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25 years of innovation and sustainability: Schütz Nordic shapes the Scandinavian industrial packaging market

Schütz Nordic is celebrating a milestone: the company has been supplying high-quality, innovative industrial packaging to the Scandinavian market for 25 years. The Schütz subsidiary, based in Kongsvinger, Norway, has always been firmly committed to the circular economy and sustainability. At Scanpack in Gothenburg, the packaging specialist recently demonstrated just what can be achieved with a clear vision and a commitment to technological progress.

New pallet types for IBCs, innovative drums and jerrycans, a systematic recycling concept: Schütz Nordic again underlined its technological leadership at this year's Scanpack, the premier Scandinavian trade fair for the packaging industry. Over the past 25 years, the company has become one of the market leaders for industrial packaging in Northern Europe thanks to its high-quality product portfolio. This success has been the result of a careful strategy: extensive expansion, staff development and technical upgrades have kept Schütz Nordic on course for more than two decades. Founded in 1999 in Kongsvinger, around 100 kilometres north-east of Oslo, the plant was completely modernised in 2003 and converted to automated production systems. Since then, the site has manufactured IBCs and Reco IBCs and has supplied the Scandinavian market with the full range of Schütz products.

After relocating to larger premises in 2011, Schütz opened a new plant equipped with state-of-the-art production technology in Kongsvinger. In 2013, the company set its sights on the next service level by setting up a cooperation with the Swedish reconitioner Allemballage, which is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Schütz. Schütz Nordic achieved the next major milestone a year later with the certification of the Norwegian plant in accordance with the FSSC 22000 system certification as part of the introduction of the new Foodcert and Cleancert packaging standards.

Schütz Nordic meets sustainability targets in Scandinavia

Another factor that has contributed significantly to the company's enduring success is its comprehensive sustainability standards. In Scandinavia in particular, there is a strong awareness of the need for environmental

protection, and the Schütz Group's commitment in this area is acknowledged and appreciated. Schütz takes a holistic approach to sustainability; the specialist for transport packaging systems has also set up its own recycling management system for the Scandinavian market as part of the global Schütz Ticket Service. Schütz's own collection and reconditioning service offers customers the opportunity to return emptied packaging directly to Schütz and thus make a valuable contribution to environmental protection with minimal effort. Thanks to an infrastructure that has been established for many years and optimised routing, Schütz Nordic guarantees short transport routes and low-CO₂ transport for the free collection of used IBCs. The collected packaging is processed to make regranulate in the company's own recycling centre and used for the production of new packaging and pallets.

This is how the products in the Green Layer series, whose IBC inner bottles, jerrycans and plastic drums are made from 30 percent high-quality, natural-coloured recycled material, are manufactured. Schütz uses the recycled pellets exclusively for the middle layer of the inner bottle. New HDPE is used to make the inner and outer layers, meaning that the filling good comes into direct contact with virgin material only. By using recyclate, up to 6.8 kg of CO₂ per IBC and up to 3.8 kg per drum are saved – without compromising on quality in any way.

“Twenty-five years of growth, expansion and continuous development have made us what we are today: a strong, established supplier of industrial packaging solutions on the Scandinavian market”, says Erik Platek, Managing Director of Schütz Nordic. “With our holistic approach to sustainability and our commitment to ensuring the broadest and most cost-efficient provision of ecological packaging, Schütz Nordic is excellently positioned for the future.”

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Caption: The sustainable packaging solutions in the Green Layer series play a central role in the Schütz Nordic portfolio.

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About SCHÜTZ

Schütz GmbH & Co. KGaA is a leading international producer of high-quality transport packaging (Intermediate Bulk Containers, PE and steel drums, and jerrycans). The Group's headquarters are in Selters, Germany. Founded in 1958, SCHÜTZ employs over 7000 people at more than 60 production and service sites around the world. The four SCHÜTZ business units, ENERGY SYSTEMS, PACKAGING SYSTEMS, INDUSTRIAL SERVICES and COMPOSITES, each hold leading positions in their respective markets. The Group's turnover in 2023 was 2.3 billion euros. The company offers its customers full system solutions that are tailored to their individual supply chain. With the SCHÜTZ TICKET SERVICE, a closed-loop cycle of speedy collection and reconditioning for used SCHÜTZ IBCs, Schütz provides all of the world's major industrial nations with a service that fully complies with the Group's sustainability philosophy.

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