



Five Reasons to Kit Gaskets

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Gasket fabricators who provide kitting services can deliver greater value to their customers. Kitting groups and packages two or more related parts together to create a new stock-keeping unit (SKU). By consolidating and reducing SKUs, customers can spend less time finding, sorting, handling, and organizing stock. In turn, this reduces their labor costs and tax liabilities while freeing up storage space and cash.

Today, companies that buy kitted parts are saving time and money in five important ways: faster assembly, reduced overhead, volume discounts, reduced packaging waste, and fewer errors. For even greater value, gasket fabricators can kit customer parts in assembly order. In the cardboard box that arrives, the part an installer needs first is on top, the part to install next is below it, and so on.

1. Faster Assembly

Kitted parts are faster to assemble because everything an installer needs arrives together. In other words, installers don't have to search for parts on shelves or wait for pickers to pull stock for them. When parts are packaged in assembly order, installers don't have to dump out all of the parts onto a table, sort through similar-looking components, and figure out what to install first.

2. Reduced Overhead

Parts kitting can also support vendor consolidation so that customers have fewer suppliers to manage and measure. If a customer uses just-in-time inventory (JIT), a box of kitted parts can move from the dock to the assembly line and bypass the warehouse, reducing the customer's need for floor space and shelving.

3. Volume Discounts

It's usually more expensive to buy one-off items than to make regular purchases. When a gasket fabricator kits and ships parts based on a customer's production schedule, it may be possible to offer a volume discount since you're guaranteed to sell more – and in fewer shipments. Fabricators can even integrate customer production forecasts into their own ordering systems.

4. Reduced Packaging Waste

Related parts that fit inside a standard cardboard box don't require special packaging. Cardboard can be recycled, of course, but kitting can also reduce the number of boxes a customer needs to store and break down in the first place. In addition to reducing waste, this promotes operational efficiency since workers don't have to make more trips to the dumpster.

5. Fewer Errors

Finally, kitting reduces the risk of errors. For example, when a buyer adds a line to a purchase order, that PO line can contain all of the parts needed for a build or assembly. This reduces the risk that a buyer will forget a line item or add the wrong item to the PO. At a time when workers are in short supply, gasket fabricators who can help their customers become more efficient have an advantage.