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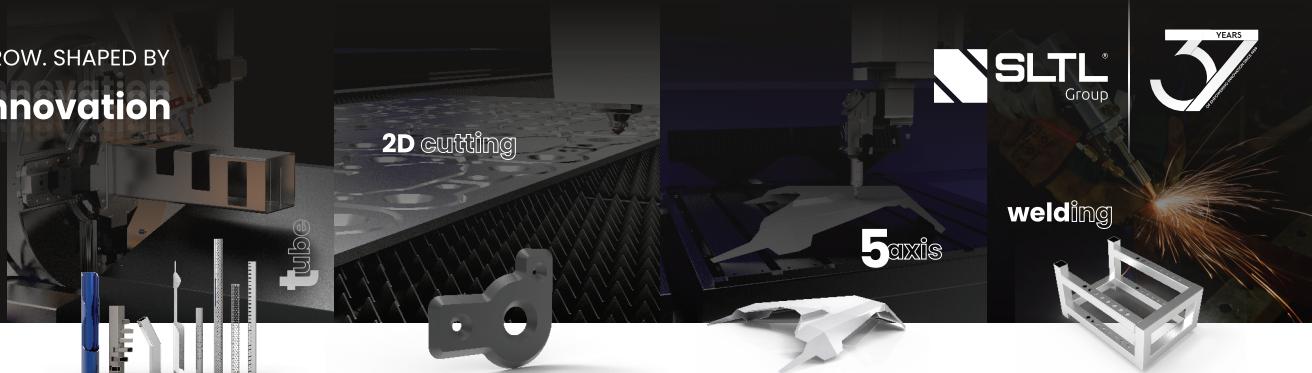
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Source: Magic Wand Media

Bengaluru is once again abuzz with industrial activity as IMTEX FORMING 2026, Asia's largest exhibition on metal forming and manufacturing technologies, gets underway at BIEC. Over the next five days, the event promises not just an extensive display of machines and solutions, but also a vibrant exchange of ideas, technologies, and partnerships that reflect the evolving priorities of India's manufacturing sector.

Spanning four exhibition halls and covering approximately 48,000 sq mt of gross exhibition space, IMTEX FORMING 2026 hosts 714

exhibitors, including partner associations from 24 countries. Dedicated country pavilions from Germany, Italy, Japan, and Taiwan further reinforce the exhibition's global stature, with exhibitors presenting advanced technologies and solutions tailored to emerging manufacturing needs.

Highlighting the importance of the event, Mohini Kelkar, President, IMTMA, notes that metal forming currently accounts for nearly 29 percent of the Indian machine tool market and is poised for sustained growth. "IMTEX FORMING 2026 reflects this momentum by showcasing technologies that will help Indian

manufacturing enhance quality, capability, and global competitiveness," she says.

Sharing a broader perspective on the industry's evolution, Jibak Dasgupta, Director General & CEO, IMTMA and BIEC, observes that the Indian machine tool industry is at a decisive stage, driven by rising domestic demand and a growing focus on technological self-reliance. "The shift from scale to capability marks a clear maturation of the ecosystem. IMTEX FORMING 2026 is well positioned to support this transi-

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JIBAK DASGUPTA
Director General & CEO
IMTMA & BIEC



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A Complete Spectrum of Forming Technologies

IMTEX FORMING 2026 presents a comprehensive showcase of metal forming technologies. Visitors can explore presses, press brakes, bending and shearing machines, stamping solutions, CNC punch presses, and laser and waterjet cutting systems.

Advanced processes such as hot stamping, hydroforming, flow forming, and electromagnetic forming are on display alongside forging, extrusion, casting, and pressure die casting technologies that continue to underpin large-scale manufacturing. Automation, robotics, servo presses, precision levellers, fiber laser machines, and AI-enabled production systems further highlight how productivity, precision, and sustainability are being redefined across forming operations.

Beyond the Exhibition Floor

Adding depth to the exhibition are several concurrent events. Tooltech

focuses on tooling systems, machine tool accessories, metrology, and CAD/CAM solutions, while Digital Manufacturing highlights Industry 4.0 and additive manufacturing. WeldExpo, organized in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Welding (IIW-India), showcases the latest developments in welding technologies. Running alongside the exhibition on

To bridge the gap between academia and industry, the i2 Academia Square will unite premier institutions from across India to showcase academic research and development relevant to manufacturing industries. For young engineering professionals, the Jagruthi-IMTMA Youth Programme will

Toward India's Manufacturing Target

With an expected footfall of over 50,000 visitors, IMTEX FORMING 2026 sets the stage for meaningful business engagement and knowledge exchange. Over the next five days, as discussions unfold and technologies come to life on the

Date	Time	Event	Venue
21-Jan-26	1400 - 1500 hours	Inauguration Ceremony of i2 Academia Pavilion	Hall 4
	1830 - 1915 hours	IMTMA Export Performance and Best Design Awards	Conference Centre, BIEC
22-Jan-26	1100 - 1200 hours	Inaugural Session of International Seminar on Forming Technology (ISFT)	‘Gulmohar’ Hall Conference Centre, BIEC
23-Jan-26	1000 - 1700 hours	Jagruthi - Youth Programme	Silver Oak
	0900 - 1400 hours	Symposium on Welding for a Greener Tomorrow organized by IIW-India	‘Parijatha’ Hall Conference Centre, BIEC
	1600 - 1700 hours	i2 Academia Pavilion - Quiz, etc.	Hall 4
24-Jan-26	1000 - 1700 hours	Jagruthi - Youth Programme	Silver Oak
	1530 - 1630 hours	i2 Academia Awards Ceremony	Hall 4

January 22–23, 2026, the 9th International Seminar on Forming Technology (ISFT 2026), will bring together global experts and leaders from automotive, aerospace, defence, and die & mold sectors to discuss emerging trends in metal forming.

provide a platform to engage with industry leaders and launch their careers. The Manufacturing Technology Quiz Contest will also engage young engineers by challenging their knowledge and sparking curiosity.

show floor, IMTEX FORMING 2026 will reinforce its role as a must-visit event for the manufacturing fraternity and continue to shape decisions, strategies, and collaborations well beyond its closing day.

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INDUSTRY DIALOGUE: ISFT 2026

A Knowledge Platform on Forming Technologies

SFT 2026 is expected to attract over 250 delegates from India and overseas. The seminar arrives at a pivotal moment for Indian manufacturing, as forming technologies are being reshaped by advanced materials, digitalization, automation, and sustainability imperatives.

“ISFT 2026 comes at a critical time for Indian manufacturing, when forming technologies are evolving rapidly. The seminar will equip industry leaders with the insights, tools, and global perspectives needed to enhance competitiveness and accelerate growth across key sectors,” says Mohini Kelkar, President, IMTMA.

With participation from Automotive, Aerospace, Defence, and Die & Mold sectors, ISFT 2026 serves as a convergence point for manufacturing leaders, research-

chers, and technology providers navigating the next phase of industrial development.

Curated for Decision-Makers

Designed for high-level decision-makers and technical experts, the seminar this year will bring together manufacturing and production heads, plant managers, tooling and die professionals, design and R&D specialists, and experts in quality, metrology, and process improvement.

“With a strong focus on emerging technologies such as giga stamping, digital twins, advanced materials, and automation, ISFT 2026 is designed to bridge cutting-edge research with real-world manufacturing applications,” notes Jibak Dasgupta, Director General & CEO, IMTMA.

Agenda with Industry Relevance

ISFT 2026 will feature two keynote sessions, 12 technical presentations, and a high-level panel discussion addressing the most disruptive trends in metal forming. Topics will span:

Next-Gen Manufacturing: High-Performance Presses for Aerospace and Defence Industries

Digital Transformation: Agentic Digital Twins for Intelligent Sheet Metal Forming and Advanced Simulation Techniques

Material Science: High-Strength Aluminium 7000 Series Sheetmetal: Analysing the Demand, Manufacturing Constraints, and Roadmap for Indigenous Production

Process Innovation: Hot Stamping advances, Friction-assisted

technology, and Additive Manufacturing in the Aerospace sector

Tooling: Advancements in tool design for forming Ultra-High-Strength Steel (UHSS) parts

Learning Beyond the Seminar

A key highlight for delegates is exclusive access to IMTEX FORMING 2026, running from January 21-25, 2026. This allows participants to witness live demonstrations of machinery and technologies discussed during the seminar, bridging the gap between theory and practice.

By combining strategic insight, technical depth, and real-world exposure, ISFT 2026 reinforces IMTMA's role as a catalyst for industry growth. **SD**



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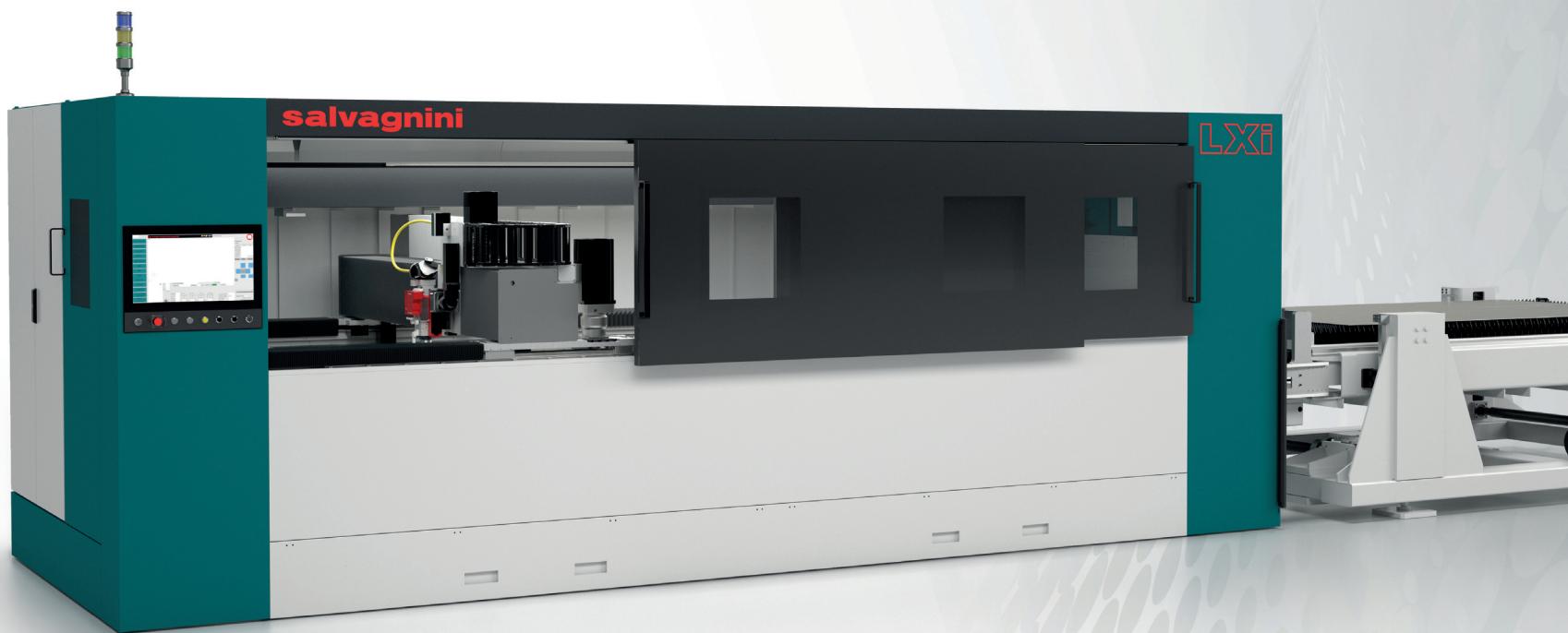
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Durma India's HD-TC Compact 60250

The HD-TC Compact 60250 expands Durma's product range with its compact design and competitive pricing advantage. The tube and profile laser cutting machine is an ideal solution for small and medium-sized manufacturers

operating in the furniture, lighting, and construction industries. With its low operating costs, fast return on investment, and easy maintenance, it takes productivity to the next level.

Offering a maximum cutting diameter of Ø250 mm and a minimum of Ø16 mm, it enables a wide range of tube and profile applications. The semi-automatic loading system allows up to six profiles to be loaded simultaneously on the chain, while different profile types can be processed automatically in sequence according to the part program. An optional 3 m or 6 m unloading system provides automatic discharge of cut parts, ensuring smooth and continuous operation.

The independent 2+2 chuck system ensures secure gripping of various profile shapes, while the central chuck, located closest to the cutting head, delivers exceptional cutting precision. Three servo-controlled support arms automatically align profiles during loading to maximize efficiency. With over 70 years of engineering excellence, Durmazlar continues to deliver innovation, efficiency, and value to manufacturers worldwide under the DURMA brand. **SD**

Source: Durma India Pvt Ltd



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With the Q-Torch Auto Change System, Kjellberg Finsterwalde is presenting a powerful solution for automating plasma cutting. The system enables fast and precise changing of torch heads without

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The Q-Torch Auto Change System enables fully automatic changing of plasma torch head.

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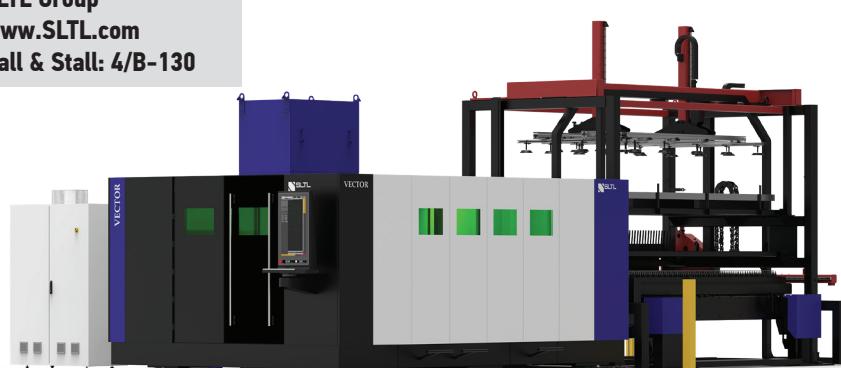
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IMTMA Events Calendar for the year 2026 - 27

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	9th Edition SYMPOSIUM ON AUTOMATION & ROBOTICS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION August 2026, BIEC, Bengaluru
	20th Edition NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY SUMMIT 2026 November 2026, Coimbatore
	10th Edition INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON MACHINING TECHNOLOGIES January 2027, BIEC, Bengaluru

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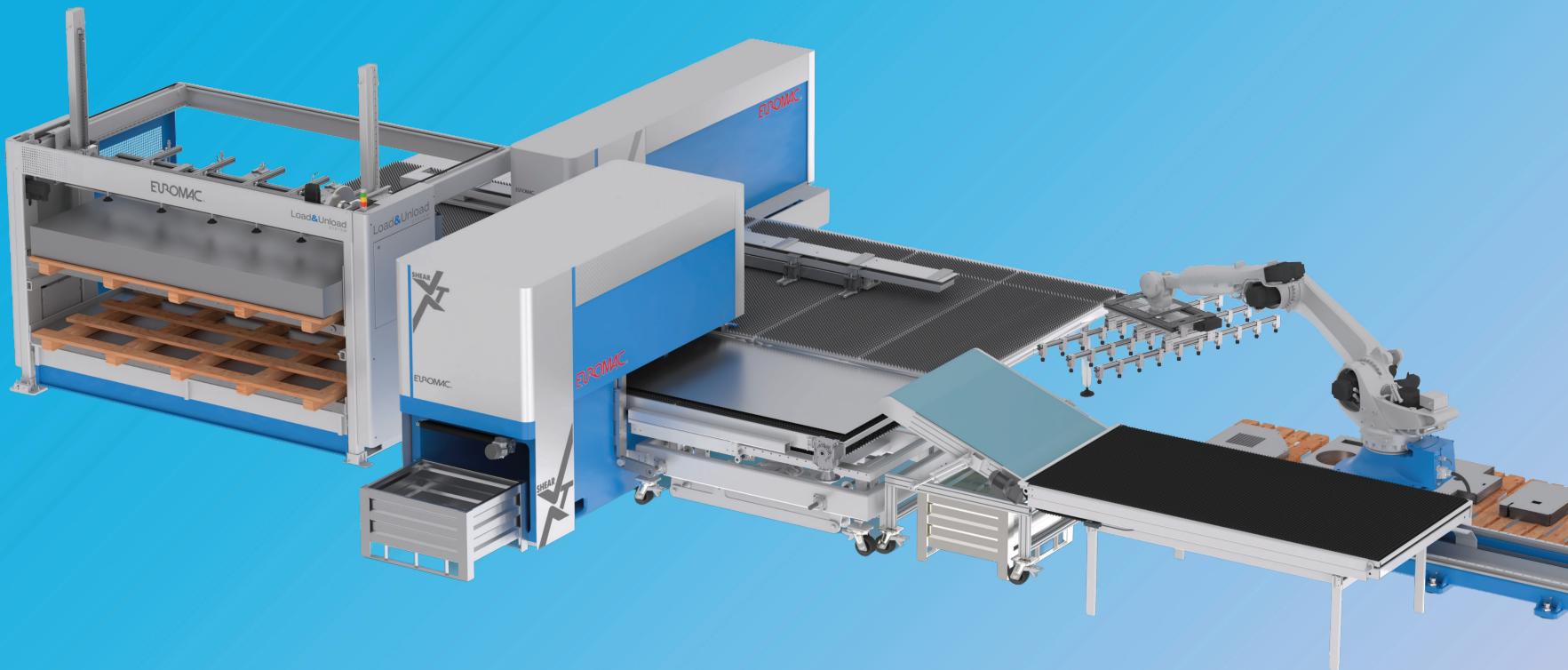


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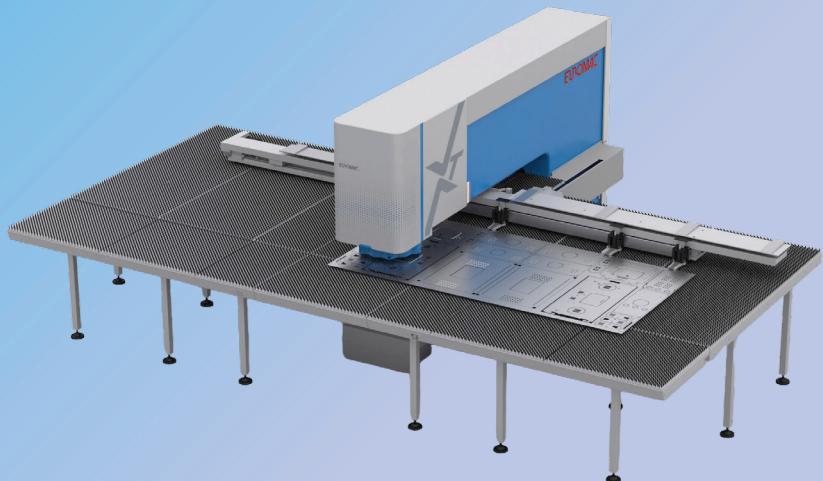
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RV Forms & Gears Brings Innovations to IMTEX FORMING 2026

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RV Forms and Gears specialize in laser welding automation for critical industrial applications, providing clean, strong, and distortion-free welds that meet demanding quality standards. As the industry transitions toward electric mobility, the company offers complete EV manufacturing solutions under one roof, including battery cell welding

for cylindrical, prismatic, and pouch cells, laser ablation and terminal cleaning, and dissimilar material welding such as multi-material busbar assemblies.

With a legacy spanning over five decades, RV Forms & Gears is one of India's oldest and most respected fixture building companies. Its state-of-the-art design and manufacturing facilities in Guindy, Chennai enable it to support customers with world-class engineering, reliable execution, and innovative automation solutions that align with the future of manufacturing.

Visitors to IMTEX FORMING 2026 can explore RV Forms & Gears' comprehensive portfolio of laser welding automation and EV manufacturing solutions tailored for high-precision applications. **SD**

FIBER LASER CUTTING MACHINES

G Series from STM Laser



Source: S&T Engineers

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Fueling Indo-Italian Industry Engagement

dia represents one of the most promising export destinations for the Italian Machine Tool Manufacturing industry represented by UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE, notes the association's President Riccardo Rosa.

To further strengthen this engagement, UCIMU has launched targeted initiatives aimed at supporting Italian companies and promoting their offerings in India. One such effort is the PIATTAFORMA INDIA project, envisioned as a comprehensive support hub for providing assistance and advice to Italian companies interested in operating in the area. Complementing this initiative is the ITC-Italian Technology Center in Pune that promotes the 'Made in Italy' brand and supports around 10 Italian capital goods manufacturers in making contacts

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RICCARDO ROSA
President
Italian Machine Tool, Robot and Automation Systems Manufacturers Association, Italy (UCIMU)



with the Indian industry, institutions, and cultural bodies.

Italian Participation at IMTEX FORMING 2026

Rosa points out that "Italy has always been highly specialized in the Sheet Metal Forming Machi-

nery sector," adding that the country ranks second globally in production as of 2024.

IMTEX FORMING 2026 has robust participation from Italian machine tool builders keen to expand their footprint in India. Around 20 Italian companies are participating in

the show, including direct exhibitors and brands represented. Some are included in Ice-Agenzia Collettiva, while some have opted for individual booths.

Future-Ready Italian Solutions

Italian forming technology is widely recognized for its design-driven engineering and adaptability. Rosa identifies the core strengths of the sector as "flexibility, very high technological standards, marked product customization, and after-sale assistance."

In recent years, these strengths have been reinforced by advanced digitalization and machine interconnectivity. This evolution has enabled higher productivity, improved efficiency, enhanced machine safety, better resource utilization in compliance with eco-sustainability, and reduced downtime. **SD**

TUBE BENDING SYSTEMS

For Advanced Tube Bending Applications

The 32CNC10X6-LR is designed for high-performance, complex tube-forming applications. Its rotating bend head allows both clockwise (CW) and counterclockwise (CCW)



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bending, enabling seamless production of intricate geometries. With up to six tooling stacks (three on each side), users can perform multiple-radius bends in a single setup—dramatically reducing changeovers and enhancing throughput. The cycle time reduction of around 30 percent makes the rotating bend head

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machine highly productive. This design is most suitable for the Aerospace and Furniture industries. Powered by a 10-axis servo-controlled system, the machine delivers exceptional accuracy, repeatability and energy efficiency. Its intelligent architecture integrates advanced digital features including IoT connectivity, simulation tools, diagnostics, and energy-saving technologies, positioning it as a smart, future-ready solution for modern manufacturing environments.

Salient Features

The 32CNC10X6-LR stands out with a rotating bend head offering a $\pm 180^\circ$ range for both CW and CCW bending, supported by an all-electric system with 10 programmable servo axes for exceptional control. Its high tooling flexibility—featuring up to six stacks for multi-radius bending—enables complex forms to be produced in a single setup. With energy-efficient, hydraulic-free operation and an impressive accuracy of ± 0.05 mm/deg across all axes, the machine ensures consistent, high-precision output. **SD**

PRECISION DEBURRING SOLUTIONS

Grind Master's CF Series for Automotive Components



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The CF Series from Grind Master represents the pinnacle of precision deburring technology, engineered to meet the stringent demands of the automotive industry. Designed for fine-blanked, punched, laser-cut, and sintered parts, these machines deliver consistent deburring and edge radius, ensuring the safety, performance, and durability of critical components.

Key Features

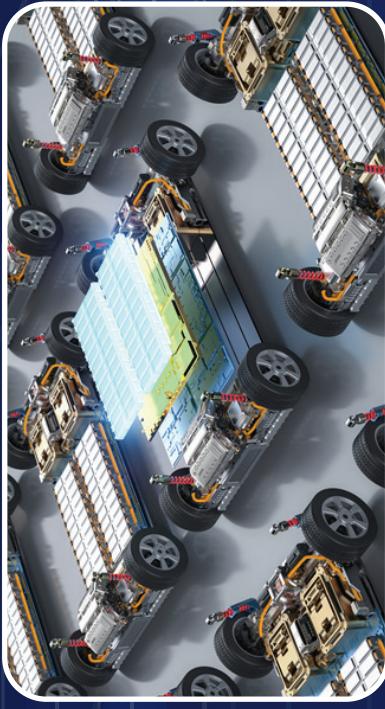
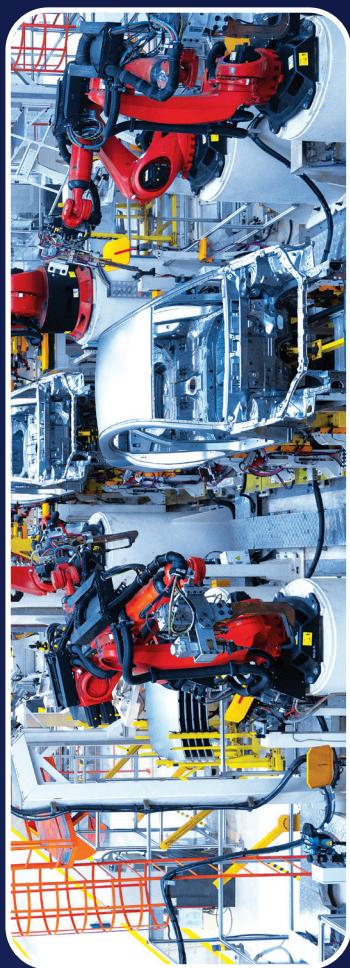
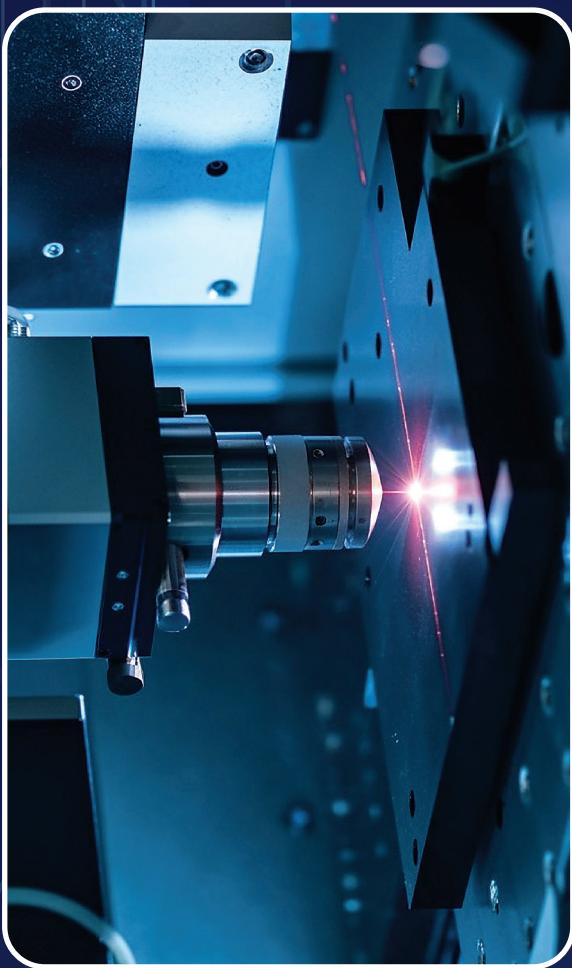
- Advanced Deburring Technology:** The CF Series combines planetary brush heads with abrasive belt grinding to achieve complete burr removal and precise micro-radius generation on complex profiles.
- Automation & Efficiency:** It features the NANOFINISH Control System, automatic tool wear compensation, and optional auto-load/unload systems that enable continuous 24/7 production.
- Versatile Applications:** The CF Series is ideal for processing clutch and brake parts, seat belt components, compressor valve plates, and other precision automotive components.

With over 40 years of expertise and a proven track record in precision finishing, Grind Master's CF Series offers a total solution—machine, process know-how, and tooling—trusted by leading global automotive manufacturers. **SD**

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