

WRAXALLS

STONE MERCHANTS & LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES

Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (FIBCs or IBCs)

All roofing material supplied by Wraxalls in bulk bag form is bagged in Multi-Trip FIBCs with a safety testing of 5000ks or 6000kgs. This safety ratio is marked on each bag with the designation of 5:1 or 6:1. The FIBCs are manufactured in batches and each batch has randomly selected containers tested for weight stresses to 5 or 6 tonnes. The weight testing is therefore far in advance of the total fill required for each bag. Wraxalls operate an automated bagging system that fills each FIBC to a preset weight. A common misconception is that the ratio refers to the number of times that each bag can be lifted and moved. This is not true and each FIBC can be used multiple times if the safety instructions are followed.

The FIBCs are always new and unused at point of fill and loading. (Wraxalls have 18 years experience handling these containers). The FIBCs can be lifted and reused multiple times but Wraxalls recommend that they are discarded after the material has been discharged at site to ensure there can be no subsequent misuse of the container. The FIBCs are always supplied with a safety test certificate that we hold and can make available as require on site. The FIBCs are manufactured in India and batch-tested by Labordata, the International Materials Testing Institute, based in Scotland.

We do not recommend that used FIBCs be reused at site for waste or litter as the fill and handling of the FIBC cannot be safely monitored.

Since the start of 2008 we have delivered over 16000 tonnes of graded material in FIBCs to sites for crane lift to roofs. In that period we have delivered material in bulk bag and palletised form to six Bovis managed sites. One of these sites, GSK premises in Ware, received 168 tonnes of our pebbles in FIBCs in March alone and the bags were lifted directly from the flatbed lorry without a problem. (Roofing contractor – Knight Asphalte Ltd).

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