

APCO Performance Summary

Company Name: **GPC Asia Pacific Pty Ltd**

Trading As:

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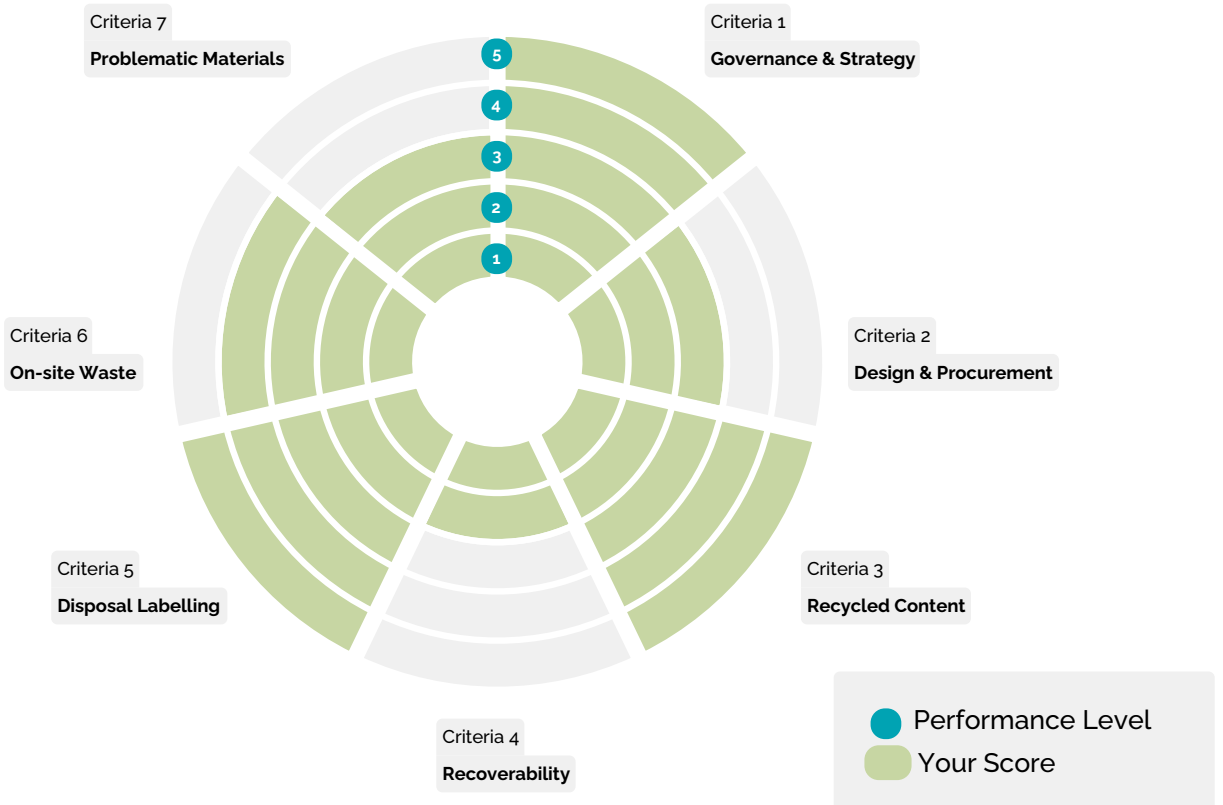
Overall Performance 62% - Leading

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the 2023 APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of **January, 2022 - December, 2022** you have achieved a **Leading** overall performance level.



Criteria Performance Levels

The chart below indicates your organisation's performance against each of the Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria in the 2023 APCO Annual Report. Each band represents a performance level with the green indicating your level of performance for each.



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About APCO Annual Reporting

Understanding APCO Annual Reporting performance levels:

- 1 Getting Started:** You are at the start of your packaging sustainability journey.
- 2 Good Progress:** You have made some first steps on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 3 Advanced:** You have taken tangible action on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 4 Leading:** You have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 5 Beyond Best Practice:** You have received the highest performance level and have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.

Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria

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| Criteria 1:
Governance & Strategy | This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies. |
| Criteria 2:
Design & Procurement | This criteria considers actions taken to ensure that sustainability principles are considered in the design or procurement of both new and existing packaging through use of the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs). |
| Criteria 3:
Recycled Content | This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation. |
| Criteria 4:
Recoverability | This criteria considers actions taken to improve the recovery of packaging at end-of-life and increase use of reusable packaging. |
| Criteria 5:
Disposal Labelling | This criteria considers the extent to which packaging has been labelled to help consumers determine what to do with packaging at end-of-life. |
| Criteria 6:
On-site Waste | This criteria considers progress in increasing the amount of on-site solid waste being diverted from landfill. |
| Criteria 7:
Problematic Materials | This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter. |

APCO Annual Report Criteria Performance & Responses

Provided below are your organisation's responses to the questions within the APCO Annual Report as well as a performance level for each criteria.

Criteria 1:

Governance & Strategy: 5 Beyond Best Practice



Does your organisation have a documented strategy that includes goals (objectives) and targets for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent? Yes No

Does your organisation's strategy include a commitment to achieving the 2025 National Packaging Targets? Yes No

Is this strategy integrated within your business processes and has it been approved by an executive or board of directors? Yes No

Do you regularly communicate and promote packaging sustainability objectives and targets within your organisation? Yes No

Do you regularly engage or communicate with external stakeholders (suppliers, final consumers, community groups etc.) about the environmental impacts of your packaging? Yes No

Do you actively participate in any other initiatives to promote packaging sustainability outside of your organisation? Yes No

Supporting Evidence

Criteria 2:

Design & Procurement: 3 Advanced



How many of your 29987 SKUs have had their packaging reviewed against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (or equivalent) in the last 5 years?

5000

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

Do you require your suppliers to use the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent for your packaging?

 Yes No N/A

Please tell us about any positive outcomes from your packaging reviews.

Globes, wipers, rotating electrical items packaging reduced or plastic removed and replaced with cardboard.

Do you believe applying the SPGs delivers business value to your organisation?

 Yes No

Which of the following Sustainable Packaging Principles have been considered in reviews of your organisation's packaging against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs)?

Design for recovery

 Yes No

Optimise material efficiency

 Yes No

Design to reduce product waste

 Yes No

Eliminate hazardous materials

 Yes No

Use of renewable materials

 Yes No

Use recycled materials

 Yes No

Design to minimise litter

 Yes No

Design for transport efficiency

 Yes No

Design for accessibility

 Yes No

Provide consumer information on environmental sustainability

 Yes No

How many of the 29987 SKUs have packaging that has been optimised for material efficiency in the last 5 years?

1600

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

If yes, please tell us about any material savings you have made.

4,101 kgs of plastic now in smaller cardboard boxes. 207 kgs of plastic now in smaller lighter PET envelopes

Supporting Evidence

We have been working with our vast, overseas supplier base to remove PVC and Polystyrene to folding cartons and protective inserts.

GPC has also reviewed large plastic packaging for items like light globes and windscreen wipers. We have also moved our wipers from clam shell plastic blister to cardboard and PET. This has reduced 4,101 kilograms of clam shell blister packaging that would normally end up in land fill and replaced it with

Your full response can be found towards the end of this document.

Criteria 3:

Recycled Content: 5 Beyond Best Practice

1 Getting Started

2 Good Progress

3 Advanced

4 Leading

5 Beyond Best Practice

Do you have a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials?

Yes No

Which of the following products that you either purchase or sell contain recycled materials?

- Primary packaging that you use to sell your products
- Secondary packaging that you use to sell your products
- Tertiary Packaging that you use to sell your packaging
- Your products
- Other items which you purchase (e.g. office stationary & supplies, building materials such a bollards etc.)
- None of the above

How many 29987 SKUs has at least some packaging that is made from recycled material?

29987

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

If you do not currently use recycled materials in any of your packaging, please indicate why:

- Cannot find a supplier who provides recycled materials
- We cannot use recycled materials in contact with our product
- Cost is prohibitive
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

The GPC Asia Pacific Pty. Ltd supplier base is mostly based overseas. There has been a reluctance (for several years) to supply packaging materials with higher levels of recycle content.

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

Many of our overseas and local suppliers have assisted us with information on recycle content of our packaging but not all. Obtaining information from all suppliers will be a task for 2023.

Criteria 4:

Recoverability: 2 Good Progress



How many of your 29987 SKUs have all packaging components that are recoverable (i.e. recyclable or compostable) at end-of-life?

9530

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

How many of your 29987 SKUs have separable components with mixed recoverability at end-of-life? (e.g. a jar that is recyclable with a lid that is not recyclable)

20250

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Low

How many of your 29987 SKUs have been assessed in the Packaging Recyclability Evaluation Portal (PREP)?

3198

If you use compostable packaging, please indicate the type(s) of compostable certification (if any):

- Certified home compostable (AS5810)?
- Certified industrial compostable (AS4736)?
- Certified compostable to another certification (i.e. not AS5810 or AS4736)?
- Compostable (not certified)?
- None of the above

How many of your 29987 SKUs are not recoverable at end-of-life and must go to landfill? (i.e. not recyclable or compostable)

207

Have you investigated if there are any opportunities to use reusable packaging?

Yes No

If yes, how many of your 29987 SKUs have packaging for which all components are reusable?

5

Please give an indication on the accuracy of this response.

Medium

Which of the following reusable business to business items did your organisation utilise during the previous 12 month period?

- Pallets
- Crates
- Drums
- Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs)
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

We distribute engine oil in 205L drums and the drums are collected and cleaned and returned to service by a third party. This accounts for a potential recovery of 1,700 drums annually.

- None of the above

Tick all that apply - Was this reused:

Internally (between your organisation's sites & facilities)?

Externally (with other organisations such as suppliers or customers)?

Pallets	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal	<input checked="" type="radio"/> External
Crates	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal	<input type="radio"/> External
Drums	<input type="radio"/> Internal	<input checked="" type="radio"/> External
Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs)	<input type="radio"/> Internal	<input type="radio"/> External
Other (specified above)	<input type="radio"/> Internal	<input type="radio"/> External

Does your organisation participate in any of the following closed-loop recovery programs/alternative collection systems for your packaging?

- REDcycle
- Terracycle
- Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)
- DrumMUSTER
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- N/A (All our packaging is recovered through mainstream recovery systems)
- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

GPC Asia Pacific Pty. Ltd. provide automotive parts to industry and retail outlets. Each of these options does not apply to this industry.

Criteria 5:

Disposal Labelling: 5 Beyond Best Practice

- 1 Getting Started
- 2 Good Progress
- 3 Advanced
- 4 Leading
- 5 Beyond Best Practice

How many of your 29987 SKUs have labelling on-pack to inform the consumer of how to correctly dispose of the packaging?

29987

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

Which of the following labels does your company presently use?

- Australasian Recycling Label
- Mobius Loop/Recycling symbol
- Tidy man
- Written instructions
- REDcycle logo
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

The majority of GPC Asia Pacific's packaging is cardboard and as a minimum has the Mobius Loop/Recycling symbol. Plastic packaging will mostly have the tidy man with all packaging moving towards the ARL.

Criteria 6:

On-site Waste: 4 Leading



Tick which of the following packaging materials you have on-site recycling programs for:

- Paper/cardboard
- Soft plastics
- Rigid plastics
- Timber
- Textiles
- Glass
- Metals
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- All materials have recycling programs
- None of the above

Over the reporting period, how much of the waste your organisation generated on-site was diverted from landfill (was recycled, composted, reused or sent for energy recovery)?

61%

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

Which of the following facilities are included in the above waste data?

- Offices
- Warehouses
- Stores

- Manufacturing Facilities
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

GPC Asia Pacific Pty. Ltd. has moved its nation waste collection service to Veolia. Veolia provide a detail report, monthly to GPC management. Collections now include metal and timber for recycling.

Criteria 7:

Problematic Materials: 3 Advanced

1 Getting Started | 2 Good Progress | 3 Advanced | 4 Leading | 5 Beyond Best Practice

Over the reporting period, which of the following activities did you undertake to help reduce the impact of litter?

- Conduct regular clean ups
- Participate in Business Clean Up Day
- Sponsor a clean up day
- Undertook a litter education campaign
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

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

- None of the above

Please indicate which of the following problematic, unnecessary and single-use plastic packaging formats or materials your organisation has used over the last five years.

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
- Fragmentable (e.g. oxo-degradable) plastics
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging for food and beverage service or retail fresh produce
- EPS loose fill packaging
- Moulded EPS packaging for white/brown goods or electronics
- Rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging
- Rigid polystyrene (PS) packaging
- Opaque polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
- Rigid plastic packaging with carbon black
- None of the above

Please indicate which of the following problematic, unnecessary or single-use plastic packaging formats or materials your organisation is actively working to phase out?

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
- Fragmentable (e.g. oxo-degradable) plastics
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging for food and beverage service or retail fresh produce
- EPS loose fill packaging
- Moulded EPS packaging for white/brown goods or electronics
- Rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging
- Rigid polystyrene (PS) packaging
- Opaque polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
- Rigid plastic packaging with carbon black
- None of the above

Have you successfully phased out any of the above packaging formats or materials in the last 5 years?

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
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- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

GPC Asia Pacific Pty. Ltd. and its supplier base have been working toward replacing rigid PVC with paper based folding cartons. There is estimated to be 10 tonnes p.a. of PVC to go in this project.

Packaging Metrics

Please provide an indication of the accuracy level of your packaging metrics

Low

What packaging materials do you use?

Timber, Steel, High Density Polyethylene (HPDE), Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE), Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), Polypropylene (PP), Other Plastics, Composites, Paper, Cardboard.

Timber

Total tonnes used	535	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	535	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	0
Total single use packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Steel

Total tonnes used	17	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	17	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	50
Total single use packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

High Density Polyethylene (HPDE)

Total tonnes used	111	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	111	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	0
Total single use packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE)

Total tonnes used	869	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	869	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	0
Total single use packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

Total tonnes used	10	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	0
Total single use packaging	10	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Polypropylene (PP)

Total tonnes used	305	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	305	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	0
Total single use packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Other Plastics

Total tonnes used	37	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	0
Total single use packaging	37	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Composites

Total tonnes used	227	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	0
Total single use packaging	227	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Paper

Total tonnes used	201	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	201	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	50
Total single use packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Cardboard

Total tonnes used	9249	Average recycled content (%) (pre consumer)	0
Tonnes reusable packaging	9249	Average recycled content (%) (post consumer)	50
Total single use packaging	0	Average recycled content (%) (unknown)	0

Additional Information

- No additional information

Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented during your chosen reporting period that have improved packaging sustainability

The GPC Asia Pacific's Packaging Sustainability Strategy is underway. GPC Asia Pacific's Repco stores continue with their 12V battery closed loop recovery program. Now in its 16th year, 2022 had a further 115 % increase over the previous year. The total for 2022 was 581 tonnes of batteries which is a great result which we are very proud of. Over the 16 years GPC Asia Pacific has run this program it has recovered 187,975 batteries with a weight of over 3,000 tonnes.

Your full response can be found towards the end of this document.

Describe any opportunities or constraints that affected performance within your chosen reporting period

The accuracy of packaging data is a challenge which is constraining our performance across the scale of the number of skus (29,987) and the high rate of change of skus we are handling.

Please use the space below to provide examples or case studies of exemplary packaging sustainability conducted by your organisation. The information provided in the boxes may be used directly in your public facing Annual Report and Action Plan. Submitted case studies might be used by APCO in the future to support other Members in achieving packaging sustainability.

Full Open Responses

Criteria 2 - Supporting Evidence

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recyclable cardboard. 207 kilograms of clam shell plastic blister was replaced with lighter and smaller PET packaging. For our rotating electrical program which consist of 1,520 skus we are 1. removing all plastic bags (equates to over 4,200kgs of plastic removed from the packaging) and 2. removing all expanded foam packing.

Additional Information - Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented during your chosen reporting period that have improved packaging sustainability

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We continue focus on removing polystyrene and plastic from our packaging and are starting to put together some quantifiable data in terms of wipers 4,101 kgs of plastic replaced with smaller cardboard boxes, For our rotating electrical products (starters and alternators) we are removing all plastic bags/bubble wrap with early estimates indicating another 4,239 kgs of plastic removed from the litter stream annually.