

## Schmidt & Heinzmann on „Grand Prize of SMEs“ nominated

Bruchsal-based company has a chance to win fourth award in a very short time

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***Bruchsal, 14.03.2022: Under the motto „Health SMEs – Strong Economy – More Jobs“, the Oskar-Patzelt-Foundation has been awarding the „Grand Prize of SMEs“ (Großer Preis des Mittelstandes) every year since 1994. This year, Schmidt & Heinzmann is also one of the nominated companies.***

### **Company considers the company as a whole**

Only one thousandth company in Germany reaches the nomination list. The nomination for this competition, for which it is not possible to apply yourself, is considered a ticket to the „Network of the Best“. As Germany’s only business award, the „Grand Prix of SEMs“ does not only look at numbers, innovations or jobs, but at the company as a whole and in its complex role in society. Therefore, it is not surprising that WELT has already written: „The ‚Grand Prize of SMEs‘ awarded by the Oskar-Patzelt Foundation is Germany’s most coveted business award“.

This year’s round starts under the motto: “Towards new horizons.“ „We are very pleased about the nomination“, says CEO Matthias Feil, „in recent years we have not only pushed forward the area of development and innovation, but we are also constantly to become better in all areas.“ The company has already been awarded three innovation prizes last year. As the „Top 100 Innovator 2021“, it is one of the most innovative companies in Germany. Furthermore the innovative SMC semi-finished product line „Cube“ reached the final of the „JEC Awards“. Most recently, the cutting & stacking solution for dry textiles was awarded „ThinkKing December“ by the Landesagentur für Leichtbau Baden-Württemberg (State Agency for Lightweight Design Baden-Württemberg). It is regarded as a lighthouse in the aviation business.

### **Further course of competition**

Until 15th April 2022, Schmidt & Heinzmann now has time to compile meaningful documents and submit them online. An independent jury will then select the winners and finalists. The awards ceremony takes place in September, followed by the Federal Gala in October.



*Certificate for the nomination for the "Grand Prix of SMEs"*  
Bild: Schmidt & Heinzmann GmbH & Co. KG



*„ThinKing December“ Cutting & Stacking cell for processing of dry fibers*  
Bild: Schmidt & Heinzmann GmbH & Co. KG



*„JEC Award“ finalist – Machine for production of semi-finished SMC material "Cube"*  
Bild: Schmidt & Heinzmann GmbH & Co. KG

## About Schmidt & Heinzmann



Schmidt & Heinzmann has been developing and producing innovative tailor-made production machinery and automation solutions for the fiber-reinforced plastics industry for more than 40 years.

The product portfolio includes:

- Cutting systems for all kind of fibers
- SMC production machinery
- Fiber spraying systems
- Bonding machines for automated processes
- Automated cutting & stacking systems
- Preforming systems for the automated production of textile preforms
- Automation solutions for composite cut and part handling
- Customized special solutions

Headquartered in Bruchsal, Germany, and with offices in the United States and China, Schmidt & Heinzmann generated a turnover of 20 million Euro in 2020 with more than 130 employees.

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