



Good practices for the use of Verallia bottles

Uncovering, depalletising and use

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This data sheet aims at summarising the key points related to the use of glass bottles. It may be supplemented with recommendations from Verallia's technical-commercial services. It does not exempt users from liability.

1. Uncovering/Depalletising

Avoid contact between the edge of the tool for cutting the pallet sling and the glass bottles. Limit handling blows between bottles.

Separate bottles that may have fallen or hit.

Separate the packaging waste by type for subsequent use.

Check that the bottle is suitable for the intended filling (size, capacity, etc.). We recommend displaying the model mock-up plan at the bottling plant to allow for periodic checks.

Keep the labels of the bottle pallets (see our fact sheet on traceability).

2. Rinsing

Although every precaution is taken to avoid deteriorating the cleanliness of the articles during storage and handling, Verallia (in accordance with the current regulations) recommends that the bottle/jar is adequately sanitised before use, by means of air blowing or any other procedure. This aspect is covered in particular by the European regulation on food hygiene.

3. Labelling

The labelling operation depends on several parameters: the bottle and the surface treatments applied to it, the label and its adhesive, the labelling machine and its settings, and finally the bottling conditions (temperature, humidity, etc.).

Consequently, we recommend that the compatibility and possibilities of the glue or adhesive used are rigorously checked with the supplier. For example, the glue or adhesive must allow gluing on surfaces with a surface tension higher than 38 dynes. This check is compulsory if the glue or adhesive is changed.

The bottle has labelable surfaces (specific areas for labels to be placed) and others that are not. Such surfaces are shown on the mock-up plan. No label should be placed outside the areas provided for labelling purpose.