

PRESS RELEASE

Germany's most innovative companies in 2024: Würth Industrie Service is one of them!

Bad Mergentheim/Main-Tauber-Kreis. Distinctive ability to innovate, comprehensive system expertise and customised product development down to the smallest detail. For over 25 years, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG considers progress as the key to success and relies on automated, digitalised system solutions and highest product quality for more than 1,400,000 items in holistic supply of production and operating materials to more than 20,000 customers. Known for having one of the most advanced logistics centres for industrial delivery in Europe, the C-Parts partner has now been honoured as "Germany's most innovative company in 2024" by Capital, the renowned business journal, and Statista, one of the leading data and analysis institutes.

There is no doubt that Germany is the business location that is considered among world's leading "innovation elite" and the "Made in Germany" seal is a guarantee of quality internationally. As part of the study on "Germany's most innovative companies in 2024", 465 companies have now made their mark with top performance in twenty industries and industrial sectors ranging from automotive industry and chemical sector to energy and environment. Using a broad-based methodology, the survey was conducted among representatives of innovation award-winning companies and Statista's panel of experts called "Expert Circle" and their recommendations for the categories products & services, process innovations and cultural and social innovations were comprehensively analysed in the period from 28th September 2023 to 17th November 2023. The result: Würth Industrie Service is one of Germany's most innovative companies.

"For over 25 years, we have been inspiring our customers every day with customised solutions for efficient C-Parts management. Each and every one of our 1,800 employees is required to participate proactively. After all, we value innovation and curiosity immensely," says Stefan Reuss, General Manager, IT and Digital Solutions at Würth Industrie Service.

Always one step ahead: progress through innovation

Innovative technologies in line with modern C-Parts management succeed hand in hand with one's own customers as well as with partners from science, trade and industry. A dedicated Digital Business Development & Innovations department deals with future-oriented trends for targeted management and coordination of

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innovation projects and collaboration with start-ups. Würth Industrie Service's ability to innovate is visible in its supply systems, which engage in high level of automation. In addition to the battery-operated iPLACER®, which uses RFID technology not only for the ordering process, but also for inventory management, the digital rack label iDISPLAY, which displays all information relating to items, filling quantity, availability, storage location and upcoming replenishments directly at the point of use, also ensures maximum productivity. An almost independent, logistical storage management for C-Parts can be achieved with iSCALE, a sensor-controlled scale that is directly connected to the Kanban bins and reports the requirements of production materials and other small parts based on weight. With iSCALE pal, weighing technology can now also be used for pallets. But that's not all! The expert has also been focussing on innovative technologies in the field of production-related MRO materials for over 10 years. The intelligent ORSY®mat vending machines ensure efficient materials management and enable a lean supply. For example, the ORSY®mat WGT detects the withdrawal of items through its integrated weighing cells. Currently, more than 20,000 customers are already using over 1,800 vending machines, more than 15,000 RFID solutions and more than 2 million Kanban bins.

The C-Parts partner is also continuously increasing its level of automation and digitalisation at the heart of the Würth Industrial Park, one of the most advanced logistics centres for industrial supply in Europe. Modern, fully automated high-bay and shuttle warehouses with a capacity of over 650,000 storage locations, 34 kilometres of conveyor technology, camera inspection systems, autonomous bin shuttles and self-learning robots together with modern IT systems are used.

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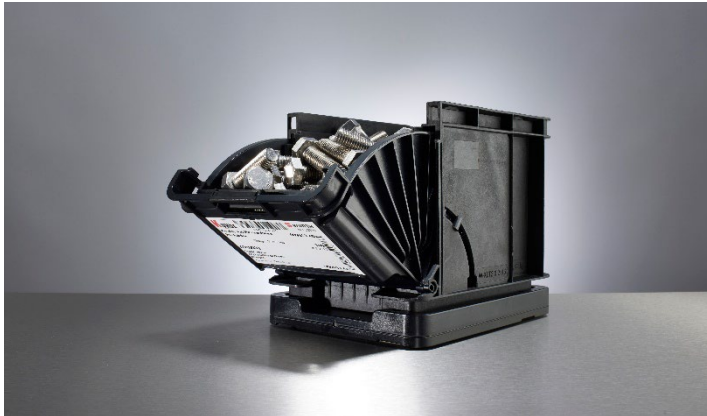


Photo 1: iScale - The scale system.jpg

Caption 1: The Kanban scale system iSCALE ensures automatic replenishment and thus maximum material safety at the place of demand

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Photo 2: iPlacer.jpg

Caption 2: iPLACER® as a flexible RFID module for automated reordering and inventory management.

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Photo 3: Robotics.jpg

Caption: 3: Thanks to self-learning robots, the C-Parts partner is continuously increasing its level of automation and digitalisation within logistics.

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Brief profile of Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG

Within the Würth Group, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG is responsible for supplying to the industrial sector. Since its foundation in the year 1999, the company is located at the Würth Industrial Park in Bad Mergentheim, Germany with over 1,800 employees. As a one-stop C-Parts provider, the company offers its customers a specialised product range with over 1,400,000 items: from screws and tools to connection and fastening technology, technical chemicals as well as occupational safety solutions. Aside from the extensive standard product range, the strength of the company lies in its customer-specific, logistical and dispositive supply and service concepts as well as special parts. Under the service brand “CPS® – C-Product Service”, the company offers modular solutions, which are customised as per customer-specific requirements. Thereby, the consumption-based and demand-based systems significantly rationalise the processes for purchase, logistics and quality assurance and enable the procurement of small parts in a cost-optimised manner. Logistic and dispositive services such as shelving systems that use scanners or a just-in-time supply using Kanban bin systems play a significant role in increasing productivity.