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Comparison of the EPS, Waxed-Corrugate & Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large Shipping Systems for Temperature Sensitive Products by SCA Cool Logistics

BPF EPS Group

Associated Test Number(s): T2258-4,5,6,10,11 & 12

Test Description: Flat +5.0°C Profile

Flat +15.0°C Profile

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1 Executive Summary

The EPS, Waxed-Corrugate & Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large systems were tested to the predetermined criteria to confirm their comparability of maintaining a product temperature range of below +5.0°C for the required duration as outlined in Appendix A.

2 Results Summary

Shipper Type	Ambient Profile	Time to >+5.0°C	Test Iteration
EPS	Cold	>72:00hrs	T2258-4
EFS	Warm	40:20hrs	T2258-10
Waxed-	Cold	63:30hrs	T2258-5
Corrugate	Warm	18:50hrs	T2258-11
Corrugated	Cold	32:30hrs	T2258-6
Twin-Wall Polypropylene	Warm	20:50hrs	T2258-12





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4 Revision Control

Issue	Date	Amendments	Ву
1.0	23-Apr-2012	Initial Issue	Matt Carroll
1.1	01-May-2012	Minor Cosmetic Adjustments	Matt Carroll



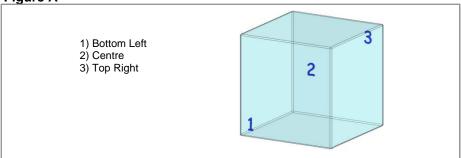
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5 Methodology

5.1 Product Preparation

Calibrated T type thermocouple probes were attached to the test product load in the locations referenced in figure A. This was done by taping the thermocouple wire to the individual product.

Figure A



5.2 Product Conditioning

The product load was placed into 0.0°C (±3.0°C) storage for a minimum period of 24 hours prior to the test start to allow its temperature to stabilise.

5.3 -18.0°C Component Conditioning

As referenced on the System Diagram, all components marked as -18.0°C were placed into -18.0°C (±3.0°C) storage for a minimum period of 24 hours prior to the test start to allow their temperature to stabilise. Conditioning times quoted are for individual components only, placed individually, allowing contact with air on a minimum of five faces (e.g. not stacked).

Prior to test initiation, these components were removed from storage and allowed to precondition at warehouse temperature (+20.0°C [±5.0°C]) until they had reached -4.0°C. At this temperature point they were added to the system packout. The temperatures were monitored using an infrared thermometer.

5.4 Other Component Conditioning

All other materials were maintained at warehouse temperature (+20.0°C [±5.0°C]) prior to testing.

5.5 Test Initiation

One hour prior to the start of testing, the environmental test chamber was programmed with the required ambient temperature profile and set to the starting temperature to stabilise.

All components were then assembled as illustrated on the system diagram.

With the shipper assembled and the lid secure, at least one (1) additional thermocouple was attached to the system exterior to measure the ambient temperature of the environmental chamber. All thermocouples were connected to a calibrated data logger and set to record at ten minute intervals. The tests were run for the required duration before the data logger was downloaded and a graph and table of readings produced.

5.6 Coolant

The coolant ice packs used contained a solution of 3% salt to 97% water.



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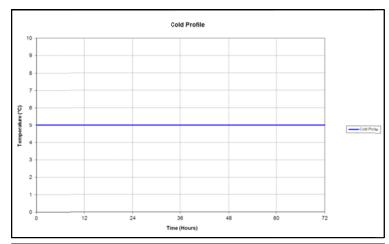
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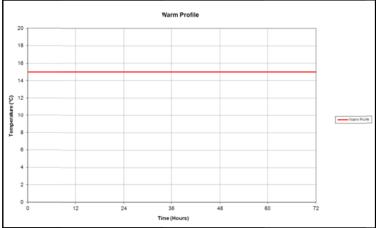
Cold Profile

Set Temperature	Duration
+5.0°C	72:00hrs

Warm Profile

Set Temperature	Duration	
+15.0°C	72:00hrs	



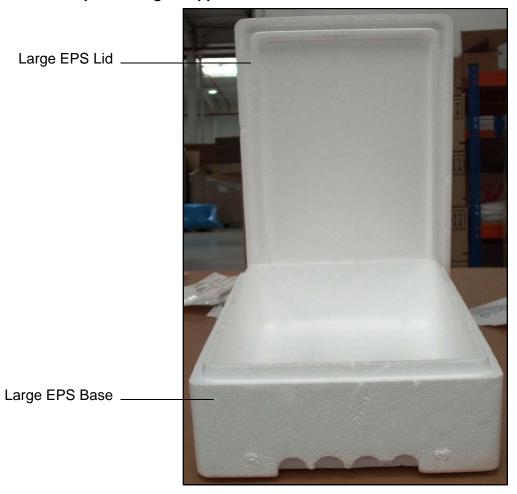




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7 System Diagram and Specification

7.1 T2258-4 & 10 BPF EPS Group EPS Large Shipper



External Dimensions: 700x480x260mm Internal Dimensions: 655x435x210mm

Internal Volume: 59.8L Shipper Weight: 0.6kg Volumetric Weight: 14.6kg



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T2258-5 & 11 Competitor Waxed-Corrugate Large Shipper

Large Waxed-Corrugate Lid



External Dimensions: 590x395x155mm Internal Dimensions: 580x385x150mm

Internal Volume: 33.5L Shipper Weight: 1.2kg Volumetric Weight: 6.0kg

Large Waxed-Corrugate Base



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7.2 T2258-5 & 12 Competitor Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large Shipper

Large Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Lid



External Dimensions: 495x325x130mm Internal Dimensions: 475x310x125mm

Internal Volume: 18.4L Shipper Weight: 0.3kg Volumetric Weight: 3.5kg

Large Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Base



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8 Packing Procedure

8.1 First Product Layer





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8.2 Middle Coolant Layer and Middle Product Layer





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8.3 Final Coolant Layer in Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene & Waxed-Corrugate Shippers, Penultimate Coolant & Product Layer in EPS Shipper

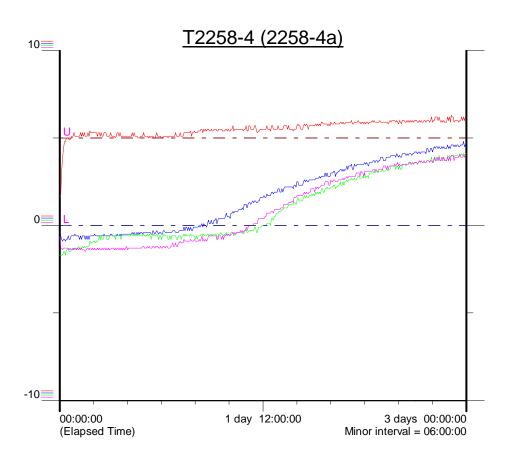




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9 Test Result

9.1 T2258-4: Cold Profile, EPS Large Shipper (13.5kg of product, 6.0kg of coolant)



Ch:2
— Ambient 2
Ch:3
— Btm L
Ch:4
— Ctr
Ch:5
— Top R

Results

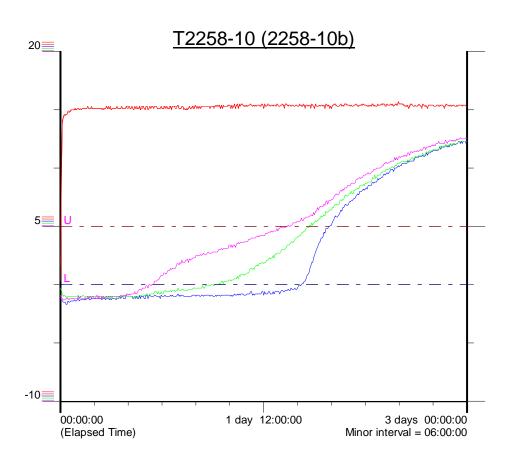
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>+5.0°C @	N/A	N/A
Maximum Temperature	+4.8°C 72:00hrs	3
Minimum Temperature	-1.7°C 00:00hrs	4

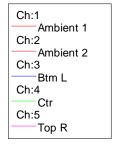
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9.2 T2258-10: Warm Profile, EPS Large Shipper (13.5kg of product, 6.0kg of coolant)





Results

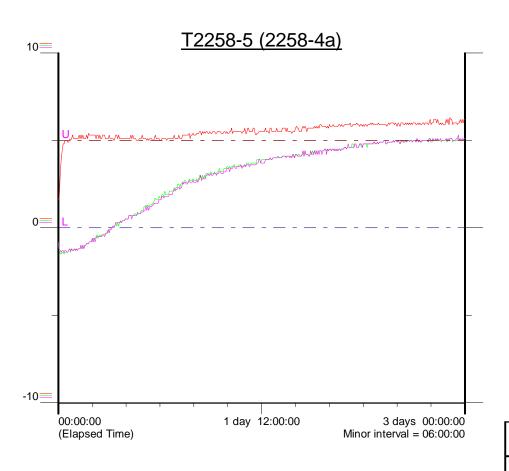
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Maximum Temperature	+12.6°C 70:50hrs	5
Minimum Temperature	-1.7°C 01:00hrs	3

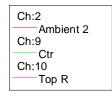
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9.3 T2258-5: Cold Profile, Waxed-Corrugate Large Shipper (9.0kg of product, 6.0kg of coolant)





Results

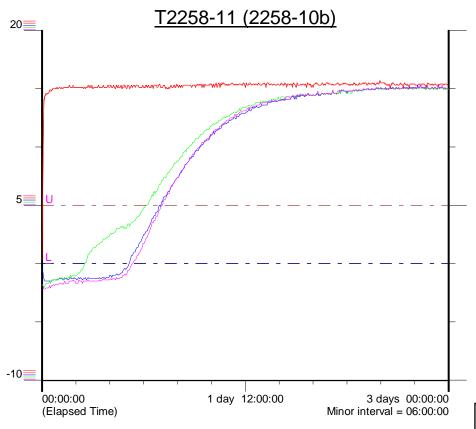
	TIME / TEMPERATURE	CHANNEL
>+5.0°C @	63:30hrs	9,10
Maximum Temperature	+5.3°C 70:50hrs	10
Minimum Temperature	-1.5°C 00:20hrs	9

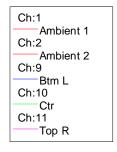
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9.4 T2258-11: Warm Profile, Waxed-Corrugate Large Shipper (9.0kg of product, 6.0kg of coolant)





Results

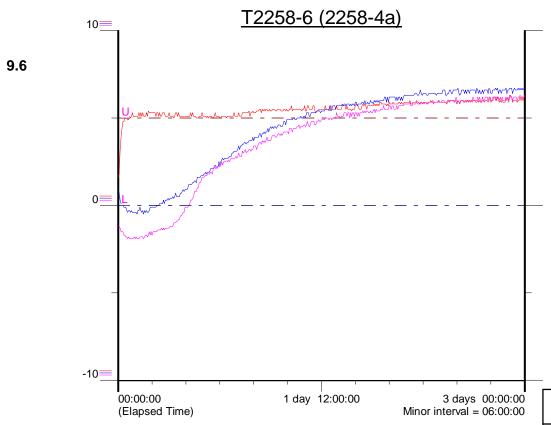
	TIME / TEMPERATURE	CHANNEL
>+5.0°C @	18:50hrs	10
Maximum Temperature	+15.3°C 66:30hrs	9
Minimum Temperature	-2.2°C 00:20hrs	11

TEST DATE	DATA	PROBE	PROBE	ENVIRONMENTAL
	LOGGER	SET	EXTENSION	CHAMBER
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9.5 T2258-6: Cold Profile, Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large Shipper (3.0kg of product, 6.8kg of coolant)



Ch:2
— Ambient 2
Ch:11
— Btm L
Ch:14
— Top R

Results

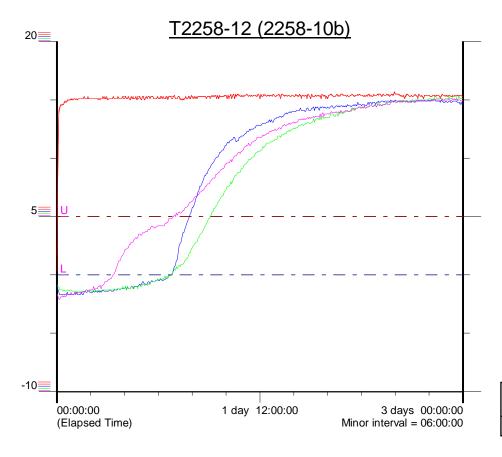
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>+5.0°C @	32:30hrs	11
Maximum Temperature	+6.7°C 65:40hrs	11
Minimum Temperature	-1.9°C 01:40hrs	14

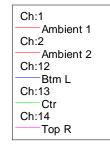
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T2258-12: Warm Profile, Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large Shipper (3.0kg of product, 6.8kg of coolant)





Results

	TIME / TEMPERATURE	CHANNEL
>+5.0°C @	20:50hrs	14
Maximum Temperature	+15.3°C 67:00hrs	13
Minimum Temperature	-2.1°C 00:20hrs	14

TEST DATE	DATA	PROBE	PROBE	ENVIRONMENTAL
	LOGGER	SET	EXTENSION	CHAMBER
12-Apr-2012	AK	AK	AK	13



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10 Deviations and Discussion

Shipper Type	Ambient Profile	Time to >+5.0°C	Test Iteration
EPS	Cold	>72:00hrs	T2258-4
EPS	Warm	40:20hrs	T2258-10
Waxed-	Cold	63:30hrs	T2258-5
Corrugate	Warm	18:50hrs	T2258-11
Corrugated	Cold	32:30hrs	T2258-6
Twin-Wall Polypropylene	Warm	20:50hrs	T2258-12

The EPS Large shipper maintained a product temperature of below +5.0°C for the full 72:00hrs duration when tested to the Cold Profile, significantly outperforming the Waxed-Corrugate and Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large shippers. While the EPS Large shipper did not pass the full required duration when tested to the Warm Profile it still managed to outperform both the Waxed-Corrugate and Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large shippers by more than 20:00hrs. The EPS Large shipper can be considered a more effective choice for shipping fish products through cold and warm ambient conditions than either the Waxed-Corrugate or Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large shippers.

It is worth noting that during the T2258-5 (Waxed-Corrugate Large, Cold Profile) and the T2258-6 (Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large, Cold Profile) tests one probe failed to record and as such is not included in the results displayed above. According to ASTM D3103 guidelines the failure of a single probe to read during a test is considered acceptable.

11 Conclusion

The tests have shown that the EPS Large system outperforms the Waxed-Corrugate and Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene Large systems in terms of thermal performance.

12 Liability Restriction

It should be noted that this report represents test results carried out by SCA Cool Logistics in good faith. As such we cannot be responsible for the handling and usage of the systems tested; we restrict our liability to the replacement of any components supplied which are not to agreed specification. Customers are advised to check the appropriateness of the testing parameters for their shipping conditions.



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13 Appendix A: Test Criteria

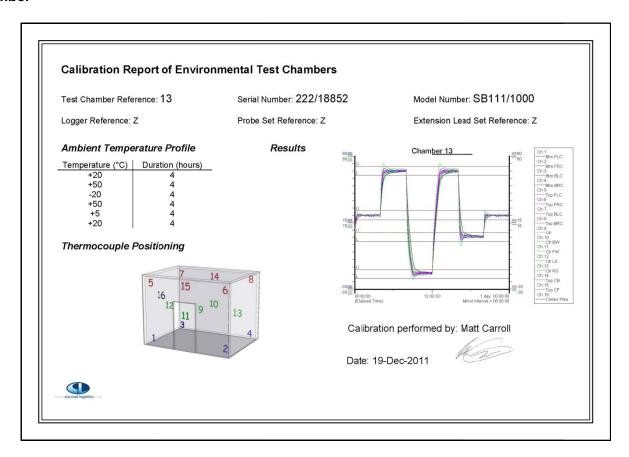
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	Temperature Range	Below +5.0°C
	Primary Packaging	Vacuum Sealed Bag
	Weight	750g
	Quantity Within Presentation Packaging	2
Product Load	EPS Shipper Load Quantity	18
	EPS Shipper Load Weight	13.5kg
	Waxed-Corrugate Shipper Load Quantity	12
	Waxed-Corrugate Shipper Load Weight	9.0kg
Froduct Load	Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene	9
	Shipper Load Quantity	9
	Corrugated Twin-Wall Polypropylene	6.8kg
	Shipper Load Weight	o.okg
	Required Minimum Pass Duration	72:00hrs
	Test Run Duration	72:00hrs
Shipping	Ambient Profile A	Cold Profile
	Ambient Profile B	Warm Profile
Other		
Other		



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14 Appendix B: Calibration Documents

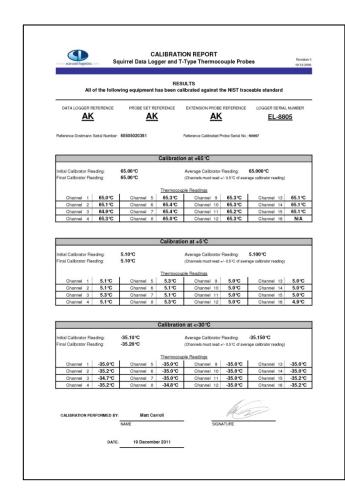
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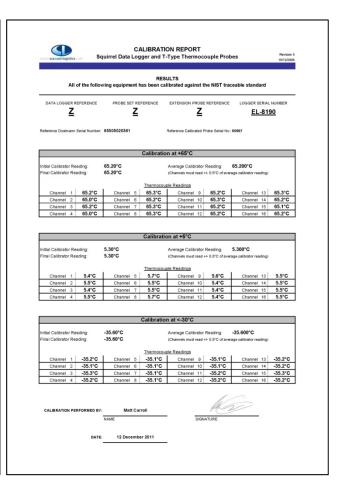




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14.2 Data Logger

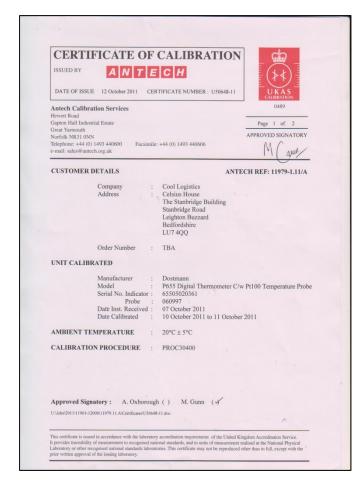


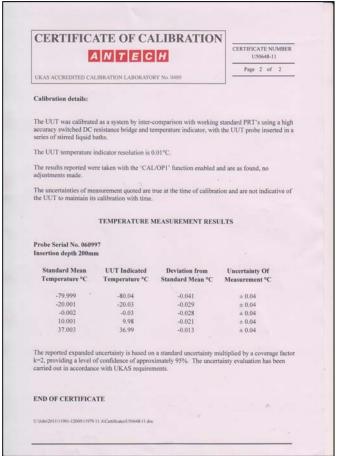




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14.3 Master Calibrator - Dostmann P600







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15 Appendix C: Glossary of Terms

Conditioning: The period (minimum of 48 hours) in which product or components are stored in order for them to stabilise at their relevant temperature.

Deviation: Any unexpected outcomes during testing are included in 'Deviations and Discussion', and can include things such as failed probes, temperature excursions or any changes made to the system or test process which differs from the original protocol.

Excursion: Refers only to temperatures recorded above or below threshold during testing.

Preconditioning: It is sometimes recommended that frozen components are left at factory ambient for a specified duration prior to their use within a system in order to avoid cold shock. This never applies to chilled or warm components and differs from standard conditioning which is required for all components. Preconditioning times are stated on the Methodology and System Diagram pages.

System Name: As a system configuration may require multiple tests to prove suitability, a single system name is used for identification for reporting, traceability and ordering purposes. The system name applied will always relate to the earliest approved test number. For example, a report contains results from two tests, T1111-11 and T1111-12, and so would be named the T1111-11 system.

Temperature Readings: All temperature readings throughout the report are presented in °C (degrees Celsius).

Test Number: Each Technical project is given a unique project number e.g. T1111. Each individual test is given a different identification number, which is the suffix to the unique project number e.g. T1111-13.