Why use IFCO RPCs for bananas?

Our Caja Oro™ banana RPC brings together all our industry expertise with an optimized design to give delicate bananas the protection they need on their journey from plantation to point of sale.
More sustainable
IFCO RPCs produce up to 60% less CO₂ and 86% less solid waste; they also use 64% less energy and 80% less water than single-use packaging.2

Better protection
The Caja Oro’s interlocking design allows secure pallet-building, and because the RPCs support the load weight, the fruit sustains less compression-related damage. The strength of our RPCs – and their completely smooth interior – also reduces crown and neck damage, as well as latex staining.

Faster cooling
RPCs cool bananas to the target 14.2°C/57.5°F 33% faster and 41% more consistently than single-use packaging can.1 This extends the ‘green life’ of the fruit, reducing premature ripening, and allowing retailers to accept more bananas from the consignment at delivery.

Stable temperature
The unique ventilation layout that allows faster cooling also promotes controlled temperatures throughout the supply chain. So the retailer has greater control of fruit ripening and color progression, improving shelf life and visual appeal for shoppers.

Ideal for retail
Our banana RPCs go straight from plantation to point of sale (POS) with no unpacking or repacking. Available in two sizes, they create attractive displays in the fresh produce department, and are quick to replace, without the risk of bruising the fruit with unnecessary handling.

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1. Data from airflow testing at University of Florida and collaborated from independent (Sensitech) studies during commercial trials
2. Comparative life-cycle assessment of reusable plastic containers, Franklin Associates, 2017; Fraunhofer IBP study, Carbon Footprint of Food packaging, commissioned by Stiftung Initiative Mehrweg (SIM) Feb 2018