Viscount Pooling System's (VPS) Intellicrate® Supplier Guide

A New Era in Crate Pooling that ensures produce remains fresh from *Farm to Fork*

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VPS and Crate Creation

Viscount Pooling Systems (VPS)

Viscount Pooling Systems (VPS) delivers a new era of material handling solutions with the launch of the highest quality at least cost returnable crate system in Australia. With 4 brand new high speed fully automated wash facilities throughout Australia, VPS' cutting edge technology capabilities will add value throughout your entire supply chain.

Quality Assurance - A new benchmark in crate integrity and hygiene

VPS has invested in world class centrifugal drying equipment that ensures cleaner, more hygienic crates than previous industry standards. VPS' facilities feature automated controlled sanitisation and continuously monitored HACCP processes including lot tracking through crate RFID.

Customer Focused Solutions; the right crate at the right time

VPS has developed an intuitive and interactive web-based ordering platform optimised for all devices to ensure customers experience seamless service and flexibility to manage their accounts. VPS' RFID enabled crate technology provides a unique tracking capability that closes the loop on crates moving through the supply chain.

Commitment to Sustainability

VPS has an unwavering focus on responsible manufacturing and leaving the lowest environmental footprint. The wash stream is recycled and disposed of in accordance with industry best practise. At end of life VPS' crates are recycled into products manufactured for non-food related applications, delivering a complete cradle to grave supply chain solution.

An innovative platform for the future

VPS' unique RFID platform drives traceability from paddock to plate to guarantee supply chain integrity. VPS use proven sales and operational planning methodology to deliver the least cost, most efficient crate pooling network, resulting in the highest levels of crate availability for Australian customers.
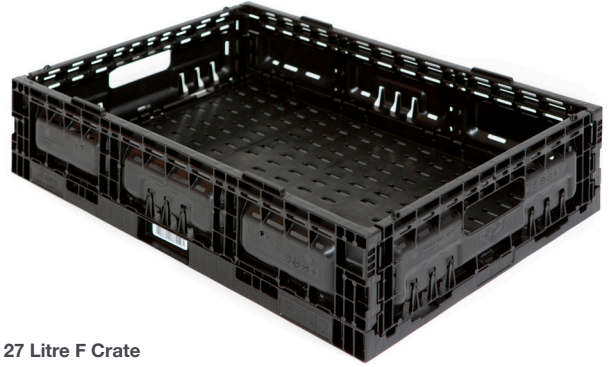
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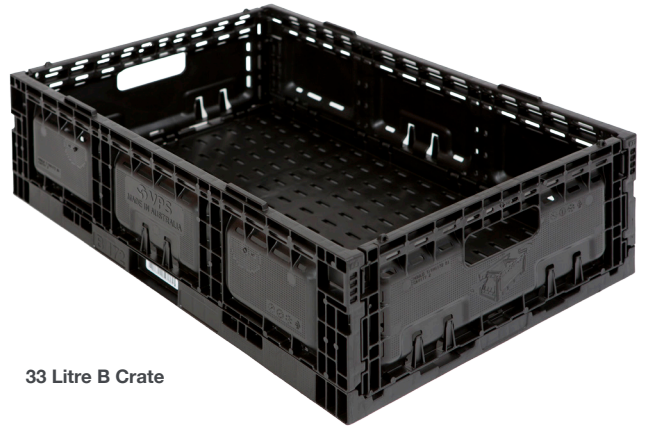
Benefits of VPS Intellicrate®

Materials Handling Solutions you can trust

Grower / Packhouse

- Knock down quick release latches. Easy to assemble and disassemble.
- Works equally well on manual or fully automated systems.
- Smooth interiors ensures minimal damage to produce.
- Ergonomically designed bevelled hand holds.
- Fixed trip fee for agreed cycle days.
- RFID enabled Intellicrate® tracks crates throughout the supply chain.
- Each crate has the same footprint folded or loaded.

27 Litre F Crate
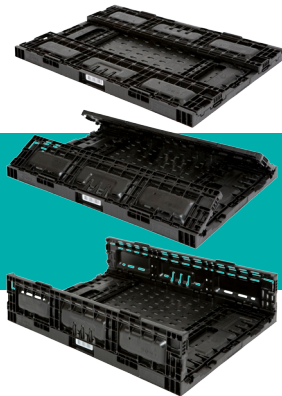
33 Litre B Crate

41 Litre C Crate

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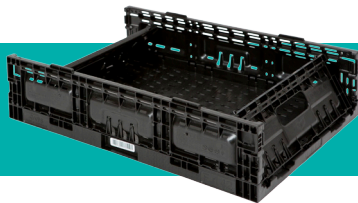
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VPS Intellicrate®
Specifications

Specifications	F Crate	B Crate	C Crate
Material Code	F 27L	B 33L	C 41L
Colour	Black	Black	Black
Exterior dimensions (mm) length x width x height	578 x 385 x 142.5	578 x 385 x 172.5	578 x 385 x 210.5
Interior dimensions (mm) length x width x height	553 x 357 x 135	553 x 357 x 165	553 x 357 x 203
Folded	578 x 385 x 34	578 x 385 x 34	578 x 385 x 34
Cubic Capacity (litres)	27	33	41
Weight (kg)	1.4 +/- 3%	1.6 +/- 3%	1.8 +/- 3%
Gross Unit Loads (kg inclusive of crate)	16	16	16
Incremental Folded Height (mm)	34	34	34
Material	Food grade polypropylene		
Operating Temperature Range	0°C to +40 °C		

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Assembly Instructions

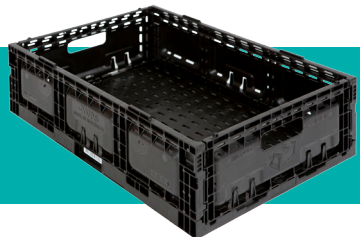**1** From a folded start position, lift the two long walls outwards by 90 degrees.

2 Lift the two short walls outwards by 90 degrees.

3 Make sure each wall correctly locks into corresponding recess, securely lock all corners.

4 The hinge lock should fit firmly into place with a "click" to confirm it is fully engaged.

Disassembly Instructions

1 Tap the side walls in.

2 Fold the two short walls inward to the closed position.

3 Fold the two long walls inward to the folded closed position.

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Crates Supplied from VPS Wash Centres

- Intellicrates® will be available from VPS wash centres in pallet quantities of 186 units, column stacked to a 6 per layer configuration.
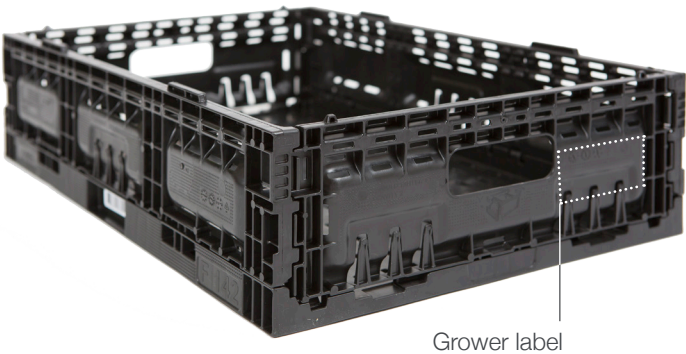- Pallets should be transported and stored two high.

Order Quantity

	27L F Crate	33L B Crate	41L C Crate
Max layers of folded crates	31	31	31
Crates per layer	6	6	6
Folded crates per timber pallet	186	186	186
Height (inc. 150mm pallet)	1200mm	1200m	1200m
Weight (inc. pallet)	≥500kg	≥500kg	≥500kg

VPS Transfer Process

- Please transfer crates using the VPS online portal at the time of transfer www.viscountpooling.com.
- Produce identification should only be placed into the crate label holder. Paper labels only are permitted. The use of stickers are prohibited.
- Location lugs on the long walls of the crates enable secure locks to the crates below and above. Ensure crates are locked into position before transit.

Grower label

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Stacking for transportation

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The VPS Intellicrate® has proven suitable for column and cross stacking or, a combination of both configurations.

Combination Stacking

Column stack part load, add two layers' cross stack and then revert to column stack.

Cross Stack

Each alternative layer of crates stacked in opposite directions for the total height of the pallet.

Column Stack

All crates stacked in the same direction for the total height of the pallet.

SIZE	LENGTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT	1.8m Max			1.2m Max - Double Stacked 2.4m Max	
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27L F Crate	578mm	385mm	142.5mm	6	11		6	7
33L B Crate	578mm	385mm	172.5mm	6	9		6	6
41L C Crate	578mm	385mm	210.5mm	6	8		6	5

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Other Information

Crate storage

Intellicrates® should be stored in dry conditions at temperatures below 50°C and protected from UV-light. Improper storage can initiate degradation, which results in odour generation and colour changes and can have negative effects on the physical properties of the crate.

Material

Food contact approved Polyproylene.

Safety

The product is not classified as a hazardous preparation. VPS Intellicrates® remain the property of VPS.

Damaged Crates

If you receive damaged crates please contact customer service immediately. Please refer to all available contact details on the next page.

Collecting Intellicrates® from VPS Wash Centres

After placing your Intellicrate® order through the VPS Customer Portal www.viscountpooling.com a sales order acknowledgement will be available to print. Ensure your nominated transport provider arrives at the VPS wash centre with this document to ensure timely loading of your order. Intellicrates® will be made available in pallet quantities of 186 units, column stacked in a 6 per layer configuration.

Supplying Packed Produce Intellicrates® to Woolworths

When your produce is packed and ready to ship, stack crates onto the Woolworths preferred pallet while adhering to the Woolworths packaging specifications for unit loads and stacking requirements.

Produce identification should only be placed into the relevant tabs shown below. Identification should be in the form of a paper label. Please do not affix any adhesive labels to the crate at any time.

Documentation

When transferring crates to Woolworths, please use the VPS Customer Portal to record your transfer and generate a transfer docket that MUST be shipped with your crates. The docket is to be printed directly from the portal AT ALL TIMES.

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