

# Press information

## Company profile



# Kompetenz in Antriebs- und Automatisierungstechnik

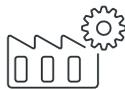
We drive the world

Ever since it was established in 1931, SEW-EURODRIVE has been an owner-operated family enterprise based in Bruchsal, not far from Karlsruhe in Germany. As a market leader in drive and automation technology, we keep applications, processes, systems, and machinery moving in countless industrial sectors – from airport logistics to

industrial processes. Our solutions can be found all over the world. We also keep our company moving and play an innovative role in helping shape the future of drive technology – as we have been doing for over 90 years now.



**56**  
countries



**17**  
production plants



**800**  
research and development  
employees



**Global**  
service



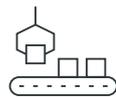
**Around 22 000**  
employees



**More than 4.5**  
billion euros in sales  
in 2023



**91**  
Drive Technology  
Centers



**Wide range**  
of industries

As at: 04/2024

## Close proximity to customers

For us, there's no such thing as long distances. Proximity to our customers is one of our top priorities. Our extensive sales and service network means our customers can rely upon professional on-site advice and the rapid availability of spare parts and repairs – anywhere in the world. As a global player, we are represented on every continent in the world.

## Responsible and sustainable

Sustainability is second nature at SEW-EURODRIVE. We focus on six key areas in particular – people, products and services, supply and raw material chains, production, business processes, and ethics and governance.

## Solutions, products, and services from a single source



We offer our customers the solutions they need at any given time and provide the best possible support throughout the entire system life cycle – including a fully comprehensive carefree service package on request.



Our range of drive technology products, solutions, and services is one of the most extensive and comprehensive on the market. Our unique modular concept offers millions of possible combinations – so it can always deliver the ideal solution for countless applications in virtually any industry.

SEW-EURODRIVE supports customers every step of the way from concept development and planning to the implementation of their requirements, including fully comprehensive solutions for machine automation and for a modular Industry 4.0 factory.

- **Gearmotors, gear units, and motors**
- **MOVI-C® modular automation system**
- **Decentralized technology**
- **Software and software modules**
- **Industrial gear units for heavy loads**
- **Energy efficiency up to IE5**
- **Solutions for machine automation**
- **Automation solutions for smart factories**

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# Owner-operated family enterprise

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It's people who make the difference

As Ernst Blickle, the company founder's son-in-law, once said, "It's people who make the difference". His message is, and remains, an important part of our family enterprise's DNA. Today, this philosophy is still very much put into practice by Jürgen Blickle – Ernst Blickle's son – who presides over the third generation of SEW-EURODRIVE in his role as Managing Partner. Together with the owner

and CEO, there are four managing directors steering the Group into the future with commitment and vision.

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## Jürgen Blickle

Chief Executive Officer

**CEO**

Jürgen Blickle has been Managing Partner of the SEW-EURODRIVE Group since 1987. He co-led the Group with his brother Rainer Blickle for 34 years, before taking on sole responsibility in 2021. As Chief Sales Officer, he is also in charge of sales at global level. He also holds the role of Chief Finance Officer and is therefore responsible for the accounting and controlling departments, as well as for all legal matters concerning the company and for data protection.

In 2022, he was awarded the freedom of the city of Bruchsal. In the same year, he was also presented with the Business Medal of the State of Baden-Württemberg.



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## Dr. Jörg Hermes

Chief Operating Officer

**COO**

Dr. Jörg Hermes took on the role of Chief Operating Officer at the start of 2023. In this role, he is responsible for monitoring the company's business activities, for developing and implementing business processes, and for establishing policies to promote the company's culture and vision. Three management divisions report to Dr. Hermes, namely production, innovation – mechanics, and innovation – mechatronics. In his role as COO, Dr. Hermes, who has a doctorate in mechanical engineering, is also head of Industrial Gear Units Germany, and of the service, technology research, procurement, IT, quality management, and internal audit divisions.

In his additional role as Managing Director Innovation – Mechanics, Dr. Hermes is responsible for the entire development process in mechanical drive technology.

**Career at SEW-EURODRIVE:**

- 2018 – Managing Director Innovation – Mechanics
- 2015 – Head of main department for all gear units
- 2013 – Head of main department for standard gear unit innovation
- 2011 – Group manager for pre-series development of industrial gear units



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## Dr. Hans Krattenmacher

### Managing Director Innovation – Mechatronics

**GME**

Dr. Hans Krattenmacher stepped into the role of Managing Director Innovation – Mechatronics in 2018. In this role, Dr. Krattenmacher, who has a doctorate in electrical engineering, is responsible for the development of customer-focused products and product systems in the mechatronics division. This covers individual components and solutions ranging from cables to inverters, controllers, communication units, contactless energy transfer systems, and energy management solutions and all the way through to decentralized technology.

**Career at SEW-EURODRIVE:**

- 2006 – Head of electronics development
- 2001 – Head of department for electronics development, decentralized technology
- 2000 – Product manager in electronics development



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## Christian Mayer

### Managing Director Production Germany

**GP**

Christian Mayer took on the role of Managing Director Production in 2021. In this role, he coordinates, monitors, and manages industrial production in Germany. He is therefore responsible for ensuring that production processes run smoothly in the electronics and precision gear unit plants in Bruchsal and for production, logistics, and motors in Graben. The graduate cybernetic engineer is also responsible for the production management division. This includes our internal service provider for cost-effective manufacturing solutions and machinery investments, the development division for production and assembly processes, and digital operations for the further development of digital solutions for smart factories.

Christian Mayer also heads up the Order Processing Center – the center that processes gear motor and electronics orders, factoring in the availability of materials throughout the entire plant network.



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## Johann Soder

Managing Director Corporate Special Tasks

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In 2023, Johann Soder took on the role of Managing Director Corporate Special Tasks. Part of his role involves focusing on futurology and supervising collaborate research concept studies. He is also in charge of building and facility management, MAXOLUTION® system solutions and, therefore, innovations for factory automation, and WIEPROconsulting business management, which is the in-house consulting team that optimizes business processes. In 2021, he was awarded the Grand Medal of Honor from the city of Bruchsal.

### **Career at SEW-EURODRIVE:**

- 2018 - Chief Operating Officer
- 2007 - Managing Director Technology
- 1995 - Electronics plant manager
- 1986 - Head of factory maintenance in Bruchsal
- 1970 - High-voltage electrician apprentice at Obermoser, which was taken over by SEW-EURODRIVE



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