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REUSABLE DUNNAGE MEANS DISPOSING OF PROBLEMS

Plastic slipsheets and other dunnage from Corbi Plastics give packagers an economical and ecological alternative.



Jack Graham (left), president, and Roy Hasenfratz, director of pooling, are two of the guiding spirits behind Corbi Plastics, which provides reusable plastic slipsheets and other dunnage.

Want to give your dunnage problems the slip? Slipsheets and similar secondary packaging are becoming an increasingly popular alternative to standard corrugated cases, especially in the beverage industry. Receiving empty glass bottles or other containers in bulk on slipsheets, instead of in “reshipper” cases, makes filling and handling more efficient, and reduces the equipment’s footprint.

However, traditional fiber-based slipsheets pose certain problems. They’re an ongoing expense, for disposal as well as for new material. In certain applications, they can contaminate product or machinery with loose fibers or dirt. And they add to landfill waste.

Corbi Plastics has an alternative that confers the advantages of slipsheets and similar dunnage and removes the drawbacks.

Corbi is a manufacturer and services provider for reusable plastic transport packaging materials, or dunnage, serving the

rigid container industries. Corbi furnishes plastic and co-extruded separator sheets, sealed corrugated plastic layer pads, pallets and top frames suitable for bottles, cans and all other kinds of rigid containers.

Furnishing this material is just part of what Corbi does. Through a nationwide network of 15 centers, Corbi not only supplies plastic dunnage, but picks it up after use, cleans it, repairs or replaces it as needed, and returns it in pristine condition to the container supplier. This system, known as Corbi 360° Total Dunnage Management, ensures that food and beverage packagers, along with their suppliers, will have a reliable supply of sanitary, reusable dunnage.

Plastic slipsheets and other reusable dunnage have several advantages over disposable fiber dunnage, besides the obvious ecological ones. These include:

- **Operational.** Conventional depalletizers and other packaging equipment can run plastic slipsheets with little or no modification. Most equipment picks up slipsheets with vacuum cups; plastic sheets are actually better suited for this handling than fiber ones, which tend to be more porous. Other operational advantages include: just-in-time supply that frees up precious storage space; the ability to store dunnage vertically in a smaller footprint, and a reduction in potentially hazardous airborne particulates from torn or damaged dunnage.

- **Financial.** Corbi 360° Total Dunnage Management eliminates the ongoing expense of buying (and disposing of) fiber-based materials. The efficiency of the Corbi network minimizes participation expenses for packaging suppliers and end users, resulting in an overall lower per-trip cost.

Corbi was established in the United States in 2005 by its two parent companies: Cartonplast GmbH, a service and cleaning company in Europe with an 85% market share in the beverage container industry, and the Orbis Corp., America’s leading pallet and top frame manufacturer supplying the beverage industry. See how Corbi can use its expertise to smooth out your supply chain and ensure a comprehensive dunnage solution that’s both ecological and affordable. **F&BP**

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