



Types of recyclable steel packaging

Packaging is a significant market for Corus, and the recycling of all types of steel containers is important for us, our customers, and the communities setting up recycling schemes.

There has been encouraging steady growth in the recycling of steel packaging. In 2004 the recycling rate was 44% compared to 25% in 1998. A new target of 54% recycling for metal packaging has been set for the UK for 2008.

The UK steel packaging market for household packaging is approximately 500,000 tonnes per year. Steel food, petfood and drinks containers represent about 60% of this. The other 40% includes many containers which are equally recyclable. They are shown overleaf and include aerosols, households and DIY products containers, promotional packaging and steel closures.

Whilst steel food, petfood and drinks cans are generally well known and recognised, the many other types of steel packaging to be found in the home may not immediately be identified as being easily recyclable by householders. However, if new recycling targets are to be met, **it is important that these other common steel containers are included in future recycling schemes, along with food and drinks cans.** Their inclusion will assist Local Authorities to achieve their recycling targets for household waste and also improve the economics of household collection schemes.

The purpose of this note is to illustrate the full range of steel packaging types and to encourage their inclusion in future collection schemes. Examples of this wide range of recyclable steel containers are shown overleaf.

This leaflet aims to raise awareness of the wide variety of steel packaging that is on the market and that can be included in community recycling schemes. All steel packaging is 100% recyclable and can contribute to the achieving Local Authority recycling targets. Our message is:

ALL STEEL CONTAINERS ARE RECYCLABLE PLEASE HELP TO RECYCLE ALL TYPES!!!

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Aerosols and household products

(e.g. deodorants, polishes, cleaning products etc.)



DIY products

(e.g. paint, solvents, horticultural and automotive products)



Promotional packaging

(e.g. confectionery and spirits packaging)



Closures

(e.g. caps and lids for food and drink containers)



Food, petfood and drink cans

