

WestRock  
**CustomKote®**  
From the outside in, this  
is one tough paperboard.

When strength is essential, WestRock CustomKote® delivers. This Coated Natural Kraft® (CNK®) paperboard delivers on its reputation for durability and dependability. CustomKote offers outstanding strength that stands up to the most stressful environments throughout the supply chain. As a result, you can expect optimal product protection that in turn assures consumers are left with a positive brand impression.

**Packaging Uses**

- Bakery
- Beauty and Personal Care
- Beverage
- Filter Frames
- Food Packaging
- Foodservice
- Home and Garden
- Sporting Goods

**Product Classification**

- Coated Natural Kraft®
- CNK® Paperboard
- Coated Unbleached Kraft

**What You Can Expect from Us**

- Strength and Integrity** Strong softwood fibers give you excellent strength properties for packaging that maintains its integrity in dry, refrigerated, and frozen environments.
- Printability** A smooth, opaque surface enables crisp, vibrant graphics while the backside shade distinctions (Mahrt, Evadale versions) provide versatility to elevate brand positioning.
- Stiffness-to-Weight Ratio** Stiffness levels can be achieved at lower calipers and at lower weights than competitive substrates, supporting cost reduction and sustainability initiatives.
- Versatility** Perfect as a highly versatile product, allowing a great deal of flexibility in packaging design, including handles, windows, and apertures.
- Natural Look** Can be converted with the kraft side out for a natural look, while providing enhanced barrier properties for food contact applications.
- Recycled Fiber Content** Produced with up to 15% recycled fiber, providing an option for meeting your corporate sustainability goals (Mahrt version).

**Additional Product Information**

- Sustainability** Made with recycled fiber (Mahrt version) and is recyclable. All WestRock North American paperboard mills are certified to the SFI®, PEFC™, FSC™ Chain of Custody Standards. Contact your WestRock sales representative for certified fiber availability for this product.
- Food Contact** Meets multiple national requirements for food contact packaging, e.g., US, Canada, Germany and the EU. Contact your sales representative for information on specific markets and end uses. ISEGA Certificate available.
- Quality** Produced at an ISO 9001 certified facility.
- Environmental and Safety** Notices under US California Proposition 65 and the EU REACH regulation are not required. Meets heavy metal limits of the US Model Toxics in Packaging rules and Article 11 of EU Directive 94/62/EC.

## Grade Availability & Typical Properties (U.S.)

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Grade Availability by Caliper										Units	Method	Tolerance	
<b>Caliper (pts)</b>	0.014	0.016	0.018	0.020	0.022	0.024	0.026	0.028	0.030	inches	T-411	+/- .001	
<b>Nominal Basis Weight</b>	60	68	74	80	86	93	100	107	114	lbs/MSF	T-410		
<b>Moisture</b>	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	percent	T-412		
<b>ZDT</b>	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	psi	T-541		
<b>Stiffness</b>													
<b>Taber 15°</b>	<b>MD</b>	140	200	275	350	440	545	650	760	870	gf-cm	T-489	+/- 15%
	<b>CD</b>	70	100	140	175	210	255	310	370	425	gf-cm	T-489	+/- 15%
<b>Coated Side</b>													
<b>GE Brightness</b>	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	percent	T-452		
<b>Parker Print</b>	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	µm	T-555		
<b>Smoothness</b>													
<b>Sheffield</b>	100	100	115	140	145	145	165	165	165	mL/min	T-538		
<b>Color</b>													
<b>Hunter</b>	<b>b</b>	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	L-a-b	T-524	

## Grade Availability & Typical Properties (Metric)

Grade Availability by Weight										Units	Method	Tolerance	
<b>Thickness</b>	356	406	457	508	559	610	660	711	762	microns	T-411	+/- 25.4	
<b>Nominal Basis Weight</b>	293	332	361	391	420	454	488	522	557	gsm	T-410		
<b>Moisture</b>	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	percent	T-412		
<b>ZDT</b>	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	psi	T-541		
<b>Stiffness</b>													
<b>Taber 15°</b>	<b>MD</b>	13.7	19.6	27.0	34.3	43.1	53.4	63.7	74.5	85.3	mNm	T-489	+/- 15%
	<b>CD</b>	6.9	9.8	13.7	17.2	20.6	25.0	30.4	36.3	41.7	mNm	T-489	+/- 15%
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