



INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR METAL CASTING AND METAL POWDER PRODUCTION



# BLUE POWER. YOUR PARTNER FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR METAL CASTING AND METAL POWDER PRODUCTION

Blue Power Casting Systems is a subsidiary of Indutherm Erwärmungsanlagen GmbH. Both are family-run companies based in Walzbachtal - close to the technology region of Karlsruhe and Pforzheim, the "Golden City," center of the German jewelry and watch industry.

We originally developed our induction technology specifically for investment casting of precious metals. Today, we can offer you a wide range of systems for many applications. Our portfolio can be divided into two main areas:

#### Metal casting and metal atomization

In the field of casting technology, we offer innovative solutions for vacuum/pressure investment casting, melting and pouring into open molds, and producing semi-finished products or granules. We have seen the development of additive manufacturing technologies based on metal powders not as competition for investment casting but as an additional opportunity. We began designing and manufacturing systems for producing and classifying metal powders more than ten years ago.

#### INDUTHERM and BLUE POWER

Our systems are used in many industries that require in-depth industry-specific know-how from our employees. For this reason, our machines are sold under two different brands, each with its own specialized sales and service staff: Under the name INDUTHERM, we supply the watch, jewelry, and precious metal industries. Our subsidiary, BLUE POWER CASTING SYSTEMS, is responsible for all other applications, such as automotive and its suppliers, medical technology, mechanical engineering, and apparatus engineering. In North America, all sectors are served under the BLUE POWER label.

#### Any product is only as good as the customer service that backs it up.

Our sales and service partners provide professional support around the world. You can find the distributor for your country on our website, www.indutherm.de, in the "About Us" section



# OUR PHILOSOPHY: ALWAYS RECEPTIVE FOR CUSTOMER NEEDS, ALWAYS LOOKING FORWARD



#### First, listening, then engineering

For us, it is fundamental always to be receptive. Talking to users, understanding their needs, and discussing ideas and visions are the best basis for creating sustainable solutions. That's why, from the very beginning, we develop and test our machines in close cooperation with customers from various industries. The different requirements have led to the wide range of solutions we can offer our customers today. Most of our systems can be highly customized to your processes - with multiple tooling and sizing options and numerous optional accessories. Even customized machine setups are possible thanks to our in-house software development.

#### Complete engineering and design in-house at Indutherm and Blue Power

The core competence of INDUTHERM and BLUE POWER is the development of the machines from R&D to marketability. The electronics, software, control systems, mechanics, and everything else are designed in-house and made in Germany.

#### Continuously engaged in R&D projects

The INDUTHERM and BLUE POWER development team has been involved in national and international research projects for many years. We cooperate with renowned research institutes and universities.



#### Sharing our know-how

Our customers benefit from the experience gained in these projects through high consulting competence and innovative products that continue to set new standards in their segments.

Feel free to contact us for advice on process optimization or to attend one of our casting seminars. And who knows, maybe we'll meet at one of the international symposia we regularly attend

#### Our latest R&D projects

#### "ZIM" and "BMBF" projects

"ZIM" projects (Central Innovation Program for SMEs) are cooperative R&D projects funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, specifically for small and medium-sized enterprises. The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research ("BMBF"), on the other hand, funds "BMBF" projects. Within the scope of these research initiatives, we develop new processes, alloys, and equipment and work with research partners such as the University of Bremen, the Freiberg University of Mining and Technology, and several other research institutes and partners.

#### Atomizer StaVari

The aim was to develop an end-to-end process chain for the additive manufacturing of complex, multi-variant, and highly functional products made from innovative steel materials (funding code 02P15B056).

#### Atomizer Lhasa

Development of an explosion-proof powder atomization plant for aluminum alloy powder

#### IGF projects (cooperative industrial research)

#### \_ LeichtbauBW

A business and science promotion program in Baden-Württemberg, probably the largest lightweight construction network in the world.

#### \_ Frigesco

of magnetocaloric materials

Amorphous metal powders (bulk metallic glass)

#### IDAK

"Isothermal Digital Single Cell Amplification for the Detection of Antibiotic-resistant Pathogens in Hospitals" (Ag powder development for antibacterial applications, among others)

#### OpP3DP

"Optimized Powders for 3D-Printing": powder development and manufacture of innovative Cu base powders for laser additive manufacturing of high-strength, high-conductivity components

#### Gold powder nology for gold powder

CuBe alternative "Alloy Development and Characterization of Materials to Replace Copper-Beryllium Alloys"

Titanium castina

Powder atomization and laser additive manufacturing

Manufacture and use of amorphous metal powders

Powder development and powder atomization tech-

Development of precision casting technologies for titanium components (jewelry, medical technology etc.)



# ALWAYS IN FOCUS: THE MOST ECONOMICAL SOLUTION FOR YOUR DEMANDS



#### Cost-effective through quality

#### Achieve the perfect result in the shortest time and at the lowest cost

Four factors are critical to cost-effective casting:

- Speed and, ideally, no costly testing for high quality casting results
- Casting processes that can be reproduced at any time — The higher the casting quality, the less post-production work and the lower the costs
- Minimal material loss

This is why our motto is "Cost-effectiveness through quality" - reflected in every detail of our machine design.

#### Durable and reliable

Your production equipment must run perfectly from day one for many years. Our internal quality management ensures high standards from the first screw to the last. In the event of revisions, updates, or problems, we provide detailed documentation for each machine, including pictures, software backups, and more.

#### Easy to service

Easy replacement of all major components guarantees quick and easy service, minimizes the risk of long production interruptions, and ensures long-term reliability. All BLUE POWER machines with induction generators can be equipped with a GSM modem for remote service.



Our proprietary power generators with integrated PLCs are specially designed for high efficiency, reliable induction heating, and the melting of various metals. The oscillating circuit is available in various designs and concepts:

Indirect induction heating: The eddy current is primarily transmitted into a susceptor (e.g., graphite crucible). The metal in the crucible is heated by thermal conductivity and radiation from the crucible wall. Due to the low/medium frequency, a significant portion of the electromagnetic field creates a strong mixing effect that ensures a homogeneous alloy. Our special pulse modulation can increase this mixing effect (skin effect, a stirring effect of the melt is ensured)

This concept is used for metals that do not react with carbon or a reaction with carbon is tolerated.

Direct induction heating: It completely excludes carbon from the melt. Eddy currents are generated directly in the metal. This concept requires a certain solidity of the workpiece to allow its electromagnetic coupling with the induction coil (material, quantity, shape, position). However, in the case of more or less sound metal in the crucible, it improves the thermal efficiency of the process and allows the melting of materials with higher melting points or affinity to carbon in a very efficient, economical, and safe way.

Both concepts guarantee the user maximum efficiency and flexibility, reduce power consumption, increase

maximum temperature, increase heating speed and reduce electromagnetic emissions in terms of EMC.

Efficient insulation ensures that the generated induction loses as little energy as possible for the rapid melting of the metal. Thermal insulation around the inductor and crucible effectively reduces heat radiation. Efficient energy use also reduces energy consumption for re-cooling water in the machine and the potential need for air conditioning in the foundry.

#### Save power with peripherals!

The mold lift allows you to use flangeless molds. These are much less expensive and take up less space in your furnace. In other words, you can fire ~50% more molds with the same energy consumption or work with a smaller furnace.



Digital process management for more safety, more control, and higher productivity:

Remote control capabilities allow the operator to conveniently monitor and control the process from the office or any other location at a safe distance. We use sophisticated control electronics and existing sensors on our machines for data acquisition. This allows us to collect and process numerous parameters via sensors, such as power output, temperatures, compression ratios, and many more. Each process can be analyzed and stored in detail. The system consists of individual modules that can be configured according to customer requirements.

Different user interfaces are available for control and management depending on the application.

#### **Original Indutherm and Blue Power** consumables: Quality pays off!

Our high-quality consumables, such as crucibles, molds, and sealing rods, are specially designed for  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{INDUTHERM}}$ and BLUE POWER machines. Each machine comes with a free starter consumable set to get you started. For larger sets of consumables to ramp up your production, please contact us and benefit from attractive volume discounts. Using only original INDUTHERM/BLUE POWER consumables makes sense for several reasons:

- Compact graphite ensures greater durability for crucibles and sealing rods - Higher-quality casting results
- Less contamination from extraneous material like lead, etc. - Less graphite contamination in alloys and castings
- material loss
- Less stress for the casting machines
- Lower power consumption
- Our crucibles have lower electrical resistance, meaning that there is less stress on the inductor, condenser assembly, transformer, and generator – resulting in greater durability for these components
- An additional two years of warranty free of charge if you use only original Indutherm consumables and have a valid service contract.\*

DMS-software

remote service via modem

Easy to service: replacing the

aenerator by opening only

two screws

#### **OUR DIGITAL PROCESS MANAGEMENT**

FEATURES		BENEFITS
Process data output and visualization	>	Analytics, live views, evaluation
Report output	>	Documentation, quality assurance
Script control Remote control	>	Production control, process control, process monitoring
Statistics	>	Evaluations, efficiency analysis, optimizations
Flexible data access / cloud communication	>	Process monitoring, process statistics, process documentation
Software updating	>	Maintenance, service

- Less gas porosity => reduced post-production costs, less





# YOUR PROJECT...

# OUR SOLUTION...

Steel, titanium, platinum, palladium casting

Aluminium,

casting

copper, brass,

zinc, gold, silber

- From filigree to large parts
- Dental and medical technology, implants — Metallurgic R & D
- Molds

From filigree to large parts

From Rapid prototyping to serial production



#### Vacuum Pressure Casting Machines

#### MC, MTC and VC Series

- One or two chamber differential pressure systems
- Casting into investment molds, also suited for shell casting
- Up to 25,000 ccm crucible volume



#### Vacuum Pressure Casting Machines MC, MTC and VTC Series

- One or two chamber differential pressure systems
- Tilting casting principle
- Casting into investment molds or into ingot molds, also suited for shell casting

#### High Temperature Melting Machines with ceramic crucibles

- MU/MUV/MUVV (C series) for hand pouring into molds

#### Open Melting Machines and Tilting Furnaces **MU and TF Series**

- MU/MUV/MUVV series for hand pouring into molds, shell molds or ingot molds
- TF series for tilting pouring into molds, shell molds or ingot molds, up to 28,000 ccm crucible volume



#### Continuous Casting Machines CC Series Granulating Units GU Series Sintering Unit SU Series

- CC Series continuous casting machines also available as VCC versions with vacuum function for de-gassing of the metal
- GU units for the productions of granules or micro granules
- SU sintering unit for the productions of multi-coloured rings and bangles

#### Metal Powder Production Plants AUG, AUW and AUS Series Metal Powder Air Classifiers AC Series

- AUG Series (gas atomization) for production of metal powders for Additive Manufacturing process and others
- AUW Series (water atomization) for production of metal powders for recycling/refining process, press & sinter process
- AUS Series (ultrasonic atomization), very compact solution for fast metal powder production
- AC Series for metal powder classification and separation

Melting and pouring of different metals

- For metals developing a lot of smoke and oxides during melting
- For large quantities of metal (recycling or own alloys)
- For casting large, heavy components



Production of semi-finished material

#### - Multi-colored rings

- Wires and tubes
- Strips, sheet and bars Granules
- Micro granules



Production of metal powders

- Metal powders for SLM, MIM and other Additive Manufacturing process
- Metal powders for recycling/refining process, press & sinter process and others











**MC** Series for small parts, small batches and quick casts

**MTC Series** especially for high-temperature casting, e.g. Pt

**VTC Series** for all kind of metals

VC Series for a wide range of applications from filigree to massive castings

VC Series for large parts

MU / MUV / MUVV Series for melting and handpouring

**TF Series** for melting and casting large quantities

CC / VCC Series for semi-finished products

**GU** Series for granulating

**SU Series** for sintering / diffusion bonding

AU / AC Series for the production of metal powder

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# MC SERIES PROGRAM CONTROLLED TABLETOP **CASTING MACHINES**



envisaged – is a strong endorsement of the MC concept.

#### For more than just investment casting

The MC Series machines are also used

\_ for analytic purposes where material samples needs to be melted, homogenized and cast into a defined

achieve perfect balance and have as few moving parts as possible, almost the entire machine moves during the tilting process: the cylindrical design allows the entire moving section to rotate like in a half-pipe – ingeniously simple and stylishly designed on high-quality rollers. However, unlike manual casting, the process takes place in an enclosed chamber under a vacuum or inert gas



After pouring, the MC series automatically switch to overpressure in order to optimise the mold filling even for delicate parts. Alternatively it is also possible to keep the vacuum.

course, all process parameters can be saved for repeated castings.



#### Vibration technology for excellent casting quality

The MC machines with the "V" suffix are equipped with the INDUTHERM/BLUE POWER vibration system (see page 24). Vibration switched on directly after casting is a decisive factor in enhancing mold filling with very filigree parts. It prevents porosity, ensures a finer grain structure and allows greater and more constant density. Parts have measurably higher elasticity, significantly increasing the scope for further processing.

Vibration technology is a compelling alternative to the commonly used and relatively delicate centrifugal systems, especially when casting platinum or palladium.



#### Using the mini casting system is extremely simple:

1/ Fill in the material and heat up. 2| Define your considered process parameters e.g. atmosphere: vacuum, inert gas atmosphere, overpressure



3| Take the mold from oven and insert it into the machine. The device itself looks after all additional functions – until we get to the stroke of genius:

4/ Pouring off takes place using a 90° rotation of the casting unit. After pouring, the MC machine automatically switches to overpressure in order to optimise the mold filling even for delicate parts.

# MC SERIES - CHOOSE THE VERSION THAT BEST SUITS YOUR NEEDS



#### MC 16, the basic model

\_ Up to 2,000° C

- Program-controlled process flow
- \_ LCD-display with all program data (20 programs)
- For graphite and for ceramic crucibles, temperature up to 2000° C
- Very easy to use, short training period
- Perfectly suited for small castings and small series
- 3.5 KW induction generator for fast heating
- \_ Even for the casting of steel and platinum

#### MC 20 V with vibration technology

- \_ Up to 2,000° C
- Systematically designed for intricate casting projects and for continuous operation Equipped with our vibration system – for better
- form filling, creating casts with greater, more consistent densities, higher elasticity and
- greatly reduced porosity – Overpressure of up to 3 bars
- (casting under vacuum is also possible) – Optical pyrometer for temperature measurement up to 2000° C

#### MC 60 V for aluminium, copper, gold...

\_ Up to 1,300° C

- Basing on the same technology as the MC 16, but larger melting/casting unit with much higher capacity
- Hence reduced maximum temperature (1300° C), perfect for gold and silver casting
- LCDdisplay with all program data
- Vibration technology
- Excellent ratio machine size to capacity: molds up to Ø 100 mm x 120 mm h



- 8 kW (3x400 V) power generator for maximum temperature up to 2000° C
- High capacity: crucibles with casting volume of up to 450 g Au 18ct or 500g Pt, for use with molds up to Ø 100 mm x 120 mm h
- \_ Vibration system
- Overpressure of up to 3 bars
- (casting under vacuum also possible) Optical pyrometer for temperature measurement up to 2000° C



#### Main benefits of all MC machines

- Very simple and safe to operate, short training periods
- \_ All process parameters can be set individually and saved for repeated castings
- Excellent mold filling thanks to high overpressure and vibration system

#### A complete casting system covering just a few square feet

Indumix 2+ for 1 mold 100 x 120mm (Ø x h) Indumix 3+ for up to 3 molds 100 x 120mm (Ø x h) Indumix 4+ for 1 mold 130 x 250 mm (Ø x h)

- - AK 20 interior size: Also available AK 50: Also available AK 135:

(3) MC Series casting machine

(4) Sandblasting cabinet for easy removal of plaster: pressure.

Perfectly suited for a rapid 3D design > 3D print > casting workflow

(1) INDU MIX vacuum investment machine for bubble-free mixing of the investment compound and filling of the mold. The integrated vibrator eliminates any air bubbles.

(2) 1,000°C furnace AK 20 for melting out the wax and burning out the form. Temperature pre-selection, high-quality insulation.

- ~ 300 x 300 x 200 (h) mm
- ~ 300 x 450 x 315 (h) mm
- ~ 410 x 620 x 575 (h) mm

air pressure requirement: 270 l/min at 10 bar, 150 l/min at 5 bar, connection for suction system, foot switch for adjusting



A significant cost factor is the small amount of metal that must be calculated for the sprue.



Perfect for casting of micro parts



When precision counts ..

#### MC FOR ALU, MC SERIES LARGE HIGH TEMPERATURE MC SERIES SMALL HIGH TEMPERATURE CASTING MACHINES GOLD, SILVER... CASTING MACHINE

	MC 16 State 2010 BLUE POWER 0		<image/>	RUE POWER
	MC 16	MC 20 V	MC 60 V	MC 100 V
Performance				
Power max. / electrical connection	3.5 kW 230 V single phase	3.5 kW 230 V single phase	3.5 kW 230 V single phase	<b>8 kW</b> 3x400 v
Temperature max.	2000° C	2000° C	1300° C	2000° C
Capacity				
Casting volume	100 g Au 18 ct / 60 g Cu	100 g Au 18 ct / 60 g Cu	450 g Au 18 ct / 250 g Cu	450 g Au 18 ct / 250 g Cu
	110 g steel / 200 g Pt	110 g steel / 200 g Pt	300 g Ag 935	250 g steel / 500 g Pt
For use of molds	up to ø 30/50/65/80 mm x 80 mm h	up to ø 30/50/65/80 mm x 80 mm h	up to ø 80/100 mm x 120 mm h	up to ø 80/100 mm x 120 mm
Handling & control				
Control papel	full-text ICD display	full-text ICD display	full-text ICD display	full-text ICD display
Automatic vacuum function				
			-	-
Casting also under vacuum only				
Vacuum or overpressure after casting	■ -1 up to +2 bar	-1 up to +3 bar	■ -1 up to +2 bar	■ –1 up to +3 bar
Function washing by inert gas				
Vibration system	_	-		-
Connections: cooling water, inert gas argon or nitrogen				-
Temperature measurement/control	■ up to 1,300°C • up to 1,600°C	■ up to 2,000°C	up to 1,300°C	■ up to 2,000°C
equipped with an optical pyrometer/dual wave pyrometer		<b>•</b> / <b>0</b>	_	■/O
Quality management				
RS 232 Ethernet USB interface diagnostic system				-
GSM-modem for remote service	•	•	•	-
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl	∎/0/0	<b>I</b> /0/0	∎/0/0	∎/0/0
Accessories/peripheral equipment		•		
Furpace AK 20/AK 50	0	0	0	0
FUTTULE AN 20/AN 30 Sandhlasting cabinot	0	0	0	0
Vacuum pump, up to 8 $m^3/h$ / up to 21 $m^3/h$	0	0	0/0	0
Floor unit			-	-/0
Water chiller	0	-	0	0
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The MC 100 V as a stand-alone version: The floor stand provides enough space for accessories such as the vacuum pump.



professional casting system for casting platinum or other high-temperature metal to be molten in ceramic crucibles. Instead of the error-prone centrifugal casting principle, BLUE POWER relies on a specially developed, automatic pressure and tilting system.

The combination of the tilt casting principle and sophisticated, automatic vacuum/overpressure control enables excellent mold filling for both delicate and solid castings, which is additionally supported by the proven INDUTHERM/BLUE POWER vibration system. Another advantage is the very compact design of the MTC 100 V compared to centrifugal casting machines.

The most important technical data is the crucible capacity of 250 g steel or 600 g Pt, mold sizes up to ø 100 \* 150 mm and a maximum temperature of 2,100° C. A single or optional multi-wavelength infrared pyrometer, automatic tilting with adjustable speed and variable pressure build-up ensure optimal process control and consistently high casting quality.

ponents of the induction system.

In addition, the machine can handle investment molds (flasks), shell molds, ingot systems and any other molding system that fits into the chamber.

#### Excellent form filling thanks to novel high-speed pressure and tilting system

- Maximum casting quality due to
- perfect form filling
- less porosity
- the finest surface quality
- Up to 600 gr Pt, 250 g steel or 450 g Au 18 ct
- For molds up to Ø 100\*150 mm
- It can also be used to cast gold and silver alloys
- Also for casting ingots
- High-quality multi-wavelength infrared pyrometer (option)
- 8 kW induction power, up to 2100° C
- Automatic tilting with adjustable speed
- Adjustable pressure build-up
- It has a compact design and is much safer than a centrifugal caster!







	MTC
Performance	
Power max. /electrical connection	8 kW 3×40
Temperature max.	2100° C
Capacity	
Casting volume	450 g Au 18
	250 g stee
For use of molds	up to ø 100 m
Induction mode	indirect and d
	(use of graphite an
Handling & control	
Program control/number of programs	full-text LCD
Automatic vacuum and overpressure function	
Adjustable pressure mode, turbo pressure system, gas tank	
Casting also under vacuum only	
Vacuum or overpressure after casting	■ –1 up t
Automatic tilting with adjustable speed	
Inert gas flushing	
Vibration system	
Thermocouple measurement/control	up to 1,300°C
single-wavelength infrared pyrometer	up to
multi-wavelength infrared pyrometer	O up to
Quality management	
RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system	
GSM-modem for remote service	C
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl	■ / C
Accessories/peripheral equipment	
Vacuum investment mixer Indumix 2+/Indumix 3+	C
Furnace AK 20/AK 50	c
Sandblasting cabinet	C
Vacuum pump, up to 8 m³/h / up to 21 m³/h	0/

Floor unit

Water chiller

ct / 250 g Cu l / 600 g Pt m x 150 mm h irect induction nd ceramic crucible

-Display/20

- to +3 bar
- O up to 1,600°
- 2,000°C 2,100°C
- 0 0/0
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# THE VTC SERIES:





Casting trees in steel and in gold

#### VTC Series vacuum/pressure casting machines

The VTC 100 V – VTC 800 V are extremely versatile casting machines suitable for a wide range of applications. While the VTC Series was originally designed as a high-temperature casting machine for casting steel, palladium, platinum, etc. (max. 2,100 °C), it is also suitable for the economical production of castings in gold, silver, and other materials using large molds. In addition to mold casting, ingot casting is also possible.

The machine combines a dual-chamber differential pressure system with a tilting mechanism. The casting process is accomplished by rotating the entire melting-casting unit 90°.





One advantage of the tilting system is the use of

inexpensive graphite or ceramic crucibles instead

beryllium, crucibles with holes and sealing bars

many users have processed these alloys only in

open systems - meaning they can't choose to op-

timize the process with overpressure or vacuum.

With the VTC Series, these handicaps don't apply.

A vacuum can be created in the melting and cast-

ing chambers to prevent oxidation during melting

and air pockets in the mold.

quickly become leaky and unusable, which is why

of drilled and plugged crucibles, which tend to last longer. For some alloys, such as copper overpressure to be switched on during casting for better mold filling, and vibration technology further optimizes the process.



Sweep Mode Vibration System for perfect results even in Pt and Pd

Due to the vibration technology (see page 24) and the sophisticated vacuum/pressure system, this machine is perfectly suited for casting platinum and palladium without the need for an elaborate and sensitive centrifugal mechanism. The VTC machines are equipped with the advanced Sweep Mode Vibration System. It considers that each casting tree and even each item of a tree has a different resonance frequency, depending on its shape and size. Sweep mode vibration ensures that the optimum frequency is covered by generating variable frequencies.

#### Handling and control

Operation is simple and safe thanks to a clear and easy-to-use LCD display. All parameters, down to the variable tilting speed, can be individually set and saved to ensure that recurring castings produce consistent results.

# melting

#### The high vacuum casting systems VTC 100 V Ti - VTC 800 V Ti

The VTC Ti Series is a cost-effective solution for casting highly reactive metals such as titanium, copper beryllium, amorphous steel, etc.

After numerous modifications, such as completely redesigned valves and hose connections, special seals, and an evacuation and inert gas purging process tailored to the machine, the required vacuum of 10<sup>3</sup> mbar was achieved. In addition. special crucibles and inductors were developed because the ceramic crucibles normally used also react with titanium. They also reduce melting times – and the shorter the melting time, the less time there is for any reaction.



A graphite crucible and a ceramic crucible

# THE VTC SERIES VACUUM PRESSURE CASTING MACHINES



The control system with LCD Display

The casting process is achieved by rotating the entire melting-casting unit by 90°.



Mold size Ø125 mm x 220 mm





	VTC 100 V / Ti	VTC 200 V / Ti	
Performance			Performance
Power max. / electrical connection	12 kW 3x400 v	15 kW 3x400 v	Power max. / electrical connection
Temperature max.	2100° C	2100° C	Temperature max.
Capacity			Capacity
Graphite crucible volume	25 ccm = 450 g Au 18 ct / 250g Cu	145 ccm = 2.0 kg Au 18 ct / 1.2 kg Cu	Graphite crucible volume
Ceramic crucible volume	30 ccm = 600 g Pt / 250 g steel	180 ccm = 2.5 kg Pt / 1 kg steel	Ceramic crucible volume
For use of molds up to	■ 125 mm / 220 mm h	■ 125 mm / 220 mm h	For use of molds up to
	<b>O</b> 125 mm / 350 mm h	<b>O</b> 125 mm / 350 mm h	
Handling & control			Handling & control
Vibration technology	sweep mode	sweep mode	Vibration technology
Automatic tilting with motor drive			Automatic tilting with motor drive
Automatic mold fixing			Automatic mold fixing
Casting programs	100	100	Casting programs
Temperature measurement	thermocouple up to 1,300°C	thermocouple up to 1,300°C	Temperature measurement
	optical pyrometer up to 2,000°C	optical pyrometer up to 2,000°C	
Quality management			Quality management
RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system			RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic syste
Data printer			Data printer
GSM-modem for remote service			GSM-modem for remote service
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl	■/O/O		DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl
Accessories/peripheral equipment			Accessories/peripheral equipment
Pyrometer with video output	0	0	Pyrometer with video output
Vacuum investment mixer Indumix 4+	0	0	Vacuum investment mixer Indumix 4+
Furnace AK 135	0	0	Furnace AK 135
Water chiller, vacuum pump	0	0	Water chiller, vacuum pump



# THE VC SERIES VACUUM PRESSURE CASTING MACHINES



#### Find the perfect casting solution for your needs

Our VC Series machines range from small to very large capacities, from semi-automatic systems to fully automated casting production solutions. Many special features allow you to optimize each casting according to its individual characteristics.

#### Vacuum Pressure Casting



#### Efficient process handling

Separate lock systems for overlapping casting All Blue Power VC machines have separate locking systems for the melt and mold chambers. This allows you to save time by "overlapping" casting: while the mold remains in the vacuum chamber for a few minutes after casting, you can fill and heat the next charge.

Pneumatic bell lock and closing system

The melting chambers of all VC machines are locked by a pneumatic system. VC 460 V, VC 650 V and VC 680 V are additionally equipped with an automatic closing system.

#### Automatic mold and chamber lift

The mold lift facilitates mold handling. When the vacuum chamber is swiveled in, the inserted mold is lowered, and the chamber is automatically docked. When the chamber is opened, the mold is lifted for easy removal. This allows you to use economical, flangeless molds.

#### Program control system for fast and certified casting

Thanks to the control panel with full-text LCD display, all programs and parameters are easily and conveniently set.

The semi-automatic machines offer temperature programs. The fully automatic machines have a program control system involving all parameters. Up to 100 casting programs ensure fast operation and consistent casting results. Parameters are pre-programmed for all major alloys, including AGS, Alpha Plus, Heraeus, Legor, and Pandora. In practice, this means you can expect good casting results from the first mold without expensive pre-tests.

The program control and integrated data printer ensure a high level of safety and the possibility of precise process documentation (important for certified casting processes).



#### Industry 4.0 ready Like all of our systems, the VC Series

has software and interface management that allows remote service and support and provides the basis for future networking with other systems.

Pressure conditions and control essential for your perfect casting results

Automatic vacuum and overpressure in the melting and mold chambers A vacuum in the melting chamber allows

degassing of the alloy and prevents unwanted oxidation during melting (a low oxygen content is especially important when casting silver or red gold). Vacuum in the mold chamber during casting improves mold filling when casting filigree parts and prevents air inclusions. In addition, the system switches to overpressure in the melting chamber and increases the pressure differential.

#### ORC – Oxidation-reduced Casting

This special feature eliminates the danger of oxidation while the mold is cooling down.

#### TRS – Turbulence Reduction Software

TRS ensures a faster and more laminar metal flow. It improves mold filling and prevents investment particles from breaking off in critical areas of the form.

#### Turbo Pressure / Turbo Pressure PLUS

It optimizes the casting of very small and filigree objects and guarantees perfect results when casting with stones. Turbo Pressure allows you to reach a precisely defined pressure quickly. On all program-controlled VC models, Turbo Pressure is automatically activated at the desired time according to the selected program.

The Turbo Pressure PLUS system allows even higher and faster pressurization.

Melting by induction technology: The crucible containing the material is placed in the core of the induction coil. A strong alternating magnetic field generates a strong alternating current in the graphite crucible and the metal. This results in rapid heating and thorough mixing of the material.

#### HSC – High Speed Casting

HSC further improves the filling and surface quality of filigree designs or those with large and flat surfaces. With HSC it's possible to cast treated colored stones at low mold temperatures.



#### Precise temperature control

#### Dual temperature control

Temperature measurements in both the crucible wall and the crucible center (integrated into the sealing rod) ensure that temperature limits are strictly adhered to.

#### Mold temperature measurement

Until recently, molds with incorrect or different temperatures were a safety risk. When casting very small or delicate parts, the temperature of the mold is of utmost importance. Mold temperature measurement (standard on VC 650V and VC 680V) is an important safety feature. The mold temperature can be monitored to within one degree.

# THE BLUE POWER VIBRATION TECHNOLOGY

# THE SEMI-AUTOMATIC VC VERSIONS



#### Vibration technology for enhanced casting results



#### The BLUE POWER Vibration System

- Vibration during casting generally improves material flow and mold filling
- Castings exhibit a higher and more consistent density
- Porosity is substantially reduced
- \_ 50% smaller grain size
- Risk of hot cracks is reduced.
- Castings have greater stress and elasticity properties, making them easier to process further.

In practice this means: higher and more consistent quality, less waste, less post-processing, and better deformability.

A customer in USA has discovered that by using BLUE POWER vibration technology the total production time including post-processing was reduced by 25% (compared to a machine without vibration).



#### The BLUE POWER Sweep Mode Vibration System

The sweep mode vibration system can do even more: it considers that each casting tree and even each item of a tree has a different resonance frequency, depending on its shape and size. Sweep mode vibration, which generates variable frequencies, covers all natural resonances.



Grain structure without

vibration<sup>3</sup>







Elongation limit ~12% better with vibration Tensile strength ~25% better with vibration

\*Au 18 ct: 750 Au,128 Ag, 122 Cu





# VC 400

Performance

For use of molds up to

Handling & control

Quality management

#### VC 400

The ideal machine for smaller companies producing moderate quantities but needing significantly more capacity than than the MC machines offer. Often, experienced casters are not particularly interested in automated functions or program control, and they can achieve the same quality with the VC 400 machine as with more advanced machines. ensures rapid heating and thorough mixing of the molten metal through inductive bath movement. In addition to the Turbo Pressure function, the VC 400 and VC 500 automatically switch to positive pressure after casting.

#### VC 500

casting operation, higher performance (shorter casting times) with even larger crucibles and mold capacities (molds up to 160 mm ø/400 mm H) is important. The high maximum temperature of 1,600°C extends the range of alloys that can be cast. Temperature measurements in both the crucible and the mold provide the best possible repeatability in the process. If alloys are frequently changed, 20 different temperature programs simplify the process.

#### Accessories/peripheral eq Sintering kit (for diffusion

Granulation tank/flake op Water chiller, vacuum pur

\* Liquid metal up to the top of the crucible  $\blacksquare$  = Standard equipment **O** = optional

#### Other versions Also available as a granulating unit

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50 µm

	VC 400	VC 500
erformance		
Power max. / electrical connection	3.5 kW 230 V or 4.5 kW 3x400 V	10 kW 3x400 v / 3x208 v
Temperature max.	1400° C	1600° C
Capacity		
Crucible volume	■ 170 ccm = 2.5 kg Au 18 ct / 1,5 kg Cu	* ■ 245 ccm = 3.6 kg Au 18 ct / 2 kg Cu
		<b>O</b> 386 ccm = 5.8 kg Au 18 ct / 3.3 kg Cu
For use of molds up to	ø 130 mm / 240 mm h	🔳 ø 130 mm / 240 mm h
		<b>O</b> ø 160 mm / 400 mm h
landling & control		
Maximum pressure	■ 1.5 bar/ <b>O</b> 3.0 bar	■ 1.5 bar/ <b>O</b> 3.0 bar
Automatic bell lock	-	
Program control/programs	full-text LC	D display/20
Dual temperature control	0	0
Mold and chamber lift		
Variable vacuum in mold chamber	•	•
Turbo pressure system	-	-
Turbulence reduction software	-	•
luality management		
RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface,		
Diagnostic system		
Data printer	-	-
GSM-modem for remote service	0	0
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl	■/O/O	■/O/O
ccessories/peripheral equipment		
Sintering kit (for diffusion bonding)	0	0
Granulation tank/flake option	0/0	0/0
Water chiller, vacuum pump	0	0
	-	-
other versions		
Also available as a aranulatina unit	_	GU 500
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# THE FULLY AUTOMATIC VC MACHINES VC 450 - VC 480 V







#### VC 450

The VC 450 has a program control system with a full-text LCD display. Twenty different casting cycles can be stored for reproducible and consistent casting results. Optionally, this machine is also available with the BLUE POWER vibration system (VC 450 V).

#### VC 460 V

We have developed our new program-controlled, fully automatic vacuum pressure casting machine VC 460 V, especially for casting jewelry with embedded stones and filigree shapes. On the one hand, we have further developed the proven BLUE POWER vibration system, especially for casting very delicate parts. On the other hand, the VC 460 V has an innovative high-speed overpressure system with up to 3 bar overpressure. The melting chamber's new automatic closing and locking system closes and locks the lid reliably, quickly, and gently at the touch of a button. This is an enormous increase in convenience and allows even higher production speeds.



Not to be forgotten: The design has been optically and ergonomically optimized, making the system even easier to use.

#### VC 480 V

We recommend the VC 480 V for productions that require more power and capacity to increase process speed and throughput. The VC 480 V is equipped with an 8 kW genera tor, advanced program control with 100 casting programs, automatic mold and chamber lift, variable vacuum in the mold chamber, and the BLUE POWER vibration system.

\* Liquid metal up to the top of the crucible

\*\* Injection of the metal into the mold, also

known as "double chamber system"

■ = Standard equipment **O** = optional

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VC 450 / VC 450 V	VC 460 V	VC 480 V
4.5 kW 3x400 v	4.5 kW 3x400 V	8 kW 3x400 v
1400° C	1400° C	1600° C
■ 1/0 ccm = 2.5 kg Au 18 ct / 1,5 kg Cu*	I/0 ccm = 2.5 kg Au 18 cf / 1,5 kg Cu*	<ul> <li>I/0 ccm = 2.5 kg Au 18 ct / 1,5 kg Cu*</li> <li>245 ccm = 3.6 kg Au 18 ct / 2 kg Cu*</li> </ul>
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Ø 130 mm / 240 mm n	■ Ø I30 mm / 240 mm n	<ul> <li>Ø 130 mm / 240 mm h</li> <li>Ø 160 mm / 400 mm h</li> </ul>
- / ■ VC 450 V	optimized vibration system	
-	•	-
■ 1.5 bar/ <b>O</b> 3.0 bar	■ 3.0 bar (novel high speed system)	■ 1.5 bar/ <b>O</b> 3.0 bar
full-text LCD display / 20	full-text LCD display / 20	■ full-text LCD display / 100
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# OUR PREMIUM VC MACHINES VC 650 V AND VC 680 V



#### VC 650 V

The fully equipped BLUE POWER VC 650 V offers very high speed and casting quality. The program control with 100 casting programs, the crucible capacity of up to 700 ccm, the sweepmode vibration system, and the overpressure of up to 3 bar are the main advantages that make this machine ideal for large production runs.

#### VC 680 V

The VC 680 V is based on the VC 650 V. However, the standard filling device of this machine eliminates the need to open the melting chamber for refilling. This keeps the melting chamber temperature high and prevents unnecessary energy loss. Most importantly, no oxygen enters the melting chamber, so evacuating and refilling with inert gas is unnecessary.

This results in faster casting cycles; the crucible and sealing rod benefit from the largely constant atmosphere and temperature and have significantly longer service life.

#### The advantages:

- lower personnel costs
- more consistent casting quality
- \_ better process stability, less waste optimised overlapping casting
- \_ up to 20 casting cycles per hour
- high energy efficiency
- longer service lives for consumables
- \_ minimised metal loss
- replenishment without loss of pressure

#### For indirect and direct induction heating, also as HTC versions

VC 650 V and VC 680 V are both suited for indirect or direct induction heating (see page 6). They are also available as high-temperature versions offering a maximum temperature of up to 2,000° C (HTC).





An additional pressure tank integrated into the plant provides for even faster pressure build-up for activation of the Turbo Pressure PLUS function.

	Liquid metal up to top level of the crucible	
*	Injection of the metal into the mold, also	

- known as "double chamber system"
- = Standard equipment **O** = optional

	VC 650 V (HTC)	VC 680 V (HTC)
ce		
ax. / electrical connection	12 kW 3x400 v	12 kW 3x400 v
ture max. indirect inductive heating	1700° C	1700° C
direct inductive heating/HTC	1850° C / 2000° C	1850° C / 2000° C
volume	245 ccm = 3.6 kg Au 18 ct / 2 kg Cu*	245 ccm = 3.6 kg Au 18 ct / 2 kg Cu*
	O 386 ccm = 5.8 kg Au 18 ct / 3.3 kg Cu / 8 kg Pt / 2 kg steel*	• 386 ccm = 5.8 kg Au 18 ct / 3.3 kg Cu / 8 kg Pt / 2 kg steel*
	• 700 ccm =10.5 kg Au 18 ct / 6 kg Cu*	• 700 ccm =10.5 kg Au 18 ct / 6 kg Cu*
f molds up to	ø 130 mm / 240 mm h	🔳 ø 130 mm / 240 mm h
	<b>o</b> ø 160 mm / 400 mm h	<b>O</b> ø 160 mm / 400 mm h
control		
technology	■ in sweep mode	■ in sweep mode
c bell lock/automatic closing system		
n pressure	3 bar	3 bar
control/number of programs	■ by LCD-display, full text readout / 100	■ by LCD-display, full text readout / 100
perature control	0	0
perature measurement		
c feeding system w/ autom. sealing rod	-	
c mold and chamber lift	•	•
vacuum in mold chamber	•	•
essure/Turbo Pressure PLUS system		■/■ with additional gas tank
ce reduction software	•	•
h Speed Casting)**	0	0
nagement		
thernet, USB interface, diagnostic system	•	
ter	•	
dem for remote service		•
duthermCloud / iThermControl		
s/peripheral equipment		
kit / granulation tank / flake option	0/0/0	O / O / O
iller, vacuum pump	0	0
		2

	VC 650 V (HTC)	VC 680 V (HTC)
Performance		
Power max. / electrical connection	12 kW 3×400 v	12 kW 3x400 v
Temperature max. indirect inductive heating	1700° C	1700° C
direct inductive heating/HTC	1850° C / 2000° C	1850° C / 2000° C
Capacity		
Crucible volume	245 ccm = 3.6 kg Au 18 ct / 2 kg Cu*	245 ccm = 3.6 kg Au 18 ct / 2 kg Cu*
	• 386 ccm = 5.8 kg Au 18 ct / 3.3 kg Cu / 8 kg Pt / 2 kg steel*	• 386 ccm = 5.8 kg Au 18 ct / 3.3 kg Cu / 8 kg Pt / 2 kg steel*
	• 700 ccm =10.5 kg Au 18 ct / 6 kg Cu*	• 700 ccm =10.5 kg Au 18 ct / 6 kg Cu*
For use of molds up to	🔳 ø 130 mm / 240 mm h	🔳 ø 130 mm / 240 mm h
	<b>O</b> ø 160 mm / 400 mm h	<b>O</b> ø 160 mm / 400 mm h
Handling & control		
Vibration technology	■ in sweep mode	■ in sweep mode
Automatic bell lock/automatic closing system		
Maximum pressure	3 bar	3 bar
Program control/number of programs	■ by LCD-display, full text readout / 100	■ by LCD-display, full text readout / 100
Dual temperature control	0	0
Mold temperature measurement		
Automatic feeding system w/ autom. sealing rod	-	
Automatic mold and chamber lift		
Variable vacuum in mold chamber		
Turbo Pressure/Turbo Pressure PLUS system		■/■ with additional gas tank
turbulence reduction software		
HSC (High Speed Casting)**	0	0
Quality management		
RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system		
Data printer		
GSM-modem for remote service		
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl		■/■/■
Accessories/peripheral equipment		
Sintering kit / granulation tank / flake option	0/0/0	<b>O</b> / <b>O</b> / <b>O</b>
Water chiller, vacuum pump	0	0
		2

GSM-modem for remote service	
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl	

	VC 650 V (HTC)	VC 680 V (HTC)
formance		
ower max. / electrical connection	12 kW 3x400 v	12 kW 3x400 v
emperature max. indirect inductive heating	1700° C	1700° C
direct inductive heating/HTC	1850° C / 2000° C	1850° C / 2000° C
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ndling & control		
'ibration technology	■ in sweep mode	■ in sweep mode
utomatic bell lock/automatic closing system		
Naximum pressure	3 bar	3 bar
rogram control/number of programs	■ by LCD-display, full text readout / 100	■ by LCD-display, full text readout / 100
oual temperature control	0	0
Nold temperature measurement		
utomatic feeding system w/ autom. sealing rod	-	
utomatic mold and chamber lift		
ariable vacuum in mold chamber	•	•
urbo Pressure/Turbo Pressure PLUS system		■/■ with additional gas tank
urbulence reduction software		•
ISC (High Speed Casting)**	0	0
ality management		
S 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system	•	•
Data printer	•	•
SM-modem for remote service		
MS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl		
essories/peripheral equipment		
intering kit / granulation tank / flake option	<b>O</b> / <b>O</b> / <b>O</b>	0/0/0
Vater chiller, vacuum pump	0	0
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# THE VACUUM PRESSURE CASTING MACHINES FOR LARGE CASTING PARTS



#### Capacity and power for large-scale projects

Our large vacuum pressure casting machines are most often used for precise castings in aluminium alloys or arts and crafts items in brass or bronze. They are always the first choice for parts with complicated geometry or when the number of pieces is not large enough for die-casting.

#### Perfect conditions for high-quality aluminum castings

The hydrogen content of aluminum alloys can be adjusted by regulating the vacuum during melting. This eliminates foaming of the melt without the need for melt additives. Overpressure in the melt chamber during and after casting, and



a simultaneous vacuum in the mold chamber optimize mold filling, especially in filigree or thinwalled areas.

Performance

Capacity

Power max. / electrical connection

Handling & control

RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system

quality management

Data printer

Temperature max. indirect inductive heating

All our large VC machines are equipped with a program control system with 100 programs. The control panel with full text LCD display allows the user to set all programs and parameters very easily and conveniently. VC 1000 V – VC 12000 V use vibration technology for improved casting results, especially concerning mold filling and further processing properties. These versions offer the option of indirect inductive heating in graphite crucibles or direct inductive heating in ceramic crucibles. As HTC versions they reach maximum temperatures of 2,000° C (VC 12000 V up to 1,850° C).



Pitters:       Y. Tono Y.         With feeding system and window door	
VC 1000 V (HTC)	VC 3000 V (HTC)
20 kW 3x400 v	30 kW 3x400 v
1500° C	1500° C

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direct inductive heating/HTC	1850° C / 2000° C	1850° C / 2000° C	
apacity			
Crucible volume in liters* (HTC)	1.5   (1.7) = 4 kg Al / 12 kg Cu / 12 kg steel*	3.4   (3.9) = 8.5 kg Al / 25 kg Cu / 25 kg steel*	12   (14 )
For use of molds up to	ø 250 mm / 500 mm h	ø 450 mm / 600 mm h	
landling & control			
Vibration technology			
Automatic bell lock			
Maximum pressure	0.5 bar	0.3 bar	
Program control (100 programs)	full-text LCD display	■ full-text LCD display	
Dual temperature control			
Automatic mold and chamber lift	•		
Variable vacuum in mold chamber			
Turbulence reduction software			
HSC (High Speed Casting)**	0	0	

GSM-modem for remote service		-
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl	■/O/O	
Accessories/peripheral equipment		
Granulation tank/flake option	O / O	0/0
Water chiller, vacuum pump	0	0



VC 25000



VC 12000 V (HTC)

# MELTING UNITS FOR HAND POURING AND RECYCLING

BLUE POWER systems used in the recycling process

Granules or flakes Aelting down Melting down Ingots Refinement ł Subsequent processing of the pure precious metals as new alloys into. r U. Ľ. MC/MTC/ TF / MU metal powde .granulate semi-finished material .ingots .new castina ingots or pellets





Melting by induction technology: The crucible containing the material is placed in the core of the induction coil. A strong alternating magnetic field generates a strong alternating current in the graphite crucible and in the metal. This results in rapid heating and thorough mixing of the material.



#### Melting Units MU Series

These furnaces are designed for melting gold and silver alloys and aluminum, bronze, and brass. Due to the powerful induction generator (15 kW) and the low induction frequency, the stirring effect of the metal is excellent.

# The MU as vacuum casting machine: MUV/MUVV Series

The V versions include one or two additional high-capacity vacuum chambers. Evacuating the mold immediately after pouring improves mold filling, reduces porosity, and prevents oxidation of the hot metal.



Water chiller, vacuum pump ...

#### The melting machine MU 200 C

The MU 200 C is designed for melting high-melting-point metals such as steel, palladium, platinum, chromium-cobalt, etc., by direct induction heating.

	MU 200	MU 400-120
	MUV/MUVV 200	MUV/MUVV 400
Performance		
Power max. / electrical connection	3.5 kW 230 v or 6 kW 3x400 v	10-15 kW 3x400 v
Temperature max.	1300° C / or 1500° C	1500° C
		1800° C **
		MU/MUV/MUVV 400
		MU/MUV/MUVV 700
		MU/MUV/MUVV 900
		MU/MUV/MUVV 1200
Capacity		
Crucible volume	155 ccm = 2.0 kg Au 18ct / 1.2 kg Cu *	MU/MUV/MUVV 400: 400 ccm** = 5.
	-	MU/MUV/MUVV 700: 700 ccm** = 8.
	-	MU/MUV/MUVV 900: 900 ccm** = 11
	-	MU/MUV/MUVV 1200: 1200 ccm** = 14
(Non )porforated mode with (without flange	= up to s160	mm (400 mm b (MLI)//MLI)///
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Handling & control		
Temp. Measurement by thermocouple		-
Temp. Measurement by optical pyrometer		0
Temperature control		-
Temperature programs		20
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl		■/O/O
Quality management		
RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system		•
GSM-modem for remote service		0
Accessories/peripheral equipment		

0

#### MU / MUV / MUVV 200 C high temperature melting machine for steel, platinum, palladium, chrome-cobalt...

200 0-1200

#### MU 200 C MUV/MUVV 200 C



# TF SERIES TILTING FURNACES FOR MELTING AND POURING LARGE QUANTITIES





#### Power, efficiency, and safety

Some metals produce a lot of smoke and oxides when melted. It is better to melt them in open systems using an air absorber.



Ideal for melting large parts: no sealing rod construction reduces the available space. The TF Series tilting furnaces are equipped with 32-bit induction generators providing 25-60 kW output power (depending on the model). The low-frequency tuning ensures excellent mixing of the molten material. All versions are controlled from a console with a full-text LCD display.

Efficient thermal insulation and electromagnetic shielding ensure high efficiency. Comparative tests conducted by a customer have shown that the TF 12000 is more productive than a competing model with twice the power and twice the energy costs.

# TF 2000 and TF 4000 – the cost-effective tilting furnaces

The "small" TF machines have been designed with a focus on low energy consumption and safe, ergonomic handling.

The melting unit and crucible can be tilted and locked in position at various angles by the user for gentle pouring. This "soft pouring" also prevents damage to the crucible. Pouring is continuous and gradual using a pivot lever. The operator is forced to stand to the side of the machine – away from the hazards of the pouring area. In the rare event of a crucible breakage, the machine will not be damaged – all assemblies are covered by a separate protective housing, and each model has a large collecting tray under the melting unit to prevent potential metal loss.

# TF 6000, TF 12000 and TF 28000 – the giants among our tilting furnaces

The large crucible volumes of 6,000, 12,000 or 28,000 ccm give these machines enormous capacity. Due to the potentially large weight, the inductor/crucible unit is not tilted manually – it is driven by a high-torque motor drive. Using a joystick allows easy and sensitive control of the tilting process.





#### TF 2000 / 4000 (HTC)

Performance	
Power max. / electrical connection	20-30 kW 3x400 v
Temperature max.	1500° C
Temperature max. HTC version	1800° C
	TF 2000: 25 kW
	TF 4000: 30 kW
Temperature measurement by thermocouple	
Capacity	
Crucible volume	2 l = 30 kg Au 18 ct / 16 kg Cu / 15 kg st
	4 l = 60 kg Au 18 ct / 32 kg Cu / 30 kg si
Handling & control	
Tilting by lever	
Tilting with motor drive (remote control)	-
Temperature control	
Temperature programs	20
Temp. Measurement by optical pyrometer	0
Quality management	
RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system	•
GSM-modem for remote service	0
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl	
Accessories/peripheral equipment	
Protective gas flush to avoid oxidation	0
Hood for smoke vent	0
Moveable table (with customized molds)	0
Water chiller	0



TF 12000

#### TF 6000 / 12000 (HTC)

TF 28000



# CC/VCC SERIES CONTINUOUS CASTING MACHINES -**OUR 5-IN-1 MULTITOOLS**





# (VACUUM) CONTINUOUS CASTING OF WIRES, SHEET AND TUBES

with numerous options for cutting or sawing into sections during casting, bending, and coiling. VCC series with inert gas/vacuum melting chamber system

## **PRODUCTION OF GRANULES**

with the easy-to-install granulation tank





# PRODUCTION OF MULTI-LAYER **RINGS AND BRACELETS**

with the optional sintering/diffusion bonding kit

# CASTING INTO INGOT MOLDS

or any other molds

#### More flexibility, lower costs

With a BLUE POWER continuous casting machine, you can produce your own alloys or semi-finished products in different shapes and sizes in a very short time:

#### Wire up to ø 120 mm

- Tubes up to ø 180 mm
- Bars, sheet and strips for a wide range of applications, and as basic material for further-processing, for stamping and pressing etc. Granules and flakes

Using a continuous casting machine can significantly reduce your investment in stock material. Your processes become faster, more flexible, and more efficient.

Our continuous casting machines are equipped with a number of unique details that significantly improve the quality of the semi-finished product, such as the unique vacuum system or the QUATTRO DRIVE drawing system. See details on the next page.

With a wide range of optionally available equipment, the versatility of these machines may be enhanced even more.

#### Maximum versatility

Granulation tank and flake kit The easy-to-install granulation tank and the flake kit make any CC machine even more versatile. See page 42/43 for granulation/flake production details and available tank sizes.

#### Sintering kit

Sintering/diffusion bonding is optimal for producing multi-colored rings, most commonly sold as wedding rings or bracelets. Metals are processed under pressure and at temperatures below the solidification point. The pressure is generated pneumatically, not mechanically, via a threaded spindle. This means there is no risk of the graphite parts breaking due to heat expansion. The fusion between the layers has the same durability as the metal itself.

The sintering kit is ideal for occasional diffusion bonding jobs and small production runs.

#### Bar castina kit

The bar casting kit is designed to cast defined quantities of your alloy into ingot molds or other molds. The program control detects the equipment used and displays the appropriate parameter settings.



# VCC VACUUM CONTINUOUS CASTING MACHINES -THE ONLY ONES WITH VACUUM AND QUATTRO DRIVE



eding system for re-charging with constant	
cuum in the melting chamber	/
acuum melting chamber	/ /
exible inert gas outlet	/ <
exible LED spotlight	/ <sub>[</sub>
Jattro drive system	/
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### Unique vacuum system

#### For highest quality of semi-finished material:

To reduce the risk of oxidation during melting and drawing, we focus on avoiding contact with oxygen and rapidly reducing the temperature of the drawn material.

#### Features for fast temperature reduction:

- Cooling water temperature measurement and automatic flow control
- Optical temperature measurement in the center of the die \_ Die cooler
- Additional secondary cooling system at the outlet

#### Features to avoid oxygen contact:

- Vacuum system for the melting chamber unique to BLUE POWER continuous casting machines (VCC versions)
- Feeding system for recharging without oxygen contact and with constant vacuum in the melting chamber
- \_ Inert gas system for the melting chamber
- \_ Inert gas flushing at the die
- Optical die temperature measurement

These measures are ideal for copper-containing alloys like red gold or silver, as these materials tend to oxidize easily.



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#### Quattro Drive System

Motorized and pneumatically operated feed rolls draw off the material on each of our continuous casting machines.

A bar end control sensor automatically stops when the molten material is exhausted.

The optional **Quattro Drive** drawing unit with four instead of two motorized feed rolls produces smoother tubes and sheets with reduced transport marks.

#### Numerous options for targeted production of semi-finished parts

Bending unit die.

Hydraulic cutter defined sections.



Secondary cooler at the outlet



Feeding system for recharging with constant vacuum in the melting chamber





The Quattro Drive System has four feeding rolls.



The bending unit mounted on the bottom drawer allows the material to be bent without mechanical force on the

The hydraulic cutter is suited for cutting wire into pre-

# THE CC/VCC SERIES CONTINUOUS CASTING MACHINES





Continuous casting and cutting to size in one operation!

Flying saw for wire cutting during drawing The swiveling electric saw moves in sync with the drawn bar or tube. This allows you to cut your material into defined sections during the drawing process. There's no need to stop the continuous casting process when the maximum length is reached.



	CC / VCC 400	CC / VCC 1000	CC / VCC 3000	CC / VCC 12000	CC / VCC 25000
Performance					
Power max. / electrical connection	15 kW 3x400 V / 3x208 V	20 kW 3x400 v	30 kW 3x400 v	40-60 kW 3x400 v	60 kW 3x400 v
Temperature max.	1500° C	1500° C	1500° C	1500° C	1500° C
Capacity					
Crucible volume	245 ccm = 3.6 kg Au 18ct / 2 kg Cu*	1.5   = 4 kg Al / 12 kg Cu *	3.4 l = 8.5 kg Al / 25 kg Cu *	12   = 30 kg Al / 90 kg Cu *	25   = 65 kg Al / 200 kg Cu *
	• 386 ccm = 5.8 kg Au 18ct / 3.3 kg Cu*				
	• 700 ccm =10.5 kg Au 18ct / 6 kg Cu*				
Wire / tube production up to	■ ø 20 mm** / ■ ø 45 mm**	■ ø 40 mm** / ■ ø 65 mm**	■ ø 70 mm** / ■ ø 90 mm**	■ ø 120 mm** / ■ ø 180 mm**	■ ø 120 mm** / ■ ø 180 mm**
Sheet production	■ 50 x 8 mm / • 60 x 8 mm	■ 100 x 10 mm	■ 130 x 40 mm	■ 200 x 55 mm	■ 200 x 55 mm
Handling & control					
100 programs	full-text LCD display	full-text LCD display	full-text LCD display	full-text LCD display	full-text LCD display
Vacuum/inert gas overpressure	- CC 400 / ■ VCC 400	- CC 1000 / VCC 1000	- CC 3000 / ■ VCC 3000	- CC 12000 / ■ VCC 12000	- CC 25000 / ■ VCC 25000
Neutral/inert gas atmosphere					
Optical die temperature measurement				•	•
Die cooler with protective gas flushing				•	
Secondary cooler / water collection system	<b>I</b> /O				
End bar sensor					
Quality management					
RS 232. Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system					
Data printer					
GSM-modem for remote service					
DMS / InduthermCloud / iThermControl	■/O/O	■/0/0	<b>I</b> / O / O	<b>I</b> / O / O	■/0/0
Accessories/peripheral equipment					
Quattro drive drawing unit	0	0	0	0	0
Sintering / diffusion bonding kit	0	-	-	-	-
Granulation tank / flake option	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Bending-unit / coiling equipment	<b>O</b> / –	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Simultaneous casting of several wires	-	<b>O</b> 3 wires***	<b>o</b> 5 wires***	<b>O</b> 5 wires***	• 5 wires***
Flying saw / pneumatic cutter	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Water chiller, vacuum pump	0	0	0	0	0
	$\blacksquare$ = Standard equipment $\blacksquare$ =	optional			

\*\* Special dimensions or profiles on demand

\*\*\* Not in combination with Quattro Drive



# **GRANULATING SOLUTIONS**





We can offer you three different systems for the production of granules.

- If you only want to produce granules occasionally, adding a granulating tank to an existing vacuum pressure or continuous casting machine is a good alternative.
- For the production of micro granules, we recommend our GU 500 micro.
- Our GU Series granulating units are the machine of choice for frequent or permanent granule production.



Granulation tanks are available for all machines in the VC series from VC 400 up to the VC 25000 and for all (V)CC continuous casting machines.

#### The main advantages:

- Easy installation of the granulating tank
   Fast switching between casting and
- granulating – Ergonomically and perfectly balanced design
- for safe and easy handling
- Optimized streaming behavior of the cooling water
- \_ Reliable separation of water and granules



Simple handling of the granulation tanks Gran left:



 Granulation tanks in different sizes:
 Micro granules in different sizes:

 left:
 GU 500, option for VC 400 - VC 680 V and (V/CC 400

 middle:
 GU 1000, option for VC 1000 V and (V/CC 1000

 right:
 GU 3000, option for VC 3000 V and (V/CC 3000



GU 500 micro

The GU Micro series was designed to produce

size. The systems are based on the Blue Power

granulation units shown on the right, but all key

been specially developed. The main applications

components, particularly the jet system, have

for micro granules are in metal laser-sintering

processes, jewelry surface design, and solder-

micro granules between 0.1 and 1 mm grain

The Micro Shot Systems

ing technology.

GU 500 micro - GU 3000 micro

Micro granules in different alloys with a grain size of between 0.1 and 1 mm.



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#### The Granulating Units GU 500 - GU 25000

These shotmakers are developed especially for granulating bullions, sheet metal or casting residues into proper grains. The granulating tanks are very easy to remove for emptying. The GU machines are available with crucible sizes from 245 ccm up to 25,000 ccm.

#### The major applications are

- Preparation of alloys or alloy components
- Preparation of alloys from their components
- Cleaning material that has already been cast
- \_ All under inert gas atmosphere or vacuum.

	GU 500 (HTC)	GU 1000 (HTC)	GU 3000 (HTC)	GU 120 (HTC)
Temperature max.	1,600° C	1,600° C	1,600° C	1,600°
Crucible volume in I*	0.245-0.386	1.5	3.4	12.0
Temperature max. HTC	2,000° C	2,000° C	2,000° C	1,850°
Crucible volume in I* HTC	0.4	1.7	3.9	14.0
Volume in kg Au 18ct	3.6-5.7	22.0	51.0	180.0
Volume in kg Ag	2.4-3.8	14.0	34.0	120.0
Volume in kg Cu	2.1-3.3	12.0	30.0	105.0
Volume in kg Pt	6.5	25.0	65.0	-
Volume in kg steel	2.5	10.0	25.0	90.0
Generator kW (400 V)	10	20	30	40-60

granules.

\* Liquid metal up to the top of the crucible - other volumes on request.





Optionally you can also produce thin flakes instead of



GU 12000 for granulation of Aluminium



# SU 450, OUR EFFICIENT SOLUTION FOR RING AND BANGLE PRODUCTION







Sintering/diffusion bonding is optimal for producing multi-colored rings, most commonly sold as wedding rings or bracelets. Metals are processed under pressure and at temperatures below the solidification point. The pressure is applied pneumatically, not mechanically, through a threaded spindle. This means there is no risk of the graphite parts breaking due to heat expansion. The fusion between the layers has the same durability as the metal itself. Prefabricated rings can be easily resized (7 sizes and more).

#### Benefits of the Blue Power sintering process:

- The sintering unit allows processes to be performed under a vacuum, which is important for alloys with a manganese content.
- Processes can be performed under inert gas
- Straightforward installation/removal of the rings
- Approximate duration of process: 5 min.
- Depending on the thickness of the rings, up to 6 rings or bangles can be processed simultaneously

#### Two different methods of sintering

Special **sintering machines SU 450/SU 450 XL** or the **sintering kit** for installation into existing casting or continuous casting machines.

#### Sintering Machines SU 450/SU 450 XL

The SU 450 machines are equipped with a highly sensitive sensor system that constantly monitors the reduction of the rings and provides real-time information on the reduction values on the display. The temperature can be controlled precisely, close to the solidus temperature until the reduction starts. As soon as the pre-set reduction value is reached, the process stops automatically to prevent excessive deformation (depending on the composition and alloy, the pre-set reduction value varies between 0.1 mm and 0.3 mm). The "Sensor Control System" significantly reduces the time and material required for production for two main reasons: firstly, because the process parameters can be defined quickly and without having to make a lot of test rings, and secondly, because the quality of the sintering process is consistently very high. This reduces the amount of finishing required and the amount of material lost in subsequent diamond dressing or turning.

#### The Sintering Kit

The sintering kit can be installed in existing VC 400 to VC 680 V and continuous casting machines. The kit is ideal for the occasional diffusion bonding job and small batch production. It only takes a few minutes to install/remove the sintering kit. For larger production quantities, we recommend our SU 450 sintering machine.

	SU 450
Performance	
Power max. / electrical connection	<b>4.5 kW</b> 3x400 v
Temperature max.	1300° C
Capacity	
Sintering processes per hour	≈ 10
Diffusion bonding up to ø mm	35
Handling & control	
Reduction control	
Electronic fix stop	
Automatic process stop	
Program control	LCD display, full te
Programs	100
Data printer	
Quality management	
RS 232, Ethernet, USB interface, diagnostic system	
Data printer	
GSM-modem for remote service	0
DMS, induthermcloud, ithermcontrol	0
Peripheral equipment	
Water chiller, vacuum pump	0
Standard equipment o = optional	

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For sintering, the individual layers are centered on a spindle. For the simultaneous processing of multiple rings, the rings are separated by graphite shims.



SU 450 XL



# MACHINE SOLUTIONS FOR METAL POWDER PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING





Ultrasonic Atomization AUS 500





#### Our vision is to make metal powder production and processing technology accessible to everyone.

That is why we have developed different machine solutions that can be customized to meet each customer's unique needs.

The current product portfolio includes

- Gas Atomizers for the production of spherical metal powder in small to medium-sized batches (1,51 - 28l crucible volume)
- Water Atomizers for the production of more irregular metal powders as they are ideal for the recycling/refining, pressing & sintering processes, among others
- Ultrasonic Atomizers for the production of highly spherical metal powder in small or very small batches
- Air Classifiers for the precise separation of metal powders.

#### Advantages of all our systems for powder production and processing:

- Oxidation-free processing
- The possibility of oxidation-free processing by means of de-gassing, vacuum and protective gas features.
- Easy handling and cleaning The user-oriented and modular design of the systems ensures optimum accessibility for all operations, as well as for inspection and maintenance. Short installation and training times.
- Quick alloy change with minimal cross contamination Polished stainless steel surfaces prevent powder adhesions – all parts are easy to clean without any residues. The risk of metal loss and cross-contamination is minimized.



Solutions for metal powder production (VIM systems)

Shape of the powder



Maximum spherical
Ideal for SLM, MIM, and other
Additive Manufacturing processes

Purity	Very high purity (oxidation-free processing in the closed-chamber machine by means of degassing, vacuum and protective gas features)	
Batch size	Very small batch sizes Down to ~ 100 g bronze or steel technically and financially viable	
Other characteristics	From alloy creation to powder within 1 hour	



For detailed information about our solutions for the production and processing of metal powders, please request our special brochure!







#### **Highly spherical**

Ideal for SLM, MIM, and other Additive Manufacturing processes

#### Very high purity

(oxidation-free processing in the closed-chamber machine by means of degassing, vacuum and protective gas features)

#### Small to medium amounts

Up to 180 kg bronze or steel per cycle (depending on version)

#### Numerous variations of process parameters

allow a very wide range of particle size distribution within one machine



#### More irregular

Ideal for recycling/refining processes, press & sinter processes, and others

#### High purity

(oxidation-free melting by means of degassing, vacuum and protective gas features)

#### Small to medium amounts

Up to 9 kg bronze or steel per cycle (depending on version). Larger versions are in development.

#### Production of almost spherical powder is also possible

# AUG SERIES – GAS ATOMIZERS AUW SERIES - WATER ATOMIZERS



#### AUG Gas Atomizers: for numerous applications and a wide range of alloys

The Blue Power AUG machines are designed for a wide variety of applications thanks to a narrow size distribution with high yield and the possibility of flexible use with different nozzle systems. They are generally suitable for gas atomization of a wide range of alloys, such as those based on Cu, Au, Ag, Sn, or Zn (standard versions), as well as Fe, Co, Ni, Pd, or Pt (high-temperature versions HT, HTC and HTC+). Inductive heating takes place in graphite crucibles (up to 1600 °C) or ceramic crucibles: HT up to 1750 °C, HTC up to 1850 °C, HTC+ up to 2100 °C. Crucible volumes range from ~0.25 l to ~25 l. Please get in touch with us for our solutions to produce reactive materials such as Al or Mg.

atomization

#### Powder characteristics and particle sizes for every request

The AUG machines operate with different, easily interchangeable nozzle systems: free-fall and close-coupled atomizing nozzles to achieve specific metal powder properties and particle sizes. An optional anti-satellite system is available for maximum sphericity.

Our gas atomizers produce spherical, flowable metal powders with average particle sizes between ~1 and 200 µm for applications such as additive manufacturing, soldering or foam sintering, MIM, and other powder metallurgy processes.



#### Oxidation-free processing for maximum cleanliness

The AUG and AUW machines offer the possibility of oxidation-free processing in a closed chamber utilizing degassing, vacuum, and inert gas functions to achieve the highest degree of cleanliness. Oxygen sensor values below 0.5 ppm can be reproducibly achieved

#### The Gas Atomizer - at a glance:

- Very simple handling via LCD-Display and neatly arranged control panel
- Flexible and economical production of small to medium metal powder batches
- \_Easy-to-clean concept: minimum metal loss and cross-contamination
- High powder yield over a particularly wide particle size range
- Particularly high process stability due to optimized nozzle systems
- \_ Anti-oxidation features

#### AUW Water Atomizers

While both gas and ultrasonic atomization solutions are designed to produce spherical powders by avoiding any contact with fast quenching media during particle formation, water atomized powders typically have a more irregular shape, which is advantageous for some applications such as recycling/refining processes, press & sinter processes, and others.

However, producing nearly spherical fine powders by water atomization with appropriate process parameters is also possible, making the powder potentially suitable for AM applications.

Compared to gas atomization, operating costs are significantly lower.

	AUG/AUW 500	AUG/AUW 1000
Temperature max.	2,100° C	2,100° C
Crucible volume in I *	0.25 - 0.7	1.5 - 1.7
Volume in kg bronze**	1 (optional 1.5 or 4)	9
Volume in kg steel ** (HTC)	2.5	8
Single cycle time	1-1.5 h	1.5-2 h
Generator kW	12	20

\* Liquid metal up to the top of the crucible - other volumes on request.

\*\* Average capacities. Quantity may be increased by optimizing metal load using feeding systems.



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#### AUG/AUW 1000 AUG/AUW 3000 AUG/AUW 12000 AUG/AUW 25000

2,100° C 3.4 - 3,9 22 22 3-4 h 30

1,850° C 12.0 - 14.0 80 90 4-5 h 40-60

1,500° C 25.0 180 on request 5-6 h 60+

## AUS SERIES – ULTRASONIC ATOMIZERS

# THE AIR CLASSIFIERS



#### AUS 500, the compact Atomizer solution from alloy creation to powder within 1 hour

The Blue Power Ultrasonic Atomizer Unit enables almost anybody to produce small batches of high-quality, spherical powder for the same target application as a gas atomized powder at an affordable price and without having a complex infrastructure.

The AUS 500 is available in different batch sizes from 0.25-0.7 I. The melting and alloying of the material in the crucible takes place with an indirect induction system (e.g. graphite crucible) or a direct induction system for high temperatures (ceramic crucible).



A footprint of just a few square meters including infrastructure

#### AUS 500

Temperature max.	1,700° C
Crucible volume*	0,245 - 0,7
Volume in kg gold (up to)	10 kg Au 18 ct*
Volume in kg bronze**	5.6 kg
Single cycle time	1 h
Generator kw	10

\*Liquid metal up to the top of the crucible



SPHERICAL POWDER WITHOUT ANY SATELLITES

#### AC series Air Classifiers

#### 1- or 2-stage air classifier systems for the precise separation of metal powders

The AC Series air classifiers are designed to precisely separate metal powders into fine and coarse powder fractions, especially in the range < 25  $\mu$ m, where conventional screening technologies fail.

#### For the processing of small to medium-sized powder batches

The easy-to-clean design of our air classifiers makes them ideal for any production that requires frequent changes in alloy or desired particle size, especially for precious and other specialty metals. These features qualify the AC Series machines for research and development applications and large plants with throughputs up to 200 kg/h (bronze or steel) and two-stage classification.

#### Classification under protective gas atmosphere: the G versions AC 1000 G / 3000 G

The AC G-Series is especially recommended for the separation of metals or alloys where the absorption of oxygen, moisture, or contamination from the ambient air must be avoided. An oxygen measurement system controls the process according to the set values. For example, a fixed oxygen setpoint can be defined before the process is started. Please get in touch with us for more information on the classification of reactive metals.





Number of cut points Process atmosphere

For detailed information about our solutions for producing and processing metal powders, please request our special brochure!

FOR BRONZE

NON-FERROUS METALS

ALLOY OR ALLOY COMPONENTS

Single stage Single stage Single/double stage Air Inert gas Inert gas









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