

European Pallet Association e. V. (EPAL)

PRESS RELEASE

Irreplaceable – EPAL wooden load carriers

The benefits of the EPAL Euro pallet and the EPAL system are enjoyed by millions of users around the world

Düsseldorf, 20/12/2019 – EPAL wooden load carriers move flows of goods globally and are essential for safety and smooth operations in the logistics sector. The huge number of A and B quality pallets ensures that the open Euro pallet pool is the most extensive exchange pool of all. Users of EPAL Euro pallets take advantage of the benefits of the open pool, the EPAL system, whose cornerstone is widespread availability and global exchangeability, cost transparency and contractual independence.

In high-bay storage especially, EPAL pallets are the first choice and very hard to replace. The independently assured quality guaranteeing safety in the warehouse; the high load capacity; the non-slip properties provided by the wood, which are indispensable on smooth steel surfaces in high-bay storage; these characteristics distinguish the EPAL Euro pallet as the ideal high-bay load carrier. In comparison, most plastic pallets are not suitable for racks because they need non-slip pads to fix them on racks. On traditional chain conveyors, like those used in most automatic warehouse systems, again plastic pallets don't work properly because they tend to be too smooth for transport on chains. Traditional Euro pallets in A and B quality run flawlessly and thus guarantee optimum processes.

Wooden load carriers are predominantly used for transporting raw materials and finished products to the first stage of the supply chain, as well as for third party delivery of tissue products. Even in the fruit and vegetable sector, wooden load carriers are used for delivery to the first stage in the supply chain. Wooden pallets are hygienic too: extensive studies now attest that pine wood, especially, exhibits antibacterial effects. Wooden pallets are all-round marvels, and are resistant to both temperature and UV exposure.

Furthermore, environmental responsibility and sustainability are a key component of EPAL's DNA. Due to the high number of times EPAL pallets can be reused in the open pool, logistics costs and CO2 emissions can be reduced. Generally an EPAL pallet is repaired for the first time after 6 or 8 rotations, then it can be repaired almost infinitely meaning lower materials and energy costs and, at the end of its life cycle, it is completely recyclable.

About EPAL:

The European Pallet Association e.V. (EPAL) ensures a smooth flow of goods in the logistics world with over 500 million EPAL Euro pallets and 20 million box pallets in the world's biggest open exchange pool. Founded in 1991 as the umbrella association of licensed producers and repairers of EPAL load carriers, EPAL is globally responsible for their consistent quality. EPAL pallets are produced from sustainably grown, CO₂-neutral wood, can be repaired and recycled, and reduce transport distances thanks to their high level of availability. As a registered association, EPAL does not pursue any commercial interests and makes all its decisions in the interests of its industry, retail and logistics partners. EPAL is represented in over thirty countries by fourteen National Committees which have committed themselves to implementing the EPAL objectives.

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