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— Todd Reed, Aloha Recycling, Kahului, Hawaii

## REDEEMING QUALITIES

A closed-door horizontal model from International Baler helps Aloha Recycling in Hawaii handle its redemption center PET bottles.

The enactment of Hawaii’s bottle bill in January 2005 has provided Aloha Recycling with the opportunity to serve as a redemption center and take in aluminum cans and glass and plastic bottles.

Located in Kahului on the island of Maui, Aloha Recycling has been in business since 1993, originally focusing on glass recycling. According to Aloha’s Todd Reed, the company broadened its focus to include plastic and other materials. In 2004, it took the necessary steps to become a redemption center for beverage containers when Hawaii’s bottle bill took effect in January of 2005.

“We first bought a used International Baler from Alan Ross Machinery in Chicago,” says Reed of how the company began baling its growing stream of PET bottles. “It was an older baler—built in 1986—but **it worked really well and made very good bales. I was really impressed with International Baler.**”

As the company’s volume grew, Reed contacted International Baler directly and worked with IB’s Sean Usoff to identify the CD-3043-10-750DP model as the ideal baler to make dense, stackable PET bales.

“It’s a deep-penetration baler,” says Reed, “it has a longer ram so in the baling cycle the press head goes further into the baling charger. **It really crushes those bottles so we get a lot better bale weight.**”

Continues Reed, “Our 30-inch by 43-inch by 72-inch PET bales average about 1,450 pounds each. **With the heavier, smaller bales, we can get about 48,000 pounds of PET in a 40-foot container and 55,000 pounds in a 45-foot trailer.**” Aloha has subsequently purchased another IB model to bale its cardboard, and Reed has no hesitation recommending IB balers. “**I love working with International Baler and their machines have been nothing but efficient and reliable.**”



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