

Mpact Versapak states the polystyrene facts

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Mpact Versapak has engaged with the Polystyrene Association of South Africa to develop a campaign that will eliminate the many myths about polystyrene as a packaging medium and bring the facts to the forefront.

Other than correcting the most common myths, it also addresses the safe use of polystyrene and explains the recyclability thereof.

By correcting the beliefs about this packaging medium, Versapak can make a positive contribution to the market and assist consumers to make positive environmental changes by changing their polystyrene recycling habits. Polystyrene is recycled into many items that we all use on a daily basis.

THE TRUTH ABOUT POLYSTYRENE

What is styrene, actually?



A clear, colourless liquid ... that naturally occurs in these foods.



Versapak



PLANTS & DISTRIBUTION

Mpact Versapak plants are situated in the Western Cape & Gauteng. Distribution is countrywide.



PRODUCTS

Expanded polystyrene packaging and other material grades such as PET and PVC cling film.



MARKETS

FMCG, fast food, retail food, wholesale, beverage and agricultural. Local and international



TECHNOLOGY

Design, extrusion, thermoforming, printing and ongoing focus on developing new products. Visit [ULTRA-ZORB®](#) for the most updated info.



SAFETY

Stringent health and safety standards are always maintained. Versapak has an international [BRC](#) rating, ensuring compliance.



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Is polystyrene safe?



Superior hygiene guaranteed



Maintains food quality



Protects food from bacteria



Protects food from moisture



Food has a longer shelf life



Polystyrene is not-toxic



South African manufacturers adhere to EU laws, which have approved the use of polystyrene since 1958.



The Polystyrene Association works closely with municipalities and companies to educate and encourage polystyrene recycling.

For more info on polystyrene, please visit www.polystyrenerecyclingnetwork.com

Can polystyrene be recycled?

Absolutely! Polystyrene can be recycled into a variety of different items.



According to ministries of Health and Environment Canada, styrene is non-toxic.

Polystyrene myths and facts

MYTH	FACT
✗ Polystyrene is not recyclable.	✓ Styrene occurs naturally in strawberries and coffee beans.
✗ Polystyrene is made of ozone-depleting chemicals.	✓ Polystyrene foam products are not manufactured using CFCs or any other ozone-depleting chemicals.
✗ Polystyrene is filling up our landfills.	✓ Polystyrene foodservice products make up less than 1% of our landfill waste.
✗ Paper cups are better than polystyrene cups.	✓ Paper cups are often coated with plastic to hold liquid. This makes them non-biodegradable.
✗ Polystyrene production uses more energy than alternatives.	✓ Polystyrene packaging uses less energy to produce, transport, and recycle than alternatives.
✗ Polystyrene is microwave safe.	✓ As polystyrene melts at high heat, foods should be transferred to suitable containers before microwaving.

Mpact Plastics is a leading producer of rigid plastic packaging and cling film in southern Africa. We operate out of nine production centres across the country, providing packaging from plants with relevant certifications. We service the food, beverage, personal care, home care, pharmaceutical, agricultural and retail markets. In upholding company values, and as a supporter of the circular economy, we positively contribute to industry associations, enabling various communities to participate in recycling solutions.

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Mpact is the largest paper and plastics packaging and recycling business in Southern Africa. Our integrated business model is uniquely focused on closing the loop in plastic and paper packaging through recycling and beneficiation of recyclables.

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