

Precision is in our blood

A revisit after 11 years of the FlatMaster® being at Edelstahl-Mechanik

Göppingen, Germany – After 11 years with the FlatMaster®, we asked Josef Eisele, the Managing Director and owner of Edelstahl-Mechanik GmbH, for a retrospective update and visited him in Göppingen. The company's order situation is good. So good, in fact, that his

In the beginning, it was difficult to choose which panels to level and which not to. Furthermore, how to invoice the leveling process. These days, the answer is clear-cut: every panel is leveled. The welders immediately complain if they have to work with un-leveled panels.



A passion for his business: Josef Eisele, Managing Director at Edelstahl-Mechanik.



Perfectly equipped with the FlatMaster®: Josef Eisele (left), Managing Director at Edelstahl-Mechanik and Andreas Hellriegel (right), Vice President Business Development at ARKU.

primary concern when we visited was the lack of qualified employees. "Today, our customers demand welded constructions with a precision down to hundredths of a millimeter", explains Eisele and is quickly in his element. "Not many people can do this and we need excellent, qualified employees." That explains why Edelstahl-Mechanik offers an attractive training program and invests extensively in the company. As was the case 11 years ago, when Josef Eisele decided to improve the sheet metal quality by purchasing a FlatMaster® precision leveler.

Without the ARKU leveler, they would have been unable to take on or cost-effectively complete many orders. Looking back, the decision to go with the FlatMaster® has proven to be worth it. The trend toward increasingly precise assemblies continues and is even on the rise in sectors which one never would have expected, such as the construction industry. Fortunately, Edelstahl-Mechanik is perfectly prepared to face the challenge thanks to its history of precision and the FlatMaster®.

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15th place among the most innovative mid-size German companies

In a study conducted by the leading German business magazine „Wirtschaftswoche“, ARKU was listed among the 50 most innovative mid-sized companies. More precisely,

to mention, to enhance its appeal as an employer.

“At ARKU, we know that we are and remain a top address thanks to our



in 15th place. As such, ARKU stands out as the best-ranked machinery manufacturer. The study analyzed 3500 mid-sized companies. The criteria for the evaluation included the company development, innovations achieved, investment in research and development as well as surveys among customers and competitors. This year, ARKU is planning further investments in its locations. Not

highly motivated and highly qualified employees. We are competing for the best employees. Our ability to offer an innovative environment helps us with this”, states Albert Reiss, President and CEO at ARKU. The company currently has eleven trainees and seven students from cooperative state universities. Ranging from mechanical engineering, electrical engineering to information science.

Social project at the Baden-Baden children's home

This year, ARKU's trainees took the initiative once again and organized a social project. Guided by Sascha Hutzler, they invited the management

and the area was transformed into a proper playground for the children. The results are something all of the helpers can be proud of. Along



Shared commitment and fun: ARKU's team of trainees and management together with employees from the Baden-Baden children's home.

to lend a helping hand to a social service in their region. Specifically, they assisted the children's home in Baden-Baden. A large green area was in poor condition and the kids were no longer able to use it. After the help from ARKU, things look a little different: the paths were restored, bushes and trees trimmed

with the good cause, the activity also encouraged the team spirit. The training manager, Sascha Hutzler, also worked hard and is proud of the results: "Social commitment is an important factor at ARKU and, above all, as part of our vocational training. It was also a lot of fun."