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## The 1000th ORSY®mat: Würth Industrie Service reaches milestone in automated material supply – Anniversary vending machine installed at Atlas Weyhausen

*Bad Mergentheim/Main-Tauber region.* Gloves, adhesives or screwdrivers: Manufacturing companies depend on a reliable, demand-driven supply of numerous auxiliary and operating materials. Processes that are still handled manually or via staffed material dispensing points in many companies can now be digitalised and automated. With its 1000th ORSY®mat, Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG has reached a significant milestone in automated material supply: The anniversary vending machine has been installed at Atlas Weyhausen GmbH. The long-standing Kanban customer is thus expanding its partnership of around 20 years to include the automated supply of indirect materials.

### Automation potential in materials management

Whether personal protective equipment, chemical-technical products or tools, indirect materials are essential for smooth production and maintenance processes. At the same time, their provision is often associated with considerable administrative effort. Materials need to be dispensed, stock levels monitored, consumption documented and items reordered in good time. Particularly where a wide range of products, variants and sizes is involved, this results in recurring manual tasks. Automated dispensing systems address precisely these process steps. They transfer individual activities from manual material dispensing and inventory control to a digitally supported supply process. This enables companies to deploy personnel resources more effectively while ensuring the demand-driven availability of the required materials.

### From handwritten requisition slips to system-supported dispensing

Atlas Weyhausen has been developing and manufacturing high-quality wheel loaders under the Weycor brand at its Wildeshausen site for more than 55 years. The machines are used worldwide in construction, industry and agriculture. As an independent manufacturer, the company combines tradition and innovation with the aim of producing robust, high-performance machinery.

Atlas Weyhausen and Würth Industrie Service have been working together in the field of material supply for around two decades. While the supply of production materials via Kanban systems has been firmly established for many years, indirect

materials such as gloves, adhesive tapes and tools were previously provided through a conventional material dispensing point. Employees submitted their requirements using handwritten requisition slips, after which the required items were dispensed manually. As a result, material availability was directly dependent on staffing levels and the opening hours of the dispensing point. In addition to material dispensing itself, inventory management also involved continuous manual effort. The responsible employee had to monitor available quantities, take account of different variants and sizes and initiate reorders when required. To make its existing material dispensing processes more efficient and flexible, Atlas Weyhausen systematically developed the process further. The aim was to reduce recurring manual tasks and deploy existing resources effectively. The company therefore opted for an automated solution.

## Material supply around the clock

With the ORSY®mat WGT, Atlas Weyhausen is introducing an automated material dispensing solution. One of its key benefits is round-the-clock availability: The items stored in the machine are accessible to employees at any time. Material withdrawal is therefore no longer tied to the previous dispensing hours or to the staffing of the material dispensing point. Employees identify themselves at the vending machine using their personal employee ID card. This enables material withdrawals to be clearly assigned and transparently documented. The ORSY®mat WGT is based on an integrated weighing system. A defined weight is stored in the system for each item. Integrated weighing cells register changes in weight, enabling the quantities withdrawn and the remaining stock to be determined automatically. Once the machine has been closed, the system automatically calculates the current stock level. Employees can withdraw individual items or several items at the same time, irrespective of predefined packaging units. The ORSY®mat WGT therefore combines flexible material withdrawal with automated and transparent inventory management.

"For us, it was essential to further develop the existing material dispensing process so that the required items would be available independently of fixed dispensing hours. At the same time, we wanted to reduce the manual effort involved in inventory control and reordering. With the ORSY®mat WGT, we are creating an automated supply process that meets both requirements," explains Malaika Schmidt, Strategic Purchasing at Atlas Weyhausen GmbH.

## ORSY®mat: Automated supply of indirect materials

ORSY®mat vending machines from Würth Industrie Service are designed for the automated supply of indirect materials. Depending on the specific requirements, the systems can accommodate a wide range of product groups, from personal

protective equipment and adhesive and consumable materials to tools. Positioned close to the point of use, they enable demand-driven material provision and complement existing supply concepts with automated material dispensing.

By extending its Kanban system to include ORSY®mat vending machine supply, Atlas Weyhausen is systematically developing its material supply processes. The 1000th ORSY®mat installed by Würth Industrie Service therefore represents more than a numerical milestone: It illustrates a practical approach that enables industrial companies to digitalise their indirect material supply and make the associated processes more flexible and efficient.

## Photos

**Captions**:



Photo: 1000th ORSY®mat by Würth Industrie Service.jpg
Caption: Milestone in automated material supply: The 1000th ORSY®mat has been installed by Würth Industrie Service at Atlas Weyhausen.
From left to right: Malaika Schmidt, Strategic Purchasing at Atlas Weyhausen GmbH, Janina Helmholz, Purchasing at Atlas Weyhausen GmbH and Michael Rabe, Account Manager at Würth Industrie Service GmbH & Co. KG.
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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 1,750 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 customised as per the customer's requirements. These consumption-based and demand-based systems streamline the processes for Purchase, Logistics and Quality assurance while enabling 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.