

Schleifring in the UK

Körber Schleifring is the name in grinding. This acquisitive German group has amassed a wide range of machine tool brands. *Machinery* explains the Körber Schleifring presence in the UK

The recent news that Ewag tool grinders had joined the Walter tool grinding and tool measuring machines available in the UK from Körber Schleifring UK of Honiley, near Kenilworth, was the latest development in a series of strategic global events in recent years that have seen Körber Schleifring GmbH forcibly stake its claim as the leading worldwide manufacturer and supplier of CNC grinding machines.

The sales and service activities for the Ewag and Walter tool grinding machines are managed by Roy Mawbey and Neil Whittingham, respectively, and operate autonomously from the Honiley office – the new home for the Walter tool grinding range after Walter AG's machine division, Walter Maschinenbau GmbH, was officially taken over in 2004 by Körber Schleifring GmbH.

BRANDS AWARENESS

Körber Schleifring UK was established in 2001 and re-organised in 2004 with operational offices in Basingstoke and Honiley, with David Eburne (Basingstoke) appointed as general manager. Beneath the Körber Schleifring UK umbrella resides a nationwide network of long-established brands:

Blohm – surface and profile grinders – Planomat CNC and HP easy Touch, Precimat CNC and easy Touch, and Profimat MC, MT and RT;

Ewag – tool grinding machines – Easygrind, Ewamatic, Rotoline, RS

15, WS11/SP.

Jung – small and medium sized surface and profile grinders – C, J, JE, JF, Jutec and S Series;

Mägerle – high powered surface and profile grinders – MGC, MGC-TC, MGC Tandem, MGC Special, MFP, MFR/MFS;

Mikrosa – centreless grinders – Kronos Favorit, L, L Dual, S & M and M (3-slide);

Schardt – universal, external cylindrical and non-round grinding and combined turn-grinding machines – Zeus S, M & M2, PS51, PF51, 61 & 71, Kairos S, Stratos ranges;

Studer – universal, external and internal cylindrical grinders, non-round grinding and combined turn grinding machines – S242, SL1, S12, S20, S21, S30, S31, S32, S33, S36, S40, S120, S140, S145, S151 & S242 ranges;

Walter – tool grinding and measuring machines – Helitronic, Helicheck, Heli



The Schleifring chronology

- 1906 Schardt established
- 1909 Jung established
- 1912 Studer established
- 1924 Blohm established
- 1929 Mägerle established
- 1946 Ewag established
- 1950 Mikrosa established
- 1978 Körber acquires Blohm, which was the beginning of its machine tool division
- 1983 Körber acquires Schardt
- 1993 BWF, Mikrosa and Schleifmaschinenwerk Chemnitz are acquired and the Schleifring Group was established
- 1994 The Swiss companies Mägerle and Studer join the Schleifring Group
- 1998 Jung GmbH, Göppingen joined the Schleifring Group
- 2000 Acquisition of the Swiss company Ewag
- 2004 Acquisition of Walter Maschinenbau GmbH, the machine tool business of Walter AG.

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David Eburne sees his role as supporting high-level collaboration between all these brands across the three technology strands of surface, cylindrical and tool grinding.

"Within those three technologies, our united technical engineering and



sales support teams within the Schleifring Group can now offer users unrivalled levels of competence in terms of developing and supplying highly technological, yet cost-effective solutions," he says.

"It's a similar message in terms of service provision, too, because by bringing everything together as we have – importantly, we have streamlined not rationalised the service offering – customers now benefit from a keenly focused, customer-orientated operation.

"By establishing 'manufacturing associations' with customers based not only on offering a comprehensive choice of grinding solutions from a single source, but also engineering solutions expertise that can embrace a wide spread of different components, successful working partnerships have been formed and maintained on a long-term basis."

PROOF OF THE PUDDING

One UK example is the application of the group's technology at Air Bearings of Poole, a leading manufacturer of high-speed (up to 350,000 rpm) air bearing spindles used mainly in the PCB drilling industry, in which Air Bearings is a global leader. Cylindrical and surface grinders from Studer and Blohm are mainly used at the site in Dorset, and these machines consistently produce shafts and housings to size, surface quality and a concentricity of one micron.

Studer machines are the only type used for external cylindrical grinding tasks, says the company – "they are simply the best you can buy".

Complementing these is a pair of Blohm surface grinders for machining spindle cover plates and spacer rings that likewise demand parallelism and straightness tolerances of one micron.

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"With users like Air Bearings, we can only continue to build on our success," says Mr Eburne. "Indeed, sales in the UK during 2005 grew 39 per cent compared with the previous year, contributing to

the global turnover of €388 million with a workforce totalling 2,030." □

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