



Absorbent Hygiene Products components: TAMPONS

* Some of these components may not always be present in the final products

Component *	Function	Example of Material type	Example of material components
Surface material/cover	Facilitates insertion/removal of the tampon, keeps the tampon fibres intact and aids the absorption of fluid	Ultra-thin cover made of cellulosic fibres, synthetic fibres or film of synthetic polymers	Polyester, Polyethylene, Polypropylene Mixture of Polypropylene/Polyester/ Polyethylene Viscose/rayon Cotton
Absorbent Core	Absorbs fluids	Cellulosic fibres	Viscose/rayon Cotton
Tampon withdrawal string	Allows removal of the tampon	Cellulosic or synthetic fibres or a blend of both	Polyester Viscose/rayon Cotton Any mixture of the above
Applicator	Helps to insert the tampon.	Cardboard or plastic	Cardboard Polyethylene Polypropylene Polylactic acid
Wrapper	Keep the tampon clean Used to dispose the tampon	Film or nonwoven made of synthetic polymers	Polyethylene Polypropylene Cellophane

Some tampons are fragranced and if so, it is indicated on the pack.