

# FP-7 & ZP-7

Automated gantry systems for machining and testing railway wheels with maximum utilization



The gripper holds the wheel in front of the forged text reading station

Customer

**Leading manufacturer in railroad and rail vehicle construction**

Industry

**Rail vehicle construction / heavy industry**

Application

**Automated processing and testing line for railway wheels**

Technology

**2 × FP-7 3-axis gantry  
2 × ZP-7 Linear axis  
10 × Servomotor wheel gripper  
5 × Tilting tables with chain conveyor control**

Location

**India**

## Customer Benefit

Safe handling in restricted time frames  
Process reliability in heat and dirt

Employee protection and a more ergonomic environment

Fully automated process from hardening to final stacking

Production time per wheel

**< 4 Min.**

Wheels per year

**100,000**

Max. Workpiece weight

**1,000 kg**

**Güdel Technologie**


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2 × FP-7 3-axis gantry, Turning and drilling machines

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2 × ZP-7 Linear axis, marking, washing, testing

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10 × wheel grippers up to 1 000 kg workpiece weight

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5 × tilting tables with chain conveyor

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20 storage spaces, sorted stacking

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Floor conveyor systems for material flow

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Reading and marking systems, traceability

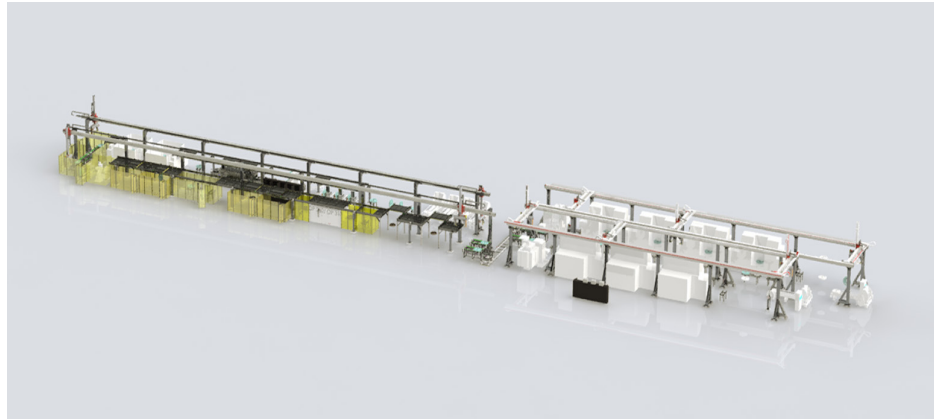
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4 control areas, protective housing, assembly

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Layout of the wheel line automation

**Safe interlinking for maximum productivity**

The production of railway wheels includes forging, heat treatment, mechanical processing and testing. For high throughput and complete traceability, Güdel combines these steps with highly automated interlinking technology – reliable, precise and efficient. The complete line was assembled and put into operation, including protective equipment for maximum safety.

**Area gantries for turning and drilling machines**

The two FP-7s operate seven lathes and two drills. During machining, they turn the wheels are rotated 180° so that both sides are fully processed. The number stamped during forging is read automatically and ensures the exact allocation of the raw parts. Two wheel types can run through the line in parallel without interrupting the production flow.

**Linear gantries for the test line**

The ZP-7s links the test line, in which marking, washing, painting and six test processes take place. 5 tilting tables with chain conveyors ensure a smooth material flow between the stations. At the end of the line, the wheels are arranged in stacks according to type, prepared for onward transportation and stored in a traceable manner until delivery. This results in a finished wheel in less than four minutes – up to 100 000 per year.

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