

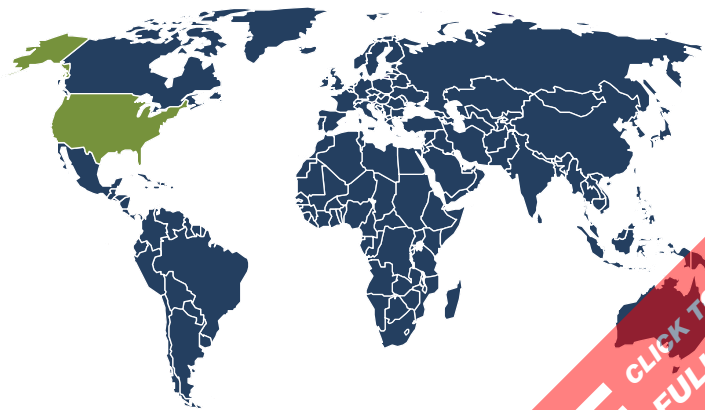


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ABOUT THIS REPORT

Scope & Method

This report forecasts US rigid intermediate bulk container (RIBC) demand and shipments in US dollars at the manufacturers' level to 2018. RIBC shipments are also forecasted in units to 2018. Total shipments in dollars are segmented by RIBC product in terms of:

- plastic body
- metal body
- other products such as composite and wood panel.

Excluded from the scope of this report are pallets and wood containers, and corrugated and solid fiberboard containers other than corrugated RIBCs. The report also excludes cans, bottles, jars, and tubs used for the packaging of bulk sizes of foods and other consumer goods.

Total demand in dollars is also segmented by market as follows:

- chemicals
- pharmaceuticals
- food & beverages
- petroleum and lubricants
- hazardous waste
- other markets such as agricultural and horticultural; plastic, rubber, and fiber; and durable goods.

To illustrate historical trends, total demand in dollars is provided in an annual series from 2003 to 2013; total shipments in both dollars and units, and the various demand and shipments segments in dollars are reported at five-year intervals for 2008 and 2013. Forecasts are developed via the identification and analysis of pertinent statistical relationships and other historical trends/events as well as their expected progression/impact over the forecast period. Changes in quantities between reported years of a given total or segment are typically provided in terms of five-year compound annual growth rates (CAGRs). For the sake of brevity, forecasts are generally stated in smoothed CAGR-based descriptions to the forecast year, such as "demand is projected to rise 3.2% annually through 2018." The result of any particular year over that period, however, may exhibit volatility and depart from a smoothed, long-term trend, as historical data typically illustrate.

Key macroeconomic indicators are also provided at five-year intervals with CAGRs for the years corresponding to other reported figures. Other various topics, including profiles of pertinent leading suppliers, are covered in this report. A full outline of report

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Sources

Rigid Intermediate Bulk Containers: United States is based on [Rigid Bulk Packaging](#), a comprehensive industry study published by The Freedonia Group in October 2014. Reported findings represent the synthesis and analysis of data from various primary, secondary, macroeconomic, and demographic sources including:

- firms participating in the industry, and their suppliers and customers
- government/public agencies
- national, regional, and international non-governmental organizations
- trade associations and their publications
- the business and trade press
- The Freedonia Group Consensus Forecasts dated August 2014
- the findings of other industry studies by The Freedonia Group.

Specific sources and additional resources are listed in the [Resources](#) section of this publication for reference and to facilitate further research.

Industry Codes

The topic of this report is related to the following industry codes:

NAICS/SCIAN 2007		SIC	
North American Industry Classification System		Standard Industry Codes	
322211	Corrugated and Solid Fiber Box Mfg	2653	Corrugated and Solid Fiber Boxes
322214	Fiber Can, Tube, Drum, and Similar Products Mfg	2655	Fiber Cans, Tubes, Drums, and Similar Products
326199	All Other Plastics Product Mfg	3089	Plastics Products, NEC
332439	Other Metal Container Mfg	3412	Metal Shipping Barrels, Drums, Kegs, and Pails

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