



# Purchasing Recycled Pallets

## What to expect when you purchase recycled pallets

Smart Recycling has been supplying recycled pallets to companies both large and small for over 20 years. With one of the largest recycled pallet yards in Metropolitan Melbourne, we stock a wide range of sizes and styles. In an average year Smart Recycling despatch over 300,000 pallets to satisfied customers, throughout metropolitan Melbourne.

## Advantages of recycled pallets

Using recycled pallets is a great way to save money while diverting waste from landfill. Some of the advantages of purchasing recycled timber pallets, when compared to products manufactured new from plantation pine include:

- Significantly cheaper, approximately 25% savings on a standard pallet to as much as 75% on some orders for block pallets or boxes
- Comparable strength and durability and some superior properties due to aged timber having less movement
- Reduced risk of bug contamination due to prior heat-treatment, fumigation and kiln drying
- Improved environmental credentials for your business through waste diversion



## What to expect

All our recycled pallets are sold fully re-conditioned. This includes replacing missing and repairing damaged boards. Our trained team, sort and select from the pallets entering our yard, to ensure the products we sell are suitable for recycling.

When purchasing recycled pallets, keep in mind that the product delivered will be fit-for-purpose but not in pristine condition. It is important to understand that the pallets supplied could:

- **Have splits and cracks.** - This is a normal occurrence as timber ages and does not necessarily compromise the integrity of the pallet.



- **Include diverse timber types and densities** because the pallets have global origins and incorporate hard and softwoods native to where they were manufactured. Whenever possible, we try to match the new timber components with the existing wood, but this is not always possible and may result in slight height differentiation between boards.





- Vary in colour, including pallets that are painted, marked with logos and stencils or are a grey appearance due to the ageing process of the timber.



- Be repaired using chocks and sleeves.



- A chock is a 90x35mm pine section approx. 300mm long that is nailed next to the original bearer to improve strength where a bearer has been damaged.



- A sleeve is a 90x35mm pine section that is the full length of the original bearer, this restores the integrity of the pallet when the original bearer has been damaged.

## If recycled pallets are not for you

If you require a pallet that is consistent and identical in its configuration, then talk to us about manufacturing a new custom-made pallet. These orders will be produced from plantation pine and small quantities of plantation hardwood.



## Terms and conditions

By placing an order for recycled pallets with Smart Recycling you are acknowledging that you are aware of our process for recycling timber pallets and understand that the products delivered could include the variations outlined in this document.

Smart Recycling has Product & Public liability Insurance, up to \$20 million

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