

DOLAV ACE PROVES ITS STRENGTH AND WORTH



Sims Metal Management is the world's biggest metals and electronics recycler working from 260 locations on five continents. Its South Wales region handles some 80 tonnes, nearly 4,500, of used lead-acid batteries. These are recycled every month out of its sites in Crosshands, Skewen and Bridgend. Sims' South Wales chosen container is the Dolav Ace plastic pallet box as Sims demands a sealed container which does not leak battery acid, is strong and does not break. They have been collecting end-of-life lead-acid batteries for years and sending to a local company to break up and recycle. Now they select the Dolav Ace plastic pallet box, known for its strength by other battery recyclers, who call it the 'Battery' Ace' to do the job. First they tested a Dolav Ace for themselves.

Sims regional manager, James Norman said, "Due to the hazardous nature of end-of-life batteries, Sims Metal Management needed boxes with several 'must have' qualities. Firstly the material of the box must be electrically insulated and resistant to battery acid. Secondly the boxes must be strong enough to be filled with batteries, which are exceptionally heavy due to the lead content, and be able to be stacked if necessary to reduce storage space. Finally the boxes must be able to be lifted and tipped through 180 degrees with a forklift truck, without causing damage to the runners or side mouldings. To date we have only found all of these qualities in one product, the Dolav Ace box. It may cost a little more, but will easily outlast other products - quite simply, it saves us money."

Sims takes the Dolav Ace with lids. It has three moulded-in runners, is specified to 900kg and supports a static loading of 5000kg. Recent 'abuse testing' for Dolav by TÜV SÜD shows the Dolav Ace can withstand rough and abusive handling beyond its designed specification. That all contributes to a pallet box which can survive the demanding tasks of lead-acid battery recycling. The Ace pallet box pays for itself rapidly and then keeps paying back.



DOLAV ACE PASSES ACID TEST: STRONG ENOUGH FOR LEAD-ACID BATTERY RECYCLING



Lasts three-times longer

"The Dolav Ace last three times longer than other plastic box pallets," said MD, David Calleja at leading Spanish lead-acid battery recycler, Recobat. He reckons Dolavs are stronger because they are made as a one-piece moulding with the three runners as an integral part of the pallet box. "When we rotate the Dolavs on forklifts to tip batteries out the integrally moulded runners do not break. Others do."

Acid Test

Immingham-based specialist SAR Recycling needs box pallets which meet Environment Agency standards for lead-acid batteries with no leaks or spills. MD Sergej Kavleiskij checked with site staff and other recyclers on which plastic pallet box did the best job, "It's the Dolav Ace," they told him. "It is the best pallet box for batteries and Dolav Direct UK has a very good and fast service," confirmed Sergej.

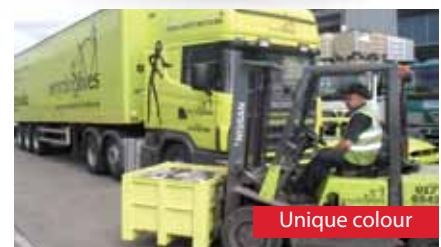
Recycling Lives

Recycling Lives, a commercial recycler and social welfare charity based in Preston, chose the Dolav Ace plastic pallet boxes to collect lead-acid car batteries. That helped create a safe work environment and ensure no acid or water can escape. Moulded in the unique Recycling Lives lime green colour, each box is sequentially numbered with contact details hot die stamped (HDS). Sales director, Daniel Jackson said, "Dolav boxes have a superior design and, importantly, have fixed runners which do not come off when the boxes are rotated with forklift trucks."



The 'Battery Ace'

This 900Kg capacity, heavy duty, solid-wall, acid resistant, 3-runner, recycling plastic box pallet is the Dolav Ace 1000. It is called the 'Battery Ace' by lead-acid battery recyclers.



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