

**Working together for sustainability:**

Today's products are tomorrow's raw materials



## Return products and safeguard resources

“Today’s products are tomorrow’s raw materials” – that’s the basis that we’re working on at SEW-EURODRIVE. Indeed, companies are facing a whole raft of new challenges as raw materials become ever scarcer, new demands are made for resource-friendly product manufacturing and environmentally friendly disposal becomes a requirement. At SEW-EURODRIVE, we see this as an opportunity and are developing concepts for a sustainable future.

**Returns are part of the 4-Re concept from SEW-EURODRIVE:**

### ReFit

4-Re products have been engineered so that they can be renewed during their useful life, with individual assemblies that can be replaced quickly and easily.

**Sustainability credentials:**

Resource-friendly useful life, technical upgrades and reduced downtimes.

### ReTurn

At the end of their useful life, 4-Re products can be returned to SEW-EURODRIVE.

**Sustainability credentials:**

Products are reused or separated and recycled depending on the condition of the individual components.

As part of the 4-Re concept, we have developed an innovative returns process that allows customers to return selected products to SEW-EURODRIVE right now.

By reusing parts or recycling them in an eco-friendly manner, we are feeding materials back into a continuous cycle.

### Here is an example: The MOVI4R-U® basic inverter

The MOVI4R-U® frequency inverter is the first product to be developed as a 4-Re product. The aluminum components in the inverters can be completely recycled when the product is returned, which reduces its carbon footprint by up to 16 percent.

To verify this performance, a life-cycle assessment to ISO 14040/44:2006 was carried out that was subject to a scientific examination and was substantiated by the Institute of Industrial Ecology at Pforzheim University.

The sustainable product concept of the MOVI4R-U® won the “Sustainable Production Award 2014” in the category drive and fluid technology.





### ReUse

The returned product is disassembled and parts that can be reused are fed back into the production process.

**Sustainability credentials:** Repeatedly reusing selected parts saves on raw materials and protects the environment, since fewer new parts need to be manufactured.

### ReCycle

Components that cannot simply be reused are separated and recycled.

**Sustainability credentials:**

Environmentally sound recovery of raw materials that can be fed back into raw material supplies.

**Join us as we put sustainability into practice and support our returns process. All you have to do is send your returnable products back to SEW-EURODRIVE.**



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