

Erik Walther GmbH & Co. KG

"It was particularly important to us to find a solution that covers all the different requirements of our three sectors of tank, bottled and liquified petroleum gas in one application".

Werner Motz, Commercial Manager Erik Walther GmbH



Why did you choose OPTITOOL?

In the last few years, the company Erik Walther has always been on a growth course and expanded its filling stations by numerous LPG stations.

All stations were equipped with remote bearing systems which measure the current level of the respective tanks and transmit it to the supplier. The supply of tank and bottled gas to our own LPG stations as well as to numerous retailers' customers and end users is handled by our own modern fleet of vehicles. Erik Walther has opted for OPTITOOL so that the fleet can be managed cost-efficiently.

What was the result of the trip optimization?

The trips are automatically planned considering the space required for bottle gases per vehicle. For each trip, the data is automatically imported from the existing ERP system and, depending on the bottle (5 kg, 11 kg and 33 kg bottles), the space requirement of an order is planned as a proportional mesh box. The dispatcher does not have to plan the loading manually and the vehicle is optimally utilized.

What were the special requirements for tank gas?

There are special challenges in the field of tank gas that must be taken into account. As an example, time period orders and service orders for tank and vehicle maintenance should be created and automatically planned.

For this reason, Erik Walther additionally opted for OPTI4Cast, a demand forecast module, which enables a communication between the software and the remote bearing systems at the tanks when supplying LPG. Based on the filling levels, the optimum delivery times are forecasted and can also be planned at the same time.

Our result:

Reduction of the logistics costs in the first year
Simple and transparent process planning

Erik Walther

Overview

Medium-sized company
Founded in 1934
More than 170 employees

Location

Main headquarters in Gera
More than 80 Walther filling stations
and 2 highway filling stations

Description

As a family business, Erik Walther, we have been supplying our customers with gasoline, heating oil, gas, wood pellets and other energy sources for generations and today operate one of the largest networks of independent filling stations in Bavaria, Hesse, Thuringia and Baden-Württemberg. We are also a wholesaler of mineral oils, fuels and gases - with our own fleet of ships and fuel depots. And in all we do, it is always our goal to offer the best quality service and particularly low prices to our customers.



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