





STABILISATION OF THE COATING PROCESS BY INTEGRATING DENSITY MEASUREMENT INTO A COMBINATION OF DIPPING AND FLOW TANK

PARAMETER:

Alloy: Coremaking: Moulding process: Furan Sand Casting weight: Casting temp.: Pouring weight:

Grey Iron - GJL **Furan Sand** 500 - 10,000kg 1,280-1,380°C max. 16 tonnes

Old dipping tank

ICU - INTELLIGENT COATING UNIT

FOUNDRY:

The iron foundry Dinklage produces counterweights for forklifts, construction machinery and cranes. Castings weighing between 500 kilograms and 10 tonnes are produced in 3-shift operation. The shareholders are the forklift manufacturer Still and the excavator manufacturer Liebherr Emtec.

FOSECO PRODUCTS

ICU - Intelligent Coating Unit SEMCO* Tec 7802 H Coating TENO* Tec 5800 B Coating **TENO Coating ZKPX**

KEY BENEFITS

- Combination of dipping and flowing in one unit
- Automation and control of the coating adjustment
- Reduction of coating related casting defects
- Facilitation of handling



THE CHALLENGE

The demand of Iron Foundry Dinklage to improve core shop quality without reducing productivity was the main challenge.

The old conventional dip tank was manually operated, hence large variations in coating density were observed resulting in not acceptable coating layer thickness alterations. The process was irreproducible as a consequence cost and time intense rework were required.



OUR SOLUTION

We worked together with the customer to supply a solution that was tailor-made. First, all process steps - from design and construction to installation - were jointly planned and carried out. The result: The ICU (Intelligent Coating Unit) integrated in the dip tank, an adapted combination of dipping and flow tank for all core sizes.



ICU with integrated dipping tank

THE OUTCOME

By using the ICU with flow tank, it was possible to stabilise the coating process, relieve the workload of the employees and significantly reduce rework - and thus also increase the performance of the foundry. In this case, the use of the ICU already paid off within the first year, as savings in the area of scrap and coating cost saved more than € 100,000.





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