INSIGHTS

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INCREASING EFFICIENCY WITH INTELLIGENT CONTROL

HEIDENHAIN TNC 640

MORE RELIABILITY IN PLANNING, GREATER EASE OF USE

The new "Hermle Automation Control System" (HACS)

SUCCESSFULLY INTRODUCED

Generative manufacturing with MPA technology



Preface

A highly successful 2014 is now behind us and the impetus from the old year has carried us into a running start for 2015. Demand for our 5-axis machines has been and remains high, despite financial troubles around the world which are a continual source of concern for our customers. So it is all the more important to remain alert and recognise changes early on when they come to be able to react accordingly.

As previously announced, we once again increased sales for the past business year compared to 2013. Especially in the last quarter, our entire team demonstrated which peak performance it is capable of. We not only delivered the machines on time, we simultaneously moved HLS (Hermle-Leibinger Systemtechnik GmbH) and assembly for large machines into the buildings which had just been completed. Our capital expenditures in new assembly and office buildings are now successfully completed.

In the current year we will be investing further in developing our worldwide service network. Highly qualified and motivated service engineers plus rapid availability of spare parts are the fundamental prerequisites for successful worldwide sales.

At present we are in the midst of intensive preparations for the Open House that will take place in April. For years this event has been the most important platform for presenting our entire product range as well as new products in our portfolio. This year we will be presenting the new generation of the well-known C50, C52U and C52UMT, our recently developed software tool HACS (Hermle Automation Control System), and also the latest version of the MPA (Metal Powder Application) process developed by Hermle Maschinenbau GmbH.

This generative manufacturing processes, often referred to as 3D printing technology, offers a wide range of options in many different applications. To find out more about the MPA process, please talk to our specialists.

You are cordially invited to visit us at the Open House – we are looking forward to interesting discussions.

Sincerely yours,

HERMLE AG

OPEN HOUSE

GOSHEIM | 22.04. - 25.04.2015

THE COMPANY EVENT MOVES TO A NEW LEVEL

"Exciting to the end". This year again Hermle is inviting industry professionals to its Open House in Gosheim. Over 30 exhibitors in clamping technology and another 20 exhibitors in CAD/CAM and control technology will be offering an enormous added value for visitors to the special exhibition, who will find concentrated and focused information about the latest trends and developments in the industry. **www.hermle.de** – We'll keep you up to date.

The new generation – milling and turning at its best – C 52 U / MT

Many factors have to be considered to ensure that a workpiece is manufactured perfectly. For this reason, Hermle has been working progressively on perfecting and optimising the machining process for many years.

Hermle will also be exhibiting an advanced version of the C $50\,U/MT$ at the Open House. This highly dynamic machining centre C $52\,U/MT$ is consistently designed with 5-axis/5-side machining in mind. Features galore to ensure

high-precision, economical parts production. Numerous automation solutions extend the application range many times over.

Combined milling and turning in up to five axes. The special MT concept of the machine makes this possible! All rotational machining operations can be performed even with the table swivelled. The table can be loaded with workpieces up to 2000 kg.



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Franz-Xaver Bernhard
Director of Sales, Research and Development

EXHIBITS

EXHIBITS IN THE TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING CENTRE

- 1 x C12U
- 1 x C12U with robot system RS05
- 1x C400U
- 2 x C22U
- 1 x C22U with pallet changer PW 150
- 1 x C32U with handling system IH60
- 1 × C3211
- 1 x C32U with robot system RS2 combination
 - + additional magazine single
- 4 x C42U
- 2 x C42UMT (Mill/Turn) + additional magazine single
- 1x C52UMT (Mill/Turn)
- 1 x C60UMT (Mill/Turn)

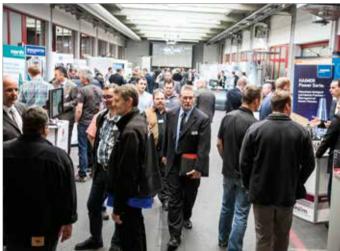
EXHIBITS OPERATING UNDER PRODUCTION CONDITIONS IN OUR MANUFACTURING PLANT

- 1 x C 1200 V (high-precision manufacturing)
- 1 x C 12 U with pallet changer PW 100
- $2 \times C40U$ with robot system RS 3
- 1 x C42UPMT with pallet changer PW 850
 - + additional magazine singl
- 1 x C50UPMT with pallet changer PW 2000
- 2 v C60LIP with nallet changer PW 3000
 - + additional magazine double

EXHIBITS IN OUR SERVICE CENTRE

- 1 x C2211
- 1 x C42UMT (Mill/Turn





HIGHLIGHTS

- Premiere of the new C 52 machining centre
- Premiere of the new Hermle HACS pallet management system
- Over 30 machines, some automated in our Technology and Training Centre
- Hermle expert forum Our application technology and training department will be on hand for all questions concerning applications, machine simulations and technical

innovations in control units

- **Technical presentations** covering a wide range of topics
- Hermle Maschinenbau GmbH will be present with generatively manufactured components
- Live service competence Presentation and demonstration of our services
- Special show featuring clamping technology CAD/CAM software with over 50 well-known exhibitors
- Guided tours through the production and assembly areas and the new assembly hall for C52/60 models and Hermle automation subsidiary HLS

HEIDENHAIN TNC 640: WITH DYNAMIC EFFICIENCY AND DYNAMIC PRECISION FOR HERMLE MACHINES

TNC control units from HEIDENHAIN have proven themselves over almost four decades of daily work on milling machines, machining centres and drilling machines. These control units have been continuously developed and improved over the years. However, the underlying operating concept remains unchanged. These basic principles have also been implemented in the TNC 640, the HEIDENHAIN contouring control system for milling and turning: workstation-orientated programming with graphical support, numerous practically oriented cycles and an operating concept that closely resembles other HEIDENHAIN control units.

The Heidenhain TNC 640 is used in models C 12, C 22, C 32, C 42, C 52 and all MT models of Hermle AG.

dynamic

efficiency

dynamic precision

OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 09:00 - 17:00 **SATURDAY** 09:00 - 13:00



EXHIBITORS

CLAMPING TECHNOLOGY

- ALBRECHT PRÄZISION GMBH & CO. KG
- HELMUT DIEBOLD GMBH
- EMUGE FRANKEN
- EROWA AG
- GRESSEL AG
- HAINBUCH GMBH SPANNENDE TECHNIK
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- SPREITZER GMBH & CO. KG
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SOFTWARE - CAD/CAM

- CAMPLETE SOLUTIONS INC.
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- CG TECH DEUTSCHLAND GMBH
- CIMCO A/S
- CONCEPTS NREC
- DELCAM GMBH
- INFOBOARD EUROPE GMBH
- JANUS ENGINEERING GMBH
- OPEN MIND TECHNOLOGIES AG
- SESCOI GMBH
- -SOLIDCAM GMBH
- -TEBIS AG
- UNICAM SOFTWARE GMBH

CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

- DR. JOHANNES HEIDENHAIN GME
- -SIEMENS AG

OTHERS

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- BLUM-NOVOTEST GMBH
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COMPANY.



INTELLIGENT MACHINING - DYNAMIC EFFICIENCY

dynamic efficiency products feature innovative TNC functions that help users arrange heavy-duty machining and roughing more efficiently while also making the process more reliable. The software functions provide support for machine operators and also make the production process more efficient.

- ACC Active Chatter Control Controller function for reducing the process induced rattle.
 This helps you reduce the load for the machine and extend the service life of the tool.
- AFC Adaptive Feed Control automatically controls the feed rate of the TNC depending on the relevant spindle output and other process data. Advantages: Optimises machining time and tool monitoring, protects machine mechanics.
- **Trochoidal milling process** Advantage: Machine any grooves completely and highly efficiently, especially when milling high-strength or hardened materials.

FAST, RELIABLE AND CONTOUR-TRUE MACHINING - DYNAMIC PRECISION

dynamic | HEIDENHAIN's Dynamic Precision products include milling solutions for considerably improving the dynamic accuracy of a machine tool.

precision

- CTC Cross Talk Compensation for position deviation due to machine backlash between the measuring device and TCP, which improves accuracy during acceleration phases.
- AVD Active Vibration Damping, which results in improved surface quality.

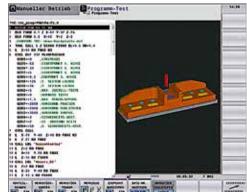


1 he keys are easy and comfortable to use. LEDs provide information about activated machine functions



2 Storage media can be connected to the control panel quickly and easily via the USB-2.0 interface.





3 User interface: Along with its bright appearance, the display focuses on easy operability for users. Different area are clearly separated from each other and icons provide information about the different operating modes.





More certainty in planning, greater ease of use with HACS



The new "Hermle Automation Control System" (HACS) is a system for controlling and monitoring Hermle machines that have been automated with pallet changers. HACS makes production planning easier, including tool insert calculation.



An additional pivotable control panel has been adapted to the pallet changer setup station (see illustration). The user interface - easy and intuitive to operate with drag and drop makes day-to-day production tasks easier. As with other previous Hermle development projects, they will first be tested in our internal machining manufacturing under production conditions until they are ready for series production. HACS will be used with all Hermle pallet changers. Like its predecessor the PMC system, it can be used for all control units. Newly ordered machines (with pallet changer) will have HACS already installed.

ADVANTAGES OF HACS

The operator has the tasks relevant for him in sight at all times. This ensures practically failure-free production. The clear structure and simple layout of the system help to prevent errors. In addition, HACS can be used without a Windows computer and requires no cost wearing interfaces. HACS is fully integrated into its work environment.

The intuitively operable software shows all relevant data at a glance, both at the setup station and machine control: system overview, work plans, pallets, schematic diagram, tasks and the tool table.

All new workpieces are automatically entered in order in the schematic diagram when they are set up. After orders are defined, the priority of a workpiece and with it the order of machining can be altered at any time. It is also possible to resort the schematic diagram using drag and drop.

HACS AT THE 2015 OPEN HOUSE

A PW 150 pallet changer and a IH system will be equipped with HACS for the Hermle Open House. According to current plants, however, IH systems will only be optionally equipped with HACS, unlike the pallet changers.



The additional control panel - adapted to the pallet changer setup station.



PALLET DATA

- 1 Unique physical number.
- 2 User-defined name for templates 3 Pallet dimensions.
- 4 Loading / saving templates.



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM (PLAYLIST)

1 Chronological sequence. Drag and drop to adjust.

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Abladplan Aufgeben

3 Starting time

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A look at the pallet changer PW 250 with setup station (left), 4x storage (rear), the traversing unit (front) and the machine working area (right).

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Successfully introduced: Generative manufacturing with MPA ted

- 1.4404 stainless steel

(water-soluble)

WORKPIECES

For two years now, Ottobrunner Hermle Maschinenbau GmbH (HMG) - a wholly owned subsidiary of Hermle AG - has been offering the MPA (Metal Powder Application) process, a technology with potential comparable to 3D printing technology, but for metallic materials. The technology has mastered initial applications with gusto (see the brief user report to the side).

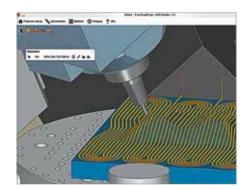
As a service provider in generative manufacturing, HMG not only has extensive theoretical knowledge and many components from various industries tested under production conditions, but now also concrete, practical experience in manufacturing. Hermle has succeeded in developing a working process for generative manufacturing of parts and placing it on the market. The goal is to continue optimising the system and take advantage of the possibilities it offers: For all parts that cannot be produced, or can only partly be produced by machining.



MPA technology is a process to produce parts that can be used under production conditions from metal powder. MPA technology is a thermal spray process for metal powder. The process can be used to produce components in high volumes with almost any inner geometry.

APPLICATION AND CHIP REMOVAL IN ONE **MACHINE**

Powder particles are accelerated to very high speeds with a carrier gas for material application. Then they are applied on the substrate with a nozzle. The application unit for the metal powder is integrated into a Hermle



and monitoring manufacturing processes

5-axis machining centre. In this way Hermle is expanding its proven machining technology to include the diverse possibilities of generative manufacturing.

MATERIAL BUILD-UP AND MACHINING COMBINED

Integrating the application unit into a Hermle 5-axis machining centre facilitates hybrid manufacturing processes with material application and machining combined in just one machine. Material is applied in layers and always as far as can be allowed with the relevant component contours still accessible for milling. After the contours are machined, the process switches back to the application procedure. In this manner a solid body consisting of two or more materials can be built up.

> A CAD/CAM software program called MPA Studio developed especially for the MPA process is used to create programs with

> > alternating application and machining paths. It allows the layer-by-layer analysis and machining of the component geometry needed to build up the material. The ability to simulate the complete process as well as quality assurance functions for checking the finished component make the software a flexible and versatile tool for MPA

MATERIALS - METAL POWDER

The initial materials for the application process are metal powders with grain size from 25 to 75µm. Inner geometries and relief cuts can be implemented by using a water-soluble filling material. It is washed out of the component after the manufacturing process is completed, leaving the required hollow areas.

Tool insert with integrated copper cores. Generative manufacturing with two materials makes it possible to integrate heat dissipation via cooling channels and copper cores. Materials: Hot-working steel 1.2344 and pure copper

optimum coordination of process parameters for each metal powder that is used. The properties of Internal CAM software for planning, simulating the resulting microstructure are determined through extensive series of tests.

> In addition to pressure and tensile tests of the components, grindings are also prepared for examination under a light microscope. Information about particle and layer adhesion, porosity and any inclusions is derived from magnifications of up to 1000X.

The MPA process can be used to manufacture

temperable tools and mould inserts with internal

MATERIAL ANALYSIS AND QUALITY CONTROL

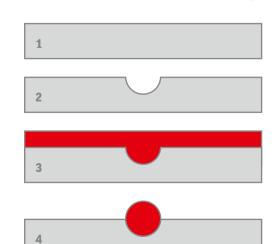
Manufacturing high-quality components requires

cooling channels or an integrated heating element.

Round components with these requirements are also

"COOLING CHANNEL" AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS

The individual processing steps can be followed on the right under "Brief explanation of MPA technology"





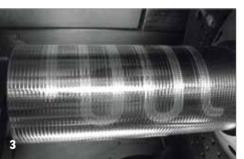


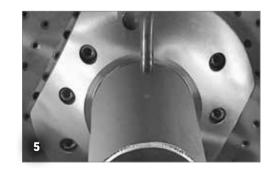
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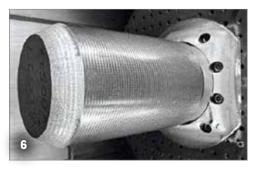
"ROTATING PART" AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS

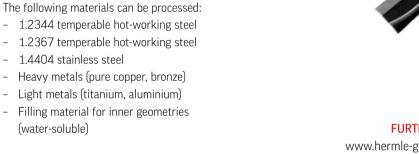
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Tool with embedded function

couples, pipes

parts: Heating elements, thermo-

USERS.

chnology



COOLED TOOL INSERT

The 5-axis configuration of Hermle machines with





Generative manufacturing with MPA technology in practical applications - a success for technology and product innovators Julius Blum GmbH and Hermle AG!

Left to right: Klaus Holzer, Master Mould Maker respon for the MPA project, Gerhard Gorbach, Manager of Equipment Manufacturing, Helmut Böhler, Department Milling Master and the machine operator Mathias Huf, all from Julius Blum GmbH,



A PARTNERSHIP BUILD ON THE AWARENESS OF BOTH **PARTNERS' STRENGTHS**

"Whenever possible and practical, we use the latest technologies and processes. We approach these projects with an evaluation process on three levels", explains Gerhard Gorbach, Manager of Equipment Manufacturing at Julius Blum GmbH in Höchst, Austria. The most recent success in this vein was the presentation of the new MPA technology for generative manufacturing of components for injection moulding as well as die cast tools and moulds.

IMPRESSIVE PRACTICAL TEST: MOULD CAVITIES MANUFACTURED WITH MPA

A "cover flap" plastic part was chosen as reference project by Gerhard Gorbach, Manager of Equipment Manufacturing and Klaus Holzer, Master Mould Maker responsible for the generative manufacturing/MPA project. "Until now we had to manufacture tools for this purpose from two parts which were then soldered together. We were working with multiple injection moulding tools due to the high unit numbers, and they had to withstand an internal pressure of 1000 bar and quite high cycle frequencies for moulding the cover flaps, which were not a simple matter. So there were repeatedly signs of wear."

The quality of the injection moulding and increased productivity

per time unit (due to continuously controlled cooling, which shortens cycle times) are not the only reasons why senior management

at Julius Blum GmbH are very impressed with the MPA technology from Hermle.

The illustration reveals the complexity of a tool insert in the temperature-controlled tool system for continuous cooling during the manufacturing of functionally-integrated, high-quality cover flaps (manufactured using injection moulding).

After the test was completed successfully Gerhard Gorbach remarked: "This technology opens up a whole new series of advantages that are not necessarily apparent at first glance. Generative manufacturing in the form of Hermle's MPA technology promises much potential for Blum in the future, which we will tap together with our partner Hermle."

www.blum.com manufactured with

The **Hermle MPA technology** is a thermal spray process for metal powder used in generative manufacturing for making moulds and tools as well as special machine components. 5-axis machining centre.

application is combined with the precise 5-axis machining technology of Hermle AG using MPA technology. Channels and complex hollow areas as well as undercuts can be implemented using water-soluble filling material that is flushed out at the end of the manufacturing process. Subsequent heat treatment optimises the microstructure of the material and also makes it possible for the customer to choose the component or surface hardness.

Hermle MPA technology is available to Hermle customers exclusively as a complete service and includes consulting, a feasibility check, material examinations, optimisation of parts design, and manufacturing (also with semi-finished

USERS.

Read the complete article at www.hermle.de in the info center / user reports section.



Left Jan Kusters, Managing Director of Kusters Precision Parts and right Geert Cox, Managing Director of Hermle Nederland B.V., in front of the C 50 U high-performance 5-axis machining centre operated as a standalone system for manufacturing large parts such as integral aircraft parts made of aluminium.



PRECISION

"EXPERTS IN PRECISION PARTS" -FOR OVER 40 YEARS

From an extended workbench to the manufacturing technology partner: Kusters Precision Parts in Oss, Netherlands, has developed into a soughtafter service provider. Kusters Precision Parts offers customers a broad spectrum of manufacturing technologies ranging from milling and turning to electrical discharge machining and grinding. Also included are measurement technology and

NEW DIMENSIONS OR: "SHOEBOX-SIZED" **WORKPIECES WERE YESTERDAY ...**

Milling takes up the main part, literally in all dimensions. While Kusters concentrated earlier on workpieces no larger than "shoebox size" (J.Kusters), component dimensions up to roughly 1000 x 1100 x 700 mm pose no special challenges today. That is evident from the current machine park, which has been modernised and expanded again and again in the last 10 years. The same can be said of the level of automation

With 5-axis machining know-how, mutually complementary machine working areas and an elevated level of automation, perpetually facing stiff competition and on the path to success.

spaces.

in single-part, small and medium series production. Jan Kusters has always been very aware that he must offer his customers the latest technologies and good prices as well: "Our customers demand reproducible precision from us as well as on-time deliveries plus creative and above all economical solutions. Requirements have risen steeply, not least due to the enormous functional integration in mechatronics, which results in much more complex and functionally integrated workpieces requiring high levels of complexity and accuracy in the µ range.

THE STATED GOAL: THREE-SHIFT MANNED AND UNMANNED OPERATION FOR 168 HOURS OF PRODUCTION PER WEEK

New in the Kusters Precision Parts machine park: two large part machining centres, Hermle type C 50 U and C 50 UP respectively and a C 22 UP for small and medium-sized workpieces. While the C50U is designed as a standalone system for universal/flexible and manned machining of large format workpieces, the second C50UP is equipped for lightly manned operation with a

The large working area (1000 x 1100 x 700 mm, X/Y/Z) of the 5-axis machining centre's C50 UP and the NC rotary table 700 mm in diameter for pallets 800 x 800 mm to hold workpieces weighing up to 2000 kg

pallet changer. The same applies to the smaller

C 22 UP 5-axis machining centre, which has

a type PW 150 pallet changer with 11 pallet

The C22UP features compact dimensions and a spacious working area measuring $450 \times 600 \times 330 \text{ mm}$ (X/Y/Z). It holds 65 tools in the integrated tool magazine and another 87 tools in the additional magazine and has a swivelling rotary table with a diameter of 320 mm. The C50U and C50UP 5-axis machining centres feature working areas measuring $1000 \times 1100 \times 700 \text{ mm (X/Y/Z)}$. They hold up to 60 tools in the tool magazine and another 41 each in the additional magazine and are equipped with swivelling rotary tables 700 mm in diameter for pallets 800 x 800 mm.

WITH THIS MACHINE PARK KUSTERS PRECISION PARTS NOW COVERS WORKPIECE DIMENSIONS FROM A FEW MILLIMETRES TO ALMOST 1 m³.

Jan Kusters believes his change of strategy has been absolutely confirmed: "Our main strengths earlier were in prototype and single part manufacturing. Thanks to the higher level of automation, today we have that same strength in 5-axis machining and workpiece handling, as well as small and medium-sized series manufacturing. With the Hermle machines we are able to machine almost everything to customer specification and also substitute conventional technologies now and again, for example replacing electrical discharge machining with 5-axis milling, or carbide milling with coordinate grinding, thereby achieving further cost optimisation."

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