

**Press release**

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**Sustainability and electromobility: Tool manufacturers are actively working on future issues**

*Special booth at the International Hardware Fair in Hall 10.1 Stand D001 C002*

The four German tool manufacturers Lukas-ERZETT (grinding and milling tools), Weicon (stripping tools), Wezag (crimping tools) and Wiha (tightening tools) show at a special booth at the EISENWARENMESSE 2022 what the German tool industry is already active on the future topics of sustainability and electromobility.

The four companies are members of the Fachverband Werkzeugindustrie e.V. (FWI), which organised the special stand. “Sustainability has always been in the DNA of the traditional German tool industry, through long-lasting products, employee orientation, short procurement paths and resource efficiency. But we don't want to rest on that. How our companies actively embrace current social trends and use new technological developments for their further optimisation, we demonstrate impressively at our special show", explains FWI President Thomas Glockseisen.

The presented solutions and projects in the field of sustainability shed light on all key fields of action such as circulareconomy, CO2 reduction, social responsibility and sustainability of processes. It becomes clear that in recent years the topic of sustainability has changed from a trend word to a serious philosophy of many companies in the Fachverband Werkzeugindustrie e.V. (FWI). One focus is, for example, the traditionally high durability of German tools, which significantly contributes to the conservation of resources. This is brought to a new level, in particular by the increasing use of recycled material — without loss of quality and durability. End users, customers and retailers are willing to spend more money on quality products and demand sustainable change and action.

In the field of electromobility, manufacturers score points, for example, with specially developed tools for the safe and reliable maintenance and repair of such vehicles. Another focus is on optimised tools for the processing of new, resource-saving lightweight materials and assemblies.

***Around 110 tool and dowel manufacturers with production in Germany are organised at the FWI. The tool industry generated sales of EUR 4.7 billion in 2020 and employed more than 32,000 people.***

***The association’s primary objectives are the preservation of the wide variety of German manufacturers, the design of fair competition and the strengthening of Germany’s production site.***

***In addition, there are 50 extraordinary members of the FWI. These are industrial companies close to the tool and its distribution channels, as well as service providers and foreign companies.***

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