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**medmix continues to enforce its dispenser IP rights to protect quality and consumer safety
medmix stops counterfeiters of MK dispensers at 2026 International Hardware Fair in Cologne**

medmix actively enforces its IP rights in dispenser products against copiers. For decades, industrial and construction customers have recognized medmix’s distinctive and well-known MK™ industrial dispensers. medmix acts to protect customers from confusing MK products with potentially dangerous, similar-looking copycat dispensers of unknown origin—products that are not made to medmix’s quality standards in its modern factory in the UK and do not benefit from medmix’s guarantees. Copycats often dishonestly use identical or similar shapes and colors for their dispensers to create confusion on the market as to the source of these products for industrial and construction workers, distributors, and resellers.

At the 2026 International Hardware Fair (IHF, “Eisenwarenmesse”), four counterfeiters of medmix MK™ dispensers were discovered. Three counterfeiters—Jinhua Xinqiao Tools Factory and Yongkang Jia Wan Fun Tools Co., Ltd. of China, and Parget Industrial Co., Ltd. of Taiwan—signed cease-and-desist declarations agreeing, under a contractual penalty, not to manufacture, sell, export, import, offer for sale, promote, or advertise any deceptively similar industrial dispensers that copy or imitate medmix’s rights under unfair competition law in the applicable geography against slavish imitation of the unique and distinctive, well-known visual appearance rights in its MK-brand industrial dispensers, as shown by the IHF examples below:



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Figure 1: detected copies at the Eisenwaren Messe

One counterfeiter, Jiangsu GTIG Huatai Co. of China, initially refused to sign a cease-and-desist declaration. However, as a result of medmix's significant sales, marketing, and enforcement efforts regarding its MK H14 dispenser, the District Court of Cologne granted, on March 5, a preliminary injunction ("einstweilige Verfügung") for medmix Switzerland Ltd. (plaintiff) against Jiangsu GTIG Huatai Co. (defendant, "GTIG"), forbidding the infringer from offering and selling in Germany the below copy of medmix's visually distinctive MK H14 dispenser:



Figure 2: copy of medmix's MK H14 dispenser, by Jiangsu GTIG Huatai Co.

Subsequently, GTIG agreed to reimburse medmix's attorney's fees and, under a contractual penalty, not to manufacture, export, import, offer for sale, promote, or advertise the infringing dispenser.

In the aforementioned lawsuit, prior to the parties reaching a settlement, the District Court of Cologne had already expressly acknowledged that the above dispenser offered by GTIG clearly infringed medmix's rights relating to the MK H14 RS under unfair competition law:

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Figure 3: original MK H14 RS dispenser from medmix.

This recognition was particularly significant for medmix, as it reinforced again the strength and enforceability of its rights on the MK dispensers in Germany, confirmed the likelihood of consumer confusion in the marketplace, and served as a strong precedent again supporting medmix's broader enforcement strategy against unfair competition.

Background

medmix has a long history of enforcing its rights in its unique-appearing MK-brand dispensers, such as the MK H14RS and H212P shown below. The tradition, quality, reliability, and performance of the MK™ dispensers—originally manufactured and supplied by Krøger A/S since 1922—continue as part of the medmix Switzerland AG product portfolio.

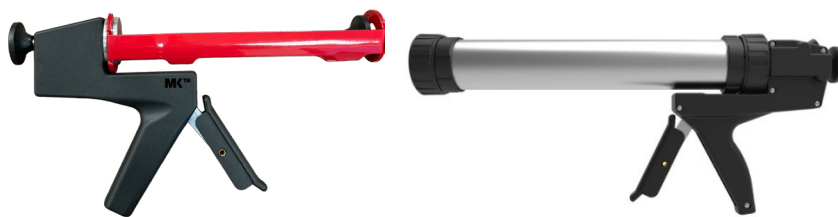


Figure 4: MK H14RS and MK H212P from medmix Switzerland; an overview on available MK and COX dispensers at [MK Manual Dispensers | COX and MK sealant and adhesive dispensers | medmix](#)

The renowned MK dispensers are available through medmix Switzerland Ltd. and its affiliates, while medmix Switzerland Ltd. has entrusted medmix UK Ltd. with the manufacture of the dispensers.

MK™ dispensers originally produced and supplied by Krøger A/S since 1922 continue as part of the medmix Switzerland portfolio.

Krøger A/S was founded in 1922 and acquired by us in 2013. The product range, which includes manual, battery-, and pneumatic-driven dispensers for any application (cartridges, sachets, or bulk packs), was originally manufactured at our factory in Denmark. In 2017, manufacturing of the dispensers was relocated to medmix UK Ltd. in Hungerford, UK.



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The MK dispensers are readily recognizable by their well-known shapes. For example, manual and pneumatic dispensers feature a distinctive “half K” dispenser handle with the “MK” trademark stamped onto the handle. All our MK, COX, and MIXPAC brand dispensers can be recognized by their well-known and unique visual appearance.

Stopping counterfeit dispensers worldwide

There is a more than 15-year history of successfully stopping unlawful copies of MK dispensers in Germany and Scandinavian countries. The District Court (Landgericht) of Cologne decided in 2006 that copies of the renowned MK H14 dispenser were unlawful and created avoidable deception concerning the origin of these dispensers, and the court issued a preliminary injunction forbidding their further distribution. Likewise, the distribution of unlawful copies of the MK H12, MK H13, and MK H14 was successfully stopped in numerous subsequent instances.

Subsequently, medmix successfully enforced its rights under unfair competition law against further nearly identical MK H14 variations, and the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf (OLG Düsseldorf) and the German Federal Court (BGH) confirmed that our MK H14 trade dress is original and that the infringer must cease and desist from selling its MK H14 variants, through decisions issued from 2016 to 2020.

In September 2022, two exhibitors at the International Hardware Fair 2022 in Cologne, Germany (Internationale Eisenwarenmesse Köln)—Mingxin Tools of Jinhua, China, and Seagull Tools of Taipei, Taiwan—were found to be offering copies of the MK H14 dispenser on their websites. Seagull was served with a cease-and-desist letter, and as a result, it did not exhibit any H14 copies at the show. However, Mingxing Tools, a dispenser manufacturer, refused to sign a cease-and-desist declaration concerning its manufacture, sales, and distribution of copies of the H14 in Germany. For this reason, medmix filed for and obtained a preliminary injunction (“einstweilige Verfügung”) against Yongkang Mingxin Tools Factory (“Mingxin”), BY217 Province Way Sili Town, 321300 Jinhua, China, from the Cologne Regional Court (Landgericht Köln) on September 27, 2022. This decision (31 O 191/22) forbids Mingxin from offering and distributing three nearly identical copies of the H14. As a result of this court decision, Mingxin agreed in a settlement to cease and desist, under contractual penalty, from offering, selling, and/or advertising the H14 copies worldwide.

medmix therefore strongly recommends that its customers look for the unique MK trade dress of its dispensers (shown below for an MK H14 RS dispenser), with the MK trademark fixed on the dispenser, to be assured that they are purchasing a high-quality MK dispenser manufactured according to medmix’s strict quality control measures and protected by its guarantee.

medmix remains committed in Germany and around the world to stopping illegal counterfeits of its products to protect end users from potentially unsafe products that are not covered by a guarantee,

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from unknown sources, and manufactured under unknown conditions and from unknown raw materials.

It's all about adhesives holding the world together—and protecting our customers and their businesses, as well as ours, from dangerous counterfeits. Counterfeits endanger our customers' work results, the safety of their employees, and the safety of their customers. This can have a serious impact on their business. Low-cost and low-quality counterfeits may give poor results due to unmixed material, unpredictable and inaccurate results, incompatible components, leakage, and cross-contamination, as well as risks of additional costs and waste. Improper mixing and dispensing results in poor bonds or sealing, causing rework or even defective and unsafe applications.

Therefore, we strongly encourage all industrial customers to look for, buy, and use qualified, superior, authentic medmix dispensing systems and their components to protect their own businesses and those of their customers—and to “do the work once and not twice”!

medmix therefore strongly recommends that its customers look for the unique MK trade dress of its dispensers, with the MK trademark stamped on the distinctive handle of the MK dispensers (shown below for an MK H14 RS dispenser), to be assured that they are purchasing a high-quality MK dispenser manufactured according to medmix's strict quality control measures and protected by its guarantee.



Figure 5: original MK H14RS from medmix.

medmix Switzerland Ltd. operates globally in the field of static mixing tips, cartridges, and dispensing devices for the industrial sector. MIXPAC™ and QUADRO™ are the leading system providers in mixing, dosing and applying, COX™ provides a wide range of professional, practical dispensers, and MK™ is the specialist in customized high-quality dispensing solutions.

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Figure 6: four product trademarks of medmix Industry, source medmix Switzerland AG.

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