



Solder Recycling Program

1. Call Qualitek or your nearest sales representatives and/or local distribution to visit and explain the details of the program.
2. After joining the program, you will be provided with metal recycling containers and complete instructions. Depending on the amount and rate of scrap being generated. The initial quantities of recycling containers and number of labels may be estimated based on a 200 pound capacity for each 5 gallon metal container.
3. If possible, keep all solder scrap types in separate pails. Don't mix dross with solder paste and other non-metallic materials.
4. Follow instructions on the requirements for packaging and shipping of recyclable solder materials. This is very important to prevent spillage and damage during the transport to Qualitek and to comply with D.O.T. regulations.
5. When four or more containers have been accumulated and ready for shipment, call Qualitek customer service, for your reference number and commercial freight carrier. Qualitek will pay for freight when shipment is over 2000 lbs. Upon receiving the material, Qualitek will immediately send you a receiving notice indicating quantities of containers, type of recycling materials, gross weight and date of receiving. If you do not get any notice after five working days contact Qualitek customer service for assistance. Note: Should the shipment of recyclable materials be made without your reference no. we will contact and advise you at the same time with a receiving notice.
6. For your information, processing of scrap solder under 2000 pounds will normally require four weeks to complete. Quantities over 10,000 pounds will require 6-8 weeks to complete. Settlement statement will be issued less than two weeks after completion date. Checks or credits will be issued at the same time. We will also issue a recycle certificate indicating quantities and types of recycling material.
7. If you need further clarifications or require additional metal recycling containers please let us know.

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IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please make sure shipment complies with all D.O.T. requirements and hazardous waste regulations. Qualitek can only be responsible for materials that have been approved as in acceptable condition to unload. If the material is not acceptable to unload, we will fix it for additional labor cost. In addition to the D.O.T. please follow the below requirements:

1. Place all scrap in containers with lids: drums, buckets and bins. Do not use cardboard, gaylord boxes or wooden crates.
2. Please do not fill containers all the way to the rim. Leave 3" at the top of pails and 6" from the tops of bins and drums.
3. Containers must be in good condition with no holes or signs of deterioration. Lids must be securely fastened.
4. All materials must be forklift unloadable. All pallet loads must be multiple banded and in at least two different directions. No broken runners or boards will be acceptable.
5. Accurately label each container with it's contents. Remove or cover any other labeling or markings.
6. Make sure all D.O.T. container regulations complied with straight bill of lading.
 - a. Manifests (If required by your state, it must be a Illinois manifest.)
 - b. Your reference number.
 - c. Material Safety Data Sheet
 - d. Gross & Net Weights
 - e. Number of shipping units. (example: 6 pails on 2 pallets)
 - f. Description of materials must state: Residues having values for melting purposes item 13606 class 55.
 - g. Date Shipped
 - h. Carrier Used
7. Please make sure the maximum weight per piece does not exceed maximum capacity which is as follows: maximum weight may not exceed 4,500 lbs. and the maximum dimension may not exceed 48" w x 48" l x 60" h.
8. Outside of containers, pallets and floor of truck must be free from spillage and clean to prevent contamination.
9. Do not stack materials if at all possible. Materials must arrive upright and shipped in clean trailer with sides and top cover. Qualitek reserves the right to reject the shipment if it lacks metal value or does not meet or comply with the requirements as described. If we need to reject a shipment for any reason, the customer will be contacted immediately. If we cannot get in touch with the customer, we will keep and rework the material and bill customer accordingly.

Please call us with any questions you may have and start recycling today.

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