

Dürr builds paint shop for new Mercedes-Benz plant in Hungary

Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany, February 23, 2010 – As the general contractor, Dürr is building the paint shop for the new Mercedes-Benz plant in Kecskemét, Hungary. The contract awarded by Daimler is high in the tens of millions of Euros.

Dürr will install its **EcoDryScrubber** overspray separation system, which has already proven itself in the supplier industry, in Kecskemét. Daimler is already the fourth automotive manufacturer who has opted for this innovative technology.

Moreover, Dürr is supplying 30 painting robots, including paint supply systems, for the first time in Hungary. 30 type *EcoRP E033* painting robots will be used for exterior painting, while the *EcoRP L133* model and *EcoBell 2* atomizers with high speed rotation are to be used for interior painting. Additional handling robots are responsible for opening hoods and doors. Besides seam sealing and cavity protection, Dürr's scope of supply also includes liquid applied sound deadeners.

According to Ralf Dieter, CEO of Dürr AG, "The contract is another indication that investments in the automotive industry are again on the rise. We expect the placement of major orders from various manufacturers during the current year, primarily in China, Brazil and India."

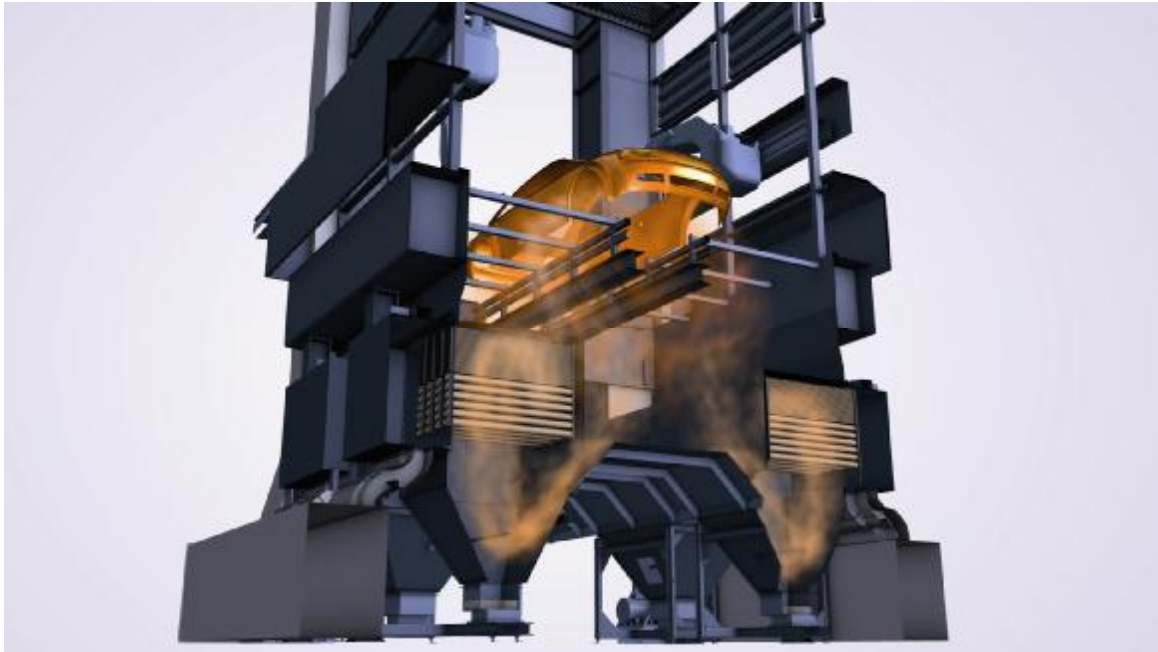
The new paint shop for Mercedes-Benz compact cars will begin operation in 2012.

Dürr is a mechanical and plant engineering group that holds leading positions in the world market in its areas of operation. It generates about 85% of its sales in business with the automotive industry. It furthermore supplies the aircraft, machinery, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries with innovative production and environmental technology. The Dürr Group operates in the market with two divisions. The Paint and Assembly Systems division supplies production and painting technology, especially for car bodies. Machinery and systems from the Measuring and Process Systems division are used in engine and transmission manufacturing and in final vehicle assembly, among other areas. Dürr has 47 business locations in 21 countries worldwide. The Group achieved sales of € 1.6 billion with approximately 6,100 employees in 2008.

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