



K.Hartwall Packbox - A popular load carrier at CC Pack

CC Pack started in 1989 with the production of aluminium trays. The business grew steadily and in 1994 they acquired the current plant in Tibro. In the 1990's CC pack started to produce pressed board trays to follow the environmental trends. A few years later the first shares of the company were acquired by A&R Carton and the following year CC Pack received its hygiene certification.

In 2004 CC Pack got appointed "Best Partner" - in all supplier categories - by one of Sweden's largest food producers and in 2006 they expanded their offering to the food industry. CC Pack got their third arm of production, folded board packaging in 2012 and in 2013 the company was fully acquired by A&R Carton.



"The production pace at CC Pack is very high, which means that the staff who pack the products have a high workload.

When the company started, cardboard boxes and wooden pallets were used as load carriers. They were both unhygienic and stressful to the staff and customers who loaded and unloaded the products", said Daniel Gonzaga, Supply Chain Manager at CC Pack.

In view of the high hygiene requirements of both CC Pack and many of their customers, CC Pack and Frödinge - then owned by Arla - started a project to find a more hygienic load carrier. They looked at both plastic and steel, but decided to go for a steel packaging because of the hygiene requirements.

Today, CC Pack uses the Packbox supplied by K. Hartwall Oy Ab. "It makes life easier both when packing in production and when transporting products to our customers, says Daniel Gonzaga. Today, we use the cage for 50% of our products but would like to expand it to more customers", he continues.

The K. Hartwall Packboxes are always packed in pairs. They have a plastic bag as inner cover, a top sheet and stretch film as an outer cover. This does not require the use of cardboard boxes, which takes a lot longer to handle at the stations.

At the packing stations, the cages are placed in a lift which can also tilt the unit to further facilitate packing and loading. The one of the long sides is folded down during packing and loading to avoiding un-ergonomic lifting for the staff.



PackBox tilted for ergonomic use

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The K. Hartwall Packbox allows safe double stacking, which saves on storage and transport costs. When the cages are returned to CC Pack they are folded and stacked 9 units high.

Daniel Gonzaga also tells that the double stacking allows them to save a lot of space when storing the units in racking on two levels.

The K. Hartwall Packbox meets many requirements of CC Pack, but its most important feature is that it meets the current requirements on hygiene standards for handling in food-related items.

“In the future, CC Pack aim to use more and more the K. Hartwall Packbox. Sometimes it is not possible, comments Daniel Gonzaga, because we have to send full pallets which are then split up at the DC shipped to smaller units”.



Safe double-stacking

One of the main challenge of CC Pack is to know where the boxes are and that they have a sufficient number in stock all the time.



Saves storage space



Efficient return logistics



Quicker production flow

K. Hartwall offers an asset management system, Visimore[®], with which one can easily track the load carrier position and movement over time. “That’s probably something we’ll test in the future.”, adds Daniel Gonzaga, Supply Chain Manager at CC Pack.



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