



Robot-controlled friction stir welding for e-mobility: KUKA receives order from automotive manufacturer SAIC Volkswagen

Augsburg, 6 August 2019 – KUKA received a major order from the Chinese automotive manufacturer SAIC Volkswagen Automotive Co., Ltd. The joint venture based in Anting near Shanghai relies on KUKA.ServoGun software for controlling spot weld guns.

With the help of this software technology package, the external axes of the robot controller can be used to control the servo gun. SAIC Volkswagen has been using KUKA.ServoGun technology at another plant since 2018.

The first Volkswagen production plant specifically geared to the construction of MEB vehicles (Modular Electrification Toolkit) is currently being built in Anting. The modular toolkit allows the production of numerous different electric car models at moderate prices. Cars and battery systems are to be manufactured at the plant starting in 2020.

The order has a value in the lower double-digit million euro range and was booked in the second quarter of 2019. “With this order, we are continuing to expand our leading position at Volkswagen in China,” says Peter Mohnen, CEO of KUKA Group. “As a result, we are increasing the market share of KUKA robots in electric car production.”

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