

APCO Performance Summary

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

Trading As:

ABN: **97097993283**

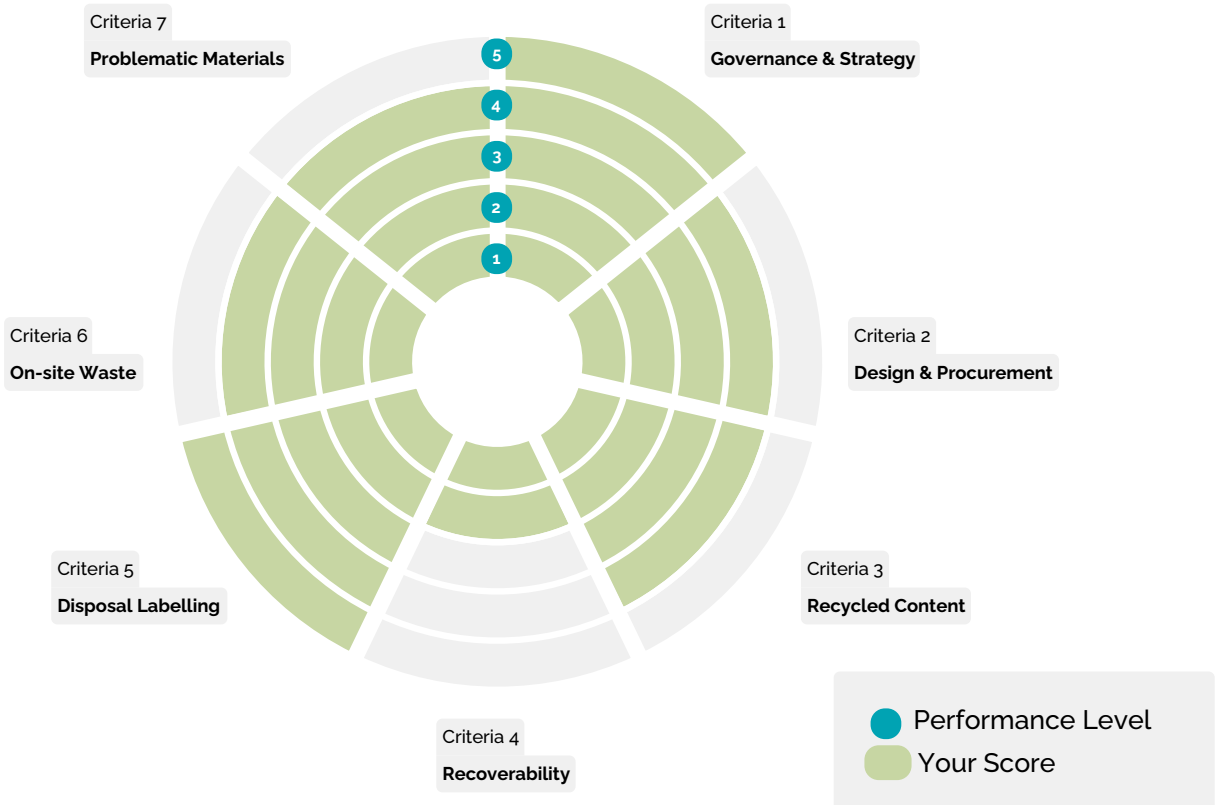
Overall Performance 66% - Leading

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the 2024 APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of **January, 2023 - December, 2023** 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 2024 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

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.

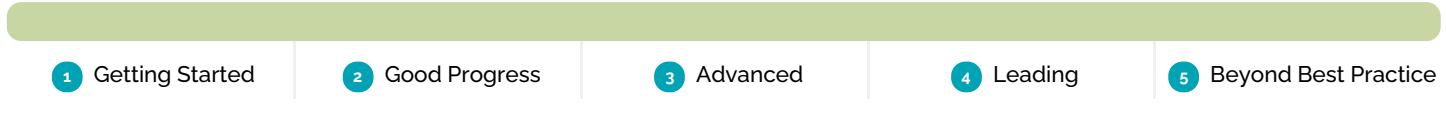
Criteria 7:
Problematic Materials This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter.

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

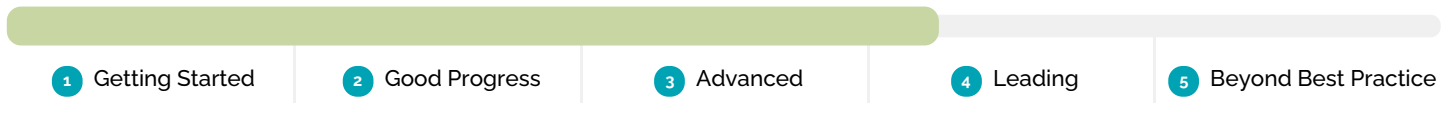
Do you actively participate in any other initiatives to promote packaging sustainability outside of your organisation? Yes No

Supporting Evidence

GPC Asia Pacific's (GPC's) Environment, Social & Governance charter outlines our sustainable packaging policies. Our policies are tailored to the global market that we operate in. As such, we use an equivalent program to the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines for our assessment of the design and resourcing of our product packaging.

Criteria 2:

Design & Procurement: 4 Leading



How many of your 31644 SKUs have had their packaging reviewed against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (or equivalent) in the last 5 years?

10563

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

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.

GPC has on many occasions been able to optimise packaging for a number of product ranges, and we are focused on removing soft plastics (plastic bags), polystyrene, PVC and moving to cardboard alternatives as well as reducing our packaging weight where appropriate.

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 31644 SKUs have packaging that has been optimised for material efficiency in the last 5 years?

7908

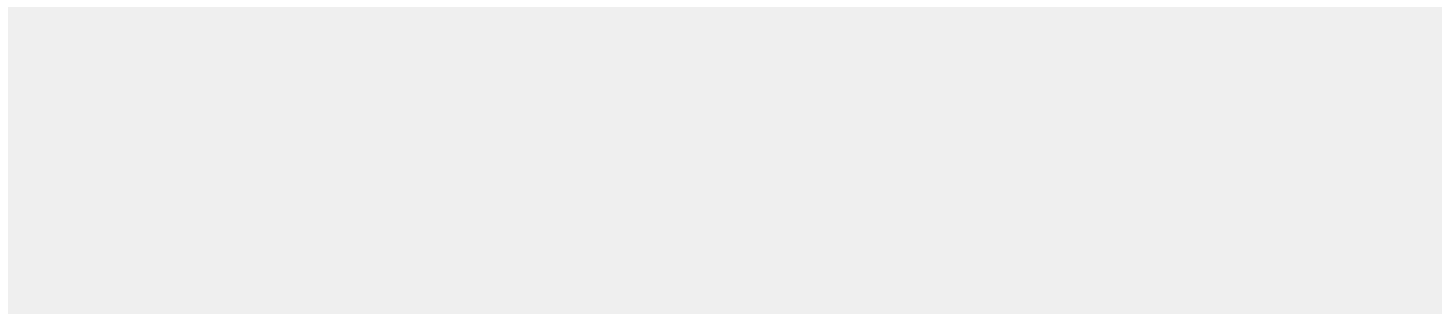
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High

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

GPC has completed the following projects: Rotating electrical starters and alternators range - plastic bags removed as secondary packaging. For 2022, 3,030kg of non-recyclable packaging removed. Tie downs and straps range - Carbon black plastic holders replaced with cardboard. For 2023, reduced 9,194kg of non-recyclable material in 2023 to 43kg, the rest is now recyclable. (For more information please refer to page 12) Brake rotors range - Instigated project to remove plastic bags (in progress). Air, oil, fuel and cabin filter range - packaging reviewed and found to be already optimised.

Supporting Evidence



Criteria 3:

Recycled Content: 4 Leading



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 31644 SKUs has at least some packaging that is made from recycled material?

31644

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Low

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

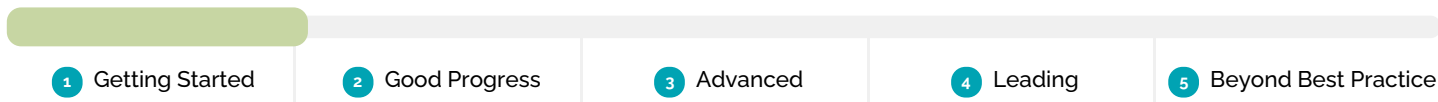
GPC's supplier base is based mostly overseas. Some of those suppliers have been reluctant (for several years) to supply packaging materials with higher levels of recycle content. Improving the information obtained from all suppliers and working with suppliers that use recycled materials will continue to be a focus for GPC.

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

Criteria 4:

Recoverability: 2 Good Progress



How many of your 31644 SKUs have all packaging components that are recoverable (i.e. recyclable or compostable) at end-of-life?

14872

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

How many of your 31644 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)

16772

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

How many of your 31644 SKUs have been assessed in the Packaging Recyclability Evaluation Portal (PREP)?

10563

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 31644 SKUs are not recoverable at end-of-life and must go to landfill? (i.e. not recyclable or compostable)

0

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

Yes No

If yes, how many of your 31644 SKUs have packaging for which all components are reusable?

Please give an indication on the accuracy of this response.

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

- 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?

- Big Bag Recovery
- Terracycle
- Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)
- DrumMUSTER
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

GPC's Repco stores continue with the 12V battery closed loop recovery program.

Now in its 17th year, 2023 had a further 19 % increase over the previous year. The total for 2023 was approximately 694 tonnes of batteries recovered (prior year 581 tonnes)

Over the 17 years that GPC has run this program it has recovered approximately 231,448 batteries with a

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

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

Supporting Evidence

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 31644 SKUs have labelling on-pack to inform the consumer of how to correctly dispose of the packaging?

31644

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
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

Tips for minimizing packaging waste are included on every pack.

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)?

57%

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 has moved its national waste collection service to Veolia.

Veolia provide a detailed monthly report to GPC. Collections now include metal and timber for recycling.

Criteria 7:

Problematic Materials: 4 Leading



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

GPC is focused on minimising its environmental impact and there are a range of initiatives to try to make a positive impact.

- 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
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- None of the above

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

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- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

GPC and its supplier base have been working toward replacing rigid PVC with paper based folding cartons. GPC's retail outlets have ceased issuing light weight plastic bags.

Additional Information

- No additional information

Please use the space below to provide your feedback on your experience with this Annual Report

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

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

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.

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Full Open Responses

Criteria 4 - Please specify

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- Previous packaging weight: 9,194kg of non-recyclable material
- After packaging review: 43kg of non-recyclable material, 9,151kg recyclable material