please inform Ramko at inquiry stage so that all raw materials can be checked in advance and testing/certification can be completed at sample stage.



## Green Dot (Der Grüne Punkt) and The Blue Angel (Der blaue Engel)

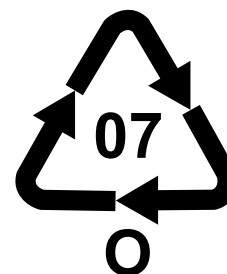
The **Green Dot** is a widely adopted symbol in Europe to indicate that a product carrying this symbol should be recycled. Manufacturers printing this symbol on their products pay a fee for the collection or recycling of their packaging waste.

The **Blue Angel** awards products, companies and processes their seal of approval for supplying products or services that are beneficial to the environment and consumers. The Blue Angel is the oldest existing eco-friendly label and enjoys wide spread, international recognition. For further information, visit [www.gruener-punkt.de/?L=1](http://www.gruener-punkt.de/?L=1) or [www.blauer-engel.de/en/index.php](http://www.blauer-engel.de/en/index.php) accordingly.



## Plastic Recycling Code

The SPI resin identification coding system is a set of symbols placed on plastics to identify the polymer type. It was developed by the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI) in 1988, and is used internationally. The primary purpose of the codes is to allow efficient separation of different polymer types for recycling.<sup>2</sup> The use of these codes are commonly regulated on a national basis or through economic unions e.g. European Union.



- #1 - **PET(E) - Polyethylene terephthalate** - e.g. polyester fibers, soft drink bottles, plastic windows for packaging boxes
- #2 - **PEHD or HDPE** - High-density polyethylene - e.g. plastic bottles, plastic bags, trash cans, imitation wood
- #3 - **PVC - Polyvinyl chloride** - e.g. bags, window frames, bottles for chemicals, flooring
- #4 - **PELD or LDPE** - Low-density polyethylene - e.g. re-usable plastic bags, buckets, soap dispenser bottles, plastic tubes
- #5 - **PP - Polypropylene** - e.g. bumpers, car interior trim, industrial fibers
- #6 - **PS - Polystyrene** - e.g. toys, flower pots, video cassettes, ashtrays, trunks
- #7 - **O(ther)** - All other plastics e.g. re-usable EVA (Ethylene vinyl acetate) bags

<sup>2</sup> Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plastic\\_Recycling\\_Code](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plastic_Recycling_Code), Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization.

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