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Schütz Recontainer: Cross-Bottling in the highest quality

Selters (hds). Schütz reconditions with expertise gained over decades. In 1976 the company started reconditioning used IBCs and since 1980, as the first producer and reconditioner, guarantees the worldwide collection of used industrial packaging. The prerequisite for this well-functioning circular economy is a high capacity, closely linked collection system with 50 production and service locations around the globe. The Schütz Ticket Service has become the largest producer-owned network for the collection and reconditioning of emptied IBCs. The emptied IBCs are fitted with original inner bottles and components produced in a globally standardised, eco-friendly process. The result, a one hundred per cent compatible Recobulk in a standard specification made from a Schütz Ecobulk. To expand the service of reconditioning, Schütz offers now with the new Recontainer cross-bottling – the reconditioning of IBCs from other producers – at the highest standard.

Safety through uniform processes and originality

As with the reconditioning of own IBCs, collected containers of other brands are evaluated according to the last filling product. The basis is a comprehensive internal product data base with more than 200,000 evaluated filling products which is constantly updated. Possible residues are removed and appropriately disposed. Subsequently the inner bottles are replaced. The recyclable grid cage of the foreign producer is extensively cleaned and if necessary repaired, and then fitted with a new universal Schütz inner bottle. The specially developed inner bottle has been technically adapted to fit into the cages of numerous IBC models on the market. The inner bottle which was removed is recycled in an internal recycling system from which high quality HDPE recyclate is generated and then used within the closed cycle to produce plastic components such as corner protectors and plastic pallets for the IBCs.

Furthermore, the Recontainer is equipped with a new label plate which has also been optimised for the different grid cages, as adhesive residues from labels are unavoidable on the old label plates when they are only cleaned. Further components such as screw caps and discharge valves are replaced with new original parts during the inner bottle replacement process. Thus, the packaging specialist guarantees the highest quality in cross-bottling.

The advantages: Customers that use the Recontainer can rely on Schütz's proven standards when using this packaging for their valuable filling products. The IBCs are delivered as a single-type standard specification. At the same time Schütz is contributing to the conservation of natural resources through the eco-friendly reconditioning of IBCs from other producers.

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Caption: The inner bottle which was specially developed by Schütz has a shape that has been technically adapted to fit into the cages of numerous IBC models on the market.
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Schütz is a leading international producer of high-quality transport packaging (Intermediate Bulk Containers, PE and steel drums). The Group's headquarters are in Selters, Germany. Founded in 1958, Schütz employs over 6000 people at more than 50 production and service sites around the world (including licensees). The four Schütz business units, Packaging Systems, Energy Systems, Industrial Services and Composites, each hold leading positions in their respective markets. The family-run enterprise is an important trendsetter and innovator. The Group's turnover in 2019 was 1.8 billion euros. Schütz 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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