

PRESS RELEASE

Award-winning innovation pioneer: Würth Industrie Service is one of "Germany's most innovative companies in 2023".

Bad Mergentheim/Main-Tauber-Kreis. Innovation is a steady driver for the growth and success of companies and is therefore of utmost importance. Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG considers progress as the key to success and relies on automated, digitalised system solutions and the highest product quality for more than 1,400,000 items in holistic supply of production and operating materials for more than 20,000 customers. Known for having one of the most modern logistics centres for industrial delivery in Europe, the C-Parts partner has now been awarded as "Germany's most innovative company in 2023" 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 "Made in Germany" seal is a guarantee of quality internationally. 466 companies are particularly innovative: They have received highest ratings of four or five stars in the new evaluation of "Germany's most innovative companies". 20 industries and industrial sectors ranging from automotive, chemical to energy and environment were surveyed for the fourth time. Using a unique and wide-ranging methodology, the survey was conducted among representatives of innovation award-winning companies and Statista's panel of experts titled "Expert Circle" and the recommendations on the categories products & services, process innovations and cultural and social innovations were comprehensively analysed during the survey period from 1st November 2022 to 16th December 2022. The result: Würth Industrie Service is one of Germany's most innovative companies.

"As true innovators and initiators, we are constantly changing and inspiring our customers every day with customised solutions for efficient C-Parts management. Each and every one of our 1,750 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 for modern C-Parts management succeed by learning from and with own customers and are developed in collaboration with partners

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from science, trade and industry – and are applicable far beyond the company boundaries. A dedicated Digital Business Development & Innovations department deals with future-oriented trends for the targeted management and coordination of innovation projects and collaboration with start-ups. The innovation strength of Würth Industrie Service is visible in its supply systems, which engage in high level of automation. One of the innovative new developments, the battery-operated iPLACER®, uses RFID technology not only for the ordering process, but also for inventory management. Equipped with a reader and transmitter, the iPLACER® can be installed anywhere – in production, at the workplace, in the assembly, logistics or intralogistics – and offers customers the advantage of automated replenishment at every location and in turn, complete transparency about the usage. Almost independent, logistical warehouse 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. Würth Industrie Service is also focusing on improving its intelligent ORSY®mat vending machines for all production-related MRO materials. For example, the ORSY®mat WGT detects the withdrawal of items through its integrated weighing cells. With the vending machines, the C-Parts partner takes care of everything from delivery, storage and stocking to fully automatic replenishment of auxiliary and operating materials. Currently, more than 20,000 customers are already using over 1,500 vending machines, more than 13,000 RFID Kanban systems and more than 2 million Kanban bins. At the heart of Würth Industrial Park, one of Europe's most modern logistics centres for industrial supplies, the C-Parts partner is continuously increasing the level of automation and digitalisation. This includes modern, fully automated high-bay and shuttle warehouses with a capacity of over 650,000 storage spaces, 34 kilometres of conveyor technology, camera inspection systems, driverless bin shuttles and use of self-learning robots for picking and palletising. Impressed by the innovation strategy of Würth Industrie Service, Capital and Statista have awarded the company as "Germany's most innovative company in 2023".

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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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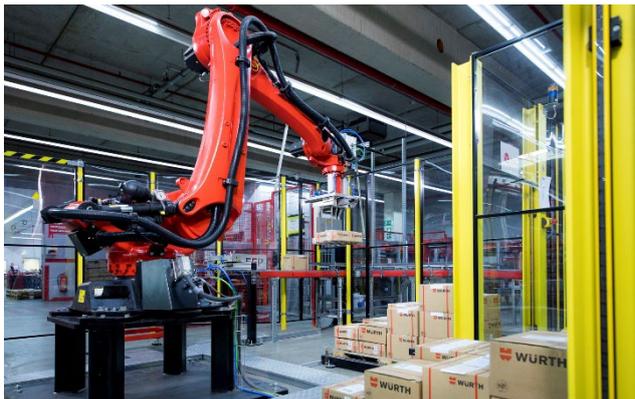


Photo 2: Robotics.jpg

Caption: 2: With the use of 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 the supply of the industrial sector. Since its foundation in 1999, Würth Industrie Service is located at the Industriepark Würth in Bad Mergentheim, Germany with over 1,750 employees.

As a complete C-Parts provider, the company offers its customers a specialised product range of over 1,400,000 items: from screws, connection and fastening technology, tools to chemical-technical products and occupational safety. In addition to the extensive standard range, the strength of the company lies in its customer-specific, logistical and dispositive supply and service concepts as well as in 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 with scanners or a just-in-time supply using Kanban bin systems contribute significantly to increasing the productivity.