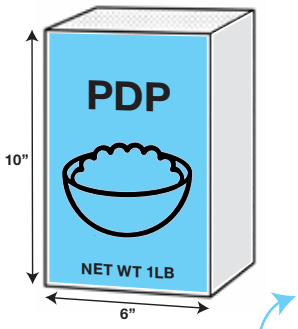
Net Weight Basics

Location

The net weight statement must be in the lower 30% of the PDP and generally parallel to the base of the package.



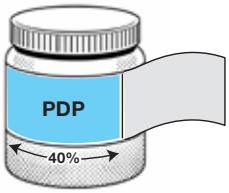
In the example above 10”x 6“ = 60” PDP area, requiring a net weight height of 3/16”

Size

The height of the net weight is based on the PDP area dimensions (see below):

Minimum Letter Height			Area of Principal Display Panel (PDP)
1/16”	.0625”	1.6mm	5sq.” (127sq.mm) or less
1/8”	.125”	3.2mm	More than 5sq.” (127sq.mm) but not more than 25sq.” (635sq.mm)
3/16”	.1875”	4.8mm	More than 25sq.” (635sq.mm) but not more than 100sq.” (2540sq.mm)
1/4”	.25”	6.4mm	More than 100sq.” (2540sq.mm) but not more than 400sq.” (10,160sq.mm)
1/2”	.5”	12.7mm	Over 400sq.” (10,160sq.mm)

Notes: Letter heights pertain to uppercase letters. When lowercase letters are used, it is the lowercase letter “e” that shall meet the minimum standards. The width of the font can be no less than 1/3 its height.

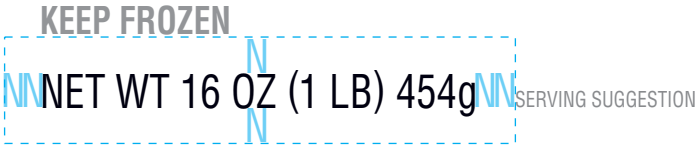


For Cylinders...

For cylindrical packages, the PDP area is 40% of the container’s circumference multiplied by the full height of the container.

Minimum Clear Space

The net weight must maintain a buffer area from other information. Clear space above and below must be equal to the height of the capital “N”. Clear space to the left and right must be equal to the width of 2 “N”s.



Legibility

Maintain a high level of contrast for strong legibility. If needed add a contrasting stroke around the type to help it stand out from the background.

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