



## Qualitek International, Inc. Solder Recycling Program

1. Please visit our website at [www.qualitek.com](http://www.qualitek.com) or you may contact Qualitek or your local distributor to learn about our Recycling Program.
2. After joining the program, you will be provided with metal recycling containers and complete instructions. Depending on the amount and rate of scrap being generated, the initial quantities of recycling containers and labels may be estimated based on a 100 pound capacity per each 3 gallon metal container.
3. If possible, keep all solder scrap in separate pails. Do not mix dross with solder paste or other non-metal materials.
4. Follow instructions on the requirements for packaging and shipping of recyclable solder materials. This is very important to prevent spillage and damage during transport to Qualitek and to comply with D.O.T. regulations, when applicable.
5. When three or more containers are ready for shipment, contact Qualitek customer service for your reference number. Qualitek will pay for freight when the shipment is over 2000 lbs and provide carrier information. Upon receiving the materials, Qualitek will issue a receiving notice indicating the number of containers, type of recycling materials, gross weight and date received. If we receive a shipment of recyclable materials without a reference no., we will contact you and provide a receiving notice.
6. For your information, processing of scrap solder under 2000 pounds will require up to four weeks to complete. Quantities over 10,000 pounds will require 6 – 8 weeks to complete.
7. A Settlement Statement will be issued within two weeks of the completion date. Check or credit amount will be determined based on metal pricing and amount of metal recovered. A check or credit will be issued 30 – 45 days from Settlement statement completion date.
8. If you require further information or additional metal recycling containers, please contact Qualitek International, Inc.

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### **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

Please make sure shipment complies with all D.O.T. requirements and hazardous waste regulations when returning hazardous materials. Qualitek can only be responsible for materials that have been approved, i.e., acceptable condition to unload. If the material is not acceptable to unload, we will fix it for an additional labor cost. In addition to the D.O.T., please follow the requirements below:

1. Place all scrap into containers with lids; e.g., drums, buckets or bins. Do not use cardboard, gaylord boxes or wooden crates.
2. Please do not fill containers all the way to the rim. Leave 3" at the top of pails and 6" from the tops of bins and drums.
3. Containers must be in good condition with no holes or signs of deterioration. Lids must be securely fastened.
4. All containers should be on pallets for forklift handling. All pallet loads must be multiple banded and in at least two different directions. Broken runners or boards are not acceptable.
5. Accurately label each container with its contents. Remove or cover any other labels or markings.
6. Make sure all D.O.T. container regulations comply with straight bill of lading.
  - a. Manifests (If required by your state, it must be an Illinois manifest)
  - b. Your reference number
  - c. Material Safety Data Sheet
  - d. Gross & Net Weights
  - e. Number of shipping units (e.g., 6 pails on 2 pallets)
  - f. Description of materials must state: Residues having values for melting purposes item 13606 class 55.
  - g. Date Shipped
  - h. Carrier Used
7. Please make sure the maximum weight per piece does not exceed maximum capacity which is as follows: maximum weight may not exceed 4,500 lbs. and the maximum dimension may not exceed 48" w x 48" l x 60" h.
8. Outside of containers, pallets and truck floor must be free from spillage and clean to prevent contamination.
9. Do not stack materials if at all possible. Qualitek reserves the right to reject the shipment if it lacks metal value or does not meet or comply with the requirements as described. If we need to reject a shipment for any reason, the customer will be contacted immediately. If we are unable to contact the customer, we will keep and rework the material; and bill the customer accordingly.

Please contact us with any questions and start recycling today.