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To Our Valued Customers

3M announces a packaging change for 3M™ Bair Hugger™ warming blankets manufactured in Germany

In order to reduce the carbon footprint of our 3M™ Bair Hugger™ warming blankets, 3M is changing the packaging of our blankets manufactured in Germany. The packing change has allowed us to increase the quantity of blankets in a case. Case quantity changes are detailed overleaf.

The packaging change does not impact the 3M™ Bair Hugger™ warming blanket itself.

The new packaging has the following changes:

Changes	New Packaging 	Old Packaging 	Environmental Improvements
Pouch design and material	Tear-open pouch with perforation (100% recyclable)	Peel-open pouch (non-recyclable)	70% plastic savings which equates to 217 tons of CO ₂ equivalent savings. Packaging is 100% recyclable.
Shipper box dimension	W 373 x L 171 x H 194 mm	W 390 x L 198 x H 161 mm	Increased shipped box and pallet utilisation leading to less transportation needs. 311 tonnes of CO ₂ reductions (equivalent to removing 69 passenger cars off the road per year) ¹
Local sourcing of pouch material	Supplier from Europe	Non-European supplier	15,000 km sea transport eliminated resulting in 20.5 tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent savings (this can be compared to 92,500 kWh of electricity from the UK national grid) ²



FM 13947



MD 568186



EMS 41493



OHS 90754

Overview of new and current IDs (the suffix is indicating the case quantity)

New ID	Description	New Case quantity	Current ID	Current Case Quantity
52500-14	3M™ Bair Hugger™ Lower Body Warming Blanket, 52500-14	14 blankets	52500	10 blankets
54200-14	3M™ Bair Hugger™ Dual Port Torso Warming Blanket, 54200-14	14 blankets	54200	10 blankets
62200-14	3M™ Bair Hugger™ Multi-position Upper Body Warming Blanket, 62200-14	14 blankets	62200	10 blankets
30000-12	3M™ Bair Hugger™ Full Body Warming Blanket, 30000-12	12 blankets	30000	10 blankets
31500-12	3M™ Bair Hugger™ Multi-Access Warming Blanket, 31500-12	12 blankets	31500	10 blankets
57000-10	3M™ Bair Hugger™ Surgical Access Warming Blanket, 57000-10	10 blankets	57000	10 blankets

Your price per blanket will not change, however, the price per case will increase in line with the additional blankets now added to the case.

Please can you ensure you have updated your system with the new codes as listed above. We expect the new packaging to be available from mid July 2023. Any orders placed on the old codes after this date will automatically be rejected by our ordering system.

If you have any questions, please contact your local 3M Medical Solutions Sales Representative.

Sincerely,

- 1 US Environmental Protection Agency calculates that a typical passenger car emits 4.5 metric tonnes CO₂ per year.
- 2 UK Office of National Statistics (ONS) estimates the GHG emissions intensity for the UK in 2020 was 0.20 thousand tonnes of CO₂ e per £ million of gross value added (GVA). The Grid Carbon Factor is measured in grams of CO₂ eq for each KWhr of electricity generated. Note: this is an estimate and will vary with carbon intensity of the electricity source.

Results are CO₂ equivalents and not direct CO₂ emissions and are based on the EF3.0 methodology and the Climate Change – Total indicator.

Results are representative of cradle to gate and does not include disposal.

Results are not compliant with ISO 14040 and should be considered an estimate only.