



## **IFOY AWARD**

international intralogistics and  
forklift truck of the year

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Download (click on picture):** Test passed: The “Best in Intralogistics” certificates were awarded again this year in Dortmund. They certify that the finalists of the IFOY AWARD 2026 have successfully completed the three-stage audit. Photo: IFOY AWARD/Frank Elschner

## **IFOY AWARD 2026: “Best in Intralogistics” certificates awarded in Dortmund**

**All 17 nominated solutions and products receive seals for successful participation in the three-stage IFOY Audit.**

**Jan Drömer, Chairman of the VDMA Materials Handling and Intralogistics Association, presents certificates at the Westfalenhalle in Dortmund.**

**The winners of the IFOY AWARD will be announced on June 25 in Stuttgart.**

Dortmund/Ismaning near Munich, April 16, 2026. The finalists of the IFOY AWARD 2026 have passed a significant milestone: the “Best in Intralogistics” certificates for 2026 were handed over at the TEST CAMP INTRALOGISTICS in Westfalenhalle (Dortmund). With this seal of quality, the organizers of the International Intralogistics and Forklift Truck of the Year (IFOY) AWARD

recognize all companies that have reached the award finals and successfully completed the challenging three-stage IFOY Audit. The certificates were presented by Jan Drömer, Chairman of the Board of the VDMA Material Handling and Intralogistics Association.

A total of 17 companies will be allowed to use the seal for their innovations that have been honored as IFOY Finalists. The 2026 certificate holders include Crown, Idealworks, Jungheinrich, KNAPP, Libiao Robotics, Locus Robotics, Mobotic, Nomagic, PureLoX SOLUTIONS, SSI SCHÄFER, STILL, The Mobile Robot Company, and Wilsche Fördersysteme. In the spin-off award "IFOY Start-up of the Year," AI2Connect, Koitech, Pyck, and Romb Technologies received the "Best in Intralogistics" certificate.

The seal stands for independently verified innovation. By reaching the IFOY final, companies undergo a standardized audit process that combines scientific analysis, extensive practical testing, and final testing by an international jury of experts. The aim is to evaluate the degree of innovation, market relevance, and customer benefit in a transparent and comprehensible manner.

The scientific IFOY Innovation Check is carried out by the Fraunhofer Institutes for Material Flow and Logistics (IML) in Dortmund and for Production Engineering and Automation (IPA) in Stuttgart, as well as professors at the Technical Universities of Dresden and Munich. Scientists analyze the technical design and degree of innovation, check the manufacturer's specifications for plausibility, and evaluate the market significance and customer benefits of the solutions.

In addition, the industrial trucks undergo a detailed test protocol as part of the IFOY Test, which focuses not only on hard facts but also on criteria such as cost-effectiveness, sustainability, energy efficiency, safety, and ergonomics. All results serve as a basis for decision-making by the international jury of trade journalists and are also publicly available.

The winners of the coveted IFOY AWARD 2026 trophies will be announced at the award ceremony on June 25 in Stuttgart. This year's IFOY AWARD Night will be hosted by IFOY partner AEB.

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#### **IFOY AWARD WWW.IFOY.ORG**

The International Intralogistics and Forklift Truck of the Year (IFOY AWARD) recognises the year's best intralogistics products and system solutions. The aim of the organisation is to document the performance capability and innovative drive of the intralogistics, helping to boost competitiveness and raise the profile of the entire sector in the public arena. The winners of the IFOY AWARD are selected once a year by an independent jury of international trade journalists. The sponsors of the IFOY AWARD are the VDMA Materials Handling and Intralogistics Sector Association and the VDMA Robotics + Automation Sector Association. IFOY partners are Messe Dortmund and the world's leading forklift attachment manufacturer Cascade. The IFOY logistics partner is LTG. IFOY event partner is AEB. The headquarter of the IFOY organisation is in Ismaning near Munich. The IFOY AWARD is under the patronage of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.

**Members of the jury:** Snezhina Badjeva, editor-in-chief Logistika magazine (Bulgaria), Winfried Bauer, editor-in-chief f+h Fördertechnik (Germany), Cecilia Biondi, editor-in-chief Logistica Management (Italy), Alejandra Cabornero, editor-in-chief Logistica Profesional (Spain), Rosa Maria Cherubini, editor Il Giornale della Logistica (Italy), Charleen Clarke, editor-in-chief Focus on Transport and Logistics (South Africa), Theo Egberts, IFOY tester and owner of Buro Andersom / Andersom Testing (Netherlands, without voting rights), Hilda Hultén, editor and publisher Dagens Logistik (Sweden), Klaus Koch, editor-in-chief LogisticsInnovation.org (Switzerland), Véronique Le Voas Barat, publisher and editor Solutions Manutention (France), Valeria Lima de Azevedo Nammur, editor-in-chief LogWeb Magazine (Brazil), Øyvind Ludt, editor-in-chief Tidsskriftet Logistikk / Logistikk Inside (Norway), Bernd Maienschein, specialist editor MM Logistik (Germany), David Maloney, editorial director DC Velocity and CSCMP's Supply Chain Quarterly (USA), Marilena Matei, editorial director Tranzit / Tranzit Logistica (Romania), Matthias Pieringer, editor-in-chief Logistik Heute (Germany), Szilvia Rapi-Jaubert, publisher and editor-in-chief Supply Chain Monitor (Hungary), Sascha Schmel, managing director association materials handling and intralogistics in the VDMA (Germany, without voting rights), Christoph Scholze, editor-in-chief dhf Intralogistik (Germany), Sebastian Śliwieński, editor-in-chief Warehouse Monitor (Poland), Michal Štengl, editor-in-chief Transport a Logistika (Czech Republic), Jarlath Sweeney, editor-in-chief Fleet transport (Ireland), Ying (Crystal) Xu, representative Editor-in-chief, China Industrial News Network (China). The executive chairperson of the jury is Anita Würmser, logistics journalist and managing partner of impact media projects.

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