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New Stretch Film For Palletizing Allows Plastic Recycling

Cortec® Stretch Film for palletizing is specially co-extruded with cohesive properties to eliminate tackified film characteristics. This allows discarded film to be fully recycled for source reduction to eliminate extra landfill disposal costs. For export, it allows shipments to pass through customs and avoid exposure and costs to “Take-It-Back” laws.

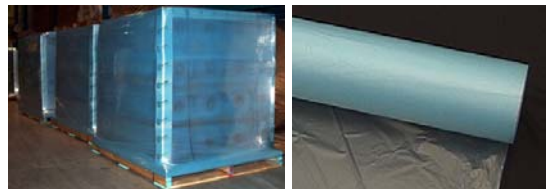
In addition to enabling full recyclability, the cohesive properties of the film enhance cling and strength. During wrapping, the self-adhering film bonds to each layer becoming stronger. Combined with its 3 to 1 stretch ratio, the film provides the ability to use less material when unitizing loads to pallets. For example, palletizing with conventional film may take 6 wraps, with Cortec® Stretch Film it may only take 3 wraps. Its superior performance in light gauges can allow down-gauging and further cost effectiveness.

These advantages offer important benefits especially in food and other packaged goods palletizing. On the palletizing end, less material needs to be used, fewer wraps are needed, less material is wasted and less labor is required. In some instances plastic or steel strapping can be eliminated. For shipment and receiving, Cortec® Stretch Film provides excellent clarity making it is easy to inspect shipping labels and bar codes on palletized loads. On the receiving end, it is easier to open the pallet, less work to remove the film, less space required for disposal bins, and the film can be recycled eliminating unnecessary waste disposal costs.

Cortec® Stretch Film for palletizing can be applied with standard automated and manual equipment. It can be used in a wide variety of processing and finished goods industries such as food, agriculture, chemical, automotive, metalworking, electronics, and medical. The film is FDA approved for use on food containers and handling equipment.

Applications include:

- Boxed and containerized products
- Packaged and bagged materials
- Finished goods
- Processed goods and metals
- Fabricated goods and metals



Photos: High-resolution photos of Cortec® Stretch Film available for download at:

http://www.cortecvci.com/whats_new/announcements/announcements.php

Company Description: Cortec® Corporation, a pioneer in environmentally friendly packaging, metalworking, cleaning, water treatment and metal protection technologies, is located in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, USA. They manufacture over 300 products in five plants located in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Cortec is a global supplier of innovative and environmentally friendly specialty chemicals, plastics and coated papers.

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