

# ifmpressions

The ifm group of companies – People, ideas, solutions

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> We need more suppliers like ifm. < Werner Gmür, SIP Elektroanlagen GmbH, Germany

DI am very satisfied with ifm's support. (
Benedikt Klump,
mechatronics engineer,
design department,
GTA Maschinensysteme GmbH,
Germany



### **ifm**ternational



International development and production sites in Sibiu, Romania (left) and Singapore.







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### **ifm**dividual



After just a few weeks we had first successes when an imminent plant downtime was detected by the vibration diagnostics on the basis of a mechanical disturbance value. We could make a repair in time thus preventing a plant failure.

Gerhard Simon, Hassia Mineralquellen GmbH & Co. KG, Germany





Under harsh conditions in steel processing or in sensitive industries such as the food industry, even under permanently changing weather conditions such as in wind turbines at sea or in mobile machines: ifm's competence is high in every industry, which contributes considerably to your company's success. For almost 50 years, our company's success has been based, among others, on early identification of specific industry requirements and on offering perfectly suited and reliable solutions via global key industries specialists. Since ifm's foundation, outstanding application know-how for each industry has developed, giving you decisive support for efficient automation.

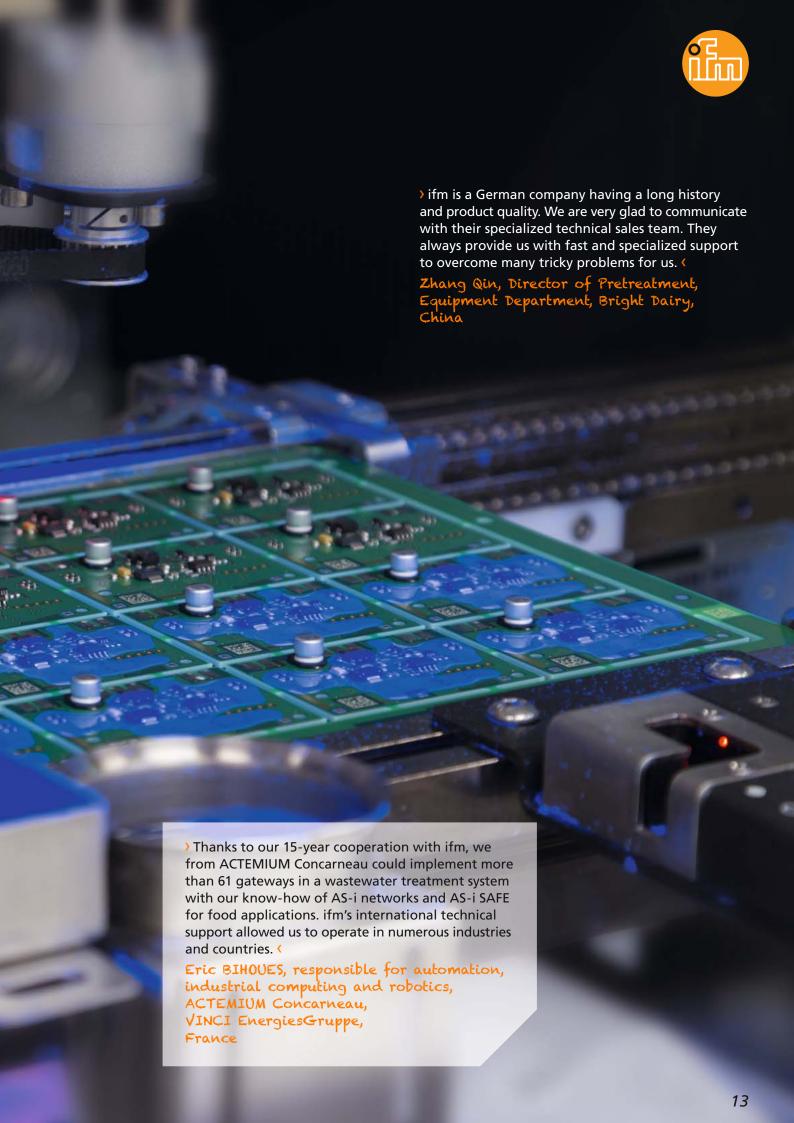






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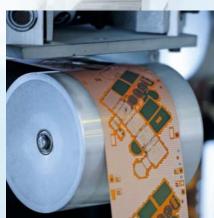




### **ifm**novation







Complex circuitry in very restricted space: Back in 1980, ifm started to use the innovative film technology which has been continuously developing since then.





"High product quality and accurate technical data are unimpeachable values of ifm." This principle from ifm's corporate philosophy is lived by all employees with passion. Around the world all factories have uniform quality standards and safety processes – in Germany alone about 70 % of all sensors and systems are manufactured. In all locations this is based on quality management to ISO 9001. This allows us to offer a 5-year warranty for all our high-quality and long-life catalogue products. Demanding customers from all over the world appreciate it.



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A high degree of automation and comprehensive quality controls guarantee continuously high product quality.



ifm's own environment management system

#### **ifm**tification

> What impressed me most with ifm: They did not ask about possible quantities but promised comprehensive project support. <

Rolf Oschatz, Gritzke Lasertechnik, Germany

The cooperation with ifm sustainably improved the reliability of condition-based maintenance.

Hans-Joachim Schaller, Technical Service Planned Maintenance, Pirelli Deutschland GmbH, plant Höchst, Germany

My experience with ifm has always been positive – what distinguishes ifm's employees is great technical competence in combination with flexibility and reliability.

Michael Rohe, NOBAMED Paul Danz AG, Germany

An ifm customer for more than 40 years: We could work well with Mr Marhofer, with his technical departments and his production. The most important thing was that existing problems were solved and that this finally led to success. <

Jens F. Schulz, former Rasselstein GmbH, Germany



#### **ifm**tification









The founder generation has already defined principles in a philosophy which is today translated into 16 languages and given to every employee. In it we encourage our ethic corporate culture and responsible and sustainable action – even in a global context.



It is no surprise that ifm's seniority is above average (partly more than 45 years) and that the employees' fluctuation is low, in Germany and abroad. Without satisfied employees in a good working atmosphere no sustainable company success is possible. In all corporate sectors such as production, sales, service, research and development as well as administration, many perspectives are offered. Everyone can use his talents in an optimum way. At present more than 110 trainees with and without accompanying studies prepare their professional career with ifm.











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# **ifm**telligence





Heavy weight in logistics: 3D sensors measure packages to calculate the dimensional weight.



Nothing escapes the photoelectric sensors: Small, slim and flat components, even with dark or shiny surfaces, are detected.



For a safe start: Precise docking to the aircraft with ifm camera systems.









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Always one step ahead – that is ifm's target. This is the only way to achieve efficient production and competitive advantages. Innovative products shall enable our partners to respond to changed markets in an optimum and flexible way and, even better, initiate modifications themselves. More than 820 employees in research and development worldwide are working on it every day. More than 750 patents of our own for future requirements speak a clear language. There is a close cooperation with universities and research bodies as well. ifm has already won many awards for the development and perfectioning of TOP technologies as well as TOP products. One example is the Hermes Award, one of the highest technology awards of 100,000 euros worldwide, for the "efector pmd" distance sensor.

ifm was also decisive in developing the IO-Link communication standard which forms the basis of Industry 4.0.



> It's a brave new world. < Barack Obama, former President of the United States at the ifm stand in Hannover 2016







#### ifmdustry 4.0

Industry 4.0 is not only a keyword, but will change production and automation decisively – on all levels of the product process. Decisive is that the intelligent sensors are interconnected and connected to the machine control via IO-Link. Thanks to the IO-Link technology, the sensor data for the fully automatic production and analysis is available as digital data and also allows condition-based maintenance. ifm is a pioneer in this area and offers the most extensive product range in this area worldwide. The respective ifm software allows the bidirectional data exchange among a high number of different interfaces and automatically gives an overview of the complete plant. Moreover, direct transfer to the ERP system is also possible,

bypassing the plc. We accompany you on your way towards your future at any time, efficiently and safely, not only for today's but also for tomorrow's requirements.



Machine infrastructure





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We can access the plant remotely via our VPN tunnel, for example: What are the sensor settings? Is there a problem? In short: Worldwide access down to the sensor. This is really great.

Hendrik Blatz, Maschinenfabrik Gustav Eirich GmbH & Co KG, Germany

## **ifm**spiration



#### **Position sensors**

Inductive sensors

Capacitive sensors Magnetic sensors

Cylinder sensors

Ultrasonic sensors

Photoelectric sensors

Optical fork sensors / optical angle sensors

Laser sensors

Distance sensors

Fibre optic sensors

Photoelectric sensors for specific applications

Touch sensors

Feedback systems for valves and valve actuators

Switching amplifiers



Sensors for motion control

Encoders
Speed sensors
Inclination sensors
Systems for the evaluation of standard signals
Systems for signal conversion
Systems for signalling and indication
Systems for pulse evaluation



Sensors for conveyor belt monitoring

**Industrial** imaging

Vision sensors 3D sensors 3D cameras Illumination



Safety technology

Fail-safe inductive sensors
Safety light curtains
Safety light grids
Safety relays
Safety controllers
AS-Interface Safety at Work



**Process sensors** 

Pressure sensors
Vacuum sensors
Flow sensors / flow meters
Level sensors
Temperature sensors
Signal evaluation systems
Feedback systems for valves
and valve actuators



Industrial communication

AS-Interface masters
AS-Interface power supplies and monitors
AS-Interface I/O modules
AS-Interface systems and sensors
AS-Interface Safety at Work
AS-Interface for hazardous areas
Fieldbus components
Apps

AS-Interface wiring technology





#### **IO-Link**

IO-Link masters IO-Link modules IO-Link devices

**IO-Link** position sensors

IO-Link sensors for motion control

**IO-Link** process sensors

IO-Link software

IO-Link accessories / connection technology



Identification systems

RFID 125 kHz RFID 13.56 MHz RFID UHF 1D/2D code readers



Condition monitoring systems

Systems for vibration monitoring and diagnostics
Flow meters for compressed air
Flow meters for water consumption
Systems for oil quality monitoring
Systems for pulse evaluation
Systems for the evaluation of standard signals
Systems for signalling and indication
Systems for signal conversion



#### Systems for mobile machines

Controllers
I/O modules
Devices for operation and monitoring tasks
Cameras for mobile applications
Diagnostic and service units
Signal converters
Sensors for mobile machines



**Connection** technology

Industrial applications / Factory automation
Use in applications with machine tools,
coolants and lubricants
For use in wet areas and in the food industry
Use in welding areas
Use in mobile and robust applications
Use in hazardous areas



**Software** 

Parameter setting and operating software OPC server software Programming software Apps Condition monitoring and energy consumption analysis

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#### **Power supplies**

24 V DC power supplies AS-Interface power supplies Switching amplifier Electronic 24 V DC fuses



#### **Accessories**

Accessories for position sensors Accessories for magnetic sensors Accessories for cylinder sensors Accessories for photoelectric sensors Accessories for laser sensors Accessories for distance sensors Accessories for fibre optics Accessories for touch sensors Accessories for feedback systems Accessories for encoders Accessories for vision sensors Accessories for 3D sensors and cameras Accessories for safety light grids and curtains Accessories for process sensors Accessories for AS-Interface Accessories for identification systems Accessories for vibration monitoring systems Accessories for control systems Protective brackets Spare parts



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