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SWOPtec

Resistance element welding for aluminum and steel

Market requirements

- Joins aluminum to high-strength steel
- Reduces car body weight
- Has sufficient bonding strength
- Integrates into customer's existing welding and assembly lines
- Joining point surfaces are flush

ARNOLD has the solution

SWOPtec
A solution that uses existing system technology.

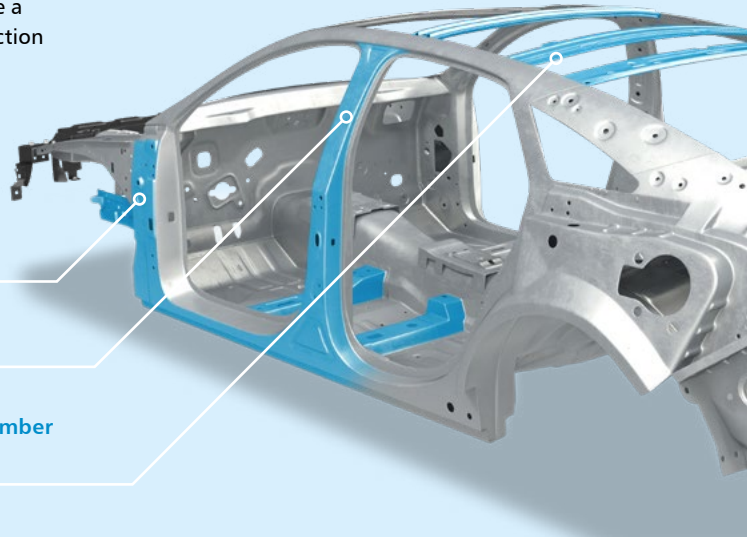


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Applications

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is suitable for joining any components where a steel-aluminum connection is required.



Examples:

A pillar

B pillar

Seat or roof cross member

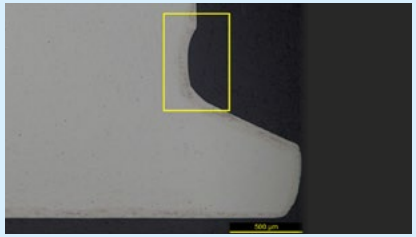
The technical advantages of SWOPtec

- Joins lightweight materials to high-strength steels
- Can be integrated into existing welding and assembly lines
- Requires only a small amount of further qualification for factory personnel
- Is available as a complete system including the flexible feeder and press-in processing technology
- Very good strength performance

The commercial advantages of SWOPtec

- Generates considerable weight saving
- Efficient solution saves additional costs
- Can be implemented in press shop or or or body-in-white application

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The geometry of the fastener element



12 mm at the head and 10.5 mm shank diameter.

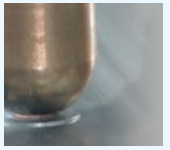
Covers aluminum sheet applications in thickness range of **1.1 mm to 4.5 mm.**

SWOPtec fastener elements
are made from easily weldable 20MnB4 manganese boron steel. The coating on the elements can be adapted to suit the customer's needs. The standard coating on the element is electro-galvanized zinc with a minimum thickness of 8 µm. The elements are not heat-treated (tempered) as standard.

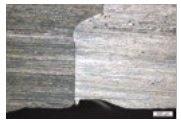
SWOPtec
The joining process in two steps



Step 1
Press the SWOPtec element into the aluminum component



Step 2
Resistance spot welding on the aluminum and steel components



Elements cannot fall out due to the interlock in the aluminum in the element groove



Metallographic micro-section of a welded SWOPtec joint

Find out more
about SWOPtec, innovative sheet-metal fastenings, and possible applications

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