

Reporting Tool Setup

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Primary Industry Sector	Chemicals, hardware and machinery
Category: Batteries Chemicals Paint Spare parts and engines Tools Vehicle accessories	
Secondary Industry Sector	Chemicals, hardware and machinery
Category: Batteries Paint Spare parts and engines Tools Vehicle accessories	
Supply Chain Position	Retailer (point-of-sale)
Secondary: None provided	
Does your parent organisation operate in countries other than Australia?	Yes
Regions: New Zealand	
Percentage annual turnover attributed to Australian operations: 75%	
Subsidiaries	Reporting For
<i>None provided</i>	
Reporting Period	
Other	
Baseline metric	SKUs
Recent reporting: 2981	
Previous reporting: 30000	

LEADERSHIP

1.1 Packaging Sustainability Strategy

Does your organisation have a packaging sustainability strategy that commits to using the Covenant Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) (or equivalent)? Yes

Supporting evidence: A revision of the GPC Asia Pacific's Packaging Sustainability Strategy is underway with an expectation of implementation in 2020.

Is the packaging sustainability strategy integrated into business processes? Yes

Supporting evidence: At GPC Asia Pacific we genuinely care for the environment and strongly manage our environmental footprint. As members of the Australian Packaging Covenant we review our packing materials and our procurement processes include a "buy recycled" policy.

We actively maintain the GPC Sustainable Packaging Procedure through targeted product and packaging specifications and requirements

Is your packaging sustainability strategy integrated in a quality system for continuous improvement? Yes

Supporting evidence: Product and packaging quality is managed through the new product development program for all new and changing products. Packaging sustainability factors are embedded in this process.

Does the packaging sustainability strategy include specific, measureable and time-based targets for packaging sustainability? Yes

Supporting evidence: The present range of skus across all business divisions exceeds 30,000 with 2981 new skus added to the range in 2019. During 2019, the packaging teams visibility of packaging handled by a number of the non-Repco divisions became available. With a major IT change across the business also occurring, the aim is to bring ALL products sold by GPC Asia to be under the SPG guidelines by 2022.

Do you publicly report on progress against your packaging sustainability targets? Yes

Supporting evidence: The GPC Asia Pacific APCO Annual reports from 2017 can be found at

<https://gpcasiapac.com/our-culture/community/environment/>

along with numerous other Environmental and Sustainability initiatives. The other initiatives are listed below

Additional comments: GPC Asia Pacific's sustainable approach is not limited to packaging. These key points below are our program which is communicated to our suppliers. Ethical product sourcing and strict supplier compliance frameworks Sustainable procurement policies that encourage the best in our partners Strict emissions compliance in Australia and New Zealand Signatory to the Australian Packaging Covenant Automotive oil and battery recycling programs Energy reduction through awareness, education and smarter designs and systems Installing energy saving smart devices and sensors Waste reduction and recycling education and awareness Recycled paper products for catalogue production and office printing Paper reduction through online systems and paperless stock management Targeted marketing materials delivery for greater efficiency and less waste

1.2 Closed Loop Collaboration

Have you investigated options for joining or starting a collaborative closed loop initiative or program? Yes

Supporting evidence: *We have a closed loop system for most of the material that enters the litter stream from our distribution network including our stores and warehouses.*

The system is similar to the kerbside collection system run by most councils the only difference being that we receive reports by weight on the total amount of material collected and the amount of material diverted to recycling centres through the Suez network. This process is currently in place for 379 stores and 12 DC's and a head office facility.

We have a process for collecting and returning 12 volt automotive batteries which are then recycled by our battery supplier - Century.

Have you joined at least one existing initiative or worked with others to set up at least one closed loop initiative or program? Yes

Initiatives joined: 1

Supporting evidence: *Century Batteries provide a report with tonnage and with the breakdown of waste diverted for recycling and a battery recovery.*

Century, has advised that they collected 11,069 batteries for CY18. This has been increased to 24,646 12-volt batteries in CY19. A massive 123% increase.

The average battery weight is 15kg. 98% of the battery is recyclable – lead / plastics / acid. 96% of a battery (weight) is lead.

Approximately 160 tonnes of lead were recycled for 2018.

Approximately 355 tonnes of lead were recycled for 2019.

The accumulated total is now over 1,523 tonnes since the program began.

Is data being collected to monitor the outcomes of these collaborative closed loop initiatives or programs? Yes

Supporting evidence: *Century Batteries are our National Supplier and collector of used batteries. They provide a detailed report each year on the collection*

Have you joined or worked with others to set up any collaborative closed loop initiatives or programs that can demonstrate tangible (quantitative) outcomes? Yes

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Approximately 160 tonnes of lead was recycled for 2018.

Since commencement of this program over 1523 tonnes of lead has been recycled.

Is there a formal process in place to continually identify new opportunities for collaboration on closed loop initiatives or programs, or to improve existing initiatives or programs? Yes

Supporting evidence: *Discussions with major suppliers to work on collaborative closed loop programs have been initiated and continue to be explored and developed under our "Buy Recycled " program*

Additional comments: None provided

LEADERSHIP

1.3 Consumer Engagement

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Do you provide consumers with any information on the sustainability of your packaging? Yes

Supporting evidence: GPC Asia publishes its APCO Annual report on its website.

at <https://gpcasiapac.com/our-culture/community/environment/>

GPC Global annually publishes its world-wide (including Australian actions) Corporate Sustainability Report

Does any of your packaging include on-pack claims or labels on packaging sustainability (excluding disposal/recycling claims and labels)? No

Please select any relevant on-pack claims? None provided

How many SKUs have package labelling that encourages active consumer engagement in packaging sustainability? 2981

Quantitative accuracy: High

Supporting evidence: Of the 2981 skus introduced over the past year, a significant majority are packaged in cardboard and exhibit the appropriate recycling symbols.

The evidence for this is in GPC private label master completed by our outsourced artwork providers.

Where practical we have moved product away from blow moulded plastics e.g. PVC to paper based folding cartons.

Does your organisation actively engage consumers, through packaging design, to reduce the impacts of consumption? Yes

Supporting evidence: GPC Asia Pacific sells automotive parts not food, so consumption is not really appropriate.

GPC has programs in store to encourage consumers to recycle and buy items that have either a recycle component or a socially aware value.

For example, in our Ashdown-Ingram business, we've engaged our customers in our "Corse4Kids" recycling initiative where old starter motors, alternators and other scrap metal are recycled, the proceeds of which are donated to the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Does your organisation support on-pack sustainability education with marketing campaigns? Yes

Supporting evidence: In store campaigns to alert consumers to GPC Asia Pacific programs such as our continued replacement of current lighting and devices with more energy efficient items, resulting in a reduction in consumption of over 1,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Additional comments: None provided

LEADERSHIP

1.4 Industry leadership

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Have you led or initiated any packaging sustainability initiative(s)? Yes

Supporting evidence: *We have a closed loop system for most of the material that enters the litter stream from our distribution network including our stores and warehouses.*

The system is similar to the kerbside collection system run by most councils the only difference being that we receive reports by weight on the total amount of material collected and the amount of material diverted to recycling centres through the Suez network. This process is currently in place for 379 stores and 12 DC's and a head office facility.

We have a process for collecting and returning 12 volt automotive batteries which are then recycled by our battery supplier - Century.

Do you work collaboratively with other organisations or customers to improve sustainability outcomes? Yes

Number of initiatives: 1

Supporting evidence: *In our Ashdown-Ingram business, we've engaged our customers in our "Corse4Kids" recycling initiative where old starter motors, alternators and other scrap metal are recycled, the proceeds of which are donated to the Starlight Children's Foundation.*

Has your organisation received external recognition for its contribution to packaging sustainability within your chosen reporting period? No

Are you actively engaging with peers to promote packaging sustainability and share sustainability knowledge for non-commercial purposes? Yes

Supporting evidence: *At GPC Asia Pacific we genuinely care for the environment and strongly manage our environmental footprint.*

Our packing materials and our procurement processes include a "buy recycled" policy.

Additional comments: *While some steps to reduce packaging have taken place, the retail environment for auto parts is intensely competitive between the major players. Finding areas of reducing waste with the joint agreement of our competitors has not yet been accepted without exposing a risk to sales.*

OUTCOMES

2.1 Packaging Design & Procurement

Do you have a documented procedure on using the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent to evaluate and improve packaging? Yes

Supporting evidence: *GPC Asia Pacific's packaging sustainability strategy is reflected in the RFP process and documentation via which the product sourcing programs are conducted.*

The RFP documentation sets out GPC Asia Pacific's environment and technical requirements.

How many SKUs have had their packaging reviewed using the SPGs or equivalent to consider sustainability criteria? 2981

Quantitative accuracy: *High*

Supporting evidence: *GPC Asia Pacific records and is able to report against the packaging labelling generated for the private label product range sold by the Repco business.*

This process is being expanded to cover all skus sold across all divisions of GPC Asia with an expected completion date of 2022. Please note the total sku count exceed 30,000 which is a massive task

How many SKUs used Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) or a similar life cycle tool to consider sustainability? 0

Supporting evidence: *Our Tier 1 suppliers have not been able to provide data from LCAs for primary packaging formats.*

GPC Asia uses the PREP tool to assess its packaging formats as well as its SPG guidelines

Additional comments: None provided

OUTCOMES

2.2 Packaging Materials Efficiency

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to optimise the quantity of material used for packaging? Yes

Supporting evidence: *As part of GPC Asia Pacific's product review process, we routinely explore packing improvement opportunities. During the reporting year, GPC has a review of packaging (primary and secondary) that is not fulfilling its primary function of protecting the product.*
This review highlights packaging (primary and secondary) which is not optimised.
The supply chain for GPC Asia Pacific is massive and having optimum packaging is our first objective to minimise waste product through damage in transit.
The SPG program is focused on delivering all goods in good order for sale and meeting consumer expectations

How many SKUs have achieved a reduction in material weight or have been optimised for material efficiency? 2981

Quantitative accuracy: *High*

Supporting evidence: *This is the 2019 result and not a cumulative total for the entire range.*

How many SKUs have been optimised for the material efficiency of their packaging, with supporting evidence of the methodology used to evaluate optimisation? 2981

Quantitative accuracy: *Medium*

Supporting evidence: *The GPC Asia Pacific packaging team keeps records of their SPG analysis of new skus*

Additional comments: *Access to packaging specifications for all established skus has been a massive challenge due to the limited capability in this area of the GPC IT systems. This is being addressed with new IT programs with a target final implementation of 2022*

OUTCOMES

2.3 Recycled & Renewable Materials

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to optimise the quantity of materials in your packaging that are renewable and/or contain recycled content? Yes

Supporting evidence: *As part of GPC Asia Pacific's product review process, we routinely explore packing improvement opportunities.*

We are moving away from plastics where practical, evidenced by the number of items that have been introduced to the market in cardboard packaging during the reporting year.

A significant proportion of our suppliers are based overseas and responses to our investigations into details of the packaging specifications (including recycle content) have been met with very few details despite our procurement policies of "Buy Recycle".

How many SKUs have packaging that incorporate some recycled or renewable content? 2981

How many of these SKUs are made from **recycled materials**? 1500

How many SKUs of packaging are made from **renewable materials**? 1481

Quantitative accuracy: *Low*

Supporting evidence: *We consider that many of our shippers made of corrugated fibreboard contain some degree of recycle content. Likewise, the amount of cardboard used in our primary packs is very high.*

We are still waiting for confirmation from many of our suppliers to quantify this matter.

How many SKUs have packaging that has been optimised for recycled or renewable content? 2981

Quantitative accuracy: *Low*

Supporting evidence: *Based on the available information for our suppliers we believe we have optimised this target.*

Transport damage reviews over the next 12 months will validate this result

Additional comments: None provided

OUTCOMES

2.4 Post-consumer Recovery

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to increase or optimise the recoverability of packaging? Yes

Supporting evidence: *We have a closed loop system for most of the material that enters the litter stream from our distribution network including our stores and warehouses.*

The system is similar to the kerbside collection system run by most councils the only difference being that we receive reports by weight on the total amount of material collected and the amount of material diverted to recycling centres through the Suez network. This process is currently in place for 379 stores and 12 DC's and a head office facility.

We have a process for collecting and returning 12-volt automotive batteries which are then recycled by our battery supplier - Century.

How many SKUs have packaging that can be recovered through existing post-consumer recovery systems? 2981

How many SKUs have packaging that is **reusable**? 0

How many SKUs have packaging that is **recyclable**? 2981

How many SKUs have packaging that is **certified home compostable**? 0

How many SKUs have packaging that is **certified industrial compostable**? 0

How many SKUs have packaging that is **compostable (not certified)**? 0

Quantitative accuracy: *Medium*

Supporting evidence: *All new skus released on to the Australian market have to pass GPC's SPG program.*

GPC has its own in-house collection program with Suez.

How many SKUs have packaging that goes to **landfill**? 0

How many SKUs have packaging that can be recovered through existing post-consumer recovery systems that achieve highest potential environmental value? 2981

Quantitative accuracy: *Low*

Supporting evidence: *We find this question vague to respond to accurately as the term "highest potential environmental value is not a specific term of measure.*

We have our own assessment based on our functions our packaging is required to meet throughout the supply chain without damaging the product.

Additional comments: *We have intetnionally not included CHEP and LOSCAM pallets in these figures.*

OUTCOMES

2.5 Consumer Labelling

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to improve on-pack consumer labelling for disposal or recovery? Yes

Supporting evidence: *GPC Asia Pacific is able to demonstrate that the majority of private label product packaging sold through our R epco business contains the recycling symbol, communicating to consumers the requirement and opportunity to recycle.*

This requirement to incorporate the recycling symbol on packaged is contained in GPC Asia Pacific's packaging style guides.

Our focus is on implementing the PREP tool across all categories to identify the most appropriate ARL label. There are 30,000 skus to be addressed which is a massive task.

The plan is to have the PREP tool access products prior to any labelling review. Most products have a labelling review every 5+ years, so it is still an enormous task.

How many SKUs have packaging labelled for disposal or recovery? 2981

Quantitative accuracy: *Low*

Supporting evidence: *We found this question to be vague as what is "disposal or recovery".*

How many SKUs have packaging labelled for disposal or recovery in compliance with AS/NZS ISO 14021 (a standard for self-declared environmental claims)? 2981

Quantitative accuracy: *Low*

Supporting evidence: *We believe we are following the examples in AS/NZS ISO 14021 labelling.*

These terms "Disposal or Recovery" are vague.

Additional comments: None provided

OUTCOMES

2.6 Product Packaging Innovation

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to review whole product-packaging systems to improve packaging sustainability? Yes

Supporting evidence: *Where suitable for the product being packed and its supply chain to and then across Australia, we are moving packaging to smaller sized paper based cardboard boxes rather than blow moulded clam shells of PVC plastic. Our massive range of Oil filter boxes and light globes are the priority.*

As minimising damage losses is a business focus, the design of and choice of corrugated shippers is part of this whole product - packing systems.

Does your organisation have a documented procedure in place to evaluate the sustainability of whole product-packaging systems? Yes

Supporting evidence: *GPC Asia Pacific's packaging sustainability strategy is reflected in the RFP process and documentation via which the product sourcing programs are conducted.*

The RFP documentation sets out GPC Asia Pacific's environment and technical requirements.

Do you report on product-packaging systems that have been evaluated using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)? No

Additional comments: *Access to LCA Analysis by our suppliers is not available. LCA is a highly technical area with many different formats, assumptions and differences between available software and is presently outside GPC Asia range of resources. GPC relies on its suppliers to provide this level of detail.*

OPERATIONS

3.1 Business-to-Business Packaging

Has your organisation developed a plan, or are you investigating opportunities, to reduce single use business-to-business packaging going from your sites and facilities to customers (e.g. manufacturers or retailers)? Yes

Supporting evidence: *Internal shipping from DC to DC or DC to Store is done using either reusable plastic tote boxes for smaller orders or pallet containers for larger orders.*

GPC Asia Pacific has 12 DCs and 379 retail outlets, therefore the tonnage of the B2B packaging is significant but hard to measure across a 12-month period.

Purchase contracts stipulate to use of returnable pallets.

Are you collecting data on the amount of business-to-business packaging you provide to customers that is single-use? No

Additional comments: *This question is not relevant to GPC Asia Pacific as we distribute from our own DCs to our own retail / wholesale outlets. It is all "in-house" and not to customers. The present IT system does not allow for this to be calculated.*

OPERATIONS

3.2 Waste Diversion

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Do you collect data on the quantity of solid waste generated at your sites and facilities and the quantity or percentage of solid waste recovered? Yes

How much solid waste did you generate at your sites and facilities over your chosen reporting period? (tonnes) 3669

Quantitative accuracy: High

Supporting evidence: *This is the weight of solid waste collected across the 7 divisions and 379 sites and DCs of GPC Asia across Australia.*

Suez is the corporate contractor across all sites that provides monthly details on all categories of waste collected and diverted. The excellent level of information has allowed for proactive work in reducing the waste created.

How much on-site solid waste did you reuse, recycle, compost or send to an energy-from-waste facility during your chosen reporting period? (tonnes) 1904

Quantitative accuracy: High

Supporting evidence: *This is the weight of solid waste collected across the 7 divisions and 379 sites and DCs of GPC Asia across Australia and then diverted to reuse, recycle or compost.*

Suez is the corporate contractor across all sites that provides monthly details on all categories of waste collected and diverted. The excellent level of information has allowed for proactive work in reducing the waste created.

Additional comments: None provided

OPERATIONS

3.3 Supply Chain Influence

Do you wish to report against this recommended criteria for the current reporting period? Yes

Does your organisation communicate your packaging sustainability goals and packaging guidelines to the majority of tier 1 suppliers and downstream customers (for business-to-business organisations)? Yes

Supporting evidence: *At GPC Asia Pacific we genuinely care for the environment and strongly manage our environmental footprint. We communicate to our Tier 1 suppliers our "Buy Recycle " policy and our focus on waste control / damaged product in supply chain through improved packaging design. Our customers are our own stores, where we use the in-store campaigns to promote our messages on sustainability, closed loop, recovery of used batteries, starter motors, alternators and other scrap metal for recycling.*

While not packaging we encourage energy education throughout all of our DCs and retail stores.

Does your organisation provide support to tier 1 suppliers and customers to improve their understanding of packaging sustainability goals and strategies? Yes

Supporting evidence: *We communicate and educate our suppliers on various matters*

1. Ethical product sourcing and strict supplier compliance frameworks
2. Sustainable procurement policies that encourage the best in our partners
3. Energy reduction through awareness, education and smarter designs and systems
4. Waste reduction and recycling education and awareness
5. Recycled paper products for catalogue production and office printing
6. Paper reduction through online systems and paperless stock management
7. Targeted marketing materials delivery for greater efficiency and less waste

but most importantly, we promote our "Buy Recycle" policy

Does your organisation collaborate with tier 1 suppliers and customers to share knowledge and improve packaging sustainability? Yes

Supporting evidence: *As we transition from non-recyclable materials such as PVC clamshells to paper based folding cartons, we are acutely aware that the packaging must protect the product throughout, what is a very long supply chain. There is a continuous review of shipments to ensure that any damage is investigated thoroughly and the results are shared with all suppliers, not just tier 1.*

Does your organisation have processes in place to evaluate supply chain risks and opportunities for influence throughout the entire supply chain (tier 1 and below)? Yes

Supporting evidence: *We communicate to our Tier 1 suppliers our "Buy Recycle " policy and our focus on waste control / damaged product in supply chain through improved packaging design.*

As we change our primary and secondary packaging to more efficient, safe and sustainable options, the change is not complete until several orders have passed through our lengthy supply chain without damage.

Does your organisation have processes in place to monitor and track compliance with key packaging sustainability requirements throughout the entire supply chain (full traceability)? Yes

Supporting evidence: *This task is predominantly with our procurement team who deal directly with our 100's of suppliers around the world for compliant packaging.*

Compliance is seen as packing that is fit for purpose, contains an optimum level of recycle content and presents in store without any sign of damage.

Additional comments: None provided

PACKAGING METRICS

How much packaging by weight did your organisation put onto the market in Australia in the reporting period?

Please include all components including retail and distribution packaging. This section will be used to collect information on the total amount of packaging that is being generated in aggregate. Data will be summed across industries and sectors to estimate progress towards achieving packaging sustainability in Australia.

Aluminium	0 Tonnes
Quantitative accuracy: Not provided	
Glass	0 Tonnes
Quantitative accuracy: Not provided	
Timber	-
Steel	-
Composites	-
Paper	-
Cardboard	-
Waxed Paper	-
Gable Top Carton	0 Tonnes
Quantitative accuracy: Not provided	
High Wet Strength Paper	0 Tonnes
Quantitative accuracy: Not provided	
Liquid Paper Board - Aseptic	0 Tonnes
Quantitative accuracy: Not provided	
Textiles	0 Tonnes
Quantitative accuracy: Not provided	

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Bioplastics	0 Tonnes
Quantitative accuracy: <i>Not provided</i>	
High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE)	-
Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE)	-
Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)	-
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	-
Polypropylene (PP)	-
Polystyrene	-
Expanded Polystyrene	-
Polyactic Acid (PLA)	0 Tonnes
Quantitative accuracy: <i>Not provided</i>	
Other Plastics	-
Additional comments: None provided	

Freeform

Freeform Questions

Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented over the previous 24 months that have improved packaging sustainability.

Not answered

Describe any opportunities or constraints that affected performance within this reporting period.

The GPC Asia Pacific company comprises a number of different subsidiaries.

Previously reporting was limited to Repco Autoparts. However there have been steps taken to bring the other divisions under the same packaging team's influence.

Those other divisions are Ashdown / AMX / McLeods / Motospecs / R&E.

This change will require a major upgrade of IT capabilities. A task that is not expected to be completed until 2022.

The present range of skus across all business divisions exceeds 30,000 with 2981 new skus added to the range in 2019.

Once this upgrade has been completed, it is likely the number of skus reported under the GPC Asia Pacific Annual report will increase dramatically.

Freeform

Freeform Case Studies

Case Study:

File: None provided

Not answered

Case Study:

File: None provided

Not answered

Case Study:

File: None provided

Not answered

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