

## Press release

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## Expansion through invention Innovations as strength of AS-Schneider / now, two new patent applications

New ideas and innovations are a tradition in the 140-year history of Armaturenfabrik Franz Schneider GmbH + Co. KG. Development work is one of the greatest strengths of the Nordheim family company. Now, two new developments have been completed and submitted to the patent office.

There are innovations that will once again set new benchmarks in the industry: A Ball Valve that can be used at temperatures of up to 450°C and at pressures up to 420 bar – and is characterized not just by its high working range but especially by its unusual ease of movement even at those pressures. Then there is the two-inch Full Bore "Double Block and Bleed Valves", using a novel, cost-saving ball bearing that has absolutely no possible point of leak out to the atmosphere – this development will help AS-Schneider to expand into the global oil and gas market.

"Both of these current innovations show the significance of a powerful, motivated development team," says Rolf Kummer, Managing Director of AS-Schneider, with a satisfied tone. He says that the development of new products and the systematic improvement and refinement of existing solutions has made a huge contribution to the success and growth of the company. Ongoing research work allows them to take a pioneering role in the industry and set new benchmarks that the competition must then use to orient and measure themselves. But development work is simultaneously image work, because it's the best way to effectively demonstrate the reliability and quality of AS-Schneider products. Trust in the products, especially given the extreme conditions under which valves are used, is of paramount importance – whether it's in nuclear power plants, in refineries, or in ship drives.

"No new development leaves the building without first being tested thoroughly for quality and reliability in our own labs," emphasizes Markus Häffner, Head of Design & Development. Here, every prototype is examined on the valve test bench in every detail under pressure, temperature, and switching cycles. Especially very high-performance, easy-to-operate, reliable, environmentally friendly products often have a long history of development behind them.

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