



# **Die Casting Technology**

## **Production of Die Castings made of Zinc-, Magnesium- and Aluminium Alloys**

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# Our History Since 1949!

- **Foundation: 1949 by Oskar Frech**
- **Origin: Tool shop**
- **Medium-sized company**
- **Employees Frech Group world-wide: approx. 680**
- **Assembly plants in Germany (3), Spain, China, USA**
- **14 Sales branches world-wide**

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# Product Lines

Cold Chamber



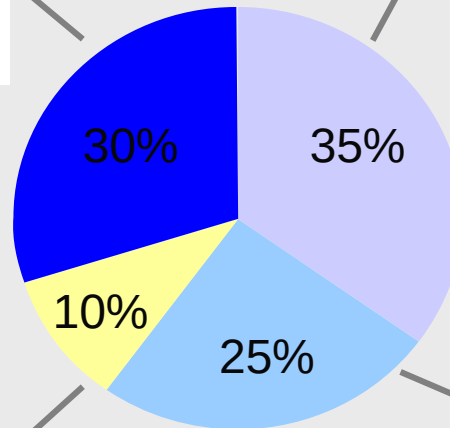
Hot Chamber



Die Casting Dies



Overhauling  
and Service





# **What is Die Casting?**

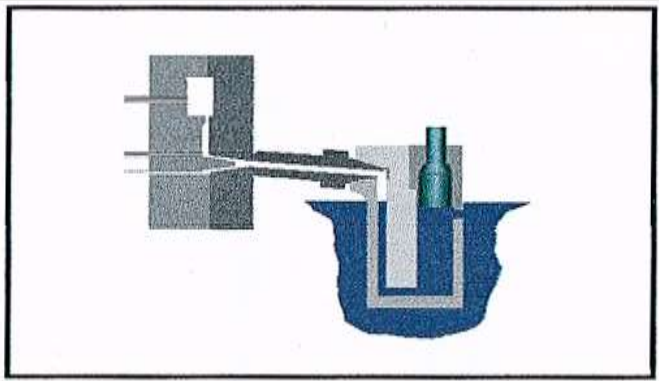
**Die casting is a casting process, where the liquid or semi-liquid metal is injected into the die with high pressure.**

**Die casting is the shortest way from liquid material to a ready casting.**

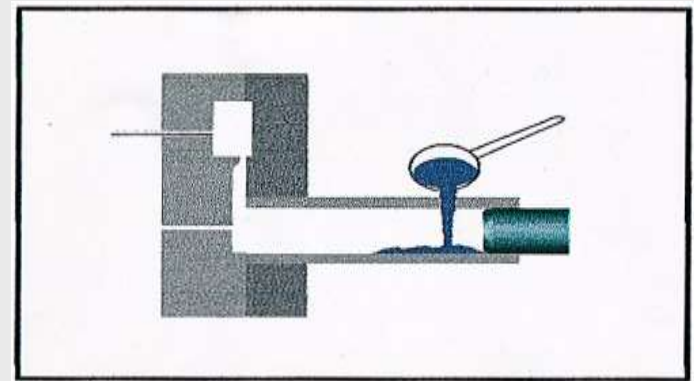




# The 2 Procedures of High Pressure Die Casting are: Hot and Cold Chamber Process



Hot Chamber



Cold Chamber







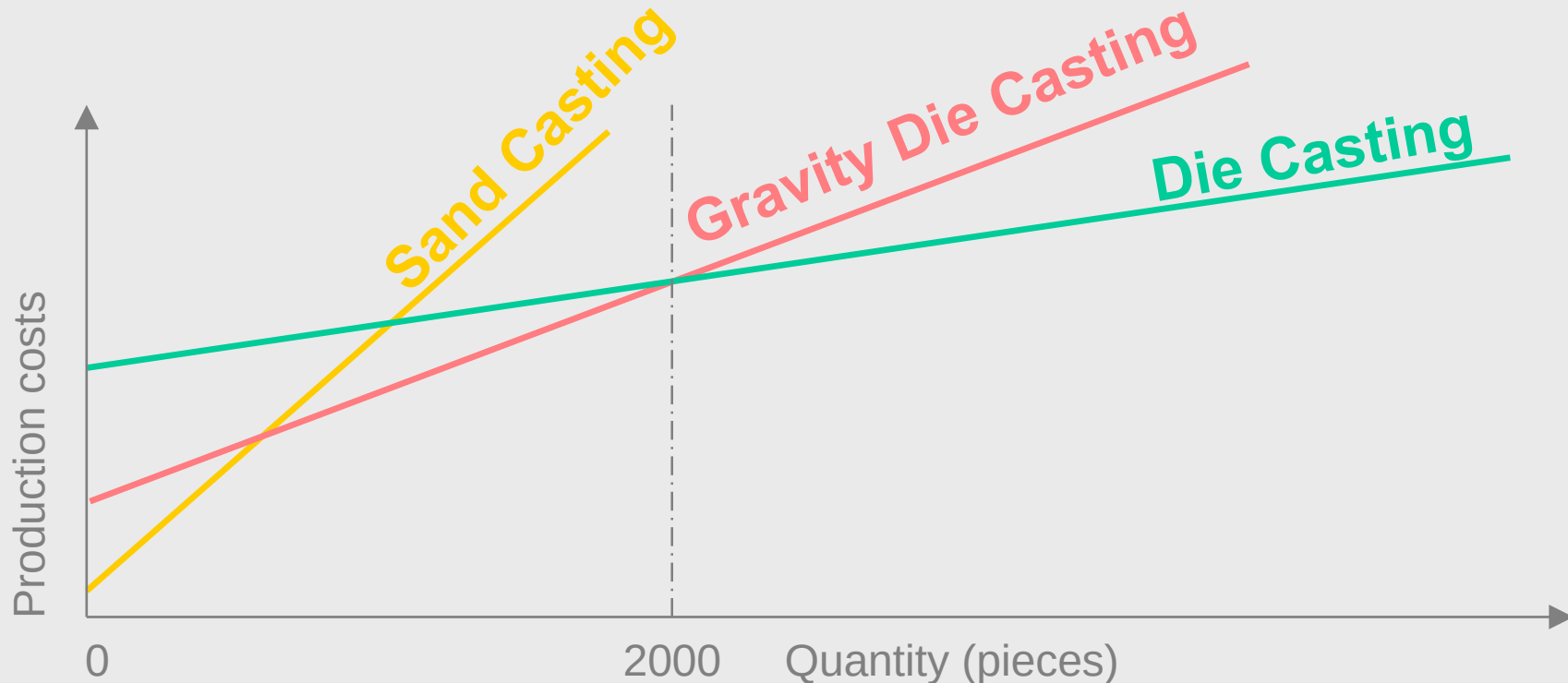
# Economical Advantages of Die Casting

- **Saving of weight and material**
- **Precision and compatibility**
- **Reduced secondary machining process**
- **Clean surface**
- **Casting of holes, break-outs and fonts**
- **Cost saving due to automation**



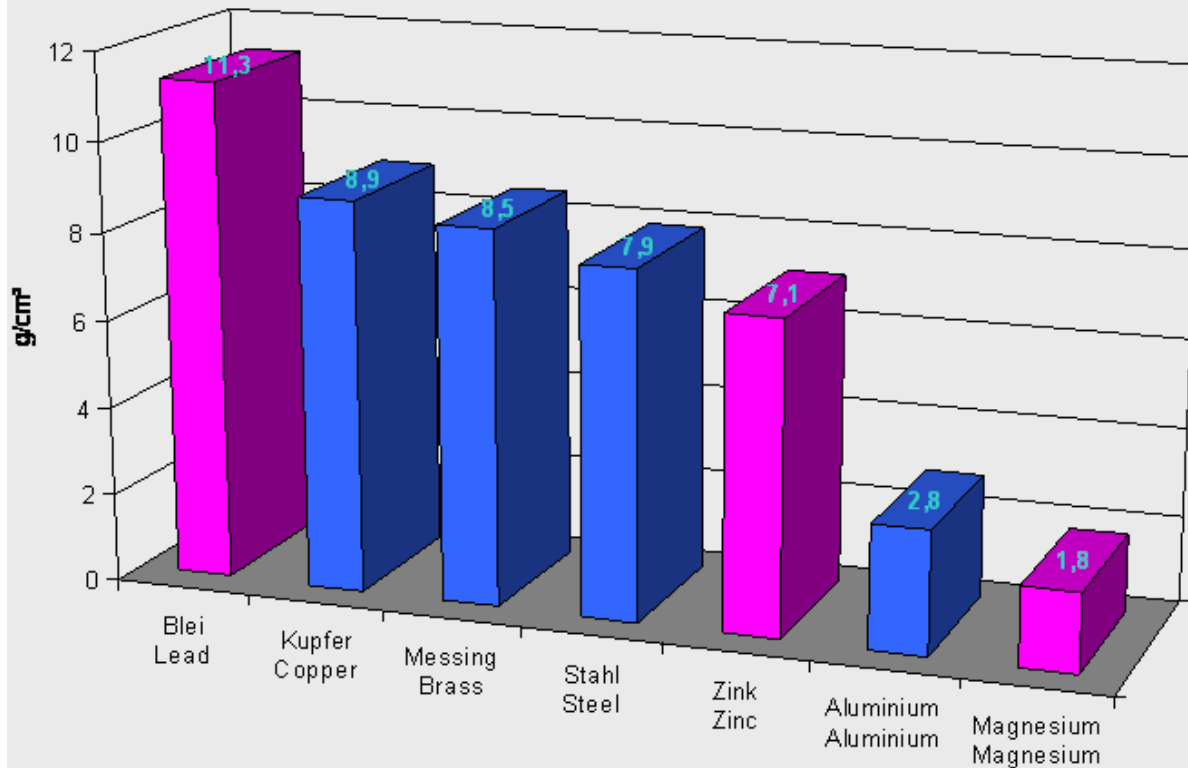
# Production Costs for Complicated Die Casts

Incl. accumulated costs for the die, at different production values





# Alloys and their Specific Gravity



**Die casting alloys such as zinc, aluminium and magnesium are distinguished by their extremely low specific gravity.**

**Due to this they are ideal for using at high volume production.**

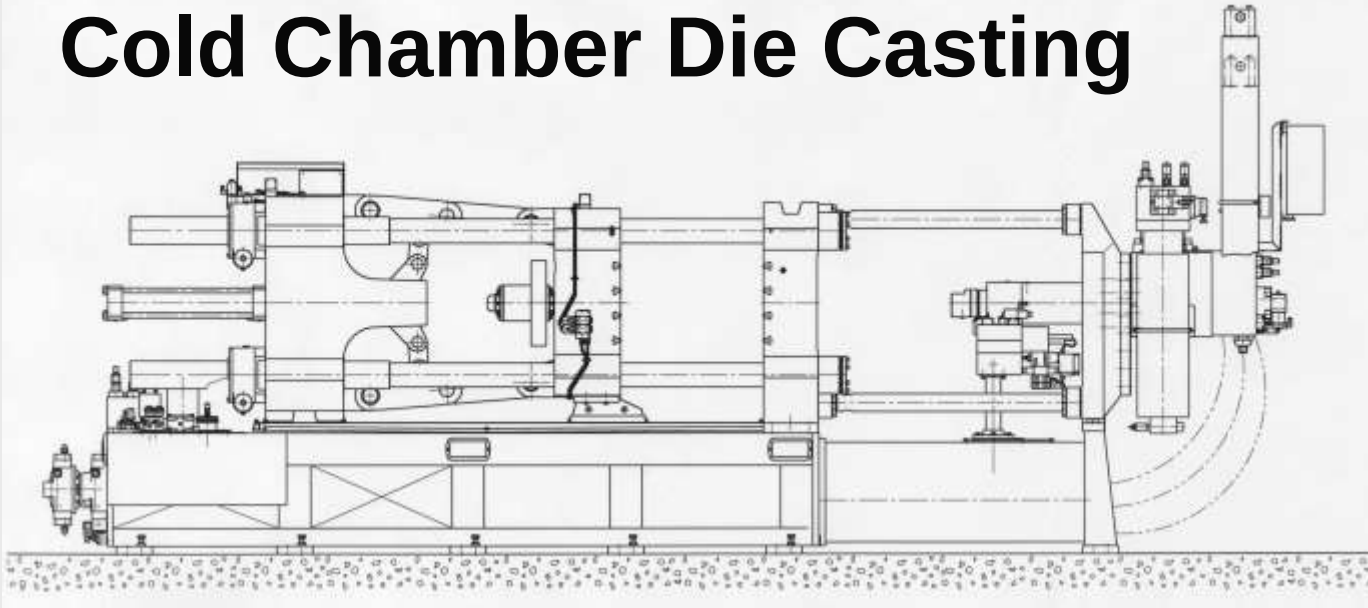


# Fields of Application are:

- **Automotive Industry**
- **Mechanical Engineering**
- **White Goods**
- **Power Tools**
- **Electro and Computer Industry**
- **Fittings for Doors and Windows**
- **Toys**
- **Costum Jewellery**



# Cold Chamber Die Casting



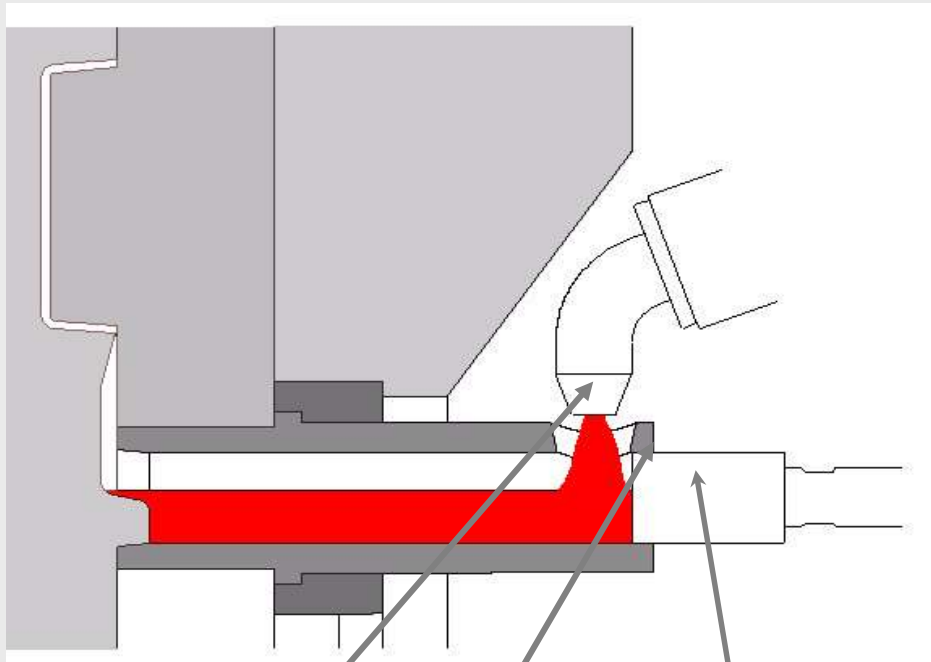
The machine basically consists of:

- locking unit with toggle lever interlock and ejector unit
- machine base with integrated energy lines, also used as tank
- horizontal multi-phase injection unit
- control unit



# Cold Chamber Die Casting

The injection unit is the main part of the machine. Within milliseconds the die cavity has to be filled.

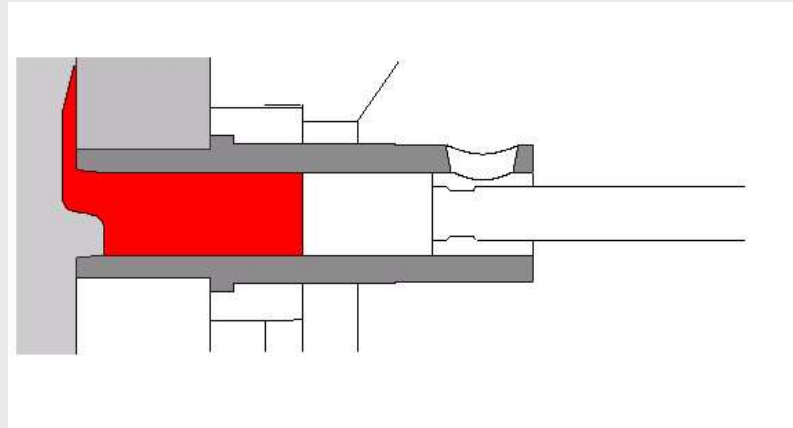


Temperature of metal  
approx. 680 °C  
inert gas

Long plunger stroke  
Plunger lubricant

3 phases are necessary:

- slow phase, to bring the metal to the gate
- fast filling phase
- intensification phase







# Cold Chamber Die Casting Machine

from DAK 250-34 to DAK 2300-275



DAK 1100-112



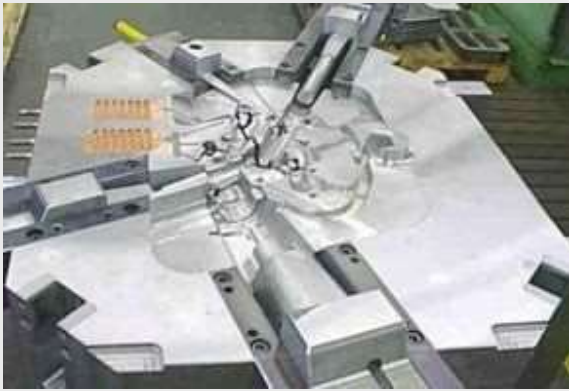
## Maintenance:

- user-friendly
- compact construction
- clean appearance





# Cost-Saving Production with High Technology and Innovation







# Seat Frame



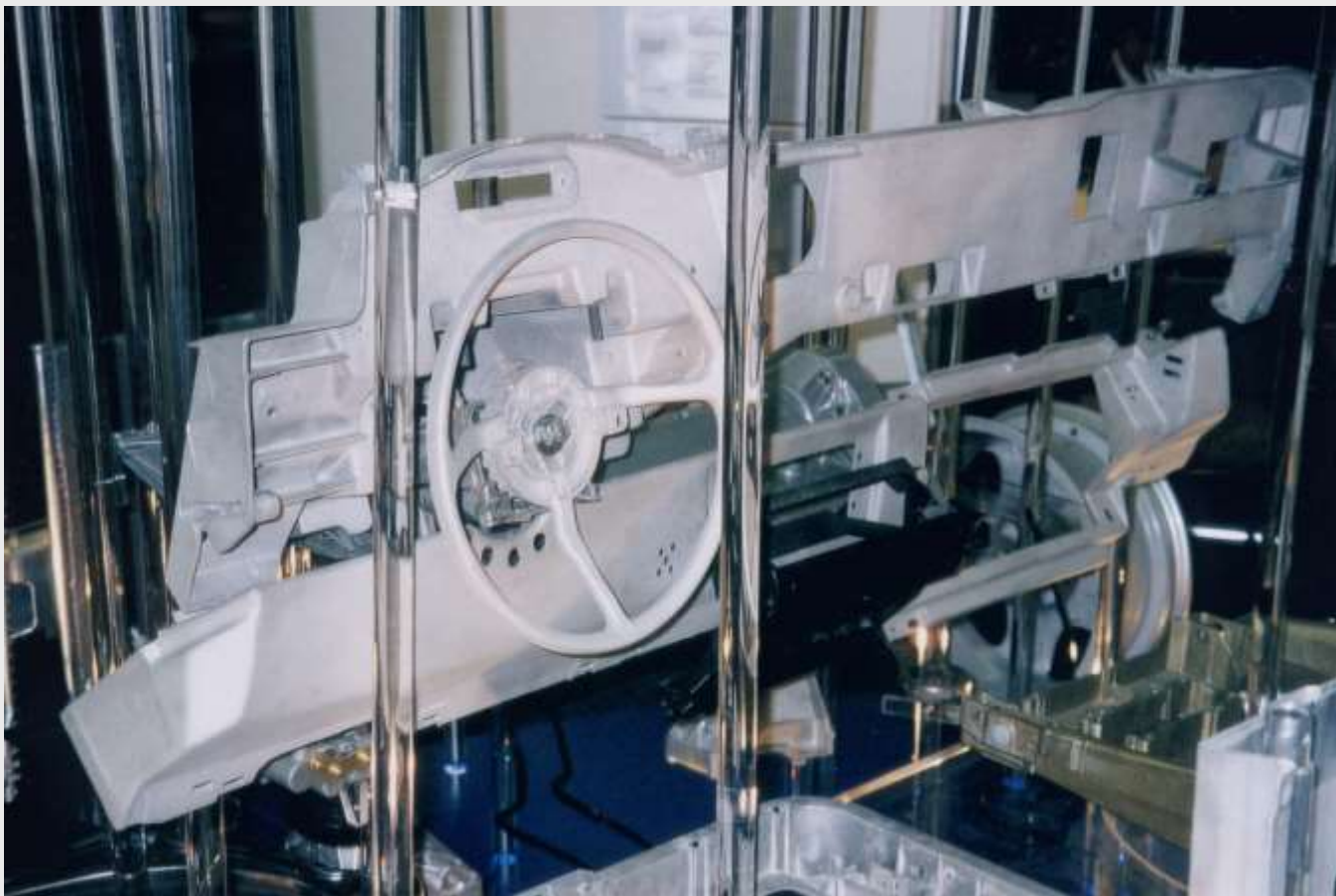


# Filter Head





# Car Dashboard







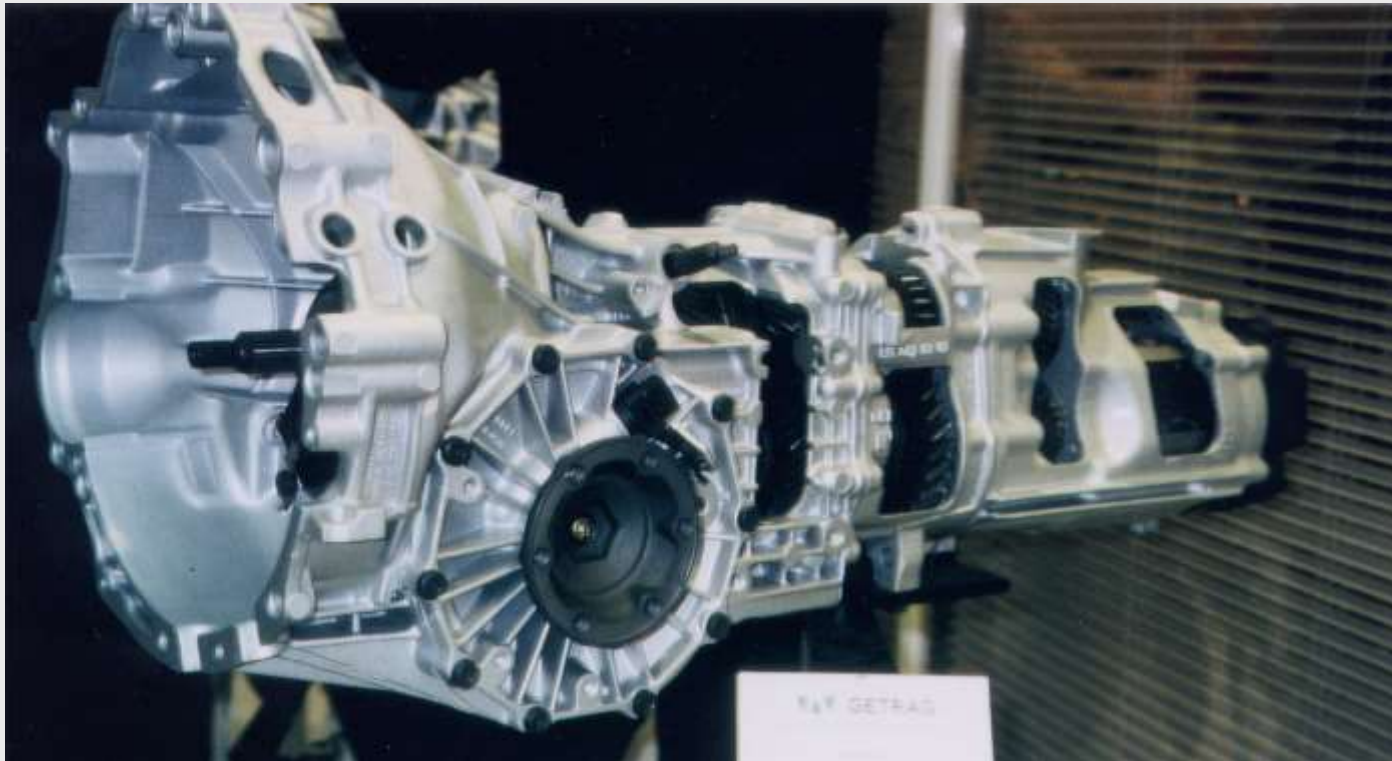
# Wheel Suspension





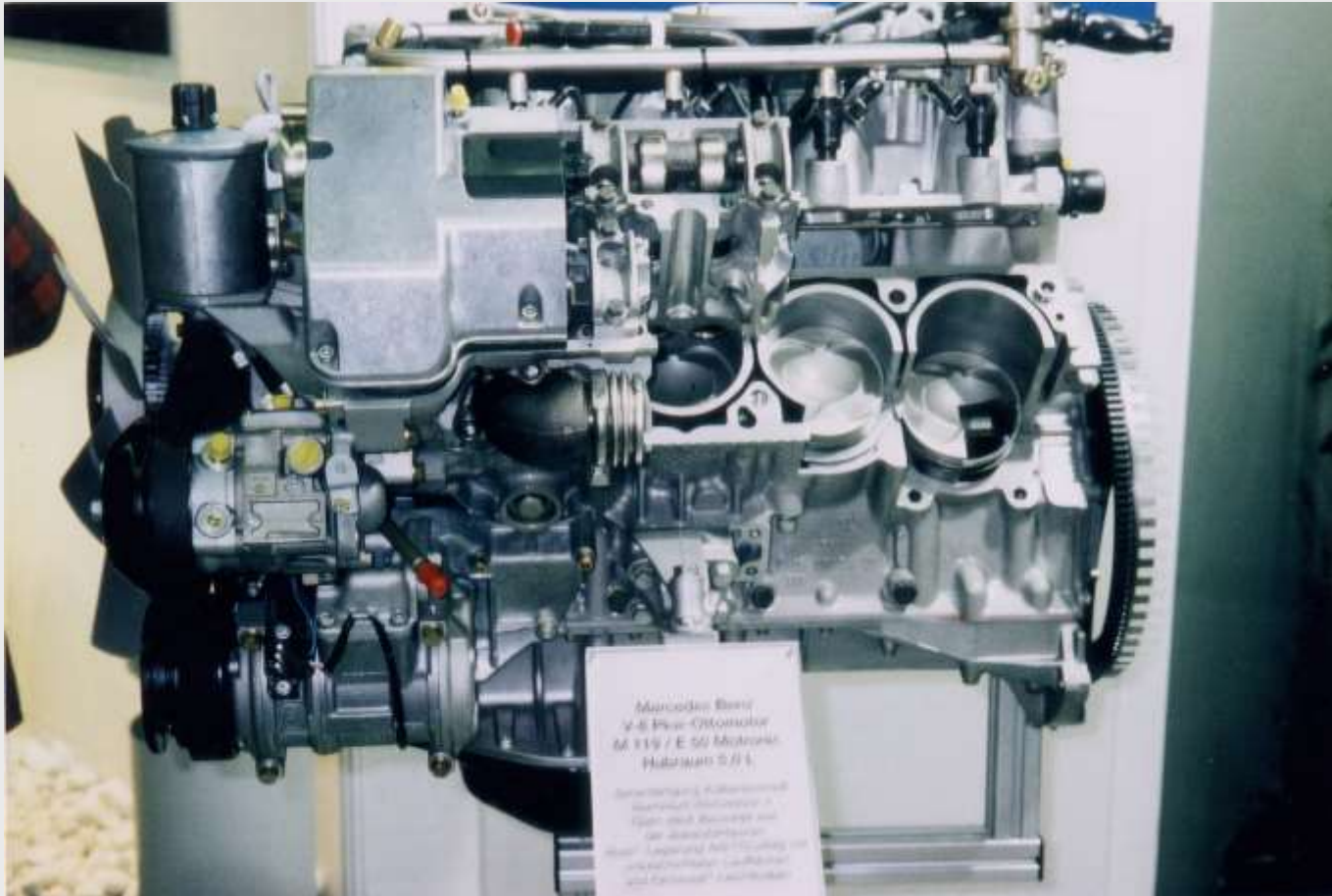


# Gearbox



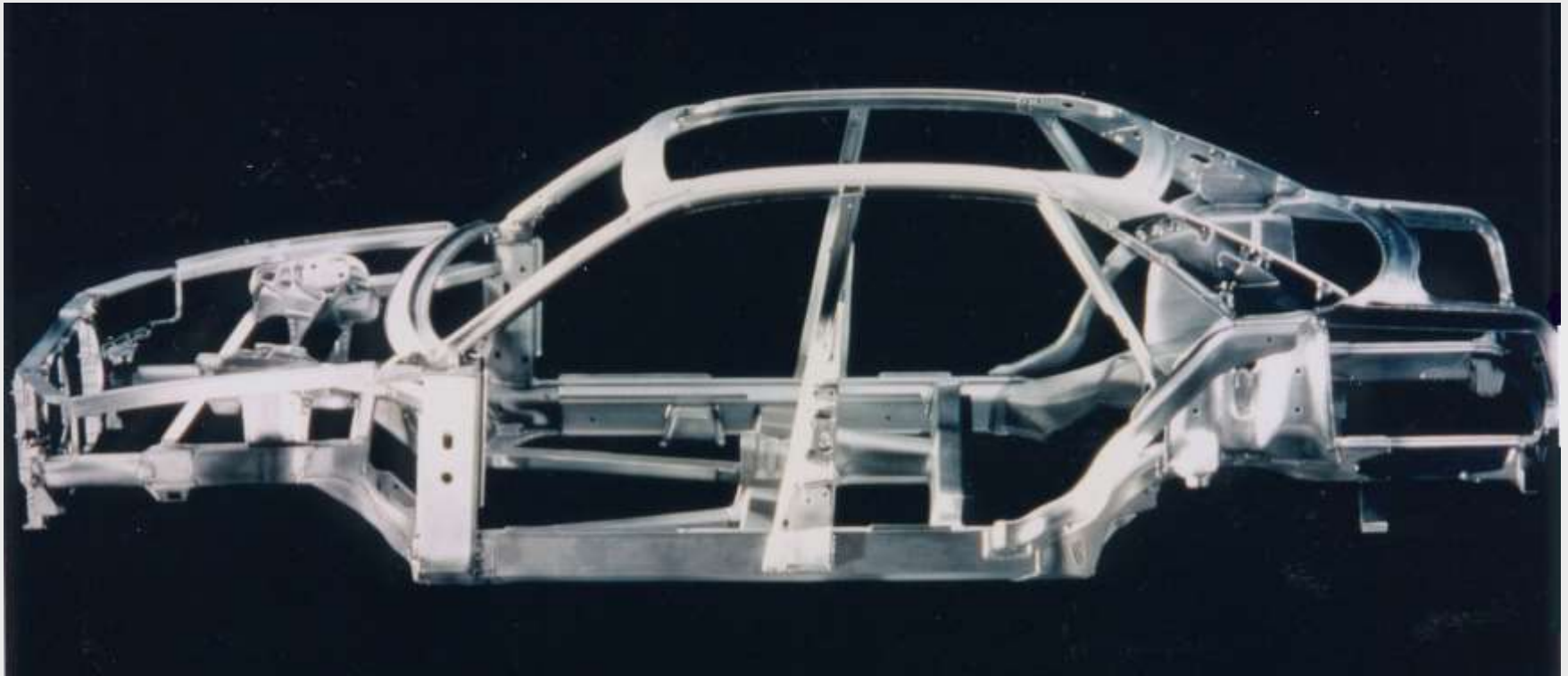


# Engine Block made of Aluminium





# Space Frame Audi







# Angle Drill





# Spray Gun





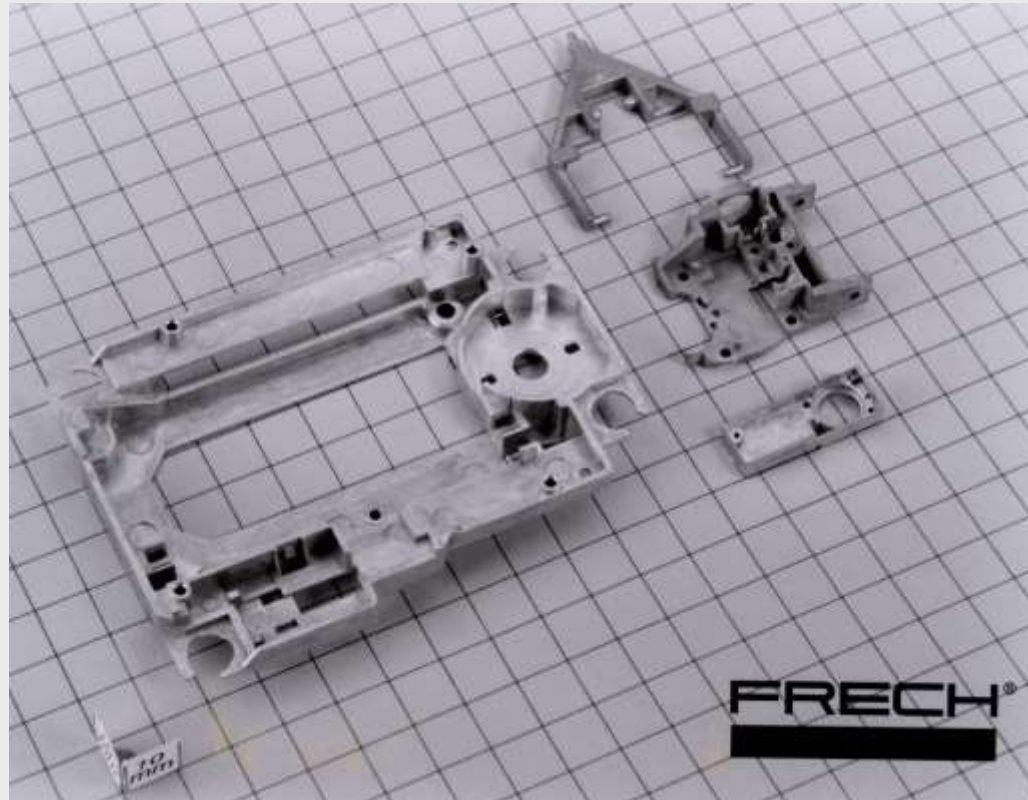


# Connector Box





# Die Castings for CD-Player





# Trunk Lid VW Lupo







# Car Door





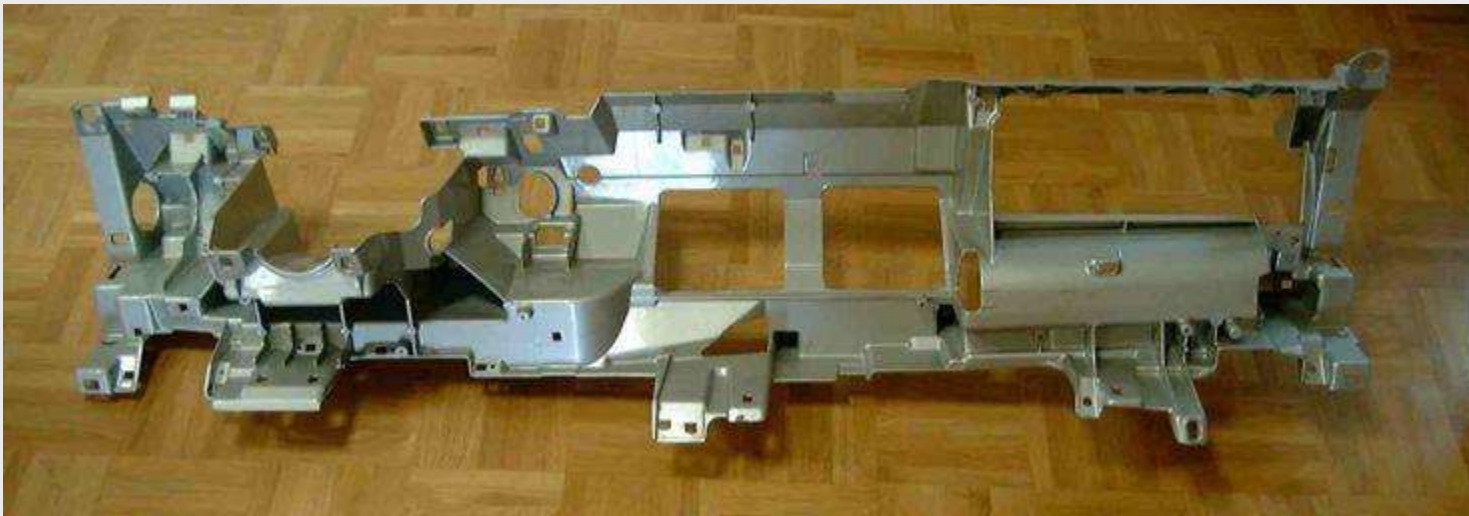
# Roof Frame





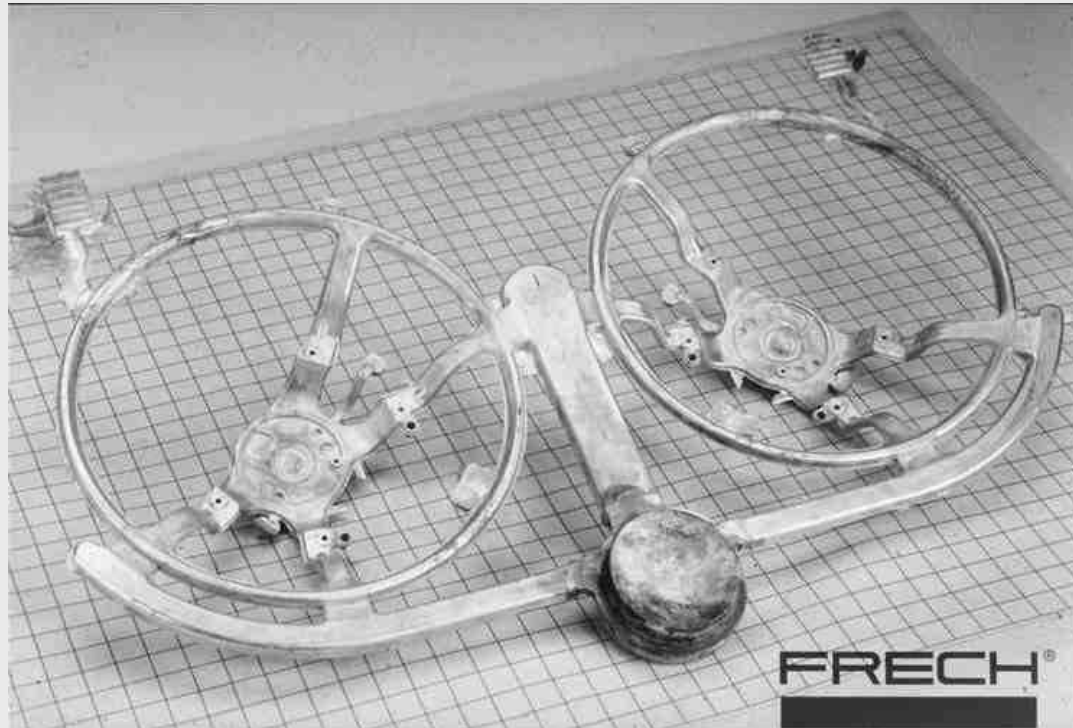


# Dashboard





# Steering Wheel



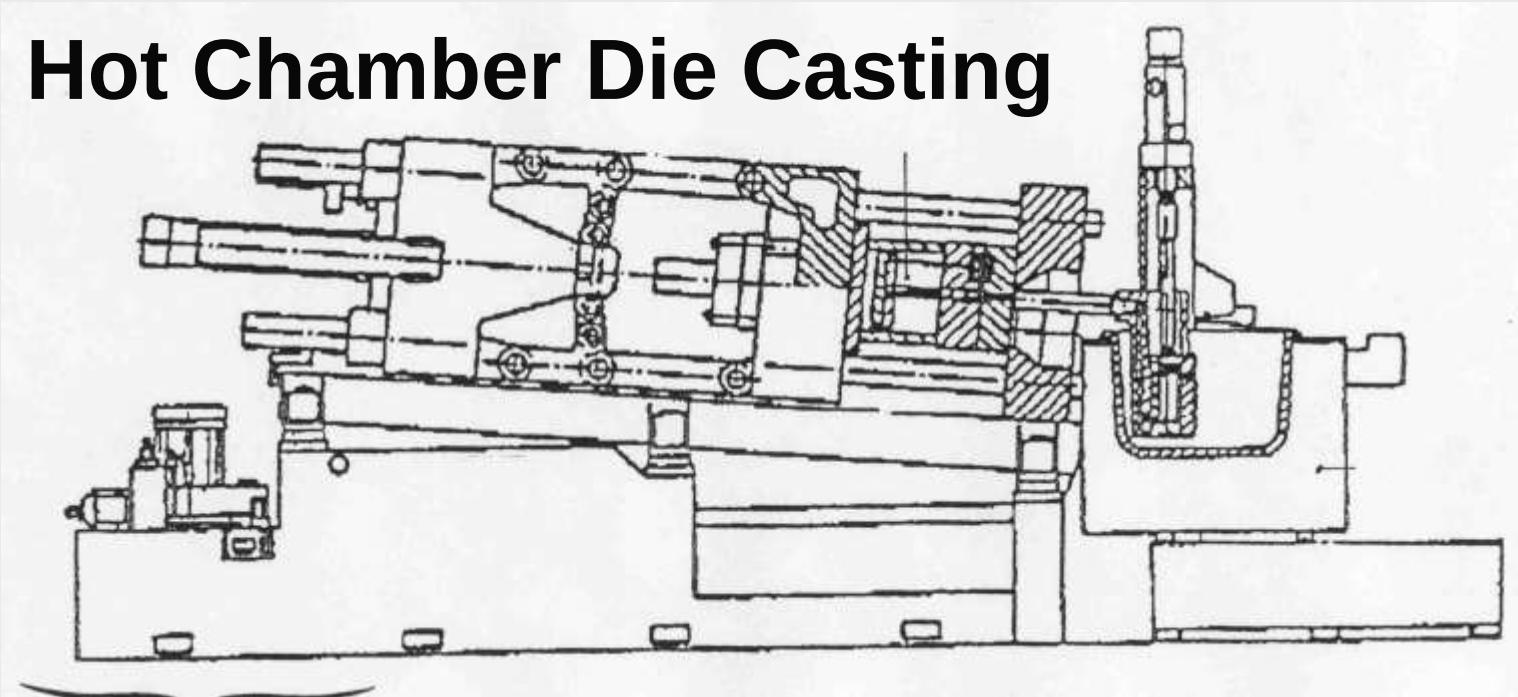


# Steering Wheel





# Hot Chamber Die Casting



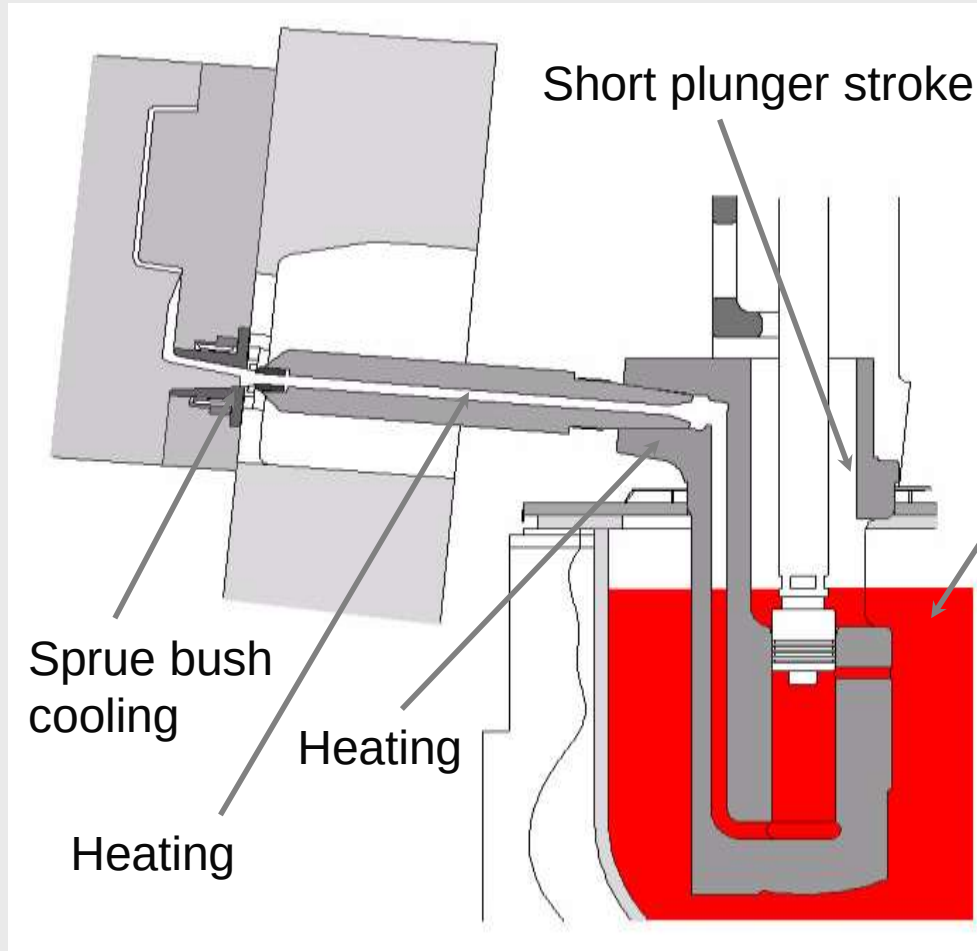
The machine basically consists of:

- locking unit with toggle lever interlock and ejector unit
- vertical 2-phase injection unit
- integrated furnace
- control unit





# Hot Chamber Die Casting



Zinc- and magnesium-alloys can be melted in a steel crucible without any problems. This crucible is integrated in the machine.

Temperature of metal approx. 640 °C

The melt flows through the gooseneck and the nozzle into the die.

2 phases are necessary for filling the die casting die.

- Slow pre-filling-phase, to bring the melt to the gate
- Fast filling-phase for the die cavity



# Hot Chamber Die Casting Machine

from DAW 20 F up to  
DAW 500 F



DAW 20 F



# Zinc Die Casting



Handle



# Lead Die Casting

Pole Bush







# Housing of Model Railway Locomotive





# Door Handle





# Sanitary Handle





# Handle for Furniture







# Gas Regulator





# Gear Housing for Awning





# Model Car





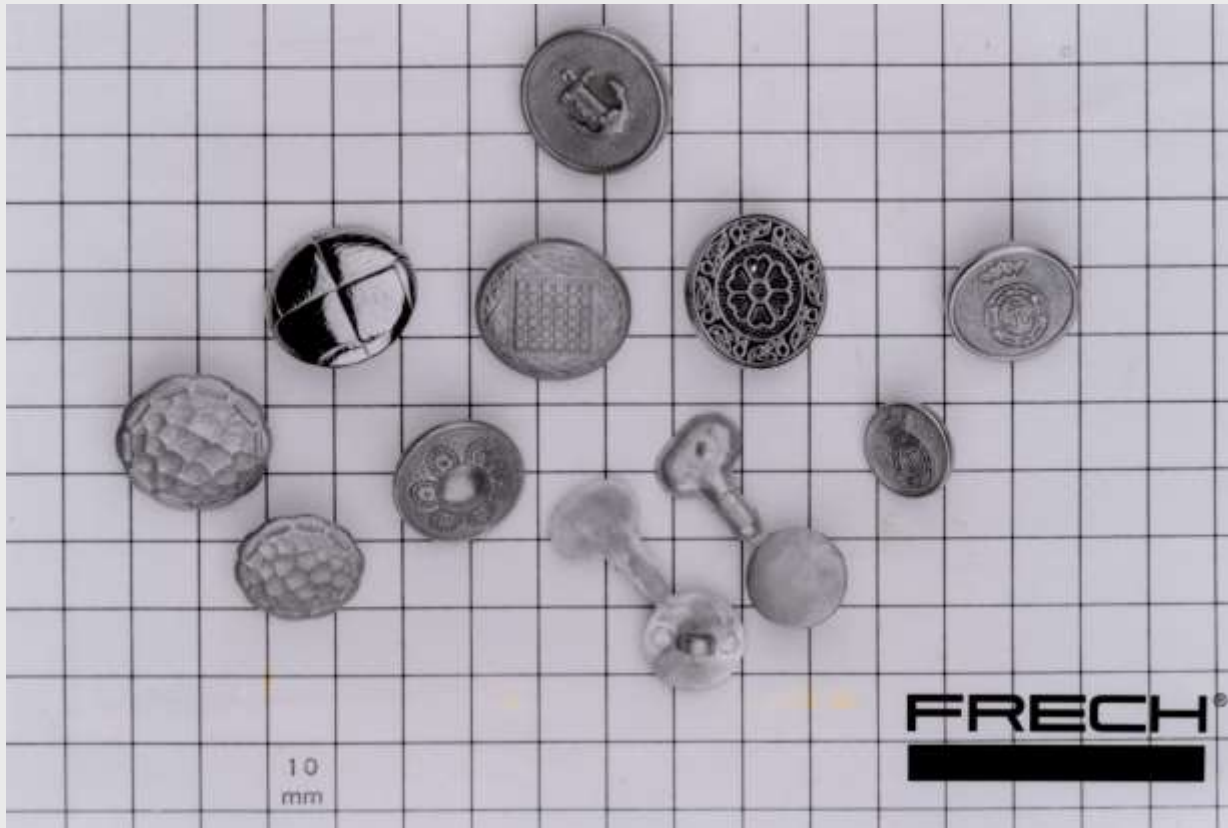
# Model Car





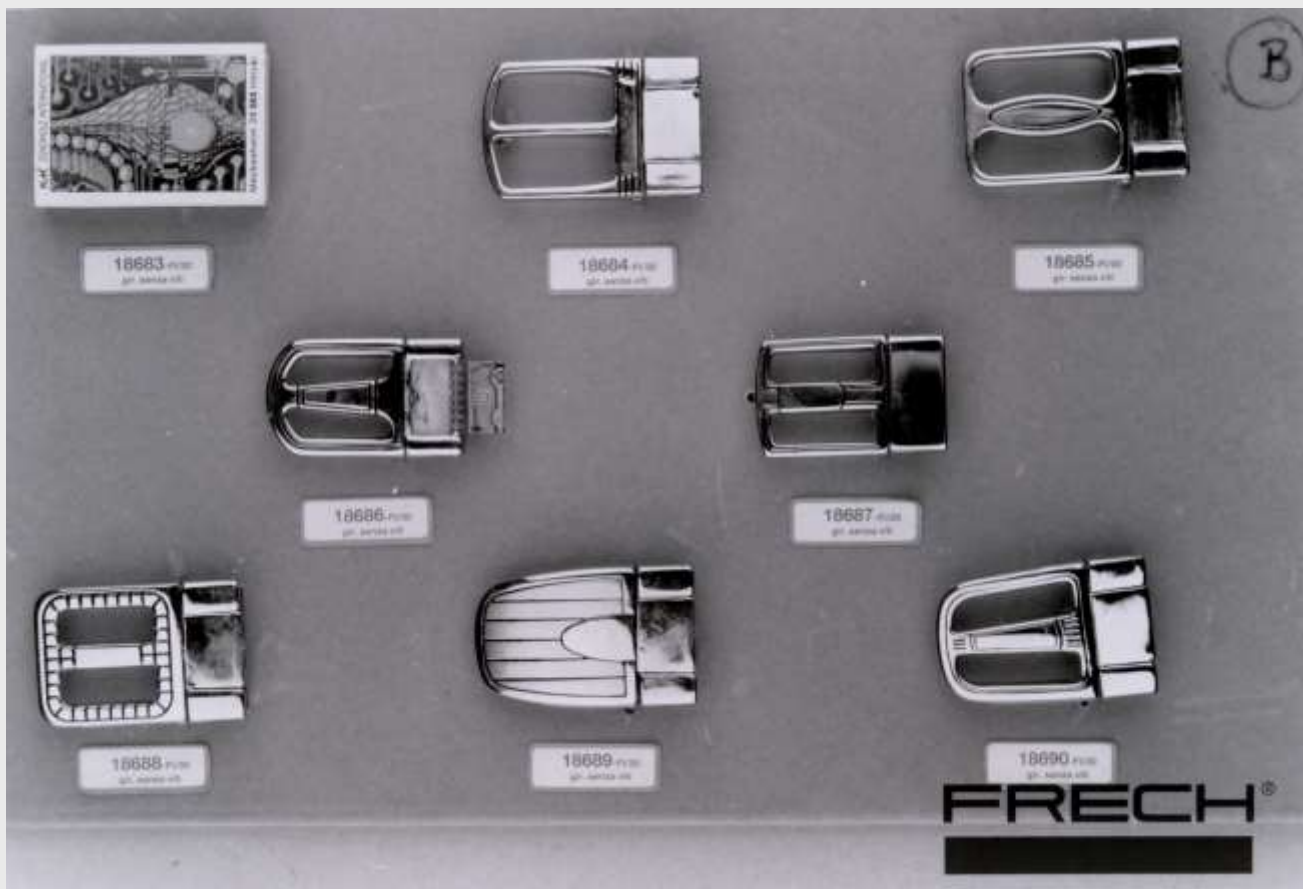


# Buttons





# Belt Buckles





# All Electric Hot Chamber Die Casting Machine

from DAW 20 E  
up to DAW 125 E



DAW 125 E



# All Electric Hot Chamber Die Casting Machine

- **Environmental-friendly: no hydraulic fluid, silent, tidy**
- **Powerful: 10-25 % shorter cycle time**
- **Energy saving: less need of electricity and water**
- **Real-time controlled: Easy adjustment and high repeatability of parameters**
- **Precise control of all movements**
- **DataDialog-Control-Unit**
- **High operational availability**







# Magnesium Hot Chamber Die Casting

from DAM 80 F  
up to DAM 800 F



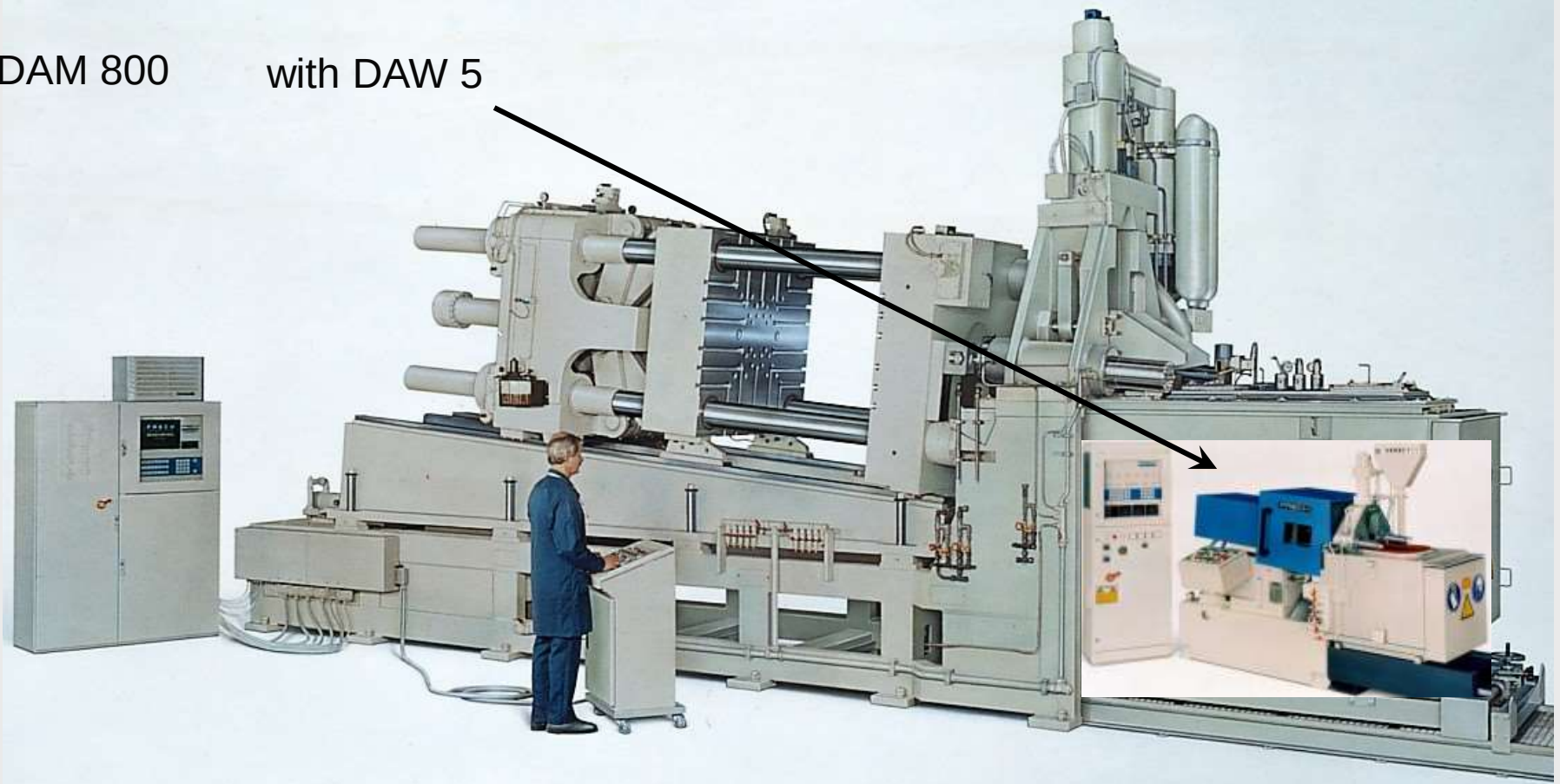
DAM 315 F



# Size Comparison

DAM 800

with DAW 5





# Magnesium Hot Chamber Parts



Cylinder  
Head Cover



Housing of  
steering column  
lock



Radio Frame





# Power Saw



HYDRO  
MAGNESIUM



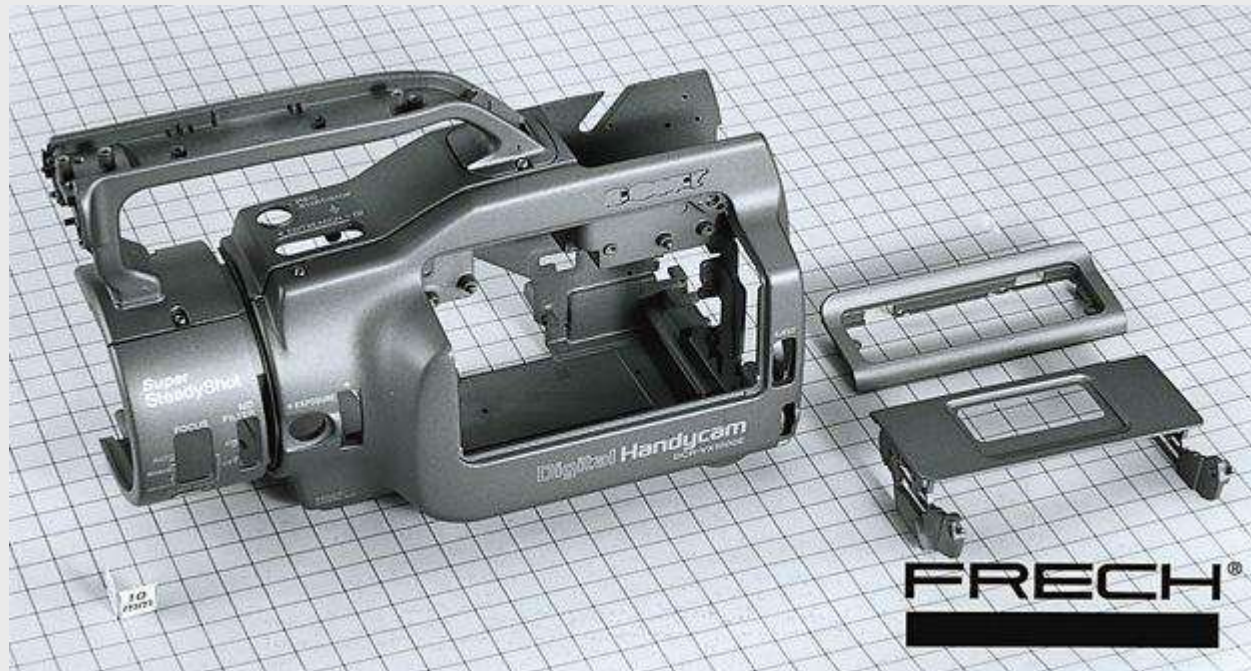


# Laptop



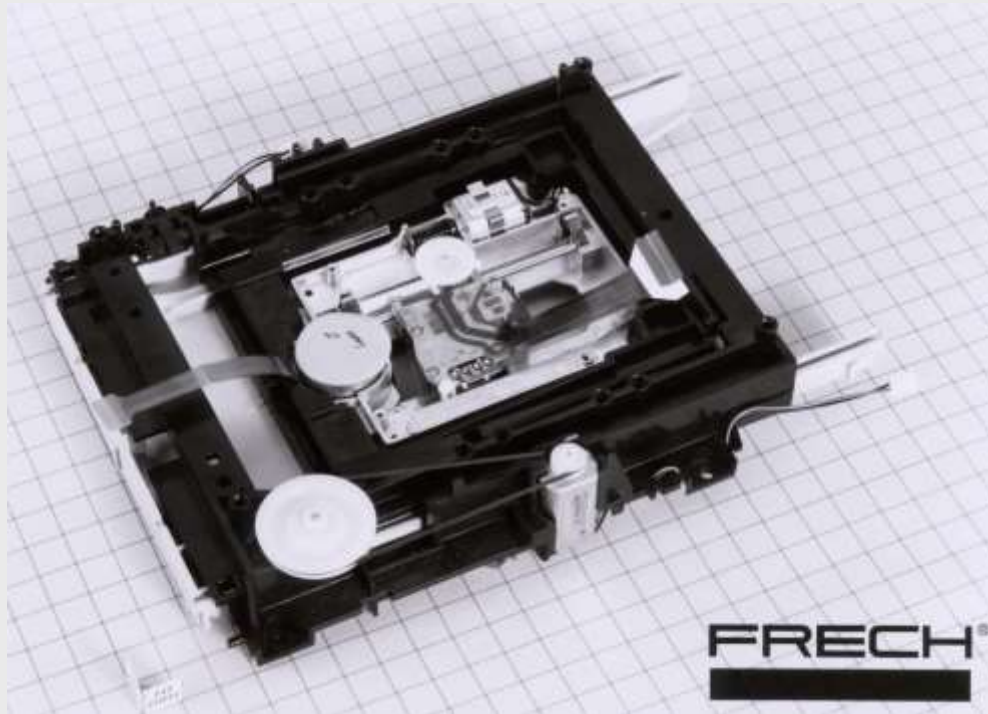


# Camcorder





# CD-Player





# Automation Units

## Dosing Unit MDF



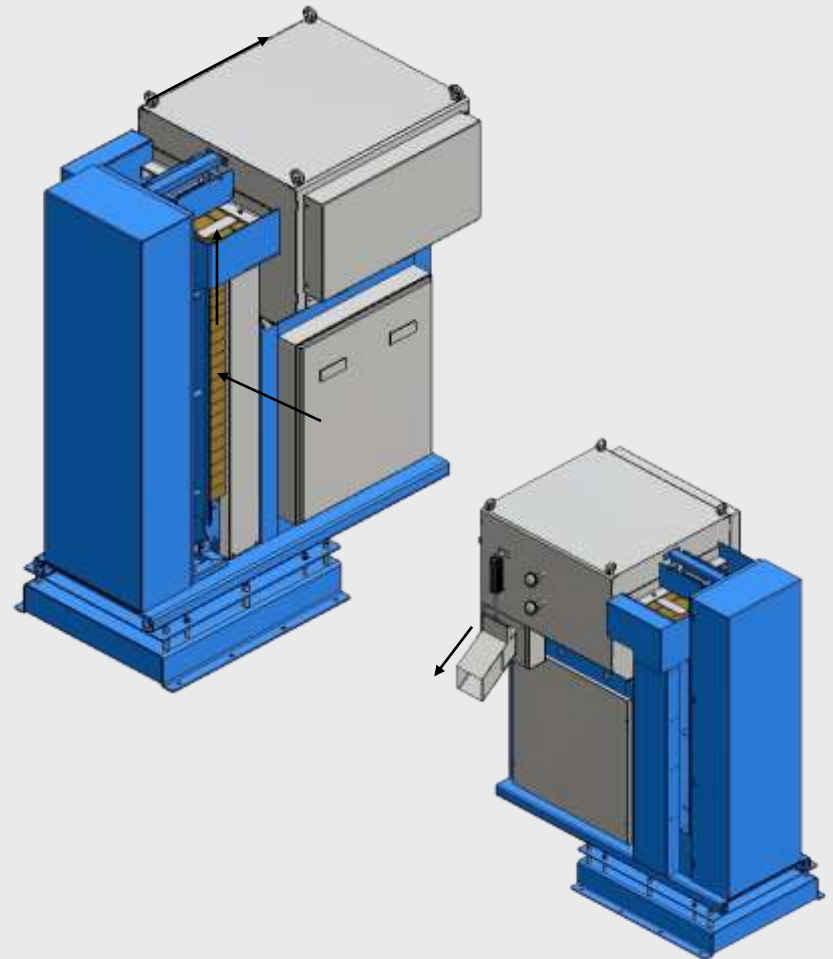
Magnesium dosing unit for cold chamber die casting machines





# Ingot Preheating and Charging System (IPC)

Hot and Cold Chamber  
Die Casting Machines





# Heating and Cooling Units





# Why Temperature Control?

- **Increased life cycle of die casting die**
- **Reduction of selective overheating in the die, therefore reduction of stress cracks**
- **Shorter heating-up times**
- **Better quality of the parts**
  - **precise dimensions**
  - **continuous repeatable quality**
  - **clean surface**
- **Die casting of thin-walled parts**



# Spraying devices

For cleaning of die surface  
and for the spraying of  
die lube

Sprayhead „Contour“



Spraymotion 2







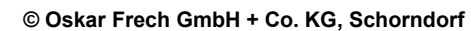
# Extractor Device





# Weight Scales







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