

Logos

OK Compost

Featuring this mark certifies that the product is compostable in an industrial composting unit, including the components, inks and additives used. The certification programme's sole reference point is the harmonised standard EN 13432: 2000, which means any product featuring the **OK Compost** mark is in fact in accordance with the EU packaging Directive (94/62/EEC). With this marking system, users are guaranteed that the certified product can be composted in an industrial composting facility.

Composting means a significant reduction in the volume of organic material and the compost produced can be recovered for use in agriculture and market gardening sectors. About 50% of all household waste is currently made up of organic materials, a percentage that could well rise in the future as a result of the increasing popularity of biodegradable products (packaging materials, eating and drinking utensils, ...).

The **OK Compost** logo already appears on several types of bin bags used for renewable waste (fruit, vegetable and garden waste) and is also featured on various types of packaging (packaging for organic produce, for various publications, ...).

OK Compost HOME

What about using the products in domestic composting systems. Owing to the comparatively small volume of waste involved, the domestic system falls down because the temperature required ensuring the complete physical decomposition of the product cannot be maintained. Vinçotte's innovative response to this challenge was to develop **OK Compost HOME** to guarantee, as a result of further requirements, complete biodegradability, even in your own composting system.



Vinçotte

Vinçotte is an independent organisation that specialises in inspection, certification and testing activities focused on safety, quality and the environment. It employs over 1800 people worldwide.

Tapping into the experience it has built up throughout its 100-year-old history, Vinçotte developed the OK Compost conformity mark, its specification and its logo.

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- General information about Vinçotte; complete information can be downloaded (4Mb) : http://www.vincotte.com/Data/PDF-Documents/Vincotte_services_brochure_UK.pdf
- general information about compostability
- press review
- list of certified products, last version can be downloaded (400 kb) : <http://www.vincotte.com/Frontmodules/pdf/okc-mate.pdf>
- picture (for other pictures, please ask Philippe DEWOLFS)

On Google, search "OK Compost" or "OK Compost HOME" and you will find a lot of references!