Testing services for the pulp and paper industry

Scion offers standard and specialised testing of pulp, paper and paperboard packaging. In addition, Scion’s semi-commercial scale version of a modern high-yield pulp mill, with mechanical pulp refining, fibre segregation and an MDF blowline, enables development of traditional and new products and processes to be carried out in a production environment.
Fibre and paper testing
Mechanical pulping trials
- Super Masscolloider
- Sprout Waldron 12-inch refiner
- 52” Sylka pilot plant

Fibre properties
- Bauer McNett fibre classification
- Shive
- FQA

Physical paper testing
- Cobb
- Tear
- Tensile properties
- Burst
- Thickness, density, bulk, grammage
- Stiffness
- Bendtsen roughness and porosity
- Sheffield roughness
- Gurley porosity
- Short span compression

Furnish analysis

Printability

Building underlay testing
including pliable and permeable membranes for control of external moisture to:
- NZS 2295
- AS/NZS 4200
- Table 23 of Acceptable Solutions E2/AS1 for Department of Building and Housing

Corrugated board and packaging testing
- Ring crush
- Flat crush, hardness

Edge crush
- Bending stiffness
- Burst
- Dynamic Stiffness Tester – Chalmers DST
- Cornerboard and V-boards
- Scuff resistance

Laboratory-scale processes
- Chemical pulping trials
- Routine bleachable

We can test to the following standards:
- AS/NZS 1301 (Appita pulp and paper testing series)
- ISO
- TAPPI
- ASTM
- SCAN

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