

RETHINKING WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOX

In 2020, The Home Depot's ongoing effort to find more sustainable substitutes for expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam led our packaging innovation team to the ceiling fan aisle. Fan blades and electronic parts for years have been packed in EPS. But the foam takes up a lot of space, and it takes a long time to biodegrade. So, we made a big change to smaller, greener packages for our private-label fans. Here's how we did it.



Molded paper pulp protects as well as EPS but uses less space and biodegrades faster

126 fan models were repackaged with molded paper



Smaller packages **decrease demand for space** on cargo ships and trucks, helping reduce emissions

On average, using molded pulp instead of EPS can **shrink package size 15%**

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