



À la Carte

Packaging Solutions

Food Packaging Specialist

RETAIL PACKAGING

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RETAIL POUCHES & CUSTOM BAGS

À la Carte Packaging Solutions own a 30% shareholding in Pack 4 Limited. Pack 4 are a BRC and UK supermarket audited food packaging conversion company. We use Pack 4 Limited as the main conversion company for the majority of the custom pouches produced. À la Carte provide the technical back up and film structure information along with the account management. Pack 4 Limited and other bag-making companies (PCJ Packaging, CDS Packaging, AGC Packaging and Stonehouse Paper) complete the partnerships.



Three Side Seal and Tubular Barrier Vacuum Pouches

Clear, tinted, block coloured or full print (10 colour) available in all required sizes. Digital print available for short runs, flexographic and gravure for larger order requirements. 45myn through to 150myn available.



Barrier Shrink Bags

Clear, tinted or printed bags available in various formats and end seals to suit. Full barrier and breathable bags available in a variety of micron to suit your application requirements. 45myn through to 80myn available.



Side Gusseted, Back Sealed, High Barrier Wedge Bags

Available in custom sizes to suit all applications. Available in OPA/PE or PET/ALOX/PE. Variations are endless, available in clear, paper-look (parchment) or actual paper-laminates and printed up to 10 colours.





Custom Shaped Vacuum Pouches (i.e. Underpants)

We have the capability to make the shape of pouch you require for your application; adding shelf appeal to your presentation. Pouches available in a wide range of substrates as required. We devised the “underpants” style vacuum pouch specifically for fan wedges of cheese to take away the unwanted corners. Free of charge costing on your requirements available.



Stand Up Pouches

We can supply stand up pouches in a wide range of size, substrate and design. We can offer re-sealable pouches with a variety of options to achieve this. Digital and flexographic printing available to cover short and long runs.



Waxed/Glassine Paper Bags

Custom sized bags available in a wide variety of paper weights and composites. Coloured papers and printed bags available subject to minimum production runs.



Solutions Service

The “underpants” pouch came around from solving a problem for a customer whose shrink bags were gassing when put through a dip tank. We have now produced in excess of 1 million of these. If you have an issue needing a specific solution or a “wish this were available”, then we would be delighted to speak to you to see if we can help. Ask and you may well receive!



FLOW WRAP FILM SUBSTRATES

À la Carte Packaging Solutions is able to supply a wide range of film substrates to suit any possible requirement. Mainly used for flow wrap production lines, but also for form fill and seal applications as required. Innovative substrates to take away issues such as curl and water absorbency have been developed hand in hand with technical back up from Derek Skinner; long-time colleague and technical consultant.



OPA / PE Oriented Polyamide / Polyethylene

Industry standard lamination giving high barrier and sealability. Stock carried of clear and paper-look (parchment). In house slitting will often enable us to respond to urgent requirements. Digital, flexographic and gravure printing at highly competitive rates are available.



PP / PA / PE Polypropylene / Oriented Polyamide / Polyethylene

This is an incredible improvement on the above substrate. By adding a thin layer of polypropylene to the recipe, the film...

- a) seals at a significantly lower temperature
- b) has extremely good slip qualities
- c) stops the absorbency of water vapour into the nylon, stopping the notorious curl and changeable machine characteristics of standard OPA / PE

Best of all, because of the volume we are now supplying, the cost does not exceed 3% more than standard OPA / PE.





PET / ALOx / PE Polyester / Aluminium Oxide / Polyethylene

A very high barrier film, easily machine-able and with a crisp high quality feel to the product. Available in clear, tinted, and printed to suit. Digital, flexographic and gravure print are all available.



PET / PE Polyester / Polyethylene

For use where a lesser barrier is required. The same crisp high quality finish from the polyester and the same print characteristics.



BOPP Bi-axially Oriented Polypropylene

High clarity, easily heat sealable and printable flow wrap film. Used as a secondary packaging on cheese multipacks and presentation packs etc. All print options apply.



Lamination Options

We are able to adapt and customise film to your requirements. We can laminate paper to any of the above for example, we can strip laminate (leaving a clear viewing area on a paper-laminated pack for example). We can metalize and demetalize certain areas of a laminate. The options are too many to list. Please contact me with your enquiries.





SUNTEC 2000 (Shrink or Stretch)

Ultra clear non-PVDC multi-layer food packaging film. Available in stretch or shrink formats. Anti-fog treated and fully recyclable make it a superior choice to other competing films.



As with all areas of our range, we would be happy to arrange a free no obligation visit to discuss any film issues you have or any film requirements that you would like to be available. They may be, and if so we will find them. If not we will try to make them. Please Ask and we will do our best to solve your problem.

THERMOFORMING BASE WEBS & TOP WEBS

With more and more of the larger cheese packers in the UK adopting the thermoforming route to producing their packs, À la Carte is able to supply all the variants of substrate in both base and top web. Please see below and if it is not there, ask and we will obtain it for you.

IMAGE COMING SOON

PA / PE Polyamide / Polyethylene Base

High barrier semi-rigid substrate used extensively for thermoformed packs for cheese. Available in clear, white or black as standard. Custom tints available subject to order minimums. Available in all gauge requirements and nylon mix ratios.



IMAGE COMING SOON

PA / PE Polyamide / Polyethylene Top

To complement the above base web giving a high integrity seal for long secure shelf life. Clear, white and black available, printable as required. Weld and peel seal available.



IMAGE COMING SOON

PVC (Poly Vinyl Chloride)

This has suffered bad press and is nowhere near as popular as it once was. It is still required by some customers and is available from À la Carte if needed. Lidding film to match also available on request.



IMAGE COMING SOON

A / PET & R / PET Amorphous Polyester Recycled Polyester

Medium barrier base web in clear, white or black as standard. Tints available subject to minimum order criteria. Available with PE (polyethylene) layer for sealing. Also available with barrier layers such as EVOH or SI-ox or AL-ox.



IMAGE COMING SOON

PET Polyester Lidding Films

A wide variety of lidding films to complement the polyester base webs are available. Varying degrees of barrier to match the base and in weld, peel or re-sealable variations. A free guide to the all the variations of top and base webs is available on request.



IMAGE COMING SOON

PP (Polypropylene) Base Webs

Mainly for shelf collation trays and display / carry home trays. Not a high enough barrier for shelf life enhancement of cheese, but economical for general tray requirements.



IMAGE COMING SOON

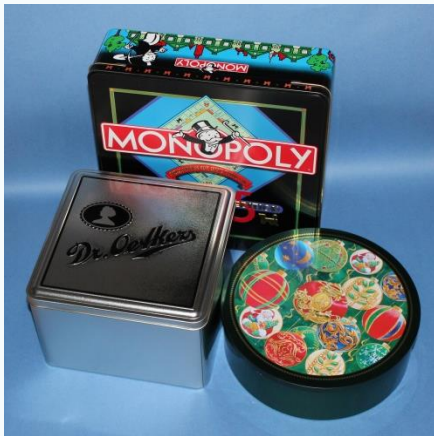
PP (Polypropylene) Lidding Film

A complimentary lidding product to the above base web, high in clarity, very easily sealed and print receptive. An economical film to give good presentational benefits. Weld, peel and most recently re-sealable versions available.



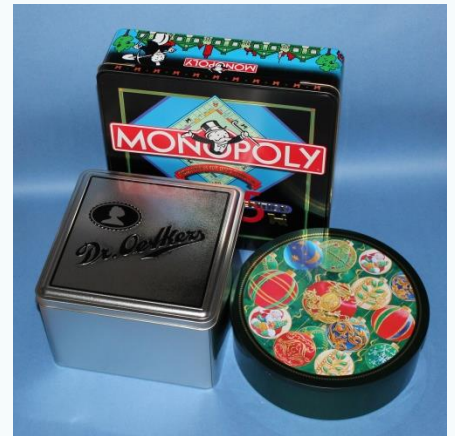
PRESENTATION TINS & TUBES

Presentation seems to be high up the ladder of requirements of today's cheese packers. À la Carte have two superb agency agreements with manufacturers of tins and tubes. We have over 500 tooling sets already in place for a wide range of tins. This puts tins within the range of most packers as there will be a tin shape and size already available without the normal several thousand pounds worth or set up costs. Mock ups are available at a minimal cost refunded upon initial production order.



Large Square and Round Tins

Various sizes available with and without seams, with hinged lids or lift off lids. Large range of samples available to view. Embossing and printing up to eight colours is available.



Medium Square and Round Tins

Various sizes available with and without seams, with hinged lids or lift off lids. Large range of samples available to view. Embossing and printing up to eight colours is available.





Tubular Tins

Various diameters, heights and lid options. Embossing and printing up to eight colours is available.



Various Shaped Tins

Tooling is in place for a large range of shaped tins. Booking a no obligation meeting to view samples is the best way to judge if tins are the right option for you.



Custom Shaped Tins

If you would like your own specific shaped tin, and are happy to pay the set up costs, we can do everything for you to make this a reality. Tooling costs are heavily dependent on volume of orders and whether you want to retain exclusivity on the design.



Cardboard, Plastic and Composite Tubes

Composite tubes offer a unique combination of product protection, product promotion and reusability at a commercially viable price. Several of my customers are considering this form of packaging for their premium lines and special promotions. Many diameters and closures available to view. Please contact us if this is a product line you would like to explore.



ADDITIONAL RETAIL PRESENTATION PACKAGING

With presentation being paramount to the amount of cheese you sell, À la Carte have been active in adding more and more to its portfolio of products to aid you in this.



Presentation Trays

Partnerships with several manufacturers of this style of products allow us to have a large range of choice when it comes to secondary packaging of your cheese, too many to list, but we are able to offer samples when we understand your requirements.



Custom Made Trays / Containers

We have a UK manufacturer that works with us on custom and bespoke tray designs. They have extremely low tooling costs because they engineer them in house. They can supply mock ups from resin moulds for a nominal fee refundable in full once an order is placed. A / PET, PP and PE materials available.



Wooden Boxes and Trays

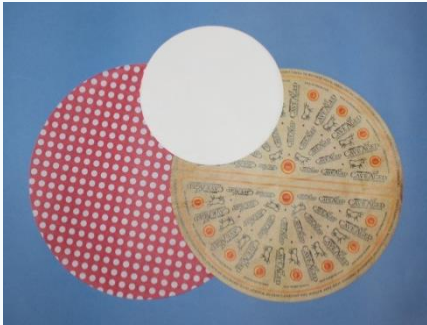
A range of poplar wooden boxes and lids, glued with ovenable glue instead of stapled to overcome metal detection rules. Also a range of wooden trays in various sizes are available. These are from a certified sustainable source.





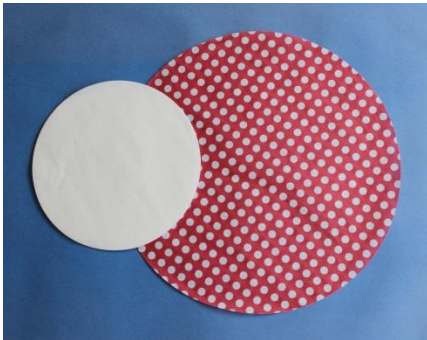
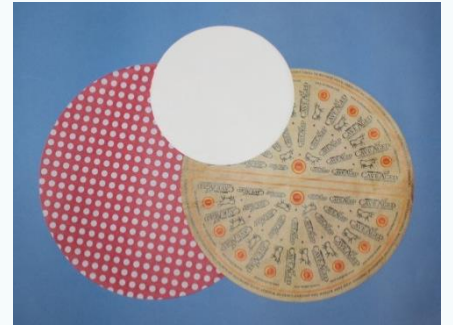
Paper and Film Handwrap

We have supplied a number of bespoke printed hand wrap sheets both loose and perforated to tear on the roll. We can supply various weights and variations of paper in a range of colours and in discs as well as sheets.



Paper Cheese Labels

We manufacture labels with different diameters or cuts (30mm to 597mm). These are available with bleached or unbleached kraft backings, along with aluminium or greaseproof laminates. They are available in a wide range of grammages.



Pleat Wrap Substrates

We offer a manual desk top pleat wrapping system and back this up by offering paper, film or foil discs to go with this system. A demonstration machine is available to view and loan ahead of a possible purchase.

