



FOAM PACKAGING SYSTEMS

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COST COMPARISON – PACKAGING TYPES

When deciding which method of protective packaging makes the most sense for your company, it helps to be able to compare the costs. The guide below gives average retail prices for the three major types of packaging materials, and some notes to help determine the true total cost of each.

PELASPAN (“Peanuts”)

Average cost of a 14 cu. ft. bag = \$21.00

Cost per cubic foot = \$1.50

Average packing time = 2 minutes (@ \$30/hr burdened labor rate = \$1.00)

(Not including time to clean up stray peanuts, or damage claims for items which settled to the bottom of the peanuts during shipment)

BUBBLE PACK

Average cost per reel (250 ft x 24 in x ½”) = \$40.00

Cost per cubic foot = \$2.00

Average packing time = 5 minutes (@ \$30/hr burdened labor rate = \$2.50)

(Packing time increases for larger or irregularly shaped objects)

FOAM IN PLACE

Average cost per pound of chemical (.4 lbs per cubic foot) = \$2.50

Cost per cubic foot = \$ 1.00

Average packing time = 2 minutes (@ \$30/hr burdened labor rate = \$1.00)

(NOTE: Average packing time for all types is based on repetitive packing by experienced personnel.)