

Press Hardening Furnaces with Integrated Flexible Tailored Tempering

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Introduction: Press Hardening

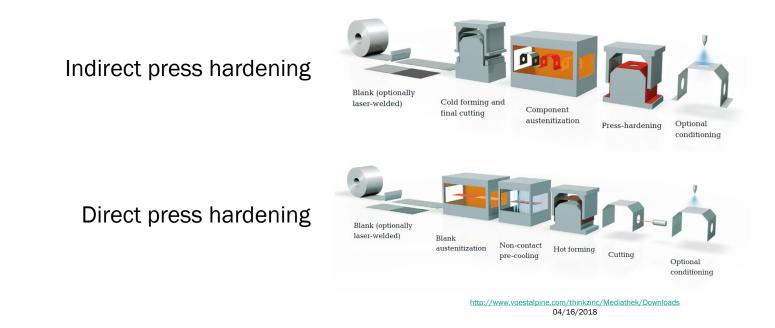
Press Hardening, hot forming:

- Lightweight body-in-white parts (reduce weight and increase safety)
- High strengths up to 2000 MPa
- No spring back
- Complex geometries
- Coated/uncoated material
- Tailored property parts
- Corrosion resistance, crash performance, weldability



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Process Variants



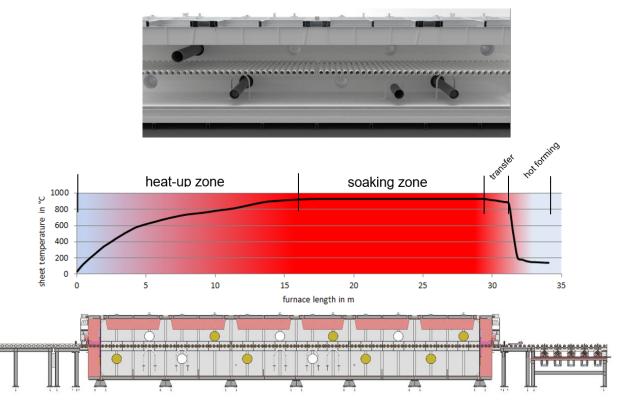
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Heating Process



Heating zone Soaking zone

- Coated Steel (AISi, Zn) → = dried air
- Uncoated Steel \rightarrow = N₂ + max. 5% CH₄



Tailored-Property Parts (TPP)

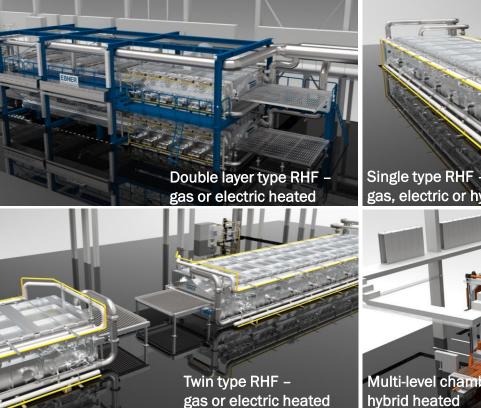
Variants

- Tailor-welded blank
- Patch inside/outside
- Tailor-heated
- Tailor-tempered





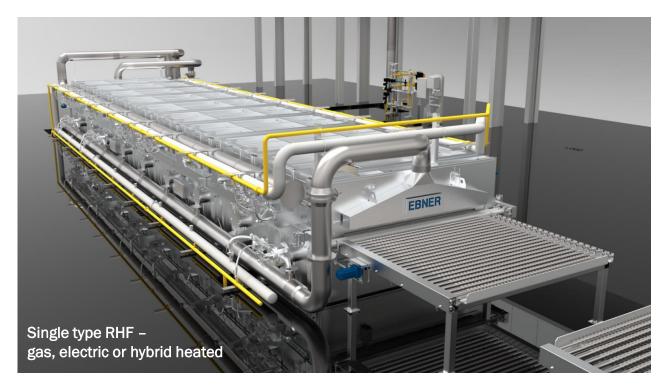
EBNER Press Hardening Furnace Types



Single type RHF – gas, electric or hybrid heated

Multi-level chamber furnace

Single Type Roller-Hearth Furnace



<u>Features</u>

- Automatic roller break detection system
- Protection for radiant tubes
- Easy roller changing
- Centering unit with servomotors
- Protective atmosphere with methane analyzer and mixing station for constant conditions

Rollers and Bearings – Roller Drive Unit

Features

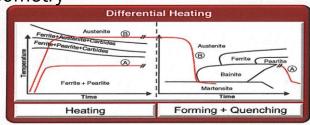
- Easy disconnecting of defective rollers
- Bearings are positioned in a cold area
- Roller break detection system
- Chain adjuster





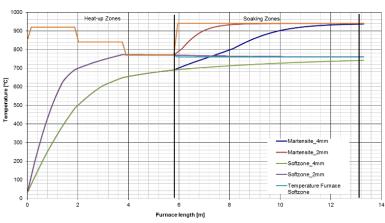
Roller-Hearth Furnace: Differential Heating

- In production for AUDI, VW, Porsche
- Stable mechanical values and geometry
- 80mm transition zone
- 32 temperature zones (width)
- Coating layer on soft side



Source: 1st GM supplier forum, Detroit, 2013

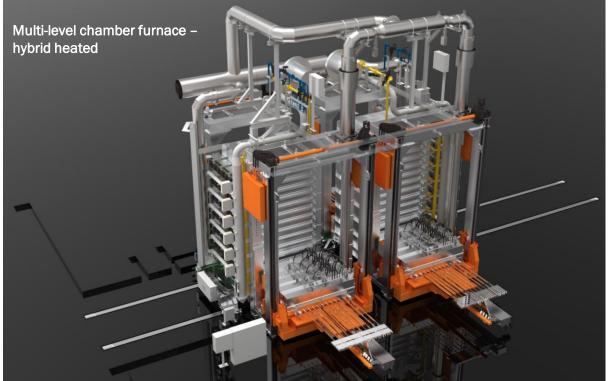






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Multi-level chamber furnace



Technical Data:

2000 mm
2 x 1900 mm
R-Tube gas / electric
5.1 t/h
maintenance): 140m ²

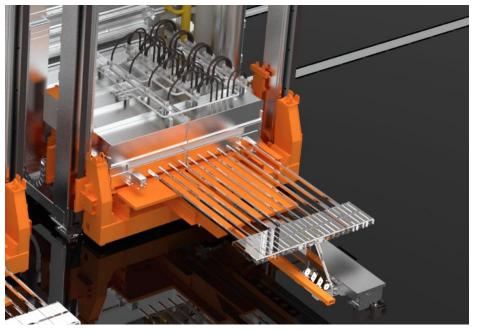
Differential Cooling Air/Jet-System

Features

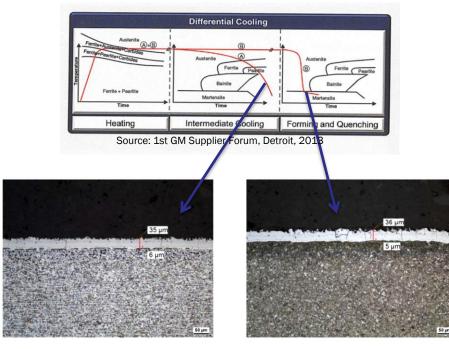
- Transition zone <60mm
- Shortest cycle times
- Weldability approved
- Paintability approved
- According to TL4225
- Patented technology



Heating box with tailored tempering function

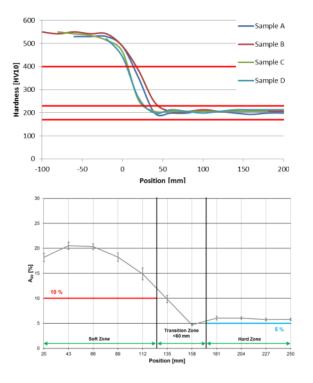


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Soft Side: Ferritic-Perlitic-(Bainitic)

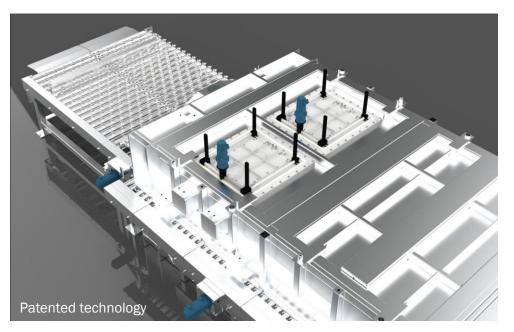
Hard Side: Martensitic Structure



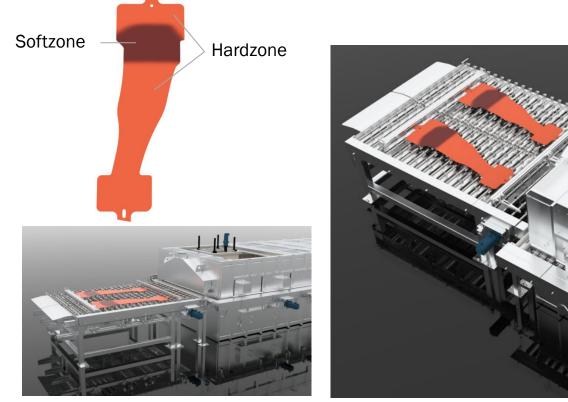
Flexible Tailored Tempering

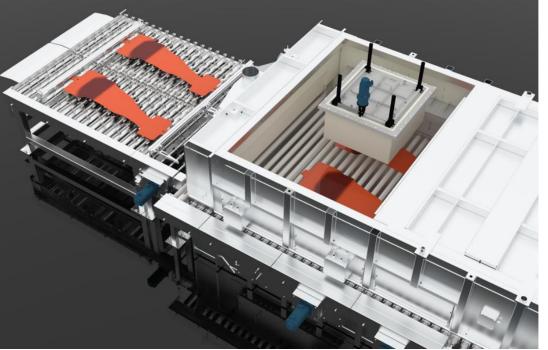
Features

- Technology inside the furnace, retrofit of existing furnaces possible
- Flexibly adjustable soft zones
- No tool change needed
- Any soft zone geometry possible
- No furnace extension required
- Contact cooling with uniform mechanical properties
- Contact cooling for coated and uncoated blanks
- Adjustable hardness transition zone down to 30mm
- Maximum soft zone 500x600mm, bigger sizes possible
- Centering device inside the furnace for 2-out or 4-out



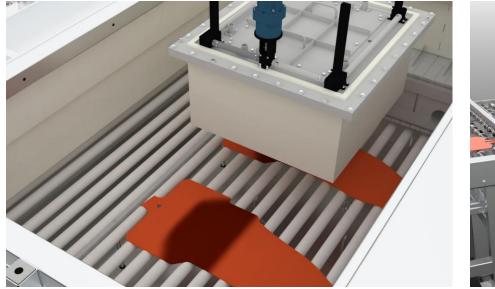
Flexible Tailored Tempering: Design 2-out

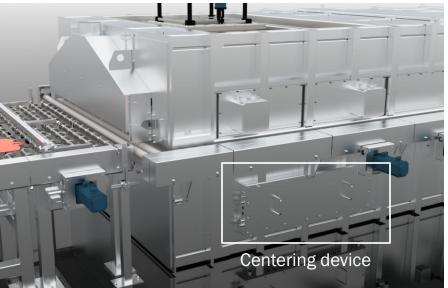




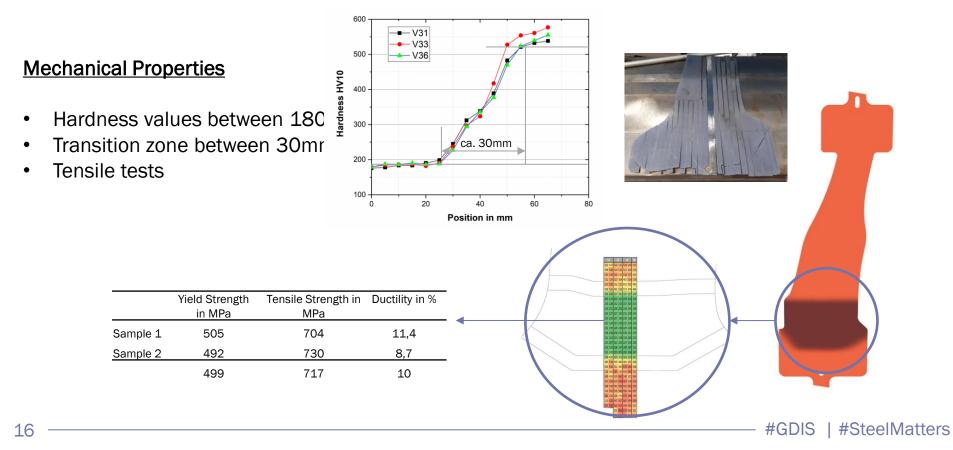
Flexible Tailored Tempering: Centering

- Centering inside the furnace
- Exact cooling position
- Centering 2-out or 4-out possible





Flexible Tailored Tempering: Results



Flexible Tailored Tempering: Results

- Microstructure base material/coating
- Diffusion layer thickness











Flexible Tailored Tempering: Video Prototype



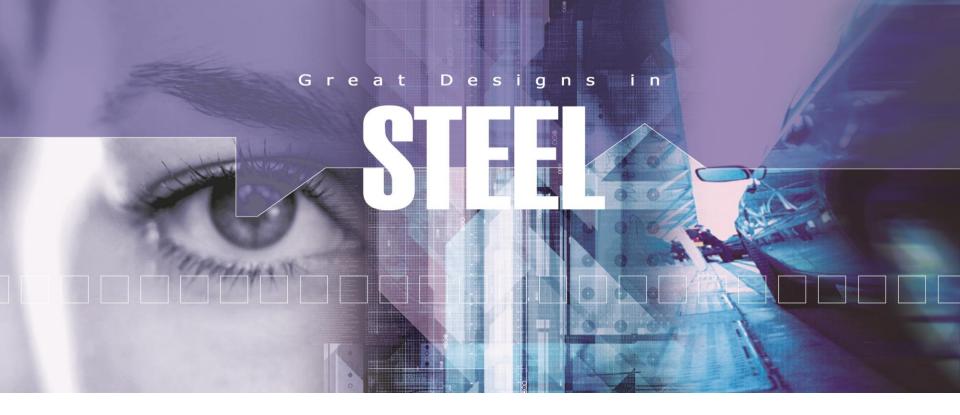
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