

## KRATZER AUTOMATION acquires Hofmann TeSys

- Strategic portfolio expansion for the Test Systems division
- Traditional supplier of Chassis dynamometers and end-of-line test stands.

Munich, September 28, 2018 - KRATZER AUTOMATION AG expands its range of solutions in the field of test bench technology by taking over Hofmann TeSys Prüftechnik GmbH and its British sister company Hofmann TeSys UK Ltd.

As one of the leading suppliers of chassis dynamometers and roll test stands, Hofmann TeSys counts most of the leading automobile manufacturers amongst its worldwide customer base. KRATZER AUTOMATION takes over the two companies from the South Korean owner TeSys Co., Ltd. effective September 27, 2018.

Hofmann TeSys Prüftechnik GmbH is a manufacturer and supplier of vehicle test benches for use in production and research and development. The company specialises in products for end-of-line testing - such as roller test benches, vibration test benches and alignment benches for a wide range of wheeled vehicle. The company thus offers reliable solutions for the completion of every vehicle production line. Hofmann TeSys also supports its customers with research and development chassis dynamometer products and ancillaries such as the patented Hofmann TeSys driving robot.



The traditional company with headquarters in Elze, Lower Saxony, can look back on more than 70 years of company history. With its sister company in Worcester (United Kingdom) and sales and service partners in other countries, Hofmann TeSys supports its worldwide customers in the automotive industry.

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TeSys UK Ltd. as of September 27, 2018 (with retroactive economic effect as of April 1, 2018). Both companies will initially continue to operate independently under their previous names. All current customer projects, supplier and service agreements continue without interruption. Sibylle Pessall, Uwe Krummenoehler and Otto Kilg take over the management of Hofmann TeSys Prüftechnik GmbH in Germany. The managing director of the British company Graham Paul Wood will be supported in the future by Sibylle Pessall, Uwe Krummenoehler and Otto Kilg. Graham Paul Wood continues the management in the UK facility as well as the support for technology and sales in Germany.

"The proven solutions from Hofmann TeSys are an excellent addition to our range in the field of test bench technology," says Uwe Krummenoehler, Member of the Executive Board for Test Systems at KRATZER AUTOMATION. "We expect the acquisition to generate synergy effects in the areas of purchasing, administration and research and development. Our goal is to support customers even more comprehensively in their projects. Today we are already interfacing to Hofmann TeSys test stands with our automation and test data management software. We are therefore pleased to be able to provide the market with integrated solutions in the future."

#### About KRATZER AUTOMATION AG

For more than 35 years KRATZER AUTOMATION has been supplying process-oriented software solutions for the international automotive industry and the transport industry in Europe. KRATZER AUTOMATION is represented with more than 370 employees in Munich, Stuttgart, Kassel and Wolfsburg. The company is internationally active with its own companies in China, the USA, France, Great Britain and the Czech Republic.

In the business field Test Systems KRATZER AUTOMATION plans, realizes and modernizes test systems for engines, turbochargers, transmissions and other drive components. A particular focus is on test systems for energy-saving and environmentally friendly drive concepts. The focus here is on the special requirements for hybrid or electric drives, battery and fuel cell technology in automotive development.

The company assumes social responsibility in a variety of ways. The focus is on local and supra-regional support for young people as well as the announcement of an annual art prize for disabled artists, which has been awarded since 2012.

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