



NOMACORC®

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTS

Carbon Footprint

Nomacorc's carbon footprint is by far the lowest of all natural cork alternative closure manufacturers positioning it directly next to natural cork

Nomacorc closures produce 70% lower carbon emissions than screw caps

Screw caps have a carbon footprint approximately triple that of Nomacorc closures

Nomacorc closures produce 25% lower carbon emissions than microagglomerated closures

Nomacorc closures use up to four times less energy in production than natural and technical cork closures

In addition, Nomacorc closures use up to 200 times less water in production than natural and technical cork closures

Nomacorc recently switched to shipping raw materials and finished products by rail instead of truck to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Recyclability

Nomacorc closures are 100% recyclable with LDPE packaging (US: RIC 4)

Nomacorc recycles all waste material from production and converts it into industrial products

Nomacorc customers (wineries) can recycle their scrap through existing plastic recycling channels unlike natural corks, which do not currently have an established recycling stream

Nomacorc suppliers also recycle scrap, selling it as off grade materials



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Nomacorc joined forces with TerraCycle (www.terracycle.net) in a joint program in which Nomacorc closures are collected nationwide in the United States by TerraCycle and then recycled and manufactured into various consumer products. The upcycled products TerraCycle develops from reprocessed Nomacorc closures are recyclable and made via low energy consumption means

Carbon footprint calculations for Nomacorc are from an independent audit by Greenloop. The audit was completed in April 2008 using the Bilan Carbone methodology.

Carbon footprint calculations for all other closures are from the September 2007 closure carbon footprint report by Carbon Appraisal.