

"Water is the most important basic resource and is under enormous pressure worldwide when it comes to both quality and quantity. Use **Schönborner innovations** for your **adaptation and resilience measures** to protect water as a resource."

### **Thomas Ebert**





## That is what Schönborners stand for

#### Innovation

With 70 patents and registered designs, we are pioneers in the development of innovative products.

#### **Customer focus**

Intensive dialogue with the customer is the quickest way to develop successful innovations and products.

### High vertical range of manufacture

Our production is clearly aligned with customer requirements to ensure quality and quantity. These include product life and creating added value in product use.

## **Speed and flexibility**

in component development and production through additive manufacturing.

### **Cooperation with science**

We have our own research and development department, where dedicated employees work closely with the scientific community to expand their wealth of knowledge in the implementation of our R&D projects.

We support future graduates with two German scholarships.









"For us, **sustainability** means resource-saving innovative production that creates high-quality products that will also benefit our children's and grandchildren's generation."

**Thomas Ebert** 





# SCHOEN BORNER

the future at a glance

# Sustainability and resilience are close to our hearts

Sustainability means for us:

Optimised weight with increased strength through the use of higher-strength steels and optimised constructions.

**Material efficiency** by using square pipe instead of square steel, yet with higher strength.

**Corrosion protection** that moves with the times – galvanising was yesterday's news. DeltaProtekt coating is standard with us today. Extending the service life.

Ball bearing in a light casing – Smooth running due to the installation of a ball bearing and weight optimisation, paired with increased corrosion protection, are unbeatable product features.

**Wood fibre** – 35% minimisation of the use of petroleum in the production of plastics, increased strength through the use of wood fibres enable more reduced mass.



**Closed-loop recycling** of natural fibre reinforced plastic components

We are working at full speed with the Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Polymer Research on the development and establishment of a return and recycling system (raw material cycle management) for natural fibre-reinforced products.

The aim is to minimise the use of the fossil fuel "polyethylene (PE)" and replace it with "wood" as a renewable raw material. There is also an associated potential to obtain an environmental certificate/mark.

We have been addressing this issue for many years. For example, in 2013 we developed a laser welding process together with the TU Chemnitz and Rabe Lasersysteme GmbH, with which natural fibre-reinforced components with a fibre content of up to 35% can be welded together using a laser beam. In a further development, we expanded our expertise in the area of production/ extrusion of natural fibre-reinforced profiles (pipes). As a result, we are developing and manufacturing the corresponding production technologies and the necessary technical equipment together with the TU Chemnitz.