

## Hydraulic manifold blocks

### Hydraumatec Engineering keeps its promises.

They announced it, they did it! After having bought back the company hardly two years ago, **Hydraumatec's management team has made important investments in order to let the company play a key role on the national scene of hydraulic manifold blocks manufacturers.** Two new machining centers were added to the machine shop, and a removal in a new building last august gave the company the means to realize its dreams.



**Two years ago, on March the 31<sup>st</sup>, Emmanuel Germain and Denis O decided to buy back Hydraumatec Engineering since its founder was willing to sell it out. They decided then to focus on the manufacture of hydraulic manifold blocks.**

The turn already started in the 1990s with the purchase of a first CNC for the production of manifold blocks. Since then, the machine shop did not stop growing and nowadays, the hydraulic manifold block represents the major turnover of the company, who grew from 1.5 to 2.85 million Euros. The number of employees also grew from 15 to 28 employees, the majority of them being devoted to production.

### **An idyllic time!**

In this context, it is not surprising that the building they had in Campénéac soon became too small to face the new needs for space gendered by this growth. Logically, Hydraumatec's managers decided to invest in a new building, fitting more to the company's activities and letting it anticipate for future developments.

Therefore, the company's head office is now located in a 2600sqm building, on a parcel of more than 1.5ha in Ploërmel. The construction was done in a very short deadline - less than six months- letting the company take advantage of the summer vacations to organize the removal of its activities.



Emmanuel Germain was not afraid by the crisis, considering that “the time was perfect for construction!” Reasonable prices and loans, available artisans...they had everything they needed to do it.



### New machining centers

Hydraumatec's huge building should come along with the development of its manufacturing activities.

The machine shop now holds eight Mazak machining centers, horizontal and vertical. Two new machining centers were added when the company moved in: a Variaxis 730 5X II and a Palletech HCN 6000.

All the machining centers are equipped with Renishaw materials, which let the machines do the dimensional tests by themselves.

Representing important investments, Hydraumatec Engineering is hoping that these new machining centers will make their activities grow. “Famous for his ability to design and realize big manifolds or small series, Hydraumatec is now willing to work for the series market that it did not work for until now. “, explains DenisO, technical manager of the company.



That's how a range of standard manifold blocks has just been defined, from CETOP 3 to 5. Denis O insists on the qualitative aspects of these manifold blocks, which can be horizontal or vertical, equipped with solenoid directional valves, pressure test points or pressure relief valves and for pressures going up to 350 bars.

The strategical hiring of Mr. Xavier Holopherne last august, Hydraumatec's new chargé d'affaires, is the sign of a strengthening.

