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### **HASCO** hot runner

### New hot runner technical center for HASCO hot runner with SmartPower 120/350 from WITTMANN BATTENFELD

HASCO continues to expand its hot runner business and invests continuously in innovation. In June, HASCO hot runner opened a newly constructed hot runner technical center at its location in Guntramsdorf, Austria. The heart of this facility is the new SmartPower 120/350 servo-hydraulic injection molding machine from WITTMANN BATTENFELD.

Based in Lüdenscheid, Germany, HASCO is an international leader in the manufacture of standard products and hot runner solutions for tool and mold making and for the plastics processing industry. The HASCO hot runner division specializes in the production of innovative hot runner technology. With some 70 employees in all, the hot runner team develops tailor-made product solutions specifically designed for each customer application and then fabricates them within extremely short turnaround times.

The HASCO location in Guntramsdorf, Austria, has been the company's headquarters for hot runner technology since 2014. Forty of HASCO Austria GmbH's 110 employees work in this segment. In the new HASCO hot runner technical center in Guntramsdorf, several WITTMANN BATTENFELD systems are in operation, including a *SmartPower* 120/350, a WITTMANN model ATON plus dryer, and a TEMPRO plus D model dual zone temperature controller. The dryer and temperature controller are integrated in the UNILOG B8 machine control system.

The *SmartPower* machine from WITTMANN BATTENFELD is equipped as standard with a servo pump for extremely high energy efficiency and also offers extraordinarily precise control. Its open configuration simplifies operation and working with material feed and drying. Moreover, the machine has an injection unit that pivots easily, which facilitates access to the nozzle and screw, thereby making it much easier to maintain the screw.

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On 3rd June of this year, Rainer Weingraber, CEO of WITTMANN BATTENFELD, officially handed over the injection molding machine and its auxiliaries to Florian Larisch, Head of the Hot Runner Division at HASCO.

With their investment in the new hot runner technical center, HASCO hot runner is creating additional opportunities in service for customer training as well as in product development. One of the main driving factors behind this expansion of development capacities was to strengthen innovative force. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology from WITTMANN BATTENFELD, the new technical center will enable even faster product development and provides the basis for new basic research findings relative to hot runner technology.

With these new opportunities, HASCO hot runner is strengthening its market position as an innovative hot runner supplier, thereby maintaining its positive business growth of recent years.



**Fig.:** (from left to right): Wolfgang Glawatsch, Area Sales Manager WITTMANN BATTENFELD, Florian Larisch, Head of Hot Runner Division HASCO, Rainer Weingraber, CEO WITTMANN BATTENFELD (Photo: HASCO)

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### The WITTMANN Group

The WITTMANN Group is a worldwide leader in the production of injection molding machines, robots and peripheral equipment for the plastics processing industry, headquartered in Vienna/Austria and consisting of two main divisions: WITTMANN BATTENFELD and WITTMANN. They jointly operate the companies of the group with eight production plants in five countries, and its additional sales and service companies are active with 34 facilities on all important plastics markets around the world.

WITTMANN BATTENFELD pursues the further expansion of its market position as an injection molding machine manufacturer and specialist for state-of-the-art process technologies. As a supplier of comprehensive, modern machine technology in modular design, the company meets both present and future market demands for plastics injection molding equipment.

The WITTMANN product portfolio includes robots and automation systems, material handling systems, dryers, gravimetric and volumetric blenders, granulators, temperature controllers and chillers. With this diversified range of peripheral units, WITTMANN offers plastics processors solutions to cover all production requirements, ranging from independent production cells to integrated plant-wide systems.

The syndication of the various segments under the umbrella of the WITTMANN Group has led to complete connectivity between the various product lines, for the benefit of plastics processors with an increasing demand for seamless integration of processing machinery with automation and peripherals.

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