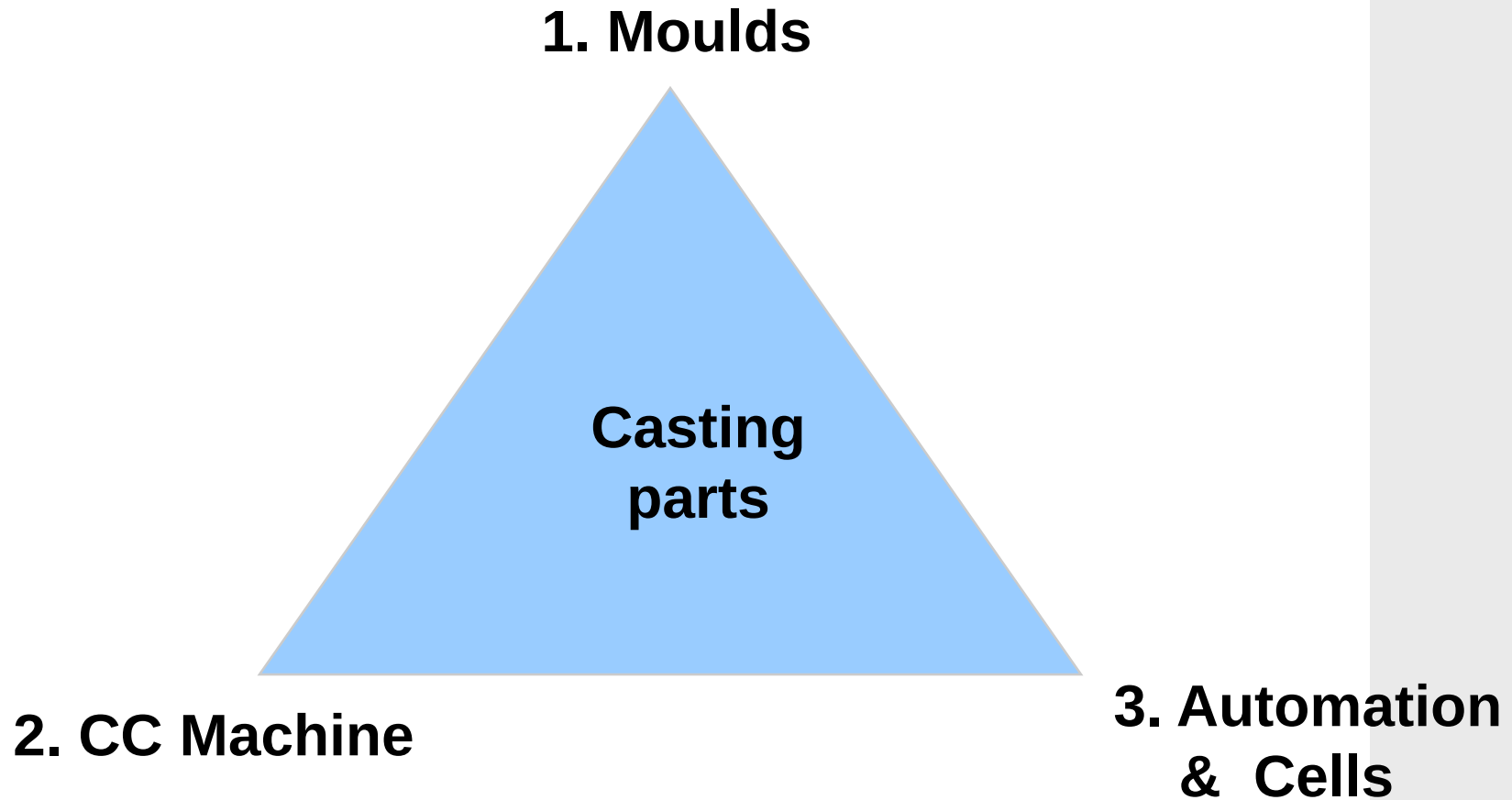


Practical experiences in production of high-quality Aluminium die castings

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Frech Cold Chamber machine



However the application is,
a modern die casting machine has to offer:

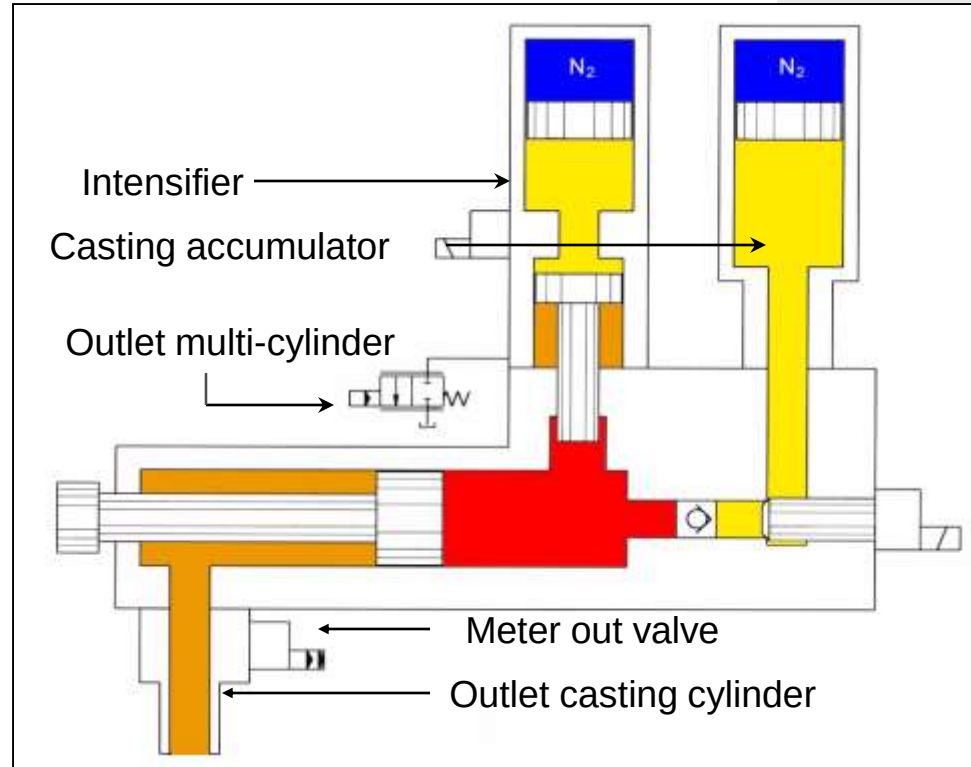
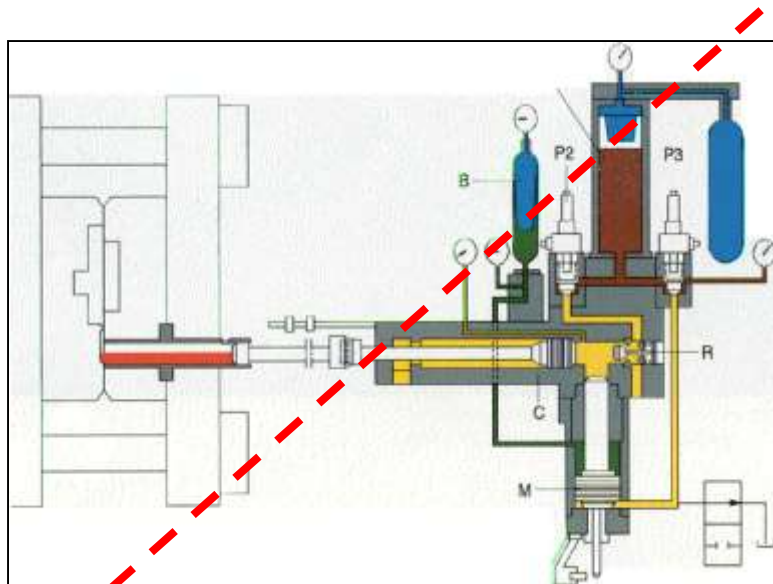
- Modular design
- Easy adaptation of parameters
- Quick cycle time
- Stable production with high production rates
- Strong design concept

Some Examples :

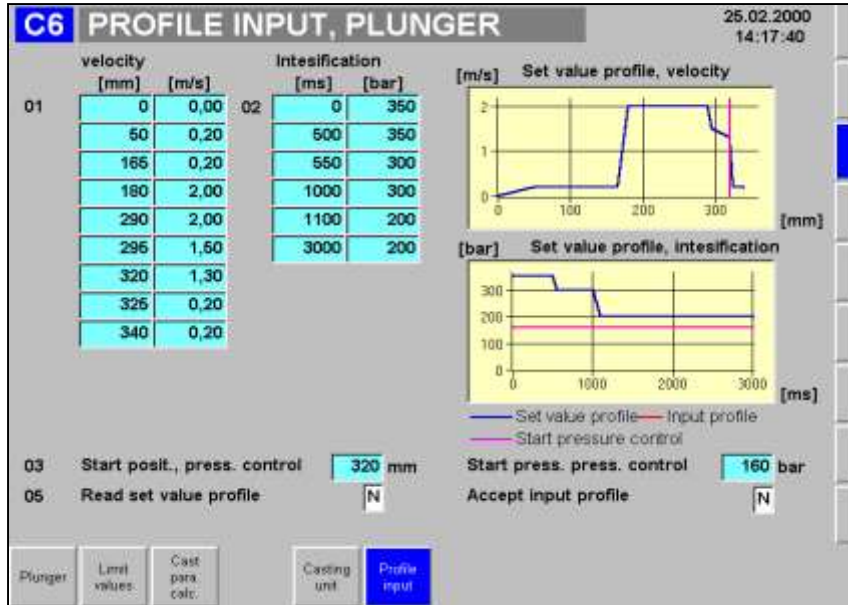
1. Powerful injection system
2. RC (real-controlled shot end)
3. Tie bar removal
4. Die temperature control
5. Interface to die heating-and cooling device
6. Tele-diagnosis via Modem

1. Powerful Injection System

The FRECH Multipress shot end offers a meter out piston movement as standard equipment, which allows the programming of any three-phase- velocity profile. This also means, that a third velocity phase can be used to stop or to decelerate the casting piston. For many applications this is sufficient to avoid flashing.



2. Real time Datadialog - Control



In the standard equipment

- 3 velocity values
 - 1 pressure value
- can be selected.

With the **DATADIALOG - RC**

- 12 velocity values
 - 10 pressure value
- can be selected +

During the casting process the highly dynamic movements of the plunger and the casting pressure are monitored. Deviations to the programmed settings result in immediate correction of these values. This happens in **real-time** during the casting process. The advantages are:

- Optimised casting quality and tolerances
- Avoidance of flash / reduction of pressure peaks in the casting system
- High reproducibility from shot to shot

3. Automatic tie-bar retraction

The front, rear or even both upper tie bars are retracted quickly according to the stored machine program by turning a switch.

Quick die changes,
increased availability
of machine/equipment

A hydraulic clamping system, integrated in the machine platens, avoids the installation of an external bulky cylinder.

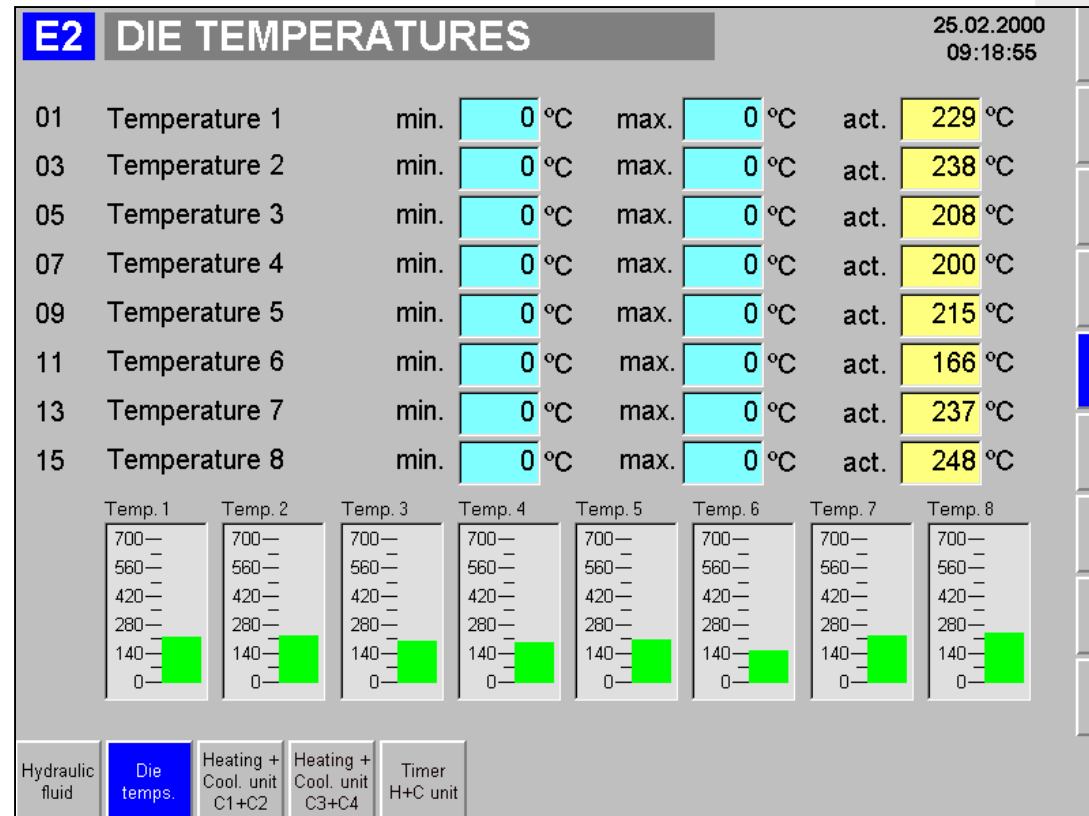


4. Die temperature control

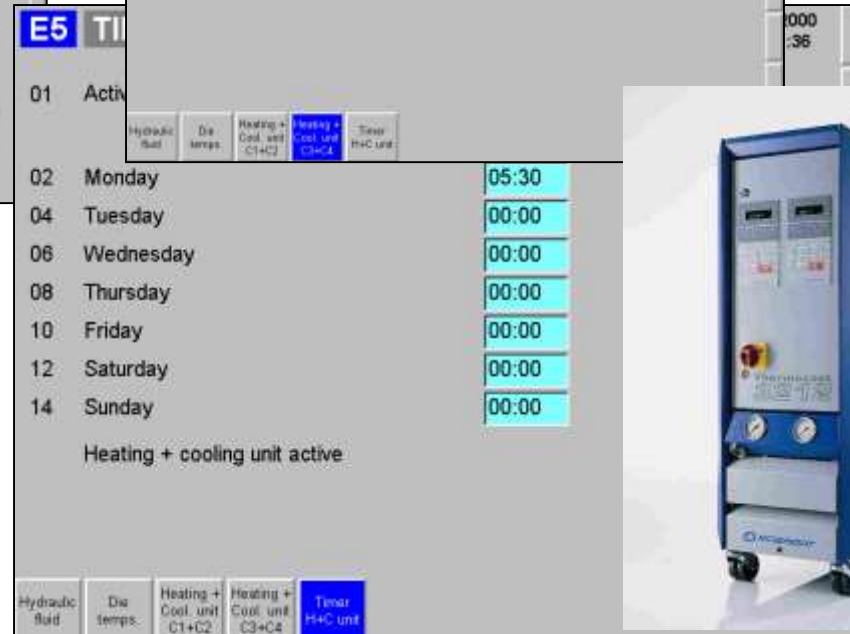
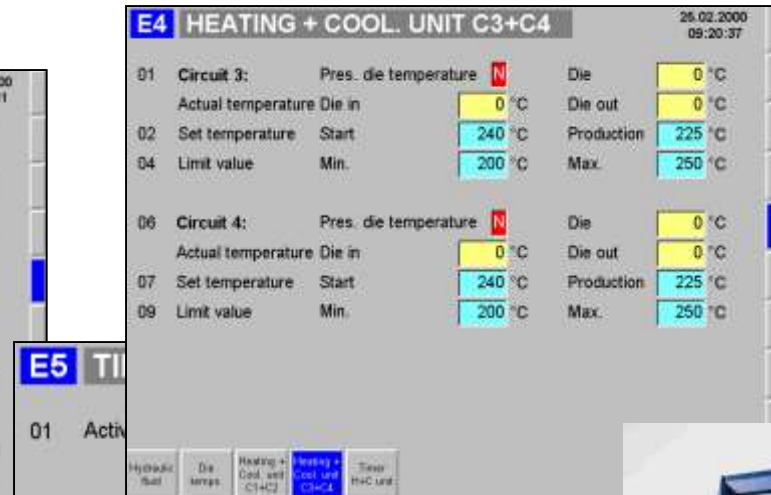
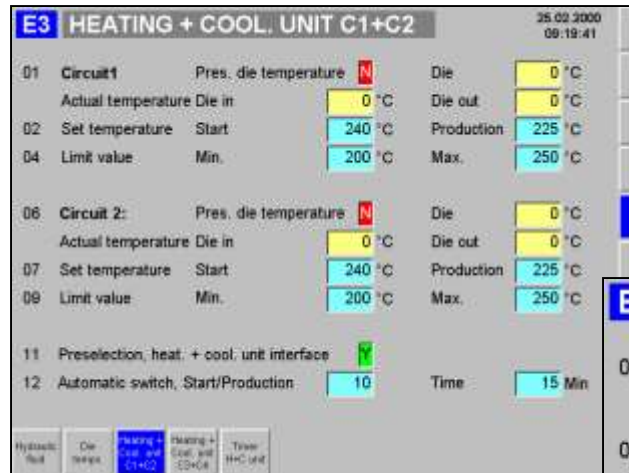
To control max. 8 different die temperatures. Suitable sensors have to be provided in the die :

- NiCrNi
- FeCuNi
- PT 100

Stable temperatures,
Constant conditions,



5. Interface for heating-and cooling unit Thermocast



This interface controls up to 4 circuits of the heating and cooling unit directly from the machine control. Week-day time switch and temperature parameters are monitored on the display.



6. Modem for Tele-diagnosis and Service support



Advantages :

- Fault diagnosis by telephone
- Program changes for machine updates or special options
- Casting process support / optimizing of quality

Telephone line

ISDN or Analog
Router



Customer plant



Applications & Examples

Classification of the main casting families :

- a. Thin walled parts**
- b. Pressure tight parts**
- c. Surface decorative parts**

A. Thin walled Aluminium casting

In the past: Smallest wall thicknesses of 2 mm

Today: Wall thicknesses < 1 mm (local 0,8 mm)
realised in serie

Application:

- Electronic housing for the automotive industry
- Electronical control units for air condition
- Control unit for airbags
- Control unit for navigation service systems
- Control unit for electronical brakes

Advantage:

- Optimal component protection
- Optimal heat abstraction (transistors)
- Electronical protection against disturbances caused by electro-magnetic smog (EMV)
- Low part weight
- Recycling 100 % is possible

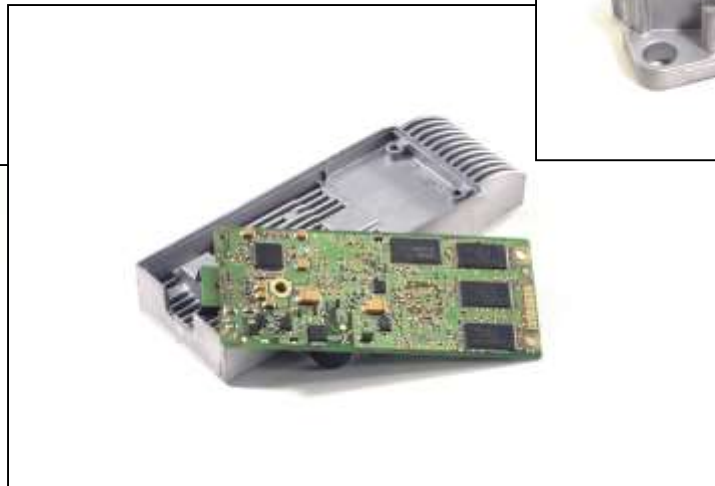
Precondition:

- Real-time controlled cold chamber die casting machines
- High-speed milled, coated tool
- Tool simulation for filling / strength

Examples of Thin walled parts



Electronic housing



Linguatronic box



Airbag housing

Examples of Thin walled parts



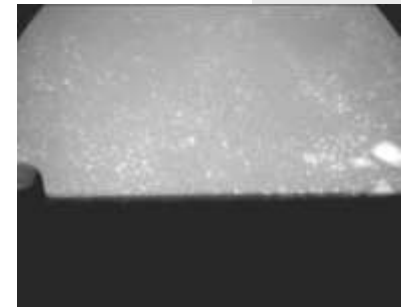
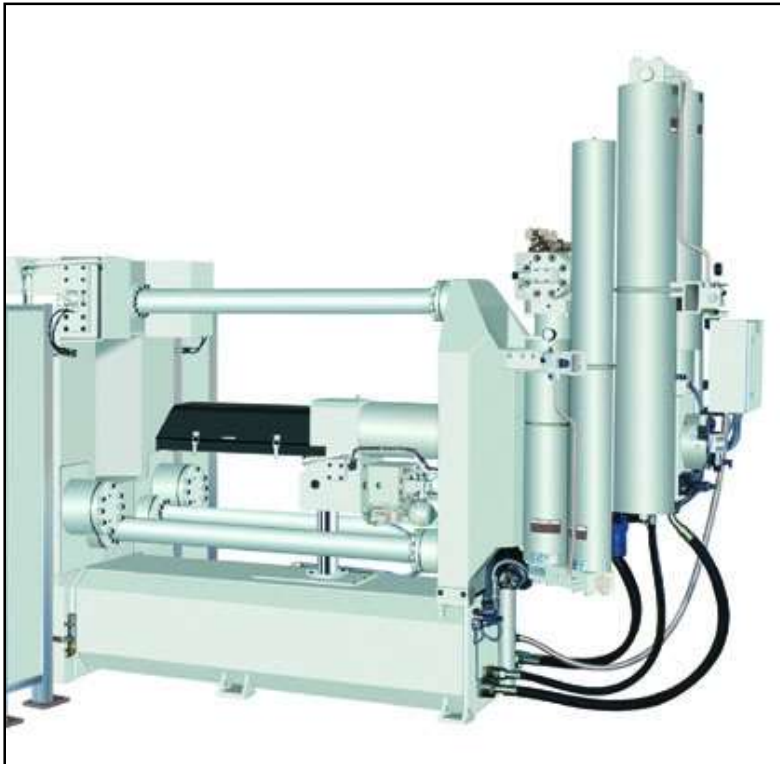
**Car break
component**

Machine preconditions concerning Thin walled parts casting

- Spraying program and tools
- Shot end $V1 = 0,1 \text{ m/s}$ with progressive ramp
- Shot end $V2 = 5 \text{ m/s}$
- Dynamic shot end (or short sleeve with spacer)
- Reserve of locking force

Shot end / Velocity

The shot end must be extremely dynamic and powerful. The new concept of our casting unit completely fulfils these conditions and allows dry shot piston velocities of approx. 10 m/s i.e. 6 to 8 m/s and more in casting operation. This characteristic is necessary to produce thin wall quality castings.



X - Ray

B. Pressure tight Aluminium castings

In the past:	Pressure tight parts had to be (impregnated) sealed, limited application spectrum
Today:	Production of complex, pressure tight Aluminium castings
Application:	- Filter cover parts for hydraulic drives - Gear box housing and utility vehicles - Components for vacuum pumps (servo brakes) - Oil pump housing
Advantage:	- Complex geometries, economically producible - Low part weights - Less mechanical processing is required
Precondition:	- Real-time controlled cold chamber die casting machines - Optimized tool design/layout

Examples of Pressure tight castings



Oil pump housing



Oil pump cover



Gear housing

Examples of Pressure tight castings



**Steering shaft
support**

Examples of Pressure tight castings



Transmission cover

Examples of Pressure tight castings



Housing

Machine preconditions concerning Pressure tight castings

- Squeezing program via core puller valves
- Spraying program and tools
- Intensifier profile adjustable
- Shot end $V_2 = 3 \text{ m/s}$
- Reserve in accumulator and in injection force

Squeeze Program

This software allows the drive of a squeeze cylinder.

What is a squeeze cylinder?

By moving a compression pin into the cavity, the metal is further compressed. Therefore porosity and air bubbles are squeezed together.

This option includes software and electric and hydraulic connections. The die must be prepared for the squeeze process.

A9 SQUEEZE CASTING

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 15:26:05

01	Preselection, squeeze cylinder 1	N	
02	Start delay, squeeze cylinder 1	1,0 s	
03	squeeze time	20,0 s	
04	Lubrication time, squeeze cylinder 1	6,0 s	
05	Preselection, squeeze cylinder 2	N	
06	Start delay, squeeze cylinder 2	3,0 s	
07	squeeze time	5,0 s	
08	Lubrication time, squeeze cylinder 2	6,0 s	

Locking unit

Ejector

Ejector graphic

Guards

Core pullers

Die height

Squeeze casting

C. Surface Aluminium casting

In the past:	Aluminium castings only applicable for decorative parts on a very limited scale
Today:	Production of decorative parts for subsequent powder-coating or KTL-finishing
Application:	- Protective hoods for hand circular saws - Plug housings for electronic switch cabinets - Wiper fixings for cars - Motor housing for electric tools
Advantage:	- High component sturdiness - Corrosion resistant - Low part weight - 100 % recycling ability
Precondition:	- Process-safe production - High piston velocity > 5 m/s

Examples of Surface decorative casting



Motor housing



Protective hood



Fixing for wipers

Examples of Surface decorative casting

**Base cross
for office chair**



Examples of Surface decorative casting

**Base frame for
wood working
tool**



Machine preconditions concerning Surface decorative casting

- Spraying program and tools
- Shot end $V_2 = 5 \text{ m/s}$ (high constancy is required)
- Dynamic shot end (or short sleeve with spacer)

Statistic process control

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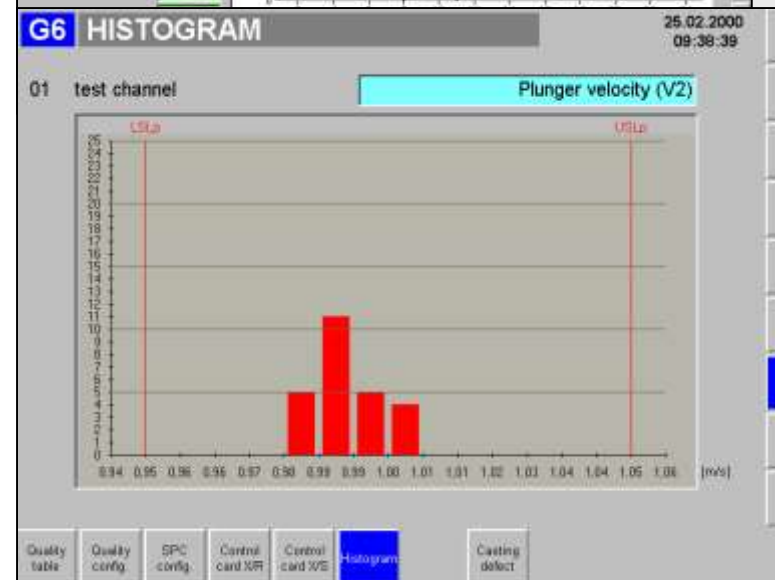
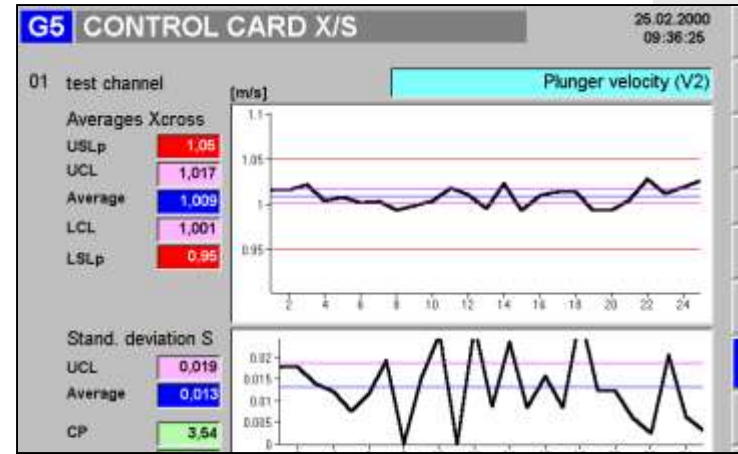
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03	Pressure rise time (t3)	N	Plunger velocity (V1)	N
05	Plunger velocity (V2)	Y	Plunger stroke (s1)	N
07	Die temperature 1 (T01)	N	Die temperature 2 (T02)	N
09	Die temperature 3 (T03)	N	Die temperature 4 (T04)	N
11	Die temperature 5 (T05)	N	Die temperature 6 (T06)	N
13	Die temperature 7 (T07)	N	Die temperature 8 (T08)	N
15	test cycle	3	test quantity	2
17	test channel	Plunger velocity (V2)		
	min tolerance	2,90 m/s	max tolerance	3,50 m/s
18	LSLp	3,1 m/s	USLp	3,3 m/s
20	Tolerances to spec. limits	N	Spec. limit to tolerances	N

Quality table | Quality config. | **SPC config.** | Control card X/R | Control card X/S | Histogram | Casting defect

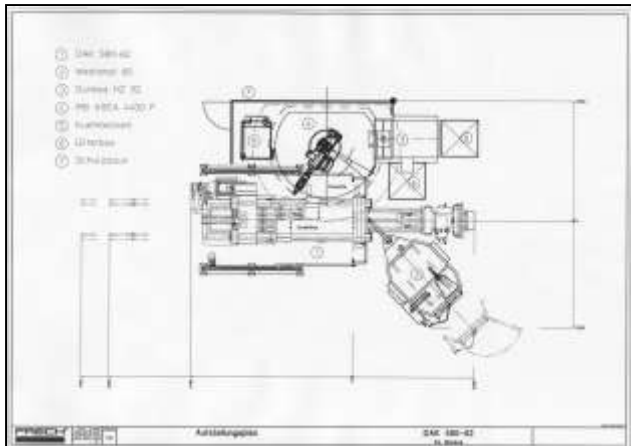
The SPC card proves and documents the capability of the casting process.

Up to 14 parameters can be controlled and displayed in graphics :

- X/R
- X/S
- Histogram



3. Automation - Cells -



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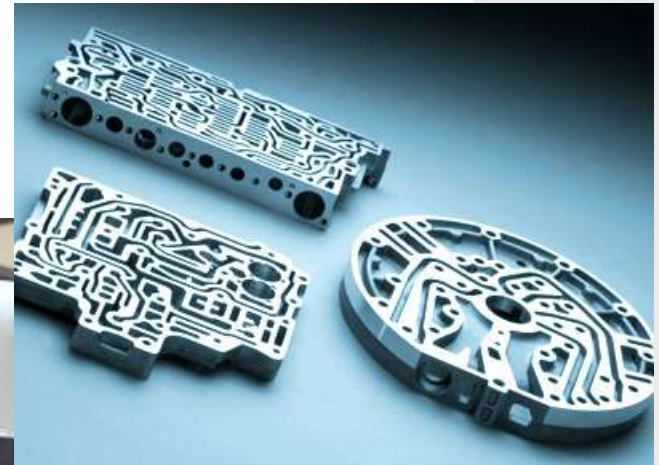


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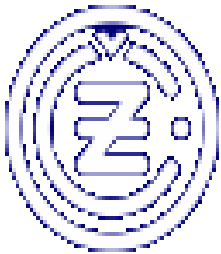
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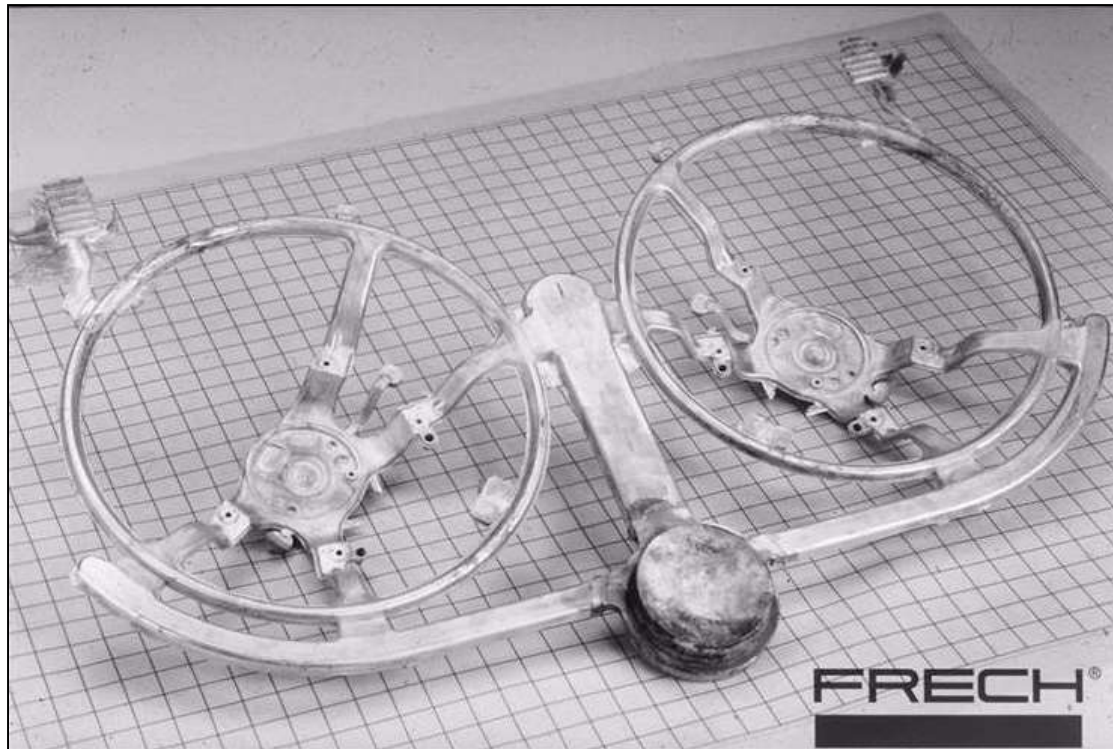
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Steering wheels
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Co. Eisenmann DAK880

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Germany





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DAK 1250 in Brazil



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For your kind attention many thanks

and all the best for a prosper and successfull
future in the challenging world of die casting