

PRESS RELEASE**Biggest service order in the company's history**

**Schuler modernizes two press lines of a major car manufacturer /
Further retrofit soon to be completed**

Göppingen, February 26, 2013 – Schuler not only offers new presses, but also the modernization of existing lines. The company recently received an order from a major German car manufacturer to carry out such a retrofit on two press lines from 1998. With a value of approximately € 18 million, it is the biggest service contract Schuler has ever been awarded.

“Our expertise in conducting such large-scale projects was a compelling argument for the customer,” says Holger Garbrecht, Head of the Technology Field Service. The two Compact Crossbar press lines at two different locations of the car manufacturer in southern Germany will each receive a new electric transfer system. The service team will also be overhauling the blankloaders and draw cushions, modernizing the electrical and mechanical elements and adapting the electric control system.

The retrofit of the first press line will begin at the end of the year and is due to be completed by mid 2014 – then it's the second line's turn. “The retrofit will not only raise the productivity of both lines considerably, but also improve their energy efficiency,” explains

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Holger Garbrecht. The press lines are used to produce car body and structural parts for mid-range and premium models.

A further retrofit is currently being conducted on another press line of this car manufacturer – Schuler's experts are not only overhauling its electrical and mechanical but also its hydraulic systems. The line was disassembled in November last year and is expected to be ready for production again as early as spring.

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Captions

Bild.jpg: The retrofit carried out by Schuler's service team will raise both productivity and energy efficiency of the press lines.

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