



GERMANY – PLETTENBERG

RFKS INVESTS €4 MILLION

Significantly ramping up production capacity, **rfks'** 2022 investment will help the Plettenberg-based manufacturer service customers and their varied needs...

R+ FK Schulte (rfks) is one of the leading manufacturers of stamped, embossed and bent parts in Europe. The family company was founded in 1938 and is based in Plettenberg in Sauerland where it today employs over 160 people who process more than 30,000 tons of flat steel annually.

rfks has recently been investing a large amount, in the millions, in the expansion and modernisation of its machine park.

Three new stamping machines and a vibratory finishing centre were purchased.

In January 2021, after corona-related short-time work, the managing owner Carl Philip Schulte showed courage and foresight. He ordered two stamping presses with a press force of 500 tons, one stamping machine with a press force of 250 tons and a state-of-the-art mass finishing centre. In total, the investment was a weighty €4 million.

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"This enables us to meet the increased requirements and needs of our customers," says rfks sales manager Peter Schlütter. "With the new machines we have increased rfks' production capacity by 30%."

The Plettenberg company has a large product range of standard washers according to DIN/ISO, sealing covers and screw locks as well as a large number of special stamped parts.

The delivery and installation of the two 500-ton presses from the manufacturer Andritz Kaiser from Baden-Württemberg demanded absolute precision work in order to manoeuvre the 120-ton machines the last few metres to their location in the rfks production hall.

"The new stamping machines were by mid-May ready for production," adds Plant Manager Jens Leuschke.

Both 500-ton punching machines are in their place in the rfks production hall. The picture shows the status connection of the corresponding peripheral devices.



rfks operations manager Jens Leuschke (left) senior boss Hela Schulte and sales manager Peter Schlütter observed the delivery of the new 500 ton punching machine.

One-stop shop

Aiming to provide "everything from a single source", rfks offers, in addition to the wide range of DIN/ISO washers, a very large production range for special or drawing parts, which are manufactured on the state-of-the-art machine park.

An independent tool shop, as well as motivated and well-trained specialists are vital parts of the company's success. rfks also benefits from a comprehensive service thanks to its large warehouse for raw materials, modern packaging lines and a logistics centre for stock goods. These form the foundation of the customer-oriented product and service portfolio, from which in particular the screw wholesalers, the automotive industry and its suppliers, screw and dowel manufacturers, mechanical engineering and steel construction companies as well as many other manufacturing companies benefit.

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