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The production plant in Kenzingen

## Metalworking from Kenzingen Goes Out into the World

As specialist the M&H Fertigungstechnik GmbH produces for  
the international Roller Coaster Construction

What began twenty years ago here in Kenzingen as a personal undertaking in production and metalworking, grew dynamically during its first year. By summer of that same year, what had been an individual enterprise had become the company M&H Fertigungstechnik GmbH. Rudi Mellert, who started it all with his mechanical workshop, was joined by Fritz Haberstroh. They formed the company name by taking the first letters of Mellert and Haberstroh.

Together with sound knowledge, great determination, and a good portion of initiative, the two founders dared to take their first steps towards self-employment. Investments were made in machinery right from the start to ensure high quality and effective output. Focus ever since has been on turning, welding, drilling and milling to cover the full range of tool manufacturing, machinery and plant construction. Even the highly complex manufacturing of roller coasters is one of the

company's fields of expertise. Both managing directors know metalworking inside out. Their innovative way of thinking has spurred them on from the beginning. With ingenious skill, Rudi Mellert and Fritz Haberstroh along with their team entered the segment of roller coaster construction. Paired with sound expertise and the requisite diligence, the manufacturing company soon made a name for itself in the industry. Far beyond the borders of Germany, the company is

known throughout the global market. Today many "Made by M&H" assemblies can be found in amusement and recreational parks – from Kenzingen to all over the world!

Dear Clients, Business Partners and Friends,  
 For us, the year 2020 is a time for both looking back and looking ahead: two eventful decades are behind us; new challenges and changes await us. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all of you for your many years of loyalty and the good business relationships that have ensued.

*... the determination and zeal to get something off the ground.*



## A Combination of Experience and Ingenuity Smooth the Way for M&H

Determination and zeal are additional keys to the company's success

In 2000, when I laid the foundation for today's company, I did so with a feeling for the intricacies of the trade and the knowledge that not everything can be produced on the assembly line. In that respect, I, as well as our company, was encouraged by many of you already from the outset with your corresponding requests.

The synergy of your special requests and our expertise is what characterises our company, making it what it is today. It has always been important to us to fulfil the expectations of our clients and impress them with our quality and service. Your satisfaction is our priority at M&H. In a couple of months, when major changes are to be felt, sticking together and trust in our business relationship will be of great value. Together, let us look back in gratitude and look ahead with courage!

Yours, Rudi Mellert

Without a doubt, it is a step that always needs to be carefully considered, weighing the pros and cons. The deciding factor when thinking about establishing a company, though, is the determination and zeal to get something off the ground. To develop something that perhaps never existed as such or simply to get things moving and create something special.

For these reasons, Rudi Mellert took matters into his own hands and with his good skills and knowledge founded first his small business that together with Fritz Haberstroh was soon to become M&H Fertigungstechnik GmbH. With innovative ideas, a great deal of flexibility and the requisite diligence, the company placed emphasis on quality and the production of parts in special niche markets. Thus,

over the years, an ingenious product portfolio evolved that is impressive in the field of roller coaster construction. Special manufacturing technologies, detailed prototyping and specific construction solutions are key here to ultimately fulfil safety and quality standards, both in Europe and in the USA. For more than two decades, experience plus a dash of ingenuity have been smoothing the way for the founders and their motivated team, ensuring quality production. The skilful interplay of components based on metalworking on the one hand, and the urge to get something off the ground on the other, is the company's success story in a nutshell – and it keeps it on track.



## Our Focus is on Top Quality

Uncompromisingly safe and technologically advanced, that is standard for M&H

One thing is for sure: a product from M&H Fertigungstechnik fulfils more than just its purpose. In many areas, increasing issues concerning the safety and durability of the components are added to the demands for functionality. From the design to the use of materials, everything the company produces is subject to the latest regulations and requirements. In sensitive areas, where the slightest deviation leads to big problems, a client has to be able to rely on manufacturing quality without exception. When it comes to special-purpose and

customised solutions, and the unique constructions in amusement and recreational parks, safety is of top priority. Fastidiously and with absolute reliability, M&H Fertigungstechnik GmbH executes construction, components and assemblies for roller coaster manufacturers. From braking systems for roller coasters to platforms in recreational parks. Constructions that meet the highest standards, scoring marks for top quality workmanship.



## The Roller Coaster of History

History of M&H Fertigungstechnik GmbH

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**M&H FERTIGUNGSTECHNIK**

**Jan. 2000**  
**The Beginning**  
 In January 2000, Rudi Mellert takes the first step towards self-employment with his personal undertaking. As a professional metalworker, he establishes a mechanical workshop.

**Feb. 2000**  
**Production Starts**  
 With the investment in a 2-axis Mazak Quick Turn 3D lathe, R. Mellert begins producing turned parts in February.

**Jun. 2000**  
**Establishment of the Company M & H GmbH**  
 Already in June of the same year, he joins forces with Fritz Haberstroh. The company M & H GmbH is launched and, with one other employee, operates as a supplier for the construction of roller coasters.

**Jul. 2000**  
**New Machine**  
 With the purchase of an additional machine, quality and production capacity are significantly increased. The Mazak VTC-30-C is still rendering faithful service.

**2001**  
**First International Order**  
 With the first order from the USA, the refurbishment of roller coaster cars, the company enters the international market.

**2001**  
**Vehicle Frame Manufacturing**  
 M&H GmbH is contracted by Zierer GmbH & Co. KG to manufacture vehicle frames.

**2001**  
**First Christmas Party**  
 M&H GmbH gradually expands production and employs additional staff. At the end of the year, the company is able to hold its first company Christmas party with its four-man team.

**2001**  
**Complete Car Construction**  
 This year M&H GmbH fulfils its biggest order in the company's history – complete car construction for a Zierer GmbH & Co. KG roller coaster in Liseberg, Sweden.

**2002**  
**Lift for Water Ride**  
 Products from M&H GmbH can be found in other amusement and recreational parks. The company constructs a lift for the water ride in the Wiener Prater and the Roman Tower in the Familypark on Lake Neusiedl.

**2003**  
**Great Coaster USA Braking System**  
 The American company Great Coaster International Inc. commissions M&H GmbH with the construction of the braking systems for their roller coasters.

**2006**  
**"Maibaum" Mega-Project**  
 M&H GmbH proves its merit with two large-scale orders. For ABC Rides in Switzerland, the company produces the entire "Maibaum" project. With the completion of the observation tower in Steinwasen Park, it fulfils its second major order.

**2007**  
**Tube Coaster Construction**  
 M&H GmbH gathers speed in the manufacturing of roller coasters. The company builds a complex tube coaster.

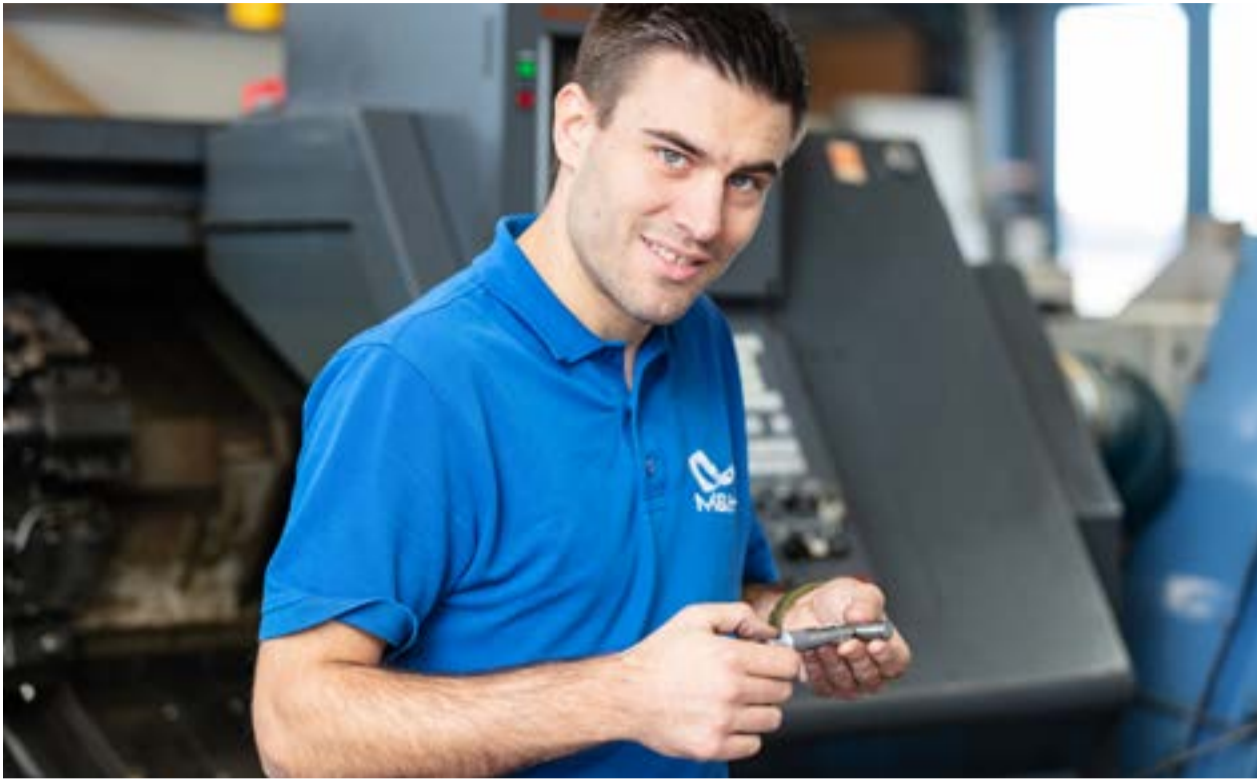
**2009**  
**Wooden Roller Coaster**  
 Growing challenges are mastered with flying colours: complete production of a wooden roller coaster – from the rails to the tower to the cars, braking systems included – is accomplished for Rust.

**2011**  
**Wilde Maus**  
 For Maurer AG of Munich, the company takes on the production of the wheel shields and brakes for the "Wilde Maus" roller coaster.

**2015**

**2018**

**2020 – 20th Anniversary of M & H GmbH**  
 Over the years, the M&H GmbH team of 8 staff and one apprentice has made a name for itself in international roller coaster construction.



## The Next Generation is on Track

Succession secured – with Markus Suttner and Sabrina Mellert-Huster the company is optimistic about the future

Even when the situation of our economy and society is in constant change and the system, especially in spring 2020, is subject to a major crisis, the company will still pursue its vision. The core concept and main business of M&H lies in the metalworking of special components. This unique skill finds its calling in a key niche market and will not lose its significance, even in future. To meet future challenges, M&H Fertigungstechnik GmbH is relying on its expertise and its continuity by means of a well-engineered succession. The move into the company's future has begun with Markus Suttner,

who has been employed by the company for some time now. He is a skilled metalworker and has earned the right to call himself a foreman in this field. From 2004 to 2008, he completed training as an industrial mechanic and up until 2016, gained expertise as a journeyman. In 2016 he began full-time training as a foreman, subsequently joining M&H in 2017. From the very beginning, Markus Suttner demonstrated both his technical and social skills here as production manager. In the course of his master craftsman training, the metalworker also passed the qualifying examination to be an instruc-

tor. Armed with the specialist knowledge gained in-house plus the appropriate skills, Markus Suttner began imparting the relevant knowledge to his first apprentices at M&H already in 2018. The company's specific expertise, with all its special and singular aspects, can thus continue on its path straight into the future. The current managing directors Rudi Mellert and Fritz Haberstroh can hand over the reins to Markus Suttner with full confidence.

Continuing at his side will be Sabrina Mellert-Huster. As a trained industrial clerk and business manager, she has been carrying out the administrative side of the business part-time for many years with her father.

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