

HOW TO MEASURE & APPLY YOUR PLASTIC-FREE SHRINK SLEEVES

MEASURING GUIDE:

STRAIGHT SIDED CONTAINERS



Measure the widest point over which the seal must pass, then add 1mm. For example, if the diameter of the cap is 50mm you would choose a seal of 51mm diameter.

Choose a length to suit your container by measuring from the top of the cap of a sealed container to approximately where you would like the sleeve to finish. Please note the sleeves do have a 10% shrinkage on their length when fully dry. For example if you select a 30mm cut length it can shrink by up to 3mm so will finish between 27mm-30mm on your container.

CONICAL CONTAINERS AND MORE COMPLEX SHAPES

For uniquely shaped containers we recommend sending us a detailed bottle drawing and details of the cap you are using. We can then measure up for you and recommend the best size.

In some cases we may request a physical sample for us to dress for you, free of charge, so that you can check the fit before purchasing.

SHRINKAGE ON DRYING

The plastic-free shrink sleeves are self-shrinking at ambient temperatures, in order to achieve this, they need to be supplied wet then applied and allowed to dry.

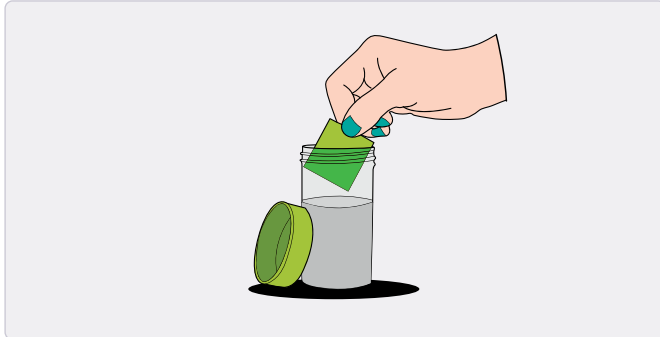
To keep the sleeves in their wet state they are packed in a mild solution which also preserves the natural fibres of the material.

Upon receiving your sleeves simply open the container, remove a sleeve from the solution and apply to your container. When you have placed a sleeve onto your product it starts to dry naturally and within minutes you will see it has begun to shrink down against your product to form a tight seal.

The plastic-free shrink sleeves can shrink by up to 40% of their size and the drying process is complete within one hour – this varies dependent on the temperature and humidity of the room they are in.

To speed up the drying process you can apply heat using a heat gun or tunnel, depending on your manufacturing set up, which can decrease the drying time to a few minutes.

HOW TO APPLY GUIDE (HEAT-FREE)



STEP 1:

Remove a sleeve from it's solution.



STEP 2:

Apply by hand to your container, ensuring you leave an overlap at the top to allow the sleeve to grip the container. We recommend a 2-3mm overlap.



STEP 3:

Put your container to one side and allow to dry and self-shrink at ambient room temperature within 1 hour. No heat required.



STEP 4:

Once the sleeves have fully dried your product is now sealed and ready to go!

STEP 5:

Ensure any unused sleeves are kept fully submerged in their original solution with the container lid firmly shut. For more information on storing the sleeves please see our general specification.

