

Schwarze-Robitec establishes USA subsidiary

TUBE bending machine manufacturer Schwarze-Robitec has opened its own subsidiary in North America.

Since 1 April 2015, Schwarze-Robitec America Inc has been implementing the entire sales and service for the tube cold bending machines made in Germany.

Customers from the USA, Canada and Mexico will benefit from on-site

advice and shorter delivery times for spare parts.

Schwarze-Robitec, founded in 1903, develops and manufactures tube bending machines for the automobile, shipbuilding and offshore industry, power plant construction and the chemical industry, as well as special bending solutions for other branches of industry. To improve the service for the rising

number of customers from North America and Mexico, Schwarze-Robitec opened its US subsidiary in Michigan. General manager (CTO) Chris Dorgan, who has decades of experience in service for Schwarze-Robitec machines, looked forward to his new duties: "Our tube bending machines are tailor-made quality products.

Users therefore have the right to expect high market and customer orientation from the manufacturer. My team of experts and I are

looking forward to expanding advice and sales here, on site, and providing excellent service."

Schwarze-Robitec America Inc sells tube cold bending machines ranging from 1/8" to 16", as well as bending tools and application-specific machine equipment. The team of experts also implements spare parts procurement, machine maintenance and inspections, and advises users with regard to modifications, major overhauls of existing machines and optimisation of bending processes.

In addition to tube bending machines and bending tools, the Schwarze-Robitec product range includes tube perforating machines, measuring stations and solutions in the area of special machinery construction.

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Schwarze-Robitec America handles the complete sales and service activities for the German-made tube bending machines

High performance testing

MAGNETIC Analysis Corporation (MAC) will feature the new Minimac 55 eddy current tester at this year's Tube Southeast Asia show in Bangkok, Thailand, in September. The company will be co-exhibiting with its Thai representative, Siam Charn Co, Ltd.

The Minimac 55 brings high-performance eddy current testing to a range of applications. It is the first eddy current tester to offer the robust capabilities of MAC's top-of-the-line Multimac®, in a powerful, compact design.

The instrument is suitable for dedicated, continuous production line testing where simple setup, without the need for constant operator adjustment, is desirable. Once the optimum settings have been established, a lockout mode feature can be set to prevent unauthorised changes. Defects and conditions that can be readily detected

by the Minimac 55 include finding short surface and some subsurface defects such as laps, slivers and cracks in tube, bar, wire and parts, and locating weld line faults, including short ID or OD defects. The Minimac 55 can also check continuity and locate welds in single- and multi-conductor insulated wire and cable and, using the MID model, detect magnetic inclusions such as iron filings in copper material. The Minimac 55 features MAC's Multimac performance in a single-instrument, with software controls for all functions.

The test results are displayed in full-colour polar and linear mode showing real-time, true waveform signals for easy review on a separate on-

site monitor or at remote locations. The Track screen depicts the test product's length, with data on line speed, end suppression, flaw tracking, piece count and alarm routing.

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