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The Effect of Product Quality and Distribution Channel on Repurchase Intention through Customer Satisfaction and Customer Trust in Weber Building Materials Manufacturing Company

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Abstract: This study aims to examine and analyze the effects of product quality and distribution channel on repurchase intention, with customer satisfaction and customer trust serving as mediating variables. The research employed a quantitative method with a causal-explanatory approach. The study population consisted of customers at the Weber building materials manufacturing company in East Java, with a sample of 275 respondents selected using purposive sampling. Data were collected via questionnaires and assessed using a Likert scale. The data analysis was conducted using the Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) technique with Partial Least Squares (PLS) software. The findings of the study reveal the following: 1) Product quality has a significant positive effect on customer satisfaction; 2) Product quality has a significant positive effect on customer trust; 3) Product quality has a significant positive effect on repurchase intention; 4) Distribution channel has a significant positive effect on customer satisfaction; 5) Distribution channel has a significant positive effect on customer trust; 6) Distribution channel has a significant positive effect on repurchase intention; 7) Customer satisfaction has a significant positive effect on customer trust; 8) Customer satisfaction has a significant positive effect on repurchase intention; 9) Customer trust has a significant positive effect on repurchase intention.

Keywords: Customer Satisfaction; Customer Trust; Distribution Channel; Product Quality; Repurchase Intention

1. Introduction

In the modern business environment, particularly in the manufacturing sector, maintaining customer loyalty is a critical factor for ensuring long-term sustainability and competitiveness. Effective customer relationship management is essential for driving repurchase intention, which supports overall business performance. Repurchase intention plays a vital role in achieving organizational success, yet it is influenced by several internal factors such as product quality, distribution efficiency, customer satisfaction, and trust. According to Kotler and Keller (2022), repurchase intention is defined as the likelihood of a customer to buy the same product or service again based on positive past experiences.

To enhance repurchase, various companies in the building materials sector have focused on improving product standards and distribution networks, although challenges such as inconsistent quality and delayed deliveries are still prevalent. Efforts to increase customer trust are also carried out through consistent communication and after-sales support to strengthen accountability and reliability. This study uses Expectation-Confirmation Theory, which explains that customer behavior is formed through the interaction of expectations, performance, and confirmation of value.

Product quality is a key driver characterized by consistency, durability, and meeting standards. This factor positively impacts customer psychology, leading to satisfaction and

trust, ultimately boosting repurchase. Companies with high-quality products tend to have low return rates, high loyalty, and a healthy market position. Distribution channel is a flexible and adaptive approach to supply chain management, which encourages efficient delivery, accessibility, and customer empowerment. Effective distribution creates a reliable supply environment and gives customers confidence in timely access.

Customer satisfaction and trust are important mechanisms for bridging the influence of product quality and distribution on repurchase intention. In a quality-focused environment, satisfaction is enhanced by meeting expectations, while poor distribution hampers trust due to delays and unreliability. On the other hand, efficient distribution encourages positive experiences, which ultimately strengthens repurchase intention. Trust, or belief in reliability, influences the extent to which customers commit to repeat purchases. Customers with high trust are more confident, actively recommend products, and are able to overlook minor issues.

The conceptual framework model above will then be tested on customers of the Weber building materials manufacturing company as an object which is a key player in supporting construction projects within the East Java region.

When comparing previous research with the current study, it is important to highlight differences in findings to identify research gaps. A study by Abigail (2024) found that product quality and online shopping experience significantly impact customer loyalty, with satisfaction acting as a mediator in this relationship. Meanwhile, a study by Sung et al. (2023) showed that product credibility enhances customer trust and repurchase, with review quality acting as a mediator and perceived risk as a moderator, strengthening the relationship between the variables.

The rationale for this research is that the building materials industry demands high levels of product reliability and distribution efficiency to navigate the complex dynamics of construction projects. Repurchase intention is key to organizational effectiveness, particularly in competitive and procedural manufacturing environments. Therefore, this study examines the influence of product quality and distribution channel on repurchase intention, with customer satisfaction and customer trust as mediating variables.

2. Preliminaries or Related Work or Literature Review

Expectation-Confirmation Theory

According to Oliver (2015), Expectation-Confirmation Theory highlights that customers form satisfaction through processes such as expectation, performance evaluation, and confirmation. This satisfaction is shaped by a dynamic interplay between pre-purchase expectations and post-purchase experiences. In line with this, Kotler and Keller (2022) emphasize that the theory also examines how customers perceive, interpret, and respond to product and service information in their daily lives. It particularly focuses on the mechanisms that guide repurchase decisions, loyalty, and behavioral responses within various market contexts. Together, these perspectives underscore the importance of both cognitive processes and experiential influences in shaping customer behavior.

Product Quality

According to Kotler and Keller (2020), product quality refers to the ability of a product to perform its functions consistently, meeting or exceeding customer expectations without defects. Bhowmick and Seetharaman (2023) describe product quality as multidimensional, encompassing functional performance, reliability, aesthetics, and credibility cues. Sung et al. (2023) explain that this factor creates a reliable experience, where customers feel valued and experience sustained satisfaction. Kotler and Keller (2020) developed a product quality scale with main indicators: conformity to standards, durability and reliability, consistency, features and benefits.

Distribution Channel

Rosenbloom (2021) states that distribution channel is a system of intermediaries and processes that ensure product availability at the right time, place, and condition, with a mindset open to integration and continuous improvement. Kurniawan and Suryana (2021) describe distribution channel as based on principles such as accessibility, speed, reliability, and after-sales support. According to Rosenbloom (2021), the indicators of distribution channel are: product availability in the market, ease of access to distribution channels, speed and accuracy of delivery, after-sales support.

Customer Satisfaction

Oliver (2015) states that customer satisfaction is an emotional and cognitive response arising from the comparison between initial expectations and actual performance, and is a key element in the success of relationship marketing. Ramasamy and Ramasamy (2024) understand customer satisfaction as a process involving the fulfillment of needs, leading to positive experiences. According to Oliver (2015), the indicators used to measure customer satisfaction are: satisfaction with product quality, satisfaction with distribution services, expectations met, desire to continue choosing the product.

Customer Trust

Gefen (2020) defines customer trust as a customer's belief in the company's reliability to fulfill promises, act consistently, and not harm customer interests. It refers to the confidence a customer has in the organization's competence, integrity, and benevolence. Customer trust influences how customers think, feel, and act, particularly when facing uncertainties or repeat purchases. It serves as a mechanism to reduce perceived risk, allowing customers to commit to long-term relationships in accordance with expected standards and goals. The indicators that will be used as measuring tools for customer trust refer to the theory (Gefen, 2020), namely: belief in product reliability, belief in company honesty, sense of security using the product, trust in company commitment.

Repurchase Intention

According to Hellier et al. (2017), repurchase intention refers to the accomplishments achieved by a customer in fulfilling their desire to buy the same product again, encompassing both the quality and consistency of experiences. It not only includes the tangible outcomes of past purchases but also reflects the level of commitment to the brand. The indicators for repurchase intention are: willingness to repurchase the product, preference over competitors, recommendation to others, consistency in purchasing.

3. Materials and Method

This study is a quantitative study with a causal-explanatory approach to test the relationship between variables. The population in this study is all customers or consumers of the Weber building materials manufacturing company in Surabaya, Mojokerto, Gresik and Sidoarjo who have purchased the product at least 2 times. The sample is determined by purposive sampling technique with criteria: 1) Respondents have purchased Weber products at least 2 times in the last 12 months. 2) Respondents are involved in purchasing decisions (either individuals, contractors, or distributors). The sample size is calculated using the Slovin formula with a population of 846, resulting in a minimum sample of 272 respondents, and 275 questionnaires were distributed. Data collection techniques use questionnaires with a Likert scale (1 = strongly disagree to 5 = strongly agree). Data analysis uses descriptive statistics and PLS-SEM with SmartPLS 3.0 software. The outer model is tested for convergent validity (loading > 0.7, AVE > 0.5), discriminant validity (Fornell-Larcker, cross-loading), and reliability (Composite Reliability > 0.7, Cronbach's Alpha > 0.7). The inner model is tested with R-square and path coefficients (t-statistic > 1.96, p-value < 0.05).

The operational definition of variables is as follows:

Table 1. Operational definitions of the variables.

Variable	Indicators
Product Quality (X1)	Conformity to standards; Durability & reliability; Consistency; Features and benefits
Distribution Channel (X2)	Product availability; Ease of access; Speed & accuracy of delivery; After-sales support
Customer Satisfaction (Z1)	Satisfaction with product quality; Satisfaction with distribution; Expectations met; Desire to continue choosing
Customer Trust (Z2)	Belief in reliability; Belief in honesty; Sense of security; Trust in commitment
Repurchase Intention (Y)	Willingness to repurchase; Preference over competitors; Recommendation to others; Consistency in purchasing

The conceptual framework illustrates the relationships between product quality (X1), distribution channel (X2), customer satisfaction (Z1), customer trust (Z2), and repurchase intention (Y) within Weber Building Materials Manufacturing Company. It proposes that both

product quality and distribution channels have direct effects on repurchase intention, as well as indirect effects through customer satisfaction and trust. Specifically, high product quality enhances both satisfaction and trust, leading customers to repurchase, while efficient and reliable distribution channels improve customer convenience, satisfaction, and confidence in the brand. Furthermore, satisfied customers are more likely to develop trust, which further strengthens their intention to repurchase.

Thus, customer satisfaction and trust serve as key mediating variables linking quality and distribution factors to repurchase behavior, highlighting the importance of maintaining superior product standards and distribution efficiency to foster long-term customer loyalty and repeat purchase intentions.
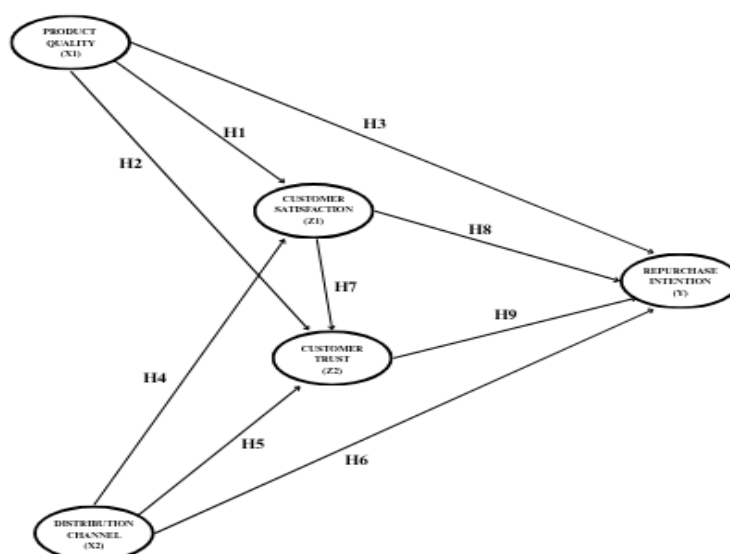

Figure 1. Research Concept Framework.

4. Results and Discussion

Result

The respondents are 275 customers of Weber, grouped by demographics as shown in the table below.

Table 2. Respondent Demographic.

Characteristic	Classification	Number	Percentage
Store Location	Surabaya	139	50.50%
	Sidoarjo	68	24.70%
	Mojokerto	41	14.90%
	Gresik	27	9.90%
	Total	275	100%
Purchase Frequency	1-2 times	58	21.10%
	3-4 times	75	27.30%
	5-7 times	74	26.90%
	8+ times	68	24.70%
	Total	275	100%
Purchase Value	1-5 million	137	49.80%
	5-15 million	62	22.50%
	15-50 million	49	17.80%
	> 50 million	27	9.90%
	Total	275	100%

Source: Output SmartPLS 2025.

Based on the respondent characteristics data, the dominant store location is Surabaya with 139 stores (50.5%), indicating that the majority of Weber's customers come from the Surabaya metropolitan area. In terms of purchase frequency, respondents who made purchases 3–4 times per year were the most common (75 stores or 27.3%), followed by those making purchases 5–7 times (26.9%), indicating a fairly active and recurring purchasing pattern. Meanwhile, based on purchase value, the group with the lowest transaction value (1–5 million) dominated with 137 stores (49.8%), reflecting that most customers make purchases in small to medium volumes, although there is also a segment with higher purchase values (>50 million) that represents a smaller proportion (9.9%).

Table 3. Convergent Validity Test.

Variable	Indicator	Outer Loading
Product Quality (X1)	X1.1	0.882
	X1.2	0.857
	X1.3	0.865
	X1.4	0.858
Distribution Channel (X2)	X2.1	0.898
	X2.2	0.899
	X2.3	0.891
	X2.4	0.893
Repurchase Intention (Y)	Y1	0.864
	Y2	0.831
	Y3	0.86
	Y4	0.813
Customer Satisfaction (Z1)	Z1.1	0.816
	Z1.2	0.882
	Z1.3	0.821
	Z1.4	0.813
Customer Trust (Z2)	Z2.1	0.834
	Z2.2	0.851
	Z2.3	0.817
	Z2.4	0.841

Source: Output SmartPLS 2025.

The results of the convergent validity analysis show that all outer loading values for each variable are greater than 0.7. This indicates that all indicators of the research variables have met the criteria for convergent validity.

Table 4. Fornell-Larcker Criterion.

Variable	X1	X2	Y	Z1	Z2
X1	0.866				
X2	0.112	0.895			
Y	0.342	0.474	0.842		
Z1	0.265	0.482	0.568	0.834	
Z2	0.301	0.499	0.708	0.580	0.836

Source: Output SmartPLS 2025.

The analysis results show that the square root of the AVE for the Product Quality (X1) construct is 0.866, which is higher than its correlations with the Distribution Channel (X2), Repurchase Intention (Y), Customer Satisfaction (Z1), and Customer Trust (Z2) constructs. The same applies to the other variables, where the diagonal values (square root of AVE) are greater than the correlation values below them. This indicates that the indicators for each variable appropriately measure their respective constructs.

Table 5. Crossloading Test.

Indicator	X1	X2	Y	Z1	Z2
X1.1	0.88	0.18	0.37	0.31	0.31
X1.2	0.86	0.08	0.26	0.21	0.23
X1.3	0.87	0.07	0.28	0.19	0.26
X1.4	0.86	0.03	0.26	0.19	0.22
X2.1	0.06	0.9	0.45	0.4	0.45
X2.2	0.11	0.9	0.47	0.45	0.5
X2.3	0.12	0.89	0.39	0.46	0.41
X2.4	0.11	0.89	0.38	0.42	0.42
Y1	0.34	0.41	0.86	0.48	0.6
Y2	0.27	0.36	0.83	0.44	0.6
Y3	0.32	0.42	0.86	0.46	0.57
Y4	0.22	0.41	0.81	0.53	0.61
Z1.1	0.2	0.43	0.45	0.82	0.45
Z1.2	0.19	0.4	0.52	0.88	0.56
Z1.3	0.25	0.43	0.5	0.82	0.47
Z1.4	0.25	0.35	0.41	0.81	0.45
Z2.1	0.26	0.47	0.55	0.52	0.83
Z2.2	0.26	0.45	0.62	0.5	0.85
Z2.3	0.23	0.37	0.57	0.37	0.82
Z2.4	0.25	0.38	0.62	0.53	0.84

Source: Output SmartPLS 2025.

Table 4 shows that the correlation between the Product Quality (X1) construct and its indicators is higher than the correlation between those indicators and other constructs. This also applies to the other variables, namely Distribution Channel (X2), Customer Satisfaction (Z1), Customer Trust (Z2), and Repurchase Intention (Y). Therefore, based on the results of the cross-loading test, it can be concluded that each latent construct predicts its own block of indicators better than it predicts indicators in the blocks of other variables.

Table 6. Composite Reliability and Cronbach Alpha Test.

Variable	Cronbach's Alpha	Composite Reliability
Product Quality (X1)	0.89	0.923
Distribution Channel (X2)	0.917	0.942
Repurchase Intention (Y)	0.863	0.907
Customer Satisfaction (Z1)	0.853	0.901
Customer Trust (Z2)	0.856	0.903

Source: Output SmartPLS 2025.

The analysis results show that the Composite Reliability and Cronbach's Alpha values for each variable, Product Quality (X1), Distribution Channel (X2), Repurchase Intention (Y), Customer Satisfaction (Z1), and Customer Trust (Z2), are above 0.70. Therefore, it can be concluded that the constructs of each variable exhibit good reliability.

Table 7. Results of Path Coefficient Significance Testing.

Hypothesis	Path	Path Coefficient	t Statistics	P Values	Significance
H1	X1 → Z1	0.214	4.028	0.000	Significant
H2	X1 → Z2	0.163	3.419	0.001	Significant
H3	X1 → Y	0.128	2.821	0.005	Significant
H4	X2 → Z1	0.458	9.178	0.000	Significant
H5	X2 → Z2	0.289	5.506	0.000	Significant
H6	X2 → Y	0.120	2.362	0.018	Significant
H7	Z1 → Z2	0.398	7.462	0.000	Significant
H8	Z1 → Y	0.184	3.217	0.001	Significant
H9	Z2 → Y	0.503	9.486	0.000	Significant

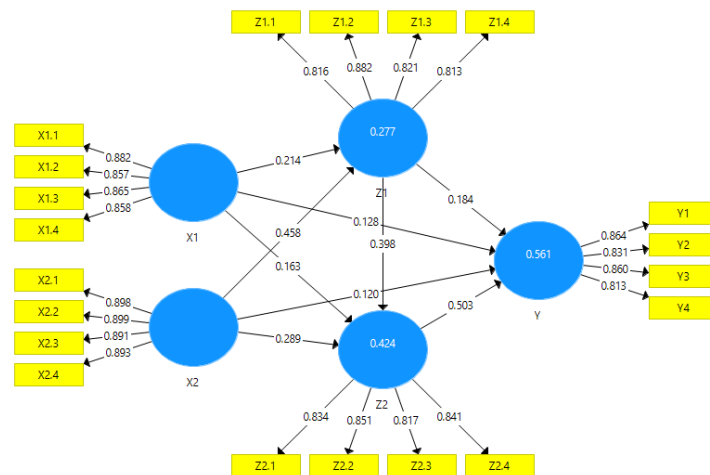**Figure 2.** PLS Analysis Result.

A hypothesis is considered significant if it meets the criteria: t-statistic > 1.96 or p-value < 0.05, with a significance level (α) of 5% or 0.05:

1. H1, which states that Product Quality has a significant effect on Customer Satisfaction, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.214, with a t-statistic of 4.028 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.000 < 0.05.

2. H2, which states that Product Quality has a significant effect on Customer Trust, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.163, with a t-statistic of 3.419 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.001 < 0.05.

3. H3, which states that Product Quality has a significant effect on Repurchase Intention, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.128, with a t-statistic of 2.821 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.005 < 0.05.

4. H4, which states that Distribution Channel has a significant effect on Customer Satisfaction, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.458, with a t-statistic of 9.178 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.000 < 0.05.

5. H5, which states that Distribution Channel has a significant effect on Customer Trust, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.289, with a t-statistic of 5.506 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.000 < 0.05.

6. H6, which states that Distribution Channel has a significant effect on Repurchase Intention, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.120, with a t-statistic of 2.362 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.018 < 0.05.

7. H7, which states that Customer Satisfaction has a significant effect on Customer Trust, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.398, with a t-statistic of 7.462 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.000 < 0.05.

8. H8, which states that Customer Satisfaction has a significant effect on Repurchase Intention, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.184, with a t-statistic of 3.217 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.001 < 0.05.

9. H9, which states that Customer Trust has a significant effect on Repurchase Intention, is supported, as it has a positive path coefficient of 0.503, with a t-statistic of 9.486 > 1.96 and a p-value of 0.000 < 0.05.

The results of the coefficient of determination calculation show that the effect of Product Quality (X1) and Distribution Channel (X2) on Customer Satisfaction (Z1) yields an R-Square value of 0.277, which falls into the weak category. The variability of Customer Trust

(Z2) explained by the variables product quality (X1), distribution channel (X2), and customer satisfaction (Z1) is 0.424, also classified as weak. Meanwhile, the effect of the variables Product Quality (X1), Distribution Channel (X2), Customer Satisfaction (Z1), and Customer Trust (Z2) on Repurchase Intention (Y) shows an R-Square value of 0.561. This can be interpreted as 56.1% of the variability in the Repurchase Intention construct being explained by the variables in the model, while the remainder is explained by other variables outside the model. This result indicates a moderate category.

Discussion

Influence of Product Quality on Customer Satisfaction

The results of this study prove that product quality plays a crucial role in shaping customer satisfaction in the Weber building materials manufacturing company. Theoretically, this finding supports the Expectation-Confirmation Theory (ECT), which states that customer satisfaction is formed when the actual product performance can meet or exceed the consumer's initial expectations. In the context of the building materials industry, customers such as contractors or homeowners have specific expectations related to technical standards, durability, and consistency of production results. When Weber products are proven to have beneficial features, high durability, and in accordance with the promised standards, a positive confirmation occurs that creates an emotional response in the form of satisfaction. In addition, product quality also increases perceived value or customer perceived value, where the functional benefits of reliable products are considered commensurate or higher than the costs incurred, thereby strengthening overall customer satisfaction. Thus, product quality is not just a fulfillment of technical specifications, but the main foundation in creating a satisfying consumption experience and minimizing the perception of failure risk.

The findings in this study are in line and supported by various previous empirical studies that consistently prove that product quality is a crucial determinant of customer satisfaction. In the context of a similar industry, research by Rahman and Abdurrahman (2024) and Ismanu et al. (2024) in the building materials retail sector found that product quality has a positive and significant effect on consumer satisfaction, where product standards become the main factor assessed. This is reinforced by Sandy (2023) on building materials companies which confirms that fulfilling product quality standards is very important to maintain project buyer satisfaction. Furthermore, Hartadi and Husda (2020) concluded that product quality is the main predictor compared to other variables in increasing customer satisfaction.

In addition, Nugroho et al. (2022) in a specific study of the building materials industry in Indonesia reported that product quality that meets specifications or reliability contributes significantly to customer satisfaction, and this factor reinforces each other with distribution performance. Extensive empirical support is also seen from the research of Putri et al. (2021), Ramadhan (2025), and Lestari and Meidina (2022) who found consistency in the relationship between quality and satisfaction in various domestic consumer segments, which shows that the perception of product quality directly shapes satisfaction. Finally, Aldrin (2022) also emphasized that product quality has a significant effect on satisfaction, which is an important basis before customer trust is formed.

Influence of Product Quality on Customer Trust

The results of the study show that product quality has a significant effect on customer trust, which confirms that the higher the quality of the products offered, the greater the consumer's confidence in the company. This finding can be explained through the dimensions of customer trust which include competence and integrity. When Weber products are proven to have high features and benefits as well as consistent quality, this becomes concrete evidence of the company's competence in fulfilling its service promises. In the building materials industry, where products are often classified as credence goods (products whose quality is difficult to assess before being used), consumers are highly dependent on physical performance evidence to build trust. Reliable product quality serves to reduce perceived risk or the perception of construction failure risk, thereby creating a sense of security for customers which is the highest indicator of the trust variable in this study. Thus, product quality not only functions functionally but also as a psychological mechanism that strengthens the belief that the company acts honestly and can be relied upon.

The results of this study are in line and support a number of previous empirical studies that position product quality as the main foundation for forming customer trust. Specific support from relevant sectors comes from the research of Nugroho et al. (2022) on the building materials industry, which reported that products that meet technical specifications

(quality indicators) contribute significantly to the formation of trust in project actors or contractors. In addition, a study on IJSOC (2024) regarding GrabFood also found that product quality plays a role in forming perceptions of reliability and credibility, which are core components of trust. The consistency of these findings confirms that in various industries, both retail and manufacturing, product quality is an absolute antecedent needed to build solid customer trust.

Influence of Product Quality on Repurchase Intention

The results of the study prove that product quality has a positive and significant effect on repurchase intention. This indicates that the higher the customer's perception of the quality of Weber products, the greater their tendency to make repeat purchases in the future. Theoretically, this finding can be explained through the theory of planned behavior (TPB), where product quality functions as a factor that shapes positive customer attitudes toward purchasing behavior. This positive attitude arises because high-quality products provide utilitarian value, which makes customers feel that the product is worth re-consuming to meet their needs consistently.

In the context of the Weber company, the "features and benefits" aspect is the most dominant quality indicator, while "purchase consistency" is the highest indicator of repurchase intention. This indicates that when customers feel the real benefits of product features, they tend to make purchasing the product a routine or habit. Reliable product quality creates barriers for customers to switch to competitors due to the uncertainty risk if trying other brand products. Thus, product quality acts as a determinant of customer retention by ensuring that the product usage experience always meets the expected standards, thereby encouraging the intention to continue subscribing.

The results of this study strengthen empirical evidence from various previous studies that position product quality as a vital predictor of repurchase intention. This research is in line with the findings of Nursolihah (2024), who found that perceived product quality, which includes performance and durability dimensions, has a significant effect on repurchase intention, especially when product information is clear and trustworthy. Support also comes from studies by Syahrizal and Sigarlaki (2024) and Adhitya (2023), which confirm that improving product quality consistency directly increases consumer tendency to make repeat purchases. In addition, research by Marcelo (2024) and Fadillah (2024) also confirmed the existence of a significant positive effect between product quality and repurchase intention, where product quality not only affects directly but also becomes the foundation for sustainable satisfaction. These findings collectively confirm that in the manufacturing and retail industries, the product's ability to provide superior performance is the main key to ensuring the sustainability of the company's purchase cycle.

Influence of Distribution Channel on Customer Satisfaction

The results of the study prove that the distribution channel has a significant and positive effect on customer satisfaction. This finding confirms that the more effective and efficient the distribution system applied by the Weber company, the higher the level of satisfaction felt by customers. This is in line with the value delivery concept in marketing management, where distribution is not just a logistics activity for moving goods, but a strategic mechanism to create time utility (time utility) and place utility (place utility). Reliable distribution ensures that the product is available at the time and location needed by the customer, which is a fundamental element in fulfilling consumer expectations.

In the context of the Weber company, the research indicators show that ease of access through various channels is the aspect most appreciated by customers. When customers feel it is easy to obtain products, transaction barriers are reduced, which directly increases the perception of service value. This is relevant to the service quality theory applied in the distribution context, where the dimensions of reliability (delivery reliability) and responsiveness (ease of access) become determinants of satisfaction. Especially in the building materials industry which is highly dependent on timeliness, an effective distribution channel prevents construction delays, thereby avoiding customer losses and creating a satisfying consumption experience.

The results of this study are very consistent with various previous empirical studies that highlight the vital role of distribution in shaping customer satisfaction, especially in the industrial and retail sectors. This research supports the findings of Nugroho et al. (2022) in the building materials industry in Indonesia, which found that distribution performance, such as timeliness of delivery, stock availability, and scheduling capabilities, has a significant effect on the satisfaction of project customers and retailers. These results are also in line with the

research of Pandeirot et al. (2021) and Barutama (2024), which concluded that product availability at the point of sale and ease of access to distribution channels have a real positive impact on consumer satisfaction. When the product is easily accessible, customer satisfaction increases proportionally. Furthermore, studies from Gea et al. (2024) and Maulidi (2024) also strengthen this finding by proving that efficiency in the delivery process and broad distribution reach can create positive experiences for customers, which is the core of satisfaction. Other support comes from Septian & Saputra (2020), which emphasize that distribution that facilitates access and ensures delivery accuracy contributes significantly to the variance of consumer satisfaction. The uniformity of the results of this study with previous studies confirms that in the building materials business ecosystem, superior distribution channel management is an absolute prerequisite for achieving optimal customer satisfaction.

Influence of Distribution Channel on Customer Trust

The results of the study show that the distribution channel has a significant effect on customer trust. This finding indicates that the company's ability to manage product availability and ease of access becomes a crucial foundation for the formation of consumer confidence in the company's credibility. This relationship can be explained through the concept of trust which consists of competence and integrity dimensions. A reliable distribution channel, where the product is always available when needed and easy to access, is perceived by customers as evidence of the company's competence in supply chain management. In addition, timely delivery and reliability of distribution services reflect the company's integrity in fulfilling its service promises.

In the context of the building materials industry, distribution is not just a logistics function, but a mechanism to reduce the risk perceived by customers. Material supply delays can cause time and cost losses. Therefore, when Weber is able to provide a consistent and transparent distribution channel, customers feel more secure and confident that the company will not harm their interests. This trust grows not only from the physical product quality, but from the reliability of the value delivery system that ensures customers can carry out their business activities without disruption.

The results of this study strengthen a number of previous studies that prove that distribution performance is closely correlated with customer trust. Research by Stephanie (2025) and Arif (2024) found that accessibility and product availability through distribution channels contribute directly to perceptions of company credibility and reliability, which are trust-forming elements. In a more specific industry context, Nugroho et al. (2022) confirm that in the building materials and steel sector, supply accuracy and a strong distributor network significantly increase trust in contractors or institutional buyers because it minimizes project risk. Other support comes from Gea et al. (2024) and studies at Undana (2024), which highlight that shipping information transparency and product access ease strengthen the perception of the company as a trusted provider. The alignment of these results shows that an effective distribution system functions as a signal of company integrity that consistently builds and maintains customer trust over time.

Influence of Distribution Channel on Repurchase Intention

The results of the study prove that the distribution channel has a positive and significant effect on repurchase intention. This indicates that the better the performance of the Weber company's distribution channel, in terms of availability, speed, and ease of access, the higher the customer's tendency to repurchase the same product in the future. Theoretically, this finding is in line with the value chain analysis concept, where distribution functions to add product value through the creation of place utility (availability in the right place) and time utility (availability at the right time). When customers feel easy to get products without significant logistics barriers, "transaction costs" non-monetary (such as waiting time and search effort) become low, which directly encourages repeated purchase behavior.

In the building materials industry which has derived demand characteristics, distribution reliability becomes a determinant of loyalty. Distribution delays can disrupt schedules, so customers tend to be reluctant to switch to other suppliers if the current provider has proven reliable in delivery. Therefore, an effective distribution channel not only functions operationally, but also strategically in building barrier to switch (switching barriers). Customers choose to repurchase not only because of product quality, but also because of the convenience and certainty of supply offered by an integrated distribution channel.

The findings of this study have a strong consistency with various literature and previous empirical studies that link distribution performance with repurchase intention. These results support the research of Siregar & Hidayat (2021) in the retail sector, which found that

distribution attributes such as accuracy, availability, and ease of access have a direct positive effect on consumer repurchase intention. In a more relevant industrial context, studies by Aribowo et al. (2022) and Nugroho et al. (2022) confirm that distribution channel integration and delivery performance (timeliness and scheduling) significantly increase loyalty and repeat orders for business customers (B2B) building materials. This is due to reduced project risk when material supply is guaranteed. The alignment with these studies confirms that for manufacturing companies like Weber, investment in distribution channel effectiveness is a powerful defensive strategy to maintain market share through increasing repurchase intention.

Influence of Customer Satisfaction on Customer Trust

The results of the study prove that customer satisfaction has a significant and positive effect on customer trust. This finding confirms that trust is not something that appears instantaneously, but the result of the accumulation of positive experiences felt by customers. When customers feel satisfied because their expectations are met, as shown by the highest satisfaction indicator in this study, namely Weber products meet my expectations, then psychologically the perception of risk will decrease. The satisfaction felt serves as a validation of the company's competence and integrity, which then transforms into a belief or trust that the company will continue to provide consistent performance in the future.

In the context of the building materials industry, satisfaction acts as a builder of a sense of security. This is reflected in the highest trust indicator in the study, namely I feel safe using Weber products. When customer expectations of building materials quality and distribution services are met, doubts about potential failure or delays can be minimized. Therefore, customer satisfaction becomes an emotional foundation that is vital for the formation of strong trust. Without satisfaction with past performance, it is difficult for customers to place confidence in the company's commitment, which is the essence of long-term relationships in relational marketing.

This finding has a strong consistency with various previous studies that position satisfaction as the main antecedent of customer trust. This research supports the findings of Vriyanie (2025) in the local banking sector, which concluded that increased customer satisfaction significantly causes increased trust, which then impacts loyalty. Similar results were also reported by Marwanah and Shihab (2022) in electronic service studies, where customer satisfaction formed from service experiences was proven to increase consumer trust statistically. Other support comes from Fadriansyah's study (2022) in the insurance industry, which has high risk characteristics similar to the construction industry, also found that customer satisfaction contributes significantly in building customer trust towards the company. The conformity of these results with various cross-industry studies confirms that satisfaction is an absolute prerequisite for building trust. For Weber, this means that every effort to fulfill customer expectations through products and distribution will directly strengthen the company's intangible assets, namely customer trust.

Influence of Customer Satisfaction on Repurchase Intention

The results of the study show that customer satisfaction has a significant and positive effect on repurchase intention. This finding confirms that the higher the level of satisfaction felt by Weber customers, the greater their psychological drive to repurchase the company's products in the future. Theoretically, this phenomenon can be explained comprehensively through the expectation-confirmation theory (ECT). This theory states that the intention to make repeat purchases is a direct consequence of satisfaction, which is formed when the performance of products or services meets or exceeds the customer's initial expectations (positive confirmation).

In the context of the Weber company, the descriptive data shows that the highest satisfaction indicator is the fulfillment of customer expectations. When customer expectations of building materials quality and distribution services are met, a strong positive emotional response is created. This satisfaction acts as the main motivator that encourages customers to maintain relationships with the company. This is reflected in the high consistency of purchase indicators on the repurchase intention variable. Thus, customer satisfaction is not just a post-purchase evaluation, but a cognitive and affective mechanism that transforms the current consumption experience into behavioral commitment in the future, reducing the desire to switch to competitors, and ensuring long-term business sustainability.

The results of this study have a very strong consistency with various literature and previous empirical studies that position customer satisfaction as the main predictor of repurchase intention. This finding is in line with the research of Syahrizal and Sigarlaki (2024) and Adhitya (2023), who found that customer satisfaction functions as the main driver that

increases the tendency to repurchase, where satisfaction often becomes a mediator for quality variables. Empirical support also comes from Fadillah (2024), which statistically prove that customer satisfaction has a significant influence path on repurchase intention, both directly and as an intervening variable. Research by Ratri (2021) on smartphone users and Ellyawati (2022) on online shopping contexts also confirmed the same pattern, where satisfaction with features and services is positively associated with repurchase intention. Furthermore, Irwanto (2022) emphasized that consumer satisfaction is the strongest predictor of repurchase intention compared to other marketing variables such as promotion. Consistency is also found in studies by Siregar and Hidayat (2021) and Afinia (2024), which show that satisfaction mediates the influence of distribution performance and contributes uniquely to repurchase tendencies. The uniformity of the results from various studies confirms that the relationship between customer satisfaction and repurchase intention is robust and universally applicable in various industries, including the building materials manufacturing industry.

Influence of Customer Trust on Repurchase Intention

The results of the study prove that customer trust has a significant and positive effect on repurchase intention. Even, in the structure of relationships between variables in this study, customer trust is proven to be a very dominant factor in encouraging consumers to make repeat purchases. This finding can be explained through the perspective of risk reduction theory. In the building materials industry which has high risks, where product failure can be fatal, trust functions as the main mechanism to reduce uncertainty and perceived risk. The most prominent research indicator, namely a sense of security using the product, confirms that when customers trust Weber's integrity and reliability, they feel protected from the risk of loss. This sense of security is the strongest psychological driver for customers to continue buying the same product, because switching to another brand is considered to increase the risk again.

In addition, this relationship is also relevant to the commitment-trust theory in relational marketing. This theory views that trust is an absolute prerequisite for the creation of long-term commitment. Trust acts as a "glue" that keeps business relationships intact even though there are competitive offers from competitors. In the context of Weber, high trust encourages the formation of purchase consistency, which is the highest indicator of the repurchase intention variable. This means that trusting customers no longer conduct in-depth re-evaluations every time they need materials; instead, purchases become a routine based on the belief that the company will always fulfill its service promises. Thus, customer trust not only influences momentary purchase intentions, but ensures the sustainability of the company's business cycle.

The results of this study have high consistency with various previous empirical studies that position trust as a central determinant of loyalty and repurchase intention. This finding strongly supports the research of Nugroho, Santosa, and Pratama (2022) in the building materials industry in Indonesia, which found that trust built through product and distribution performance is an absolute prerequisite for the occurrence of repeat orders from project customers and retailers. These results are also in line with the internal study of PT Suminsuryamesindolestari (2020), which reported that in the local steel industry, customer trust functions to reduce project risk perception for institutional buyers, thereby directly increasing repurchase decisions. Other support comes from Widodo and Utami (2021) and Murdifin et al. (2020-2021), who in the e-commerce context found that trust in the platform or seller has a significant effect on repurchase intention, where trust becomes a key factor after controlling for product evaluation. Fadillah's research (2024) on accessory products also strengthens this by showing that consumer trust directly increases repurchase intention and mediates the influence of quality perception. Finally, the Afinia study (2024) confirms that although satisfaction is important, trust provides a unique and significant contribution to repurchase tendencies, especially in industries with high risks.

5. Comparison

The findings of this study align with, and extend, current state-of-the-art research on customer behavioral intention models, particularly within the framework of the Expectation-Confirmation Theory (ECT) and Commitment-Trust Theory in marketing. Previous studies such as those by Abigail (2024) and Sung et al. (2023) primarily investigated the effects of product quality and credibility on customer loyalty in digital and retail contexts, emphasizing satisfaction and perceived value as mediators. However, this research advances the discussion by integrating both product quality and distribution channel as dual antecedents within an

industrial manufacturing context, a setting rarely examined in comparable literature. Furthermore, unlike many prior works that focus solely on B2C environments, this study provides empirical validation within a B2B and B2C hybrid model, reflecting the complexity of industrial supply chains.

Compared with earlier models (e.g., Nugroho et al., 2022; Rahman & Abdurrahman, 2024), the inclusion of distribution channel as a strategic factor rather than a purely logistical variable represents a novel contribution. The present study demonstrates that distribution efficiency significantly enhances both customer satisfaction (path coefficient = 0.458) and customer trust (0.289)—a finding that expands the theoretical boundary of value delivery beyond product-related attributes. Moreover, the strong direct influence of customer trust on repurchase intention (0.503) exceeds the coefficients reported in comparable research (typically ranging between 0.35–0.45), highlighting the dominant role of trust in industrial purchasing behavior.

Methodologically, the use of PLS-SEM with 275 valid respondents enhances the model's robustness and comparability with contemporary quantitative studies. The explanatory power of the model ($R^2 = 0.561$ for repurchase intention) also surpasses those of similar studies, which generally range from 0.40 to 0.50, indicating a stronger overall predictive capability. This reinforces that in the building materials sector, trust acts as the most influential mediator, bridging quality and distribution performance to loyalty outcomes.

In summary, this study contributes to the state-of-the-art by (1) validating ECT and Commitment-Trust frameworks within an industrial B2B–B2C context, (2) empirically demonstrating the dual mediating mechanisms of satisfaction and trust, and (3) highlighting distribution channel management as a critical determinant of customer retention. These insights offer a refined conceptual and empirical foundation for future research exploring repurchase intention in high-involvement manufacturing industries.

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6. Conclusion

This study demonstrates that product quality and distribution channel positively and significantly influence customer satisfaction and customer trust, which in turn strengthen repurchase intention in the context of Weber building materials. Customer trust shows the strongest direct effect on repurchase intention (0.503), while the model explains 27.7% of the variance in satisfaction, 42.4% in trust, and 56.1% in repurchase intention, indicating substantial explanatory power.

Theoretically, the findings extend Expectation-Confirmation Theory by showing how confirmation of product performance and distribution efficiency generates satisfaction and trust, which jointly mediate the impact of product quality and distribution channels on loyalty in both B2B and B2C settings. Practically, firms should prioritize strict quality control and innovation, along with efficient, technology-enabled distribution systems, to build satisfaction, deepen trust, and secure long-term repurchase behavior.

This study is limited by its focus on customers in East Java and the use of self-reported survey data, which may constrain generalizability and introduce method bias. Future research is encouraged to use longitudinal and multi-source data, examine other regions or countries, and incorporate additional variables such as price sensitivity, competitive intensity, or digital technologies in distribution to refine understanding of repurchase behavior in the building materials industry.

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