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# North America 2015 9th - 11th of Nov

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# PROCUREMENT SYMPOSIUM

Cobo Center, Detroit, USA



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Automotive Lightweight Procurement Symposium to be focused on automotive lightweighting, supply / process chain and procurement management, will take place in Detroit from the 9th – 11th of Nov 2015. The symposium is held in the days leading up to the "ALUMINUM USA" exhibition taking place at the Cobo Center, Detroit, Michigan (Walking distance to symposium venue)

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- 2016 Nov: Automotive Lightweight Procurement Symposium in Duesseldorf, Germany.



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Aluminum Blanking Company

# Agenda

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Monday The 9th Of November - Cobo Center, Detroit

05:30pm - 07:30pm



Pre-registration and Welcome

Reception

Tuesday The 10th Of November - Cobo Center, Detroit

08:30am - 09:15am



Registration

Morning Coffee / Tea

<u>09:15am – 09:30am</u>



Welcome:

Mr. Jost GAERTNER - Managing Partner At AluMag Automotive GmbH

09:30am - 10:25am



Opening Keynote: Mr. Craig RENNEKER - Chief Engineer, New A/T Programs & Component – Transmission & Driveline Engineering At Ford Research & Innovation Center

Lightweight Transmission & Driveline Components: Practical Challenges

10:25am - 11:00am

Break for Refreshments/Coffee/Tea, Snacks, Networking, Tech Exhibition

11:00am - 11:45am



Paper 1: Mr Mike ROETH – Executive Director At North American Council for Freight Efficiency (NACFE) & Operations Leader – Carbon War Room



Paper 1: Mr. Karl MAYER – Director Product Line Management At Meritor

Lightweighting Heavy Duty Class 8 Tractors and Trailers

<u> 11:45am – 01:45pm</u>

Break for Lunch, Refreshments, Networking, Tech Exhibition 01:45pm - 02:25pm



Paper 2: Mr Ryan BROWN – Director Of Sales At StrikoWestofen America

Analysis Of Cost Drivers When Buying Lightweight Solutions / Materials & The Elimination Of These

02:30pm - 03:10pm



Paper 3: Mr. Lothar HARTMANN – Managing Director Foundry Machines & Trimming Presses At Kurtz GmbH

Chassis & Suspension Weight Reduction By LPDC Aluminum With Hollow Cross Sections



Mr. Kevin CROY - NAFTA Sales Manager Foundry Machines & Trimming Presses At Kurtz GmbH

03:15pm - 03:45pm



Paper 4: Mr. Jörg MANTWILL – Director Sales At Bharat Forge Aluminiumtechnik GmbH & Co. KG

HCM And Aluminum Forging – Partnership To Birth Chassis Parts' Safety

03:45pm - 04:15pm

Break for Refreshments/Coffee/Tea, Snacks, Networking, Tech Exhibition

04:15pm - 04:55pm



Paper 5: Mr. Gary F. RUFF -President and Chief Executive Officer, Ruff and Associates, LLC 8/12 -Present

Advanced Counter Pressure Casting Process for Light-Weighting of Auto and Truck Chassis and Suspension Components

05:00pm - 05:55pm



Closing Keynote: Mr. Gilberto SALDIVAR – New Projects Group Manager At Bocar Group

Key Factors To Achieve Mechanical Properties In Lightweight Structural Parts

05:55pm - 06:00pm



Summary:

Mr. Roberto BOEKER – Managing Partner At AluMag Automotive LLC

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06:00pm - 08:00pm



Dinner Speech:

Mr. Richard KLEIN -Responsibility Strategic Planning -Business Development & German Business At BOCAR

Wednesday The 11th Of Nov - Cobo Center, Detroit

08:15am - 08:55am



Mr. Ali JAMMOUL – Global Director Body Exterior And Safety Engineering At Ford

**Body Lightweighting** 

09:00am - 09:40am



Paper 1: Dr. Gerald COLE – President At Light Weight Strategies LLC

Light Weighting the Automotive Industry - The Road to 2025 CAFÉ

09:45am - 10:25am



Paper 2: Mr. Laurence CLAUS -President At NMI Training & Consulting Inc. & Technical Consultant To EJOT Fastening Systems LP USA

EJOT Fastening Solutions Enable Lightweight Body-in-white Assembly

10:25am - 11:00am

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11:00am - 11:40am



Paper 3: Dr. Akio NIIKURA - General Manager R&D Division At UACJ Corp.

UACJ's Global Strategy And Approach To The Automotive Aluminum Market

11:45am - 12:05pm



Paper 4: Mr. Lawrence E. BROWN – Executive Director At Lightweight Innovations For Tomorrow

Lightweight Innovations For Tomorrow!!!!

12:10pm - 12:40pm



Closing Keynote: Ms. Laura ANDERSON – CEO At Aluminum Blanking Company

The Story Behind Aluminum's Sourcing Evolution: A North America Perspective

12:40pm - 12:45pm



Summary:

Mr. Jost GAERTNER, Managing Partner At AluMag Automotive GmbH

12:45 pm - 01:30pm



Reception Speech With Snacks & Finger Food

Mr. Michael KOEHLER - Industry Vice President At Reed Exhibitions USA

#### 01:30pm - 05:30pm



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#### **TITLE**

Chassis & Suspension Weight Reduction By LPDC Aluminum With Hollow Cross Sections

#### **ABSTRACT**

Lightweight construction is a dominant theme in the automotive industry. The latest emission standards and CO2 fleet requirements of governments are forcing our customers to find new ways to reduce the weight of the vehicle. This ranges from lighter, yet more stable crankcases via weight-optimized chassis parts.





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Today new developments in the field of sand core production, casting machines and process technology allow structual parts and crankcases to be produced with the low-pressure casting.





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### Agenda

- 1. Short introduction Who is Kurtz?
- 2. General Topics and motivation to use LPDC
  - Motivation
  - Casting process Low Pressure Casting
  - Cost pressure
  - Process as a whole
- 3. Layouts Casting Lines from experience
- 4. Application regarding light weight construction
  - Properties cast parts
  - Productivity
  - Sand core technology
    - Type of sand cores
    - Core handling
- 5. Summary and prospects

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# 1. Who is KurtzErsa?

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# **Business Segments**

#### **Electronics Production Equipment**

- Soldering systems
- Soldering tools

#### **Metal Components**

- Castings
- Sheet metal
- Machining

#### **Molding Machines**

- Particle foam machines
- Foundry machines



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#### Corporate history

1779 Forge hammer mill
1852 Iron foundry
1860 Machine factory
1971 Particle foam machines
1982 Aluminum foundry
1983 Casting machines

lnternationalization: USA
1987 Internationalization: China
1993 Soldering technology
1996 Sheet metal technology

1998 Kurtz Holding

2004 225th anniversary of kurtz ersa Machinery factory Kurtz Zhuhai, China

2006 Internationalization: Russia

2007 Stencil printers
2009 Trimming presses
2011 New corporate identity
2012 New powder coating plant

2013 New assembly shop

2014 Anniversary 235 years Kurtz Ersa|Hammer Museum

2015 Opening SMART FOUNDRY



Where it all began: Forge hammer mill in Hasloch

kurtz ersa headquarters in Kreuzwertheim today



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# **KURTZ Trimming Presses**



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# **KURTZ Tilting and Gravity Casting Machines**



AK10 AK01 Gravity Casting Cell

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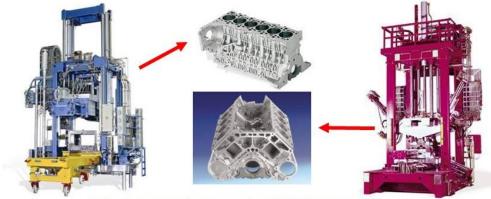
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#### **KURTZ Customized LP-Casting Machines**



Following engine blocks are cast on KURTZ foundry machines:

BMW F1 – Racing, BMW V8, V10 and V12, Porsche V8 - Sports utility vehicle; Audi V6 and V8, BMW R6

Diesel, VW R5 and V10 Diesel, Jaguar V8, Land Rover V8

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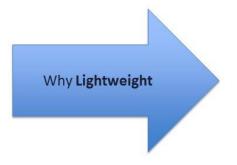
# 2. General Topics and motivation to use LPDC for Chassis and Suspension part casting

- Motivation
- Casting Process Low Pressure
- Cost pressure
- Process as a whole

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#### Motivation of our customers



- CO2 reduction
- · Reduced fuel consumption
- Material substitution
- Component substitution
- Material Handling

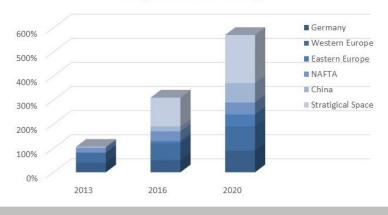
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#### Motivation of our customers

#### Development Purchasing Volume Chassis and Suspension LM-Castings



- Growth of market volume in Europe through use of more LM castings in chassis and suspension parts
- NAFTA grows with new automobile architectures
- China grows over proportional due to additional quantities

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#### Requirements of machine- and process development

- · Developing of inorganic core binder systems
- Developing of a special casting process with the use of low pressure machines
- · Developing highly efficient LPDC machines and casting lines
- · Special casting line concepts for highest AI material cleanliness

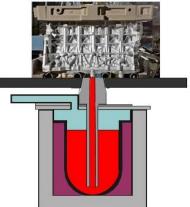
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### Basic Concept of Low Pressure Die Casting

# Low pressure for metal dies movable clamping plate ejector permanent mould casting table connection pressure medium molten metal riser tube holding crucible electric resistance furnace

Low pressure for sand packages



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#### Advantages and Benefits of Low Pressure

Controllable filling of the mold

filling against gravity force

- → no turbulence
- → less oxide films
- → better mechanical properties

Feeding Pressure

- → better mechanical properties

- Metal is kept within a closed vessel metal bath surface not disturbed or ruptured
- → cleaner material
- Operation under a protected atmosphere
- → no respectively low hydrogen content
- Controlled solidification with pressurized furnace

higher yield than with conventional risers

→ higher yield

Highly automated process

→ less human faults

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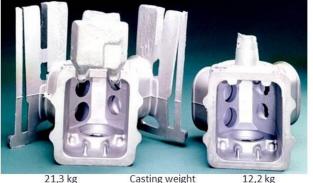


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#### Comparison Gravity Die Casting – Low Pressure Die Casting

Example of yield:

Comparison of gravity die casting and low pressure die casting



21,3 kg 54%

Output 7 pcs/h Productivity

12,2 kg 92% 8 pcs/h

#### **Example**

- 50,000 parts / year
- 9 kg / part saving cycle = 450,000 kg aluminum
- 7% melting loss = 31,500 kg
- Total weight 481,500 kg
- Melting costs per kg Ø 0.50 € x 481,500 kg = 240,750.00€

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# **New Machine concepts**



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# Furnace exchange shuttles – 2800 kg Al





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#### Furnace Concept - Metallurgy

Furnace exchange with following advantages:

- Preparation of melt outside of casting unit
- Furnace under sealed conditions settlement of melt
- No metal transfer after degassing
- Exchange of furnace within short time intervals 1-2 cycle down; "start" furnace exchange within non-productive time positive for thermal economy of tooling therefore no or only few starting scrap due to furnace exchange
- Flexibility and different alloys



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# Furnace insulation / Energy costs



Cost reduction thanks to furnace insulation

- reduction of energy costs by 40 50 %
- Savings per year: approx. 50.000,-€
  - 300 kg furnace
  - 6 x 2 furnaces in line

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# Special mold cooling system – for optimized process control







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# Tool change system – for very quick mold change overs





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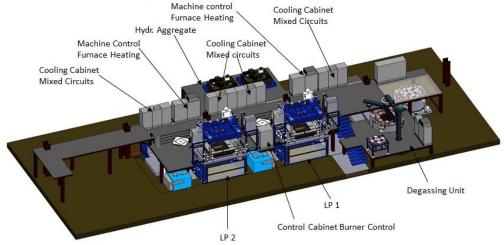


# 3. Layouts Casting Lines from experience

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# Low Pressure Casting Line



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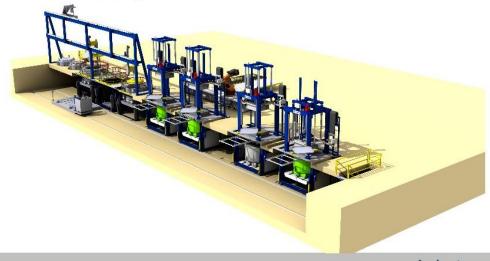
# Low Pressure Casting Line



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#### Automation

#### **Automation Tasks**

- Core handling
- Insert sieves
- Casting removal
- Cleaning mould
- Cooling
- Marking with plausibility check
- Peripherals
- Unloading



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# Application regarding light weight construction

- Properties cast parts
- Productivity
- Core technology
  - Type of cores
  - Core handling

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### Structure Part Side Beam for Al-Car Body

Product:

Side beam, complex cast with cores LP-Die-Casting AlSi7Mg0,2 T6

Wall thickness ≥ 3,5 mm

**Mechanical Properties** (critical areas):

≥ 160 N/mm<sup>2</sup>  $R_{p0,2}$ ≥ 240 N/mm<sup>2</sup> ≥ 12 %  $A_5$ 

Main Characteristics:

- · Large dimensions
  - 1200 mm
- · Thin walls
  - · Actual 4 mm
  - Aim ≥ 2,5 mm
- · High ductility
- High yield strength

1200 x 800 / 20kg





Source: Martinrea Honsel Germany GmbH



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#### Low Pressure WITHOUT Sand Core

Product: B8 knuckle front le/ri

Model: Audi A4, A5

Process: Low pressure die casting, 4 cavities

Scope: Casting, boring, blasting, heat treatment

Alloy: AlSi7Mg; 3,65 kg



<u>Source</u>: Georg Fischer Kokillenguss GmbH, Herzogenburg, Austria



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# Low Pressure WITH Sand Core / Suspension Part

Product: knuckle le/ri

Model: Porsche Panamera

Process: Low pressure die casting, 4 cavities

Scope: Core making, casting, de-coring, trimming,

sawing, heat treatment, processing

Alloy: AlSi7Mg; 4,35 kg



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#### Mechanical Properties Knuckle

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Yield Strength			
Target: 220 MPa	Actual: 222-260 MPa	Target: 220 Mpa	Actual: 239-286 MPa
Tensile Strength			
Target: 260 Mpa	Actual: 288-336 MPa	Target: 280 MPa	Actual: 305-343 MPa
Elongation			
Target: 6 %	Actual: 6-12 %	Target: 5 %	Actual: 5-14 %
		Source: Georg Fischer Kokillenguss GmbH, Herzogenburg, Austria	

# Low Pressure WITH Sand Core / Suspension Part

**Product:** Transverse control arm le/ri

Model: Porsche Panamera

**Process:** Low pressure die casting, 2 cavities **Scope:** Core production, casting, de-coring,

Core production, casting, de-coring, trimming, sawing, heat treatment,

processing, assembly rubber bearings

Alloy: AlSi7Mg; 3,70 kg



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#### Low Pressure WITH Sand Core / Suspension Part

Product: Swivel bearing le / ri Model: Porsche Panamera

**Process:** Low pressure die casting, 4 cavities **Scope:** Core production, casting, de-coring,

trimming, sawing, heat treatment, processing, assembly cone bushings

processing, assembly co

Alloy: AlSi7Mg; 4,20 kg



<u>Source</u>: Georg Fischer Kokillenguss GmbH, Herzogenburg, Austria



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# Mechanical Properties Swivel Bearing

#### Swivel bearing Porsche Panamera Swivel bearing Porsche Panamera **Yield Strength** Target: 220 MPa Actual: 221-268 MPa Target: 220 MPa Actual: 228-265 MPa Tensile Strength Target: 260 MPa Actual: 292-346 MPa Target: 260 MPa Actual: 293-344 MPa Elongation Target: 6 % Actual: 6-12 % Target: 6 % Actual: 6-12 % Source: Georg Fischer Kokillenguss GmbH, Herzogenburg, Austria kurtz ersa Page 36 © by Kurtz GmbH| FM Foundry Machines "lightweight procurement symposium"| FM.KCR-13.10.15

## Low Pressure / Suspension Part

Product: Cross beam

Model: Porsche Panamera

Process: Low pressure die casting, 2 cavities

Scope: Casting, trimming, sawing, heat treatment,

processing

Alloy: AlSi7Mg; 6,1 kg



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# 5. Summary and Prospects

#### Summary

#### Light weight construction / Core casting

- One cast part replaces several sheet metal parts which have to be joined together
- Weight reduction
- Profitably

#### Part geometry

- Dimensions of known suspension parts up to structural parts
- Larger and more complex
- Core technology- anorganic cores

#### Plant designs

- Casting machines and furnaces become larger
- Multiple cavity 4- up to 8-cavities
- Riser tube/ gating concepts more complex
- More cooling and controlled
- Melting/ furnace logistics

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### Reasons for low pressure casting

#### Casting requirements

- o Mechanical properties
- o Elongation

#### **Economical**

- - > Profit by reduced energy costs melting down
  - > Profit by "Return cycle material Recycling"
- o Cycle time multiple cavities

#### All round part concept

- o Easier way from cast part up to finished part
- o Less post-processing

#### Plant concepts / Investments

- o The bottom line is economical!
- Will stand every competition!

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#### **Prospects**

- · Light weight construction / core casting as promising casting
- · Tailored universal machines in large format
  - o Is our standard
  - o Cycle time multiple cavity
- · Low pressure as intelligent concept
  - o Classic low pressure casting
  - o Low pressure casting combined with gravity casting
  - o Cycle time by multiple cavity unbeatable
  - o MORE than competitive, low pressure compared to high pressure die casting

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