Section G-2-Desktop Accessories

Preference Program: EPA recommends that, based on the recovered materials content levels shown in Table G-2, procuring agencies establish minimum content standards for use in purchasing plastic desktop accessories. If items are not available within the recommended range, procuring agencies should seek the items with the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable.

TABLE G-2—RECOMMENDED RECOVERED MATERIALS CONTENT LEVELS FOR PLASTIC DESKTOP ACCESSORIES

Product	Postconsumer recovered materials (material and percent)
Plastic Desktop Accessories.	Polystyrene 25–80.

Note: EPA's recommendation does not preclude procuring agencies from purchasing a desktop accessory manufactured from another material, such as paper, wood, or steel. It simply recommends that, when purchasing plastic desktop accessories, procuring agencies purchase these items made from recovered materials.

Section G-3—Toner Cartridges

Preference Program: EPA recommends that procuring agencies establish procedures and policies that give priority to remanufacturing the

agencies' expended toner cartridges. EPA recommends that, under such policies and procedures, procuring agencies procure remanufacturing services for expended cartridges and, when such services are unavailable or not practicable, obtain remanufactured toner cartridges or new toner cartridges made with recovered materials from product vendors.

Section G-4—Binders

Preference Program: EPA recommends that, based on the recovered materials content levels shown in Table G-3, procuring agencies establish minimum content standards for use in purchasing binders.

TABLE G-3.—RECOMMENDED RECOVERED MATERIALS CONTENT LEVELS FOR BINDERS

Product	Recovered materials (materials and percent)
Plastic-Covered Binders (Plastic Covering)	Plastic 25–50. Paper Refer to Paper Products Recommendations in Part A of RMAN.

Note: The chipboard, paperboard, or pressboard binders or components of plastic-covered binders or binders covered with another material, such as cloth, are covered under the recommendation for paper and paper products (see Part A of the RMAN). EPA's recommendations do not preclude procuring agencies from purchasing binders covered with or manufactured using another material, such as cloth. It simply recommends that procuring agencies, when purchasing binder types designated in the procurement guidelines, purchase these binders containing recovered materials.

Specifications: GSA's specification for binders, A-A-2549A, covers four types of binders, including cloth bound, flexible cover; cloth bound, stiff cover; plastic bound, flexible cover; and plastic bound, stiff cover. In the specification, GSA requires its binders to contain "a

minimum of 100% waste paper, including a minimum of 30% postconsumer recovered materials."

Section G-5—Plastic Trash Bags

Preference Program: EPA recommends that, based on the content

levels shown in Table G–4, procuring agencies establish minimum content standards for use in purchasing plastic trash bags.

TABLE G-4.—RECOMMENDED RECOVERED MATERIALS CONTENT LEVELS FOR PLASTIC TRASH BAGS

Product	Postconsumer recovered materials (material and percent)
Plastic Trash Bags	Plastic 10–100.

Note: EPA's recommendation does not preclude procuring agencies from purchasing a trash bag manufactured using another material, such as paper. It merely

recommends that procuring agencies, when purchasing plastic trash bags, purchase these items made from recovered materials. Part H—Miscellaneous Products
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