

Company Profile Schmid Group

Solar/Photovoltaic, Printed Circuit Boards and Flat Panel Display: Quality and Innovation out of Tradition

Gebr. Schmid was founded in 1864 in Freudenstadt, Germany, as an iron foundry and mechanical workshop. For almost 100 years Schmid manufactured machines for the wood-working industry. Since 1965 brushing machines for the printed circuit board industry added to the portfolio; 10 years later woodworking machines ceased to be manufactured by Gebr. Schmid.

The following years were marked by continuous innovation and expansion, mainly focussed on the demands of the printed circuit board industry. In 1998 with production of the first systems for the flat panel display sector the Schmid cleanroom went into operation.

From the Single System up to the Complete Turnkey Shop

Since 2001 Schmid's new business field, photovoltaic, is a big success story worldwide. Schmid delivers— meanwhile as world market leader in this segment—production equipment for wafers, cells and modules.

In the three business fields Solar/Photovoltaic, Printed Circuit Boards and Flat Panel Display Schmid develops, produces and distributes in most modern plants around the globe at total 15 locations (3 of them in Germany) with approx. 1,800 employees a wide range of innovative production equipment and special purpose machines: from the single system up to the complete turnkey shop.



Company Benchmarks:

- ca. 1,800 staff at total 15 locations worldwide
- company turnover in 2008: ca. 400 Mio. EUR (2007: 300 Mio. EUR)

Production Area:

- ca. 18.000 m² (Freudenstadt)
- ca. 3.000 m² (Niedereschach/STN)
- ca. 1.500 m² (Schwetzingen/STS)
- ca. 6.000 m² (Taiwan)
- ca. 6.000 m² (China: Dongguan)
- ca. 10.000 m² (China: Dongguan)
- ca. 20.000 m² (China: Zhuhai)

- DIN EN ISO 9001-certified

Cooperations:

- *R&D*: Fraunhofer Institut für Solare Energiesysteme (ISE)
www.fraunhofer.de
- *Diffusion Oven*: SierraTherm Production Furnaces Inc.
www.sierratherm.com
- *Texturing, Metallisation, Cleaning*: Rohm and Haas GmbH
www.rohmhaas.com
- *Screenprinting Technologies*: Asys Automatisierungssysteme GmbH
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