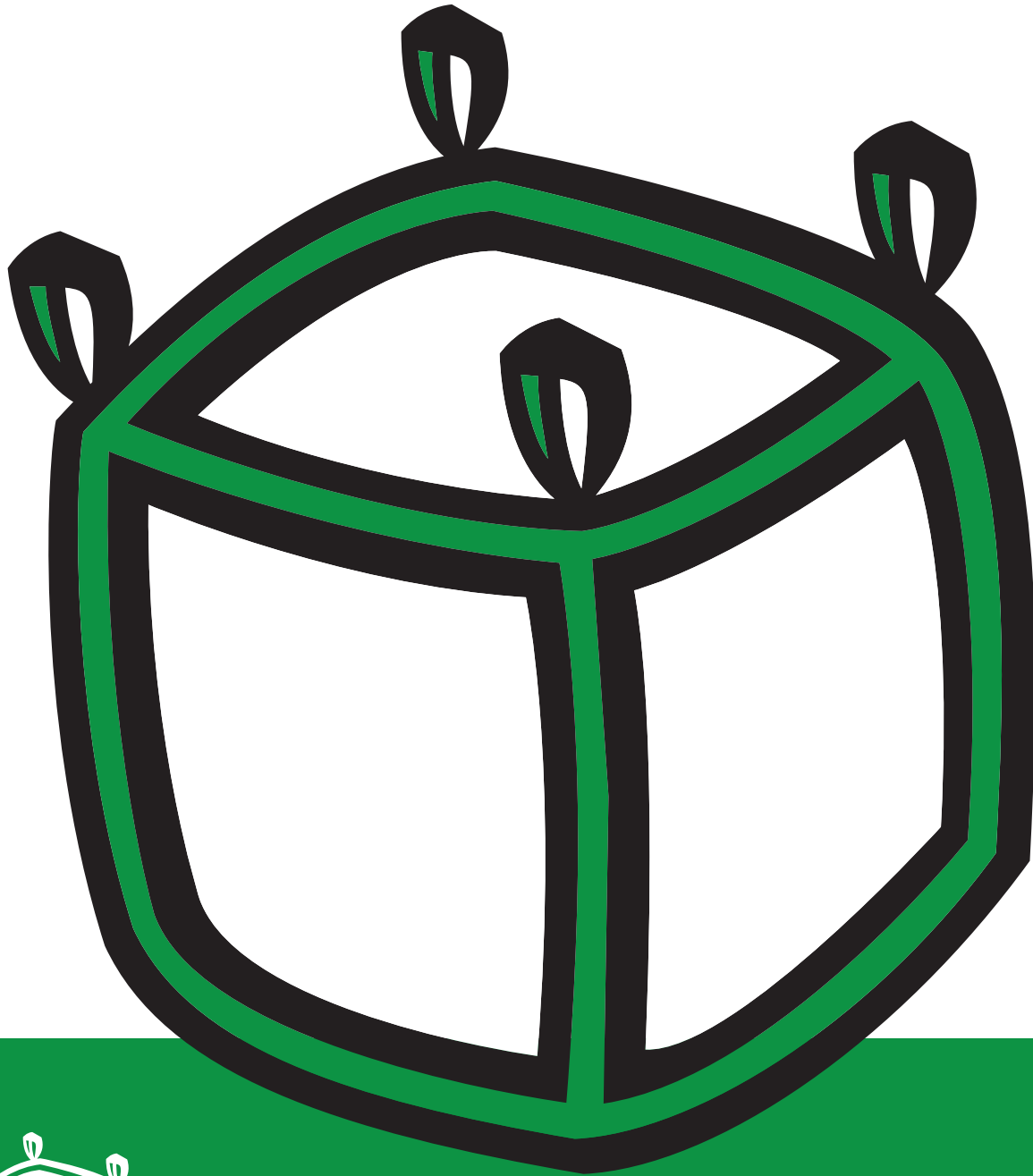


FIBC Handling Guidelines

Part 1: Storage of Empty FIBCs



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Storage of Empty FIBCs

Whether you have just purchased new FIBCs, or used FIBCs, it is very important to take great care it storing them properly until you are ready to fill them with product.

ALWAYS

Select the right FIBC for the job in consultation with the manufacture or supplier.

Store empty FIBCs (new or used) inside a safe, clean facility or warehouse which will protect them from the UV rays of sunlight and the moisture of inclement weather.

Cover any FIBCs that would be exposed to dirt, dust or moisture inside a facility or warehouse.

WARNING

Beware of Sunlight & UV Rays:

- » Always protect your FIBCs from sunlight and the harmful effects of UV rays.
- » Over time, exposure to UV rays will weaken the strength of a FIBC.

Beware of Inclement Weather (rain, snow, etc.)

- » Always protect your FIBCs from inclement weather (rain, snow, etc.)
- » Over time, exposure to inclement weather could significantly weaken the strength of a FIBC.

Beware of Water or Moisture Contamination Inside Storage Facilities.

- » Always try to store your empty FIBCs inside a covered facility or warehouse that is free from any water or moisture contamination that could come into contact with your FIBCs and damage them.

Outside Storage is Not Recommended.

- » Storing empty FIBCs outside is not recommended, but if you do, you should always cover them with some type of material that will prevent their exposure to UV rays and inclement weather. However, FIBCA does not support or endorse this type of outdoor storage, and this would be solely at your own risk. There is no guarantee that FIBCs stored outside & unprotected from the UV rays & inclement weather will be safe to handle.

Don't choose FIBCs without consulting the manufacturer or supplier.



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IMPORTANT NOTE!

Shelf-Life of FIBC's

As of this present date, the FIBCA is not aware of, nor has it ever been presented with any data, test reports, or studies determining the shelf life of a FIBC. Any recommendations in regards to the shelf life of a FIBC, are solely the responsibility of each company making such declarations.

The Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association does not endorse any typical shelf life for a FIBC/Bulk Bag. Variables such as UV inhibitor used, construction (fabric weight, thread, webbing, etc.), exposure to environmental hazards (UV, temperature and humidity), storage methods, handling methods and the contents of the FIBC can dramatically impact the shelf life of a FIBC.

The best method for determining if a FIBC remains suitable for use is to conduct periodic performance testing (top lift, UV, etc.) on samples and compare the results to the results from the newly manufactured samples from same lot. Samples should continue to meet industry standards such as those set forth in ISO 21898.



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