



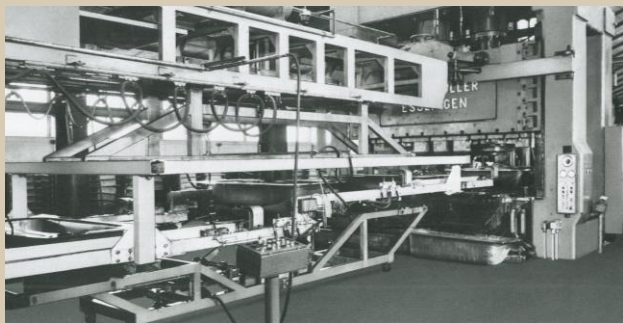
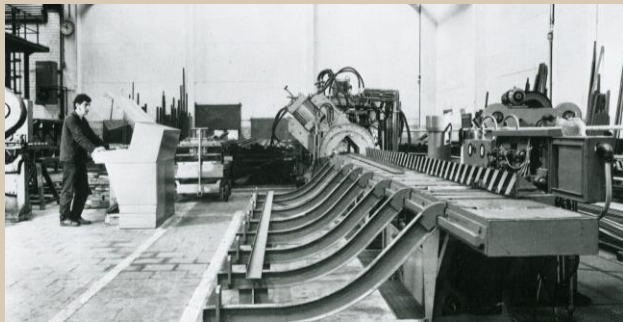
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In 1900, Wilhelm Fredenhadendas purchased the property at Sprendlinger Landstraße 181, enlarging it in the following years through purchase and sale. In 1902, the construction of a new foundry is completed here, quickly followed by a canteen, machine house with chimney, pump house, office and residential building, shower rooms and dining hall. In 1904 another office and residential building, a warehouse, the machine and workshop building, magazine hall and hardening shop followed, and in 1905 the light-pausing pavilion.

On April 1, 1922, Wilhelm Fredenhagen retired from the business for reasons of age. Half a century of dynamic work, great success and versatile progress is completed when Fredenhagen sells the factory to Joseph Kupczyk.

The new owner has many plans. With the purchase of new, adjacent land, he initiates the expansion of the production facilities. He concentrated all the company's energy on the technical development of the conveyors, on increasing their performance, on expanding capacity.

The war hit the company and the plant hardest. The halls were hit hundreds of times in air raids, and 80% of the plant facilities were destroyed in a major attack on Offenbach in the spring of 1944.

At first, the construction of conveyor systems was out of the question. The destruction was cleared away, and halls and production facilities were rebuilt. Until working conditions return to normal, the company manufactures equipment for the trades and agriculture. At the time of the company's 75th anniversary, in October 1947, the rubble had already been cleared away and the factory facilities almost completely rebuilt, so that operations could be resumed. Fredenhagen subsequently specialized in the manufacture of transport equipment.

From 1950 onwards, Fredenhagen expands in the field of custom manufacturing for special handling tasks and supplies all German automobile manufacturers as well as their production companies abroad, followed by other industries such as aluminum, household appliances and hospitals.



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Between 1960 -1970, foreign activities are expanded through the establishment of branches, cooperations and agencies. At the same time, expertise in the automotive sector was expanded. During this period, up to 700 employees work at the site in Sprendlinger Landstrasse in Offenbach.

Until the 90s of the last century, the ceiling and floor conveyor systems are constantly improved. In the following years, Fredenhagen develops and designs various transport and conveyor systems for the automotive industry.

Hit by the global economic crisis in 2008, Fredenhagen is initially sold to STOTZ Fördersysteme GmbH before the last machine is finally shut down in 2009. In 2015, spaces mgt GmbH takes over parts of the former industrial site with the aim of using the space professionally for corporate events. Subsequently, the two main halls "Alter Stahlbau" and "Neuer Stahlbau", ancillary rooms as well as the outdoor area are extensively renovated and modernized, but without changing the unique charm of the former industrial site.

