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DMG MORI can look back on an eventful year. In addition to record high sales, we achieved a great deal in 2018 and launched technology innovations. Most especially we advanced our future fields with dynamics and excellence:

**AUTOMATION**
- **Robo2Go 2nd Generation:** Flexible workpiece handling for small and medium-sized batches that can be programmed simply and intuitively
- **WH and PH series:** Robot-supported workpiece and pallet handling for optimum productivity

**DIGITIZATION**
- **CELOS:** Efficient workflows for machine and shop floor organization
- **ISTOS:** Your entry into “smart” production thanks to new micro-service architecture taking the digital factory at FAMOT as an example
- **WERKBLiQ:** Internet-supported maintenance optimization for medium-sized enterprises
- **ADAMOS:** Manufacturer-independent IIoT platform for continuous added value for the customer

**ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING**
- **LASERTEC 12 / 30:** Unique accuracy and productivity thanks to 35 µ laser spot and rePLUG powder module
- **OPTOMET:** “First time right” with innovative software for process and parameter optimization

Together with you, our customers, suppliers and partners, we can be proud of what has been achieved. We have an exciting year ahead of us, full of new challenges. We are prepared, with our unique combination of dynamics and excellence as the “Global One Company” and through collaboration with our unique global value added network.

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DMG MORI AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Customer story – Toyota Motorsport GmbH.  
Success in motorsport through technology cooperation with DMG MORI.
DMG MORI surprised international manufacturers of turned parts at EMO 2017 with the MULTISPRINT 36. The innovative concept integrates the proven SWISSTYPEkit with multi-spindle technology for the first time. The industry response was enthusiastic. For the first time, long and short turned parts and chuck components can be processed completely on one machine with high throughput and precision to microns.

Mr. Stroppa, the world premiere of the MULTISPRINT 36 was impressive. What’s the next step?

In line with our quality-based culture of innovation and integral “Quality First” objective, we will initially start off after EMO with selected pilot users in order to extensively test the MULTISPRINT prior to its international sales release. The results have been impressive right from the start. So impressive that already more than 50 customers have decided on the MULTISPRINT after the sales launch. In addition to the commercial success, this is also an important milestone for the GITAL site in Bergamo, which was expanded and modernized at a cost of over 25 million euros in parallel with the development of the MULTISPRINT. All employees also identify 100% with the MULTISPRINT. They have the DNA of several thousand GITAL multi-spindle lathes and thousands upon thousands of single-spindle SPRINT machines.

What makes the MULTISPRINT 36 so valuable to customers?

Above all, four aspects are decisive for the unique added value.

The MULTISPRINT 36 is the only multi-spindle lathe that masters automated machining of chuck components in addition to short and long part turning from bar.

Mario Stroppa
Managing Director, GILDEMEISTER Italiana S.p.A.

Machining of chuck components up to ø1.97 in using up to two robots for simultaneous loading, unloading and turnover.
INTERVIEW – MARIO STROPPA, GILDEMEISTER ITALIANA S.P.A.

MULTISPRINT

SWISSTYPEkit FOR WORKPIECES UP TO ø 1.42 × 7.09 in IN LESS THAN 236.81 ft² FOOTPRINT

HIGHLIGHTS

+ Driven tools and Y-axis in all spindle positions
+ SWISSTYPEkit for changing from short to long part turning with set-up time < 2h
+ Short part turning up to ø 1.42 × 3.94 in
+ Long part turning with SWISSTYPEkit up to ø 1.42 × 7.09 in
+ Chuck components up to ø 1.97 in
+ Up to two robots for simultaneous loading, unloading and turnover
+ 25 % shorter machine time with up to two counter spindles

SWISSTYPEkit:

STEERING SHAFT (AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY)
Dimensions: ø 0.83 in × L129
Material: 45S20
Cycle time: 14.1 s

Chuck components:

VALVE BODY (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING)
Dimensions: 4.72 × 1.97 × 1.18 in
Material: AISI 316L cast iron
Cycle time: 75.0 s

1. Unique: Y-axis with 3.94 in stroke in all six spindle positions as standard
2. SWISSTYPEkit incl. driven guide bush for long part turning up to 7.09 in

First: Customers expect the highest accuracy, micron-precise tolerances and maximum process reliability as the fundamental basis of their fault-free production. The MULTISPRINT can offer them all that.

Second: Alongside short part turning, the integrated SWISSTYPEkit also enables our customers to perform complete machining of 23.62 in workpieces up to ø 1.42 in directly from bar – all fully automatically and to high precision using up to 41 axes. On top of this, setting-up from short to long part turning takes less than two hours.

Third: The MULTISPRINT makes it possible to manufacture chuck parts up to a diameter of 1.97 in with micron precision. Up to two robots can be installed directly in the work area to automate loading and unloading as well as to turn over the chuck parts.

Fourth: Added to this are the benefits of the two counter spindles, which have the same specification as the six main spindles. Along with the equivalent of six small lathes for machining the front of components, we therefore also have two for machining the back.

The present is successful. How do you assess the future of the multi-spindle lathe? Multi-spindle technology will retain its importance in the long term. Technological advances have always initiated a counter-move when it comes to machine tools. Look at the change from CAM control to NC technology, for example. We expect the same effect in respect of the MULTISPRINT 36 – in the way in which it dramatically reduces the economical batch quantity based on the performance and flexibility of the processes.
6-SIDED COMPLETE MACHINING

HIGHLIGHTS

+ NLX 2500 SY | 700 with counter-spindle for 6-sided complete machining
+ Bar machining up to ø 3.15 in
+ Chuck components up to ø 14.41 in
+ 27.76 in maximum turning length

BMT TURRET WITH 10,000 rpm
Improved machining capacity and milling accuracy

BOX WAYS IN ALL AXES
Optimum damping characteristics and dynamic rigidity

3.94 in Y-AXIS
Eccentric machining

INTEGRATED AUTOMATION
Workpieces up to ø 7.87 in and 5.91 in in length, 2 x 22.1 lbs maximum handling weight

NLX 2500 SY | 700 with GX10 T gantry loader.
GX 10 T GANTRY LOADER FOR THE NLX 2500

INTEGRATED AUTOMATION – SIMPLE OPERATION DIRECTLY VIA CELOS

HIGHLIGHTS

+ Workpieces up to ø 7.87 in and 5.91 in in length, 2 × 22.1 lbs maximum handling weight
+ Stacking magazine with 2 loading stations and 10 or 20 pallet positions; 165.4 lbs load capacity per pallet position
+ High-speed loader: 246 / 295 ft/min rapid traverse in X / Z
+ Small interference contour due to loading arm with integrated double gripper
+ Linking of several machines possible via the gantry loader

1. Stacking magazine 165.4 lbs load capacity per pallet
2. Double gripper with 2 × 22.1 lbs load capacity

Exclusive technology cycle
DMG MORI Gear Hobbing
+ Conversational programming of gear parameters
+ Spur, helical, curved teeth and worm gears possible
+ Hob and side milling cutter can be used
+ Tool service life maximized by “shifting” the milling cutter
+ Achievable quality ≤ DIN 7

Find out more about the NLX series at: nlx.dmgmori.com
MAPAL is one of the leading providers of precision tools for carrying out machining operations in the mechanical engineering, automotive and aerospace industries as well as in toolmaking and mold making. The MAPAL Group, founded in 1950, employs 5,250 people at subsidiaries in 21 countries. The high quality of the precision tools results from well-trained and educated specialists and the use of innovative and efficient machine tools. Particularly in the soft machining area, MAPAL relies on lathes and turning-milling centers from DMG MORI. To maintain flexibility and long-term competitiveness in production, in September 2018 the company purchased a CTX beta 1250 TC from DMG MORI equipped with a Robo2Go 2nd Generation.

Robo2Go 2nd GENERATION – FLEXIBLE WORKPIECE HANDLING, INTUITIVE OPERATION DIRECTLY VIA CELOS

Flexible robot automation as turnkey solution

Due, on one hand, to the great importance placed by MAPAL on the production facility in Aalen and the enormous competitive pressure on the other, the optimization of manufacturing processes has become part of day-to-day business. Dieter Berberich, Production Manager, Service, is responsible for resource planning, manufacturing technologies and maintenance: “With a total of 800 machine tools in Aalen alone, there is much potential for this optimization.” MAPAL has therefore recently installed a CTX beta 1250 TC from DMG MORI in the turning shop and automated it with the Robo2Go 2nd Generation. “It was important to us that the machine supplier acted as a turnkey partner,” he says, recalling the installation of the manufacturing solution.

Robo2Go – Simple operation without robot knowledge

Bernd Weiss believes the main argument for the Robo2Go 2nd Generation lies in the simple operation: “Our specialized personnel are able to use the Robo2Go without robot programming knowledge.” Furthermore, with the second generation, DMG MORI has incorporated the Robo2Go into the CELOS interface. As MAPAL is using the Robo2G0 2nd Generation as a pilot customer, there are regular exchanges with DMG MORI. “The feedback helps their application engineers to match the movement sequences of the robot even better to real working situations,” adds Dieter Berberich. The handling of different components shows that there is already a great deal of intelligence in the Robo2Go 2nd Generation. A user interface defines the exact position of the workpieces. For different diameters, the robot automatically calculates the midpoint so that it always grips the parts precisely. “Precision is crucial when gripping because, for example, we manufacture tool bodies with tolerances down to hundredths of a millimeter,” says Bernd Weiss.

Autonomous manufacturing made easy and convenient

Producing batch sizes of between 40 and 60 parts, the Robo2Go 2nd Generation works independently in the turning shop for up to ten hours. On weekdays, skilled staff are on site over three shifts, but unmanned operation particularly at the weekend gives additional capacity for more complex and expensive work.
MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN MANUFACTURING AND AUTOMATION

MAXIMUM MACHINE FLEXIBILITY

+ 6-sided complete machining
+ 100% turning at up to 6,000 rpm
+ 100% milling thanks to compactMASTER with 88.5 ft lbs
+ 100% tools: 24 tools as standard, up to 80 tools optional
+ Technology integration:
  Gear cutting, grinding, broaching

FLEXIBLE WORKPIECE HANDLING FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BATCHES

+ Rapid programming thanks to predefined program blocks
+ Rapid changeover from chuck to shaft part storage
+ Stacking magazine
+ Pressure reduction for thin-walled workpieces

For different diameters, the Robo2Go automatically calculates the midpoint of the workpieces in order to grip them precisely.

Safeguarding jobs with flexible automation solutions

MAPAL sees automation as a great opportunity for the future. “For us, it is about retaining manufacturing in Germany,” emphasizes Dieter Berberich. To do this, it is necessary to reduce manufacturing costs. “The Robo2Go 2nd Generation enables us to operate multiple machines, thus considerably increasing the productivity per employee.” The skilled personnel have also long recognized the added value. In this way, MAPAL is confronting the shortage of skilled labor.

MAPAL DR. KRESS KG FACTS

+ Founded in 1950 by Dr. Georg Kress; leading supplier of precision tools for machining
+ 5,250 employees in 21 countries worldwide
+ With 1,800 employees, the headquarters in Aalen is the group’s largest site

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ALX 2500
6-SIDED COMPLETE MACHINING USING A COUNTER-SPINDLE AND Y-AXIS

HIGHLIGHTS

+ Workpieces up to ø 14.4” and 19.7” long
+ High-torque 3,500 rpm main spindle with 587 ft lbs torque
+ 44,960 psi capacity
+ 3.9” Y-axis for eccentric machining
+ 6-sided complete machining when using sub-spindle
  7,000 rpm / 15 hp / 57 ft lbs

Selected DMG MORI technology cycles
1. Alternating speed: Avoidance of vibrations through specific variation of speed
2. Easy tool monitoring: Damage prevention in the case of tool breakage or overload

You can find more on the subject of ALX at: alx.dmgmori.com

ALX 2500 with 19.69 in turning length and sub-spindle.
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+ turnMASTER sub-spindle with 7,000 rpm / 15 hp / 6" chuck
+ 36 month warranty with unlimited hours

BMT
+ Built-In-Motor Turret (BMT) with 12 stations
+ 6,000 rpm / 10 hp
+ Direct-Drive rotary motor for milling

INTEGRATED AUTOMATION
+ A2 Gantry with Bar Feeder Interface*
+ 16 (10, 20, 26) station rotary stocker
+ 18.5" max stack height
+ 77 lb max stack weight
+ 12 second gantry load/unload time
+ 1.6"–5.9" workpiece diameter with Gantry load
+ 0.8"–3.1" workpiece diameter with Bar Feed load
+ Gantry provides two additional axes – directly controllable by M and G code

* A2 not possible with 1000 bed length, A1 (left side stocker) available

6-sided complete machining with sub-spindle and 3.9" Y-Axis.
HIGH-PRECISION VERTICAL MACHINING
THANKS TO C-FRAME DESIGN AND IT1 BALL SCREWS

In 1954, the development of welding cable couplings laid the foundation for the success of DINSE G.m.b.H. DINSE is one of the leading developers and producers of complete welding systems in the fields of MIG/MAG, TIG and laser. Innovative systems are developed at the company’s headquarters in Hamburg, including manual welding systems as well as robotic and automatic welding systems for applications in the automotive sector, aerospace and ship building industries. Modern machine tools from DMG MORI ensure high standards of quality in production. Six models from the supplier were added to the shop floor recently, including two CMX 600 V centers.

The DINSE portfolio ranges from modular power sources to high-precision wire feeders and on to include customized welding sets. As a full-service provider of integral systems for industrial welding, DINSE brings together the entire product development process under one roof. It is the reason why the Production Manager, Anja Mertens, places such importance on reliable and powerful machines. The high level of availability of the machines is the result of their high-quality build and the good service offered by DMG MORI: "These factors were decisive for the procurement of the two new CMX 600 V centers." The vertical milling machines have created additional capacity for efficient 3-axis machining.

CMX 600 V with production package for series production
DINSE uses one of the two CMX 600 V centers for series production and the development of innovative prototype products. "Our core competence lies in the development of customized solutions", points out Anja Mertens, indicating the multitude of different components. The second CMX 600 V is equipped with a production package for larger series. "A chip conveyor and a 580.15 psi internal coolant supply through the spindle ensure..."
efficient chip removal, even where there is a high accumulation of chips”, says Jörg Möller, team leader in production.

High accuracy thanks to the C-frame design and IT1 ball screw drives
The sturdy C-frame design and X-axis table mean the CMX 600 V is configured for accurate machining. It is also equipped with linear scales, temperature compensation and ball screws in the top IT1 tolerance class. Its high level of accuracy and extremely extensive range of standard equipment plus numerous software and hardware options make the CMX 600 V a highly efficient vertical machining center.

Simple programming thanks to DMG MORI multi-touch control with SIEMENS
The ergonomic design of the vertical milling center and modern 3D control with simulation function both facilitate ease of use. DMG MORI can equip CMX V machines with SIEMENS, HEIDENHAIN or FANUC. “As we work almost exclusively with SIEMENS, the 19” DMG MORI SLIMLine multi-touch panel with SIEMENS was the obvious choice for us,” explains Jörg Möller. Having a vertical integration of 80 percent, DINSE is one of the few manufacturers of welding systems that produces exclusively in Germany. Anja Mertens is fully aware that: “Investment in modernizing the machines on the shop floor is necessary for us to operate more economically and keep production in Germany.”

The company uses the CMX 600 V among other machines to mill mounting brackets for a welding robot and folding brackets for tandem welding units.

DINSE GMBH FACTS

+ Founded in 1954
+ Sites in Hamburg and the USA, employees in Germany, Turkey, China, Poland, Russia and Scandinavia, sales and distribution partners worldwide
+ Production of innovative systems for manual, robotic and automatic welding for MIG/MAG, TIG and laser
AUTOMATED PRODUCTION OF HIGH-PRECISION AEROSPACE COMPONENTS IN 3-SHIFT OPERATION

With over 100 years of experience in aviation, PFW Aerospace GmbH is the longest established European company in the industry. The firm started out building aircraft for the First World War. Today, around 1,800 specialists at the headquarters in Speyer develop and manufacture complete pipeline systems for transporting fuel, water, oxygen, hydraulic fluid or bleed air, as well as complex structural components, for industry giants such as Airbus and Boeing.

A further 400 employees support the work at a location in Turkey. Another major production mainstay is the manufacture of fuel system connectors. PFW machines these in a highly automated system consisting of twelve DMU 60 eVo linear machines from DMG MORI, three robots and a high-bay storage facility for pallets with fixtures.
**FLEXIBLE MANUFACTURING WITH TWELVE INTERLINKED DMU 60 eVo linear**

Process-safe production of connectors with 95% metal removal

The multitude of pipeline systems is not the top priority in the development of an aircraft. Rather, for example, the fuel lines have to be laid between the finished structural elements in the wings. This task is one of the core competences of PFW. The company develops and produces the necessary pipes and connectors. You will not find standard components here. “The wing of an A350 XWB alone contains 530 different connectors”, explains Michael Säubert, head of the 90-strong machining division.

Airbus currently produces around 8 of the new wide-body aircraft a month, with this figure set to increase in the future. Complexity, high demands on quality and lightweight construction are the features that characterize these connectors. Programming alone takes around 40 hours: “The wall thickness of the aluminum components goes right down to 0.02 in while all milling takes place from the solid.” That is why the volume of metal removed is 95 percent. As all PFW products are safety-critical components, every part is tested for accuracy and the presence of cracks. “The aim is to identify and eliminate all causes of possible weaknesses in the manufacturing process”, claims Michael Säubert. So all parts are numbered and the machining steps are completely traceable.

An end-to-end process chain is therefore required, from design through machining to quality control, and the production line has been optimized accordingly. Since 2013, PFW has continuously expanded and automated the production of the connectors for the Airbus A350 XWB.

Twelve DMU 60 eVo linear machines are linked at PFW via a pallet storage system with 743 locations.
743 pallet locations for maximum flexibility with batch sizes starting at 1

Today, a total of twelve DMU 60 eVo linear machines are incorporated in the system. One robot is allocated to four machining centers, which it loads with pallets. Employees move the pallets complete with in-house designed fixtures into the high-bay storage via six load stations. There is space for 743 pallets. Production of the complex components requires five operations. Michael Säubert goes on to explain how the process is organized: “Each machine can produce every part and the pallets are clamped as required between the machining steps”. Such flexibility is essential with batch sizes of 1 to 6. “The average throughput time of the connectors is around two hours.”

“The machining time for the connectors was the decisive criterion for the investment”, recollect Michael Kerner and Max Rebholz, PFW’s manufacturing foreman. That is why they sent a reference part to potential machine suppliers. “DMG MORI machined the workpiece to the required quality in the shortest time”. PFW also had several years of previous experience using machining centers from the machine tool manufacturer. 20 models from DMG MORI are in use in production at PFW. “This is, of course, indicative of a successful cooperation that has grown over many years.”
DMG MORI machined the part in the fastest cycle time meeting all quality requirements.

Michael Kernner and Max Rebholz
PFW’s manufacturing foreman

Linear drives for short machining times and surface finishes to Ra 0.8 μm
The fact that the DMU 60 eVo linear was chosen for this project was due to its outstanding dynamics. “The linear drives and high rapid traverse rates play a key role in the short machining times”, says Michael Säubert. The accuracy of the machines is also impressive. “We have particularly high requirements in the area of finish quality in the range Ra 0.8 to 3.2”. Another important point is the removal of the chips: “With our high metal removal rate, efficient chip evacuation is essential for process reliability.”

Labor cost for system operation is low when measured against the number of workpieces. Six employees load the workpieces, perform small finishing tasks and inspect the parts. Production is carried out in three-shift operation, currently five days a week and in future six. Around 5,000 connectors a month leave the plant for England, where they undergo surface treatment before being installed by Airbus.

Michael Säubert draws a positive conclusion after more than a year’s production on the completely automated system. Set-up and finishing times are very short: “This together with a high level of availability of the entire process makes it possible for us to produce the connectors efficiently and competitively.”

PFW AEROSPACE FACTS
+ Supplier of key technologies to the aerospace industry
+ Machining of steel, aluminum, titanium and plastics (PEEK)
+ End-to-end service from engineering to series production support

There are 530 different connectors in the wings of an Airbus A350 XWB.
AUTOMATION AS AN EFFICIENT SOLUTION FOR BATCH SIZES FROM 1 TO 10,000

Mayer Feintechnik GmbH has come a long way since its previous manufacture of miniature furniture for model railways. Since it was established in 1951, the Göttingen company has continuously developed into a highly specialized supplier of precision components and assemblies. Following periods of rapid growth in the past, Mayer Feintechnik now has 110 employees. In a pioneering manufacturing facility in a new location built in 2018, these skilled engineers ensure that customers in the optical industry, laser technology and medical engineering benefit from integrated, high quality solutions quickly. Almost completely automated production using a total of more than 20 machine tools from DMG MORI guarantees productivity and competitiveness. The portfolio includes a MILLTAP 700 with WH 3 workpiece handling, three NMV 3000s each with a 34-position pallet storage system and three interlinked NH 4000s served by a linear pallet pool (LPP) with 48 pallets.

Mayer Feintechnik regards itself as both a manufacturer and a service provider. “We can only live up to the high demands of our customers if we operate as an integration-oriented system supplier”, explains managing director Frank Neuschulz. “Thanks to our complete solutions, customers can concentrate on their core competences”. Integrated customer orientation starts during the early stages of development: “Here we support developers and designers so that products are manufactured in a way that is as cost-effective as possible for everyone”. The range of services goes all the way through to logistics. “In order to avoid having high stock levels here and at the customer’s premises, we deliver just-in-time.”

The customer-oriented business philosophy of Mayer Feintechnik has a direct influence on its way of operating. Since Frank Neuschulz took over the management of the company in 2004, when there were only 15 employees and a turnover of 1.9 million Euros,
ongoing investments have been made in new personnel, continuous staff training and modern manufacturing technologies. Klaus Mayer, son of company founder Willy Mayer, acquired the first CNC machine from Japan at the end of the 1970s, reflects Frank Neuschulz: “The introduction of complete machining in a single clamping and automated machine tools have revolutionized our processes.”

DMG MORI as a complete provider of automated manufacturing solutions
Frank Neuschulz wanted to collaborate with a partner who could provide everything from a single source during the automation of the manufacturing operation, i.e. machine tools, automation and tools. He found such a complete supplier in DMG MORI. “Mayer Feintechnik has been working with Mori Seiki lathes since 1989, later adding machining centers from DMG”, says the time served toolmaker about the long-term cooperation. “Our low maintenance costs have always been an indication of the outstanding reliability of the machines”. The machining quality has also always been impressive: “We consistently work to within an accuracy of hundredths of a millimeter when turning and milling.”

The reasons for automating the production were obvious to Frank Neuschulz: “In order to remain competitive, we had to increase our productivity without increasing labor costs, and flexibility has also become increasingly important. Batch sizes range from 1 to 10,000”. Retooling-free concepts are also an important criterion: “In the Japanese Kaizen, retooling is known as Muza, which is translated as: waste”, says Frank Neuschulz, who is a Japan enthusiast. He therefore introduced lean management at Mayer Feintechnik as well. “The time that we previously used for retooling is now used significantly more efficiently for programming and testing components.”

Flexibility and productivity due to the interlinking of three NH 4000s
Frank Neuschulz considers the three automated NMV 3000s to be a good example of process optimization: “With 181 tools and 34 pallets, the 5-axis machining centers can be used in an extremely flexible way, especially for smaller quantities”. In particular, the C-axis with up to 2,000rpm is used regularly for turning operations on milled parts. Since these manufacturing solutions reach their limits with large series production runs, Mayer Feintechnik recently invested in

Thanks to automated DMG MORI machines, we have been able to safeguard jobs and take on new skilled personnel.

Frank Neuschulz, Managing Director

1. The manufacturing system with the 3 NH 4000s is about 30 meters in length.
2. Workshop-oriented interaction for integrated process optimization.
interlinking the three NH 4000s. The pallet store, which is almost 30 meters in length, has room for 48 pallets with tombstones which can be equipped with several workpieces simultaneously, depending on their size. 240 tools are available per machine, which reduces retooling to almost zero. The employees prepare pallets at two set-up stations. As with the three NMV 3000s, every order can be processed completely in the flexible manufacturing system, says Frank Neuschulz, comparing the lines: “However, productivity is several times higher, which pays for itself by allowing larger series production runs.”

Safe jobs and expansion thanks to automation
Mayer Feintechnik works in a similarly advanced way in the turning area. In 2018, two NZX 2000s were installed, systems which also efficiently machine complex parts in large quantities with their three turrets and bar loader. “Thanks to the automation solutions, we are in a position to utilize the machines 24 hours per day and therefore also offer competitive prices”, says a delighted Frank Neuschulz. Consistent orientation towards automation and Industry 4.0 contributes to further growth: “It’s the only way we can ensure we do not lose orders to foreign companies. As a result, we will also be able to safeguard jobs in the long term and even take on new skilled workers.”

Documented top quality is an absolute must for Mayer Feintechnik in the area of service. The pallet store, which is almost 30 meters in length, has room for 48 pallets with tombstones which can be equipped with several workpieces simultaneously, depending on their size. 240 tools are available per machine, which reduces retooling to almost zero. The employees prepare pallets at two set-up stations. As with the three NMV 3000s, every order can be processed completely in the flexible manufacturing system, says Frank Neuschulz, comparing the lines: “However, productivity is several times higher, which pays for itself by allowing larger series production runs.”

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4-AXIS MILLING MACHINES WITH UP TO 720 TOOLS AND 48 PALLETS

Example installation, 4 × NH machines on an LPP.

MAYER FEINTECHNIK FACTS
- Mayer Feintechnik was founded in 1951 and is a specialist metalworking subcontractor
- Supplier of high-precision components and assemblies to the optical industry, laser technology and medical engineering
- Two locations in multi-shift operation with approx. 110 employees

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2. Tool magazine with 60 tool locations
   - 2.2 sec. chip-to-chip time (NHX 4000)
   - Integrated tool breakage detection

3. Chip conveyor with integrated Zero Sludge coolant tank
   and cyclone filter, and center through coolant interface

4. 100 rpm full-fourth rotary B-axis (DDM) standard

5. Advanced hydraulic clamping interface, known as
   “Auto-Coupler” (through pallet) and “Overhead Hydraulics”
   when fixed from above, offers incredible automation flexibility

6. Optimized cast components for improved dynamics and
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UNIQUE PORTFOLIO FOR ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

DMG MORI focuses its decades of experience in tool and mold manufacture in the Die & Mold Excellence Center in Pfronten. This is where outstanding experts collaborate with customers to design made-to-measure manufacturing solutions.

End-to-end from trials to turnkey systems
The scope of the work ranges from machining trials with new tools and machining strategies to increasingly digitalized workflows and new technologies, for example from ULTRASONIC and ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING to automated turnkey projects for production runs up to 7,000 hours a year and more. The customer is always provided with help in defining the key organizational steps so they can be implemented together.

As well as the expertise within the team and at the Pfronten site, the Die & Mold Excellence Center can fall back on a unique range of machinery, modules and options from DMG MORI globally (as the overview on the right impressively illustrates).

“...the technical discussions with customers increasingly include questions concerning automation and digitalization”, reports Ralph Rösing, Managing Director of the Die & Mold Excellence Center.

The background is the trend away from manufacturing and towards industrialized tool and mold making. As the Managing Director of Schweiger Tool and Mold Construction GmbH & Co. KG and vice-president of the Verband Deutscher Werkzeug- und Formenbauer e.V. (VDWF –
Association of German Tool and Mold Making Companies, Anton Schweiger is aware of this. A peek into the 6,458.35 ft² XXL hall of his company, which started 24/7 operation about two years ago with DMC 270 U and DMC 210 U 5-axis gantry milling centers from DMG MORI, both of which are equipped with rotary pallet storage, gives an idea of the direction that is being taken.

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Toyoda Gosei was established in the year 1949 by the Toyota Motor Corporation for the production of rubber components. The company manufactures automotive products such as weatherstrips, functional components and interior and exterior parts. Among the multiple factories, the Nishimizoguchi plant is responsible for designing and manufacturing molds as well as the production of equipment for making rubber and resin products.

Three large 5-axis machining centers from DMG MORI have been installed in the plant since 2007 – first a DMU 200 P followed by a DMU 210 P in 2015 and another in 2017: “Our aim is to manufacture high-precision molds on which all the features designed by the engineers can be realized and produced, and to do so at a low price”, says Junichi Sato, Deputy General Manager of the Molds & Machines Manufacturing Division.

In particular radiator grilles, the face of the car, have for some time had surprisingly impressive designs – the spindle-shaped radiator grille of the Lexus, for example, for which Toyoda Gosei produced the molds.

“We can now machine our molds completely in one piece and in one set-up thanks to the 5-axis machines from DMG MORI.”

“We used to produce the large molds for a one-piece grille in individual segments weighing a maximum of five tons in different set-ups. We used electrical discharge machining for finishing the surfaces”, recalls Sato. This process has been completely optimized. “The large 5-axis machines from DMG MORI can now produce the molds completely in one piece and in one set-up.”

Time-consuming re-clamping is not only a thing of the past, but its absence is also a plus with regard to safety and reliability. “Compared to machines from other manufacturers, the DMG MORI models achieved by far the best cutting speeds and accuracies”, Sato gives as one of the reasons for deciding on the DMU portal machines.

20 % shorter machining times due to complete machining

Koji Hayashi, Manager of Mold Production Section 1, explains the basic idea of the tool paths: “Creating paths for existing tools using CAM means that the motions and machining speeds of the cutters are partially restricted. To achieve more efficient machining we even develop suitable tools in house.” In contrast to the four tools required with the conventional
CUSTOMER STORY – TOYODA GOSEI CO., LTD.

TOYODA GOSEI FACTS

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Junichi Sato
Deputy General Manager
Molds & Machines Manufacturing Division

5-axis machining with unbeatable ability
Toyoda Gosei stands for unbeatable ability in mold making with a high degree of design repeatability plus a favorable cost and delivery time ratio. The company produces complex molds for the Toyota Motor Corporation as well as for other manufacturers at home and abroad. “We will exploit 5-axis machining far beyond the boundaries of conventional mold making”, says Sato about the future prospects of this technology. “Our aim is mold manufacturing that applies the fine brush strokes of Japanese calligraphy to the movement of cutting tools.”

DMU 210 P
MORE THAN 1,500 PORTAL MACHINES INSTALLED

HIGHLIGHTS

- Workpieces up to ø 98.43 × 57.48 in and 11.02 tons (8.82 tons in the standard version)
- powerMASTER motor spindle with 737.5 ft lbs and torqueMASTER gearbox spindle with 1,327.5 ft lbs
- High dynamics up to 0.6 g and rapid traverse rates up to 197 ft/min
- 3-point support thanks to the inherently rigid machine bed, no foundation required
- High temperature stability standard with positioning accuracy down to ≤ 10 μ
- High long-term accuracy due to cooled linear guideways and active spindle growth control

Members of the Mold Production team in front of the DMU 210 P that was installed in 2017.

CAM designers strive continuously to make tool paths with which they can exploit the possibilities of 5-axis machines to the full.
CUSTOMER STORY – WERKZEUGBAU LEISS GMBH

Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH has been a skilled and globally successful manufacturer of extrusion blow molding tools and stretch blow molding tools since 1994. The company, based in the Franconian town of Ludwigsstadt, develops new packaging designs in close collaboration with customers from the automobile, cosmetics, food and pharmaceutical industries. Quality is guaranteed by a powerful range of machines, which among others includes ten CNC machines from DMG MORI. Since July 2018, Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH has increased its capacity in vertical machining with a DMC 1850 V from DMG MORI.

“As a competent service provider in the toolmaking sector, we see ourselves as a partner to our customers,” says Daniel Leiss, explaining the company strategy of Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH. He runs the company together with his father, Fritz Leiss. These close partnerships begin with the development of new packaging designs. “The earlier we support the process with our experience, the more economical the production of the tools becomes.” Approximately 250 new tools with a total of around 1,000 cavities are developed each year. In addition to these are

The high stability and accuracy of the new DMC 1850 V has enabled us to reduce the finishing of tools to a minimum, especially in the field of large molds for long-stroke machines.

Daniel Leiss, Managing Partner
Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH
The production of extrusion blow molding tools ranges from drilling and milling the cooling systems to roughing and finishing and thus requires universally applicable machining centers.

Peripheral components such as blowing mandrels or nozzles/cores and masks/and punching units. A service department carries out the repair and maintenance of existing blow molds of the company’s own manufacture or of external manufacture.

Minimal finishing thanks to high stability and accuracy

The machines owned by Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH include seven vertical machining centers from DMG MORI’s DMC V range, including the DMC 1150 V, the DMC 1450 V and also the new DMC 1850 V. The high-accuracy extrusion blow molds in particular represent a heavy load on the machine table.

“The high accuracy of the machines reduces finishing to a minimum,” says Daniel Leiss, referring to the final polishing of the molds.

“With the DMC 1850 V, DMG MORI has matched a proven machine concept to the increasing quality demands for producing larger and heavier components,” says Daniel Leiss. The vertical machining center has an X-axis travel of 72.83 in with 27.56 in and 21.65 in respectively in the Y and Z axes. The maximum load capacity is 6,615 lbs.

Machine design for effective roughing and high-accuracy finishing

The one-piece cast iron machine bed, comprehensive cooling as standard and directly driven ballscrews along with linear scales as standard guarantee high precision and dynamics during the machining process. Wide guideway spacings also provide adequate stability for heavy-duty machining. The DMC 1850 V therefore ideally matches the requirements of Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH. “The stability applies both to 2.5D machining and drilling as well as to 3D roughing. But the machine is also impressive in 3D finishing with its accuracy and dynamics and is therefore suitable for use in all phases of tool production,” says Daniel Leiss.

EXCELLENT SERVICE, ATTRACTIVE PRICES

Good service, attractive prices and MASTER spindles with 36-month warranty

The performance and quality of DMG MORI machining centers have always been a decisive purchasing factor for Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH. “But the service is impressive too,” reports Daniel Leiss. DMG MORI can supply a replacement spindle within 24 hours. The 36-month warranty on MASTER series spindles – without any limit on running hours – is also a major plus point.

The DMC 1850 V is equipped with a 15,000 rpm inlineMASTER spindle as standard. Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH uses the optional speedMASTER spindle with 20,000 rpm. A powerMASTER spindle with 212.4 ft lbs and a motor spindle with 40,000 rpm complete the range. The tool magazine with pockets for 30 tools provides high flexibility in day-to-day production. The vertical cover over the magazine protects against dirt and therefore increases service life.

Flexibility is an important catchphrase for Daniel Leiss: “The increasing service business in particular requires flexible manufacturing.” Werkzeugbau LEISS GmbH educates highly skilled workers of the future in its own training shop. “Only competent staff are able to fully utilize the potential of good machine tools such as the DMC 1850 V.”
CUSTOMER STORY – LINK ORTHOPAEDICS CHINA CO., LTD.

5-AXIS MACHINING OF MEDICAL IMPLANTS WITHIN MICRONS

With its focus on research & development and the production of artificial joints, the company LINK Orthopaedics China Co., Ltd founded in Beijing in 2009 is currently experiencing rapid business growth. As far as production is concerned, machine tools from DMG MORI support the continuous expansion of the product range and rising throughput. The stem for an artificial hip joint, for example, which is a leader in the medical technology sector, is produced by the company on a DMU 50.

LINK Orthopaedics China decided to use machine tools from DMG MORI after six employees went on training courses at Waldemar LINK in Hamburg in 2008. The German headquarters has been working with the machine supplier for many years. To ensure the continuous supply of the high-quality products between Germany and China, LINK Orthopaedics China adapted to German standards in its plant, which was established in 2009: technological processes, raw materials and machine tools.

DMU 50:
10,000 hip prosthesis stems a year
LINK Orthopaedics China produces high-precision medical products such as artificial hip joints, knee joints and surgical instruments. The implants, in particular, require absolute precision. "This degree of accuracy is the main reason why we chose high-precision DMG MORI machine tools for production in China", explains Andreas Neppl, Operations Manager at LINK Orthopaedics China. He shows the result using the example of a stem for an artificial hip joint produced on the DMU 50: "Quality and precision make this product a highlight of our range." They produce over 10,000 of these best sellers a year.

ACCURACY WITHIN MICRONS IS OF HIGH IMPORTANCE WITHIN THE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

The accuracy of the complex medical products from LINK Orthopaedics China is to within microns. Thanks to its high level of stability, the DMU 50 purchased in 2013 meets this requirement. Equally important is 5-axis complete machining in a single set-up. "This increases positioning accuracy, as there is no accumulative error due to re-clamping," says Andreas Neppl. LINK Orthopaedics China also manufactures other products on machine tools from DMG MORI, e.g. hip joint cups on turn-mill centers in the NT series.
Even in 24/7 operation our DMG MORI machines meet all demands with regard to availability and workpiece accuracies.

Andreas Neppl, Operations Manager
Mr Wu, Plant Manager

and joint heads and surgical instruments on NL and NLX turning machines. Here, too, Andreas Neppl stresses the precision of the machines: “The extreme rigidity of the machines ensures high long-term accuracy.”

24/7 production thanks to high machine availability

When necessary, LINK Orthopaedics China manages the high production throughput on the DMG MORI machines by working three shifts – seven days a week, around the clock. “Even with the machines under this constant load, the products always meet the demands regarding accuracy and surface quality”, claims Andreas Neppl. Equally important is the good service provided by DMG MORI: “Short response times within 24 hours ensure high machine availability.”

CUSTOMER STORY – LINK ORTHOPÆDICS CHINA CO., LTD.

LINK FACTS
+ Founded in Beijing in 2009
+ 70 employees
+ Subsidiary of Waldemar LINK GmbH in Hamburg
+ 1,000 employees at 20 locations in 17 countries
+ Production of high-precision medical products such as artificial hip joints, knee joints and surgical instruments.
Our aim is to fulfil every customer requirement”, explains Ralf Hecht, plant manager at Toni Behr. “That’s why we have been machining to tolerances in the micron range for many years.” This experience extends across its entire range of services. When

Toni Behr Maschinen & Apparatebau GmbH has stood for top quality standards in machining for over 70 years. With around 40 employees, the contract manufacturer from Gräfelfing near Munich produces precision components for general mechanical engineering, the aerospace sector, measurement technology and the electrical industry. Toni Behr has many years of experience in turning, milling and grinding as well as modern CNC technology including 17 turning machines and machining centers from DMG MORI. The close collaboration with the machine tool manufacturer was further strengthened in 2016 within the framework of a development cooperation. Since then, Toni Behr has been using one of the first DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK machines with grinding package including mechanical customisation as well as conversationally programmed grinding and dressing cycles.

“necessary, Toni Behr supports its customers early on in the development phase. “We can estimate what is feasible and point out new possibilities in the design.” The know-how and experience of its employees are key cornerstones
in this customer-oriented philosophy, as Ralf Hecht assures us: “That it why it is so important to pass on this knowledge. By training the next generation, our requirement for skilled workers is met.”

Apprentice training plays the same important role at Toni Behr as ongoing further technological education. “We can only remain competitive if we keep pace with developments in technology”, believes Ralf Hecht. In the past, 5-axis technology, for example, and mill-turn machining revolutionized production processes, but Toni Behr went a step further in the year 2016. As part of a pilot project with DMG MORI, the precision machinists installed a DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK with integrated grinding capability.

**Integrated technology for milling, turning and grinding in a single set-up**

“We expected enormous rationalization from the combination of milling, turning and grinding in one clamping”, recalls Ralf Hecht looking back at the installation of the new development from DMG MORI. While the conventional process consists of turning and milling followed by a downstream grinding operation, – among others on machines from Taiyo Koki, a member of the DMG MORI Group – with the new DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK Toni Behr now has, for example, the option of drilling locating holes after grinding without having to reclamp.

**Profile and positional tolerances to within microns by complete machining**

“We now carry out the work steps that really matter, namely finishing and grinding, in a single set-up.” The thermal stability of the machine has been further optimized thanks to a precision package with comprehensive cooling, so it now operates in a tolerance band of 20 microns, even in varying environmental conditions. “Grinding without any additional reclamping makes it far easier...”

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**CUSTOMER BENEFITS**

- Surface accuracy up to < 0.4 µ
- Concentricity < 5 µ
- Quality 5 for ø < 4.72 in
- Quality 4 for ø > 4.72 in

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- For filtering particles > 10 µ
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to maintain geometric tolerances,” says Ralf Hecht. These tolerances lie within a few microns.

**Up to 25 % shorter throughput times**

Grinding on a mill-turn machine opened up new possibilities for the operators, but also presented a challenge, Ralf Hecht goes on to tell us: “Two operators – one from the turning area and another from milling – are responsible for the DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK, so grinding was new for both of them.” They soon got the hang of things, so Toni Behr now benefits from the advantages of grinding technology integration. The machining results in particular are easy for Ralf Hecht to judge, because grinding is part of day-to-day business: “The grinding process on the DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK achieves results that can hold their own against any conventional grinding machine. And what is more, it also leads to a 25 % reduction in our throughput times”.

Thanks to its pallet changer, the DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK facilitates well organized production processes. In many cases the components are clamped in special fixtures, which entails comparatively long set-up times. However, this takes place while the previous part is being machined. The operators are also responsible for the design and programming of the components. “They perform these tasks in SIEMENS NX-CAM while machining continues”, adds Ralf Hecht.

**Ensuring continued competitiveness**

Toni Behr ensures its competitiveness by machining high-precision components. Ralf Hecht is convinced that the demands from customers are bound to increase, so technical advances such as the DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK including grinding will remain essential. Requirements are also rising in respect of the overall process. “Our plant has now reached its logistical limits”, explains Ralf Hecht as the reason for the company’s relocation in November 2018: “The new building with its larger production hall will help us to optimize our processes even further.” And there is another decisive benefit: “We will achieve micron accuracy even more easily in the fully air-conditioned production area.”
1. The DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK is one of 17 DMG MORI machines on the shop floor at Toni Behr.
2+3. The DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK including grinding package combines milling, turning and grinding in a single set-up.
4. Toni Behr sets itself apart from the competition by achieving geometric tolerances of a few microns.
5. The operators program components using SIEMENS NX-CAM while machining continues.
6. With its pallet changer, the DMC 125 FD duoBLOCK enables setting up of the next part during machining.

“My machines? Always well-equipped.”
siemens.com/sinumerik
It became apparent last year that there is no alternative to digitalization, including for the machine tool manufacturing sector and its customers. We spoke about the next 12 months in an interview with Tommy Kuhn, the Managing Director of DMG MORI Software Solutions GmbH.

Dr. Tommy Kuhn
Managing Director of DMG MORI Software Solutions GmbH

Dr. Kuhn, how would you assess 2018?
Digitalization has gained enormously in momentum. 2018 was most certainly felt by many to be the fastest year ever. The discussion about the pros and cons has become more objective when you leave all the hype aside.

Digitalization is understood across the board as a continuous and above all a highly individualised transformation process – with far-reaching interactions beyond the company’s boundaries.

What does that mean exactly?
It means firstly that every company must design and accelerate its digital transformation in a way that is beneficial for its own company and its corporate aims. Digital applications for large companies with hundreds of machines and employees are quite different from applications suitable for small and medium-sized enterprises. But it also means that every company will successively become an interactive part of a collaborative, value-adding network of products, services and data as a result of digitalization – with connectivity acting as the “eligibility to play” for participation in the Industrial Internet.

How does DMG MORI support its customers in the digitalization environment?
Keeping a balance between the traditional and the modern is important for us as a machine tool manufacturer. The name DMG MORI will continue to embody perfect manufacturing equipment in the field of metal cutting and advanced technologies such as 3D printing.

Looking beyond the machines and tools, with digital value creation there is an increasing tendency to focus on downstream processes – through to perfect orchestration of people, services and data in a digital factory and beyond into digital value-adding networks.

So there is no networking or connectivity?
Exactly. Every application level has its own connectivity requirements. Level 1, for example, involves remote support in the event of a service issue. Pictures and video streams are shared and the customer receives the support of an off-site expert quickly. This minimizes downtime.

Level 2 is for integration. In this case, files are shared between software systems and machines – such as the transmission of NC codes from CAM systems to machine controls. This reduces manual set-up times and accelerates process cycles.
Level 3 is for automation. We record basic machine statuses from the control, i.e. the internal workings of the machine, at one-second intervals. Data planning systems, maintenance systems and monitoring solutions alone can significantly boost the utilization of the machine, respond immediately to unscheduled downtimes and create transparency for all manufacturing operations at a central location. Things get significantly more complex in levels 4 and 5. This is where we begin to call up more sensor and job data from the machine every 100 down to 3 milliseconds.

With the corresponding analysis software, this enables a large number of predictions to be made about machine statuses, so the customer can respond to unscheduled downtime even before it happens and thus prevent it, for example, or can measure a tool and adjust it adaptively while a process is running.

**What should be the first step towards digitalization?**
Important for getting started are a self-critical analysis of the current status of digital maturity and step-by-step planning with realistic targets.

Monitoring of machine performance is generally a good start with high utility because the collected information enables fast optimization of planning and maintenance processes.
Following an investment of more than 60 million Euros, DMG MORI has expanded and sustainably modernized the traditional Polish plant in Pleszew, which was founded in 1877 and now boasts a total area of 538,195.52 ft². The visitors invited to the Grand Opening ceremony between October 9 to 12, 2018 were shown around the impressive FAMOT digital factory and the new assembly hall, which has capacity for building more than 2,000 machines annually in the CLX, CMX V and CMX U series.

The FAMOT digital factory is the result of an intensive collaboration between the three DMG MORI subsidiaries ISTOS, DMG MORI Software Solutions and WERKBLIQ. The plant in Poland is impressive proof of the DMG MORI claim to be a customer-oriented partner and holistic pioneer of digital transformation. The digital modernization at FAMOT encompasses all levels of the added value chain. Networking with the DMG MORI IT infrastructure with regard to the order management, supply chain...
and customer relationship functions was a particularly decisive factor. No less challenging was the end-to-end digitization of all internal processes and systems – through to the integration of manual processes, in assembly for example. These two “main topics” were mastered with flying colors. A key element of the successful implementation is the so-called “integration layer” from ISTOS. This open interaction platform enables the integration of different plant-specific applications such as ERP, HR and tool management. It also includes production and machine data acquisition software, central status visualization as well as legacy data management and personnel resource planning. The web-based maintenance platform WERKBLiQ from the DMG MORI subsidiary of the same name also operates via the “integration layer”.

The very heart of the digital transformation at FAMOT, however, is ISTOS PLANNING SOLUTIONS with the modules PRODUCTION PLANNING, PRODUCTION FEEDBACK and PRODUCTION COCKPIT. This productive “triad” enables the end-to-end automation and optimization of all production planning processes, from detailed order scheduling and personnel resource planning right through to the visualization of production-relevant information in the graphical command station. As a fully integrated production planning and control system with a direct connection to all machines and work stations, ISTOS PLANNING SOLUTIONS enables extended planning and scheduling, direct feedback from the machine or from the work station and the monitoring of machine and process-relevant data in real time. This allows FAMOT to visualize transparently production progress and to respond to changes immediately where necessary.

The entire digitization of FAMOT together with the expansion of machining – which includes two DMU 600 P machines with double tables and a new XXL assembly hall – create a sound basis for the planned growth. By 2020, plant capacity will include 2,000 of FAMOT’s own machine tools and an additional 2,000 prefabricated machine frames and other components and part sets for another 3,000 machine tools to be produced for various sister companies within the group.
CUSTOMER STORY – FERTIGUNGSTECHNIK LIEBETRAU GMBH & CO. KG

SHORT DELIVERY TIMES
THANKS TO 5-AXIS TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTION PLANNING FROM DMG MORI

Fertigungstechnik Liebetrau pursues the vision of inspiring customers with tailor-made, high-quality production solutions. In Wutha-Farnroda, 28 highly trained specialists ensure that customers in industries such as medical engineering and vehicle manufacturing get perfect, precision components – from prototypes and assemblies to standard parts. Among others, Liebetrau uses a DMU 80 eVo with pallet changer, a DMU 60 eVo linear and, since 2017, a DMU 50 3rd Generation in its manufacturing facility. Rapid order throughputs and short delivery times are guaranteed by intelligent planning, which is organized fully digitally with the help of DMG MORI’s PRODUCTION PLANNING package.

“As a service provider in the machining sector, we are not satisfied until our customers are satisfied,” says Tony Liebetrau. He heads up the company together with Katrin Lippold. “As a production partner over the whole of the value-added chain, we concentrate the core processes in-house.” We call this service from development to the manufacture of complete assemblies “ALL IN ONE”. The most important core process by far at Liebetrau is the machining operation. The expertise of the staff as well as CNC technology are decisive factors for Tony Liebetrau: “High technical expertise and years of experience enable us to utilize the full potential of lathes and machining centers.”

The versatility of the 5-axis DMU 50 3rd Generation and its high precision down to 5 µ fulfil all the expectations of a quality-oriented manufacturing facility.

Liebetrau is synonymous with precision and manufacturing quality.

Katrin Lippold and Tony Liebetrau head up Fertigungstechnik Liebetrau
5-axis simultaneous machining to within hundredths of a millimeter

Liebetrau’s machines are designed for maximum efficiency and the highest manufacturing quality. Worth mentioning in this regard are complete machining using turning-milling technology and 5-axis simultaneous milling as well as the DMU 60 eVo linear for its outstanding precision. In 2017, DMG MORI also installed a DMU 50 3rd Generation as a field test machine: “This has enabled us to provide direct feedback from practical use, which has contributed to improving the machine further,” recalls Tony Liebetrau. The overall machine package impresses him: “The 25.59 x 20.47 x 18.70 in work area and 661.5 lbs maximum table load provide sufficient capacity for more than 70% of our components. At the same time, with a footprint of less than 72.12 ft², the machine is very compact – a perfect ratio of manufacturing capacity to production area occupied.”

“The versatility of the 5-axis DMU 50 3rd Generation and its high precision down to 5 µ fulfil all the expectations of a quality-oriented manufacturing facility,” concludes Tony Liebetrau. With a swivel range from -35° to +110°, the B-axis ensures maximum flexibility. An integrated cooling concept with, among other things, cooled table bearings, the one-piece machine bed, direct ballscrew drives and linear scales in all axes guarantee the required precision. A speedMASTER spindle with 20,000 rpm rounds off the specification of the DMU 50 3rd Generation.

Continuously digitalized production planning with DMG MORI

At Liebetrau, productivity relates to the whole process. In CAD/CAM programming, the company uses qualified technology partner, DMG MORI Software Solutions. Manufacturing orders are administered digitally. Furthermore, last year saw the introduction of DMG MORI’s PRODUCTION PLANNING package. ISTOS, a subsidiary of the DMG MORI concern, has developed this intelligent planning tool as a link between order intake and production. “It enables us to plan production against limited capacity depending on the situation,” says Tony Liebetrau, explaining the added value. Addition of the PRODUCTION FEEDBACK application enables agile planning and control of the whole manufacturing process. It reports actual production progress, for example via the CELOS operator interface, directly from the machine back to PRODUCTION PLANNING. “The result of this fully digitalized process chain is operating procedures that save resources and optimize costs.”
CUSTOMER STORY – ROMACO KILIAN GMBH

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PLATFORM FOR DIGITAL SERVICE AND SHOP FLOOR MANAGEMENT

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2. With the aid of a predetermined maintenance platform, WERKBLiQ leads you through all activities connected with the machines – incl. seamless documentation.
of Operations at ROMACO KILIAN. The system was originally installed to better organize, document and evaluate the ongoing maintenance and service activities. The measures that were required, including set-up of the system and configuration of the action plans, were worked out by us. The knowledge that was missing was acquired simply by accessing video tutorials. An expert from WERKBLiQ was only on site at the end of the test phase, just before the project went live, in order to get to know ROMACO KILIAN and Heinrich Krull in Cologne.

Interaction via an iPad was as simple as the customization, which led to a high degree of acceptance among the employees. Meanwhile, the tablet has become an everyday piece of equipment. And that applies literally: ROMACO KILIAN uses WERKBLiQ document management to prepare zero point drawings and workholding specifications that previously required access to the central workshop computer.

Furthermore, a maintenance calendar in WERKBLiQ provides timely information about service work that is pending – including the correct contact person and contact information. All maintenance records and service reports, which previously were usually in a file that was difficult to locate in case of a query, are now also stored centrally in the system. Many communication tasks can also be carried out by the system: from the shift pattern to the notice board, the employee receives all of this digitally on the tablet, which he or she needs for their daily work. Only the shop floor paperwork is still issued in paper form. For Heinrich Krull, the emphasis is on the word “still”.

This makes it clear that WERKBLiQ is more than a tool for digital organization of maintenance procedures and service processes. WERKBLiQ provides an “ALL IN ONE” solution on the shop floor. The employees also document the production and idle times of the machines, identify reasons for downtime conversationsally, acknowledge orders and record quality problems in procedures and processes. “We therefore have transparent, in-depth information with regard to key productivity parameters on the shop floor, which makes investment in expensive PDA systems unnecessary. It appeals to us as a medium-sized company”, explains Heinrich Krull with proud satisfaction.

And the Head of Operations does not think that the limits have been anywhere near reached. “We open up new horizons on an almost weekly basis by taking a closer look at the possibilities”, confirms Heinrich Krull. He takes the opportunity to give extra praise for the willingness and agility of the WERKBLiQ team: “If we come up with an idea, the improvement is normally implemented in the following release”. He has personally come to appreciate the convenient possibilities of statistical analyses. “Status presentations for the company management are prepared perfectly in a few minutes and certification audits can be more or less prepared at the push of a button”, concludes Heinrich Krull. As a result, we didn’t bother to ask about amortization ...

* Please check with your DMG MORI representative for local availability.
Managing Director Flemming Andreassen considers a high degree of customer focus to be the secret of the success behind the positive business development of A/S Rolf Schmidt Industri Plast: “Manufacture to delivery seldom takes more than five days”. He also thinks that quality requirements with accuracies down to hundredths of a millimeter are a challenge in the machining of thermoplastics. “The material is more difficult to work with than metals”. Customer orientation also means good service as far as Flemming Andreassen is concerned: “Our failure rate is minimal. If a part doesn’t fit, we make a replacement immediately and deliver it within a day – without discussion”.

Excellent service is also a decisive factor when purchasing a machine tool. “When you...
The use of SERVICEcamera makes quick and accurate identification and problem solving possible.

L. to R: Flemming Andreassen, Managing Director and Jesper Lyngsø, Production Manager, A/S Rolf Schmidt Industri Plast and Henrik Juncker, Service Solutions Manager, DMG MORI

are working two shifts, every stoppage results in significant losses”. DMG MORI quickly proved itself to A/S Rolf Schmidt Industri Plast with regard to service, as production manager Jesper Lyngsø reports: “Rapid reaction times and straightforward support ensure that we can continue manufacturing very quickly at all times.”

Quick troubleshooting thanks to live images from SERVICEcamera

To optimise the service process further, A/S Rolf Schmidt Industri Plast uses DMG MORI NETservice on the DMU 50 3rd Generation. In combination with SERVICEcamera, many problems can be identified significantly more quickly than before. “The service engineer often had to travel to site twice – initially for troubleshooting and then again to install the spare parts”, says Jesper Lyngsø. “SERVICEcamera allows us to transmit real-time images from the machine to the service experts on the DMG MORI hotline”. This has advantages for both parties. The operator is quickly connected to the next free service expert. If a service engineer is required, he can be dispatched by DMG MORI with the required spare part. This avoids unnecessary travel and increases the availability of the service engineer. The cost of the service is therefore reduced for the customer and the machine is up and running again more quickly.

Competent problem solving in a multi-user conference

SERVICEcamera and NETservice complement each other perfectly. During a multi-user conference, operators, service specialists and service engineers communicate with each other and follow live images from the SERVICEcamera. “If necessary, experts from the relevant DMG MORI production plants can be involved”, adds Jesper Lyngsø. The combined know-how can speed up the solution to the problem considerably. A whiteboard in NETservice rounds off the scope of functionality. The participants in the conference share the live transmission or circuit diagrams and make markings on a digital sketch. Jesper Lyngsø: “Many faults can be remedied in this way, meaning that we don’t need a service engineer on site at all in an ideal case”. Either it is sufficient to instruct an operator, or DMG MORI experts provide assistance by accessing the machine remotely.

“The first machine is sold by sales; the second is sold by service”

Flemming Andreassen thinks that the good experience with DMG MORI service will continue to play a role in the future: “The first machine is sold by sales; the second is sold by service”. NETservice is proof that DMG MORI works just as innovatively in the after-sales area as in product development.

With SERVICEcamera, the operator transmits live images from the machine to DMG MORI service experts, which makes rapid fault diagnosis possible.

ROLF SCHMIDT
INDUSTRI PLAST FACTS

+ Established in 1978 in Kolding (Denmark)
+ 55 employees
+ Manufacture and assembly of thermoplastic workpieces within a few days
An integral manufacturing solution from a single source at fair prices. This is exactly the benefit DMG MORI offers with its DMG MORI Qualified Products (DMQP) initiative. The global concept and close cooperation with certified DMQP partners promises perfect synergy between machine and accessory for maximum technological competence.

All-round carefree package without compromise

DMG MORI development and application engineers work together with DMQP partners all around the world on the continuous optimization of existing manufacturing solutions and the development of new and innovative ones. "Our aim is to offer our customers an all-round carefree package. To ensure this is the case, all accessories undergo extensive testing and selection processes," explains Dr. Thomas Froitzheim, Head of the DMQP program at DMG MORI. "For us, DMQP is a seal of quality that we only grant if productivity, approval, availability and connectivity are all perfect – no compromises are made", he goes on to tell us.
Perfectly matched accessories from a single source
The DMQP program also ensures structured recording and processing of customer feedback. “Really innovative solutions are developed in partnership and are seldom the result of explicit customer requirements”, stresses Dr. Froitzheim. The outcome is perfectly matched accessories that are offered at fair prices from a single source in the four large DMQP categories of machining, handling, measurement and monitoring. This makes procurement less complex for customers and guarantees a highly innovative product portfolio with certified DMQP partners at an attractive price. The warranty conditions correspond to the respective machine tool. And finally, the company takes care of the entire process, from consultation for the purchase and installation through to service and the ordering of spare parts. This means speedy support in an emergency.

According to Dr. Froitzheim, all suppliers will also profit in the end through DMQP. He said, specifically addressing these partners: “Suppliers are also DMQP winners because, as certified partners, their products will be presented during the initial sales meetings and will therefore be seen by the customer!” And, of course, these discussions are carried out around the world by the largest sales team that the global machine tool building sector has to offer.
Combustion chamber prototype

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with OPTOMET

Ra 11 μm

without OPTOMET
NEW: OPTOMET – FIRST TIME RIGHT
SOFTWARE FOR PARAMETER OPTIMIZATION

DMG MORI has developed the software OPTOMET in cooperation with INTECH for controlling the parameters of the powder bed process. It has self-adjusting and learning algorithms that calculate all required parameters of the SLM process in advance within minutes. This means layer thicknesses can be calculated freely, which in turn enables a faster and therefore also more productive build. OPTOMET has a material database that allows customers to use materials from all manufacturers without having to test them in advance. The open system also allows independent expansion of the database using the customer’s own experimental data. OPTOMET is able to adjust parameters in such a way that material properties, such as hardness, porosity and elasticity, can be changed or optimized.

CELOS for optimum workflow in pre- and post-processing
The integral software solution for CAM programming and machine control, CELOS, rounds off the process chains for the LASERTEC SLM series. The coordinated and standardized user interface enables parts to be programmed offline quickly and transferred to the machine – regardless of their complexity. Due to the efficient flow of information and intuitive operation, CELOS ensures an optimum workflow in the pre- and post-processing of additively manufactured parts. As a consequence, the open system of the LASERTEC SLM series enables individual adjustment of all machine settings and process parameters, right through to an extensive choice of material suppliers.

LASERTEC 12 SLM – four-times more accurate than the industry standard
Precision in additive manufacturing depends basically on three parameters, namely minimizing focus diameter, layer thicknesses and powder particle size. DMG MORI has taken exactly these parameters into consideration in the development of the new LASERTEC 12 SLM and has designed a high-precision machine for building the thinnest walls. The top properties and features already familiar from the LASERTEC 30 SLM 2nd Generation – the rePLUG powder module, CELOS as an integral software solution, the open system and ergonomic design – also apply without exception to the LASERTEC 12 SLM, making this innovative machine the ideal addition to the DMG MORI portfolio of process chains in ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING.

DMG MORI developed the LASERTEC 12 SLM with a special focus on precision. A small focus diameter of 35 µ over the entire build
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING – LASERTEC 12 SLM

Volume enables high-precision creation of the thinnest walls – four-times more accurate than the current industry standard. The thin layers can be built accurately and with exact repeatability thanks to integrated linear scales with a resolution of less than 1 μm. An integrated sieving unit prevents larger particles or agglomerates from entering the build chamber immediately before introduction of the powder. In addition, the application of the powder in the build process is carried out safely in an inert gas atmosphere.

Despite its specialization and optimization in the high-precision building of filigree structures, DMG MORI has nevertheless managed to achieve a build volume of 4.92 × 4.92 × 7.87 m – the largest in this accuracy class. The ergonomic construction of the machine in Stealth design also reflects the principle that DMG MORI has been pursuing and optimizing continuously for many years, namely making the machine easy to use and efficient by ensuring better accessibility to all key elements. Furthermore, the LASERTEC 12 SLM is based on the same machine platform as the LASERTEC 30 SLM 2nd Generation, making this new development just as robust while retaining compatibility with

OPTOMET

ADAPTATION OF THE POWDER PROPERTIES

+ Unlimited choice of material supplier – without any R&D effort
+ No compromise in quality Reduced material costs thanks to the use of recycled powder
both the conventional rePLUG and rePLUG reSEARCH. Rapid material changeover in less than two hours boosts the productivity of the LASERTEC 12 SLM enormously.

DMG MORI has designed the rePLUG reSEARCH especially for the development of materials. In contrast to the conventional rePLUG, this module has bottle-based powder feed suitable for significantly smaller material quantities, instead of the large powder container with a closed powder circuit. This ensures simple cleaning of the system, which brings great time savings and reduces the risk of cross-contamination to a minimum – especially important when trying a variety of materials. Any excess powder is collected in a bottle and can be sieved externally, ready for reuse.

LASERTEC 12 SLM
HIGH-PRECISION SELECTIVE LASER MELTING

+ Four-times more accurate than the current industrial standard: 35 µ focus diameter
+ Largest build area in its accuracy class: 4.92 × 4.92 × 7.87 in
+ rePLUG powder module for safe material changeover in less than two hours

Utilize the potential of Additive Manufacturing with NX and SINUMERIK.

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STB, founded in 1994 in Strausberg, Brandenburg, is an accomplished manufacturer of special seals for pumps, compactors, fans, compressors and turbines. Customers are to be found, for example, in the oil and gas industry. The product portfolio also includes anti-friction surfaces for floating ring seals. STB supplies customers in Europe as well as in the USA and Asia. The range of services includes the repair and refurbishment of technical equipment. STB has been using machine tools from DMG MORI since 2012, and with the LASERTEC 30 SLM 2nd Generation, the step into additive manufacturing was taken in the fall of 2018.

“We like to support our customers by providing individual solutions,” says Robin Riedel, second generation Managing Director of STB, in describing the family company’s philosophy. The path to the optimal solution starts in product development. “Here we benefit from our experience in the end user’s business and from our expertise in design and production.” High performance machine tools that reliably ensure consistent production quality are the be-all and end-all for STB. “DMG MORI is a byword for pioneering CNC technology and impresses us with its broad product spectrum. In particular, the range for additive manufacturing of metal components is a perfect addition for STB,” says Robin Riedel, referring to the LASERTEC 30 SLM 2nd Generation machine installed in the previous fall.

An additively manufactured component replaces several conventionally produced parts
Selective Laser Melting enables STB to additively manufacture highly complex workpieces. “The technology gives us an advantage particularly in the case of new developments, as we do not first have to manufacture a mold for a casting.” This only becomes worthwhile for larger quantities. “What is more, the time saving is 90%.” In addition, SLM technology has manufacturing potential that goes beyond the possibilities of traditional machining: “Such designs would simply not be possible with this degree of
compactness using conventional methods alone”, explains Robin Riedel referring to a stainless steel housing, which requires finishing in only a few places following production in the powder bed. In this way, several conventionally produced parts can be replaced with one additively manufactured component. “The cost advantage for the customer in such cases is enormous.”

NEW MARKET POTENTIAL THANKS TO SLM TECHNOLOGY

rePLUG powder module for changing material quickly and safely

There were several reasons for purchasing the LASERTEC 30 SLM 2nd Generation, including the long and beneficial business relationship with the supplier. Robin Riedel: “It is an advantage for us to have one point of contact for all our machines.” The powder bed machine is also impressive from a technological point of view. “Rapid powder changing with the help of the rePLUG exchangeable module is a productive, user-friendly and, above all, safe solution.” No powder can escape thanks to the sealed powder circulation system. Until now, STB has been producing stainless steel workpieces on the LASERTEC 30 SLM 2nd Generation. Now, however, the first enquiries for components made from Inconel have started to appear.

Opening up new market potential with SLM technology

With sales offices in Bremen, Shanghai and the USA, STB has grown strongly in recent years. “New technologies such as Selective Laser Melting have assisted this growth,” says Robin Riedel. He sees a great opportunity for further business development in the rapid manufacturing of new developments and the design of completely new geometries: “We are optimistic that we can open up new market potential in this way.”

“On the LASERTEC 30 SLM we can now produce geometries that were previously not possible with this degree of compactness – and up to 90% faster.”

STB FACTS

+ Founded in Strausberg in 1994
+ 72 employees
+ Development and production of special seals (including floating ring seals) for the oil and gas industry

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Additive manufacturing is the perfect complement to conventional machining and opens up completely new freedoms in design. The potential of this technology is already recognized in many companies, but often they do not have the necessary knowledge. With its new consulting approach, the DMG MORI Academy pursues the goal of supporting companies in building up the necessary know-how and establishing process chains based on the LASERTEC 3D hybrid and LASERTEC SLM series machines. The consultancy portfolio encompasses services along the entire process chain of additive manufacturing, including the AM Quick Check as the perfect introduction to exploiting the potential.

Starting from the identification of suitable applications, the DMG MORI Academy provides holistic support for additive manufacturing – from engineering the components to production of the first small series. The experts there also offer further advice on the introduction of the technology. They hold training courses to acquaint staff from management, design and production with additive manufacturing. Dr. Rinje Brandis, Head of Consulting Additive Manufacturing at the DMG MORI Academy, sees the key customer benefits as being time savings and the sustainable acquisition of knowledge: “Our team contributes its many years of cross-industry experience in the application of additive manufacturing. Together with our customers, we drastically accelerate their introduction to the technology and help implement it directly in innovative products”.

AM CONSULTING 
FOR FAST TECHNOLOGY INTRODUCTION
AM Quick Check:
Entry into additive manufacturing for development and design
Additive manufacturing today offers virtually unlimited potential for innovative solutions. The key to using it successfully is know-how and choosing the right applications. The DMG MORI Academy’s Quick Check is the perfect entry into exploiting this potential. Competent DMG MORI engineers help companies in a two-day workshop with the needs-based introduction of the technology in their specific sector. This includes building up the necessary know-how and identifying components with additive manufacturing potential. “Together with our customers we analyze their range of products and identify areas of application that are relevant for ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING. The result is a roadmap for further implementation of the technology in specific business cases”, explains Dr. Rinje Brandis, Head of Consulting Additive Manufacturing at the DMG MORI Academy. Such a case has already been carried out successfully within the Group in cooperation with SAUER GmbH. “We developed an annular nozzle together, which was produced by the powder bed method and is now an integral part of the ULTRASONIC technology.”

CONSULTATION FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING ENTAILS RETHINKING THE DESIGN PROCESS

**TASK**
Lens holder for the LASERTEC 30 SLM

**TRADITIONAL DESIGN**
Technology-driven: What material do I have to remove?

**ADDITIVE DESIGN**
Function-driven: What material do I have to add?

DMG MORI ACADEMY
WITH TOPOLOGY OPTIMIZATION FOR OPTIMUM ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING DESIGN

- Cost reduction due to lightweight construction: Reduced material usage due to structure optimization
- Design advantages: Freedom in the design process
- Unrivalled: Cannot be produced conventionally
SUCCESS IN MOTORSPORTS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WITH DMG MORI
Motorsports has a decade-long tradition at Toyota, which the car manufacturer has successfully continued since 2015 under the name TOYOTA GAZOO Racing. The double victory in the Le Mans 24-hour race last year and the overall victory in the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) 2014 underline this commitment, as does the overall victory in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC). Toyota Motorsport GmbH in Cologne is a key location within the group, where 300 employees develop and construct both the LMP1 vehicle for the WEC and the motor for the new Yaris WRC. DMG MORI supports the demanding production within the framework of a technology cooperation with innovative machining centers and turning machines – 21 in total. One of the latest purchases is the DMU 200 Gantry with integrated ULTRASONIC spindle, on which Toyota Motorsport machines high-quality composite components in a dry machining process.

Due to its light weight and high strength, carbon fiber is an essential material in the development of racing cars. Machining it, on the other hand, is very time consuming, explains Marcel Voigt, responsible for CNC production and programming at Toyota Motorsport: “For every component, we need tools on which we laminate the carbon fiber before it is baked in an autoclave.” Both the production of the tools – which are made of a special plastic, aluminum or also carbon fiber – and the subsequent machining of the complex carbon fiber components are carried out on CNC machining centers. “To prevent the edges from fraying, something that can easily happen with carbon fiber, we mill them with specially ground and coated tools. We were also able to achieve further improvement in the quality of the components with the ULTRASONIC technology.”
CUSTOMER STORY – TOYOTA MOTORSPORT GMBH

With the DMU 200 Gantry including dust extraction and integrated ULTRASONIC technology we can achieve unique results in composite machining.

Marcel Voigt (right) responsible for CNC production and programming at Toyota Motorsport

Installation of the DMU 200 Gantry in a pit to enable ground level loading and unloading of the delicate carbon fiber components with a forklift.

Process reliability in the machining of composites on the DMU 200 Gantry, thanks to the fully automatically exchangeable ULTRASONIC spindle.

DMU 200 Gantry with an optimum work area concept
In the summer of 2018, Toyota Motorsport installed its first DMU 200 Gantry from DMG MORI configured specifically for this purpose to expand its capacity for dry machining of composite components. Thanks to its low-profile gantry, the 27 m² footprint of the machine is extremely compact when one considers its spacious 88.58 x 78.74 in work area (also available from DMG MORI as an option with 157.48 in of X-axis travel). “This meant we could integrate it perfectly in the designated part of the plant”, recalls Marcel Voigt about the installation. The machine was brought in through the roof of the hall in one piece. “We also set it up in a pit, so we can move the delicate components into the work area with a forklift at ground level instead of having to use a crane.” This is also a great advantage where ease of use is concerned: “You can see into the machine clearly from the side at all times.”

ULTRASONIC technology for machining composites
Designed for the machining of composites, the DMU 200 Gantry is equipped with an ULTRASONIC spindle in which special ULTRASONIC tool holders can be changed fully automatically from the tool magazine. This technology integration enables targeted superimposition of tool rotation with an ULTRASONIC vibration in the axial direction. Amplitudes up to 10 µ with a frequency of 20 – 50 kHz can be achieved in this way. The effect results in a reduction in process forces of up to 40%, which depending on what is required of the process can be used to achieve higher feed rates, longer tool service life or improved surface finishes. When machining fiber composites, ULTRASONIC enables clean cutting of the carbon fibers thanks to the increased cutting speed and thus meets the highest demands on productivity and component quality. This is apparent on the clean cut edges that minimize fiber splitting and prevent delamination of the component.

Carbon fiber racecar part:
Maximum process reliability and precision without reworking thanks to ULTRASONIC
Attention must be paid to the fine dust when dry machining composites, Marcel Voigt goes on to tell us: “That is why the DMU 200 Gantry machine is equipped with a dust extractor and explosion protection. In addition, the A-axis of the milling head even has integrated dust extraction.” After the positive experience with dry machining on the DMU 200 Gantry, DMG MORI organized a workshop on this topic at Toyota Motorsport at the end of November 2018, which was attended by around 70 interested parties.

5-axis machining with 0.5 g for surface finishes up to Ra < 0.3µ
The DMU 200 Gantry also meets high requirements for the production of motorsport components when it comes to conventional milling processes. The A-axis with a swivel range of ±120° is equipped with a 40,000 rpm motor spindle for HSC machining. The thermosymmetrical gantry design provides maximum rigidity and enables dynamic 5-axis machining with up to 16.4 ft/s² acceleration in all axes. Consistent tool overhang in the Z-axis ensures that the milling characteristics remain unchanged over the entire work area. Extensive cooling guarantees a high level of long-term accuracy. “The capabilities of the machine are so extensive that we also use the DMU 200 Gantry for machining aluminum molds when our other machines are working to full capacity”, says Marcel Voigt. “Thanks to the high axis acceleration we achieve surface finishes of < 0.3µ. We also benefit from the high maximum table load of 22.05 tons.”

DMU 200 Gantry

LARGEST WORK AREA WITH LOWEST SPACE REQUIREMENT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Maximum workpiece size of 141 ft³ (3-axis) or 78 ft³ (5-axis)
- Fully enclosed working area with integrated chip removal and good visibility from the side
- High rigidity and dynamic milling (16.4 ft/s² acceleration in all linear axes) due to portal design
- Consistent milling characteristics throughout the entire work area due to constant tool overhang in the Z-axis
- Integration of ULTRASONIC technology possible in the 90° and 45° head

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More information about the DMU 200 Gantry can be found here: gantry.dmgmori.com
Toyota Motorsport is also breaking new Yaris WRC. “We want to have this expertise as a supplier”, Marcel Voigt explains. The company is relying on DMG MORI to achieve the high level of technology cycle, currently undergoing in-house, instead of ordering gears from a supplier. This gearSKIVING cycle is being utilized to achieve consistent accuracies comparable to those of grinding. 

Another advantage of the gearSKIVING cycle is speed: “The throughput time per gear is only a few minutes, whereas grinding takes several hours.”

Success in motorsport through technology cooperation with DMG MORI

The technology cooperation between DMG MORI and Toyota Motorsport is at the highest level, as is demanded in the world of motorsport. Marcel Voigt says: “On one hand quality standards are extremely high, because we have to get maximum performance out of the components and, of course, ensure a high level of safety at the same time. On the other hand efficiency plays a vital role, because this is a very fast-moving industry.” This requires partnerships on an equal footing. For many years DMG MORI has been designing pioneering production solutions for demanding sectors – not least for motorsport. Marcel Voigt sees a great opportunity: “If we combine our expertise in the cooperation, we will continue to have success on the racetrack.”

Technology Cycle

DMG MORI gearSKIVING
+ Straight and helical external or internal spur gears and splines
+ Herringbone gear with clearance on turn-mill machines
+ Crowned gear tooth by mathematical transformation of the 6th virtual axis on TC machines

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Cold laser ablation for reproducible accuracy to within microns

The femtosecond laser in the LASERTEC 50 Shape achieves what laser sources in the picosecond or nanosecond range cannot achieve. The electrons in the workpiece absorb the immense energy of the ultra-short light pulse and transmit it to the atomic cores. The heat is localised with extreme precision, meaning that the material evaporates in a minimal zone – before the surrounding material has even heated up. “In the absence of heat affected zones, the workpiece is not adversely affected by the heat”, explains Alexander Renz. This means that there is no slag, spatter, contamination or burrs.

Ra 0.1 µ on the LASERTEC 50 Shape with Femto-Laser

Cold laser ablation with ultra-short pulses enables reproducible accuracy to within microns and surface quality of up to Ra 0.1 µ. Hard metals, ceramics, glass or even chrome-plated plastics can be machined. “With the LASERTEC 50 Shape we undertake many applications that were previously only possible by spark erosion”, says Alexander Renz about the new development. This saves time and money in electrode manufacture. “It is also force-free and tool-less machining, whereby we always achieve the same process accuracy and therefore maximum repeatability on the component.”

Simple operation thanks to intelligent software from DMG MORI

The LASERTEC 50 Shape has high-precision zero point clamping, an optical measuring system and a 3D touch-probe that makes setting up simple and straightforward. “Calibration is supported by DMG MORI with technology cycles”, adds Alexander Renz. The user-friendly LASERSOFT software developed by SAUER has also been an advantage as far as he is concerned: “Software modules such as the Auto Video set-up make our work much easier”. Another highlight of the LASTERTEC 50 Shape is the new, high-speed Z-shifter that is installed as standard. It covers larger patches and is significantly more dynamic and accurate, explains Alexander Renz: “We achieve better workpieces in a shorter time in this way”. HAIL-TEC can make use of the capabilities of the LASERTEC 50 Shape in a completely different way. Miniaturization in electronics continues to advance. More and more ceramic materials are being used for PCBs. “Wall angles up to 7° are possible when intro-
ducing 3D shapes.” Alexander Renz envisages another application in laser labelling with ultra-short laser pulses: “For example, we can mark implants or surgical instruments precisely in deep black that is corrosion resistant”. He thinks that he can further develop his range of services for medical engineering with this so-called black marking.

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