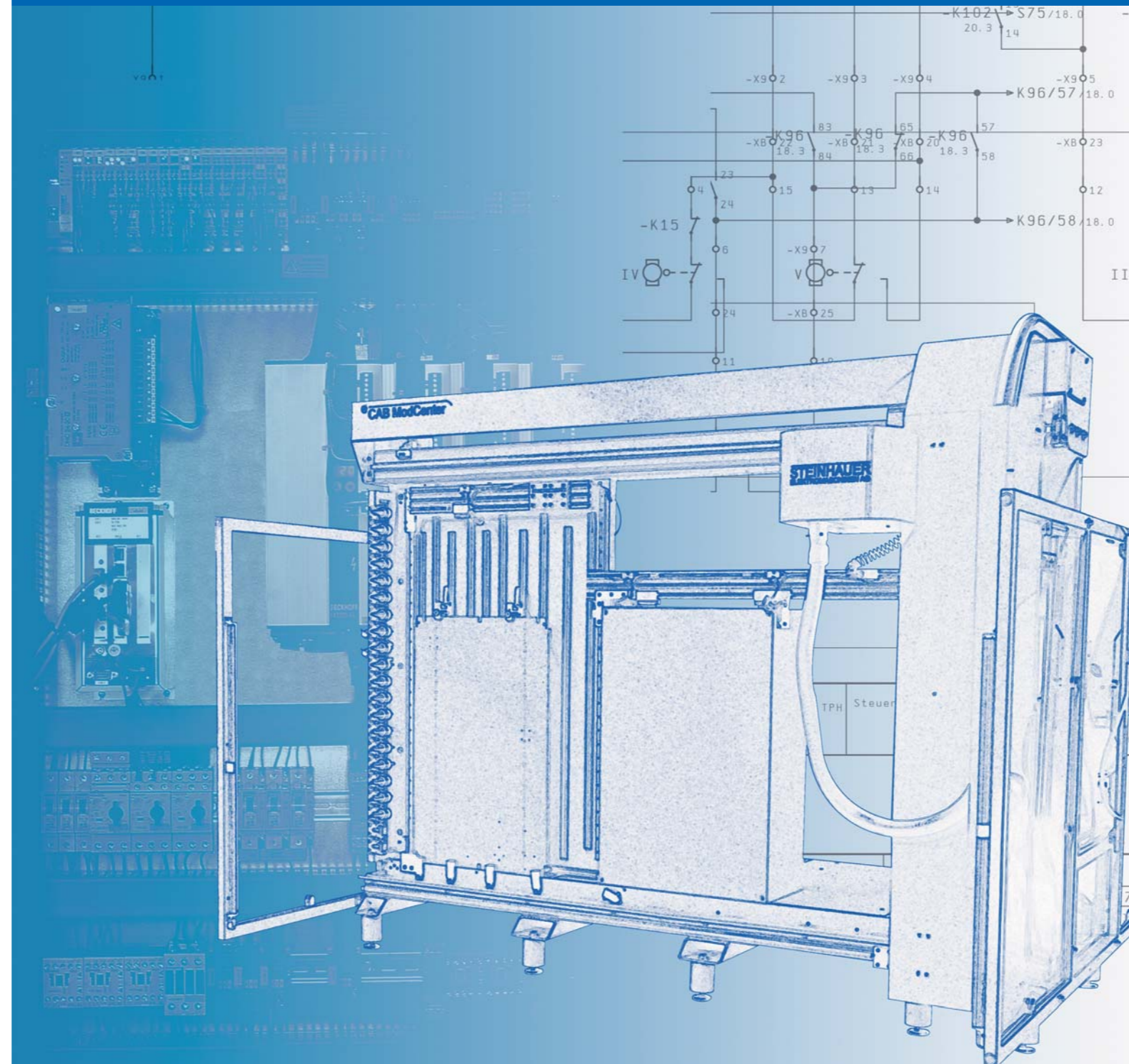


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eCAB ModCenter



Innovative production systems for the control cabinet industry
The all-rounder



From CAD layout right into sheet metal

Automatic one-off production for panel builders

If one compares the requirements of sheet metal processing in the control cabinet industry with the requirements of industrial metal processing one finds certain parallels in techniques but also major differences.

Normally panel building is no volume production. A machine must have the ability to economically do typical one-off as well as small series production.

Enclosures can be very big - or very small. They can be made up of assembled flat or folded plates or they can come in the form of small or large non dismountable cubes, like control boxes or switch cabinets.

The wide material diversity does not make life easier. Whether painted or unpainted steel plates, stainless steel, PVC or GRP, aluminum or copper - material is defined by the task, and a machine must be able to process them all. Machining itself has a wide variety too. Drill holes and threads of different diameters are needed, cut-outs must be made to mount parts into housing panels and often even engravings have to be applied.

Among these duties a machine must be economically presentable and affordable for a medium-sized panel builder. Or even better, it should offer a striking savings potential compared to manual manufacturing methods.

In the following we would like to present a machine, which was developed by the Steinhauer AG exclusively for the use in the control cabinet industry and which settles all resulting tasks of daily practice fully automatic.

The control cabinet machining center eCAB ModCenter

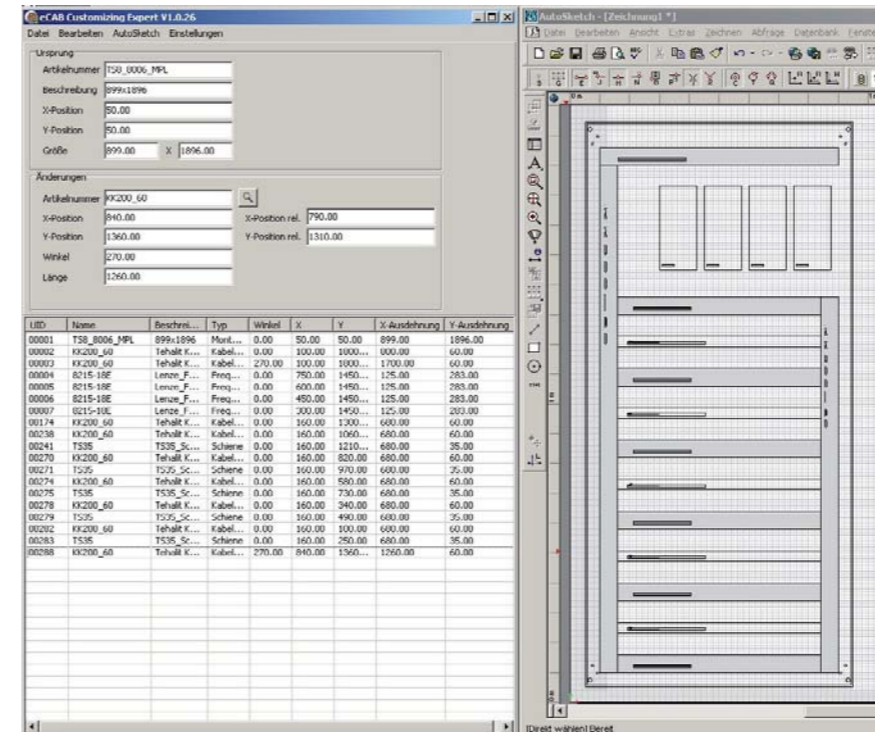
The STEINHAUER Software

One-off production in panel building only can be believable economical if the setup time for automatic production is distinctively lower than the time needed for manual production. This can only be achieved if no CNC program has to be written.

STEINHAUER software is divided into two main areas. The CAD software eCAB Sketch creates the construction drawing for the switchgear, which is to be manufactured. The post-processor eCAB PP automatically generates an NC-program from the CAD drawing.

We use AutoSketch from Autodesk as a basic CAD kernel, an intuitively usable 2D CAD software which meets the needs of panel builders in a perfect manner. For the layout plan no drawing tools have to be used. Instead of drawing lines predefined symbols, which correspond to real parts, are placed on virtual mounting plates, doors, enclosures and switch panels - blindingly easy using drag & drop with the mouse. A multitude of automatic placement tools facilitates the job. So complex and even multispan assemblies can be designed fully graphically without the need for entering measures. The CAD software allows the planning of all parts of an electric enclosure (like mounting plates, doors, side panels, roofs or base plates) within one drawing. By means of a multi-document interface parts from other drawings, like a complex array of switches, can be used by cut & paste.

Getting there faster



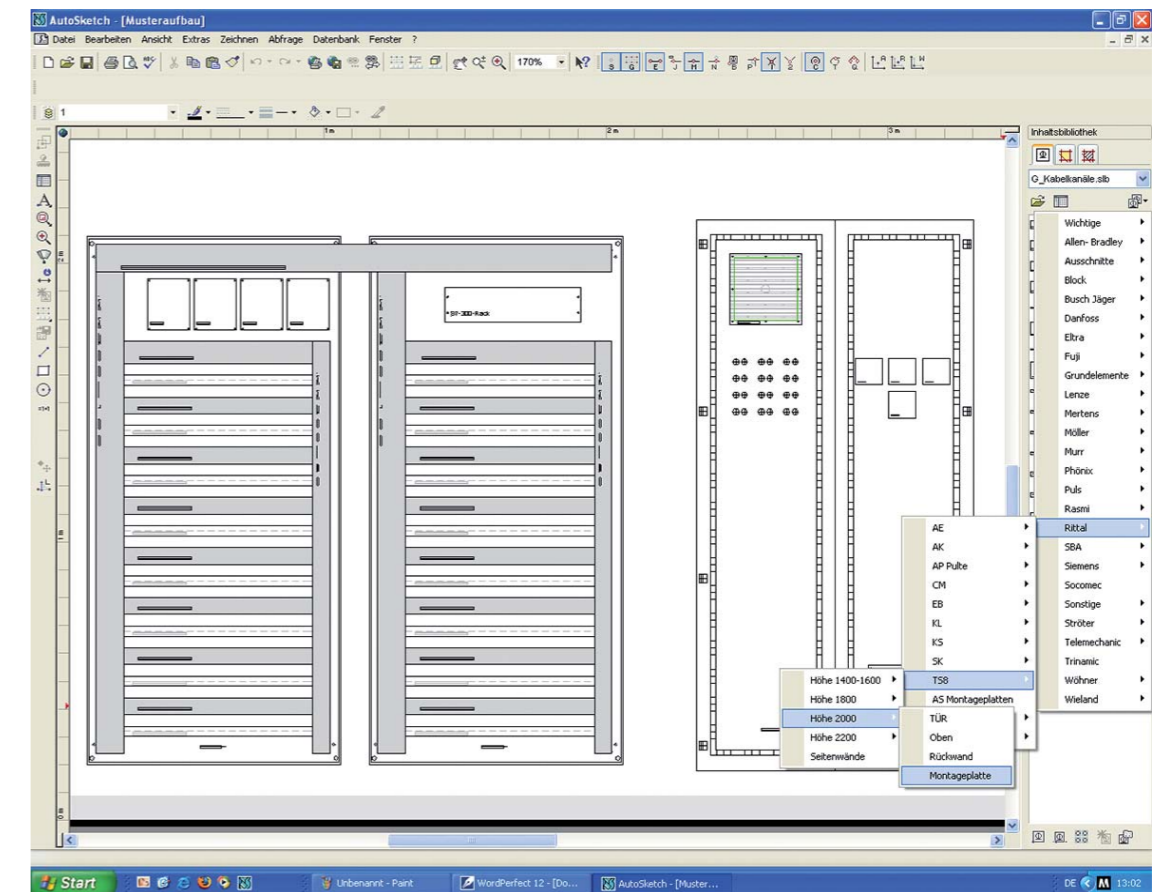
As a second possibility the construction plan can be drawn up using the eCAB CE - Customizing Expert. This software is devised to allow adding construction devices easily and for numeric input of coordinates. The customers are provided with this software by the control cabinet industry and toll manufacturers. This enables them to plan the construction according to the drawing without needing additional information on the construction devices.

What makes this software remarkable is its close connection with AutoSketch. Within a construction drawing you can shift from the fully graphic version AutoSketch to the Customizing Expert anytime you wish without loss of data.

The graphical parts libraries are included in the supply of the machine. They are structured hierarchically in a descriptive tree menu and contain some thousands of predefined parts from various vendors of control cabinet industry. They libraries are easy expandable by the users.

Each missing part or component can easily be defined with familiar tools to be used in further projects.

After transfer of the generated machine program to the CNC control of the machine the workpiece will be machined automatically.



For a complex electric enclosure with 200-300 drill holes and threads the use of this software cuts human part of labor to 15-20 minutes for designing a layout. By using variations of older projects design times further can be reduced considerably.

After completion of the layout drawing the postprocessor, second part of Steinhauer's software, handles the rest. First it performs some plausibility checks on the drawing to avoid human mistakes, then it adjusts all machine parameters to predefined settings for the material used and generates the DIN standard machine code. A preview function visualizes the program before machine operation and a cutting-list for cable ducts, mounting rails and bus bars is generated automatically.

eCAB ModCenter

The all-rounder for panel builders
The eCAB ModCenter machining center was designed for one-off production of electric enclosures. The STEINHÄUER eCAB ModCenter leave nothing to be desired.

Flexibility obtains top priority
The eCAB ModCenter allows automatic machining of flat or folded workpieces up to 2,400 x 1,500 mm on the frontside part fixture. The two doors in the middle of the machine guarantee the highest possible flexibility concerning access to the workpieces. High precision work from all angles can be carried out on non-dismountable enclosures up to a size of 2,200 x 1,600 mm. As the machine's doors can be opened separately it is possible to work on flat and cubic workpieces simultaneously. Due to the high scalability of the machine it can perfectly be adapted to your special needs.

Tools for all purposes
Up to 21 drills, taps, milling cutters or tools for

special purposes, like circular thread cutters or engraving tools, can be placed into the ATC magazine for programmed tool change. With the exception of the tool-diameter dependent chucks all tool holders are identical, so that tools can be exchanged quickly. No length-compensatory tapping tool holders are needed because threads are cut or pressed by positioning of the Z-axis with thread pitch (metric as well as non-metric). All tools are DIN standardized, available from stock at your tool outfitter.

Pure Power
Under the hood of the Y-axis a real power pack waits for action. A modern 5.5 kW / 18,000 min⁻¹ (optional 7.5 kW) high frequency CNC spindle motor services the up to 21 tools. Over a wide speed range a constant torque of 7.4 Nm ensures machining of all relevant material, like steel, stainless steel, copper, aluminum or any machinable plastics, including GRP. The freely programmable minimum quantity lubrication system ensures long tool life.

Embedded ergonomics
A low loading height, good accessibility from all sides, a powered depth control stop for easy enclosure positioning and sophisticated workpiece fixtures reduce set-up time to a minimum. An open machine frame construction with insulated hollow spaces and hoods reduces resonance and structure-borne noise for the benefit of quiet machine operation. The precise concentric rotation of the tool spindle reduces vibrations so that there is no need for barrier-forming workpiece downholders.

High level investment protection
Except for the machine frame, which is an abrasion-free warp resistant steel construction, all machine components are DIN standard parts of the leasing European manufacturers. A minimum of moving parts reduces the contingency risk. Chip resistant ball screws and linear guides of highest precision are used for axis positioning.

All drives are fully digital and brushless, designed for continuous daily use. The modern 4-axes control from BECKHOFF is

based on realtime Ethernet. All control components and drives are remote maintainable to ensure a high system availability at low operational costs.
Fast amortization
For refinancing of the machine no high quantities are needed. Operating efficiency is guaranteed from 12 typical one-off enclosures per month.

Low operational costs
The machine needs no cyclic maintenance through the manufacturer. Maintenance requirements reduce to daily refilling of the lubricant, cleaning and greasing of easily accessible greasing points in a 3-monthly service interval.

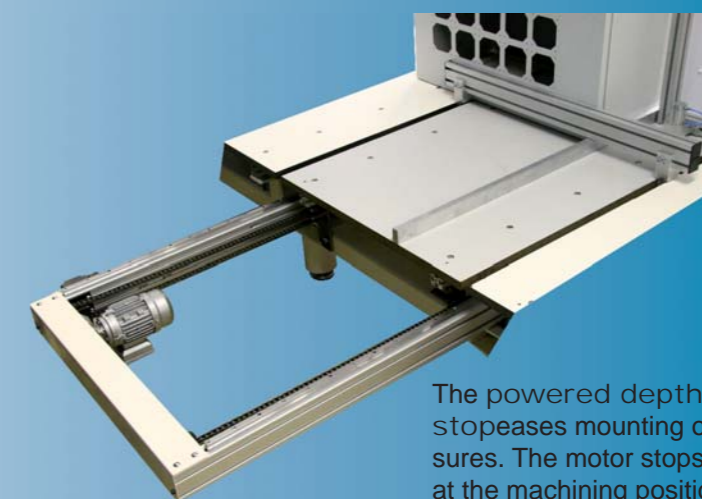
Small footprint
Through dual-use and vertical operation the required space is lower than the space required for manual production.



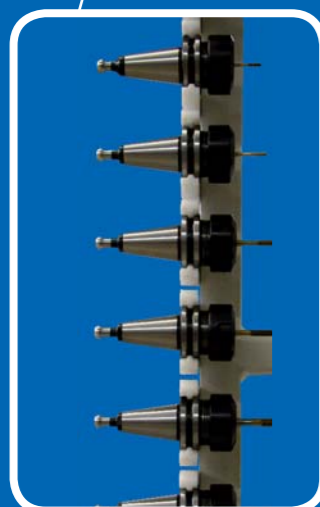
The eCAB ModCenter with closed door for frontal machining of flat workpieces.



eCAB ModCenter with enclosure in the enclosure bay.



The powered depth control stops mounting of heavy enclosures. The motor stops automatically at the machining position.



The tool magazine with up to 21 tool positions.



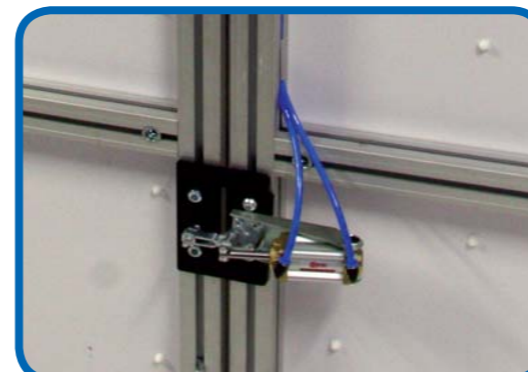
Pneumatic frontside part fixture 7 pneumatic muscles at the base of the machine's frame hold flat workpieces in place at the push of a button. The muscles can be switched off individually to avoid blocking areas in the clamping range. The coating under the fixing points remains undamaged.



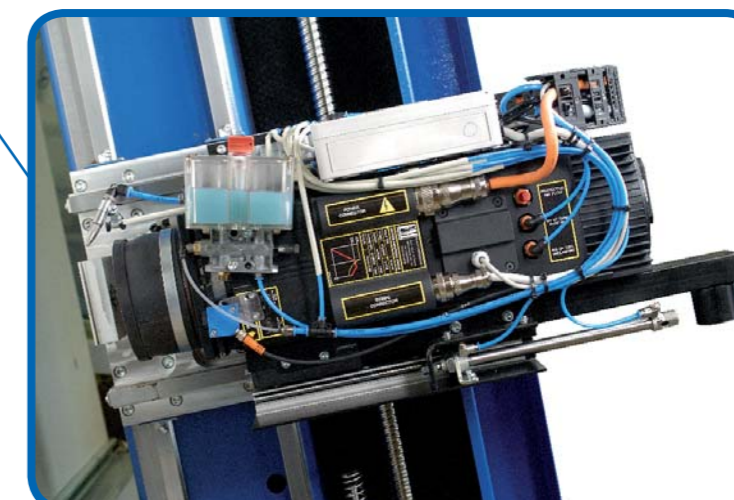
The machine's fully automatic door is opened, closed and locked by pressing a button.



Chip-resistant positioning techniques with ball screws and linear guides on all axes.



Pneumatic door-lock: by pressing a button the door is automatically locked with two pneumatic cylinders.



The power pack
The high frequency spindle motor with pneumatic guided chip catcher, automatic lubrication system and outlet for the optional chip extraction.

Wide range of accessories



Circular thread cutter



Multi terminal box holder, single row



Multi flange plate holder



Magnetic hand brush



Engraving option



Bus bar holder



Load handling device

Already the standard scope of supply of the eCAB ModCenter leaves few to be desired. Through a comprehensive range of accessories and options the functionality of the machine can be expanded. Most accessories can be retrofitted on demand. If software is needed for an option it can be installed through remote maintenance.

The circular thread cutter option is used for the making of large threads (M20-M63 as well as non-metric NPT threads) with only one additional tool.

With the multi terminal box holder multiple small boxes can be fixated for batch processing by flipping a pneumatic switch. The multi terminal box holder itself is fastened by pneumatic clamps in the enclosure opening of the machine. Available in different versions.

For batch processing of flange plates the multi flange plate holder can accommodate up to 30 flange plates of equal or different size.

The optional bus bar holder is used for fixation of copper bus bars (with a typical thickness of 10 mm). Up to 3 bars of up to 2,400 mm can be mounted for further machining.

With the engraving option the eCAB ModCenter can be used for holohedral engraving and marking. The patented engraving toolholder compensates differences in height of workpiece automatically. It always uses constant contact pressure.

Putting work pieces into the machine becomes very easy and comfortable with the load handling device. Even large work pieces can be placed on the machine with little effort.

The tool change aid (within the scope of supply) eases the change of dies. Attached to the machine frame it is always at hand. It prevents damage to the tool chucks and provides an adjustment gauge for the correct tool length.

With the magnetic hand brush and the magnetic broom ferromagnetic chips and dust from grinding can be collected in no time at all.

Industrial terminal Option, swivel arm at machine frame, with TFT/DVI display, instead standard outfit.

Chip Extraction Option for automatic removal of millingswarfs, approx. 90% swarf catch, incl. low-noise industrial vacuum

Printer Option: projects can be labelled continually with the printer option.

For other accessories and options please visit:

www.steinhauer.de
www.ecabinet.de

The switch cabinet machining center eCAB ModCenter - Technical data

Prinziple / CNC Control-system	4 axes (X-, Y-, Z- and C-axis)
Remote maintenance / Remote user guidance	yes / yes (requires internet connection)
Machining of flat and folded work pieces from / up to (HxW)	100 x 100 mm ⁽¹⁾ / 1,500 x 2,400 mm
Max. folding of flat work pieces	100 mm
Machining of enclosures from / up to (HxW)	100 x 100 mm ⁽¹⁾ / 1,600 x 2,200 mm, all sides
Fixation of flat work pieces	mech. quick action clamps / fluidic muscles
Fixation of enclosures	fully pneumatic with powered depth control stop
Machinable material	steel, stainless steel, copper, aluminum, PVC, GRP
Machinable material thickness	1-10 mm
Loading height front / rear	300 mm
Velocity (maximum / typical) X-,Y-,Z-axis	60 m/min / 45 m/min
Repeat accuracy (all axes)	0.04 mm
High frequency CNC spindle motor	5.5 kW / 18,000 min ⁻¹ (optional 7.5 kW) 0-7.000 min ⁻¹ constant torque 7,5 Nm at 12,000 min ⁻¹ : 4.3 Nm
Tool lubrication	Automatic oil-spray lubrication, programmable by user
Number of tools (standard / maximum)	12 / 21
Tool chucks	Industrial standard steep angle SK30 (DIN 2080) with ER full metal chucks (DIN 6499 Form B) suitable for all kinds of tools (drills, thread-rollers/cutters, milling cutters and tools for special purposes).
Tool diameter	1.0 - 20 mm
Drills	D1.0 - D20 mm
Taps	thread-cutters M2-M16 forming taps M2-M12 large threads M20-M63 (with circular thread milling option) as well as non-metric threads
Engraving tools	0.1-3 mm, solid-carbide (for metal), automatic height compensation for bent workpieces
Milling tools	3-8 mm (standard: 6 mm) Various types, multi cutter operation
Milling performance (max.)	3 mm sheet steel: 2,000 mm/min 2 mm stainless steel: 200 mm/min 10 mm copper bus bar: 400 mm/min

⁽¹⁾ Special design available

Weights and measures, noise emission

Machine demensions over all, incl. safety fence (H x W x D)	2,600 x 3,350 x 2,800 mm
Transport dimensions (H x W x D)	2,700 x 3,300 x 2,000 mm ⁽³⁾
Recommended maintenance clearance	rear: 500 mm, left or right: 500 mm
Mass	approx. 2,700 kg
Foundation static load / concrete grade	10 kN/m ² / 25 N/mm ²
Max. noise emission(DIN)	82 dB(A), curve A (0.5-10 KHz) ⁽²⁾

⁽²⁾ Measured with digital sound level meter C269-E, 1m distance from center of machine, 1m above ground

⁽³⁾ Reduced shipping dimensions available at surcharge

Connections

Electrical	3x 400 V / 50/60 Hz (3L/N/PE), 32A CEE connector
Compressed air	6-8 bar, suction capacity 300 l/min, 6 mm connector
LAN Standard / connector	Ethernet 10BaseT/100BaseTX, RJ45 connector

All specifications are without obligation. Subject to change without notice.

eCAB ModCenter - integration made easy

All major E-CAD applications have documented interfaces. In addition to our own design software eCAB Sketch and eCAB CE (supplied with the machine) we support the following 3rd Party applications. If your standard application is not listed, please contact us.



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