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Weiss Umwelttechnik GmbH and Vötsch Industrietechnik GmbH merge  
**Merger to Weiss Technik GmbH**

**Weiss Umwelttechnik GmbH and Vötsch Industrietechnik GmbH will merge in May 2021: Together they will operate as one company in the fields of environmental simulation and thermal engineering. Behind the scenes, the previously separate suppliers have been working together for a long time.**

Both the previous companies Weiss Umwelttechnik and Vötsch Industrietechnik are among the most important manufacturers of equipment for environmental simulation. Since May 2021, both have carried the name Weiss Technik, which was newly formed from the previous company names. The two locations Reiskirchen (Weiss Umwelttechnik) and Balingen (Vötsch Industrietechnik) will be retained. The contact persons and the product and service offerings will also remain the same.

The test chambers from **weiss**technik simulate the environment, so the test specimens are exposed to desert heat and polar cold, high humidity or extreme dryness. This helps manufacturers to make their products safer, more robust and more durable.

Weiss Umwelttechnik had already taken over Vötsch Industrietechnik from the technology group Heraeus in 1995. Both parts of the company initially remained operationally independent and operated under their own names. But over the years they grew closer and closer together. Since January 2016, the service teams of both locations have been operating under the joint name "Weiss Umwelttechnik". This merger was also successful. Now the time has come to formally complete the merger with a new, common name.

The name Weiss Technik makes it easier for customers to identify the company's product areas, which previously had different names. Especially in international markets, it will be easier to present the company with the same name in the future. Internal reporting is also easier to carry out without having to distinguish between two parts of the company.

Heating technology equipment will also be represented in future by Weiss Technik GmbH, Heating Technology Product Division. These products were previously available from Vötsch Industrietechnik. The **vötsch**oven brand name will continue to exist after the takeover. The range of heating technology products offered by Weiss Technik extends from heating and drying ovens to industrial ovens, vacuum dryers or infrared and continuous ovens. Here, too, the contact persons as well as the product and service offerings remain the same at a proven high standard.

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**At one glance**

* Weiss Umwelttechnik GmbH and Vötsch Industrietechnik GmbH merged in April 2021.
* The new name is Weiss Technik GmbH.
* For customers, contact persons, product offerings and service remain unchanged.
* Weiss Umwelttechnik took over Vötsch Industrietechnik in 1995, but both companies remained operationally independent.
* Over the years, Weiss and Vötsch have grown closer and closer together.
* The change of name marks the formal conclusion of the merger.

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**The Weiss Technik companies**The Weiss Technik companies include the product areas of environmental simulation, heating technology, air conditioning technology and pharmaceutical technology (**www.weiss-technik.com**). Customers receive solutions and products that are used in research and development as well as in production and quality assurance. A strong sales and service organisation with 22 companies in 15 countries at 40 locations supports the customers and ensures the operation of the systems - around the globe. The Weiss Technik companies are part of the Schunk Group based in Heuchelheim near Gießen.

**Schunk Group**

The Schunk Group is a globally operating technology company with a global business unit structure. The company is a leading supplier of prod-ucts made of high-tech materials – such as carbon, technical ceramics and sintered metal – and machines and systems – from environmental simulation and air conditioning to ultrasonic welding and optical ma-chines. The Schunk Group has more than 9.100 employees in 29 coun-tries and achieved sales of €1.35 billion in 2019.