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Invention with a lotta bottle



A REVELUTIONARY system, developed by Sheffield company Loadhog, which could save the glass bottle industry millions of pounds a year, has been named Yorkshire Innovation of the Year.

The Smartstak system prevents stacks of glass bottles from collapsing during transit and has been hailed by a leading glass bottle manufacturer as “the greatest advance in glass transportation in the last 20 years.”

More than one in a hundred bottle stacks collapse or become unstable while they are being transported around the country in the backs of lorries.

Smartstak allows up to 11 layers of bottles to be stacked on a pallet, without any need for shrink-wrapping or horizontal banding.

The system is being used by some of the UK’s largest glass manufacturers, who are moving six million bottles a week, without a single bottle being broken.

Dave Arthur, Loadhog product manager, said: “ We are delighted that Smartstak has been recognised as offering a total, one-stop solution to glass bottle manufacturers.

This award underlines the system’s worldwide potential in achieving zero breakages as well as delivering a range of other environmental, health and safety benefits.”

Smartstak was named Innovation of the Year at the Yorkshire Post Excellence in Business Awards.

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