IDEAL – superior reliability and support from our company

IDEAL is a family-owned and operated company that was founded 1923 under the name Elektro-Apparate-Bau GmbH, in Lippstadt, Germany.

Since its inception, IDEAL is known for constant innovation and superior quality „Made in Germany“ for our machines and our plant engineering. Currently managed by the family’s third generation, our core competence at IDEAL remains the same – resistance and laser welding.

IDEAL’s product portfolio ranges from welding machines for the joining of wires, stranded wire and band saws, to wire processing, the manufacture of sheet metal products, and the joining of strips. Our range extends from smaller series of production machines up to modular standard configurations, and to custom-designed and customer-orientated special solutions.

Our commitment to the further development of the product range and skilled, problem-oriented consulting has helped propel IDEAL to a leading position in the market, and made us a reliable partner for the industries we serve. We pride ourselves on providing increased efficiency, reliable machinery, and excellent service and support to our customers. IDEAL has knowledgeable representatives in more than 45 countries to ensure that we are always close and accessible to our customers.

Our sales and service office in the United States – IDEAL Welding Systems in Rockford, IL – has offered machinery, systems and spare parts in the US, Canada and Mexico since 1995.

In order to meet the demanding requirements and evolving challenges of our international industrial customers, we base ourselves on fair teamwork, with our customers, our suppliers and our employees.

IDEAL has 240 employees who make an invaluable to the success of our company through their commitment, their knowledge, and their close bond to the company. We ensure a solid, long-term base of technical knowledge and experience at our company through professional training practical experience and continuous education.
The IDEAL Mesh Welding Machines for industrial wire goods are well known in the industry. Leading manufacturers of wire products are using IDEAL machines for the flexible and economical manufacturing of wire mesh products.

Our automatic production lines can be used for producing a finished product in a complete run, including: stamping, bending, wire shaping, cropping or other processes that enable our customers to achieve a finished product which is ready for sale at the end of the manufacturing line.

Typical applications:

- Single wire mesh panels
- 3D fences
- Double wire mesh - 2D
- Decor fences
- 358 prison mesh
- Temporary fences
- Gabions or stone boxes
- Cable trays
- Wire baskets
- Dish washer baskets and white goods products
- Supermarket applications
- Shelves
- Trolleys and shopping equipment
- Oven and grill rosts
- Animal cages
- Transport and logistic mesh
- Display articles and POS products
- Reinforcing mesh
- Gabion with double wire mesh
- Фencing mesh
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- Reinforcing mesh
- Shopping trolleys
- Wire shelf
- Stone wall or stone boxes
- Decor mesh
- Fish grill

IDEAL delivers

- Customized solutions - planning of machines in collaboration with the customer
- Execution/testing of applications for specific types of joining in a test setting
- Support in the planning of a new factory or production
- Design of all mechanical and supply-related machine parts
- Design of the controller, sequencing programs and communication interfaces
- Production of the mechanical machine parts
- Installation and initial commissioning of all machine parts
- Testing of the machine and determination of the welding parameters
- Disassembly, transport and installation at the plant of the customer
- Initial commissioning and, where necessary, linking into a line in the plant of the customer
- After Sales Service and the delivery of spare parts

Our experienced service team offers professional advice and support, either on site or by telemaintenance.

- Spare parts
- Repairs
- Maintenance/servicing
- Remote maintenance
- Upgrades
- Modifications
- Training

Our highly qualified project managers support you as the relevant contact persons so that the individual tasks can be discussed intensively and solved together with you.

Foresighted project planning leads to developments and CE-certified designs that are matched to the subsequent work processes so as to reduce the life cycle costs.

We gained our know-how in the construction of special machinery in many complex projects.

The head office in Lippstadt in Westphalia includes the administration and commercial departments, technical sections such as project management and the design offices. Our mechanical production facility is equipped with a modern machine park and delivers high-quality individual parts with top precision.

At our second location in Lippstadt, IDEAL machines are assembled in the production facilities, and the hydraulic, pneumatic and electrical systems are installed. Then a final test run takes place using customer-provided materials, optimally preparing the machinery for customer approval and for subsequent training.

Your reliable partner
Based on the welding target and our customer quality demand, we will be offering a different kind of welding technology to be used in our mesh welding machines. There is the possibility to offer AC current, rectified DC – or medium frequency technology. By concentration on the current or on the welded cross point only, we are producing straight and flat mesh.

By using the software features for our welding parameters it is possible to work in cascading mode of separated welding sections to utilize high efficiency mesh welding equipment in places where the power supply and the electrical network is not that high.

A long experience in welding resistance technology and mesh production, a close cooperation with our customers, the cooperation with colleges/universities and research institutes as well as the feeling for technical trends are the roots in mastering the challenges of the future in a dynamic and innovative manner.

The basis of our development activities is a steady improvement of our well established standard machines into tailored, individual solutions.

We are driving forward customized solutions based on the demands of our customers. We offer our customers various modular designed series of welding machines, which are producing mesh panels of different types made from straightened and cut-to-length wires.

Here we pay special attention to extra versatility and flexibility of the machines. Easy and quick set-up for product changes make our machines suitable for mass production as well as for medium and smaller quantities.

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**Alternating Current (AC)**

The Alternating Current measured in time related to current or voltage is counted in Hertz (Hz). In most of the countries we are talking about 50 Hz (in other countries 60 Hz). As a result one can see that 1 period takes 20 milliseconds. Due to reactive and shunt losses, the efficiency of such AC welding machines is about 65%.

**Direct Current (DC)**

We divide the DC Mesh Welding Machines in single phase (1-phase) and 3-phase DC Welding Machines. The single phase equipment will be used with one of the three phases only and achieves an unsymmetrical load to the power line. With a 3-phase DC machine all the three phases are equally loaded.

The DC current operates with a direct flow of the electrical power in only one direction by a special design of the welding portal. The efficiency degree of a DC Mesh Welding Machine is about 75 to 85%. A good advantage of DC welding is less heat in the cross section of welded mesh. Less welding time results in less deformation to the final product.

**Medium Frequency (1000 Hz DC technology)**

In the IDEAL Medium Frequency Mesh Welding Machines the welding transformer will be driven at 1000 Hz which is 20 times faster than an AC system with 50 Hz. Due to the high frequency the welding time can be fine-tuned much more precisely. The efficiency degree of a Medium Frequency Machine is between 95 and 98%. Less heat introduced into the mesh gives a very flat and straight product. Shorter welding time reduces wear and tear and increases the lifetime of the electrodes.

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The production requirements of our customers define the required modules, the expansion stage and the type of automation. Due to the modular machine design, extension or automation can also be added later.

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**Accessories**

**Exit table**

**Input device**

**Welding portal**
The production requirements of our customers define the specification and required modules.

IDEAL is well known for its in-house production and commits to manufacturing in Lippstadt. As a well-established German, medium-sized company we are producing and installing machines or components, just as expected by our worldwide customers.

Made in Germany
Made in Lippstadt
Made by IDEAL

Know-How

+ Design
+ Planning
+ Production
= Everything out of one hand!
We offer different versions for feeding and loading – from manual insertion to automated loading with magazines for different wire diameters and lengths, integration of straightening and cutting machines and pre-configured changeable guiding rails.

In order to maximize the highest possible utilisation of the machine, feeding of new wires is automatically done during the welding process. The magazines will also be loaded while the machine is in operation.

To minimize the downtime, the magazines, as well as the guides are designed for a quick changeover within the welding portal.

The machine can be fed on a single or double track magazine for the minimization of cycle times.

Typical applications clarify the various possibilities for loading. Depending on customer’s requirements the input device can be made in a modular design.

- Manual or automatic feeding of wires, frames, profiles or flat bars
- Quick change-over between different applications

**Technical data**

- Manual and automatic loading
- Line wires up to 6,000 mm
- Cross wires up to 3,000 mm
- Wire diameter up to 16.0 mm

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**Frame magazine**

**Manual loading series 100**

**Input device with automatic line wire loading**

**Line wire loading magazine with pre-loading magazine**
The heart of our mesh welding machine is the welding portal. The cylinders ensure an optimized fixing of the wires – for maximizing the surface quality while simultaneously minimizing welding spatter.

The lateral edges of the mesh can be welded flush or can be trimmed during welding operation – T-welds are also possible.

The welding cylinders are designed for a quick changeover. The minimized changeover time ensures high efficiency, versatility and flexibility of IDEAL machines.

Programming of welding parameters is made by means of a PC featuring operator guided and friendly software easy to use. Storing, further processing, evaluation of data and a network integration are provided. Remote maintenance and diagnosis is also available.

The versions of the IDEAL welding portals are based on customer resolved solutions. The classical types differ within the applications and also in the portal widths.

The series 100 is existing for more than 10 years and is characterized by quick setting of welding cylinders.

One operator adjusts the welding cylinder with only one manipulation. All welding parameters are set up centrally by software. Thus a product change can also be realized easily and process reliable by an inexperienced operator.

The series 400 is available. The software as well as the automatic setting devices are helpful for the reduction of the changeover time.

Welding cylinders can be adjusted automatically or also centrally by hand-lever. Full automation is possible. Please feel free to contact us!

For a maximum automation along with the highest quality expectation, the portal of the series 400 is available. The software as well as the automatic setting devices are helpful for the reduction of the changeover time.

The classic among the welding portals is surely the alternating current version of our series 500. Using different modules, this is a perfect solution for every application.

The picture shows the setting of welding cylinders in double tracking. It is important to have a machine which is easily accessible ensuring user-friendly maintenance of the machines.

Depending on customer’s request, the welding portal will be equipped with corresponding cylinders, welding presses or transformers. From AC alternating current up to DC medium frequency, every technology is available.

Technical data

- Portal widths up to 3 000 mm – special dimensions on request
- Secondary alternating current, direct current or medium frequency
- Welding of meshes with upper and/or lower cross wires
- Single and multiple operation

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Options for unloading of welded mesh

We offer the following: manual removal of products, putting down, stacking, turning, automated transport to subsequent processes and integration to a manufacturing line. It is also possible to split a welded mesh into several individual products – thus an optimized cycle time can be achieved.

After welding the mesh panel, a further processing step can be made by unloading. Beside the standard unloading of a mesh, IDEAL further offers a modular system.

**Technical data**

- Length up to 3,500 mm – special dimensions on request
- Width up to 3,000 mm – special dimensions on request
- Exit of grippers
- Pivoting rails
- Single and multiple operation
- Stacking device without or with turning

The “run-out” or the so-called “exit table” pulls the mesh out of the portal. It is possible to have an exit table in one, two or triple tracking, which increases the production. Additional modules from our range of accessories will automatize the mesh welding machine even years after the purchase.
The requirements of our customers and the market – in conjunction with product development and innovations – form the basis for the accessories to our mesh welding machines.

Owing to IDEAL’s modular design, machines can be adapted/retrofitted with accessories at a later stage.
The modular design of our machines allows the individual adaptation to customer’s particular requirements. This includes the basic components like input device, portal and exit table, also the modular upgrade of the machine with accessories or attachments. IDEAL can help you to adapt your mesh welding line to suit your manufacturing process.

Accessories can also be installed later on and provides an opportunity to upgrade your IDEAL machine in future. Your investment in our accessories and software updates guarantees flexibility in an ever changing market. Please feel free to contact us!