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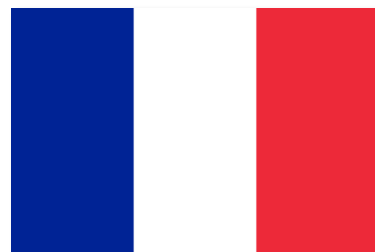
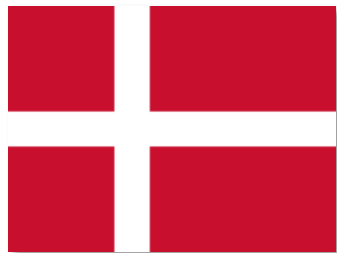
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Calderys Group Introduction

Erik Bachman



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01 Calderys overview

About Calderys

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Calderys is a leading global provider for industries operating in high temperature conditions.

The Group specializes in thermal protection for industrial equipment, with a wide range of refractory products and advanced solutions to enhance steel casting, metallurgical fluxes and molding processes.

Our international network of experts ensures an end-to-end offer with tailored services.

Drawing on over 150 years of experience, we support our customers in their energy transition needs.



Calderys and HWI combination

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- **In 2023, Calderys became a privately owned company combined with HarbisonWalker International.**
- **Combining Calderys and HWI means more products, more service options, and an expanded reach for the benefits of our customers.**
- **Calderys is the name of the combined organization and its headquarters are located in Paris, France.**
- **HWI is now a member of the global Calderys family and is the brand for the Americas region of the Group.**



Calderys Group at a glance


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One of the biggest refractory solutions provider in the world

150+ years of experience

30+ countries host our operations with sales in **100+** countries

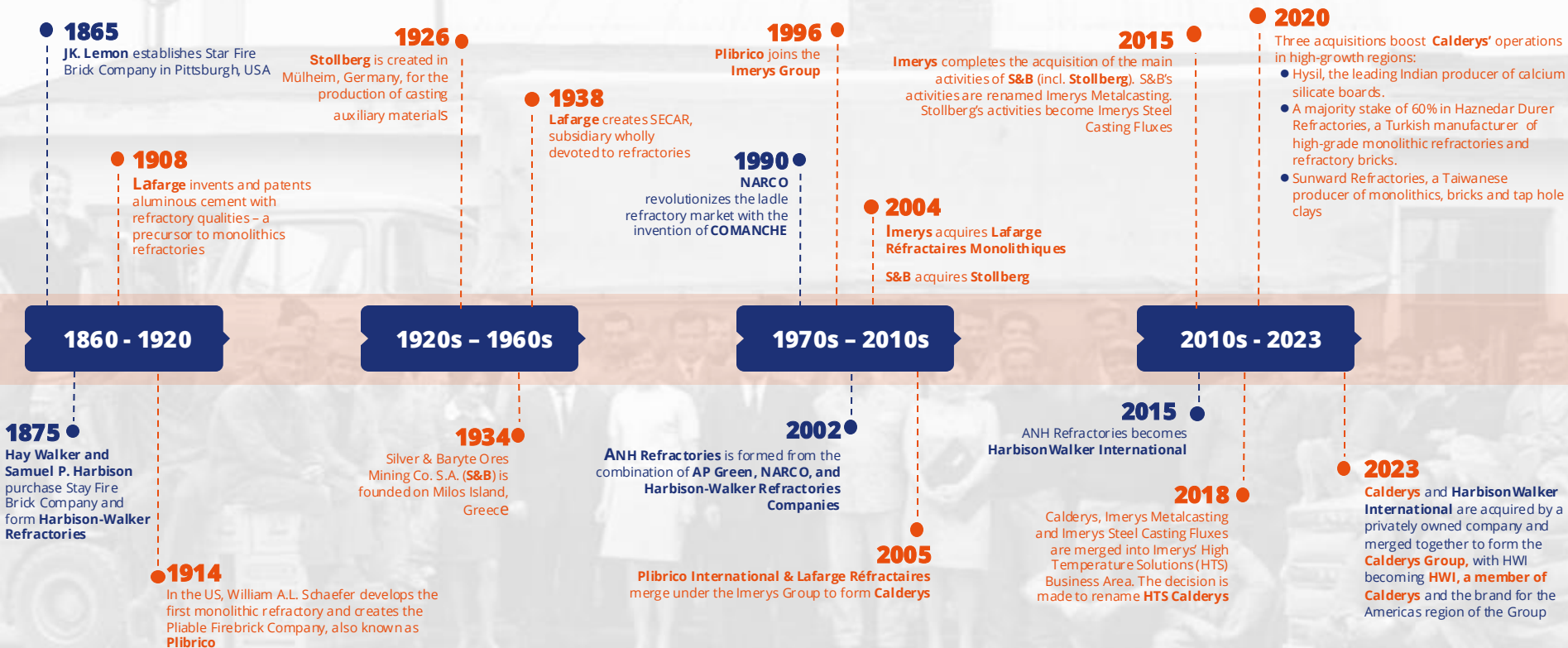
~50 plants on the **5** continents

5,800+ people and contractors in over **30** countries

50+ nationalities represented in our workforce

Over 150 years of experience


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Industries we serve

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IRON & STEEL

Our portfolio of products ranges from acidic monolithics to basics and bricks, while our services include everything from ironmaking and continuous casting to the full steel process equipment.



FOUNDRY

As experts in ferrous foundries, we offer an array of turnkey solutions for Foundry refractories, as well as core and molding sand additives.

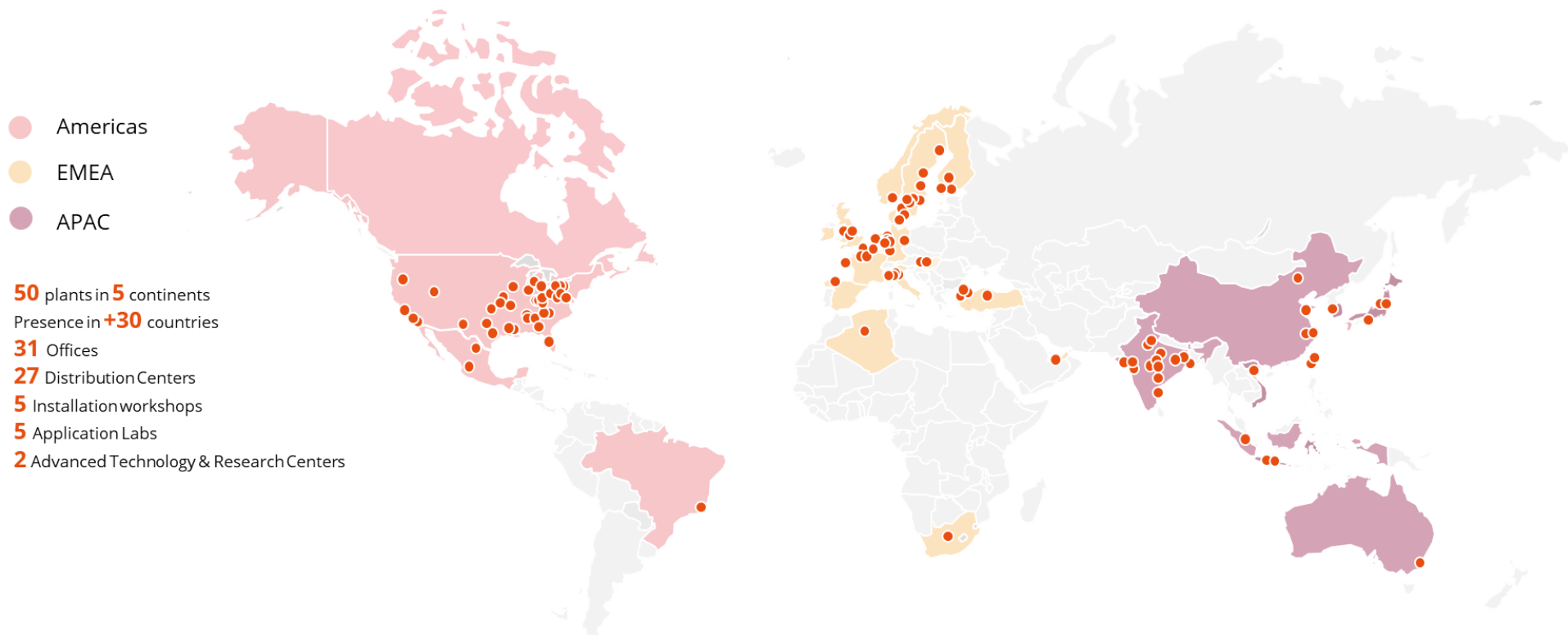


THERMAL

We offer a wide range of end-to-end refractory solutions for industrial furnaces, including projects for aluminum, cement, glass, and energy and environment industries, amongst others.

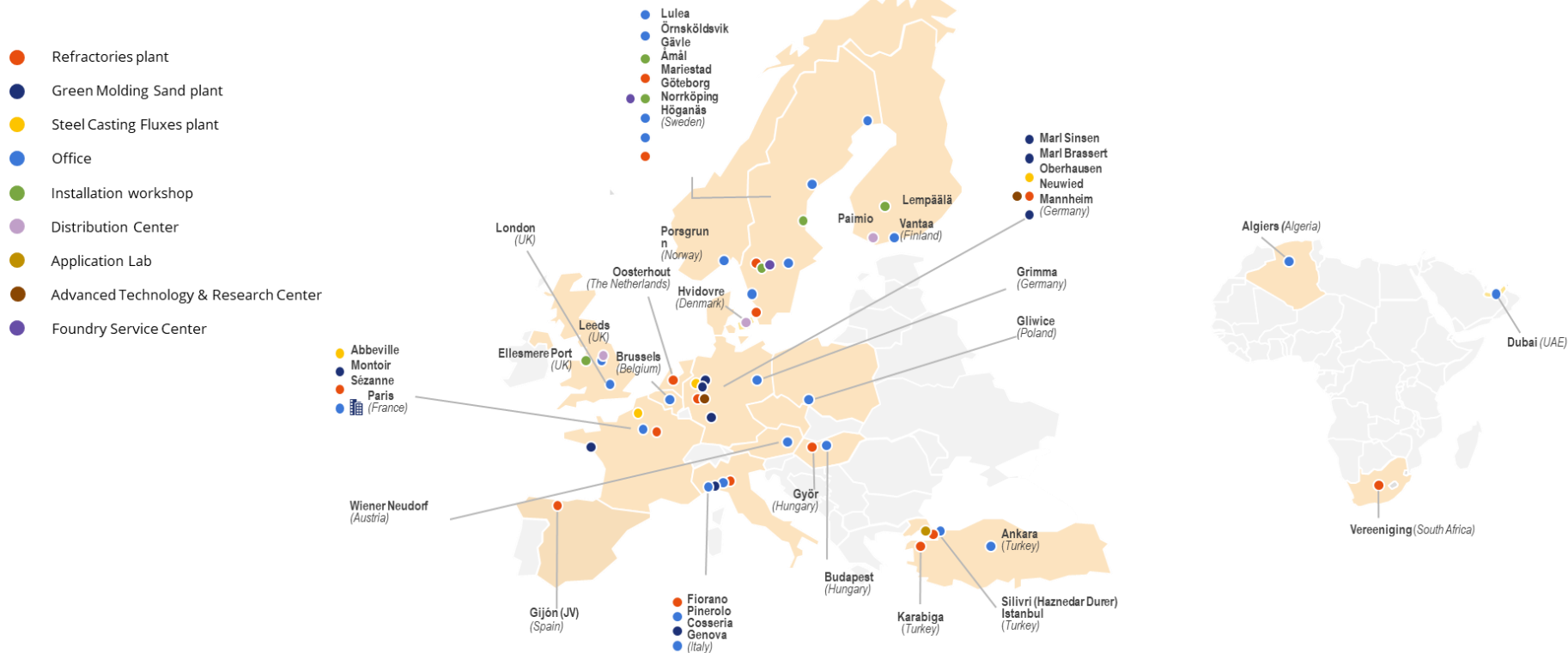
Calderys worldwide presence

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Calderys worldwide presence – Zoom in EMEA

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Our strategy

People are the foundation of our strategy, which is based on three pillars and supported by three priorities.



Our commitment to health and safety

We integrate health and safety into every aspect of our business - it's part of our DNA.

Our goal is to achieve zero accidents and zero work-related illnesses.

Our Group-wide safety program - safe. - aims to help us reach this objective. The program is based on four pillars:



Safety First.

We encourage our employees to take the time to do things properly and empower them to stop the job if safety conditions do not meet our policies and protocols.



Advancing Communication.

We encourage clear communication about our health and safety protocols and procedures. Only if they are clearly understood will they be successfully applied.



Fostering Collaboration.

We care about each other, we share best practices and work together to maintain a healthy and safe environment.



Encouraging Ownership.

We encourage employees to understand the impact of their actions on themselves, colleagues, contractors and customers. Everyone is accountable for health and safety, whatever their role.

Embedding sustainability in everything we do

Our Sustainability program leverages our power as a global organization, strengthening our approach to sustainability.

The program based on three pillars:



**BEING COMMITTED
TO OUR PEOPLE
AND COMMUNITIES**

We have an ethical and compliant approach, encouraging inclusivity and respecting diversity. Our culture of transparency reflects the expectations of our customers and other stakeholders. We support the communities in which we operate, creating shared value and long-lasting benefits.



**IMPROVING OUR OWN
ENVIRONMENTAL
FOOTPRINT**

To protect our planet, we must act to reduce our environmental footprint. We strive to achieve this by increasing the circularity of our materials through recycling and reuse, and by growing the share of renewable energy in our operations.



**HELPING OUR
CUSTOMERS IN THEIR
ENERGY TRANSITION
NEEDS**

We aim to deliver new products and services to drive change across the industry. We play an important role in helping our customers with high quality, efficient and sustainable solutions.

02 Calderys business segments

High value-added functional solutions for the containment of liquid metal, thermal protection of industrial equipment, and the enhancement of steel's purity and flow

Main products portfolio included in full-package offers

- **Aluminosilicate monolithics** (conventional, low/no cement, C/S bonded, plastics/rams/mortars)
- **Magnesia monolithics** (gunning and dry ramming masses, dry vibratables, sprays, plastics/rams/mortars)
- **Tap-hole clay for blast furnace**
- **Bricks** (Mg, Mg-C, Mg-spinel, AMC, dolomite, MAC, fire-clay, high-alumina)
- **Precast shapes**
- Gas purging plugs, lances and accessories
- **Casting fluxes** and automatic feeders
- **Gunning machines** ladle, BOF-converter, EAF
- And more...



Services

- Product & tailor-made design & cost optimization
- Refractory design
- Engineering
- Installation
- Maintenance
- Repairs
- Precast services

Main customers



End-to-end refractory solutions for industrial furnaces

Main products

- Monolithic refractory materials
- Acidic (alumina) bricks
- Wide range of monolithic refractory products, including low porosity gunning and spraycast
- Insulating castables for energy savings in high temperature furnaces
- Self adapting, and repair solutions for high temperatures up to 1,800°C
- Pre-dried, precast shapes for faster installation
- Magnesita Spinel and Magnesita-Chrome Bricks



Services

- Customized product selection based on furnace operations
- Tailor-made design and engineering based on project needs
- Project and site management
- Installation services including low porosity gunning, and spraycast services
- Dry-out services for refractory lining
- Inspection and after-sales service

Main customers



Major markets for Thermal

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Aluminum



World leader in monolithic refractories for the aluminum industry, we provide a range of solutions designed specifically for contact with aluminum to major OEMs and end-users in more than 70 countries.



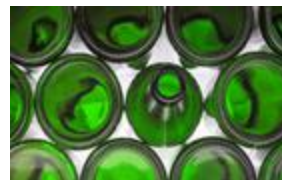
Cement



End-to-end solutions, combining innovative products, engineering know-how, project management and installation services.



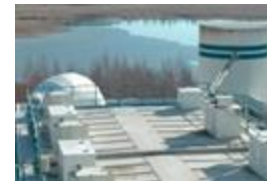
Glass



Over 85 years of research and development in the glass market have enabled us to pioneer innovative glass solutions.



**Energy &
Environment**



Our global offer covers all needs – from maintenance to management of full turnkey projects.

Major markets for Thermal

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Copper and Heavy Non-Ferrous



We support customers in the primary and secondary copper and heavy non-ferrous industries across the globe.



Industrial Minerals



Calderys provides bricks and monolithic refractory solutions for extraction, refining and beneficiation of industrial minerals.



Chemicals Engineering & Petrochemicals



High-quality refractory products combined with customized end-to-end project services.



Space Exploration



For more than 60 years, we have been a pioneer in delivering refractory launch pad solutions to the space flight industry.

A complete offering with local expertise for the foundry industry

Main products

- **Refractory castables:** acidic, neutral and basic dry vibration mixes, gunning, self-flowing, patching and ramming products and bricks
- **Melt additives** such as CALDE® SHIELD
- Low-dust perlite **slag coagulants**
- Accessories and equipment
- Green molding sand additives
- Core sand additives
- Special sands



Services

- Material selection
- Project management
- Product analysis and metallurgical consulting
- Design
- Installation/ Installation training
- Logistics
- Off-site relining
- Remote assistance
- Connected silos technology
- Dry-out and commissioning
- Material training

Main customers



03 Vertical integration

Partnering with you every step of the way


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**Raw Materials
Selection & Testing**



R&D



**Engineering
& Design**



Manufacturing



**Logistics
& Delivery**



**Project
Management**



**Installation
& Supervision**



**Dry-out &
Commissioning**



**Technical
Support**



**Molding Defect
Consulting**

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New Generation of Foundry Services

Håkan Andersson



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01 The Nordic Service

Nordic Service model

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Calderys Quartzite quarry in Åmål (Sweden)



Local craftsmanship and global expertise Redefined to meet our customers' needs

- The Nordic Service modell implemented and tested and ready to roll out around the globe.
- 24/7 Service contracts
- Partnership agreements
- Broad level of expertise, not only in refractory installations, making Calderys your One-Stop-Shop



Vision of Service Center Mariestad

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02 Service Center

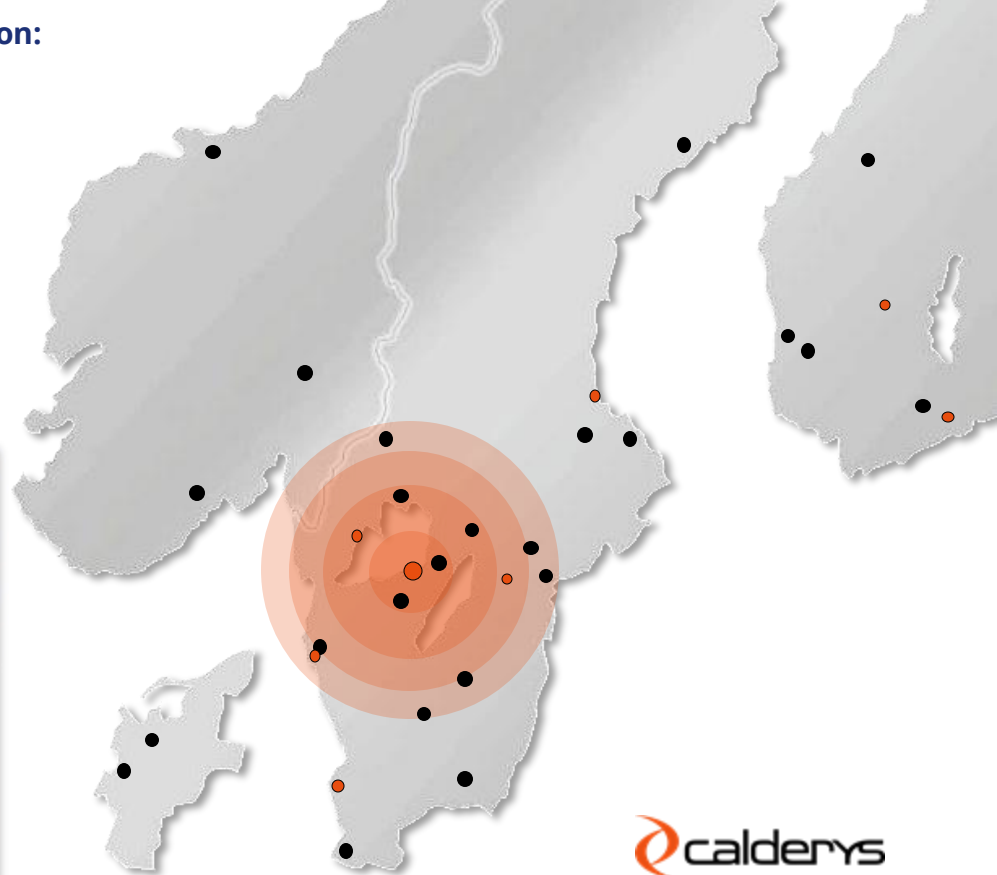
Service Center Mariestad

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We offer comprehensive turnkey solutions, with high focus on:

- Refractory pre-fabrications (“precasts”)
- Mechanical services
- Inductor renovation
- Installation of ladles, runners, and presspour furnaces
- Refractory maintenance
- Breakout and handling of old refractory
- Different dryout and sintering possibilities
- Storage capabilities

With the highest focus on safety and customer reactivity



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Custom-built installation hall with a focus on:

- Safety standards
- Flexibility
- Controlled installation environment
- Dust control
- Shorter lead times and higher adaptability
- Warehouse for customer storage



Mixer Station. Focus on safety and ergonomic solutions



We ensure the properties of the material by monitoring moisture, grain size distribution, and temperature.

03 Projects & Precasts

Examples of in-house projects and precasts

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Inductors

Repairs, lining



Furnace Inductors,
mechanic repair, refractory installation

Induction heaters

Full renovation



Full mechanic and refractory repair of
induction heaters

Ladles

...and more!

Breakout, mechanic repair, lining, dry-out



One-stop-shop for CIF Top-part renovations

Examples of precasts



Precast Ladles

With our **unique patented concept**, we offer a prefabricated solution that **enhances safety** while ensuring greater **flexibility** and **availability** in our customers' production processes.

Together with carefully selected partners, we also provide mechanical solutions and ladles.



Added safety features ensure safe operations throughout the entire lifespan of the ladle.



Concept customizable and tested for ladles up to 15 Metric tons

Precast Ladles

Breakout Installation Sintering Heatup

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Breakout Installation Heatup

04 3D Printing

3D printing services



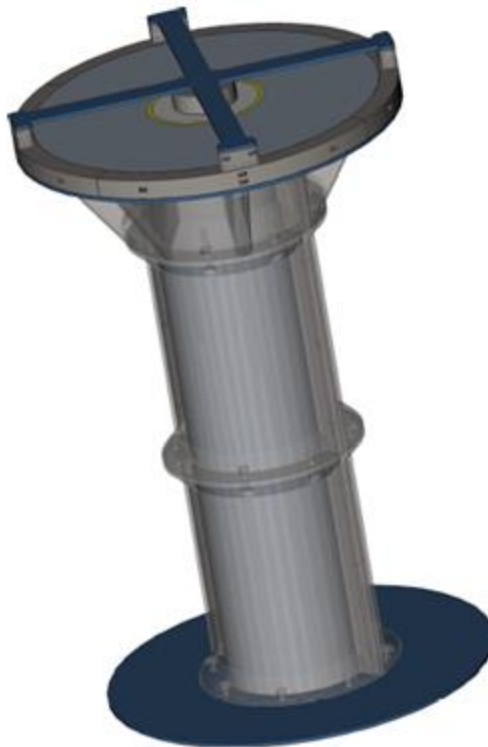
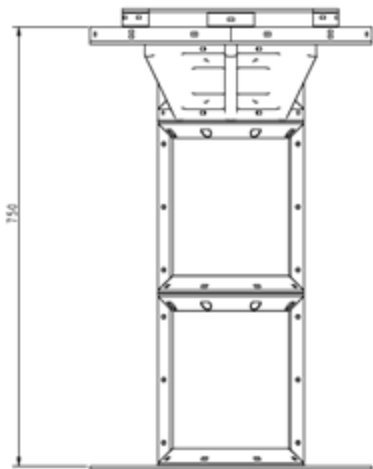
Dedicated Room for 3D printing.



From concept to reality

Advantages

- Complexed shapes
- High durability
- Price
- High flexibility

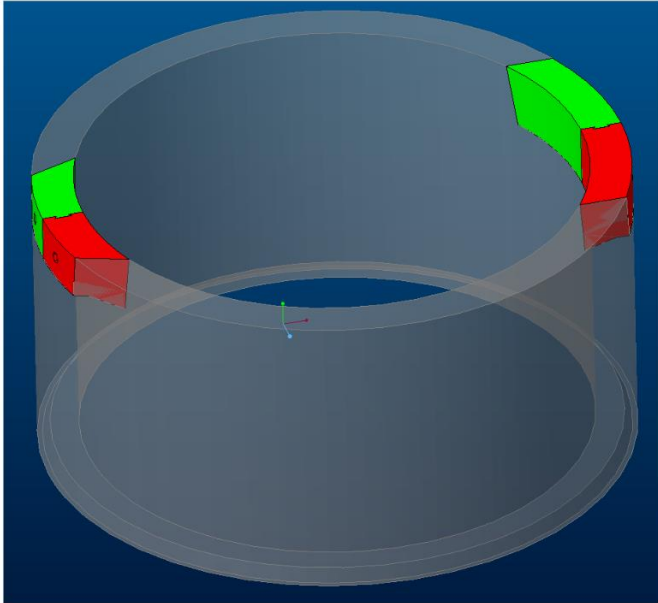


3D printer former

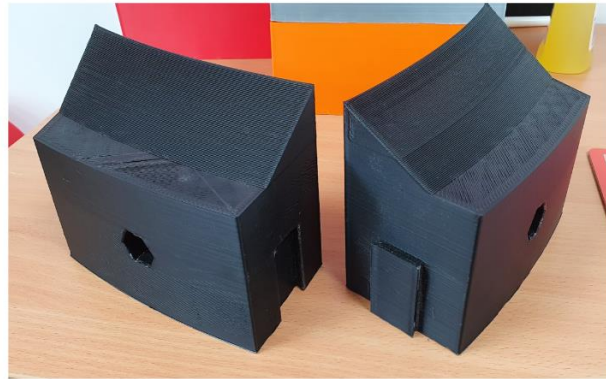
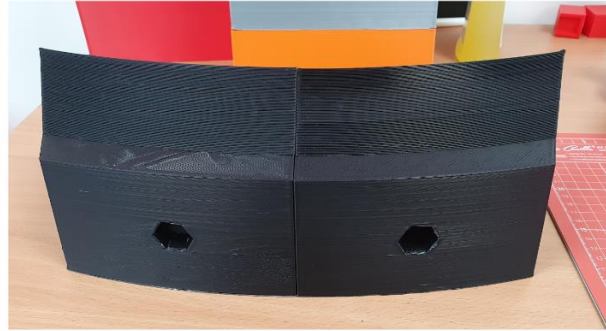


Finished prefabricated piece

3D printing services



3D printed CIF



3D printing services



3D printed molds ready for casting

3D printing services



Casted preshape



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FOUNDRY SAND RECLAMATION AS A SERVICE

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Green sand reclamation

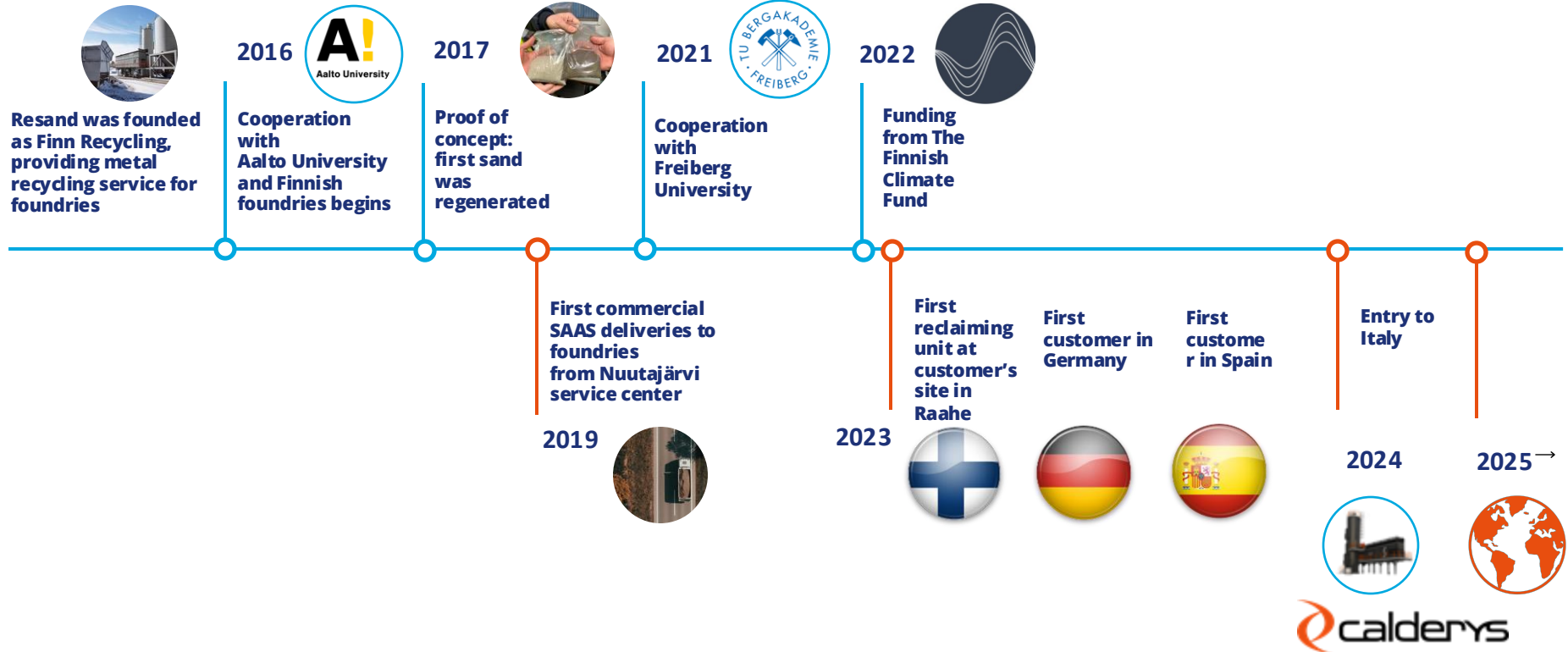
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Sand as a service model

01 Company

History of Resand: Innovation from Finland to the World

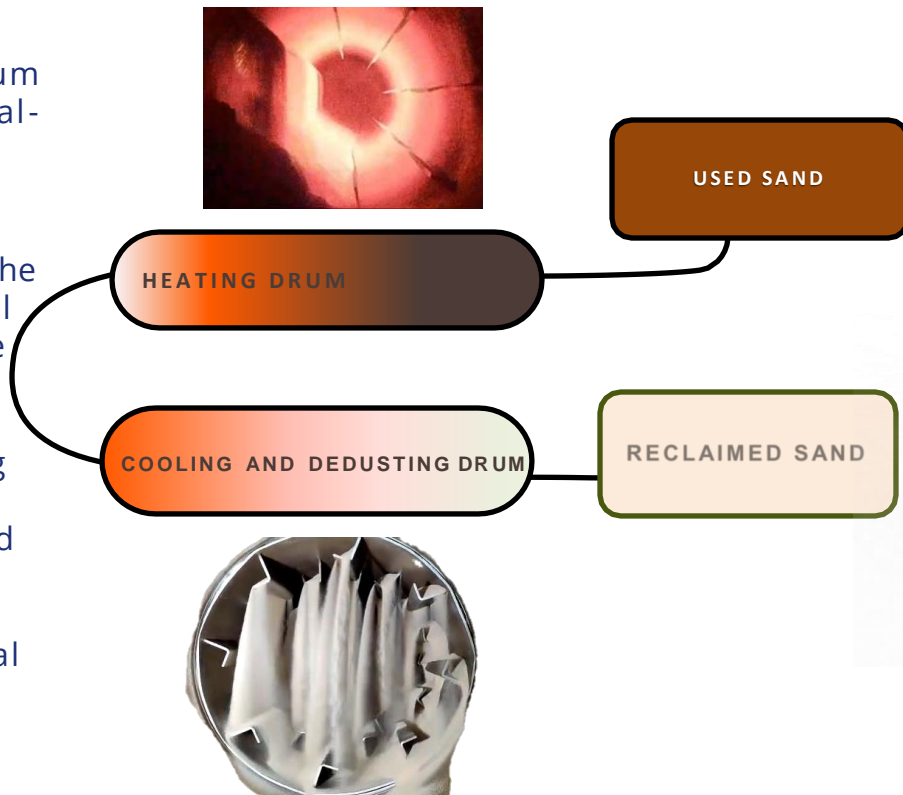
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02 Reclamation technology

Resand reclamation technology, combination of thermal and mechanical treatment

- **Patented** twin-drum system for thermal-mechanical reclamation.
- **Step 1:** cleaning the sand with thermal reclamation in the first drum.
- **Step 2:** Dedusting and cooling the sand in the second drum.
- **Step 3:** Mechanical attrition (Green sand).



Electrically heated unit

Our Reclaiming process cleans the sand efficiently from impurities

Microscopic images of the sands below



Resin Sand (Phenolic)



Resin Sand (Furan)



Cold Box core sand



Green Sand (bentonite bonded)

03 Green Sand Reclamation

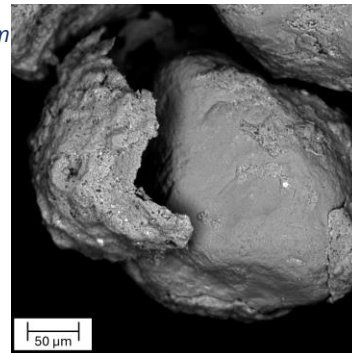
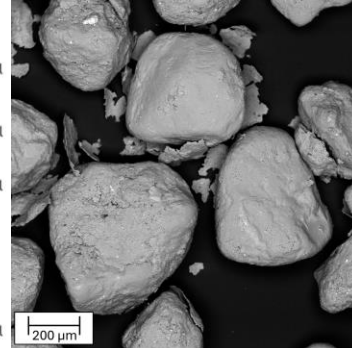
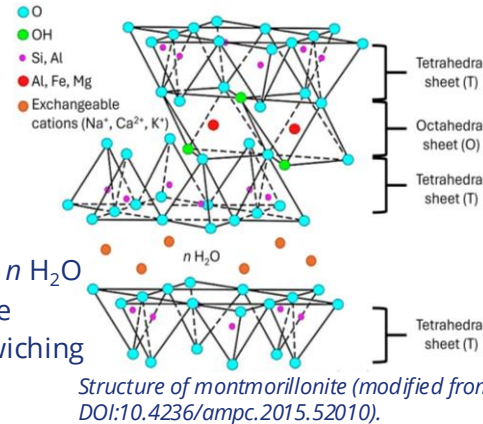
Green Sand Reclamation, What happens in elevated temperatures

TYPICAL COMPOSITION OF GREEN SAND

- Silica sand > 85 wt%
- Bentonite 5–10 wt%
- Carbon containing additive 2,5-7 wt%
- Water 2–3 wt%

BENTONITE

- Main component is montmorillonite: $(\text{Na}, \text{Ca})_{0.33}(\text{Al}, \text{Mg})_2(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})(\text{OH})_2 \cdot n \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 - Chemically described as hydrated Na-, Ca-, Al-, Mg- silicate hydroxide
 - Laminar 2:1 TOT structure: Two tetrahedral (T) sheets of Si/Al sandwiching one octahedral sheet (O) of Al/Fe/Mg
- Crystal water (H_2O) and chemically bonded -OH groups



SEM-BSE images of green sand grains.

BEHAVIOR AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURES

1. Dehydration 100–300 °C

- Absorbed and interlayer water (between planar layers) is evaporated

2. Dehydroxylation 500–550 °C or 650–700 °C (depending on the bentonite type)

- Structural water, i.e., hydroxyl groups (-OH) are disintegrating and releasing from the lattice by forming water
- Bentonite is deactivated, its water absorbing properties are lost, loosely bound dead clay on the sand surfaces

3. Crystal structure decomposition, recrystallization > 850 °C

- Crystal structure formation into an amorphous form
- Strongly bound, sintered clay, oolitic deposits & high-temperature phases formation on the sand surfaces

Green Sand Reclamation, What are important aspects to reach successful reclamation results

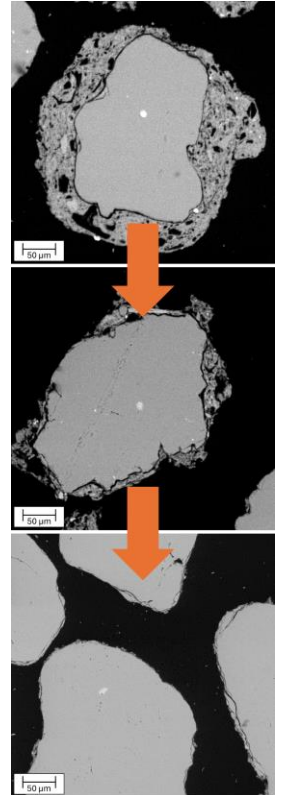
MAIN OBJECTIVES

1. Burning of residual carbon – Exothermic reaction
 - $C + O_2 (g) = CO_2 (g)$
2. Evaporation of residual (crystal and structural) water – Endothermic reaction
 - $H_2O (l) = H_2O (g)$
 - Embrittlement of the crystal structure and deactivation of bentonite
3. Avoiding deactivated, loosely bound dead bentonite from reacting with silica grains
 - Essential to avoid sintering or further formation of an oolitic layer
4. Removal of the oolitic layer (formed during casting due to heat exposure)
 - Not too intensive attrition and thus high dust generation and low yields of reclaimed sand
 - Particle size distribution must be kept optimal for further use in a foundry
5. Separation of fine fraction (detached bentonite and weakened sand grains) from the reclaimed sand

ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES & SUCCESSFUL RECLAMATION OF GREEN SAND WITH RESAND TECHNOLOGY

- Extensive research and process development & optimization
 - Research cooperation with TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Gießerei-Institut
- Precise process control and possibilities for process adjustment
 - Temperature and oxidative conditions controlling
- After successful reclamation, the reclaimed sand suitable to be used also in Cold Box system
 - Better gas permeability has also been observed in the reclaimed sand compared to new sand

SEM-BSE images of cross-sections of green sand grains.



Green sand reclamation, different methods can be used depending on the objectives

DIFFERENT PROCESSING METHODS FOR GREEN SAND DEPENDING OBJECTIVES:

- Processing method 1: Drying, light attrition, thermal treatment, light attrition
- Processing method 2: Thermal treatment, light attrition

METHOD 1.

- **Step 1. Drying and light attrition**
Result: removed dust contains
- **Active clay 30-50%**
- **Active coal 10-20%**
- **Re-use?**

Step 2. Thermal treatment and light attrition

Result:

- **Active clay content** < 0,2%
- **LOI** ~ 0,1%
- **Oolithisation** < 3,0%
- **pH** ~ 8

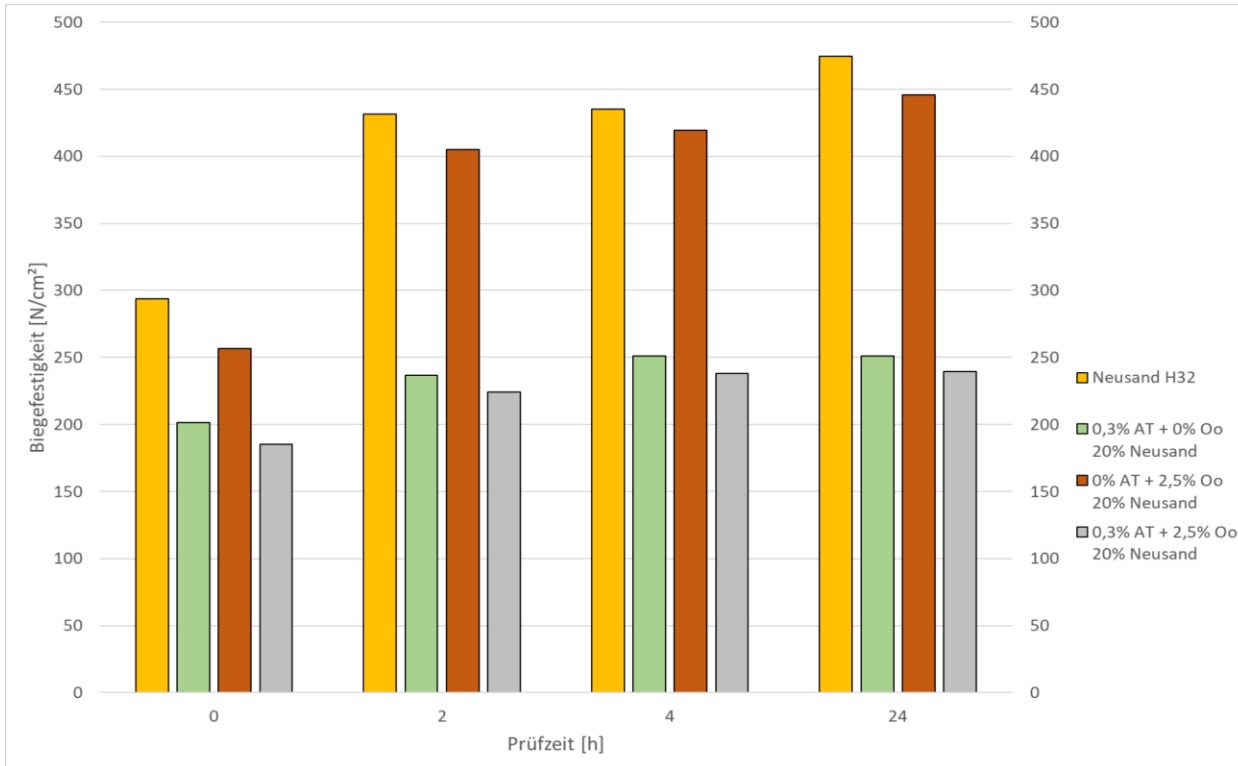
METHOD 2:

- **Step 1. Thermal treatment and light attrition**
Result:
- **Active clay content** < 0,2%
- **LOI** ~ 0,1%
- **Oolithisation** < 3,0%
- **pH** ~ 8
- **Total yield** ~ 70%

Important to achieve low Active clay and Oolithisation content with the highest possible yield.

What affects most on strength values when using reclaimed sand in Cold box process

EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF ACTIVE CLAY IN RECLAIMED SAND AFFECTS ON ACHIEVABLE STRENGTHS IN THE PUR COLD BOX PROCESS



AT = Aktive Ton = Active bentonite

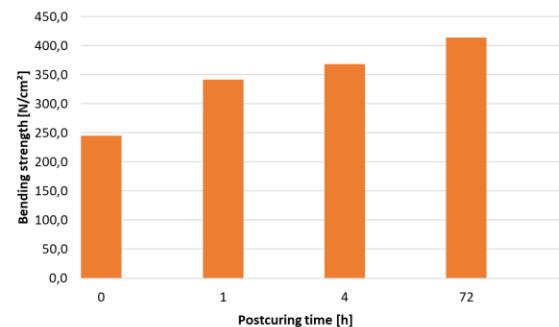
Oo = Degree of oolitisation

Achieved bending strength with Resand technology

in Cold box process
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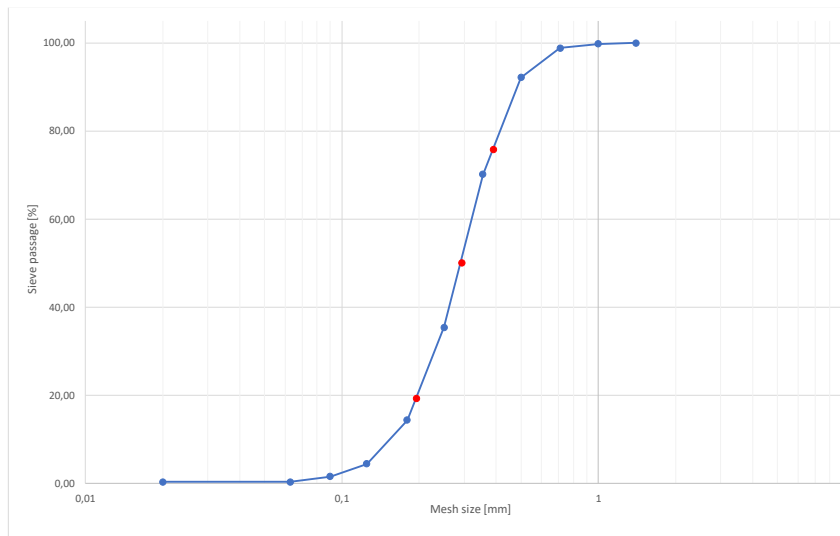
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Processor	hã		Additiv	-
Temperature	22,9°C/30%LF		Binder	0,8% / 0,8% HA st. binder
Test instrument	Biegefestigkeit Prüfmaschine		Temp. Reg./Sand	



Cut-off time	Measuring time [h]	Mass bar [g]	Average	Standard Diviation	Bending Strength [N/cm²]	Average	Standard Diviation
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		146,0			256,6		
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		145,5			347,8		
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		145,5			371,1		
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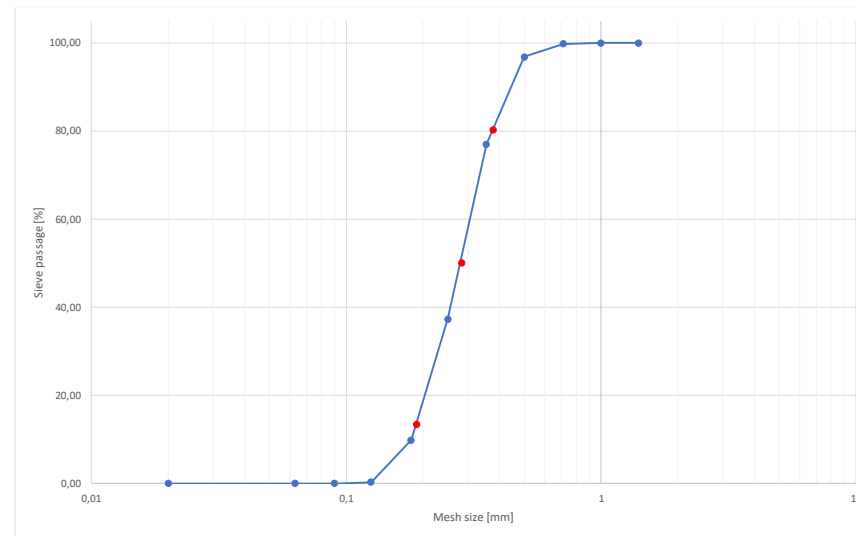
Grain size distribution, no significant change caused by the reclamation

Used sand



Mean grain size [mm]	0,294
Degree of uniformity [%]	56,59
AFS-Number	52,23
Theoretical specific surface area [cm ² /g]	88,93

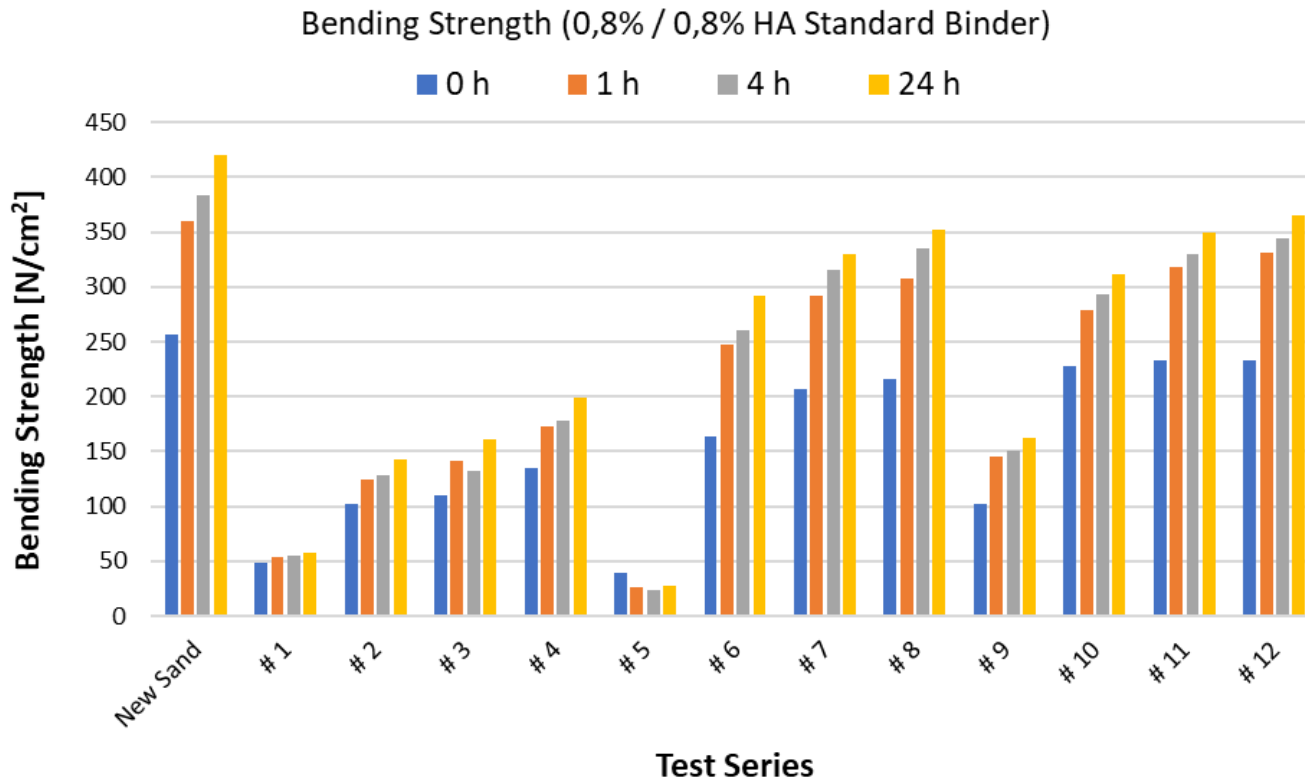
Reclaimed sand



Mean grain size [mm]	0,284
Degree of uniformity [%]	66,78
AFS-Number	50,14
Theoretical specific surface area [cm ² /g]	85,04

Several years of extensive research on different green sand reclamation methods

AN EXTENSIVE SERIES OF TESTS USING DIFFERENT RECLAIMING METHODS AND PROCESSING PARAMETERS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT TO DETERMINE THE BEST RESULT



04 Sand as a service model

The business model: SAAS Unit on site in the foundry, easy way to start sand reclamation

SAAS UNITS IN TWO SIZES

Capacity of the unit max. 2,5ton/h
Gas-fired
Can be installed outside
Low space requirement



Capacity of the unit max. 1 ton/h
Fully electrical
Can be installed outside
Low space requirement



- The operator is the customer
- Resand takes care of maintenance and servicing ("all-in") including process monitoring by means of remote monitoring
- Customer pays SaaS fee and energy costs on site



Siempelkamp Foundry
in Krefeld, Germany

With Resand technology, sand can be used again and again and save natural resources

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Producing Non-Iron Castings in Green Sand

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Pouring Process

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Non-Iron Process "Vertical"

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Casting Examples

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Non-Iron Process "Horizontal"

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Shaping Industry

DISA

ItalPresseGauss

SIMPSON

StrikoWestofen

wheelabrator



Monitizer

StrikoWestofen



Melting

SIMPSON



Sand Preparation
& Multi-Cooler

DiSA



Vertical

ItalPresseGauss



Turnkey
Die Casting Cell

wheelabrator



Wheelblast

Monitizer



Collect & visualize data



Dosing



Sand
Testing



Matchplate



High Pressure
Die Casting



Airblast



Analyze production data



Pouring



Sand
Reclamation



Horizontal



Gravity / Low
Pressure Die Casting



Specialist peening
services



Use AI to intervene in
production processes



Non-Iron on DISA

Your Complete Foundry Supplier

As a complete foundry partner and a market leader of moulding equipment, we have the ability to turn an empty field or an existing building into a complete, modern foundry.



World-Class Technology Centers



*Research and Development Center,
DISAMATIC, DISA MATCH*

DISA HQ, Taastrup DK



*DISAMATIC C-line, DISA MATCH,
Mixers and Plant equipment*

DISA Hanjiang, China



*DISAMATIC C-line, DISA MATCH,
DISA FLEX, Mixers and Plant equipment*

DISA Tumkur, India

Non-iron DISA lines across the World



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Shaping Industry

Non-Iron on DISA

Advantages

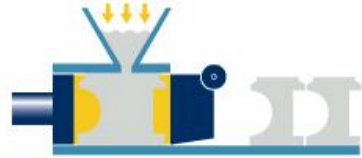
- **Good surface quality**
(e.g., $6.35\mu\text{m Ra}$ - $33.40\mu\text{m Rz}$ - Figures for Alu*)
- **Flexible productivity** - Speed at 75 to 555 moulds (shots) per hour with core setting
- **Fast tool changing time** – just 1 – 5 minutes
- **Low-cost patterns** - From wood to tool steel (starting from ~1500 Euros)
- **High pattern lifetime** - 500.000+ moulds (shots) with low pattern maintenance cost
- **Short lead times** - quick from CAD design to casting
- **Low manpower** - High output per line with few people to operate



The DISAMATIC Technology – Vertical Moulding

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A Norican Technology



1 Sand shot



2 Mould squeeze



3 Stripping & chamber opening



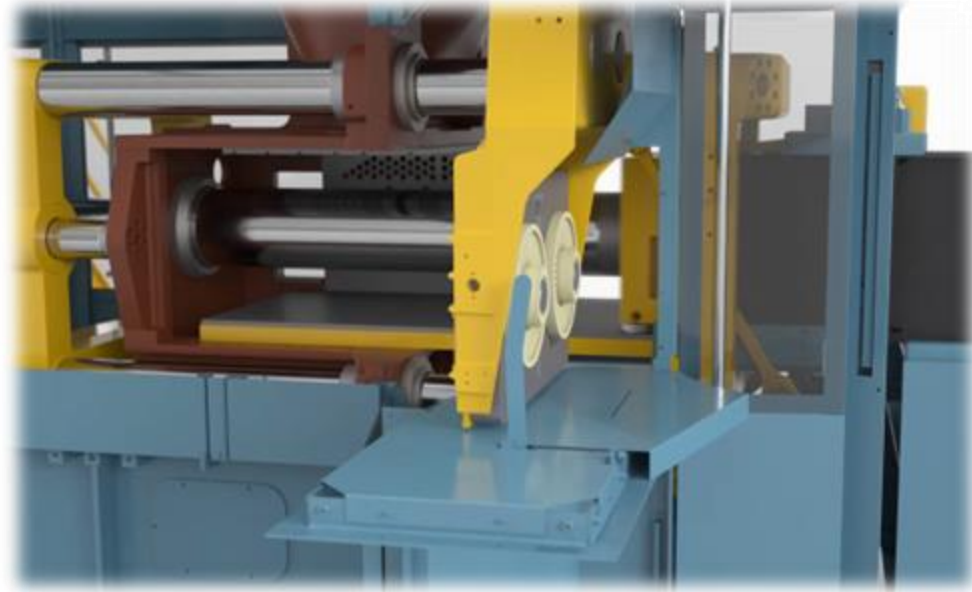
4 Mould close up



5 Stripping and returning



6 Closing the chamber



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Core setting Vertical - Automatic

- Core setting is done with automatic core setter.
 - Cores held on the mask by vacuum
 - Everyday millions of cores put in place by this method.
- **Meaning a proven and very efficient technology**

Easy production changeover (QPC)

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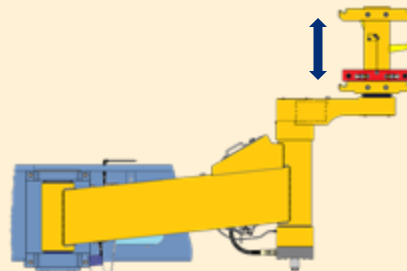
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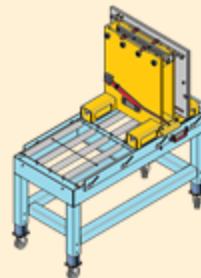
2-3 min.
Pattern change
time

250/300
kg
Lifting capacity
(D3/D5)

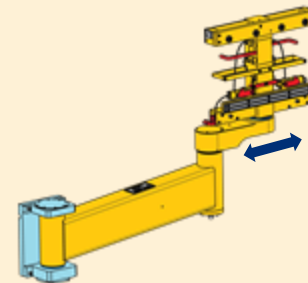
Gripping and lifting design
for **DISAMATIC D3**



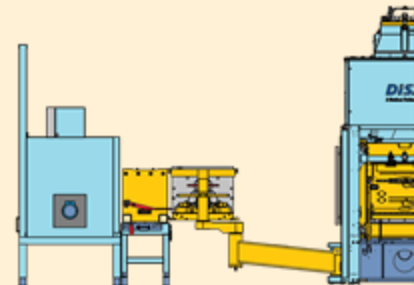
Moveable table for **safe transport**
of **pattern plates**



Rolling and locking design
for **DISAMATIC D5**



Pattern plate preheating unit for
optimal pattern temperature

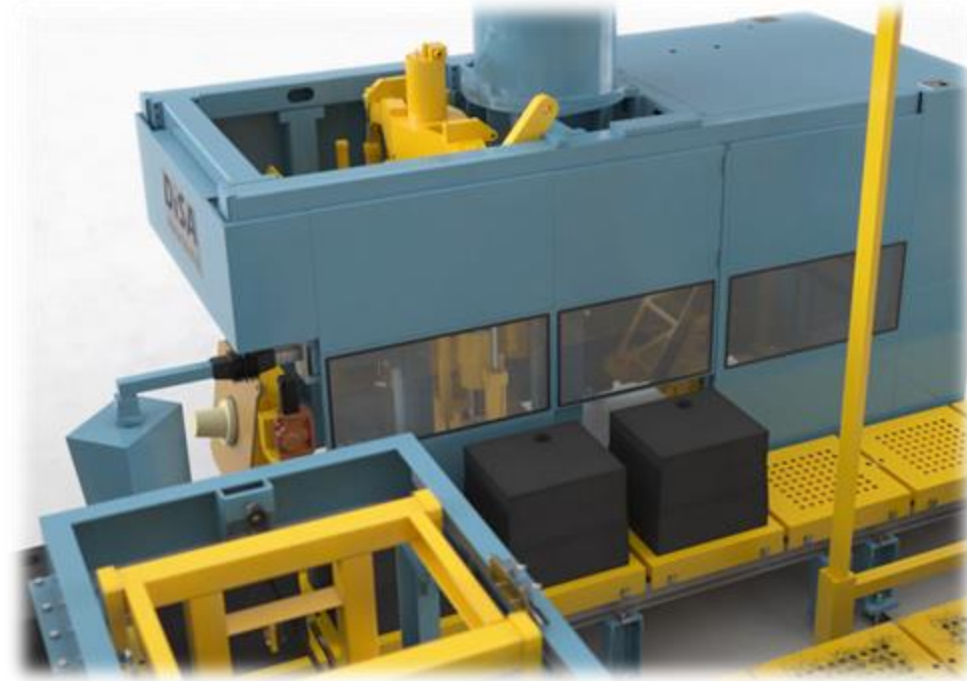
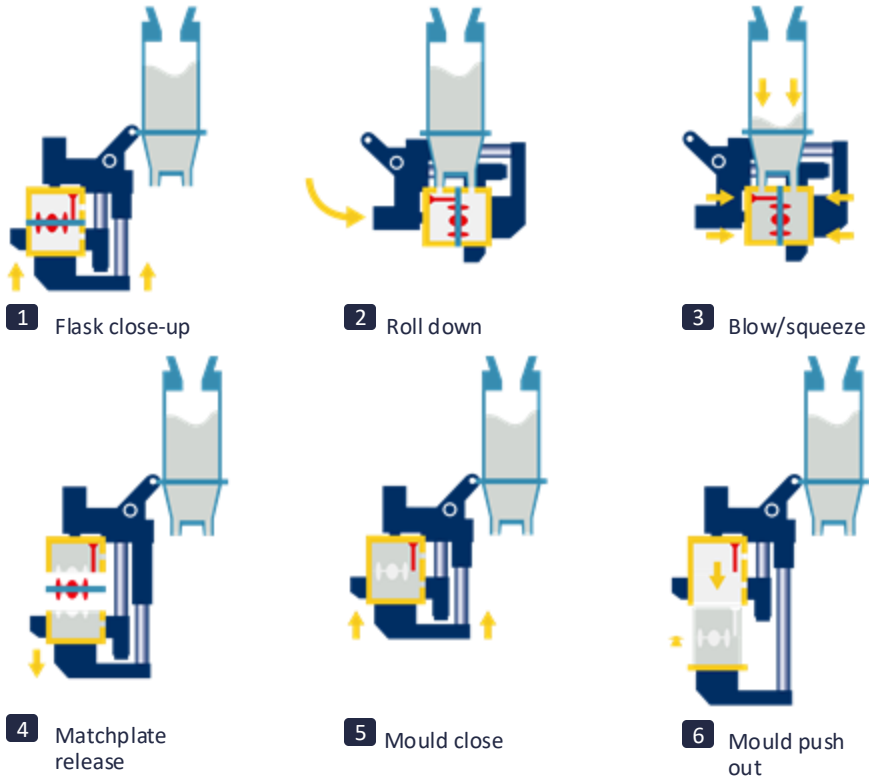


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The DISA MATCH technology – Horizontal Moulding

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High accuracy core setting (CSE)

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3-4 x

More time
available for core
setting

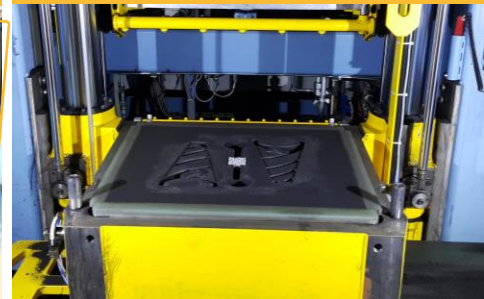
5-12 s

Core setting
cycle time

Improved operators ergonomi
with **ideal core setting position**



Fixed drag flask for **high precision core setting**



Core mask guide pins allow **fast change without adjustments**



Operator light for **brighter working conditions**



Easy and quick production changeover (QMC)

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2-3 min.
Changing time

255-400
kg
Lifting capacity

User-friendly change-unit can be
operated by anyone



Spacious area with light curtains
for optimal working conditions



DISA QMC enables matchplate
change in 2-3 minutes



Enhance workplace by removing
heavy pattern plate lifting



Easy and quick production changeover (Manual)

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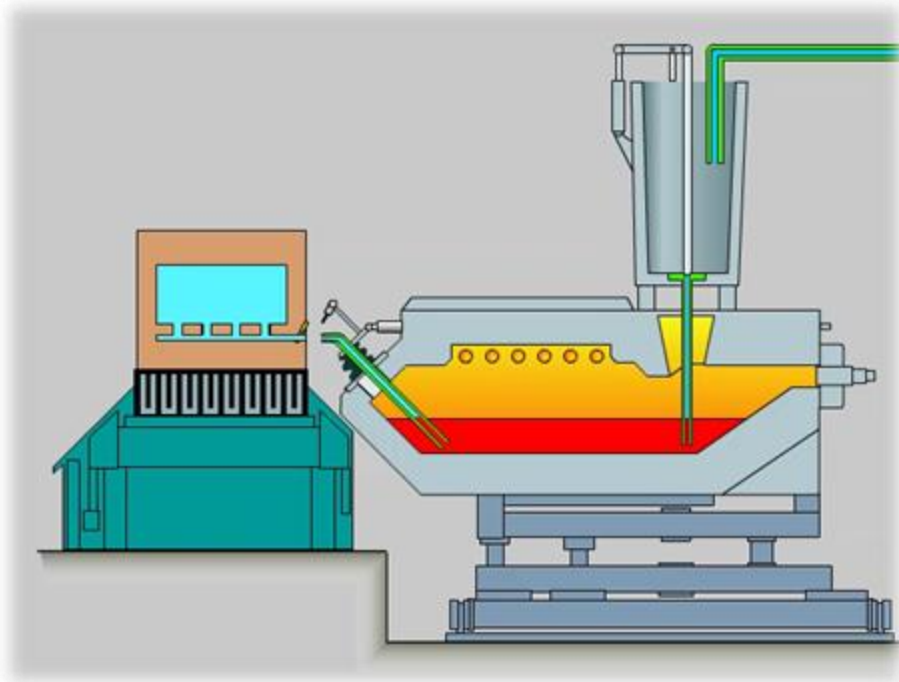
Pouring – Hand – Ladle

- For aluminium, copper alloys and steel castings most castings can be poured by hand – ladle
- › Simple and cheap solution
- › Suitable for
 - › slow-medium production
 - › short series
 - › different alloy production



Pouring – Robot – Spoon

- Fully or semi-automated robot solutions can be applied for more accurate pouring application.
- › Less dependency on labour
- › Less operational cost
- › Medium budget

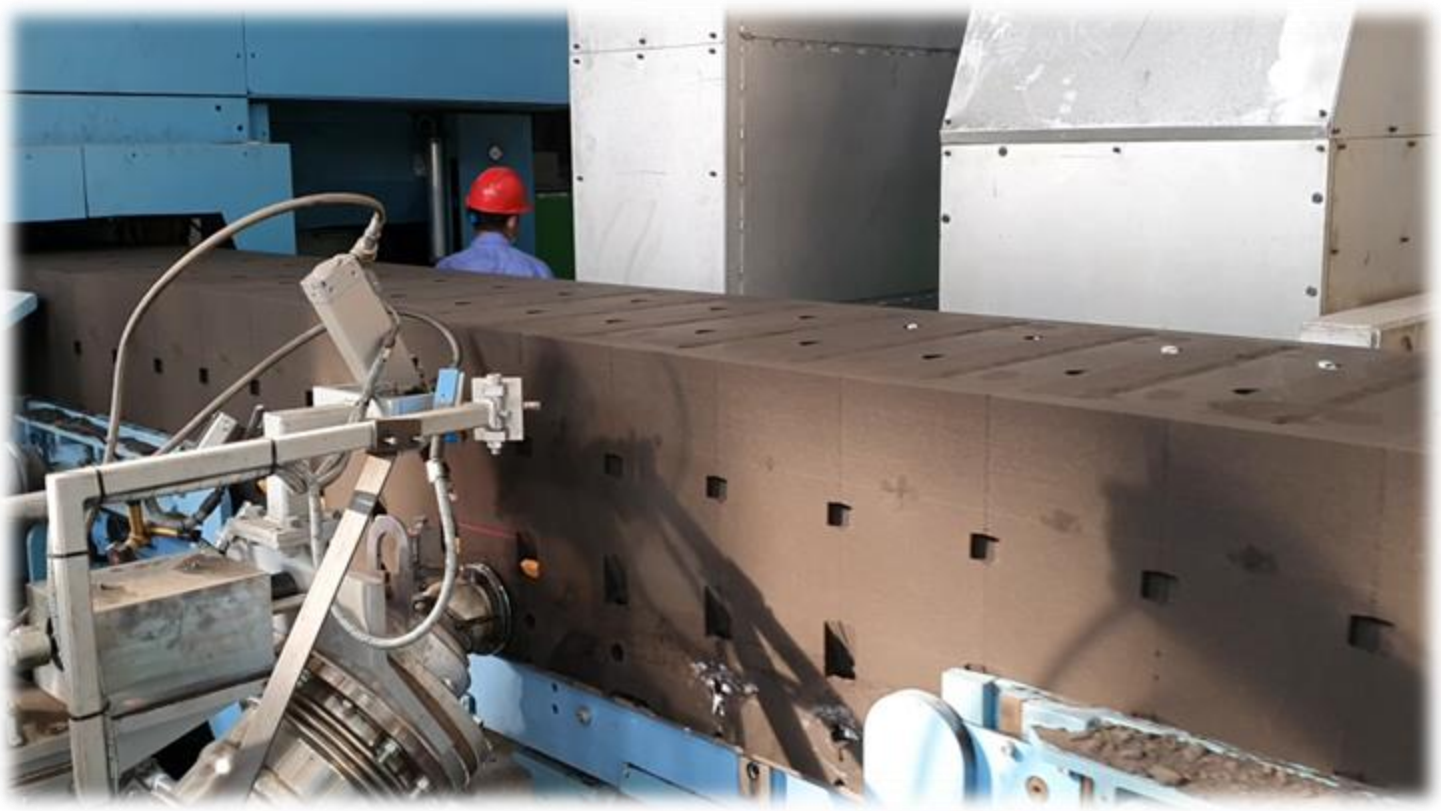


Pouring – Advanced – Low Pressure

- Aluminium oxides have a negative impact on the mechanical properties
- Very important to reduce the formation of oxides in order to have highest possible mechanical properties
- Laminar flow with very good control over the melt, no splashes, no turbulence
- Pouring is done from the lower part of the mould side with a pressurized furnace to secure laminar calm flow
- A core is used to close to runner bar

Aluminium on DISA

Pouring – Advanced – Low Pressure



- Green sand moulding and especially vertical green sand moulding proven to be a very cost-efficient way to produce iron castings
- This cost efficiency can be transferred to production of Non-Iron castings

It is now feasible to produce Aluminium & Bronze & Steel castings in green sand
Modern moulding equipment now exists matching these smaller yearly volumes



has

Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

BASE CASTING

Alloy: AlMg

Casting Weight: 10.7 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISA MATCH 32/32

Foundry name: Trio Foundry Inc.

Country: USA



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

HEAT EXCHANGER

Alloy: A356

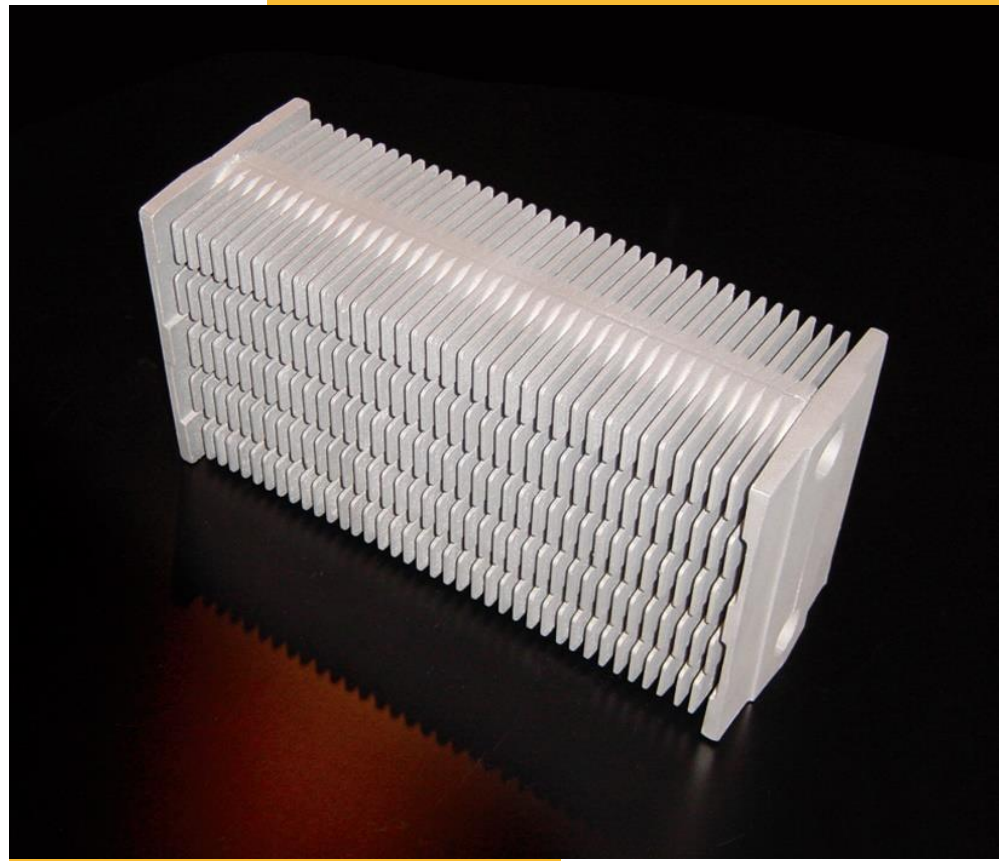
Casting Weight: 5.2 kg

Castings per mould: -

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2120-C

Foundry name: ATL

Country: UK



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

TANK INLET

Alloy: AlSi

Total Weight: 1.4 kg

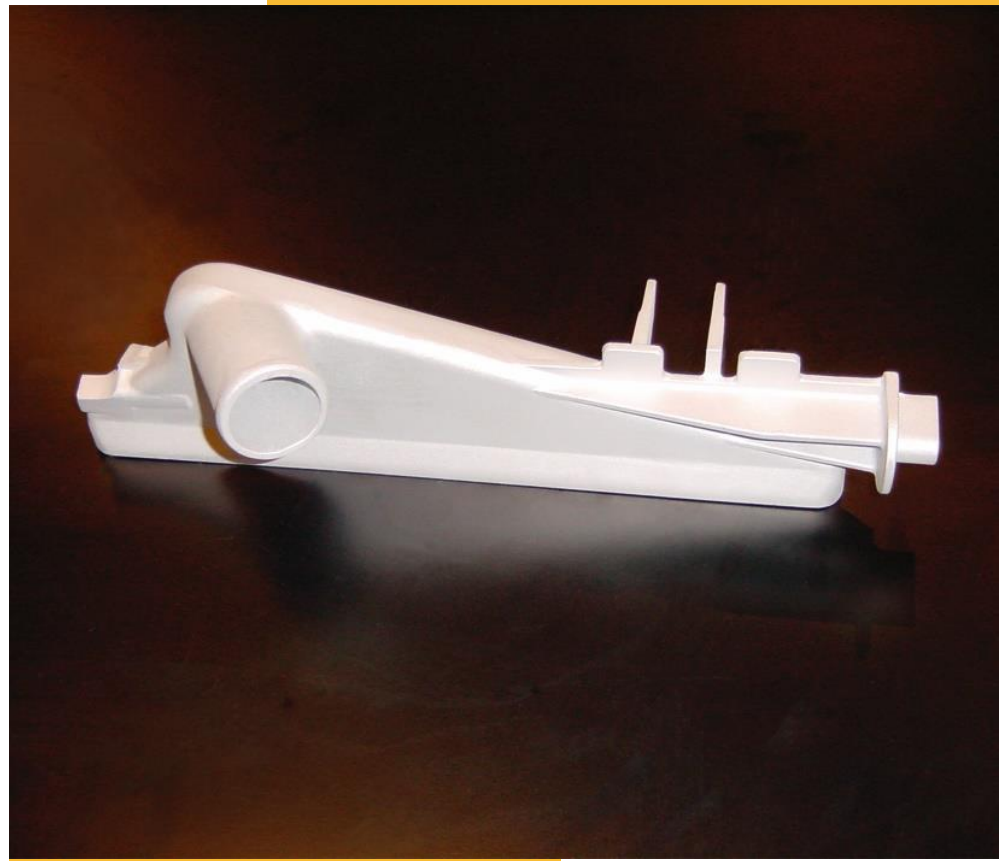
Casting Weight: 0.94 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: Jæger

Country: Denmark



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

IMPACT CUP

Alloy: AlSi7Mg

Casting Weight: 1.05 kg

Castings per mould: -

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2120-C

Foundry name: ATL

Country: UK



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

HEAT EXCHANGER

Alloy: Al

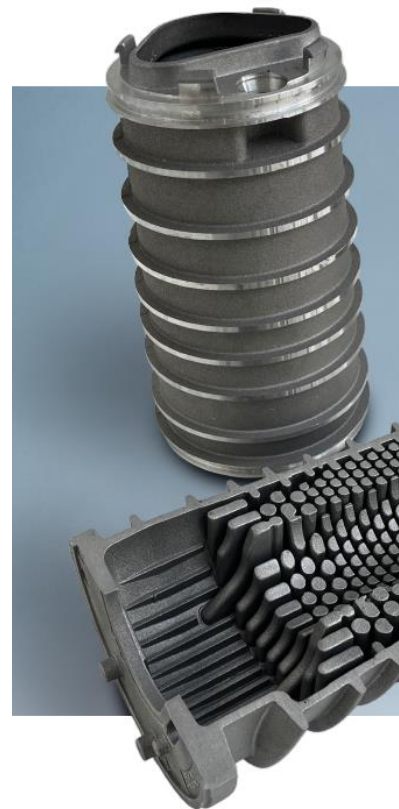
Casting Weight: 7.6 kg

Castings per mould: 2

Produced on: DISAMATIC 240-C

Foundry name: Saint Jean

Country: Spain



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

CONNECTION PART

Alloy: AlSi7Mg

Casting Weight: 1.25 kg

Castings per mould: -

Produced on:

Foundry name:

Country:



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

TRANSMISSION HOUSING

Alloy: AlSi7Mg

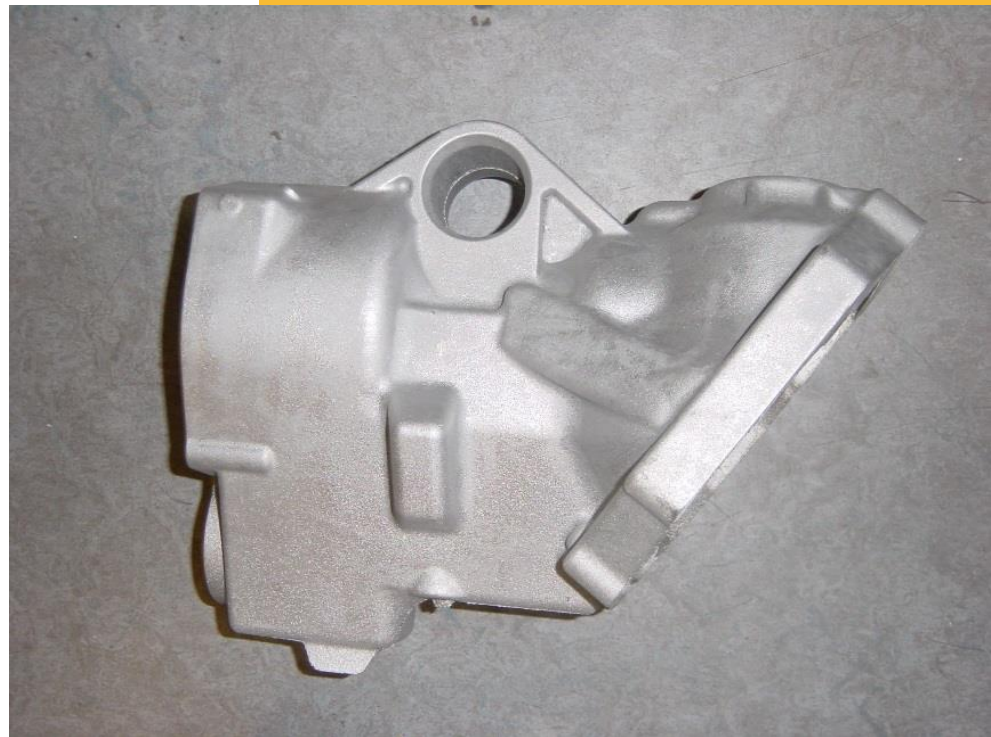
Casting Weight: 4.5 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2013 B

Foundry name:

Country:



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

VENTILATOR WHEEL

Alloy: A1Si

Total Weight: 0.28 kg

Casting Weight: -

Castings per mould: 2

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: Rüther

Country: Germany



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

INTAKE MANIFOLD

Alloy: AlSi8Mg

Casting Weight: 2.7 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 230-C

Foundry name: BREA

Country: France



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

BUMPER BRACKET

Alloy: AlSi7Mg

Casting Weight: 0.3 kg

Castings per mould: 9

Produced on: DISA 2120-C

UTS: 203 +/-2 Mpa

Yild strength: 144 +/- 1.6 Mpa

Elongation: 13.5 % +/-0.75 %

Tolerances: < 0.15 mm



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

FLANGE

Alloy: AIsi

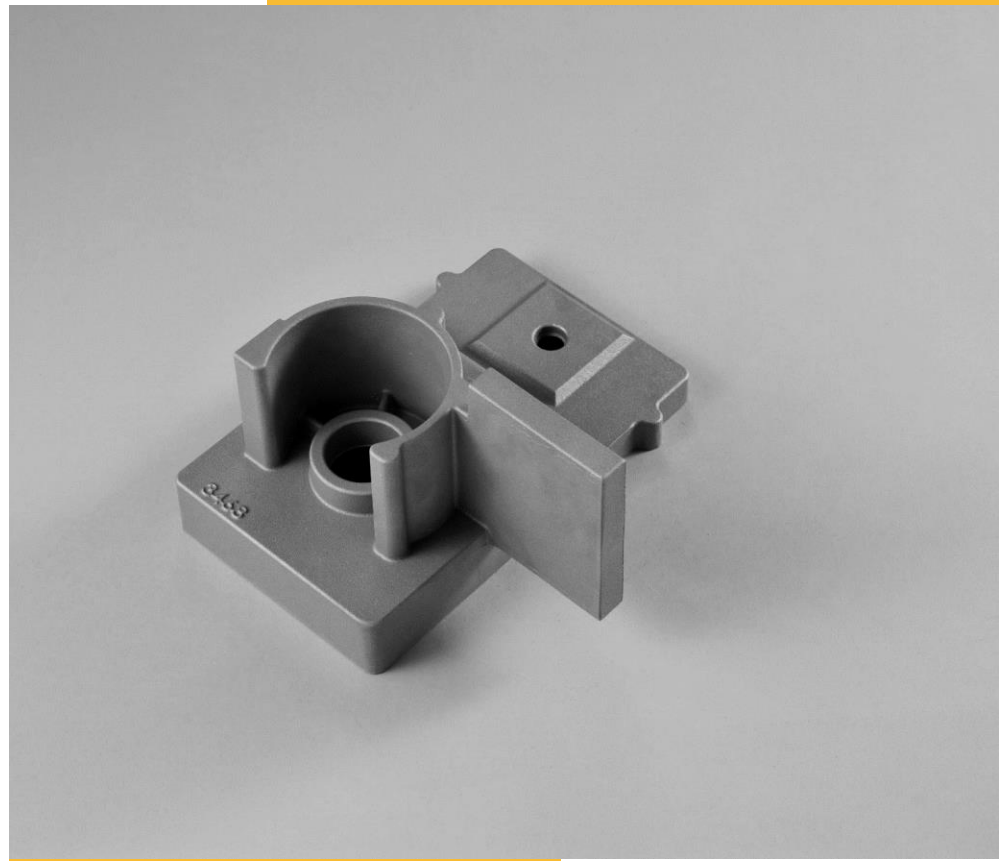
Casting Weight: 2.15 kg

Castings per mould: -

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: Rüther

Country: Germany



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

STEERING WHEEL

Alloy: Al

Casting Weight: 0.6 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: Scherb

Country: Germany



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

CONTROL ARM

Alloy: AlSi7Mg with T6

Casting Weight: 5.0 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2013 B

Foundry name: DISA

Country: Denmark

Elongation:

Obtained 6 %

Demand >3 %

Yield strength:

Obtained 245 MPa

Demand >200 MPa

Ultimate tensile strength:

Obtained 309 MPa

Demand >250 MPa



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

HYDRAULIC BLOCK

Alloy: AlSi8Cu3

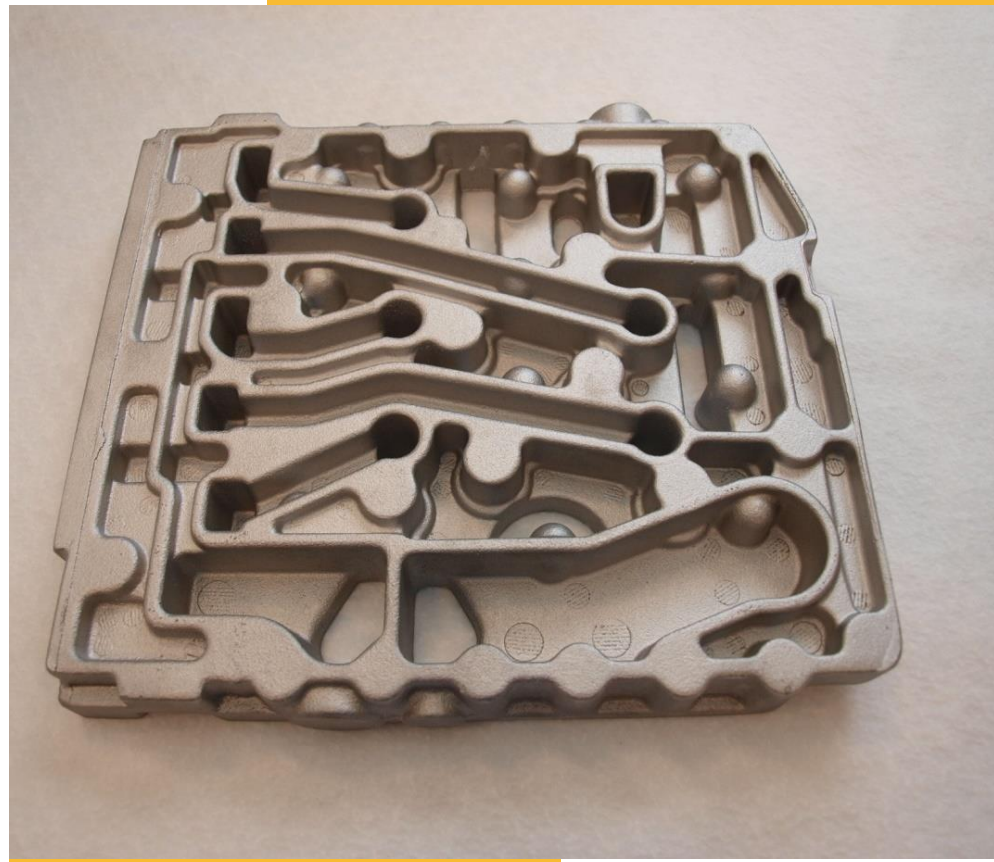
Casting Weight: 3.2 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: Scherb

Country: Germany



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

GAS VALVE

Alloy: AlSi7Mg0.3 T6

Casting Weight: 2.38 kg

Castings per mould: 2

Produced on: DISA MATCH 130 (20/24)

Foundry name: Littlestown

Country: USA



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

FLY WHEEL HOUSING

Alloy: AlSi7Mg

Casting Weight: 3.9 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISA MATCH 20/24

Foundry name: Aluminum Castings

Country: USA



Aluminium Castings Made on DISA

COMPRESSOR

Alloy: AlSi7Mg

Casting Weight: 5.1 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISA MATCH 20/24

Foundry name: Aluminum Castings

Country: USA



Copper Alloy Castings Made on DISA

IMPELLER

Alloy: ALU BRONZE

Casting Weight: 2.6 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: MT Jæger

Country: Denmark



Copper Alloy Castings Made on DISA

FLUSH VALVE

Alloy: BRONZE RG5

Casting Weight: 1.2 kg

Castings per mould: 4

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: Duratex

Country: Brazil



Copper Alloy Castings Made on DISA

WATER SUPPLY PART

Alloy: BRONZE

Casting Weight: 8 kg

Castings per mould:

Produced on:

Foundry name:

Country:



Copper Alloy Castings Made on DISA

BALL VALVE BODY

Alloy: BRONZE

Casting Weight: 0,4 kg

Castings per mould:

**Produced on: DISA MATCH
14x19**

Foundry name: Ford Meter Box

Country: USA



Copper Alloy Castings Made on DISA

VALVE HOUSING

Alloy: BRONZE

Casting Weight: 4,8 kg

Castings per mould:

Produced on:

Foundry name:

Country:



Copper Alloy Castings Made on DISA

VALVE BODY

Alloy: BRONZE

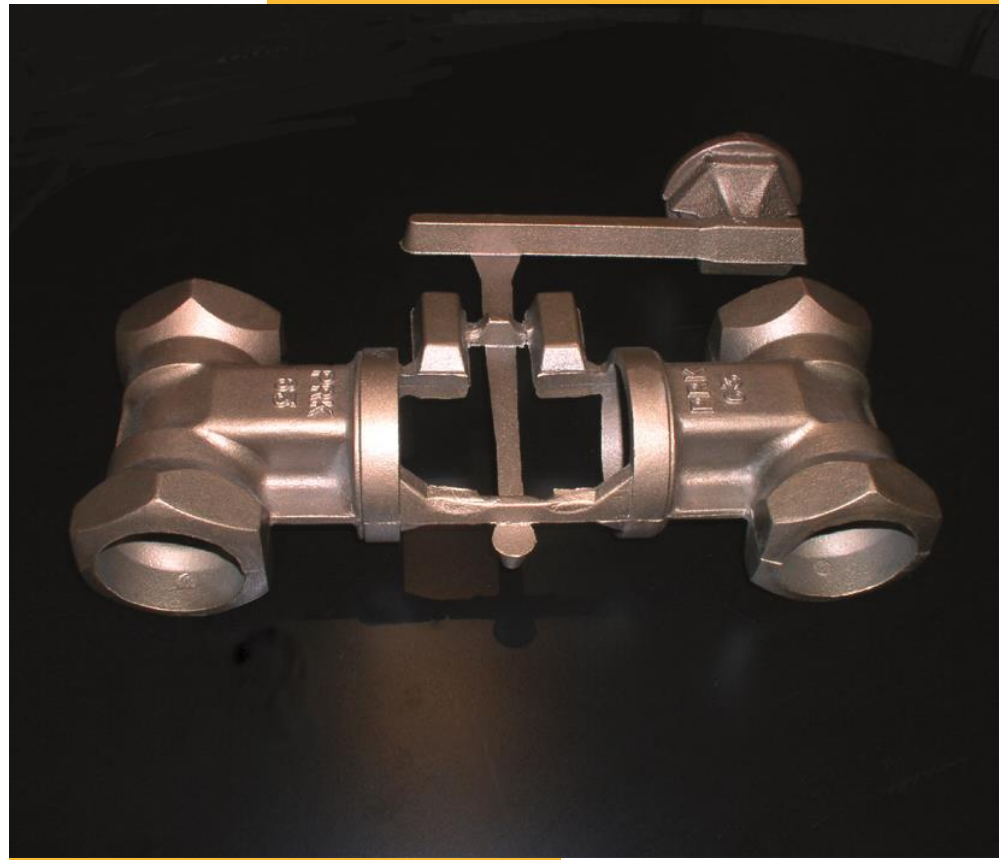
Casting Weight: 3.05 kg

Castings per mould: 2

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: Jæger

Country: Denmark



Steel Castings Made on DISA

CONTAINER CORNERS

Alloy: Steel

Casting Weight: 10.5 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: DISA Test

Country: Denmark



Steel Castings Made on DISA

MANIFOLD

Alloy: Steel

Casting Weight: 8 kg

Castings per mould: 1

Produced on: DISAMATIC 2110

Foundry name: DISA Test

Country: Denmark



Thank you for your attention !!! - Questions ???





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Sustainable and digital

Twin transition in Swedish foundries

Åsa Lauenstein, RISE


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Åsa Lauenstein

Senior researcher at RISE

Cast steel components and
the casting process

Engaged in the twin
transition of Swedish
industry

– green and digital!

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RISE

Research Institutes of Sweden

- More than 30 locations in Sweden and abroad
- Was formed in 2016 by merging 30 smaller institutes
- 3300 researchers, engineers, and specialists
- 130 laboratories and demonstration facilities
- Competence within materials transition, mobility, digitalisation, energy, sustainable societies, health care and life science
- Transition management and life-long learning



Agenda

1. Twin transition – what?
2. Towards a sustainable foundry
3. Towards a digital foundry
4. Twin transition – where to?



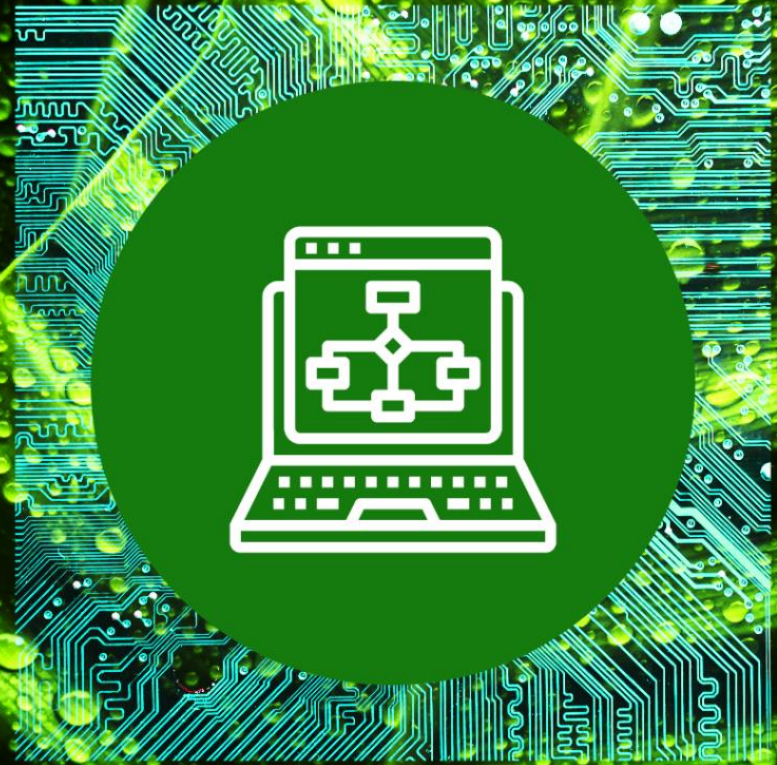
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Twin transition:

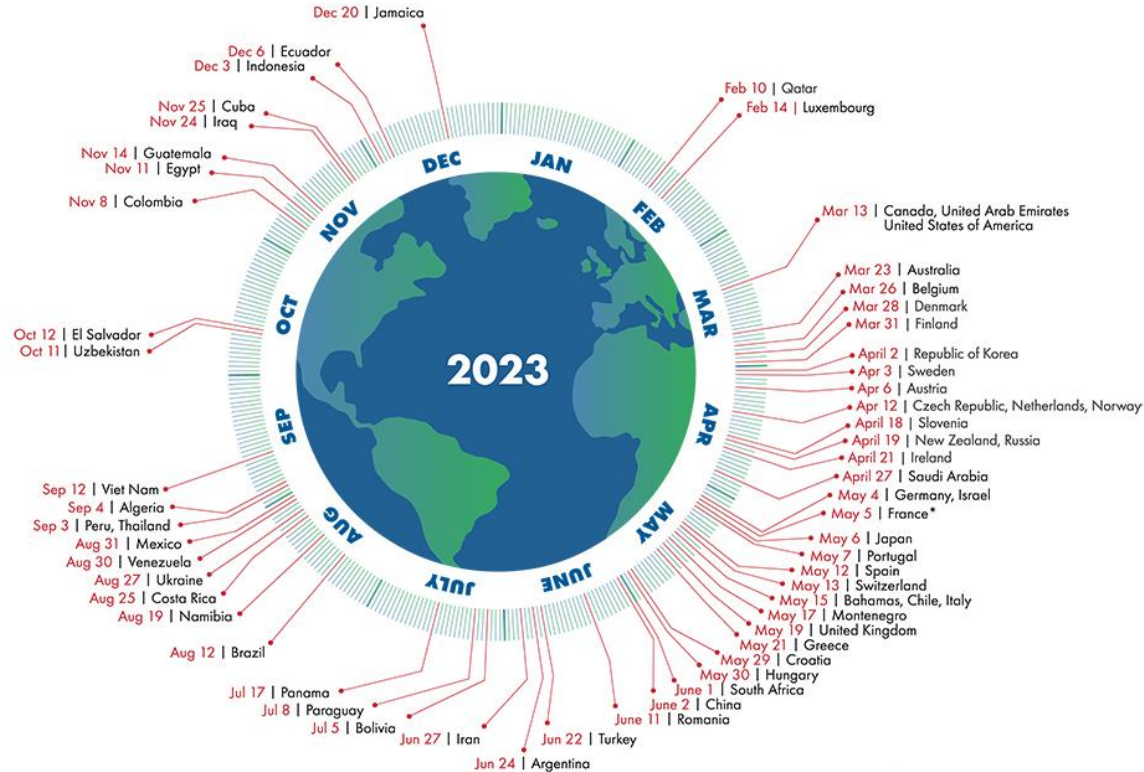
Green and digital



The twin transitions: are digital technologies the key
to a clean energy future? - OECD.AI

Country Overshoot Days 2023

When would Earth Overshoot Day land if the world's population lived like...

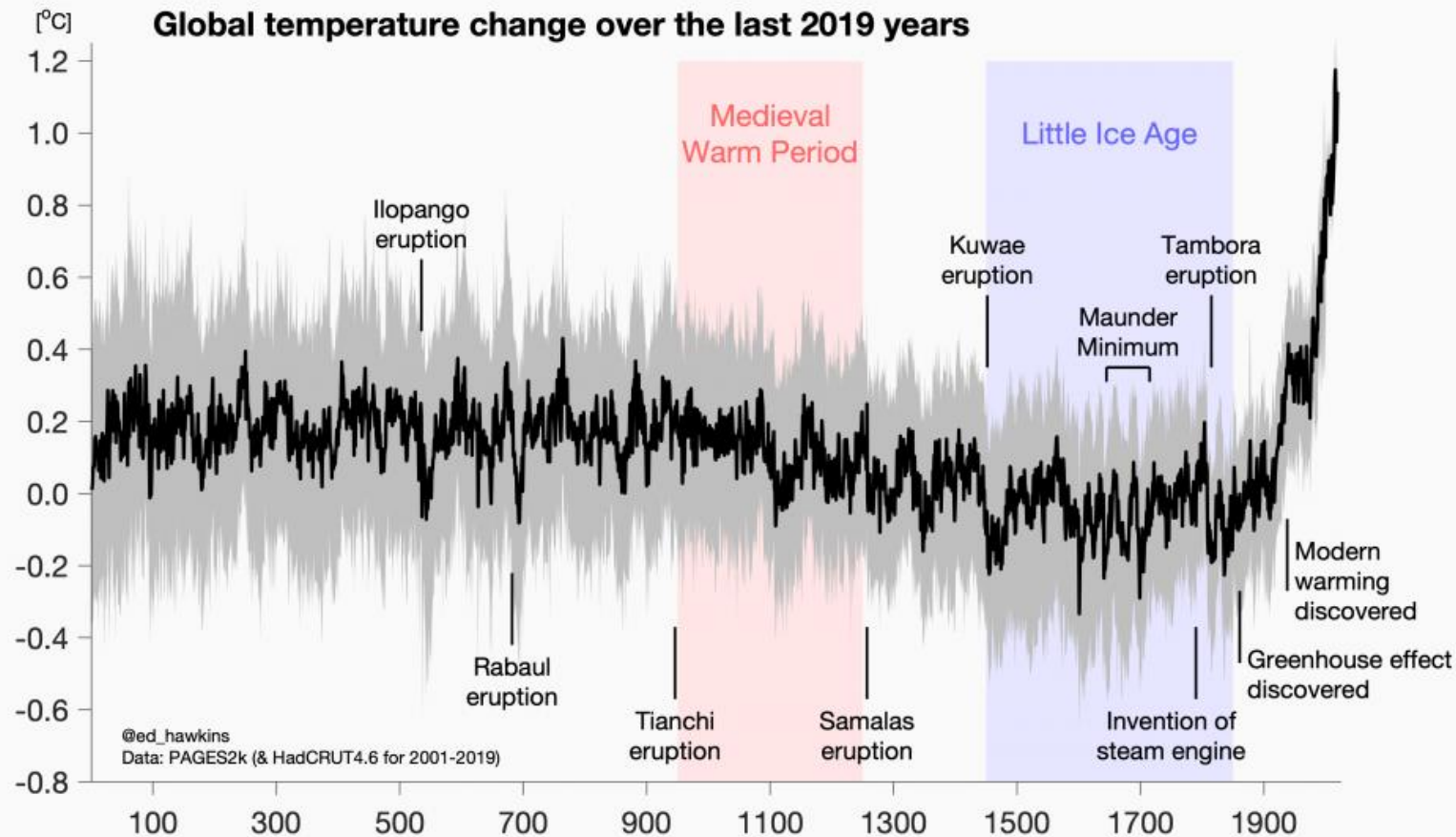


For a full list of countries, visit overshootday.org/country-overshoot-days.

*French Overshoot Day based on nowcasted data. See overshootday.org/france.

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data.footprintnetwork.org

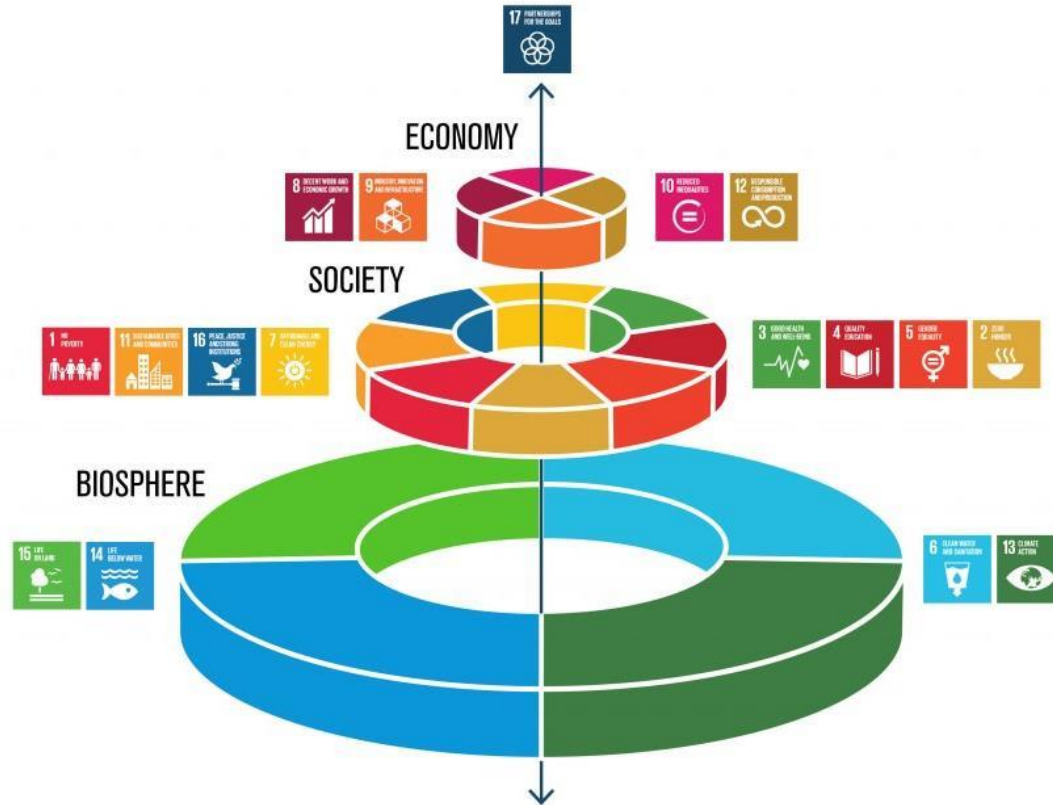




17 global sustainability goals

Through Agenda 2030, the UN member states have committed to 17 global sustainability goals.

They were adopted in 2015 and are intended to contribute to **socially, economically and environmentally sustainable development** and be achieved by 2030 in all countries of the world.



Keys to sustainability

- Fossil-free steel and concrete industry
- Energy and material efficiency
- Circular economy, bioeconomy
- New materials, biomaterials
- Green startup companies
- Agenda 2030, EU Green Deal

2024 trends

- Sustainable technical solutions
- Digital applications for resource efficiency
- AI supporting R&D
- Democratic generative AI
- Cybersecurity and continuous risk assessment

Twin Transition

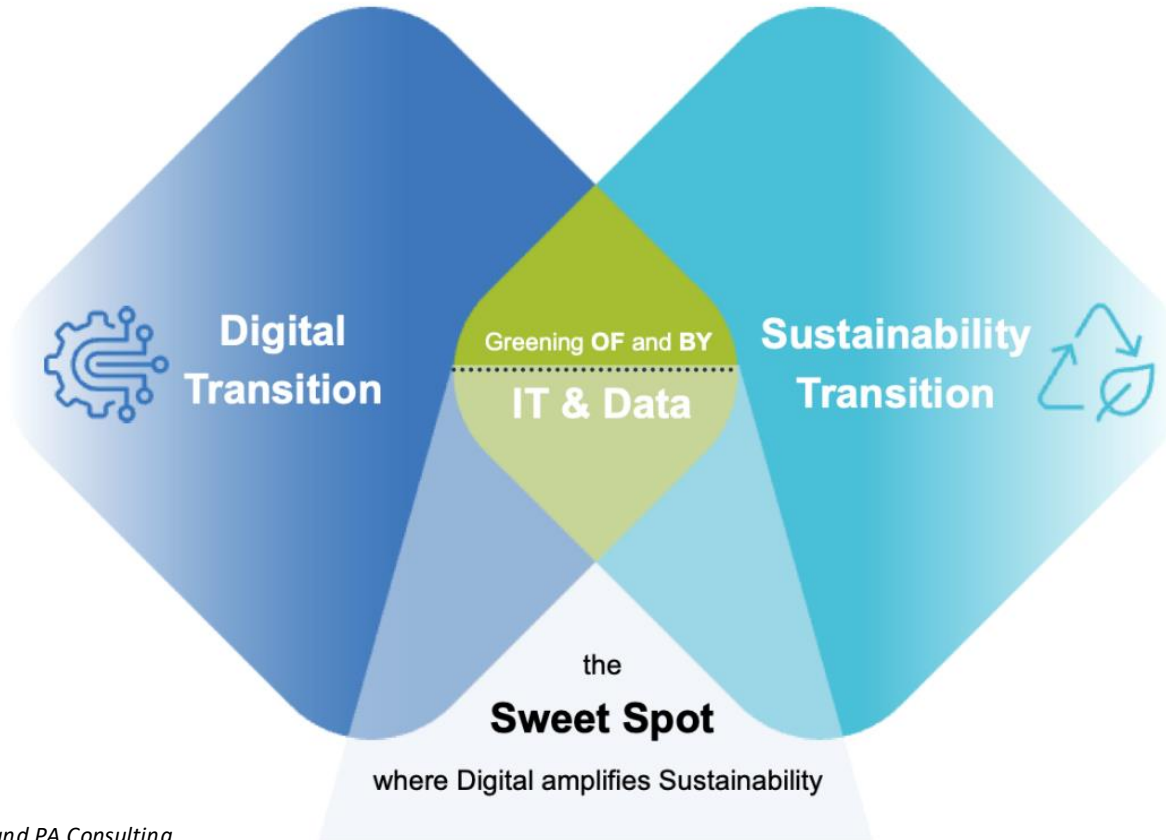
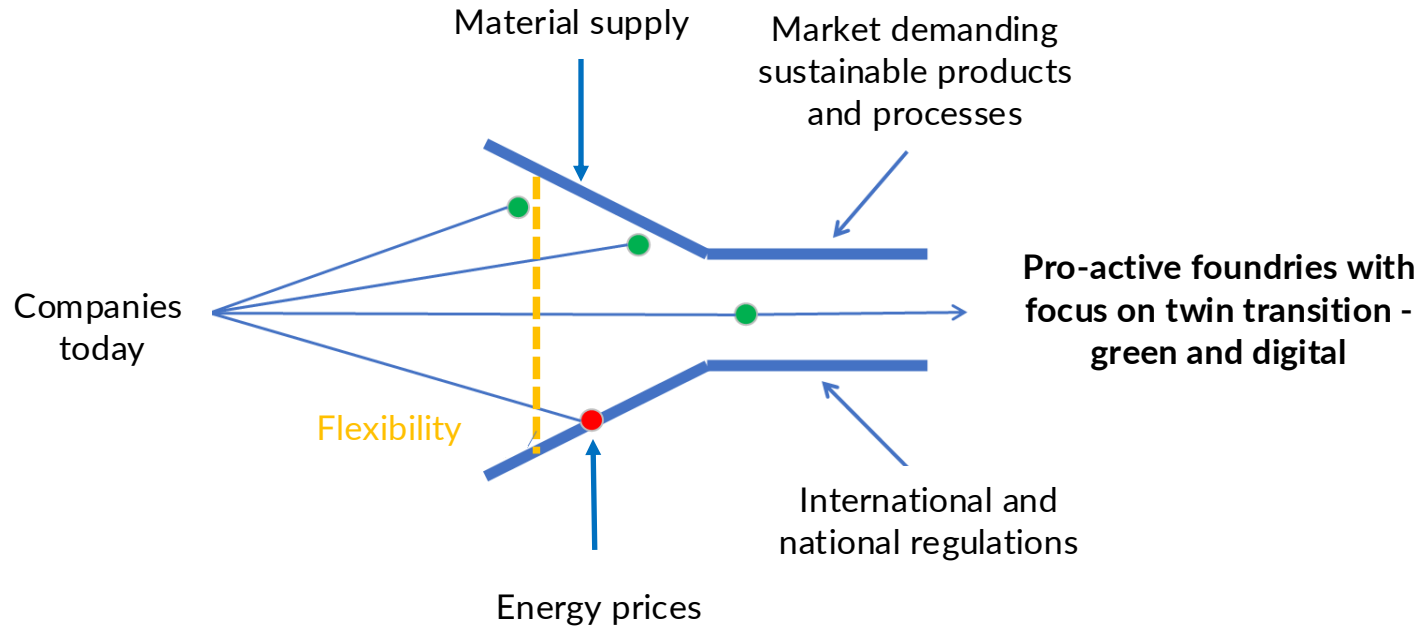


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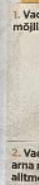
Pro-active foundries



Towards a sustainable foundry



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Projektet Greta (Gjutna produkter med resurseffektiv tillverkning och affärsmodeller) beskrivs som gjuteriindustriens största hållbarhetsprojekt någonsin.



Rise är koordinator och tillsammans med Högskolan i Jönköping forskningsutförare.

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-Metodikerna kan sedan andra glänter ta del av och applicera i sin egen verksamhet. Scania är definitivt ett av de glänter som går i tåten när det gäller att fasa ut fossila bränslen, och de har en enorm erfarenhetsbank att dela



- Exempelvis forskar de på de kemiska tillståtser som används i gluteriprocessen. Det här är ett område som inte beforskats särskilt mycket tidigare, trots att gluterierna länge jobbat med att låsa ut fossila bränslen, säger Åsa Lauenstein.

Överlag ligger den svenska giv-
terinäringen långt framme, både
vad gäller resurseffektivitet och
med att minska sitt klimatavtryck.
Det anser både Åsa Lauenstein
och Diana Bogic.

i dag begränsar både produktionen och tillväxten och energielektificeringen tillgången på el. På kort sikt handlar det om överföringsmöjligheterna. På längre sikt har vi en nationell utmaning med den enorma efterfrågan på el som kommer, säger Diana Bogic.

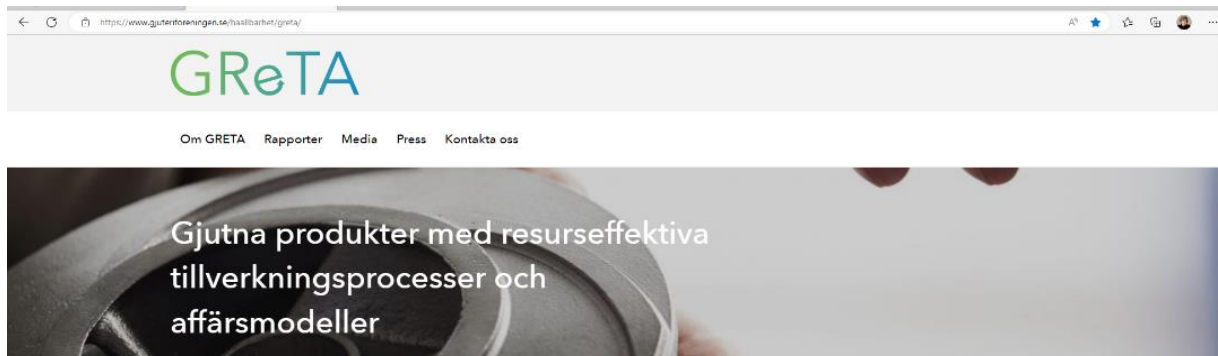
Osäkerhet om effekttillgelägenheten kan få glugter att välja bort investeringar i ny teknik, som skulle minska deras klimatpåverkan.

Överföringskostnaderna är redan i dag högre än själva elkostnaden. Vi har exempel där elen

har gjort kraftiga investeringar i resurseffektiva processer som minskat deras energiförbrukning med 17 procent. Men på grund av ökade nätavgifter under investeringsstiden, har deras kostnader

100 Swedish foundries play an essential role in many value chains

- Which are the foundry industry's largest challenges for the climate?
- What will Swedish foundries achieve in 2035?
- What knowledge will be needed to get there?



GRETA

GRETA-projektet ska ge Sveriges gjuteriindustri förutsättningar för en hållbar omställning med bibehållen konkurrenskraft. Målet är att ge svenska gjuterier verktyg för en hållbar omställning genom mer effektiv resursanvändning.



den 28 april 2023

Dubbel omställning pågår

Det pågår en dubbel omställning, en twin transition: en hållbar omställning som är nödvändig för vårt framtida samhälle, och en digitalisering som erbjuder kraftfulla verktyg för att åstadkomma detta.



den 28 april 2023

Presentation av examensarbete

GRETA:s två studenter, Elin Karlsson och Paul Abaci som båda studerar vid Jönköpings Tekniska Högskola, presenterar sitt examensarbete i sal E4404 den 29 maj kl. 14:00 - 14:45. Paul



den 28 april 2023

Förslag till nytt projekt om gjutprocessens klimatpåverkan

Flera järn- och stålgjuterier diskuterar just nu hur man på ett relevant sätt ska kunna beskriva effekten av de klimatpåverkande gaser som frigörs i gjutprocessen.

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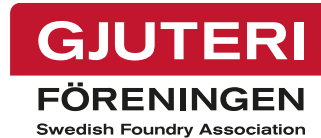
HANS 2022-2025

Sustainable casting through utilisation of residual products The project will develop and refine methods for the utilisation of grinding dust, slag, and contaminated chips in metalworkning and melting companies.

- Residual products will be locally converted to raw material, strengthening circularity.
- Local business models will lead to environmental benefits and cost savings



Each year, the steel foundry at Sandvik SRP in Svedala alone produces produced 230 tonnes of heat treatment oxides and 3100 tonnes of slag, only to landfill. These rest products correspond to 1500 tonnes of pure metal.



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MATERIAL

SANDRA 2023-2028

Reduce the environmental impact of the sand molding process in foundries by developing a **machine learning sand reclamation model**, in order to

- Optimize process parameters
- Better manage sand recycling process
- Optimize material consumption
- Increase the process predictability and thereby increase the quality of castings.



Towards a digital foundry



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Digital foundry of tomorrow

What new, digital tools and competences will be needed to ensure and develop a foundry's green transition:

- Efficient use of energy and resources?
- Robust and flexible processes?
- Traceability and quality assessment?
- Climate declarations and other transparent systems for increased sustainability?





Digital **ABILITY**

The organisation's ability to understand, implement, and change, on the basis of digital possibilities.

Digital **MATURITY**

The organisation's ability to benefit from digitalisation.

Digital **HERITAGE**

The sum of the effect of earlier digital initiatives on the organisation's ability to maneuver in an increasingly digital world.

ReVär 2023-2026

Efficient heat treatment of cast steel with digital tools

- Cooperation between RISE, five steel foundries and the Swedish Foundry Association
- Develop simulation models for optimization and control heat treatment processes for steel castings
- Possibilities for energy and resource efficiency will lead to the initiation of supplementary measures and the development and commissioning of new digitized systems for process control



The digital tools being developed give foundries a whole new flexibility in the heat treatment process, as times, temperatures, furnace packing numbers and other parameters can be easily adjusted to achieve the desired quality outcome for a large number of products and alloys.

SMYG 2024-2027

Smart image analysis for surface defects on cast components

- Swedish foundries want to be better at detecting and evaluate defects on the surface of a cast component
- The idea of the project is to streamline the quality control of castings and make it more accurate by using **computer vision systems** with the help of **physics-based machine learning**.
- Robust hybrid methods will produce relevant synthetic training data for the vision systems.



A streamlined and more accurate detection of surface defects will decrease the amount of cassations and reworking for a more efficient use of resources, improve the working conditions and work content in the quality control stations, and ensure an even and high and quality of delivered cast products.

PassPå 2023-2025

Industrial needs for traceable and circular product flows through **digital product passes**

- Cooperation with seven metal manufacturing companies
- Create a consensus for the work with DPP through training and guidelines
- Managing the industrial conditions and needs for product passports
- Actively contribute to international framework for industrial symbiosis – create new standards for circular economy



The background of the page is a high-angle, wide shot of a sprawling industrial complex, likely a refinery or chemical plant. The scene is filled with numerous tall distillation columns, storage tanks, and a dense network of pipes and walkways. In the foreground, several large white storage tanks are visible. The sky is a hazy blue. Overlaid on this industrial scene are various digital and futuristic elements: semi-transparent blue and white data visualizations, including line graphs, bar charts, and world maps, are scattered across the upper left and center. On the right side, a large, 3D-rendered circular arrow graphic is prominent, with a blue outer ring and an orange inner ring, both featuring arrowheads pointing clockwise. This graphic suggests a cycle or a continuous process.

A Roadmap for Industrial Symbiosis Standardisation for Efficient Resource Sharing

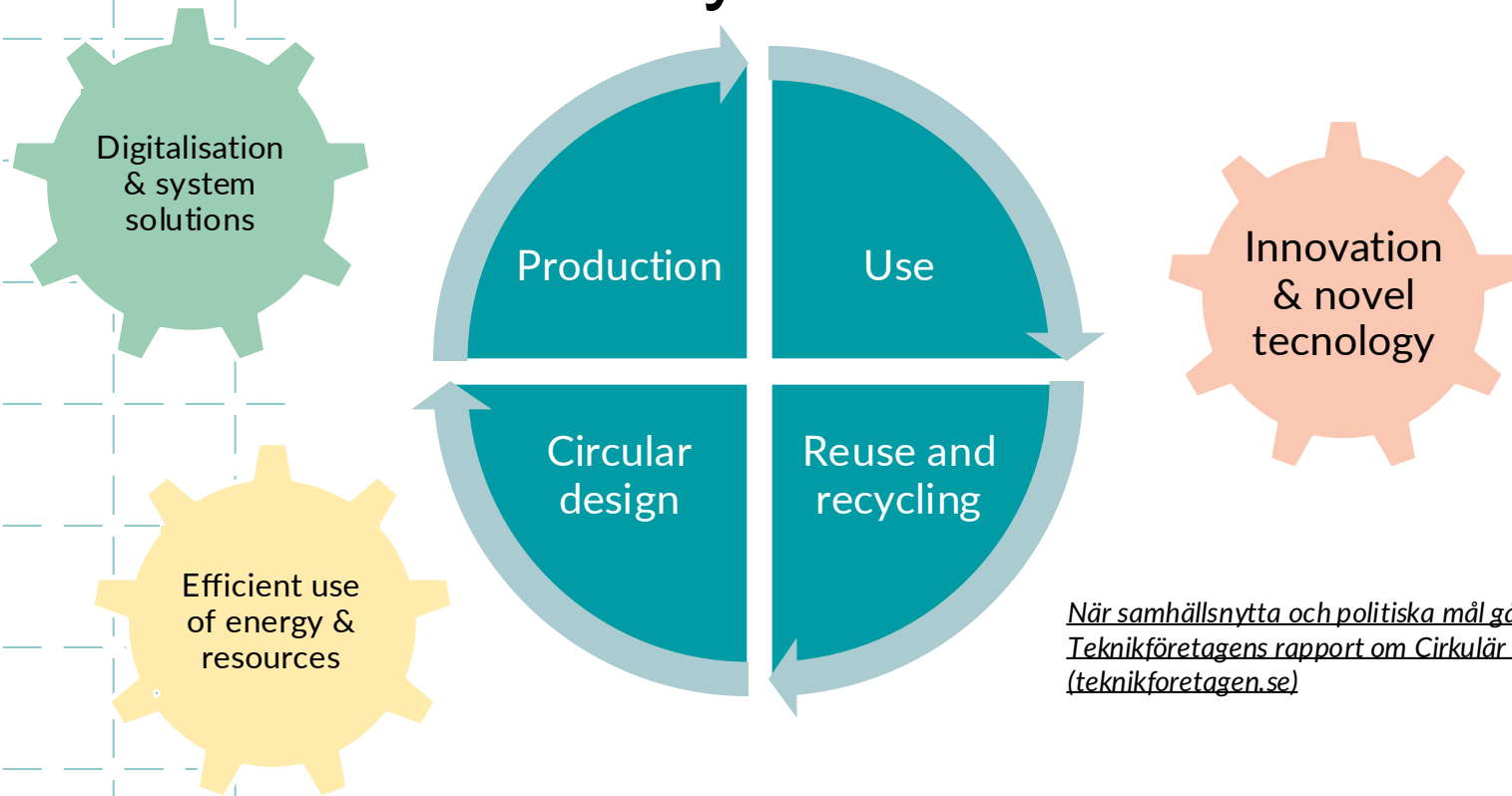
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Circular economy with twin transition



*När samhällsnytta och politiska mål går hand i hand –
Teknikföretagens rapport om Cirkulär Ekonomi
(teknikforetagen.se)*

Twin transition challenges

Definitions

- Circular economy is important, but hard to define

Regulations and legislation

- Regulations must be adapted to circular economy

Logistics

- Circular economy demands new solutions for logistics and local presence

Technical challenges

- Material reuse, traceability, and standards

Organisation & business models

- Challenges present organisational structures

Knowledge exchange and cooperation

- Coordination within and between business

När samhällsnytta och politiska mål går hand i hand –
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(teknikforetagen.se)

The way forward

- Be aware of changing needs: competence, recruitment, reorganisation, transition
- Plan for continuity: Long-term goals, priorities, and funding
- Focus on Twin transition (green and digital) will create trust and a dedicated organisation
- Try new ways of working and new business models

Remember: digitalisation needs not be that dramatic!

... if it is allowed to be hands-on!



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“Challenges and opportunities for the foundry and castings industry - views from a UK perspective”

Dr P Murrell FICME

www.castmetalsfederation.com

- ▶ About the casting and foundry industry globally and in the UK
- ▶ Why energy matters to foundries
- ▶ Key trends and challenges
- ▶ Our approach to Net Zero
- ▶ The opportunity - metals recycle forever
- ▶ Inspiring the next generation
- ▶ Some conclusions



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Degree in Metallurgy – BSc Hons, then PhD in Fatigue & Fracture at Cranfield University

CMF is the Trade Association for the UK Castings Industry: representing and supporting foundries in the UK.

- Our Members are companies in the UK castings industry - Foundries and some suppliers.
- 85% of UK production in membership.

Next few years will be spent on:

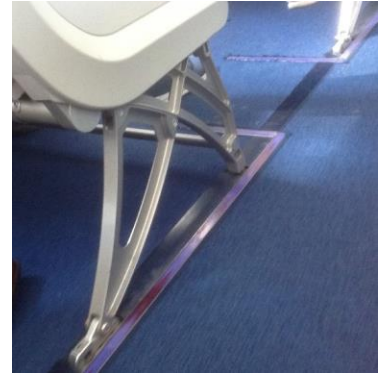
- Competitiveness & innovation;
- Skills & diversity;
- Sustainability & net zero.

Global Castings Industry

Global Production in 2021

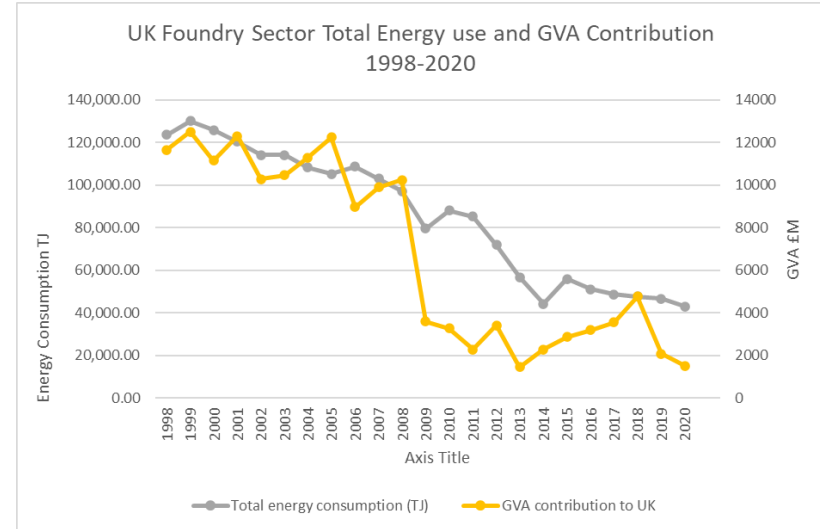
China	54.3 Mt	46.3 Bn dollars in sales in 2022
USA	?	
India	12.5 Mt	
Japan	4.6 Mt	
Germany	3.95 Mt	
Turkey	2.96 Mt	
Mexico	2.86 Mt (2020 data)	
S Korea	2.39 Mt	
Russia	2.2 Mt (2019 data)	
Brazil	2.1 Mt	
UK	0.5 Mt	

(Source: Modern Castings, AFS, Pub Jan 2023)



About the UK Industry

- ▶ 350 foundries, across the UK
- ▶ Many investment casting foundries
- ▶ A strategic and 'sovereign' industry for the country
- ▶ Medium sized businesses
- ▶ Around 23000 jobs (?)
- ▶ £2bn GVA (but down from £12bn in 2000)
- ▶ Emissions reduction as a side-effect of lost jobs, reduced national and regional wealth and economic resilience.



Industry Trends

- ▶ More challenging materials
- ▶ More challenging applications
- ▶ Larger castings - more use of castings for structural parts
- ▶ Greater automation
- ▶ Increased use of technology
- ▶ Increased productivity
- ▶ Right first time
- ▶ Faster turnaround
- ▶ More prototyping
- ▶ More innovation
- ▶ **Greater sustainability & resource efficiency**
- ▶ **Increased environmental controls**



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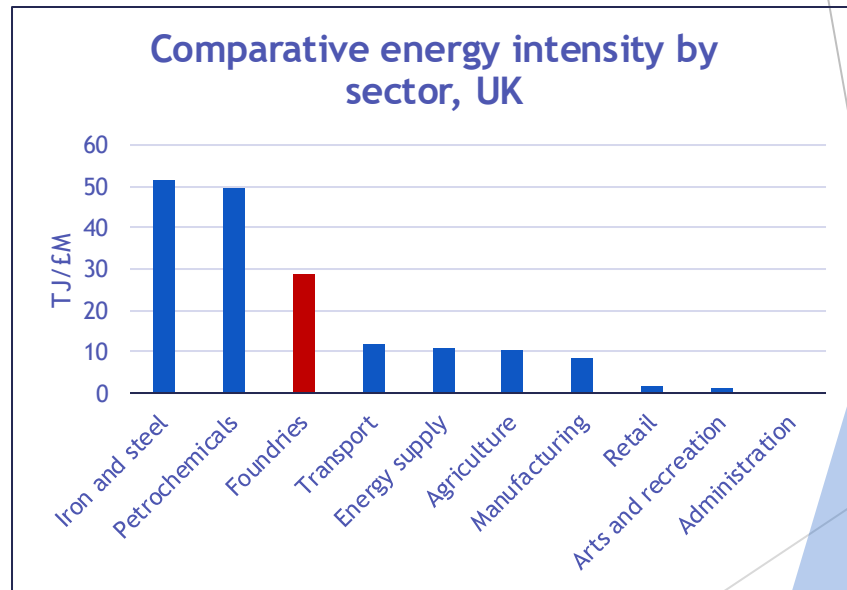
The Net Zero Challenge

- Cost of energy - energy unit costs - energy is already higher for businesses (in the UK),
- Carbon accounting, pricing and taxes - CBAM,
- Grid & infrastructure connection costs is a barrier to carbon reduction projects,
- Price volatility,
- Financial investment risks - future order security,
- Fuel switching - natural gas to other (hydrogen, bio fuels....)?

De-carbonised energy matters

- ▶ Foundries are ten times more energy intense than office-based businesses and energy can easily account for 20% of turnover
- ▶ UK industrial energy prices are sometimes more than three times those of global competitors
- ▶ Competitor economies are using decarbonisation to protect their industry

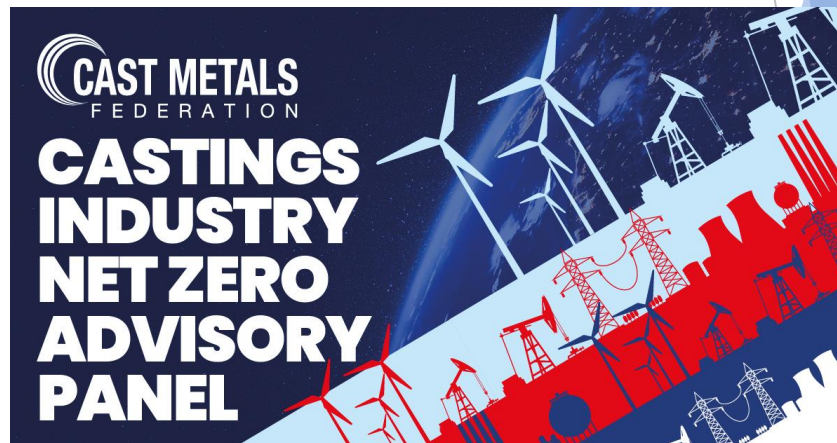
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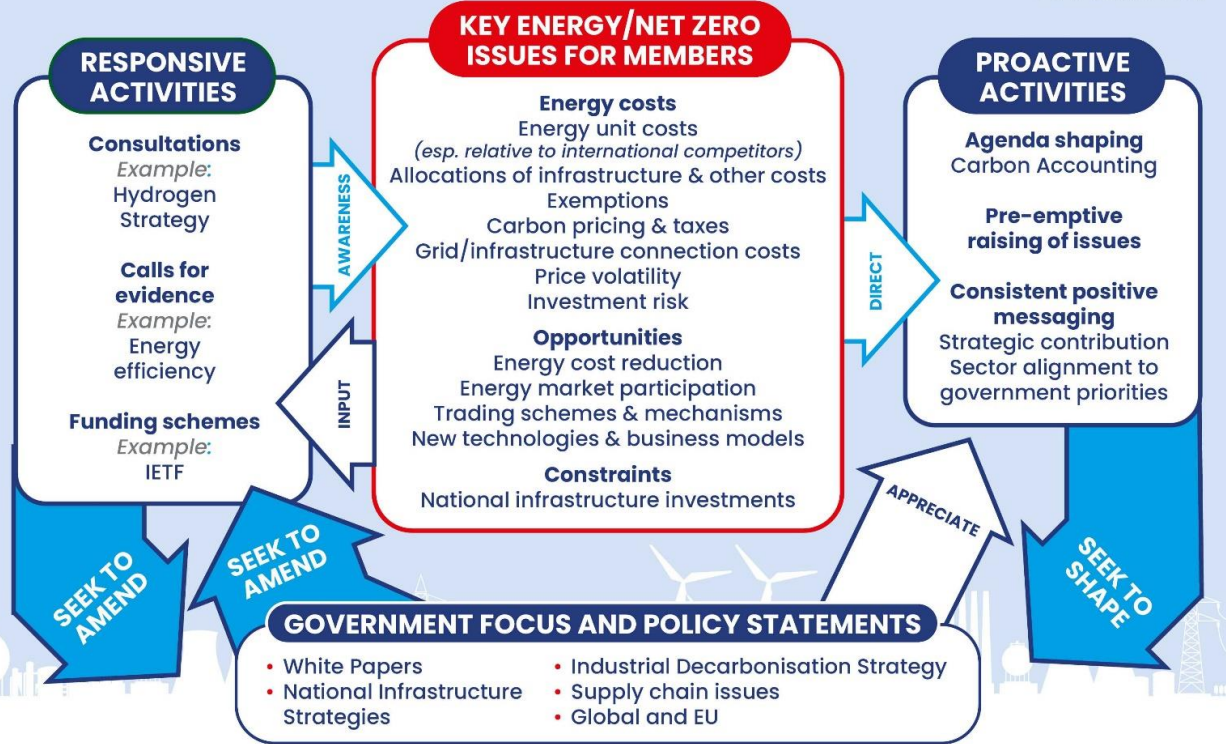


Climate Change Act 2008

CHAPTER 27



CASTINGS INDUSTRY NET ZERO ADVISORY PANEL



CASTINGS INDUSTRY NET ZERO ADVISORY PANEL



FINGER ON THE PULSE

CMF Members are informed
(and can plan investment and technology strategies)

CMF Members are aware of (new) market opportunities

- What is being done?
- Who is doing it?
- Is it relevant and to whom?
- What will be the impact?
- What will be achieved wrt net zero?

OUTPUT
#1

INPUTS & INFLUENCES

Government Policy

- White & Green papers
- Consultations
- UK Gov't Investment
- Innovation strategy

Macro energy trends

National vs local solutions

- Industry clusters

Strategic plans from other sectors

- EIs & Foundation Industries

OUTPUT
#2

INFLUENCE POLICY

Policy is informed by industry

Industry can adapt / plan / survive / thrive

- What is planned?
energy mix, infrastructure,
carbon pricing & taxes...
- Impacts of decisions
on industry:
Carbon leakage risks
Levelling-up agenda

Industry/ CMF Member – involvement & engagement

- Data and evidence from industry to back-up arguments
- Surveys
- Fund studies and research
- Fund data analysis/surveys
- Attend meetings
- Read/comment on reports

Stakeholders

- Technology providers
- Energy providers
- Equipment developers
- Researchers – Innovate UK, Universities and RTOs

Scope

All processes/alloys

All company sizes/locations

- Energy sources/inputs
- Energy bills & the price of energy, including non-commodity costs
- Embedded Carbon
- Carbon pricing
– demand side policies
- Infrastructure costs
- Energy efficiencies
- Heat recovery



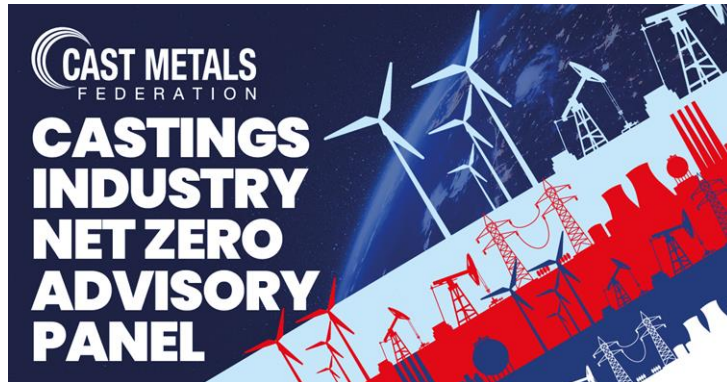
How:

Responses to Consultations and Calls for Evidence (CFE).

Regular updates on UK Government Policy & funding opportunities.

Letters to Ministers.

Roadmap for the UK Industry.



What:

Consultations and CFE

- ▶ UK Govt Net Zero Review
- ▶ Electricity Market Reform
- ▶ Non-domestic market review (closing Sept 23)
- ▶ Industrial electrification (closing Oct 23)
- ▶ CFE on UK Battery Strategy
- ▶ Carbon Leakage Consultation

Regional Policy Initiatives:

- ▶ WM Industrial Energy Taskforce
 - ▶ EBRS/EBDS
 - ▶ Intermediaries
 - ▶ Energy Efficiency for Industry
 - ▶ Structural reform
- ▶ Doncaster City Council (RP/PM)



Roadmap to a Globally Competitive Net Zero UK Foundry Sector

- ▶ Reform energy markets to enable UK foundries to access clean electricity at prices comparable to global competitors;
- ▶ Provide incentives for early capital investment in zero carbon furnaces and production equipment that are as accessible for mid-sized foundries as they are for large refineries and foundation industries;
- ▶ Accelerate development and implementation of demand-side policies that incentivise customer demand for low carbon components; particularly product-level carbon labelling and accompanying standards;
- ▶ Support these policies with effective trade policies that create global markets for low carbon UK components and prevent low carbon components being replaced by high carbon substitutes;
- ▶ Encourage release of land by local and regional authorities suitable for modern, zero carbon foundries and associated zero carbon energy generation facilities across the country to help ensure that instead of our castings industry drifting offshore (as it has over the past 40 years), international companies will look to relocate to the UK.

**ROADMAP
TO A
GLOBALLY
COMPETITIVE
NET ZERO
UK FOUNDRY
SECTOR**



Management of Wastes - Transforming Foundation Industries Project case study

- ▶ Used foundry sand and refractory shell as well as metallurgical slags and extraction dusts.
- ▶ Landfill: increasing costs, reducing availability
- ▶ Beneficial re-use - in construction for instance, but there are significant barriers - cost, no incentive for users, transport/ location of waste, variability of product and legislation around 'waste'.

Casting as a Route to Manufacture

The Casting Process

- *Ancient - dating back to c. 6000 BC*
- *Successful - Still used for many thousands of products, an expanding range today*
- *Near net-shape*
- *Versatile - can create essentially any shape*
- *Fundamental - all other metal shaping processes begin with a cast product*
- *Ingenious - over 90 different casting processes have been identified*

“Castings are not a commodity - they are complex products and need experience and knowledge to produce”

Dr Wolfgang Hiller of Buderus Guss (after his move from the electronics industry, pub FTJ Dec 2014)

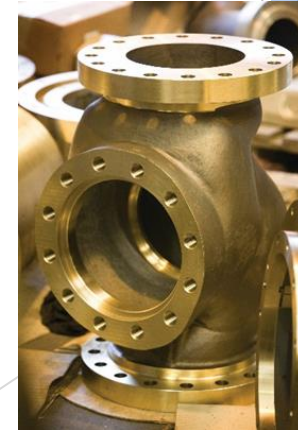


Casting as a Route to Manufacture.

Casting still represents the most cost-effective way of producing a wide range of components in metal, and is the simplest forming method for metal parts.

Near Net-Shape Manufacturing.

Casting represents the only way to make some components with complex internal cavities and hollow channels.



Why Casting - New Opportunities

F4OR

Fit For Offshore Renewables

<https://ore.catapult.org.uk/what-we-do/supply-chain-growth/f4or/>



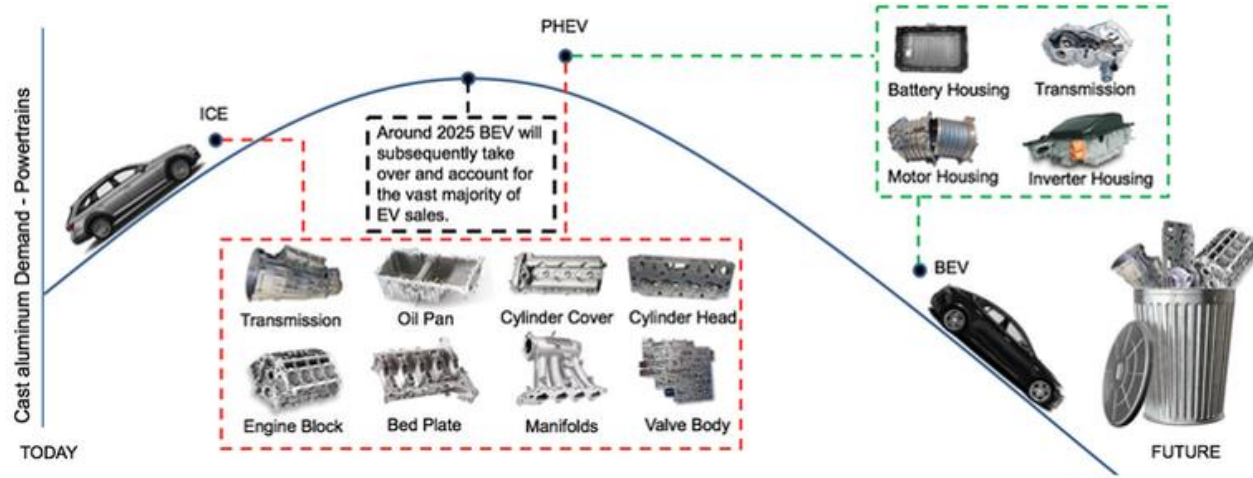
U.S. wind turbine casting market by type, 2014 - 2025 (USD Million)

<https://www.grandviewresearch.com/industry-analysis/wind-turbine-casting-market>



Some of the Good

<https://www.foundrymag.com/issues-and-ideas/media-gallery/21931800/electric-vehicles-and-the-prospects-for-aluminum-casting/slideshow?slide=3>



GIGA Press - Tesla is now operating what is believed to be the “world’s largest casting machine” at its Fremont factory.

The electric SUV’s rear underbody is built with only two cast parts, compared to 70 parts for the Model 3.

Shots of molten aluminium weighing 80 kilograms are injected into the cold-chamber casting mould with a velocity of 10 metres per second. The cycle time is ~80–90 seconds, allowing an output rate of 40–45 completed castings per hour, or ~1,000 castings per day. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giga_Press)

Some of the Good



Source:
<https://www.progressrail.com/en/Segments/GlobalLocations/Europe/Foundry.html>



Progress Rail - South
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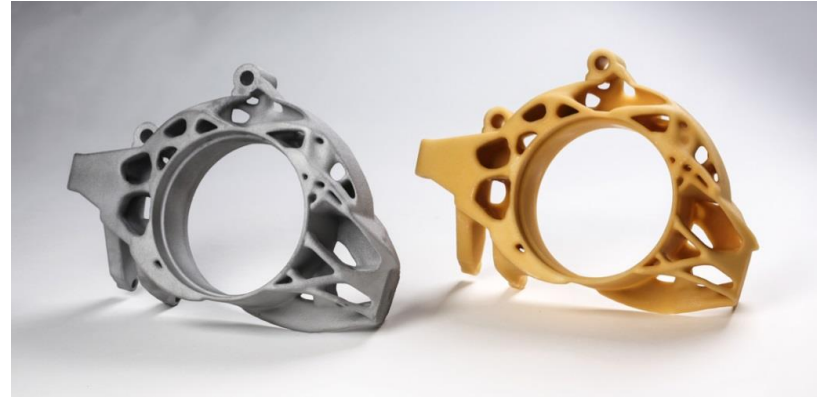
Focus on applications for castings



Casting Case Study

Wheel upright investment casting

Working in conjunction with a 3D printing specialist, a foundry has turned an expensive to produce, complex part into an investment casting able to benefit from the economies of mass production.



Customer Requirements – Reduced weight and reduced cost - ability to withstand direct and fatigue loading

Previous Part – Costly via direct metal laser sintering (DMLS) process

Outcome – The conversion from a DMLS printed part to an investment casting means:

- The part is four times stiffer than the original design
- The part is capable of mass production
- The cost and weight is reduced
- Performance characteristics are maintained and indeed exceeded!

Challenges – Complex part, previously unable to cast

Method – Production begins with creating a 3D printed model in PMMA

By utilising the 3D process the mould could be produced in large numbers enabling the component to move to the much cheaper investment process and 3D printed patterns enable the creation of a casting that exceeds previous traditional design restrictions.

Casting Case Study - Cobalt Alloy Valve Cage

Utilising new integrated additive manufacturing and investment casting facilities, William Cook Cast Products has produced a complex valve cage casting made of cobalt-based alloy that is notoriously demanding to produce. The valve cage can withstand corrosion and erosion in an aggressive chemical environment and previously thought to be 'uncastable'.

Component – Valve cage, net weight 70kg (finished conditions, 220kg (as-cast)

Alloy – Cobalt alloy 6B

Customer Requirements – Good as-cast form and finish- with no weld repair - good surface finish

Previous part – several stacked, laminated plates, machined to profile to form individual layers.

Outcome – The conversion to a casting enables the customer to be able to take advantage of;

- Lower overall cost, Unconstrained design i.e. design for purpose not design for manufacture, reduced lead-time and freedom of alloy choice

Challenges

- Complications arising from the size and complexity of the casting with thick sections adjacent to the thin sections.
- Cobalt alloy 6B is a notoriously demanding alloy to produce
- Consideration had to be given during methoding to minimise the potential for high residual stresses during cooling.



See more examples at : www.castmetalsfederation.com/case-studies

Casting Case Study - Cast Prosthetic Multi-Part Cast Thumb for use by Children

Brand new design for multi-part thumb designed by renowned prosthetic hand designer Ted Varley, for use by children who have lost a hand due to injury, congenital conditions, or for other medical reasons, enhancing their quality of life and enabling them to regain confidence and their independence.

Investment casting by Sylatech Ltd – North Yorkshire.

- High level of detail and as-cast surface finish required requiring no machining
- Minimisation of casting weight and maximising internal space for electronics
- Wall thickness down to 2mm for some cast elements and 1mm diameter cast-in holes.
- Design flexibility enabled through use of 3D wax printing
- Samples provided to client with a lead time of just 3 weeks including heat treatment.
- Significant cost savings achieved compared with alternative production processes.
- New design has attracted NHS funding to enable further versions aimed at children.

The company is now looking at further even smaller, lighter designs and are delighted that their castings are changing lives for the better.



Net Zero as an Opportunity?

Castings as lower carbon products -

- What we make as an industry
- Who we supply as an industry
- How we make it

Make it sustainably - energy efficiency, 'green' energy

Make it locally - to reduce global transport

The right thing to do



Sustainability - castings as part of the circular economy

The industry takes secondary metal (scrap) and turns it into new components for the high value manufacturing supply chain.

- > embedded carbon credit
- > CBAM
- > less transport (global shipping)



<https://www.metalrecyclesforever.eu/>

Castings as
lower carbon
products



Innovation - where the industry uses AM:

Rapid prototyping / small series production

- Printing patterns and tooling - PMMMA
- Printing sand moulds and cores - sand printing
- Printing parts of moulds/cores - sand printing
- Printing jigs and fixtures for measuring /machining - resins?/pmmma
- Printing replacement parts for metal dies - metal printing
- Resurfacing dies using additive layer technologies
- Large-scale printing with recyclable printing medium, to reduce need for pattern storage (Weir Minerals project with the Manufacturing Technology Centre, MTC).

Opportunity for the castings industry?



Next few years for the UK foundry /casting industry

Increase diversity.

Health & safety focus.

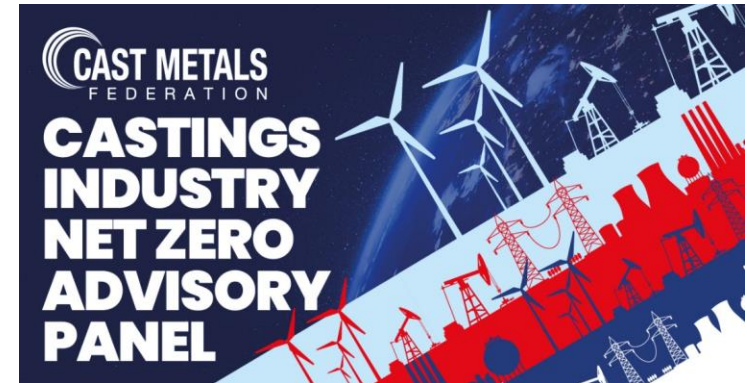
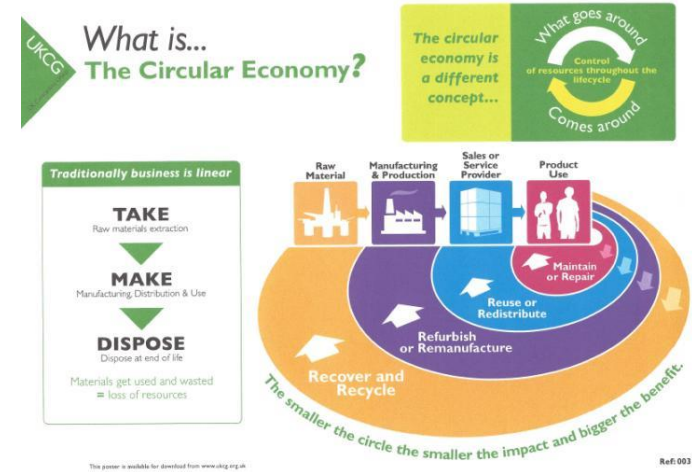
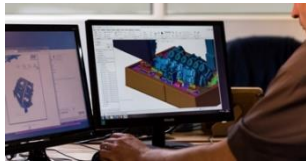
Increased use of automation and robotics to increase productivity.

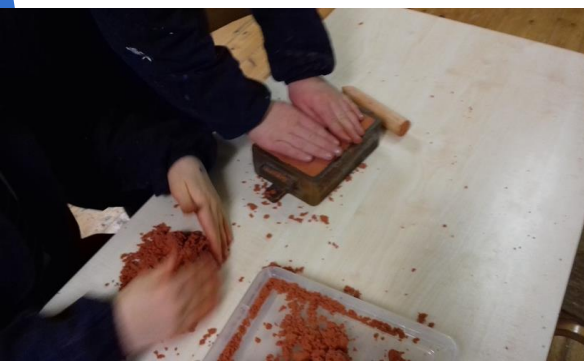
Image - generate a positive image - and then communicate it

Good jobs - well-paid careers with leadership opportunities, high tech or hands on, problem solving and innovative, team-work.

Focus on contribution / relevance to modern society:

- Circular Economy - re-cycling & re-use of scrap metal
- Public procurement - local sourcing
- Avoiding carbon leakage, energy efficiency....
- Competitiveness - levelling up, jobs.





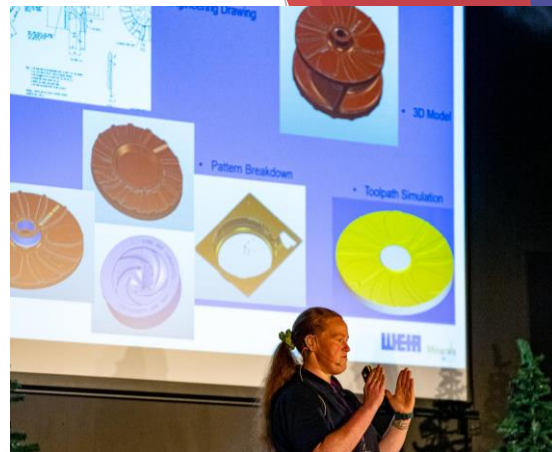
Casting the Future Foundry Kit

Transportable 'Foundry in a Box' kit for use in schools, with teacher pack.

New website to support with downloadable resources and VR experience

<https://castingthefuture.com>

[CASTING THE FUTURE]



Where to find out more:

Cast Metals Federation: www.castmetalsfederation.com

Casting is the Future - CMF Videos

Casting my future - VR experience

Casting the Future - the role of metals (and foundries)

Casting the Future Foundry kit - for use in schools and colleges

www.youtube.com/@CastingtheFuture/playlists



Net Zero Challenge - or Opportunity?

Focus on what we make *and*

How we make it

Castings industry already contributes through its re-use of secondary raw materials, eg ferrous scrap, secondary aluminium (value in embedded carbon).

UK ferrous sector has already electrified - so efficient and relatively easy to be 'green' (?)

Non-ferrous sector still heavily reliant on natural gas - work needed.

Win-win partnerships with local supply chains to avoid carbon leakage.



Thank-you

Any questions?


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Precast at Volvo, Skövde

Christopher Jensen

26-27 September 2024



AGENDA

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Volvo, Skövde

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Change in production

03

Our use of precast

- **Transport ladle**
- **Electric furnace**
- **2 ton ladle**

04

The benefits of precast

- **Timesaving benefits**
- **Enviromental benefits**
- **Work efficiency benefits**

05

Co-operation and new solutions

01 Volvo, Skövde



Plant overview

The Volvo Plant in Skövde:

- ~4000 employees
- 560,000m²
- Foundry
95 272 ton*
- Machining
2 036 079 products*
- Assembly
128 906 engines*

* Statistics from 2023. Source: Volvo Group

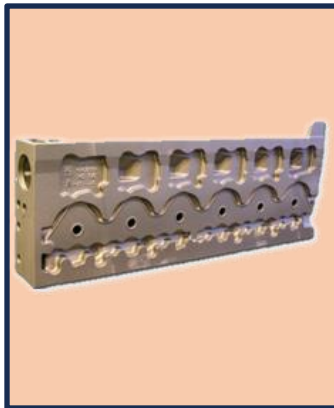


Volvo Plant, Skövde

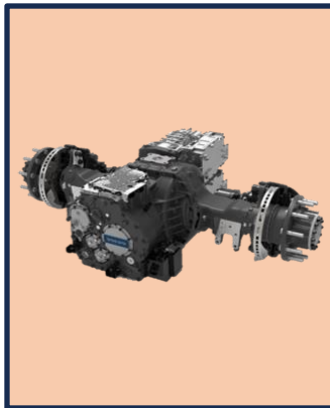
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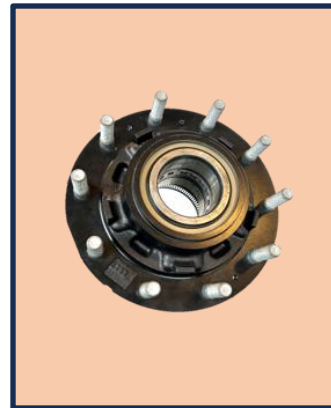
CYLINDERHEADS



E-AXLES



HUBS



NEW PRODUCTS

The refractory facility – D2

Our facility:

- 2160 m²
- Casting refractory material
- Sintering
- Demolition
- Storage
- Inductor- & welding shop



The refractory Facility – D2 (outside)

The refractory Facility – D2 (inside)



02 Change in production



What this meant for us:

- New iron qualities
- New pouring furnaces
- Wire treatment
- Increased need for flexibility

Volvo Group investing billions in Skövde

2019-04-08

The Volvo Group is investing heavily in the Skövde plant. Greater flexibility regarding products and materials is the purpose of the investment to be made at the foundry in Skövde. The investment is also an important environmental initiative and involves, among other things, a more sustainable manufacturing technique with reduced consumption of non-renewable materials.



Media statement from Volvo Group in 2019

Precast - The solution for us

2T ladle



Transport ladle



Coreless induction furnace



03 Our use of precast



Range of products

with precast

2 ton ladle



Transport ladle



Coreless induction furnace



2 ton ladle

Transporting iron from holding furnace to pouring furnace and wire treatment stations

- Gray iron
- CGI
- LGI
- Wire treatment
- Wear and tear
- Life cycle of around 4 months
- Silica Mix 0.7A in walls and bottom
- Precast in Calde Cast UB



Transport ladle

Transporting molten iron from foundry to foundry

- 3 ton capacity
- 6 ton per charge
- Batches of 18 tons
- Life cycle of around 60 batches
- Silica Mix 0.7A in walls and bottom
- Precast in Calde Cast UB



Transportladle and forklift

Coreless induction furnace

Manufacturing iron for cylinderheads and transport

- 6 ton per charge
- Life cycle of over 300 charges
- Silica Mix Q16 BF Rigid in the bottom
- Silica Mix Q16 BF in the walls
- Precast in Calde Cast Gibram



04 The benefits of precast



Time benefits

- Sintering
- Production flexibility
- More products, less hours

Enviromental benefits

- Gas / Electric
- Efficiency (units/sintering)
- Boron-free material

Work efficiency benefits

- Less work, more products
- Minimizing workload

The difference in handling material

Precast vs casting



05

Cooperation and innovation



- England
- Testing the precast
- Changing the precast
- Trying different materials

Thank you for your attention



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Molding Solutions: Lustrous carbon, Low carbon, No carbon molding sands

Oleg Podobed, Sandra Böhnke, Frank Siegrist

26-27 September 2024

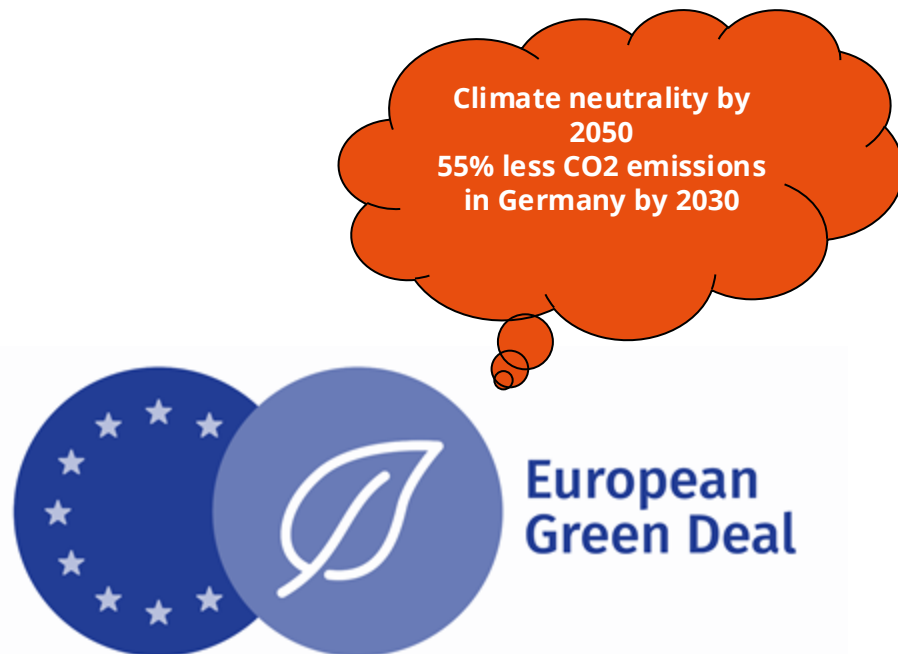


Innovation to address the energy transition challenges

We have embarked on a journey to strengthen our innovation. This involves combining incremental product evolution with disruptive solutions for a low-carbon environment. Sustainability underpins our R&D activity and digital tools will support us to drive new solutions for our customers, their industries and the planet.



- **We are all aware of the challenges towards our foundry processes using fossil fuels and the need to reduce them**
- **Carbonaceous additives like coal are still a very important, specifically the level of mechanisms impacting the molding sand performance and casting quality**
- **A substitution requires a thorough analysis**
- **Several processes in the foundry where fossil fuels are used, molding sand is one of them**



Environmentally friendly concepts

Reduction

Use of alternative LCF's*
with lower emission
potential

Adsorption

Adsorbing additives,
but the problem is
transferred to landfill

Substitution

Alternative additives
with similar
mechanisms of action

Today's requirements, such as changes in the CO2 footprint, require substitution

* Lustrous carbon former

Role of organic carbonaceous additives

Prevention of

Surface defect

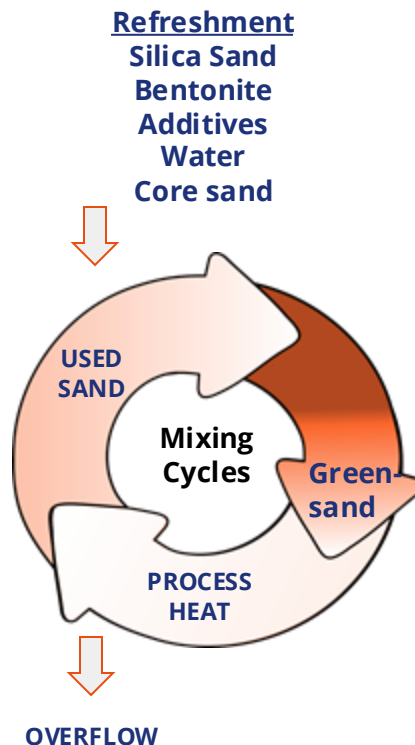
Expansion defect

Impact on

Process performance
positive or negative

Mechanisms

Physically
Chemically



Carbonaceous additives:

- **Volatile Matter (35-95% daf)**
- **High carbon content (71-91% db)**
- **Oxygen content (0.4-16% db)**
- **Hydrogen content (4.5-8.8% db)**
- **Ash content (< 8% db)**

Carbonaceous Additives

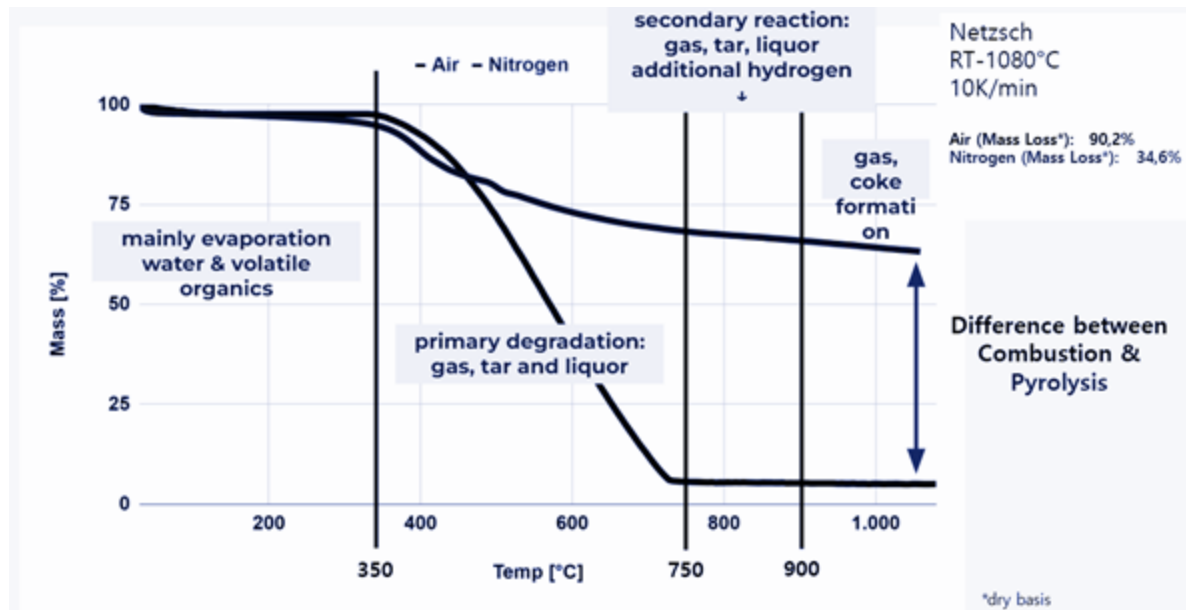
- Protection against metal-mold reactions
- Coking residue as an inert filler material
- Softening in the temperature range of quartz-expansion up to 573°C (α - β conversion)

Alternative Materials

- 1** Sufficiently high sintering temperature, chemically and physically inert, low adsorption of water
- 2**
 - Higher mold compaction
- 3**
 - Reactive at lower temperatures to reduce stresses

**Keep our eyes on molding material & casting properties,
maintaining constant process parameters at the beginning of substitution**

Thermal reactions of coal



- 573°C α - β Quartz, linear expansion
- Bentonite shrinkage

- Lustrous carbon formers like coal are the most reactive compounds in molding sand, undergoing various reactions, starting as low as 350°C
- In an “oxygen-free” atmosphere coal reduces its mass by 35-40% (volatile matter) undergoing various reactions
- This is also the range where Bentonite shrinks (loss of surface and interlayer water) and
- Quartz expands, changing its crystal structure

Due to the complex mechanism of action, it is (generally) not possible to replace coal with one single inorganic additive

1

INERTIA

at pouring
temperature

2

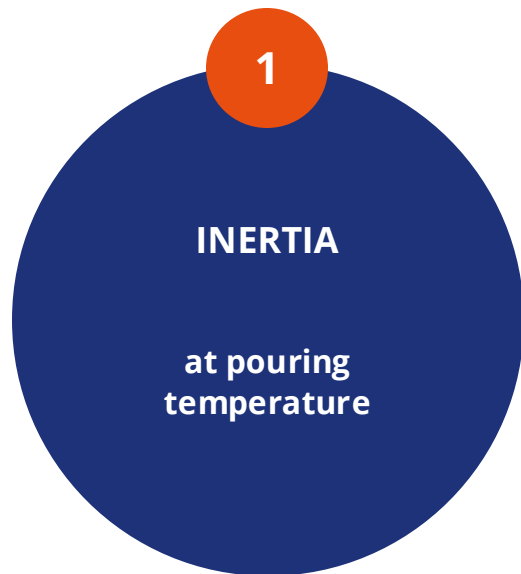
COMPACTION

Higher packing
density (with
adequate gas
permeability)

3

REACTIVITY

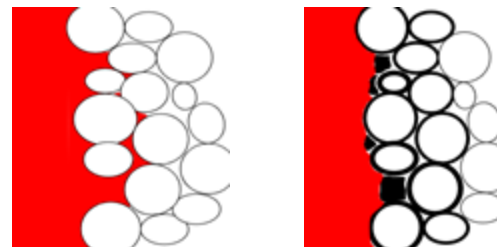
Temperature range
up to 600°C



Carbonaceous additives behave chemically inert at high temperatures (oxygen-free environment) preventing reactions between mold and metal through the formation of a pyrolytic carbon

Inert behaviour through targeted selection of inorganic materials

Reduced wetting by pyrolytic carbon



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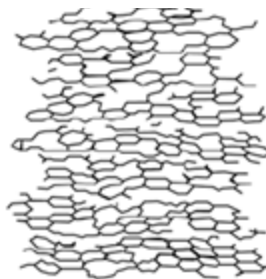
COMPACTION

Higher
packing/compaction
density
(still reasonable gas
permeability)

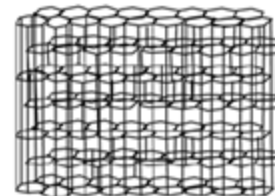
The deposited pyrolytic carbon ensures a low roughness and good casting surface

Targeted selection of inorganic materials results in adequate compaction of the mold with less tendency to surface defects and roughness

Pyrolytic carbon



Graphite



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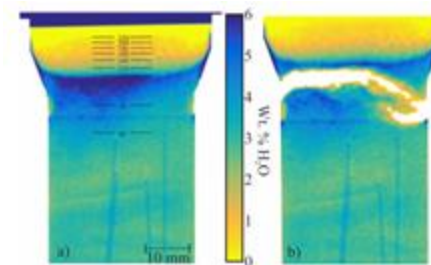
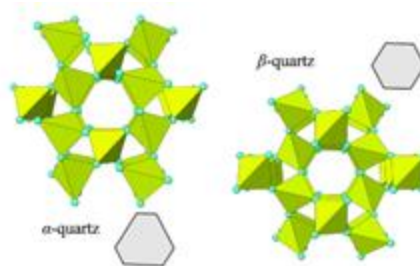
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in the temperature
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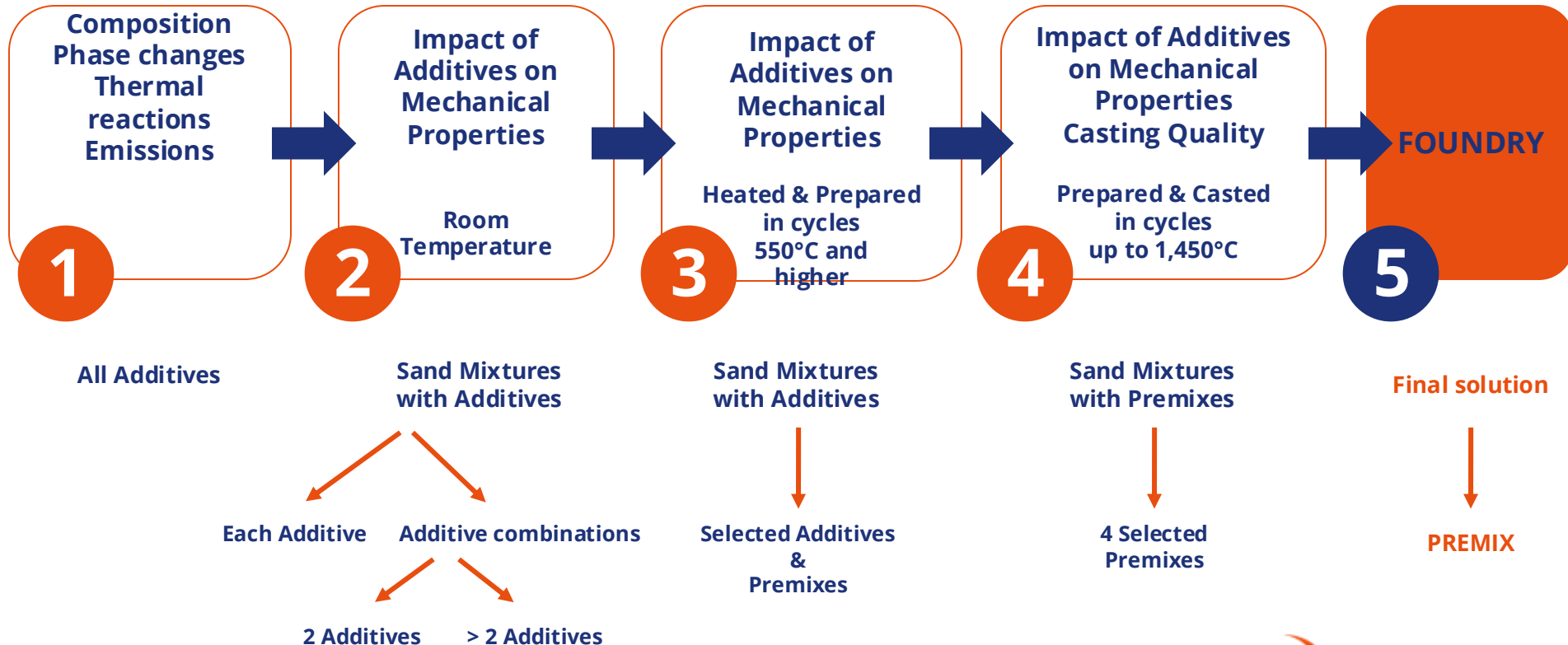
In the temperature range up to 600°C, tensions occur in the mold and at the same time increased water content in the condensation zone

Coal begins to react at low temperatures, volatile components are released, the coal goes through a softening interval

Selected alternative additives decompose up to 550°C, giving space and reducing stresses



Development stages



Development of the new product

1

Composition
Emissions
Strength
Design of Experiment

2

High temperature and
circulation behaviour
(internal)

3

Circulation behaviour
Casting tests
Casting quality

4

FOUNDRY



Preparation and heating cycles
Thermal behaviour



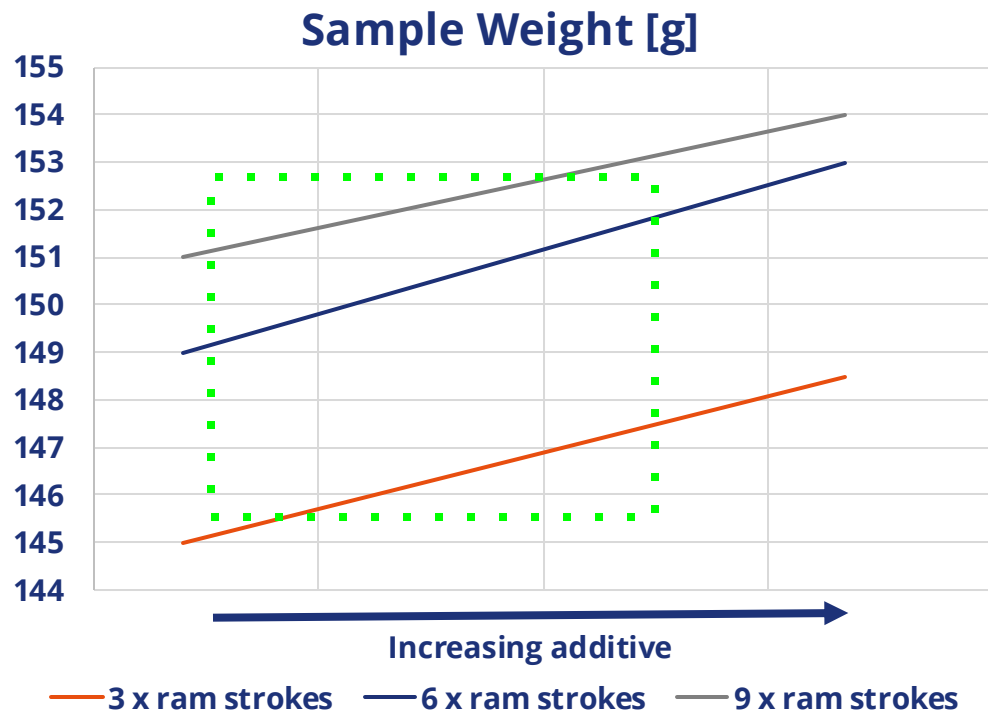
Cumulative Processing
& Casting Cycles
Sand adhesion, roughness



FTIR Spectroscopy
Tube furnace (900°C)

- Sample is pyrolyzed in nitrogen atmosphere
- Characterisation of emitted gases

Compaction depending on the addition of additives

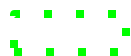


**Increased compaction based on addition
Variation in ram strokes
Standard sand mixtures**

**Specimen weight increases with increasing
additive addition**

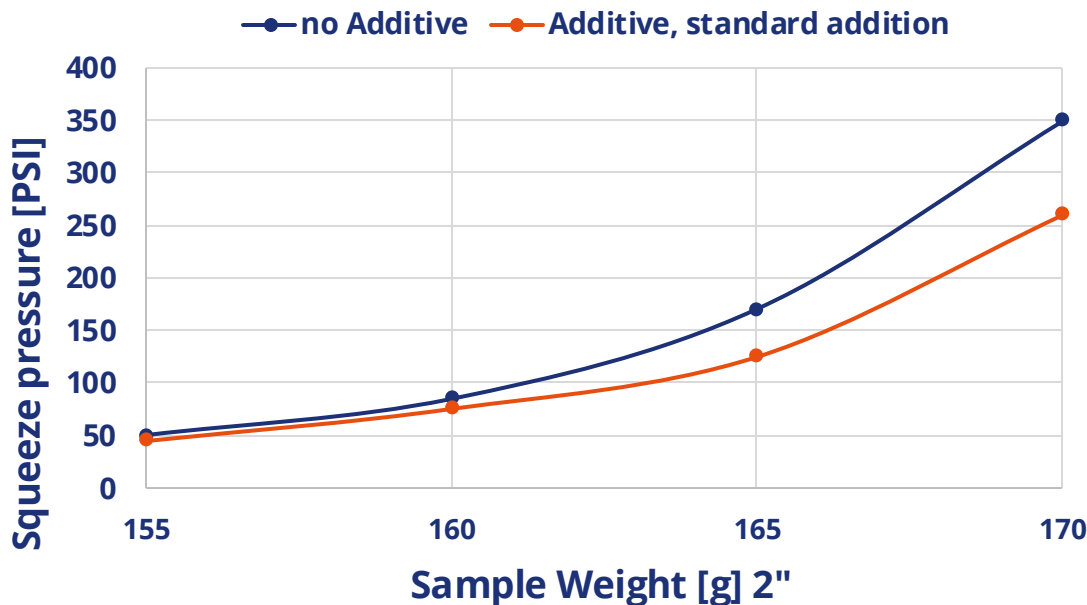
Increase from 145g to 149.5g as well as density
1.47 to 1.52 g/cm³, 3 times rammed

The higher the number of ram strokes, the
higher the test specimen weight.
With a similar progression in relation to the
addition of additives.



Area of activity, standard products and development

Reduction of squeeze pressure

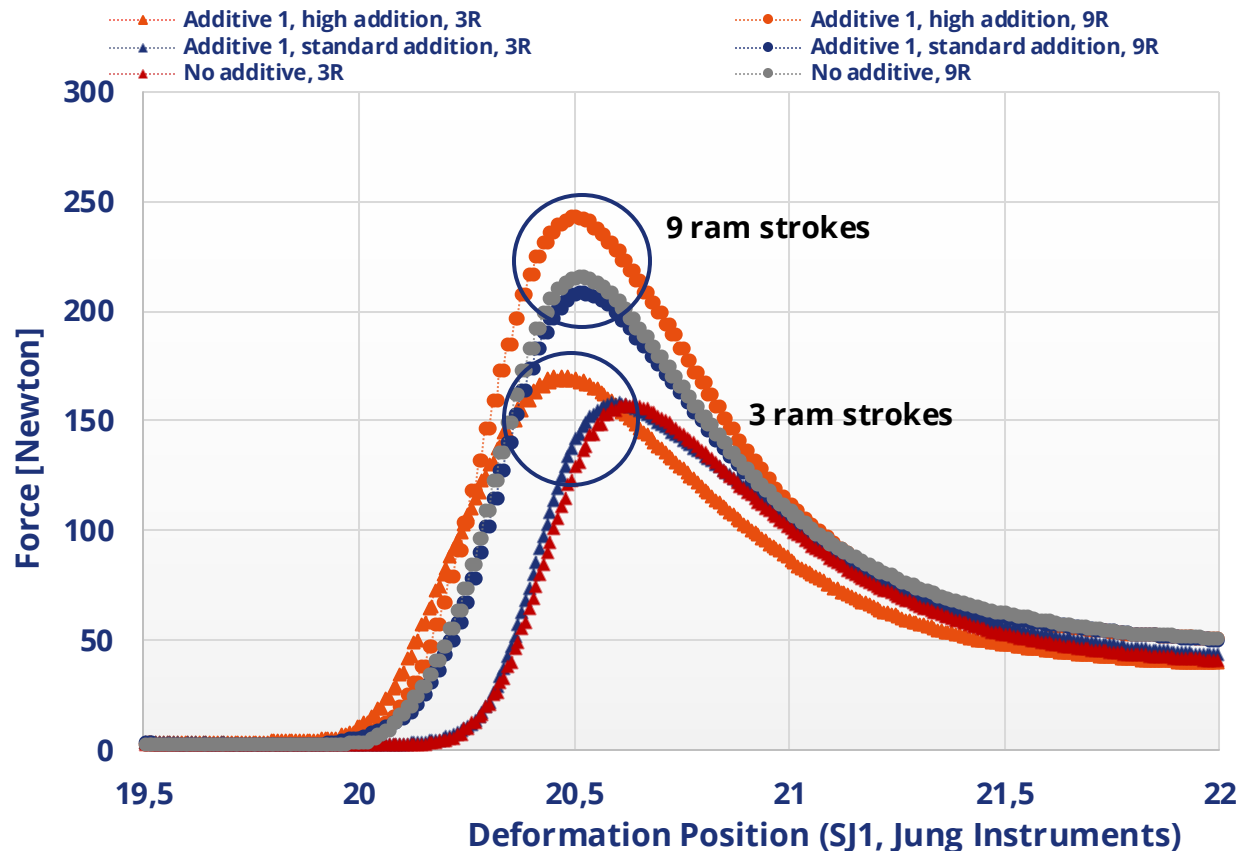


**Pressing of test specimens (2x2") with different test specimen weights
Standard sand mixtures**

Even with a small amount of a specific additive, the pressing pressure [PSI], to generate a test specimen, can be reduced

The difference in squeeze pressure increases with increasing amount of sand for the given volume

Deformation and force, example additive 1 ("brittle")

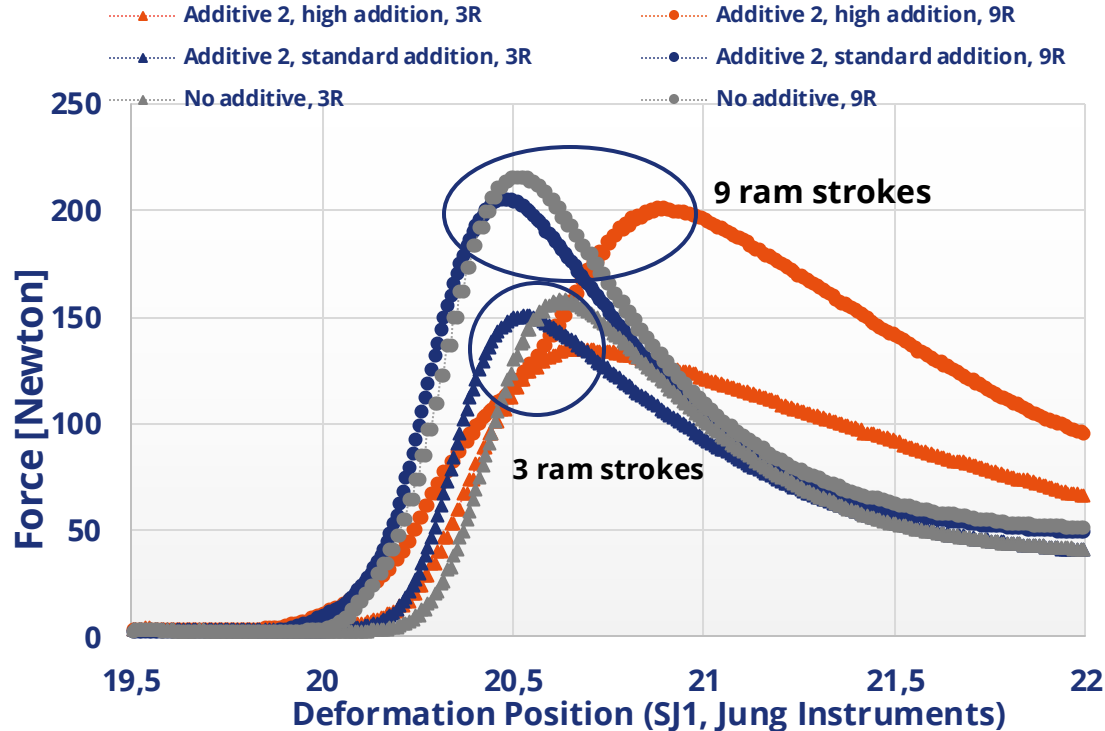


Standard sand mixtures
Deformation and force (SJ1, Jung Instrum.)
Variation in ram strokes
Comparison to mixtures without additive

Small addition of the additive has no influence on the level of strength or deformation behaviour.

With a **massive addition, the strength increases**, but the test specimen reacts more to deformation, the fracture path is shorter, when the compaction energy is lower

Deformation and force, example additive 2 ("plastic")

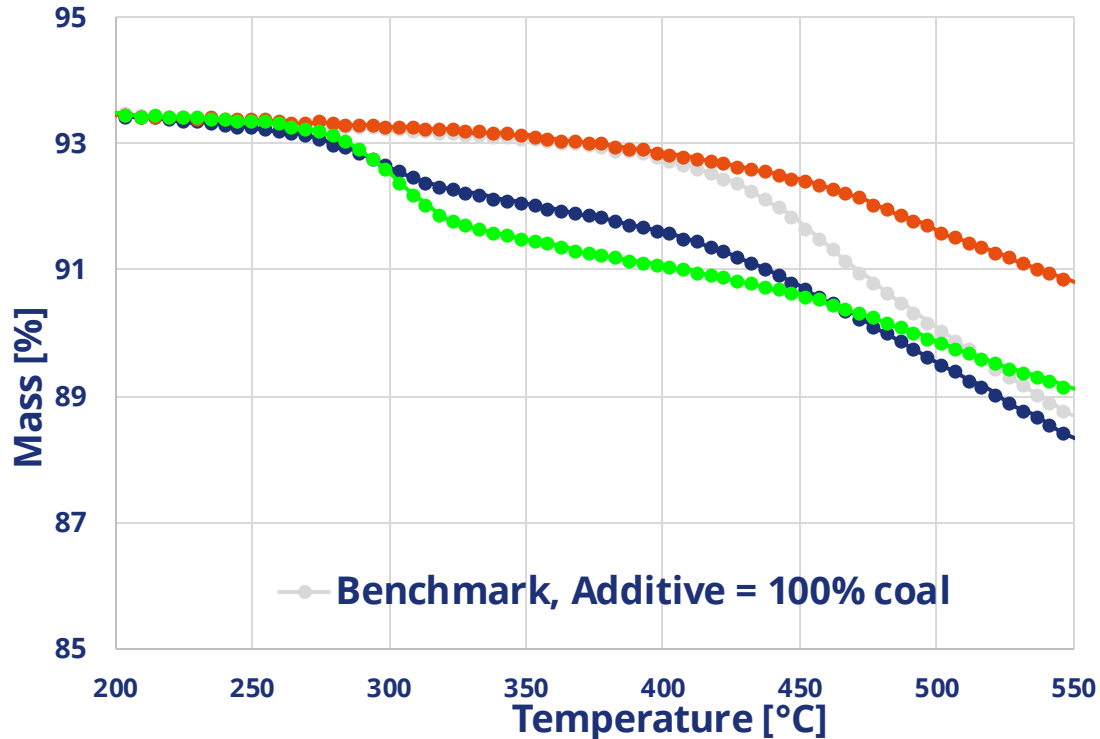


Standard sand mixtures
Deformation and force (SJ1, Jung Instrum.)
Variation in ram strokes
Comparison to mixtures without additive

A small addition of this additive has hardly any influence on the level of strength or deformation behaviour.

With a massive addition, the deformation increases and the strength is reduced.

Mass loss in the area of quartz expansion



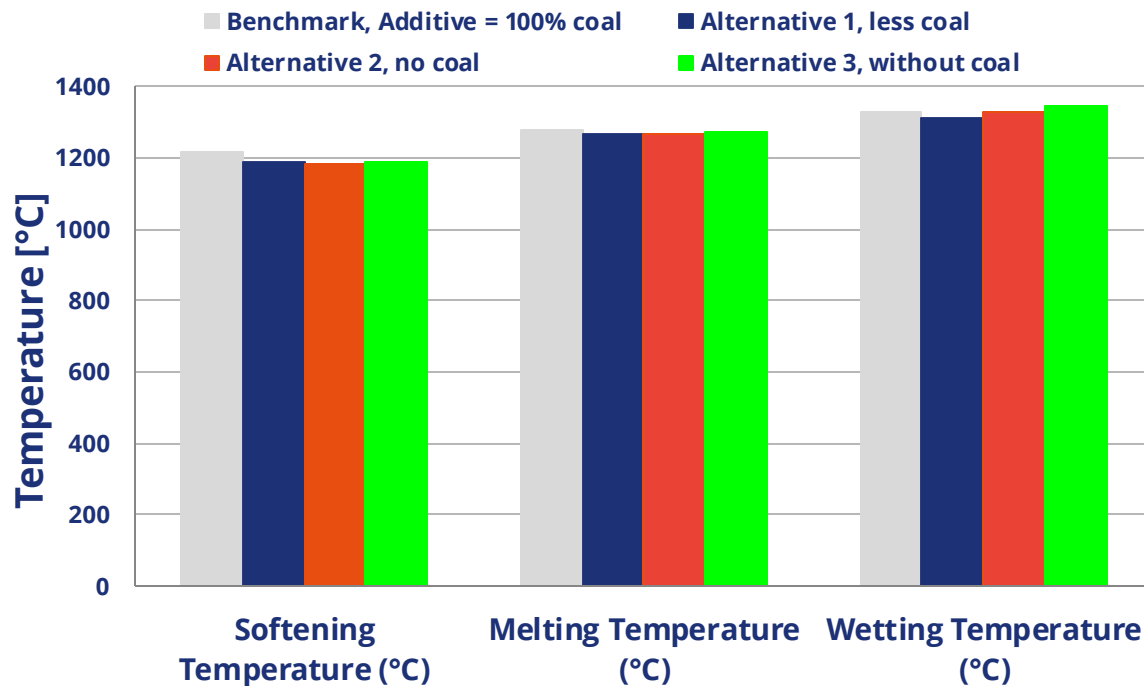
Thermogravimetric Analysis
Bentonite-Additive blends

Alternative 3 without coal

In the area of quartz expansion,
Alternative 3 achieves a comparable loss
of mass

The reaction starts at lower
temperatures
compared to the benchmark

Sintering behaviour

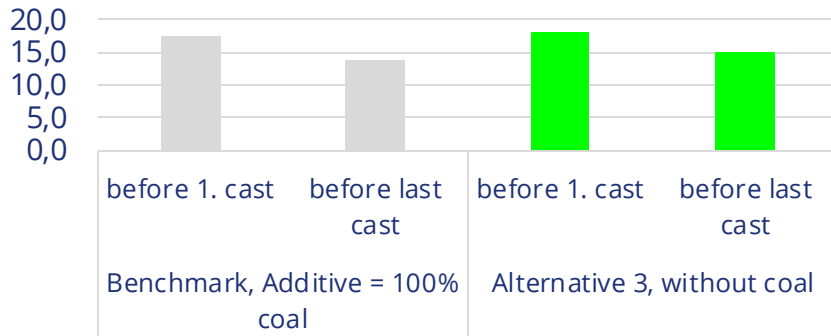


Heating microscope
Bentonite-Additive Blends

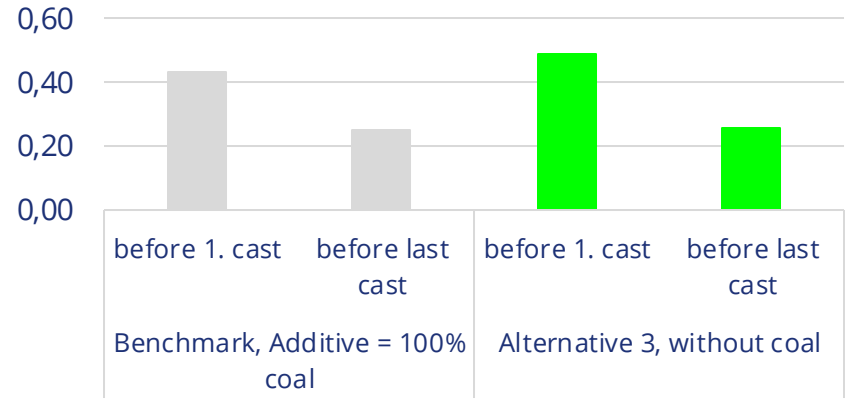
Alternative 3 without coal

There is no reduction in the
sintering temperature

Green compression strength [N/cm²]



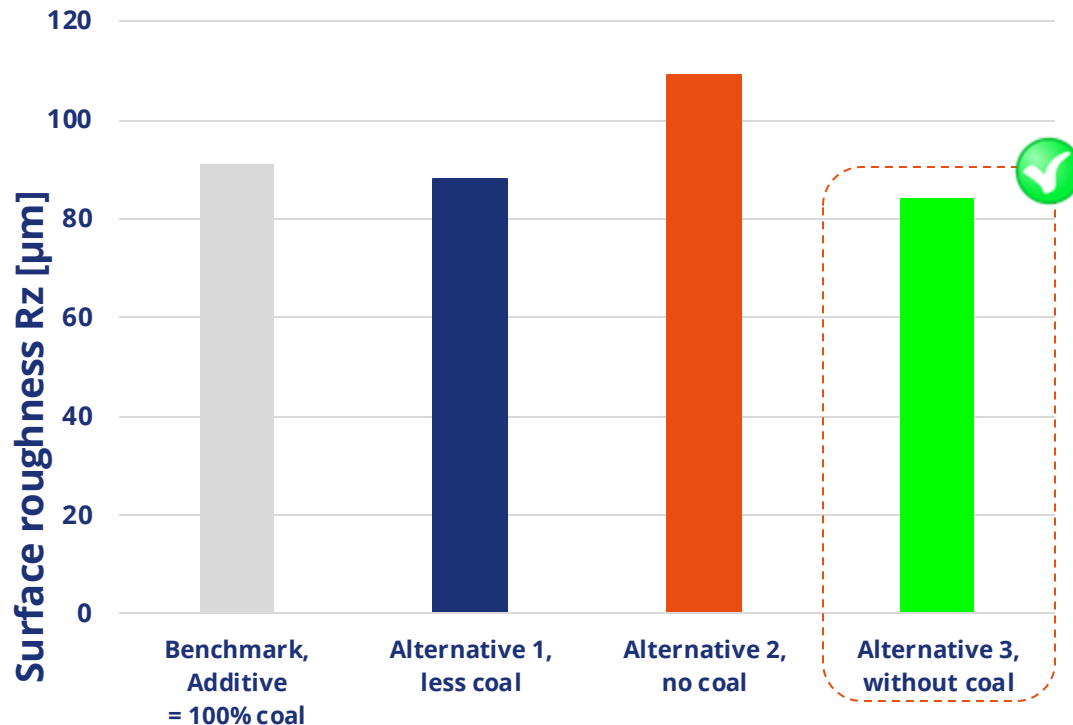
Wet tensile strength [N/cm²]



Standard Test Mixtures

Alternative 3 without coal shows the same or higher strengths compared to the benchmark, having the same bentonite content in the recipe and the sand mixture

Casting quality

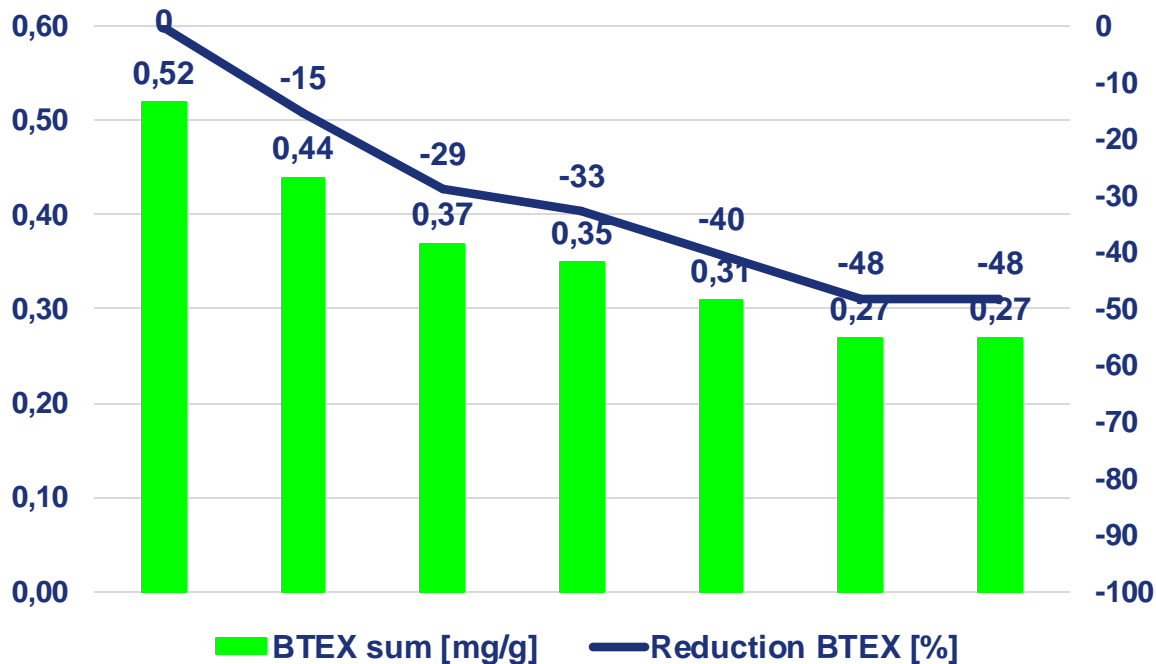


Circulation tests, 4 cycles
Standard mixtures
Cast iron

Alternative 3 without coal

Achieves a roughness comparable to that of the product with carbon

Emissions Step 1 of the transition



Within the conversion period, 50% of the carbonaceous additives were substituted by **Alternative 3 without coal**

As expected, this also resulted in a reduction in the total of BTEX* emissions by around 50%.

* Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Ethylbenzene

Achieved reductions using alternative additives

- Alternative additives are non-fossil, mostly inorganic
- With an 100% exchange rate the following results can be achieved compared to a Benchmark recipe (Bentonite and coal)
 - Reduction of carbon content of more than 50%
 - Reduction of volatiles matter of more than 30%, volatiles matter partly “inorganic”
 - Reduction of emissions (Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Ethylbenzene) of more than 80%
- Reduction to be compared to the standard product
- CASE STUDIES AND REPORTS WILL FOLLOW SOON





Low carbon emissions

Reduction of carbon emissions by the substitution of coal and resin by a combination of substitutes



Reduction of fossil fuel

Min. 50% reduction of fossil carbonaceous additives and substitution by non-fossil alternatives.



Lower final cost for the customer

Customers will decrease penalties they may get from Government and authorities, improving their plant's P&L, also improving their brand image for their own customers.



Molding sand quality

The product allows to get the same molding sand quality (strength level) and molding sand composition with low carbon emissions. No increase in surface roughness, scabbing or penetration.



Safety

Improved safety avoiding the transportation of dangerous goods

**Thank you
for your attention**