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Systematic developments increase the durability of all steel pallet versions

At Interpack 2026, Schütz is unveiling a brand-new global innovation designed to provide even better protection for steel pallets against the deformation that can occur during daily forklift handling, like corner collisions. This has been achieved by optimising the entire bottom assembly: both the corner feet and the supporting bottom plate have been fitted with so-called interlocking cams to ensure a form-fit reinforced pallet unit with twist-resistant corner feet.

The optimised steel pallets are Schütz's new global standard. They prevent damage and thus significantly increase the service life and overall stability of the pallet units. The new additional locking mechanism comprised of interlocking cams in the bottom plate and corner feet, minimises the risk of the deformation that can occur when moving and positioning IBCs with a forklift. The increased dimensional stability and robustness of the pallet units extend their service life and enable a higher number of cycles – in line with the principles of the circular economy.

Reinforced design with a compound system

At Interpack, Schütz will be demonstrating the benefits of this new design using the 3-skid steel pallet as an example. Thanks to the additional central skid, this pallet offers optimal force distribution and minimal deflection and has a significantly larger contact area compared to traditional steel-frame pallets. Lowered skid edges facilitate side entry with forklift trucks. The combination of an optimised bottom plate and the new corner feet further increase the pallet's resistance to deformation and gives the corner feet even more torsional stability.

Schütz's entire range of steel pallets is being gradually updated to the new design with enhanced impact protection. This move sees the packaging expert underlining its guiding principle of "Circular Economy meets Technology" by increasing the durability and reusability of its products and thus further optimising their economic and environmental efficiency.

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Caption:

The new interlocking mechanism between the bottom plate and the corner feet reduces the risk of deformation that can occur when forklift trucks collide with the pallet.

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Caption: The optimised bottom assembly, featuring twist-resistant corner feet, prevents damage during forklift handling and extends the service life of Schütz steel pallets.

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