

CHEAT SHEET

Packaging terms

Bottle type	Description
Anti back-off neck	Bottle neck reducing the chance of a closure or dispenser working loose in transit.
Bore seal	Type of seal using a flange inside the cap.
Brimful	Bottle capacity when filled right up.
Cap tap	Cap with a tap worked into it - usually used on jerry cans.
Clic lok	Type of child-resistant closure, also called press and turn.
Closure	Another term for a cap.
Crab's claw	Type of bore seal.
Dip tube	The tube used to bring liquid products to the dispenser - found on trigger heads, mist sprays, lotion pumps etc.
Disctop	Dispensing closure with a disc that swivels to allow product to be dispensed.
Dispensing Closure	A closure that is used for dispensing product (ie fliptop, disctop etc)
Dose pump	Larger version of a lotion pump.
Fliptop	Dispensing closure with a flip up lid.
Label profile	Sometimes called a cutter guide. A profile used to define the shape and dimensions of a shaped label.
Landing	Flat section at the top of a bottle neck.
Locking neck	Usually a screw neck including a ratchet to prevent the dispenser being removed.
Lotion pump	Hand-operated pump for soaps, gels, lotions.
Masterbatch	Additive used in manufacturing to give colour to plastic.
Mist spray	Smaller finger operated mist dispenser.
Natural	Semi-translucent finish assumed by HDPE when no colour is added.
Nominal capacity	Intended fill volume of a bottle.
Pail	Bucket, usually with handles.
Print ramp	As below.
Registration mark	Mark or indent in the base of a bottle to facilitate accurate label application or screen printing.
Resin Identification Code	Number appearing within a triangle (usually on the base) identifying the material.
Screw neck	Neck with an external thread to attach closures and dispensers.
Sleeve	Bottle decoration involving a printed outer layer that is shrunk onto the bottle.
Snap-on neck	Neck designed for press-on dispensers,, various designs exist on the UK market.
Squeeze-lock	Type of child-resistant closure, need to be combined with the correct bottle neck.
Trigger head	Hand-operated device to dispense liquid products as a spray or jet/stream.
Tub	Small bucket, no handles.
Ullage	The difference between the nominal capacity and the brimful capacity. Sometimes called head room.
Wad	Pad fitted to the inside of closures to improve the seal. Various materials are used.