

FACTSHEET: Pallets

What types of pallets will sell?

There are two main kinds of pallets which pallet dealers will almost always pay for. These are UK Standard pallets and Euro pallets. Both Euros and Standards come in a variety of styles, with varying market value.

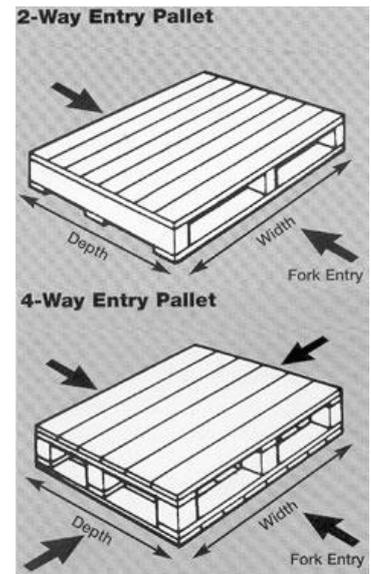
UK Standard

Any pallet with dimensions of 1200mm x 1000mm can be referred to as a 'UK Standard', as this is the standard pallet size in the UK¹. However, there is no formal regulation on pallets in the UK (beyond international sanitation²), so other aspects of the pallet, such as weight, load capacity, and wood quality, can vary significantly.



ABOVE - A UK STANDARD PALLET

RIGHT - 2-WAY ENTRY VS 4-WAY ENTRY



Another significant distinction is between 4-way entry pallets, which can be fork-lifted from any side, and 2-way entry pallets, which have covered sides and so can only be lifted along the wider edge (see right).

The average dealer price for a UK Standard is about £1.

Euro

The Euro pallet, also known as EUR-pallet or EPAL-pallet, is the standard European pallet as specified by the European Pallet Association (EPAL)³. Euro pallets are 1200x800x144mm (thinner than UK standards), but there are variants (see table below).



Again, there is a great deal of variation, which is reflected in the prices paid. Heavyweight Euros (800mm x 1200mm) can fetch the best prices of any pallet at up to £3.50, while lighter weight versions can be worth as little as 50p.

Euro pallets can be easily identified by EPAL, EUR and manufacturer stamps on the blocks.



EUR-pallet type	Dimensions (W × L)	ISO pallet alternative
EUR, EUR 1	800mm × 1,200mm	31.50 in × 47.24 in ISO1, same size as EUR
EUR 2	1,200mm × 1,000mm	47.24 in × 39.37 in ISO2
EUR 3	1,000mm × 1,200mm	39.37 in × 47.24 in
EUR 6	800mm × 600mm	31.50 in × 23.62 in ISO0, half the size of EUR

¹ <http://www.associated-pallets.co.uk>

² <https://www.gov.uk/requirements-for-wood-packaging-used-for-imports-and-exports>

³ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EUR-pallet>