



Corrugated Crossroads: A Reference Guide for the Corrugated Containers Industry

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This unique reference guide pulls together common corrugated terminology and definitions with listings of associated TAPPI Test Methods, TIPs, ISO and ATSM standards, bibliographical references, and historical information. It also has very useful lists of acronyms, worldwide organizations and publications.

Introduction

Why "Corrugated Crossroads"? Simply to provide people interested in corrugated fiberboard with a ready reference that brings general information, lists of standards, TAPPI Technical Information Sheets, and a number of references together in one place: hence crossroads.

The subjects are arranged alphabetically, and include cross-references to make it easy to find a specific subject.

The information is aimed at a multitude of readers including those new to the field. Many of the sections provide a definition of the term, or in some instances the jargon, used by the industry. It should also help those who change jobs within the industry and are faced with added responsibility for areas in which they want to increase their awareness, or act as a refresher, so they can do a better job of communicating.

For those interested in an in-depth study of a given subject, the references at the end of some sections should provide a starting place for understanding what has been done in the area. This should be helpful to the researcher.

Some of the published literature has been included, but there is still a wealth of information held by industry and organizations that have chosen not to make the information public. For those who have found other published reports helpful or have access to the unpublished information, it may be useful to add the references to your copy of this reference.

Also, it is important to note that there is not agreement on all the information presented in this book. There is honest disagreement with some of the research findings, and much remains to be done to resolve these issues. Where possible, I have attempted to present differing views and, in some cases, presented my own view of the situation. Obviously, each reader, based on personal experience and information base, should reevaluate the material in this book and draw individual conclusions.

This book is only a beginning, and it is hoped that work on a revised version will be undertaken shortly after this volume come out. The revisions can build on the present volume to make it more

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complete and accurate.

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