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Oziflow returns following five-year hiatus

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[Oziflow](#), the Australia-based company behind the original plastic slimline rainwater tank, is rebooting its business after a five-year hiatus to focus on the drought-ravaged US market.

About 35,000 Freewater Super-slim Rainwater Tanks were manufactured in Australia between 2001 and 2014 with nearly 70 per cent sold in Australia and the rest exported to England, Spain, Canada and the US.



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The 'flat-pack' tanks were sold in Australia at a time when water restrictions required rainwater tanks to be installed in new homes.

Unlike many other [polyethylene](#) tanks that are rotationally moulded, the Oziflow tanks are blow moulded, but no tanks have been produced since 2014 due to the closure of Oziflow's Australian blow-mould manufacturer, increased competition and the maturation of the Australian rainwater tank.

Oziflow also lost control of its production tool when the manufacturing company was sold off and ultimately shut its doors.

Founder Aaron Richards said, after almost five years of struggling to reboot the business, that he was contacted in June about the whereabouts of the tool, which is still in good working order. The production tool would be refurbished and sent from Australia to South Carolina, which will allow the blow-moulded tanks to be made in the US.

The componentry and mounting systems will still be made in Australia. Oziflow is working with [Detmold Group](#) on packaging so the components can be shipped to US-based tank manufacturer [Mergon Corporation](#).

Mergon also has manufacturing facilities in Ireland and the Czech Republic potentially allowing for easy expansion into Europe and the United Kingdom.

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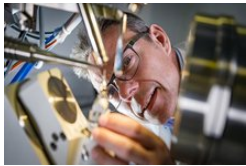
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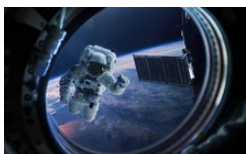
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