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* **Quick die clamping system from ROEMHELD wins Euroblech award 2016**
* **Energy-free grip rail coupling for transfer presses in sheet metal working wins in the category of “Automation & Handling”**

*Hannover/Hilchenbach, 28th October 2016*. At this year’s Euroblech exhibition, the clamping system specialist ROEMHELD won the award of the same name in the category of “Automation & Handling”. At the trade fair in Hannover, the award was won by a newly developed grip rail coupling which was being presented for the first time at this exhibition for the European sheet metal working industry. The quick die clamping system is not only particularly compact and lightweight, but it also works without its own drive. With this product, ROEMHELD was able to convince the jury and fight off numerous competitors.

The innovation: the automated clamping element couples, uncouples and clamps grip rails used in presses without the need for an additional external source of hydraulic, electric or pneumatic energy. Instead, the innovative product uses the movement of the transfer rail for coupling and uncoupling. Clamping takes place by means of an interlocking connection and spring force.

The particularly compact and lightweight coupling system is made up of one active part, which is mounted on the transfer rail drive, and a matching passive part on the grip rail. As the components do not have to be fitted with tubes or pipes, they are particularly simple to install and retrofit.

**Innovative solution from the technology leader for the optimisation of set-up times**

“The award confirms ROEMHELD, through innovative and customer-oriented solutions, as the technology leader for the optimisation of set-up times in forming technology”, commented Andreas Reich, head of quick die clamping and changing systems at the ROEMHELD plant in Hilchenbach. “Furthermore, the award represents a satisfying acknowledgement of the great work performed by our committed team of engineers led by Frank Grosche.”

**The Euroblech award was presented for the eighth time**

In 2016, it was the eighth time that the “Euroblech award” was presented by a jury comprising editors from the specialist journals ”MM Maschinenmarkt” and “blechnet”. Awards were handed out for innovations in the categories of “forming technology”, “punching technology”, “automation & handling”, “joining technology”, “separation technology", “surface technology” and “measurement and testing technology”.

**ROEMHELD: Optimiser of set-up times for sheet metal forming**

With their die clamping and changing technology, ROEMHELD consider themselves as an expert for the optimisation of set-up times in sheet metal forming. The product range offers a very wide selection of hydraulic, mechanical, electro-mechanical and magnetic clamping elements and rapid clamping systems for virtually any clamping task. The extensive selection of products for die changing such as media couplings, roller conveyors, carrying consoles and transport carts completes the range.

ROEMHELD is a worldwide market and quality leader, offering productive solutions for the industrial manufacturing, assembly, clamping and drive technology industries. Elements used for manufacturing, inspecting and maintaining large components for wind turbines, components for automating set-up processes and for machine communication within Industry 4.0 supplement the range of products. The extensive range of more than 25,000 components, modules and systems offers the right product for almost any task and is continuously expanded with customer-specific solutions.

With service locations and sales offices in more than 50 countries, ROEMHELD is represented around the world, supplying to international manufacturers in industries such as mechanical engineering, automotive, aerospace and agriculture and also in the medical technology industry. At the three locations in Laubach, Hilchenbach and Götzis, Austria, the 500 employees achieved sales of around 98 million Euro in 2015.

**Photographs:**



Photograph 1:

Julia Ehrhardt, member of the ROEMHELD board of management, engineer Frank Grosche with the Euroblech award and Andreas Reich, head of quick die clamping systems / magnetic clamping systems (Photograph: ROEMHELD).



Photograph 2:

The exhibition team from ROEMHELD with the energy-free grip rail coupling, the winner of the Euroblech award in the category of “Automation & Handling” (photograph: ROEMHELD).



Photograph 3:

The energy-free grip rail coupling, the winner of the Euroblech award in the category of “Automation & Handling” (photograph: ROEMHELD).

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