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When distinguished design is no coincidence

New Gemma grating cover from Richard Brink honoured with Red Dot Design Award

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The prestigious Red Dot Design Award has been presented to products from all kinds of fields in the “Product Design” discipline since as early as 1954. Richard Brink GmbH & Co. KG has also received the award on several occasions for the outstanding aesthetic design of its drainage and dewatering solutions. This year, the Gemma designer grating became the fourth channel cover manufactured by the family company from Eastern Westphalia to receive the coveted award.

Besides producing an extensive range of standard products, the company Richard Brink specialises in the bespoke production of metal goods to customer specifications. In order to give the drainage and dewatering channels an individual finish also visually, customers can choose from a number of different grating designs. The new Gemma designer grating is available with either a sand-blasted matt finish or a brushed, glossy finish. Named “Best of the Best” in 2025, the grating is made up of several stainless-steel diamonds, each with sides that curve slightly outwards, resembling the pattern of a sequin dress. Depending on how the light hits the tread, the design creates unique reflections and shimmering shades in hues of grey and white. The innovation certainly lives up to its Latin namesake, which translates into English as “jewel”.

A homage to the art of engineering

Another award winner produced by Richard Brink is the Prisma cast grating, which came out on top in the “Urban Design” category in 2019. Its intricate and homogeneous surface featuring an interwoven, bevelled design diffracts

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the light again and again, just like a prism. The locking technology is hidden in the lower section of the grating so as not to interrupt the overall appearance of its continuous pattern. A high-quality cathodic dip coating in anthracite grey completes the grating's premium look. The "modern design and harmonious look that accentuates a slick urban aesthetic" was a decisive factor for the jury.

Besides this, the Gemini grating, named after the Latin for "twins", took the "Best of the Best" title in 2015. The grating features two inlet slots separated by an integrated stone inlay. By laying the slab material found to either side of the channel also inside the stone tray, the cover blends perfectly and discreetly into any paved surface. The double-slit design has since been modified to also create the Gemini Magna, a heavy-duty model with a deeper stone tray. The channel top has a timeless look and combines the advantages of a box channel with the appearance of a slotted channel in a purist design.

The Hydra Linearis longitudinal bar grating made by the metal products manufacturer based in Schloss Holte-Stukenbrock was the first of the company's products to receive a Red Dot Design Award back in 2010 with the distinction "Honourable Mention". The premium stainless-steel bars measuring 7x7mm create an elegant finish along the product's entire length. The grating is also available as a curved and a heavy-duty version.

Creativity and practicality from a single source

Richard Brink has long been committed to creating a range of products that satisfies the highest demands in quality, design and function. In its early days, the company produced goods such as weather vanes, spires and chimney caps. The attention to detail cultivated during this founding period was nurtured and refined with the growth of the company's product range. Precisely this focus on quality combined with the resulting artisanal perfection became a recipe for success that continues to be seen today, also in the

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accolades presented by the independent jury. Four completely different, award-winning designs are proof that the stylish products sculpted by Richard Brink GmbH & Co. KG are not mere coincidence, but the culmination of a thought-out and manifold product development process.

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Richard Brink is a medium-sized family-run company from Eastern Westphalia, now managed by the second generation. Over its 45-year history, the company has established itself on the market as an expert in metalware production. From product development and construction through manufacturing right up to advice and sales, the company manages and takes ownership of all processes in-house.

The product range comprises drainage and dewatering solutions, planting systems along with solutions for roof and wall areas, industrial applications, bathrooms and kitchens. Made-to-measure and custom-made products round off the comprehensive standard product range from the metal products manufacturer. Find more information at www.richard-brink.de.

Its sister company, Brink Systembau GmbH, is specialised in the trade fair and exhibition business and sells for instance flexible modular construction systems produced by Richard Brink GmbH & Co. KG. Additional products include fully back-lit LED illuminated walls or parcel lockers as a secure drop-off location for personal and commercial goods deliveries.

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