

In compliance with [Public Resources Code \(PRC\) Section 42775](#), CalRecycle reviews Recycled-Content Newsprint (RCN) Quality Standards at least biannually and adjusts them, if needed, to reflect changes in industry standards and practices. Minimum comparable quality standards are established using test methods approved by the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI) as outlined in the [California Code of Regulations \(CCR\) Section 17964](#).

The following RCN Quality Standards are based on the latest manufacturer samples submitted and tested.

Grade	Cross Tear (gf)	Brightness (percent)	Opacity (percent)
18.0 lb white ^{1,2,*}	19.8	51.3	79.5
26.4 lb white ^{1,3}	34.3	53.7	91.8
27.7 lb white ^{1,4}	35.7	54.7	92.1
28.28 lb white ^{1,5}	38.6	55.0	91.8
30.0 lb white ^{1,6}	40.5	54.4	93.0
32.0 lb white*	45.3	54.5	93.1

Footnotes

- ¹ Weight commonly referred to by manufacturers.
- ² Actual average weight of the samples was 18.6 lb.
- ³ Actual average weight of the samples was 26.6 lb.
- ⁴ Actual average weight of the samples was 27.4 lb.
- ⁵ Actual average weight of the samples was 28.1 lb.
- ⁶ Actual average weight of the samples was 29.7 lb.