



Overview



Our Story

Founded by Alan Yu and Marvin Cheng, Lollicup[®] USA, Inc. is the proud manufacturer of Karat paper and plastic disposable products. Established in 2004, Karat specializes in food and drink packaging products such as paper coffee cups, plastic cups, food containers, dessert cups, cup lids, and more. In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, Lollicup[®] USA, Inc. developed Karat Earth, a plant-based line of compostable products, including cups, straws, and utensils. Based in Chino, CA, Karat and Karat Earth also offer custom printed containers, cups, and napkins for a personalized touch.

Our Mission

At Karat we make it our mission to provide our customers with well-engineered and high-quality disposable and compostable goods at the most competitive prices. Whether you are a big food service and beverage leader or a small neighborhood café, we offer the same top-grade products and high-quality service, along with one of the fastest turnaround production times in the industry.



Our Products

Karat offers high-quality plastic and paper cups, utensils, and food packaging at competitive prices. Customers can mix and match compostable paper cups and lids to fulfill diverse needs and budgets. Karat paper and plastic cups can be matched with most major brands such as IP, Dixie[®], Sweetheart, and Solo[®], allowing customers to effortlessly switch in between brands.

Paper & Plastic Cups: Our great line of disposable paper and plastic cups offer an affordable and excellent way to serve your restaurant or business. Along with paper hot cups, PET cups, translucent plastic PP cups, and paper cold cups, we also manufacture premium portion cups, paper food containers, paper food buckets, and cup accessories.



PET Plastic Cups



PP Plastic Cups



PS Plastic Cups



Paper Cold Cups



Paper Hot Cups



Insulated Paper Hot Cups

Food Packaging: Whether it is portion cups, deli containers, food containers, or food buckets, Karat has you covered. Offered in either paper or plastic, Karat disposable food packaging products may be used for storing sauces, dressings, fried chicken, pasta, salads, and more.

Straws: Karat offers a wide variety of top-grade plastic drinking straws to match different cup sizes, including stir straws, jumbo straws, giant straws, and boba straws. Our stir straws are perfect for cocktails and coffee. Jumbo straws are used for fountain drinks, juices, teas, and iced coffee, while giant straws are ideal for smoothies, milkshakes, and slushies. Boba straws are widely used with drinks that contain add-ons such as boba, pudding, jelly, or fruit bits. To offer variety, our plastic straws are available in solid or striped colors, with flat or diagonal cut ends, and either individually wrapped or unwrapped.

Cutlery: Offering a wide variety of plastic utensils in different colors to suit the theme of your business, Karat's plastic food utensils range from medium-weight to heavy-weight to extra heavy-weight and are made of top-grade materials that ensure the product's durability and resistance to breakage. Made from premium plastic, they are used for appetizers, soups, salads, entrees, dessert, and more.

Napkins: Karat offers a wide variety of premium napkins for any occasion. Our napkins are made from premium paper, are available in the colors white or kraft, and can be

custom printed. While our Karat dinner napkins are widely used for restaurants and to-go food service establishments, Karat beverage napkins are widely used in cafes, smoothie stores, and tea shops.

Gloves: Whether it's latex, vinyl, or nitrile gloves, we have exactly what you need in the kitchen to protect your hands.

Janitorial: We offer paper roll towels, paper roll tissue and multifold paper towels for your business and office needs, providing unparalleled service and solutions for the beverage, food service, and restaurant industries.

Eco-Friendly: Karat Earth is our environmental initiative to create a compostable line of products, including paper and plastic ware, developed from the idea that living green can help people save green. Our Karat Earth products are fully compostable in commercial composting facilities, and can be converted back to monomer and poly or composted into water, carbon dioxide, and organic materials. Unlike most PLA products in the market, Karat Earth's PLA cups and lids are made in standard cup and lid sizes for easy switch and storage. The Karat Earth line also offers compostable utensils, eco-friendly food containers, and eco-friendly paper hot cups, which are Cedar Grove Certified.



Eco-Friendly Paper
Hot Cups



Eco-Friendly Paper
Food Containers



Eco-Friendly PLA Cups



Eco-Friendly PLA
Deli Containers



Eco-Friendly PLA Straws



Eco-Friendly Cutlery

Custom Printing: Take your branding and marketing efforts to the next level with custom printing services. Customized paper and plastic cups are easy and effective ways to advertise your business. Customers carrying your customized cup, container or napkin provide the perfect moving advertising! Our high-quality custom printing preserves the integrity of your design by attending to the smallest details, and with Karat's quick turnaround time of 8-12 weeks, reap the benefits of your customized product in no time.

Our Clients: Trusted by leading brands worldwide, Karat strives to offer the best products for the most competitive pricing with premium customer service.



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Fact Sheet

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Terminology:

- **Double Poly Coated Board** (sometimes called **PE Coated Board**): PE stands for Polyethylene, an oil-based plastic that is applied to the paper board in a thin coating during the manufacturing process. PE board is a replacement for wax coatings used extensively for juice, milk cartons, yogurt pots, cream pots, and ice cream containers, as well as hot and cold cups. At the seams of a cup, heat and pressure is applied to melt the PE coating, and weld the cup together, resulting in a waterproof joint.
- **PET:** Polyethylene Terephthalate, also known as PET, PETE, or PETP, is a thermoplastic resin of the polyester family. PET cold cups are not only freeze/heat resistant, but also crack resistant. Their durability makes PET cups the most popular disposable plastic cups on the market, and are used for a wide range of products such as iced tea, slush, juice, ice cream, cold beer, and more.
- **PLA:** Polylyactic Acid, Polylactide, more commonly known as PLA, is derived from 100% renewable resources. PLA, comparable to petroleum based plastic, is now used in a variety of industries including packaging, clothing, medicine, and more. Classified as GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe) by FDA, PLA is a nonvolatile and odorless polymer. PLA is fully compostable in commercial composting facilities.
- **PP:** Compared to Polyethylene Terephthalate, Polypropylene (PP) has a lower degree of clarity. Like PET, PP is a durable and tough material, and is resistant to heat, chemicals, and oil. In applying to the beverage packaging, PP cup (also known as translucent cup) is semi-transparent in color. Karat's PP cup is, however thinner and therefore enjoys a higher degree of clarity than average translucent cups.