

Eichenberger becomes Festo

The Swiss screw drive manufacturer becomes a full part of the automation manufacturer

Festo, one of the world's leading manufacturers of automation technology, is fully integrating Eichenberger Gewinde AG from Burg in Switzerland as of 1 April 2026. In future, the Swiss company will operate under the name "Festo Gewindetriebe AG".

The aim of the complete integration is to strengthen the strategic anchoring of expertise in ball screw drives and to expand the product range, particularly for electrical automation. "Festo's electric actuators already have Eichenberger's top-quality lead screws on board," emphasises Dr Wolfgang Sperling, Head of the Electric Automation business unit at Festo.

High efficiency in a small installation space

Many electrical appliance manufacturers rely on Eichenberger. The ball screws fulfil the requirements of this high-volume business particularly well: high efficiency and long service life in a small installation space. These features convince customers in electronics and small parts production as well as in the life sciences.

In future, global sales of screw drives will be handled via Festo's existing sales channels. For customers, the integration means simplified access to a broader product portfolio and global service. Eichenberger's logistics will be gradually integrated into Festo's global logistics centres. The Swiss site will concentrate on the development and manufacture of customised screw drives. Hansruedi Hager, previously Managing Director of Eichenberger Gewinde AG, will remain Managing Director of Festo Gewindetriebe AG after the integration and change of name.

Even more Seamless Automation...

With the complete integration of screw drives, Festo is now even better able to fulfil its self-imposed claim of seamless automation. This approach encompasses a seamless portfolio of industrial drive technology - from electrical automation and pneumatics to fluid technology and lifelong learning. Everything fits together, from hardware and software, including AI, to technical education and training.

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Festo screw drives

Festo screw drives with high efficiency and long service life in a small installation space: these features are particularly appealing to customers in electronics and small parts production as well as in the life sciences.



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About Festo

Festo is a global player and an independent family-owned company with headquarters in Esslingen am Neckar, Germany. Festo has set standards in industrial automation technology and technical education ever since its establishment, thereby making a contribution to sustainable development of the environment, the economy and society. The company supplies pneumatic and electrical automation technology to 300,000 customers of factory and process automation in over 35 industries. Digitalization, AI and the LifeTech sector with medical technology and laboratory automation are becoming increasingly important. The products and services are available in 176 countries. With about 20,600 employees in over 250 branch offices in around 60 countries worldwide, Festo achieved a turnover of around €3.45 billion in 2024. More than 8% of this turnover is invested in research and development. In this learning company, 1.5 % of turnover is invested in basic and further training. Festo Didactic SE is a leading provider of technical education and training and offers its customers worldwide comprehensive digital and physical learning solutions in the industrial environment.