

we eye your welding quality



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Automated monitoring of the welding process



Inline – during welding



Process monitoring during welding

Fulfills different tasks:

Measuring device

- Generates measuring and process instructions
- Controls parameters and detect tolerance exceedings
- Assists during setting up the process
- Accounting, calculation and review of welding tasks
- Documentation of welding parameters during product lifetime
- Verification of the compliance of parameter values limits
- Automation, monitoring and sorting faulty welded parts
- Analysis of the welding process
- Development of new process variants
- Calibration of sensors and welding machines

Specific requirements demand custom-tailored solutions





independent from the used welding equipment

- ✓ easy to operate
- robust for harsh industrial environments

✓ optimal

tailored for different welding processes



WELDQAS – Quality Assurance System



Documentation

Monitoring

Fault detection



WELDQAS – What's that?

automatic

- Welding observer
- Inspector
- Recorder

For arc welding processes MIG/MAG, TIG, SAW, Plasma



"inline" weld data registration during welding

- without additional mountings to the welding torch
- excellent fault detection



WELDQAS — Principle of Operation

Difference in arc



- Measuring welding parameters with 23 kHz (up to 234 kHz for stud welding)
- Signal processor based compression of measured values to welding parameters via intelligent algorithms
- Comparison with reference curves (time-sensitive reference values) during welding
- Calculating quality marks for each seam

Instant notification when a bad welding occurs



Data acquisition sensors





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WELDQAS – Versions

1. Compact version

Standard device for monitoring up to two welding torches



2. Cabinet version

Systems for complex plants

- More then two welding torches
- Multiple submerge arc torches
- Endless profile mills





Dynamic Process analysis Detecting porosities by current and voltage





Dynamic Process analysis // Detecting irregularities by current and voltage





Dynamic Process analysis Detecting irregularities // Burn-trough





Dynamic Process analysis Detecting irregularities // Wire jam





Dynamic Process analysis Detecting irregularities // Porosities



Process parameters over the time



Application - MIG soldering - Underbody

- Arc ignition fault leads to timing differences. This differences exceed the respective tolerance band.
- Arc ignition fault leads mostly to rework
 (approximately once per shift)
- Arc ignition faults were always detected by the WeldQAS







Application – Monitoring MAG Welding – Track control arm







MAG Welding Welding current: 270 A Welding speed: 100 cm/min 3 mm in 0,18 sec.

180 ms to detect irregularities, a high dynamic resolution is mandatory



Application laser soldering / Plasma welding

Monitored parameters

- Laser power
- Wire feed
- Heating current (hot wire)
- Heating voltage (hot wire)
- Joint position
- Focus position
- Welding current (Plasmatron)
- Welding voltage (Plasmatron)
- Gas flow (Plasmatron)





Application – Resistance welding

Monitored parameters:

- Current
- Voltage
- Force
- Energy
- Resistance
- Power
- Distance











Application – MAG welding -Torque converter

Porosity caused by oxygen containment













monitoring during stud welding





some references

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"Meine Schweißnaht scheint doch zu halten !" (Epper, Halle-Saale)

