# Press release

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## Schunk Group buys Ultrasonics Steckmann

**Leading machine manufacturer for ultrasonic welding**

**Heuchelheim, 16th November 2016 – The Schunk Group has acquired Ultrasonics Steckmann GmbH, headquartered in Grävenwiesbach. The medium-sized company is one of the leading manufacturers of ultrasonic welding machines, which are used for processing plastics and welding metals.**

Ultrasonics Steckmann was founded in 1985 and has 14 employees. The company, located in Taunus region, will be integrated within the Schunk Sonosystems Division of the Schunk Group, which manufactures ultrasonic welding machines.

“Steckmann fits really well into our portfolio,” says Dr. Stefan Trube, Managing Director of Schunk Sonosystems in Wettenberg and now also Managing Director of Ultrasonics Steckmann. “With this acquisition, we want to significantly expand our product range in the field of ultrasound applications.” The company offers a wide range of ultrasonic technology products and solutions for plastics processing and metal welding. Ultrasonics Steckmann is one of the leading suppliers.

**Schunk Sonosystems**

With its Schunk Sonosystems Division, Schunk is one of the world's leading specialists in the field of ultrasonic welding of metallic materials. This future-oriented process connects metals and other materials using ultrasound. In addition to copper and aluminum connections, metal-glass connections are also possible. The materials are moved against each other with high-frequency mechanical vibrations under low pressure. This produces a durable, secure welded connection with excellent physical properties in just a few seconds, without any thermal stress on the components.

Products range from welding systems for the cable industry to ultrasonic pipe welding tongs, which are used to weld coolant tubes from refrigerators, to complex specialized machines for the solar, electronics and semiconductor industries, as well as for the manufacture of batteries. One area of activity for Schunk Sonosystems is the manufacture and sale of ultrasonic welding machines that are used to weld cable harnesses for cars. Cable harnesses are the electronic nervous system of cars and supply all electrical components - from the starter to the ignition lock - with electricity. Using ultrasonic welding, the individual cable harnesses can be connected together significantly better and more permanently than with conventional techniques.

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**Pictures:**

Press picture Ultrasonics Steckmann.jpg: Solar absorbers are ultrasonically welded with the ‘Solar Bison Two-in-One’ from Ultrasonics Steckmann.

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