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## Award ceremony

Excellence in Production Award 2023 - Toolmaking of the Year: VOSS Werkzeugtechnik honored as "Best Newcomer of the Year 2023"

At this year's Excellence in Production (EiP) award ceremony for 'Toolmaker of the Year', automotive supplier VOSS Automotive and its subsidiary VOSS Werkzeugtechnik took first place among toolmakers in the special category "Best Newcomer of the Year 2023". The award honors the best tool and mould making companies in German-speaking countries.



Wipperfürth, 29.11.2023 – For the 20th time, the tool and mold making competition was jointly organized by RWTH Aachen University, the Laboratory for Machine Tools and Production Engineering WZL at RWTH Aachen University and the Fraunhofer Institute for Production Technology IPT. The expert jury, consisting of ten jurors from industry, politics, associations and science, made their selection on the basis of extensive questionnaires and on-site audits.

The best tool and mold making companies in Germanspeaking countries were determined in the four

categories "internal toolmaking under 50 employees", "internal toolmaking from 50 employees", "external toolmaking under 50 employees" and "external toolmaking from 50 employees" as well as the two special categories "Best Newcomer of the Year 2023" and "Best Sustainability Initiative".





VOSS Werkzeugtechnik from Extertal, which was founded in 2017, beat 305 tool and mold making companies that took part in the entire competition and impressed the jury with its targeted investments in high-performance machines with a high degree of automation and the construction of a new, fully air-conditioned production hall. During the on-site visit, VOSS Werkzeugtechnik impressed with its high standard of order and cleanliness in warehousing. The company also impressed with its consistent application of the 5S method on the entire shopfloor.

Pascal Azzolin, Head of Plastics Technology, VOSS Automotive GmbH on the award: "We accept the award with pride. As a VOSS Automotive company, VOSS Werkzeugtechnik is a strategic element of our entire VOSS Group - top performance is therefore anchored in our DNA and is the ultimate goal of all our efforts."

"With the new special category "Newcomer of the Year", we dared to take the step of participating in order to measure ourselves against the best in the industry in a public comparison. The award is a clear signal that we have taken the right course with our activities and are already operating at the highest level. The efforts made up to this point deserve the highest recognition from everyone involved. Our employees are at the heart of VOSS' success," add Frank Stohlmann and Marc Kreusch, Managing Directors of VOSS Werkzeugtechnik GmbH.





## **ABOUT VOSS:**

VOSS Automotive, under the umbrella of VOSS Holding and the Hans Hermann Voss Foundation, develops integrated system solutions in vehicle construction and offers the entire automotive industry line and connection technology for fuel cells, SCR, pneumatics and thermal management, among others. Founded in 1931, the company is represented worldwide under the management of Dr. Thomas Röthig with 7,500 employees at 19 locations, with headquarters in Wipperfürth. VOSS Automotive has been doing important pioneering work since 1975 with the development of the first quick connect system for connecting plastic tubes in air brakes for heavy and medium duty trucks. As part of the VOSS Group, VOSS Automotive also stands for solid corporate development and a responsible approach to people and the environment. The Hans Hermann Voss Foundation is a charitable foundation that supports regional projects in the areas of education and training, youth and senior citizens as well as charitable purposes.

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