

# APCO Performance Summary

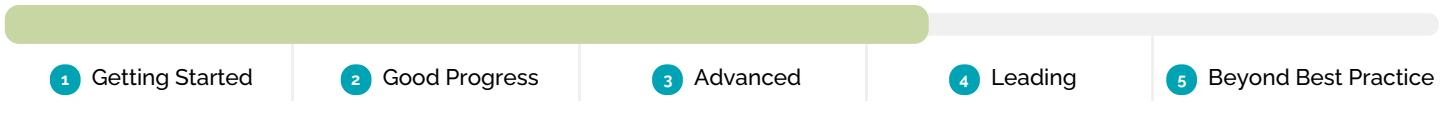
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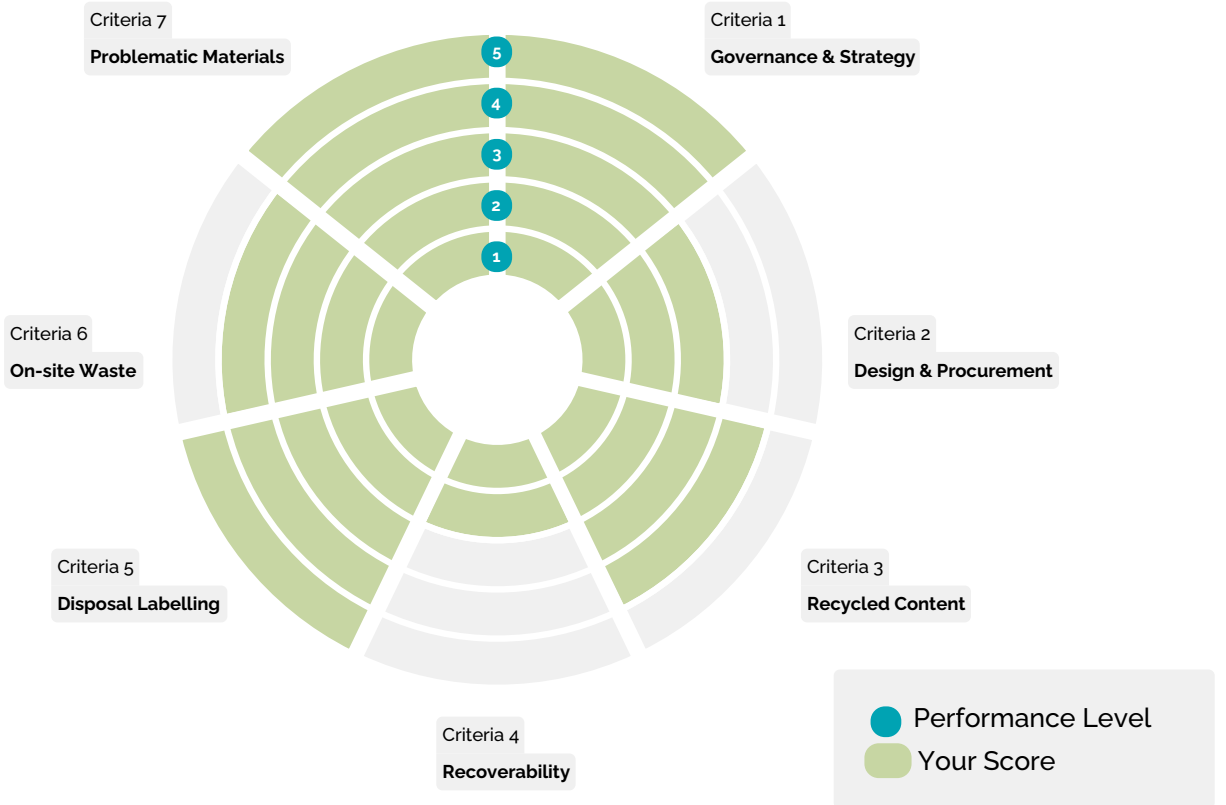
**Overall Performance 64% - Leading**

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the 2024 APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of **January, 2023 - December, 2023** you have achieved a **Leading** overall performance level.



## Criteria Performance Levels

The chart below indicates your organisation's performance against each of the Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria in the 2024 APCO Annual Report. Each band represents a performance level with the green indicating your level of performance for each.



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## About APCO Annual Reporting

### Understanding APCO Annual Reporting performance levels:

- 1 Getting Started:** You are at the start of your packaging sustainability journey.
- 2 Good Progress:** You have made some first steps on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 3 Advanced:** You have taken tangible action on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 4 Leading:** You have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 5 Beyond Best Practice:** You have received the highest performance level and have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.

### Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria

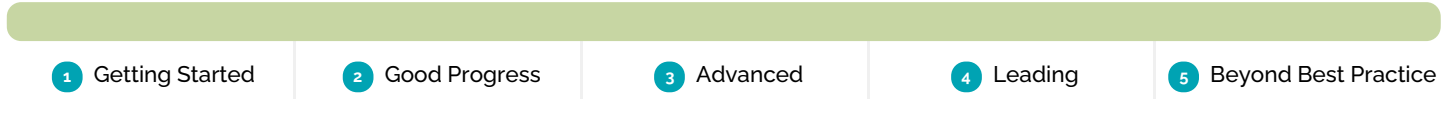
Criteria 1: <b>Governance &amp; Strategy</b>	This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies.
Criteria 2: <b>Design &amp; Procurement</b>	This criteria considers actions taken to ensure that sustainability principles are considered in the design or procurement of both new and existing packaging through use of the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs).
Criteria 3: <b>Recycled Content</b>	This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation.
Criteria 4: <b>Recoverability</b>	This criteria considers actions taken to improve the recovery of packaging at end-of-life and increase use of reusable packaging.
Criteria 5: <b>Disposal Labelling</b>	This criteria considers the extent to which packaging has been labelled to help consumers determine what to do with packaging at end-of-life.
Criteria 6: <b>On-site Waste</b>	This criteria considers progress in increasing the amount of on-site solid waste being diverted from landfill.
Criteria 7: <b>Problematic Materials</b>	This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter.

**APCO Annual Report Criteria Performance & Responses**

Provided below are your organisation's responses to the questions within the APCO Annual Report as well as a performance level for each criteria.

Criteria 1:

**Governance & Strategy:** 5 Beyond Best Practice



Does your organisation have a documented strategy that includes goals (objectives) and targets for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent?  Yes  No

Does your organisation's strategy include a commitment to achieving the 2025 National Packaging Targets?  Yes  No

Is this strategy integrated within your business processes and has it been approved by an executive or board of directors?  Yes  No

Do you regularly communicate and promote packaging sustainability objectives and targets within your organisation?  Yes  No

Do you regularly engage or communicate with external stakeholders (suppliers, final consumers, community groups etc.) about the environmental impacts of your packaging?  Yes  No

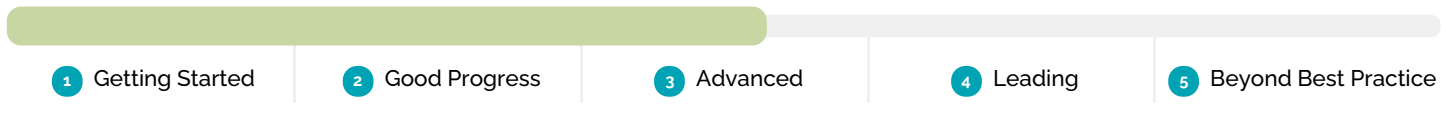
Do you actively participate in any other initiatives to promote packaging sustainability outside of your organisation?  Yes  No

Supporting Evidence

2023 was the first full year of DBA being an APCO signatory. One of the key steps of our action plan was to establish our Sustainable Packaging policy and to share it with staff, customers and suppliers.

Criteria 2:

**Design & Procurement:** 3 Advanced



How many of your 381 Tonnes of packaging have had their packaging reviewed against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (or equivalent) in the last 5 years?

190

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

Do you require your suppliers to use the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent for your packaging?

Yes  No  N/A

Please tell us about any positive outcomes from your packaging reviews.

Suppliers have agreed to support and implement initiatives aimed at minimising use of soft plastics as well as increasing the recycled content.

Do you believe applying the SPGs delivers business value to your organisation?

Yes  No

Which of the following Sustainable Packaging Principles have been considered in reviews of your organisation's packaging against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs)?

Design for recovery

Yes  No

Optimise material efficiency

Yes  No

Design to reduce product waste

Yes  No

Eliminate hazardous materials

Yes  No

Use of renewable materials

Yes  No

Use recycled materials

Yes  No

Design to minimise litter

Yes  No

Design for transport efficiency

Yes  No

Design for accessibility

Yes  No

Provide consumer information on environmental sustainability

Yes  No

How many of the 381 Tonnes of packaging have packaging that has been optimised for material efficiency in the last 5 years?

190

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

If yes, please tell us about any material savings you have made.

Supporting Evidence

DBA has undertaken training for key staff in Sustainable Packaging Guidelines. Our plan is to implement these guidelines into our new product development program with our overseas suppliers. Assisting our overseas suppliers with understanding SPGs is our challenge for 2024 and beyond. The amount of tonnage to date indicates the beginning of our program

Criteria 3:

**Recycled Content:** 4 Leading



Do you have a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials?

Yes  No

Which of the following products that you either purchase or sell contain recycled materials?

- Primary packaging that you use to sell your products
- Secondary packaging that you use to sell your products
- Tertiary Packaging that you use to sell your packaging
- Your products
- Other items which you purchase (e.g. office stationary & supplies, building materials such a bollards etc.)
- None of the above

How many 381 Tonnes of packaging has at least some packaging that is made from recycled material?

264

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

If you do not currently use recycled materials in any of your packaging, please indicate why:

- Cannot find a supplier who provides recycled materials
- We cannot use recycled materials in contact with our product
- Cost is prohibitive
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

Our overseas suppliers have expressed considerable issues with finding suppliers of soft plastic materials with any recycle content for use as stretch wrap.

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

Our suppliers have been able to provide corrugated fiberboard with the optimum recycle content (100%) but not with soft plastic based materials in particular stretch wrap material. Our suppliers are aware of our desire but respond that stretch wrap material with recycle content is not available in the Australian market place at this time.

Criteria 4:

**Recoverability:** 2 Good Progress



How many of your 381 Tonnes of packaging have all packaging components that are recoverable (i.e. recyclable or compostable) at end-of-life?

264

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

How many of your 381 Tonnes of packaging have separable components with mixed recoverability at end-of-life? (e.g. a jar that is recyclable with a lid that is not recyclable)

117

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

How many of your 381 Tonnes of packaging have been assessed in the Packaging Recyclability Evaluation Portal (PREP)?

0

If you use compostable packaging, please indicate the type(s) of compostable certification (if any):

- Certified home compostable (AS5810)?
- Certified industrial compostable (AS4736)?
- Certified compostable to another certification (i.e. not AS5810 or AS4736)?
- Compostable (not certified)?
- None of the above

How many of your 381 Tonnes of packaging are not recoverable at end-of-life and must go to landfill? (i.e. not recyclable or compostable)

0

Have you investigated if there are any opportunities to use reusable packaging?

Yes  No

If yes, how many of your 381 Tonnes of packaging have packaging for which all components are reusable?

Please give an indication on the accuracy of this response.

Which of the following reusable business to business items did your organisation utilise during the previous 12 month period?

- Pallets
- Crates
- Drums
- Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs)
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- None of the above

Tick all that apply - Was this reused:

Internally (between your organisation's sites & facilities)?

Externally (with other organisations such as suppliers or customers)?

- |                                     |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Pallets                             | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal | <input checked="" type="radio"/> External |
| Crates                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal | <input checked="" type="radio"/> External |
| Drums                               | <input type="radio"/> Internal            | <input type="radio"/> External            |
| Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs) | <input type="radio"/> Internal            | <input type="radio"/> External            |
| Other (specified above)             | <input type="radio"/> Internal            | <input type="radio"/> External            |

Does your organisation participate in any of the following closed-loop recovery programs/alternative collection systems for your packaging?

- Big Bag Recovery
- Terracycle
- Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)
- DrumMUSTER
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- N/A (All our packaging is recovered through mainstream recovery systems)
- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

1. While some of our packaging components are recoverable (e.g., paper based) not all are at this stage.
2. Compostable packaging is not suited to our product range and supply chain.
3. Currently DBA has not investigated participating in any close loop recovery programs. This would be very challenging for the auto parts industry.



Criteria 5:

**Disposal Labelling:** 5 Beyond Best Practice

1 Getting Started

2 Good Progress

3 Advanced

4 Leading

5 Beyond Best Practice

How many of your 381 Tonnes of packaging have labelling on-pack to inform the consumer of how to correctly dispose of the packaging?

381

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

Which of the following labels does your company presently use?

- Australasian Recycling Label
- Mobius Loop/Recycling symbol
- Tidy man
- Written instructions
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

DBA uses the mobius loop or text on boxed products to encourage consumers to dispose the packaging appropriately.

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

Printing suitable messaging on our secondary packaging is under review pending the outcomes / directions of the DCEEW draft legislation in 2024. We would like to be able to claim that we use a high recycle content in our packaging as well as stating that it is 100% recyclable.

Criteria 6:

**On-site Waste:** 4 Leading



Tick which of the following packaging materials you have on-site recycling programs for:

- Paper/cardboard
- Soft plastics
- Rigid plastics
- Timber
- Textiles
- Glass
- Metals
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- All materials have recycling programs
- None of the above

Over the reporting period, how much of the waste your organisation generated on-site was diverted from landfill (was recycled, composted, reused or sent for energy recovery)?

56%

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

Medium

Which of the following facilities are included in the above waste data?

- Offices
- Warehouses
- Stores

- Manufacturing Facilities
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

Collection of general waste is handled by our contractor - Bingo. Rejected castings are returned to the foundry for recycling. The results noted are from Bingo's reports.

Criteria 7:

**Problematic Materials:** 5 Beyond Best Practice



Over the reporting period, which of the following activities did you undertake to help reduce the impact of litter?

- Conduct regular clean ups
- Participate in Business Clean Up Day
- Sponsor a clean up day
- Undertook a litter education campaign
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- None of the above

Please indicate which of the following problematic, unnecessary and single-use plastic packaging formats or materials your organisation has used over the last five years.

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
- Fragmentable (e.g. oxo-degradable) plastics
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging for food and beverage service or retail fresh produce
- EPS loose fill packaging
- Moulded EPS packaging for white/brown goods or electronics
- Rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging
- Rigid polystyrene (PS) packaging
- Opaque polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
- Rigid plastic packaging with carbon black
- None of the above

Please indicate which of the following problematic, unnecessary or single-use plastic packaging formats or materials your organisation is actively working to phase out?

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
- Fragmentable (e.g. oxo-degradable) plastics
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging for food and beverage service or retail fresh produce
- EPS loose fill packaging
- Moulded EPS packaging for white/brown goods or electronics
- Rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging
- Rigid polystyrene (PS) packaging
- Opaque polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
- Rigid plastic packaging with carbon black
- None of the above

Have you successfully phased out any of the above packaging formats or materials in the last 5 years?

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
- Fragmentable (e.g. oxo-degradable) plastics
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging for food and beverage service or retail fresh produce
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- Rigid plastic packaging with carbon black
- None of the above

#### Supporting Evidence

#### Additional Information

- No additional information

Please use the space below to provide your feedback on your experience with this Annual Report

Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented during your chosen reporting period that have improved packaging sustainability

Review box design and labels.

Describe any opportunities or constraints that affected performance within your chosen reporting period

Lack of PCR content on stretch film used on pallet wrap.

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Please use the space below to provide examples or case studies of exemplary packaging sustainability conducted by your organisation. The information provided in the boxes may be used directly in your public facing Annual Report and Action Plan. Submitted case studies might be used by APCO in the future to support other Members in achieving packaging sustainability.