

Atlas Copco



## Henrob self-pierce riveting

# Atlas Copco in figures



Customers in **180** countries



**34000** employees in **90** countries



Established in **1873** Stockholm, Sweden



Turnover of nearly **86** B SEK / **9** B EURO



A decentralized group with **4** business areas

# Part of the Atlas Copco group since 2014

Vacuum  
Technique

Atlas Copco  
Industrial Technique

Compressor  
Technique

Power  
Technique

Industrial Technique  
Service



Motor Vehicle Industry  
Tools and  
Assembly Systems



Industrial  
Assembly Solutions



General Industry  
Tools and  
Assembly Systems



Chicago Pneumatic  
Tools



SCA adhesive  
dispensing



Henrob self-pierce  
riveting



K-Flow flow drill  
fastening



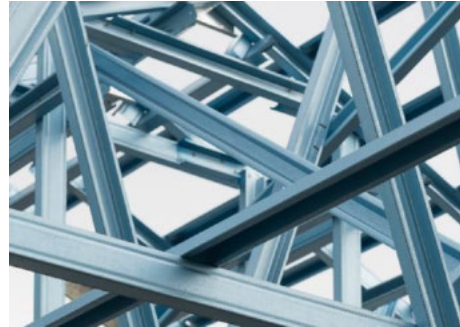
Tightening





# #1 Global joining partner

Hybrid joining



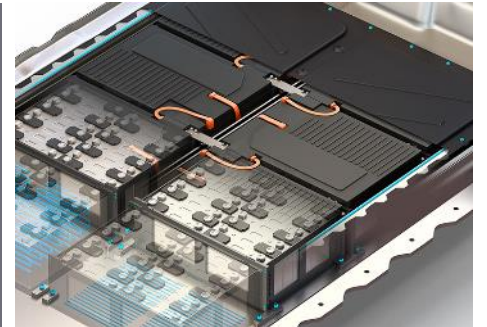
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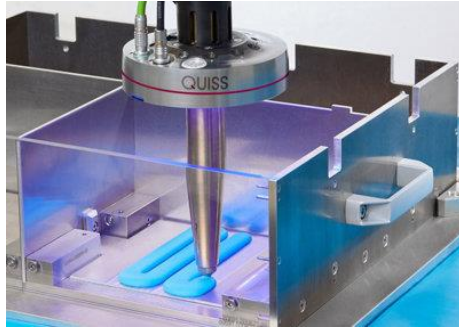
Self-pierce riveting



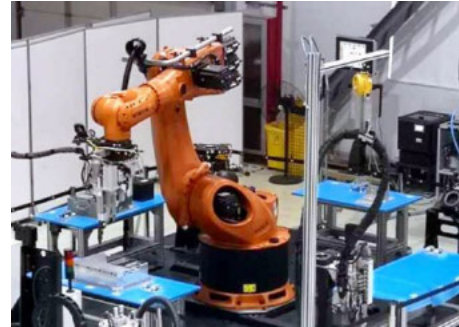
Sound dampening



Quality Inspection



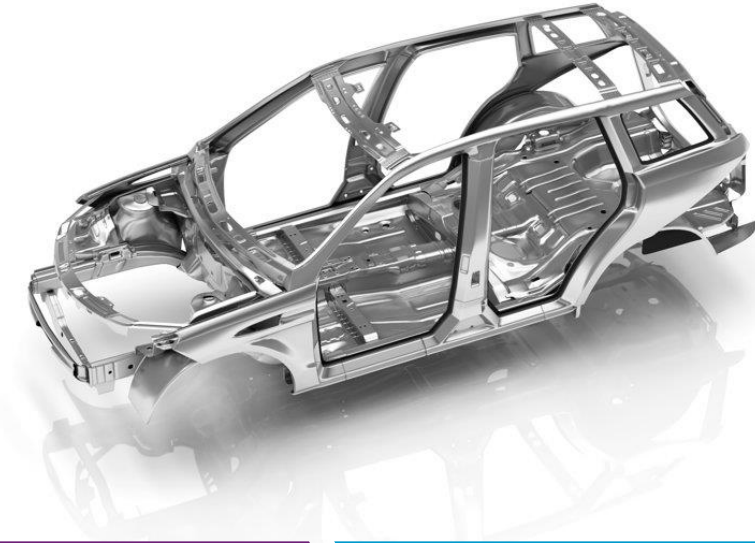
Sealing & adhesive dispensing



Flow drill fastening

# Customer challenges

Increased need for innovative joining



## Global market drivers

- Lowering of emissions
- Improving energy efficiency

## Trends

- Increasing usage of lightweight materials in car bodies
- Electric vehicles

## Customer challenges

- Combining many different materials to a strong and light car body
- Environmental legislation

## Our solution

- Innovative joining technologies tailored to customer needs



# Henrob self-pierce riveting



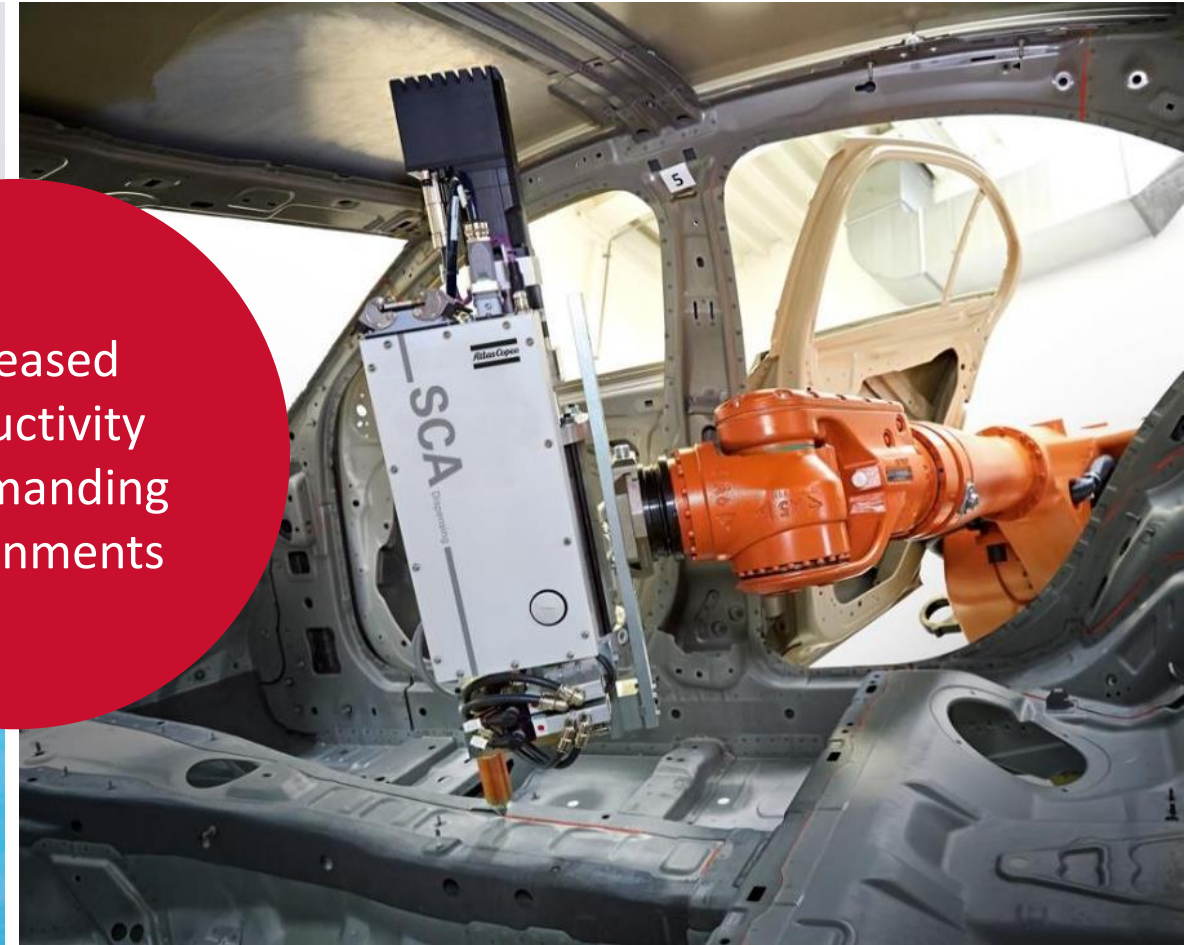
Rivets and riveting systems for applications in cutting edge industries



# SCA dispensing



Increased  
productivity  
in demanding  
environments

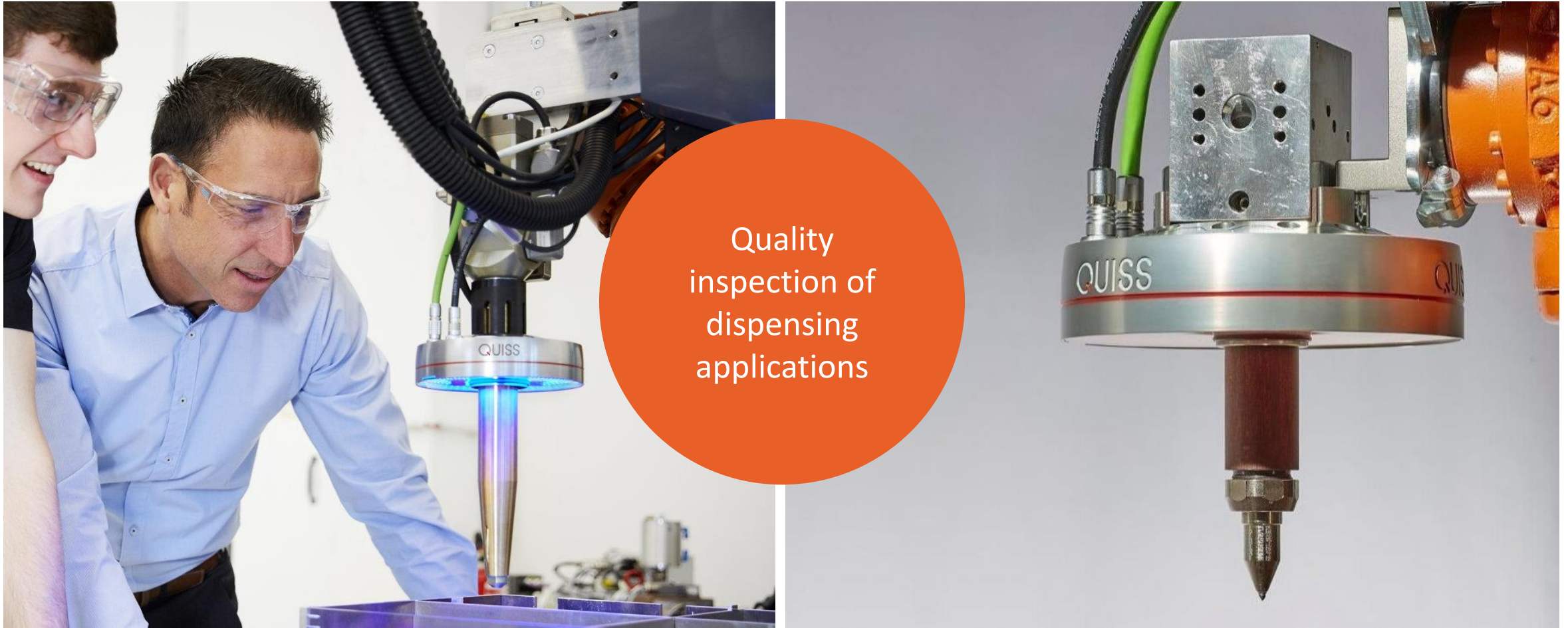


# K-Flow fastening





# Quiss vision system



# Competence in our customers' processes

Partnership with the automotive industry

Simultaneous engineering



Body shop



Paint shop



Powertrain



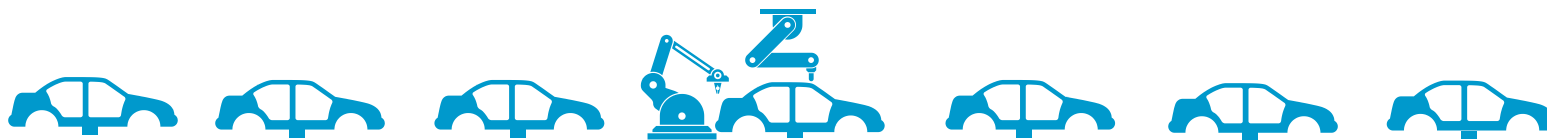
Final assembly



Quality assurance

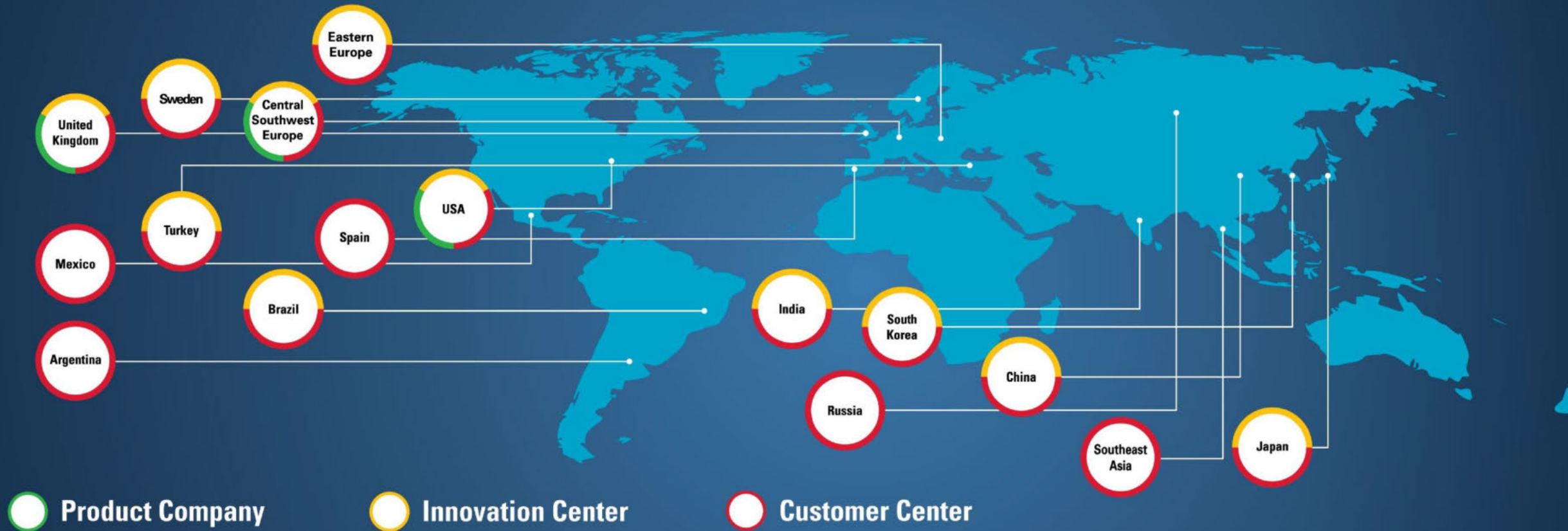


Service

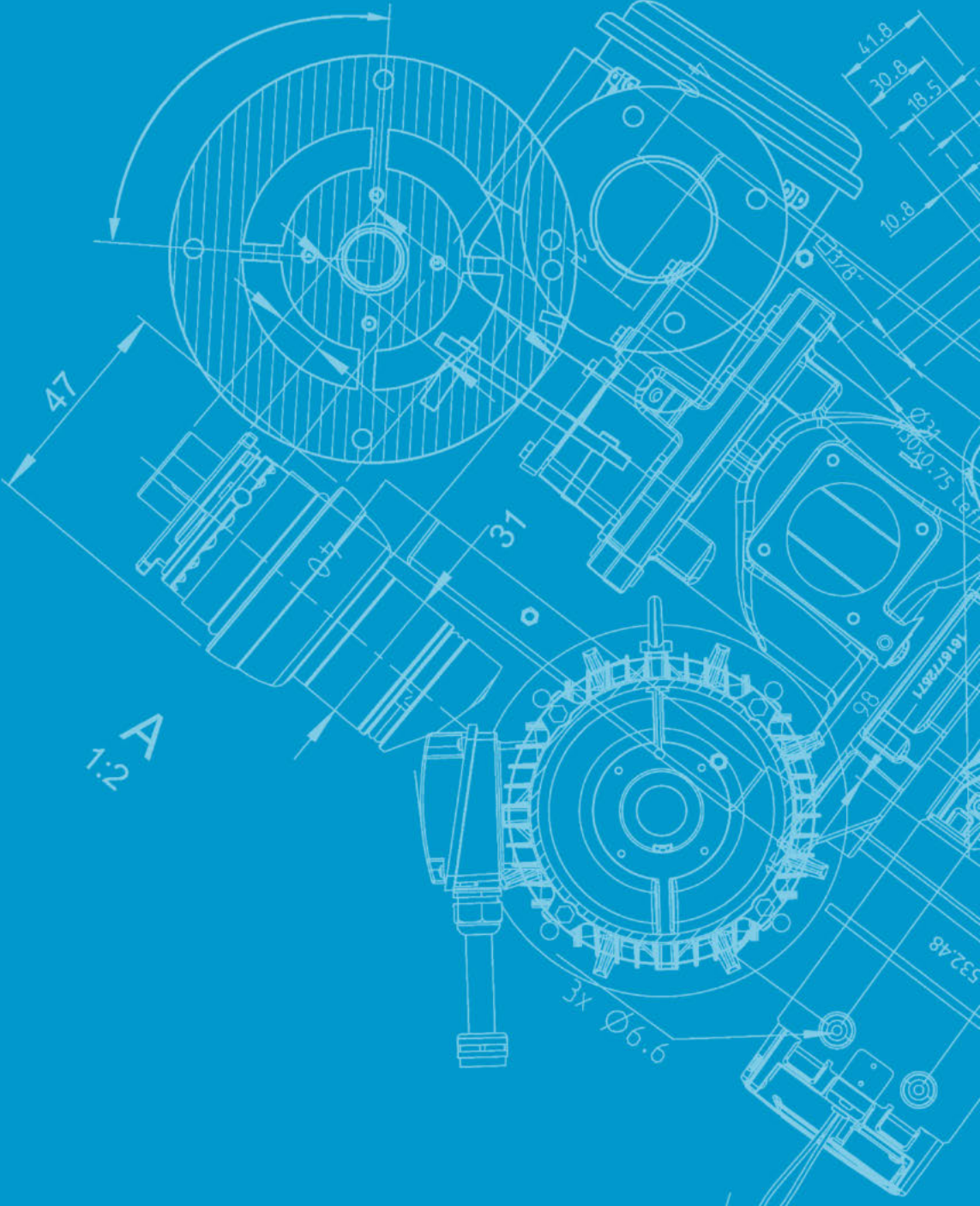




# Global presence



# Henrob self-pierce riveting





# Manufacturing facilities

New Hudson, MI, USA and Deeside, UK



Rivet production  
capability:  
10 billion / year

Over 600  
employees



In-house  
plant production:  
Tooling assembly  
Cold forging  
Heat treatment  
Plating

Over 8,500  
systems in  
operation globally

44,000m<sup>2</sup> of  
manufacturing  
space

# Industry segments and applications

Motor vehicle



Steel frame housing



Heavy truck



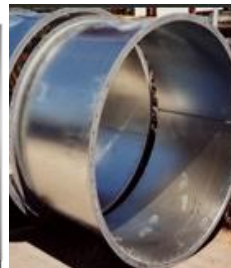
Solar panels



Recreational



HVAC ducting

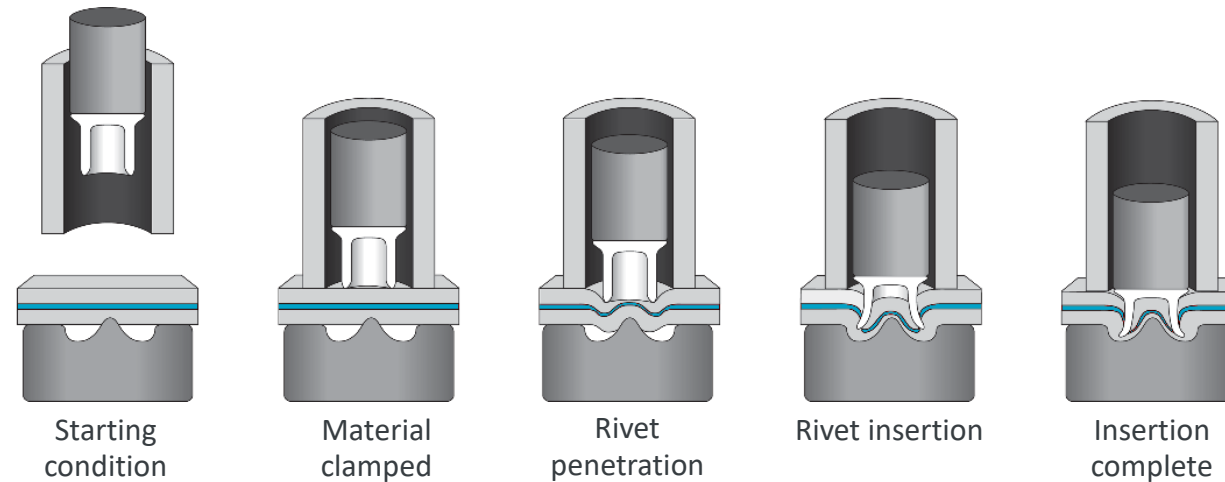
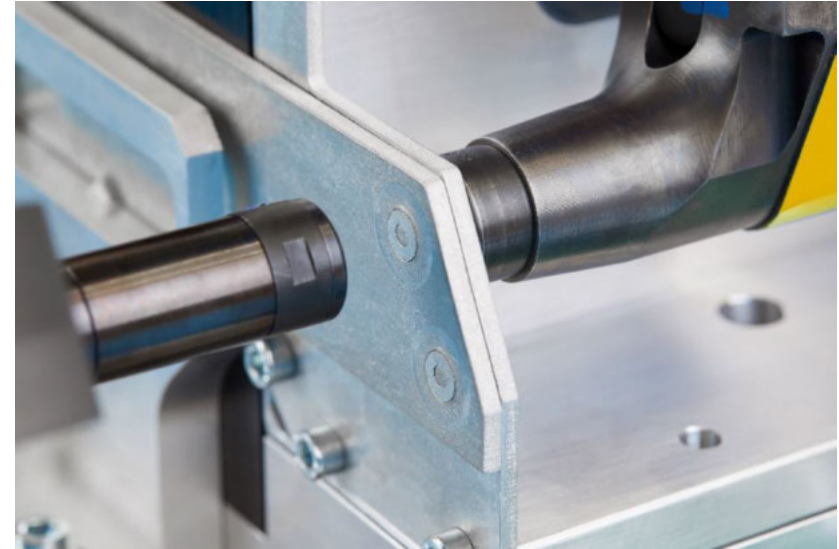




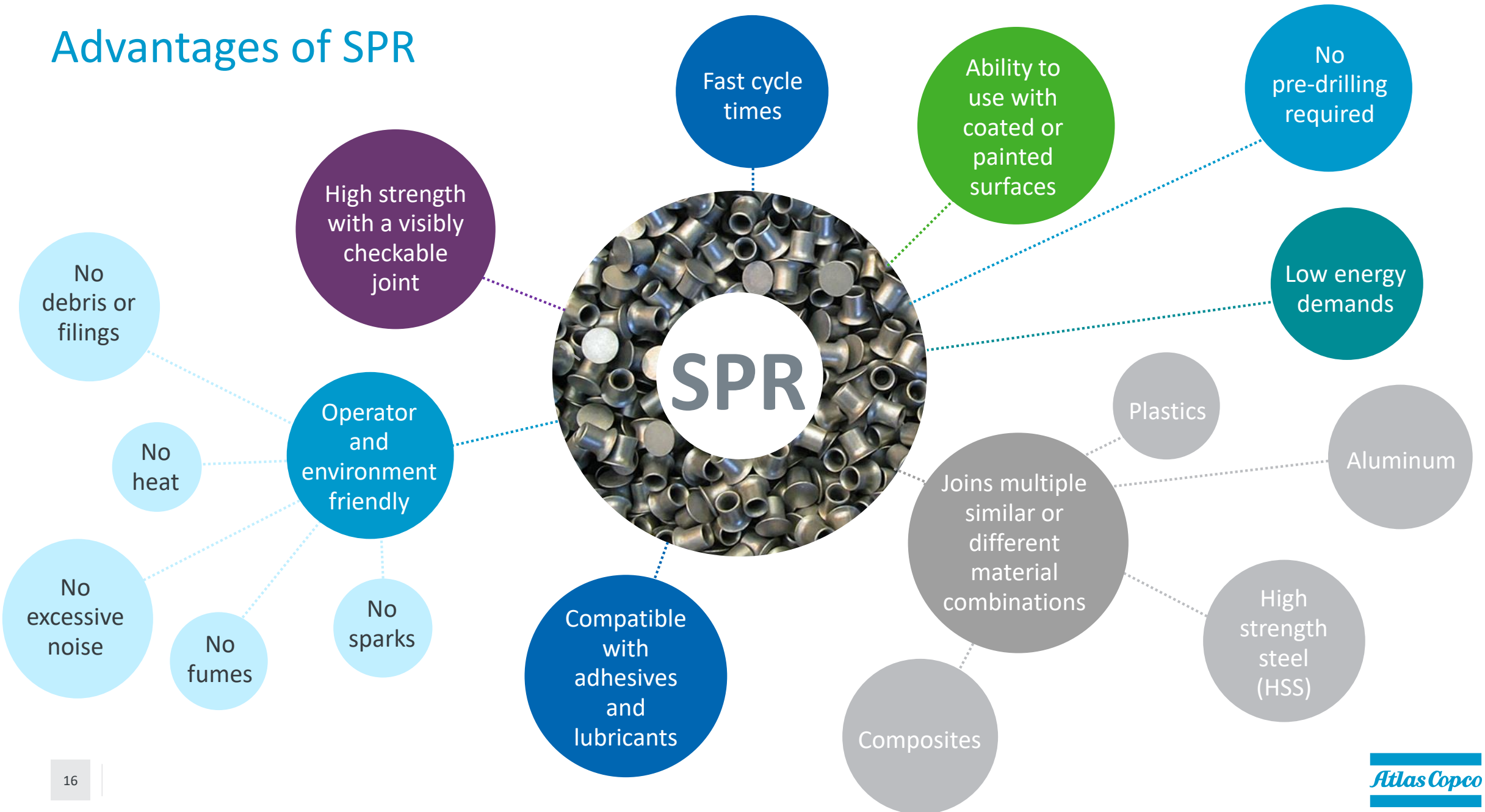
# What is self-pierce riveting?

Self-pierce riveting (SPR) is a method of joining two or more pieces of material using a rivet without the need for a pre-drilled hole.

The basic self-pierce riveting process involves driving a rivet at high force through the material layers to be joined, into a die which causes the tail of the rivet to flare out and form a joint.

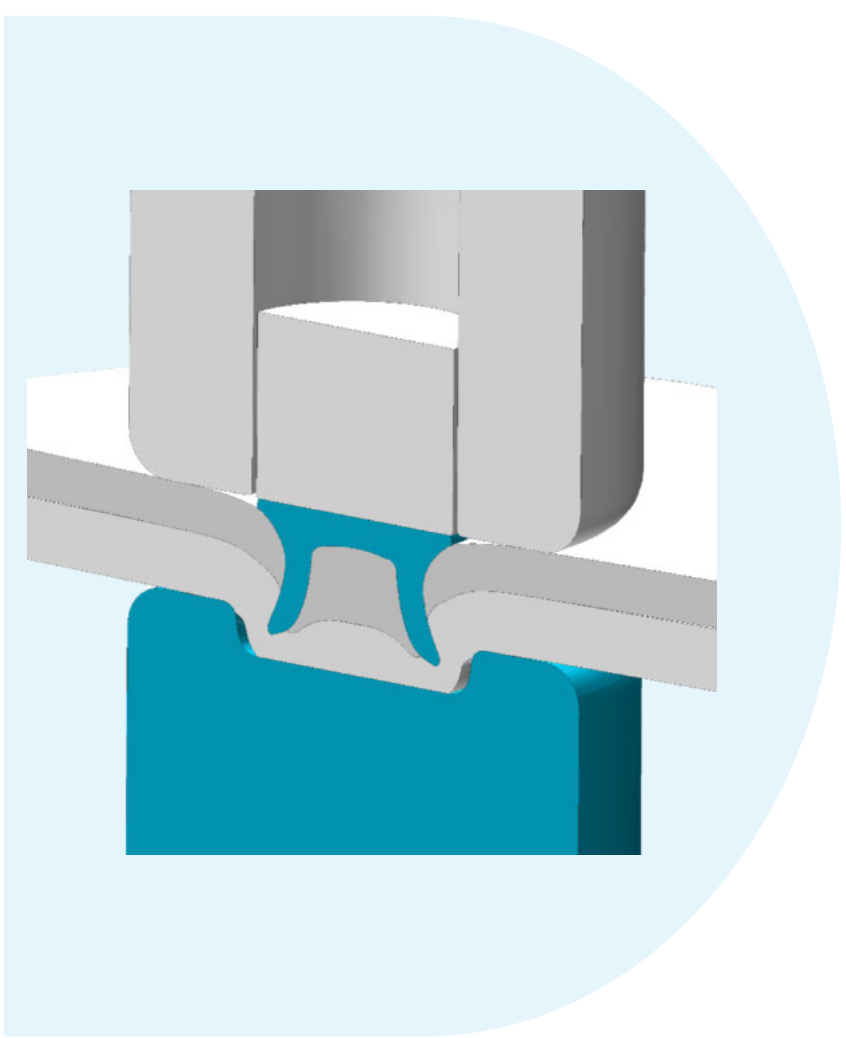


# Advantages of SPR





# Components of a reliable SPR joint



## Rivet length

- Longer rivets required to pierce multiple layers
- Determined by thickness of material to be joined



## Rivet geometry

- Body style
- Wall thickness
- Tip geometry
- Determined by material type being joined



## Rivet diameter

- $\varnothing 3\text{mm}$  for thin material
- $\varnothing 5\text{mm}$  for structural
- Determined by application



## Rivet hardness

- Influences rivet flare
- Determined by hardness of material being joined



## Rivet head style

- Flush heads for mating panels
- Thicker heads for UHSS
- Determined by application



## Die volume

- Increases with rivet size
- Influences rivet performance
- Determined by material ductility



## Die geometry

- Influences rivet flare
- Determined by material type

# Leading the way in rivet designs



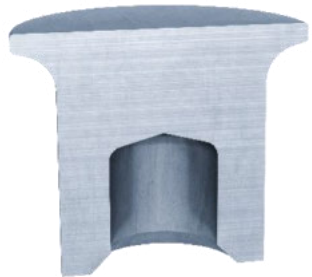
## C, J, and K-Rivets

- Used in the widest range of applications



## Self-piercing studs

- High impact resistance
- High torque
- Low electrical impedance



## PG-Rivet

- Piercing 1100MPa steel <1.5mm thick
- HSS to HSS



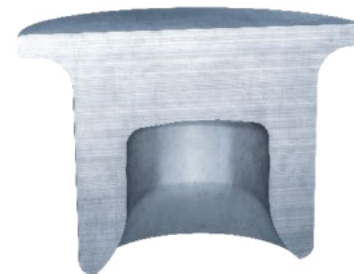
## T-Rivets

- Designed for low-ductility *thick* Al joints
- Enables smaller die volumes



## A-Rivets

- Designed for low-ductility *thin* Al joints
- Enables smaller die volumes



## BG-Rivet

- Ideal for castings
- Optimized for mixed materials
- HSS / UHSS to Aluminum



# Joining capabilities

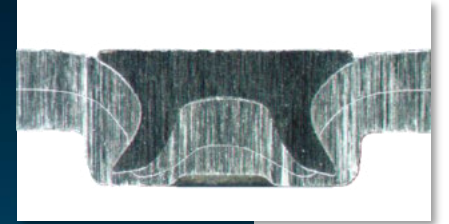
Composites

Sunroof



Thin joints

Hood, fender & closures



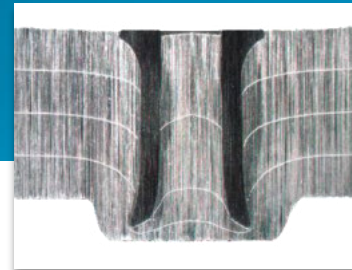
Aluminum joining

Floors, dash & cowl panels, body sides, pillars



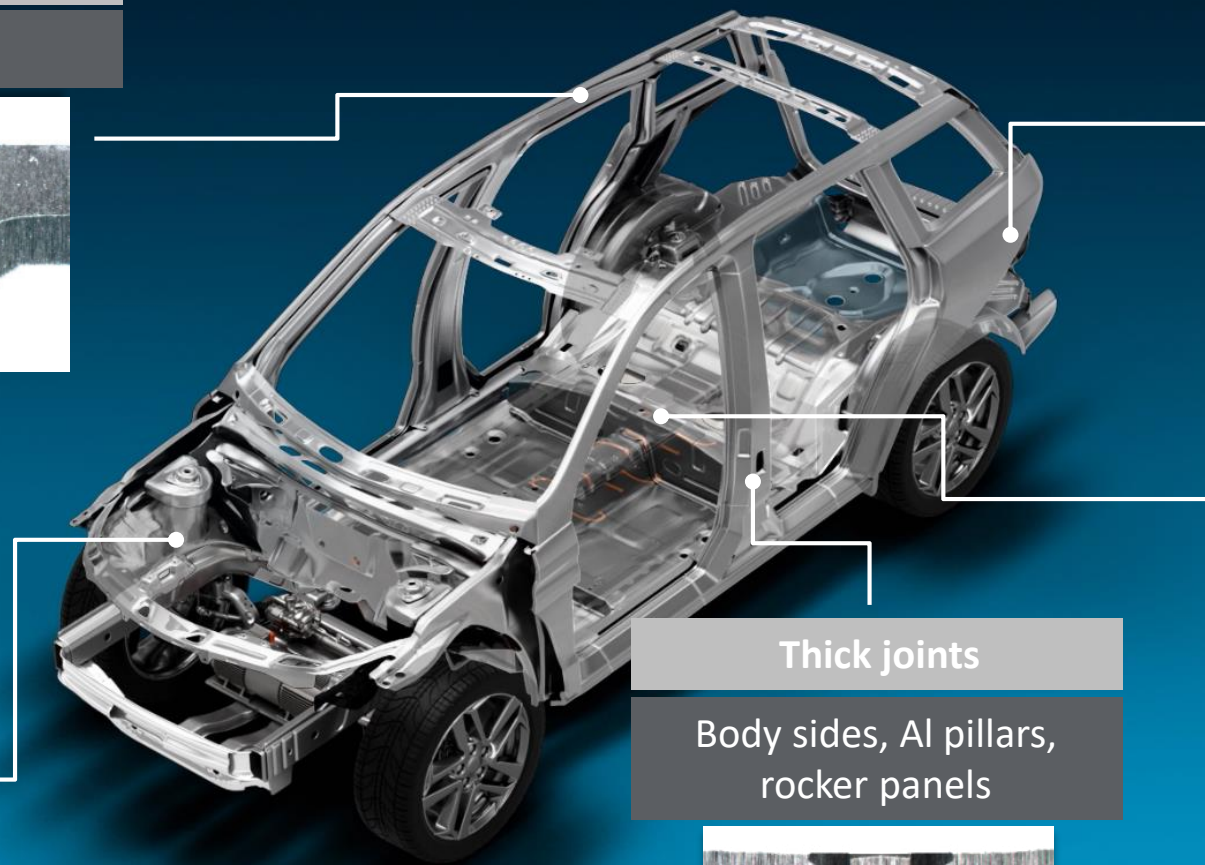
Thick joints

Body sides, Al pillars, rocker panels



High strength steel

Shock towers, pillars & rails

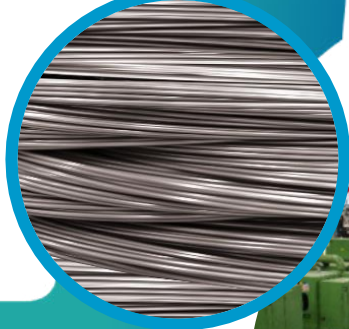


# Rivet manufacturing

All steps of rivet manufacture in-house



Wire stock



Cold forging



Heat treat



Packaging



Plating



Visual inspection / sorting





# SPR joint development



Customer materials



Adhesive application  
(optional)



Create test coupons

Facilities to test  
large (full BIW)  
or small scale  
projects



Corrosion testing



Joint analysis



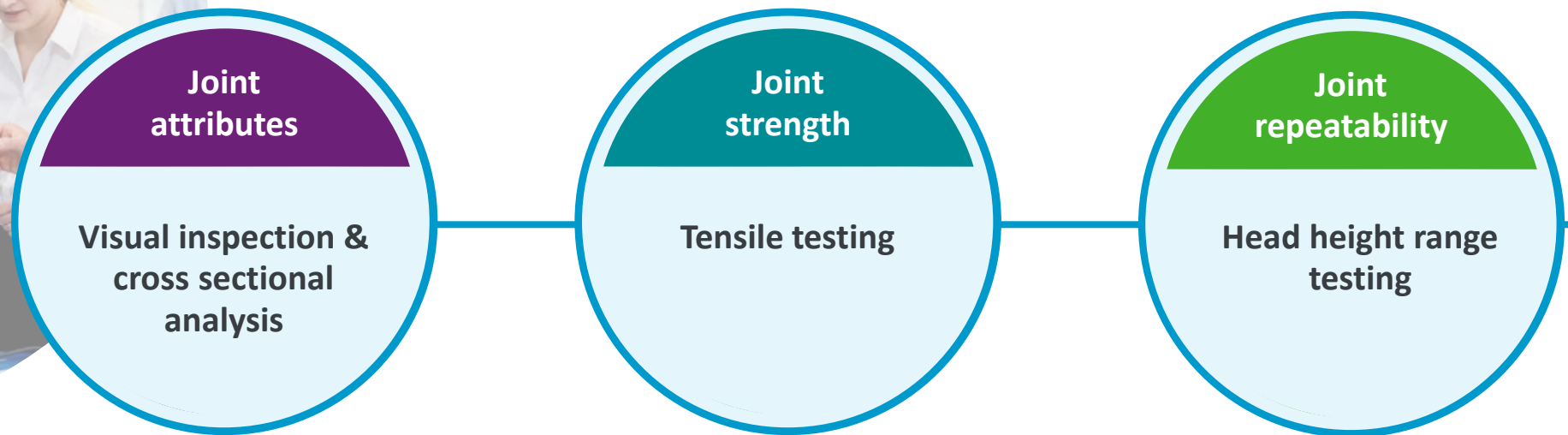
Tensile testing

# Joint development



Testing conducted on customer supplied material offers the opportunity to trial and validate riveting parameters. Rivets and dies chosen to join a specific material combination can be assessed for suitability:

- Ensure the rivet correctly flares and engages in the materials
- Determine how strong the joint will be
- Simulate production variation to establish joint design robustness



# Joint development evaluation

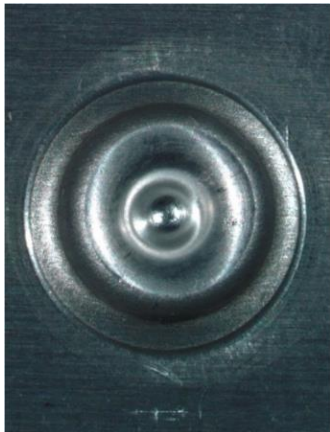
Joint attributes: Visual inspection of head height & button appearance



## Head height

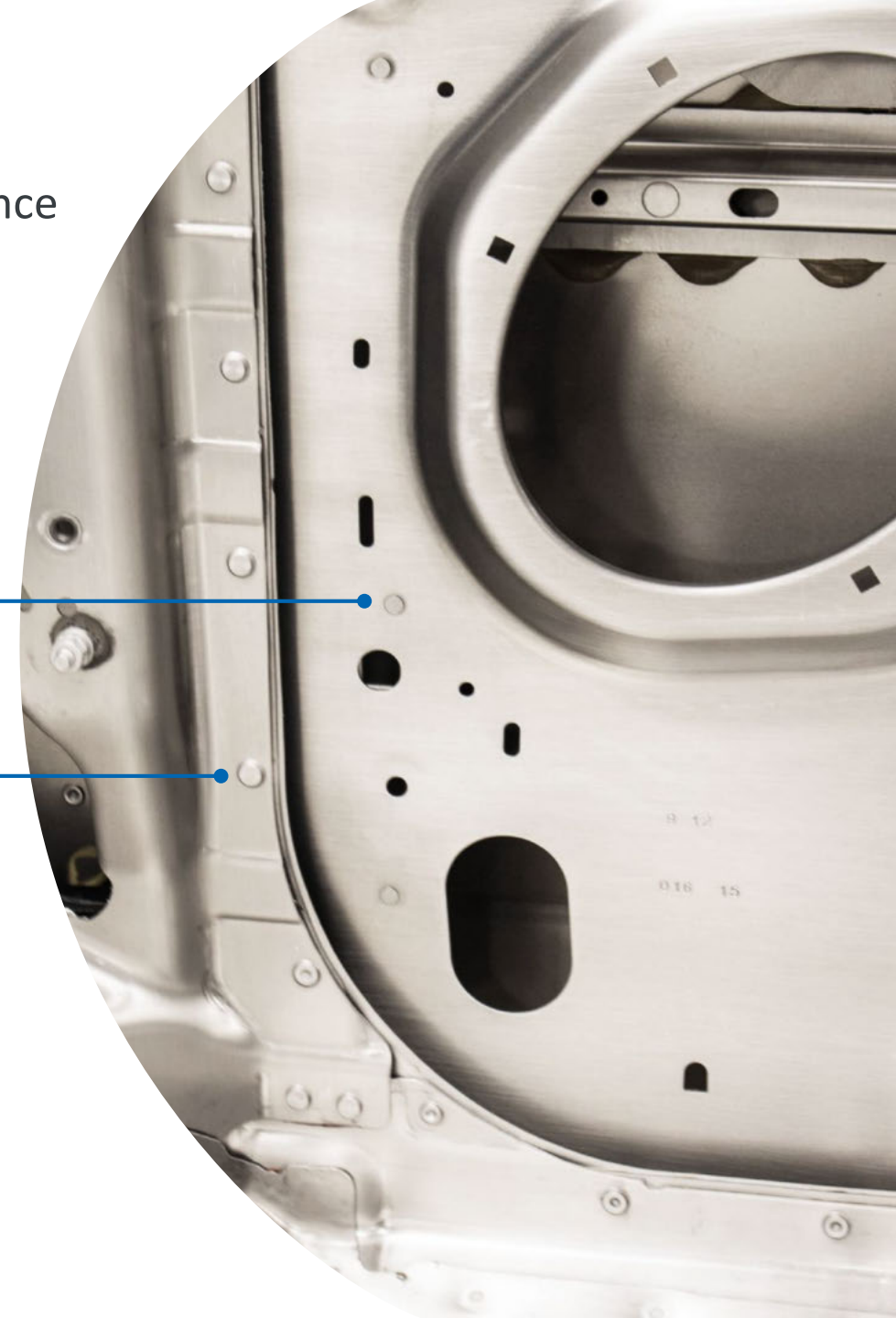
Head height is a simple measurement which can be useful as a non-destructive indicator of whether a joint is performing as expected

Determine process parameters to operate nominally at **0.00mm**



## Button appearance

Visual inspection of the rivet button can indicate any potential issues and whether further joint analysis should be conducted





# Joint development evaluation

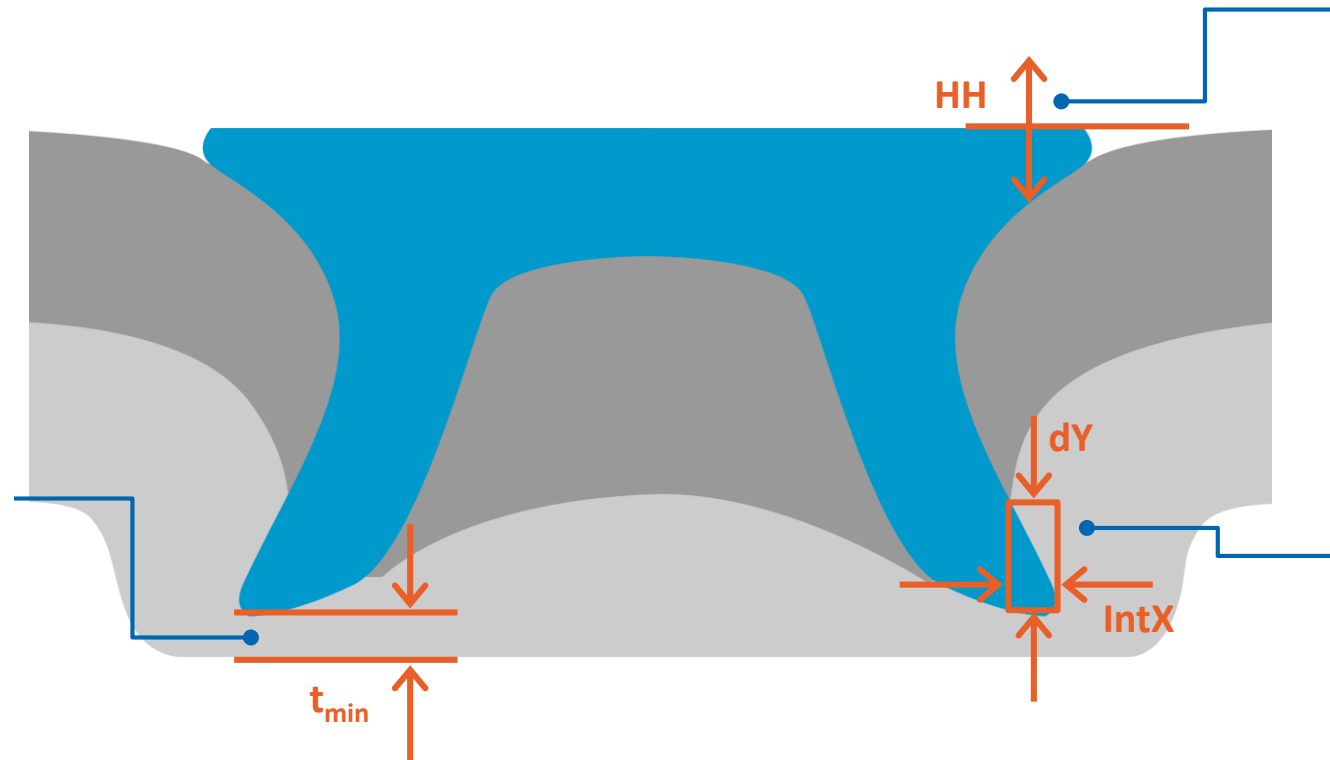
Joint attributes: Cross-section analysis

## Joint symmetry

- Indication of joint stability
- Robust joint performance

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- Minimum bottom layer thickness
- Corrosion protection
- Bottom sheet completely encapsulates rivet



## Head flushness (HH)

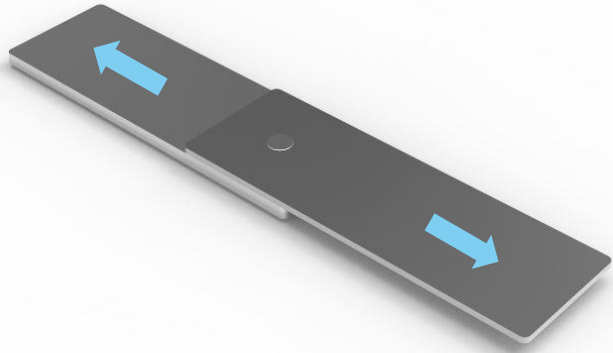
- Flush with top sheet
- Sealed under-head
- No crevice points

## Interlock (IntX & dY)

- Engagement of rivet legs into bottom sheet
- Indicator of strength
- Legs flare evenly without buckling

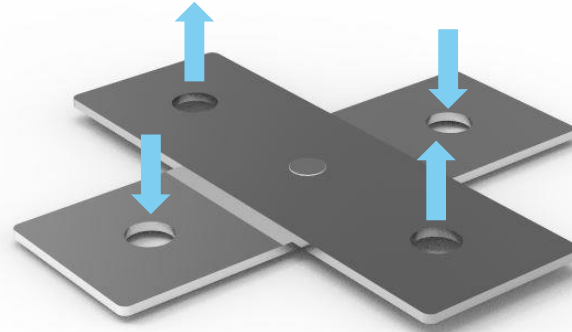
# Joint development evaluation

Joint strength: Tensile testing



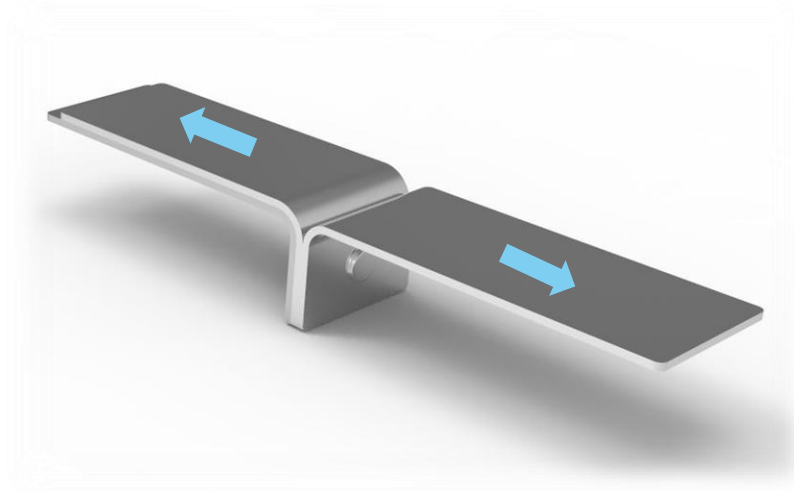
## Lap shear test

Lap shear joints rotate during testing, applying a combination of shear and peel loading



## Cross-tension peel test

Peel load is distributed all around the rivet head



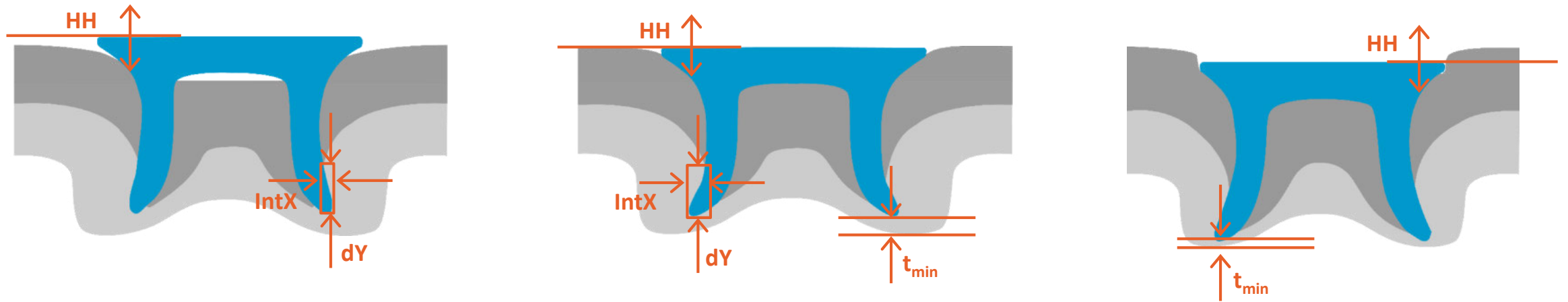
## Coach peel test

Peel load is concentrated in one area of the rivet head. Also referred to as a “T peel”

# Joint development evaluation

## Joint repeatability: Head height range testing

Changes in parameters such as material thickness and composition can result in a variation of head height (HH). Our Fixed Energy process allows us to use HH as an indicator of the joint integrity. A simple gauge check is then a robust non-destructive test method of joint performance.



Repeatability testing in the lab validates a range of head heights for use on the production line



# System manufacturing

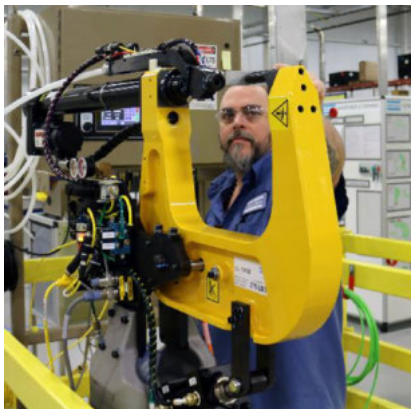
Design



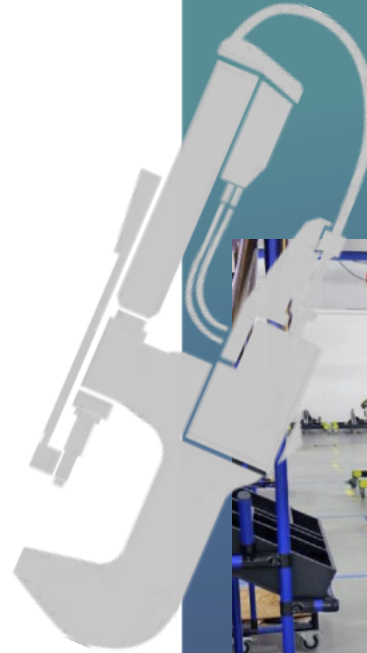
Machining



Tool build



System test



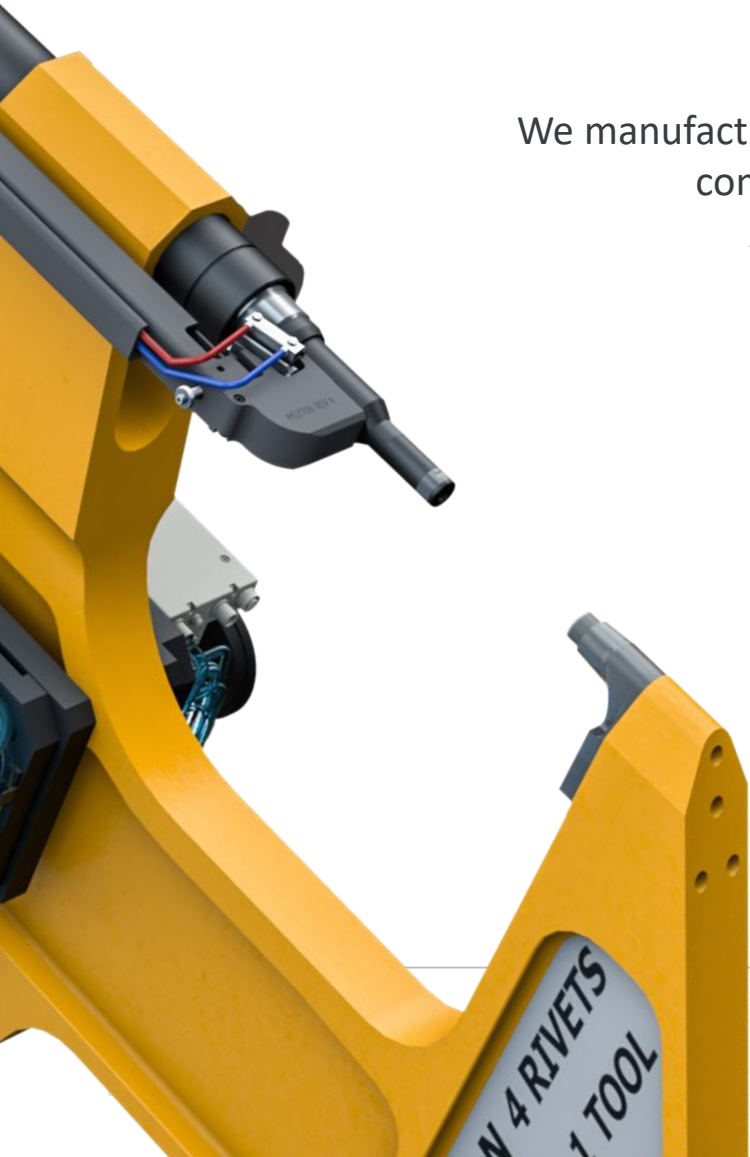
Lean manufacturing

# Upset die manufacturing

In-house manufacturing of more than 144 die types

We manufacture upset dies in-house to be able to offer comprehensive solutions for your SPR needs. A two-step operation with robotic loading and unloading finishes with rigid quality inspection.

Optional poka-yoke posts are available for your lean manufacturing processes to prevent using an incorrect die.





# Self-piercing rivet systems

Largest range of application specific systems

## RivLite

- Battery powered hydraulic pump
- Fixed range
- Tape feed
- 5 sec cycle time
- Rivet setting and removal



## Manual Servo Electric

- Inertia system
- Fixed or manual
- Multi axis hangers
- Tape feed
- Limited size range
- 2-5 sec cycle time



## Hydraulic

- Hydraulic actuation
- Fixed or suspended
- Manual or auto applications
- Double Acting or Pre-clamp
- Tape or loose feed
- 2 sec cycle time

## Auto Servo Electric

- Inertia system
- Fixed or robot-mount
- 85mm - 780mm size
- Tape or loose feed (2-4 rivets)
- 1 sec cycle time





# Rivet feeding

Application-specific feed systems



## Tape feed

- Pneumatic feed system
- Sprocket holes in tape
- Poka-yoke spools available
- Trigger, sensor and anti-pullback make it ideal for low or high actuation automated systems

## Loose feed

- Magazine in robot tools
- Direct blow to pedestals
- T-tube feed for consistency
- RFID poka-yoke containers available
- Magazine ideal for high actuation robot-mounted systems



# SPR system accessories

## Die camera & die changer

The optional Die Check Camera inspects dies for integrity. A broken die will trigger a NOK.



The Henrob Die Changer for robot-mounted riveting tools enables an upset die to be changed out automatically, without the need for operators to enter an automated cell.

Automatic die changing allows for flexible manufacturing which lowers the overall cost of operations.

Multiple robots for each process are not needed and more processes can be performed at one station.

# System controls and software

Individual control panels with interconnectivity



Proprietary controls hardware and software is used to operate the tools and communicate with a robot and/or the assembly cell controller





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New Hudson, US  
Bretten, Germany  
Shanghai, China  
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# Your global service partner



> 200  
field service  
technicians



# Our experience – your success



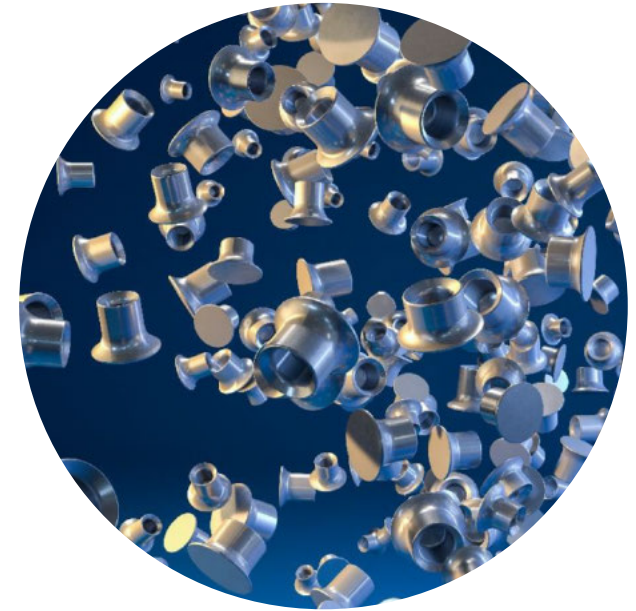
## Global network

We are wherever you are.



## Competence

Benefit from our process and application experience.



## Innovative solutions

We can offer a solution to match your needs.



