



UBC: Used Beverage Cans

What is UBC? Used Beverage Cans (UBC) covers all pop top beverage containers. Some mills will accept other forms of aluminum such as foil and pie plates. All mills require that the material be free of any food debris, other containers such as plastics and steel or other contaminants.

What is UBC Used For? UBC is commonly recycled back into new beverage containers. In some cases a used can might return as a new product in as few as sixty days. UBC is also used to make other aluminum products including wire, aircraft bodies and foil.

How Should UBC be Prepared? UBC is purchased by mills in many different forms. Their requirements are generally specific to the processor handling the material. Larger processors typically bale cans, smaller operators are more likely to sell loose cans or *briquettes*. Briquettes are miniature bales which are typically cubes equaling one to two cubic feet of compressed cans. Sales of UBC directly to mills is uncommon for smaller processors and these facilities typically market UBC through traditional scrap dealers or commodities brokers.

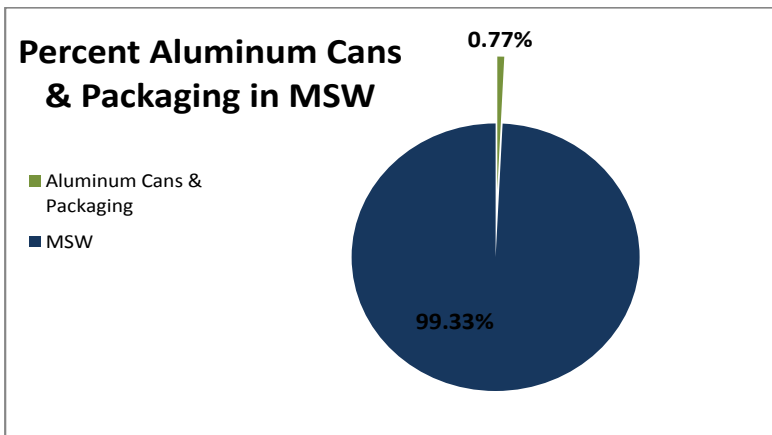


UBC shall consist of old aluminum food and/or beverage cans. The material is to be free of other scrap metals, foil, tin cans, plastic bottles, paper, glass, and other non-metallic items. Variations to this specification should be agreed upon prior to shipment between the buyer and seller.

Preparation of UBC for Market

- Shredded
- Densified (biscuited)
- Baled
- Briquetted

Source: ISRI



NM Markets

Wise Recycling.....**505-345-2405**
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