

Privacy Policy MultiMaterial-Welding AG

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1 Controller and Content of this Privacy Policy

We, MultiMaterial-Welding AG, Zentralstrasse 115, 2503 Biel/Bienne, Switzerland (Company) are the operator of the website www.mm-welding.com (Website) and are, unless otherwise stated in this privacy policy, responsible for the data processing described in this privacy policy.

Please take note of the information below to know what personal data we collect from you and for what purposes we use it. When it comes to data protection, we primarily adhere to the legal requirements of Swiss data protection law, in particular the Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP), as well as the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which may be applicable in individual cases.

Please note that the following information may be reviewed and amended from time to time. Therefore, we recommend regularly checking this privacy policy for any updates. Furthermore, for individual data processing listed below, other companies are responsible under data protection law or jointly responsible with us, so that in these cases, the information provided by those companies is also relevant.

2 Contact Person for Data Protection

If you have any questions regarding data protection or wish to exercise your rights, please contact our data protection contact person by sending an email to the following address: info@mm-welding.com

You can reach our EU data protection representative at:

DataRep
3rd and 4th floor
Altmarkt 10 B/D
D-01067 Dresden
Germany
datarequest@datarep.com

3 Scope and Purpose of the Collection, Processing, and Use of Personal Data

3.1 Data Processing when contacting us

If you contact us through our contact addresses and channels (e.g., by e-mail, phone, or contact form), your personal data is processed. We process the data you provide us with, such as your name, role, email address, phone number, and your request. Additionally, the time of receipt of the request will be documented. Mandatory fields are marked in contact forms with an asterisk (*). We process this data to address your request (e.g., providing information about our products and services, assisting with contract processing, incorporating your feedback into the improvement of our products and services, etc.).

If you wish to download a DataSheet from our website, your personal data is processed. We process the data you provide us with, such as your name, company, email address, phone number and information about which DataSheet you downloaded. Mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk (*). We process this data to address your request.

For handling contact requests through a contact form and download requests for DataSheets, we use a software application provided by Microsoft Ireland Operations Limited, One Microsoft Place, South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, Ireland (Microsoft) operating through our partner Bossard AG, Steinhauserstrasse 70, 6301 Zug, Switzerland (Bossard). Therefore, your data may be stored in a database of Bossard and/or Microsoft, which may allow Bossard and/or Microsoft to access your data if this is necessary for providing the software and supporting its use. Information about data processing by third parties and any transfers abroad can be found in Section 5 of this Privacy Policy.

The legal basis for this data processing is our legitimate interest under Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in addressing your request or, if your request is aimed at the conclusion or performance of a contract, in the implementation of the necessary measures within the meaning of Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR.

It may be that Bossard and/or Microsoft wish to use some of this data for their own purposes (e.g., delivering marketing emails or conducting statistical analysis). For these data processing operations, Bossard and/or Microsoft are the controller and must ensure compliance with data protection laws in connection with these data processing operations. Information about data processing by Microsoft can be found at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/privacy/privacystatement>. Information about data processing by Bossard can be found at <https://www.bossard.com/ch-en/privacy-policy/>.

3.2 Data Processing when using customer service

You can avail yourself of various customer services where the processing of personal data may be required. Examples of these services include customer management, quotation and order processing or quality claims. In such cases, we collect the following data, with mandatory fields marked with an asterisk (*) in forms:

First name

Surname

Billing and delivery address

Business email address

Date of birth

Company

Job title / role

Phone number

Signature

Notes linked to contact, such as inquiry details, meeting notes, complaints or invoicing information

We use this data to verify the identity of our contractual partner and, where different, the contact person before entering into a contract. Your email address is required for communication necessary to provide the customer service. We store this data together with the details, timing, and content of the requested service in our CRM database (see Section 4) to ensure proper processing of the requested service. If necessary for contract fulfilment, we may also disclose the required information to any third-party service providers (e.g., Microsoft) or other relevant parties (e.g., Bossard).

The legal basis for this data processing is our legitimate interest under Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in addressing your concerns or, if your request is aimed at performance of a contract, the necessity of taking pre-contractual measures pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR.

3.3 Data Processing in connection with Video Surveillance

To ensure the safety of our employees and our property, as well as to prevent and address unlawful behaviour (in particular, theft and property damage), our lab and workshop areas, excluding sanitary facilities, may be monitored by cameras. The image data will only be viewed if there is a suspicion of unlawful behaviour. Otherwise, the recorded images will be automatically deleted after 7 days.

To provide the video surveillance system, we rely on Hombli by service provider Avanca International B.V., Maanweg 174, 2516 AB Den Haag, Netherlands (Hombli). Hombli has access to the data insofar as this is necessary for the provision of the system. If suspicions of unlawful behaviour are confirmed, the data may be disclosed to the extent necessary for the enforcement of claims or for reporting to consulting firms (in particular, to a law firm) and authorities. Information about data processing by third parties and any transfer abroad can be found in Section 5 of this Privacy Policy. Further information about data processing by Hombli can be found at <https://hombli.com/pages/data-act>.

The legal basis is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in protecting our customers, employees, and property, as well as safeguarding and enforcing our rights.

3.4 Data Processing when Using our Wi-Fi Network

In our Company, you have the possibility to use our Wi-Fi network free of charge. Each time the Wi-Fi network is used, data regarding the time and date of usage, the network used, and the device employed are also collected, including the MAC address of the device. The legal basis for this data processing is your consent within the meaning of Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR. You can withdraw your consent at any time.

For the provision of our Wi-Fi network, we collaborate with Sunrise Communications AG, Thurgauerstrasse 101B, 8152 Glattpark (Opfikon), Switzerland. Therefore, Sunrise may have access to your data if this is necessary for providing the software and supporting its use. Information about data processing by third parties can be found in Section 5 of this Privacy Policy. Further information about data processing by Sunrise can be found at <https://www.sunrise.ch/en/general/legal-matters/data-protection>.

Sunrise is required to comply with the legal requirements of the Federal Act on the Surveillance of Post and Telecommunications (SPTA) and its associated ordinance. If the legal requirements are met, the operator of the Wi-Fi network must monitor the use of the Internet or data traffic on behalf of the competent authority. The operator of the Wi-Fi network may also be obliged to disclose contact details, usage and access data of the customers to the relevant authorities. The contact details, usage and access data will be stored for 6 months and then deleted.

The legal basis for the processing is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in providing a Wi-Fi network in compliance with the applicable legal regulations.

3.5 Data Processing in Job Applications

You can apply for a position in our company either spontaneously or in response to a specific job advertisement, including through recruitment platforms such as LinkedIn or jobs.ch. In both cases, we will process the personal data you provide us with.

We use the data you provide us with to assess your application and suitability for employment. Application documents from unsuccessful applicants will be deleted at the end of the application process, unless you explicitly agree to a longer retention period or we are legally obliged to retain them for a longer period.

For the processing of applications, we use Microsoft 365 and maintain HR folders for storing application documents. Your data may also be shared with external recruiters involved in the hiring process. Therefore, your data may be stored in systems operated by Microsoft, which may allow Microsoft to access your data if this is necessary for providing the software and supporting its use. Information about data processing by third parties and any transfer abroad can be found in Section 5 of this Privacy Policy.

The legal basis for the data processing for this purpose is the execution of a contract (pre-contractual phase) within the meaning of Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR.

4 Central Data Storage and Analysis in the CRM system

If a clear identification of your person is possible, we will store and link the data described in this Privacy Policy, i.e. your personal information, contact details, contract data, and your browsing behaviour on our Website in a central database. This allows for efficient management of customer data, enables us to adequately process your requests, and facilitates the efficient provision of the services you requested, as well as the performance of the related contracts.

The legal basis for this data processing is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in the efficient management of user data.

We also use this data to manage customer relationships, process quotations and orders, and provide follow-up support.

For the central storage and management of customer data, we use Microsoft Dynamics 365 CRM provided through our partner Bossard and Notion databases for internal records. Therefore, your data may be stored in databases operated by Bossard and/or the providers of these platforms, which may allow them to access your data if this is necessary for providing the software and supporting its use. Information about data processing by third parties and any transfer abroad can be found in Section 5 of this Privacy Policy. Further information about data processing by Bossard can be found at <https://www.bossard.com/ch-en/privacy-policy/>. Information about data processing by Microsoft can be found at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/privacy/privacystatement>.

The legal basis for this data processing is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in carrying out marketing activities.

5 Disclosure and Cross-Border Transfer

5.1 Disclosure to Third Parties and Third-Party Access

Without the support of other companies, we would not be able to provide our products and services in the desired form. To use the services of these companies, it is necessary to share your personal data with these companies to a certain extent. A disclosure of data is limited to selected third-party service providers and only to the extent necessary for the optimal provision of our services.

Various third-party service providers are explicitly mentioned in this Privacy Policy. In addition to those service providers, we engage the following providers for services such as web hosting, ERP, accounting, and IT services:

TRETOR AG, Industriestrasse 7, 4410 Liestal, Switzerland (Tretor). For more information about data processing in connection with Tretor, see <https://tretor.ch/datenschutz>.

Raptus AG, Gartenweg 1, 3250 Lyss, Switzerland (Raptus). For more information about data processing in connection with Raptus, see <https://en.raptus.com/datenschutz>.

Blynx GmbH, St. Gallerstrasse 56, 8853 Lachen SZ (Blynx). For more information about data processing in connection with Blynx, see <https://blynx.ch/de/impressum-datenschutz>.

Abacus Research AG, Abacus-Platz 1, 9300 Wittenbach, Switzerland (Abacus). For more information about data processing in connection with Abacus, see <https://www.abacus.ch/en/data-protection>.

Notion Labs, Inc., 685 Market St. San Francisco, CA 94105 United States (Notion). For more information about data processing in connection with Notion, see <https://www.notion.com/trust/privacy-policy>.

The legal basis for this data processing is the performance of a contract within the meaning of Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR.

Your data may be disclosed to third parties to the extent necessary for the fulfilment of the contractual relationship, e.g., to Bossard, Microsoft or providers of other services. The legal basis for these disclosures is the necessity for the performance of a contract within the meaning of Article 6(1)(b) of the GDPR. For these data processing activities, the third-party service providers are considered data controllers under the data protection laws, and not us. It is the responsibility of these third-party service providers to inform you about their own data processing, which may extend beyond the mere sharing of data for the provision of services, and to comply with data protection laws.

Furthermore, your data may be disclosed, especially to authorities, legal advisors, or debt collection agencies, if we are legally obliged to do so or if it is necessary to protect our rights, in particular to enforce claims arising from our relationship with you. Data may also be disclosed if another company intends to acquire our company or parts thereof, and such disclosure is necessary to conduct a due diligence or to complete the transaction.

The legal basis for this data processing is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in protecting our rights and fulfilling our obligations, as well as in the sale of our company or parts thereof.

5.2 Transfer of Personal Data to Third Countries

We have the right to transfer your personal data to third parties located abroad if it is necessary to carry out the data processing described in this Privacy Policy. Specific data transfers have been mentioned in Section 3. When making such transfers, we will ensure compliance with the applicable legal requirements for disclosing personal data to third parties. The legal provisions governing the disclosure of personal data to third parties are duly observed. The countries to which data is transmitted include those that, according to the decision of the Federal Council and the European Commission, have an adequate level of data protection (such as the member states of the EEA or, from the EU's perspective, Switzerland), as well as those countries (such as the USA) whose level of data protection is not considered adequate (see Annex 1 of the Data Protection Ordinance (DPO) and the website of the European Commission). If the country in question does not provide an adequate level of data protection, we ensure that your data is adequately protected by these companies by means of appropriate safeguards, unless an exception is specified on a case-by-case basis for the individual data processing (see Article 49 of the GDPR). Unless otherwise specified, these safeguards may be provided for by standard contractual clauses as referred to in Article 46(2)(c) of the GDPR, which can be found on the websites of the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner (FDPIC) and the EU Commission. If you have any questions regarding the implemented measures, please reach out to our data protection contact person (see Section 2).

5.3 Information on Data Transfers to the USA

Some of the third-party service providers mentioned in this Privacy Policy are based in the USA. For the sake of completeness, we would like to inform users residing or based in Switzerland or the EU that certain third-party service providers mentioned in this privacy statement are located in the USA. It is important to note that there are surveillance measures by US authorities in place that generally allow for the storage of all personal data of individuals whose data has been transmitted from Switzerland or the EU to the United States. This occurs without differentiation, limitation, or exception based on the purpose for which the data is being collected and without an objective criterion that would restrict US authorities' access to the data and its subsequent use to specific, strictly limited purposes that can justify the interference associated with accessing and using the data. Furthermore, we would like to point out that affected individuals from Switzerland or the EU do not have legal remedies or effective judicial protection against general access rights of US authorities, which would allow them to access the data concerning them and to rectify or delete it. We explicitly highlight this legal and factual situation to enable you to make an informed decision regarding your consent to the use of your data.

For users residing in Switzerland or a member state of the EU, we also want to inform you that, from the perspective of the European Union and Switzerland, the United States does not provide an adequate level of data protection, among other reasons, as explained in this paragraph. In cases where we have mentioned in this privacy statement that data recipients (such as Google) are located in the United States, we will ensure through contractual arrangements with these companies and, if necessary, additional appropriate safeguards, that your data is adequately protected at our third-party service providers.

6 Background Data Processing on our Website

6.1 Data Processing when Visiting our Website (Log File Data)

When you visit our Website, the servers of our hosting provider and web agency Blynx temporarily store every access in a log file. The following data is collected without your intervention and stored by us until automatically deleted:

IP address of the requesting computer;

date and time of access;

name and URL of the accessed file;

website from which the access was made, if applicable, with the search word used;

operating system of your computer and the browser you are using (including type, version, and language setting);

device type in case of access from mobile phones;

city or region from which the access was made; and

name of your internet service provider.

The collection and processing of this data is carried out for the purpose of enabling the use of our Website (establishing a connection), ensuring the long-term security and stability of the system, and enabling error and performance analysis and optimisation of our Website (see also Section 6.3 regarding the latter points).

In case of an attack on the network infrastructure of the Website or suspicion of other unauthorised or improper use of the Website, the IP address and other data will be analysed for clarification and defence purposes; if necessary, they may be used in civil or criminal proceedings for the identification of the respective user.

The legal basis for this data processing is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in the purposes described above.

Finally, when you visit our Website, we use cookies, as well as other applications and tools that rely on the use of cookies. In this context, the data described here may also be processed. For more information, please refer to the subsequent sections of this Privacy Policy, in particular to Section 6.2.

6.2 Cookies

Cookies are information files that your web browser stores on the hard drive or in the memory of your computer when you visit our Website. Cookies are assigned identification numbers that enable your browser to be identified, and allow the information contained in the cookie to be read.

Cookies are used to make your visit to our website easier, more enjoyable, and more meaningful. We use cookies for various purposes that are necessary for the desired use of the website, i.e., "technically necessary." Furthermore, cookies perform other technical functions necessary for the operation of the website, such as load balancing, which distributes the workload of the site across various web servers to relieve the servers. Cookies are also used for security purposes, for example, to distinguish between human visitors and automated bots, thereby protecting our Website from spam and abuse. Finally, we use cookies in the design and programming of our website, for example, to enable the uploading of scripts or codes.

The legal basis for this data processing is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in providing a user-friendly and up-to-date website.

Most internet browsers accept cookies automatically. However, when accessing our website, we ask for your consent to the use of non-essential cookies, especially for the use of cookies from third parties for marketing purposes. You can adjust your preferences for cookies by using the corresponding buttons in the cookie banner. Details regarding the services and data processing associated with each cookie can be found within the cookie banner and in the following sections of this Privacy Policy.

To manage cookie consent, we use the consent management platform Cookiebot provided by Usercentrics A/S, Havnegade 39, 1058 Copenhagen, Denmark (Cookiebot). When you visit our Website, Cookiebot collects and stores your consent preferences, including your IP address (anonymised) and the timestamp of your consent. The legal basis for this data processing is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in documenting valid consent as required by applicable data protection law. Further information on data processing by Cookiebot can be found at <https://www.cookiebot.com/goto/privacy-policy/>.

You may also be able to configure your browser to prevent cookies from being stored on your computer or receive a notification whenever a new cookie is being sent. On the following pages, you will find instructions on how to configure cookie settings for selected browsers.

Google Chrome for Desktop

Google Chrome for Mobile

Apple Safari

Microsoft Windows Internet Explorer

Microsoft Windows Internet Explorer Mobile

Mozilla Firefox

Disabling cookies may prevent you from using all the features of our Website.

6.3 Tracking and Web Analytics Tools

6.3.1 General Information about Tracking

For the purpose of customising and continuously optimising our Website, we use the web analytics services listed below. In this context, pseudonymised usage profiles are created, and cookies are used (please also see Section 6.2). The information generated by the cookie regarding your use of our Website is usually transmitted to a server of the service provider, where it is stored and processed, together with the Log File Data mentioned in Section 6.1. This may also result in a transfer to servers abroad, e.g., the USA (for information on the absence of an adequate level of data protection and the proposed safeguards, see Sections 5.2 and 5.3).

Through the data processing, we obtain, among others, the following information:

navigation path followed by a visitor on the site (including content viewed, products selected or purchased, or services booked);

time spent on the Website or specific page;

the specific page from which the Website is left;

the country, region, or city from where an access is made;

end device (type, version, colour depth, resolution, width, and height of the browser window); and

returning or new visitor.

The provider, on our behalf, will use this information to evaluate the use of the Website, in particular to compile Website activity reports and provide further services related to Website usage and internet usage for the purposes of market research and the customisation of the Website. For these processing activities, we and the providers may be considered joint controllers in terms of data protection to a certain extent.

The legal basis for this data processing with the following services is your consent within the meaning of Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR. You can withdraw your consent or oppose to processing at any time by rejecting or deactivating the relevant cookies in the settings of your web browser (see Section 6.2) or by using the service-specific options described below.

Regarding the further processing of the data by the respective provider as the (sole) controller, including any potential disclosure of this information to third parties, such as authorities due to national legal regulations, please refer to the respective privacy policy of the provider.

6.3.2 Google Analytics

We use the web analytics service Google Analytics provided by Google Ireland Limited, Gordon House, 4 Barrow St, Dublin, D04 E5W5, Ireland, or Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA (Google).

Contrary to the description in Section 6.3.1, IP addresses are not logged or stored in Google Analytics (in the version used here, "Google Analytics 4"). For accesses originating from the EU, IP address data is only used to derive location data and is immediately deleted thereafter. When collecting measurement data in Google Analytics, all IP searches take place on EU-based servers before the traffic is forwarded to Analytics servers for processing. Google Analytics utilises regional data centres. When connecting to the nearest available Google data centre in Google Analytics, the measurement data is sent to Analytics via an encrypted HTTPS connection. In these centres, the data is further encrypted before being forwarded to Analytics' processing servers and made available on the platform. The most suitable local data centre is determined based on the IP addresses. This may also result in a transfer of data to servers abroad, e.g., the USA (for information on the absence of an adequate level of data protection and the proposed safeguards, see Sections 5.2 and 5.3).

We also use the technical extension called "Google Signals", which enables cross-device tracking. This makes it possible to associate a single website visitor with different devices. However, this only happens if the visitor is logged into a Google service during the website visits and has activated the "personalized advertising" option in their Google account settings. Even in such cases, we do not have access to any personal data or user profiles; they remain anonymous to us. If you do not wish to use "Google Signals," you can deactivate the "personalized advertising" option in your Google account settings.

Users can prevent the collection of data related to their Website usage (including IP address) generated by the cookie as well as the processing of this data by Google by downloading and installing the browser plugin available at the following link: <https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout?hl=en-GB>.

As an alternative to the browser plugin, users can click on this link to prevent Google Analytics from collecting data on the website in the future. This will place an opt-out cookie on the user's device. If users delete cookies (see Section 6 on Cookies), they will need to click the link again.

6.3.3 Microsoft

We use the web analytics service Dynamics 365 Customer Insights by Microsoft Ireland Operations Limited, One Microsoft Place, South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, Ireland (Microsoft). The data described above regarding the use of the Website is transmitted to a Microsoft server and stored there for the processing purposes explained (see Section 6.3.1). The cookies used serve for long-term behavioural analysis. The cookie does not contain personal data but uniquely identifies a specific browser on a specific computer, and Dynamics 365

Marketing can use it to correlate this ID with an actual contact in the Dynamics 365 Marketing database. The cookie also serves to recognise CRM contacts during newsletter registration. This may also result in a transfer of data to servers abroad, e.g., the USA (for information on the absence of an adequate level of data protection and the proposed safeguards, see Sections 5.2 and 5.3). Further information on data processing by Microsoft can be found at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/privacy/privacystatement>.

6.3.4 Cloudflare

We use services provided by Cloudflare, Inc., 101 Townsend St, San Francisco, CA 94107, USA (Cloudflare). The cookies used serve for load-balancing, delivery of website content, serving DNS connections for website operators, and distinguishing between humans and bots. This may also result in a transfer of data to servers abroad, e.g., the USA (for information on the absence of an adequate level of data protection and the proposed safeguards, see Sections 5.2 and 5.3). Further information on data processing by Cloudflare can be found at <https://www.cloudflare.com/privacypolicy/>.

6.4 Social Media

6.4.1 Social Media Profile

Our Website contains links to the social networks of the following providers:

LinkedIn Ireland Unlimited Company (LinkedIn), Wilton Place, Dublin 2, Ireland, Privacy Policy;

Microsoft Ireland Operations Limited (Microsoft), One Microsoft Place, South County Business Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18, Ireland, Privacy Policy;

X Internet Unlimited Company (X), One Cumberland Place, Fenian Street, Dublin 2, Ireland, Privacy Policy.

If you click on the icon of LinkedIn located on the bottom of each page, you will be automatically redirected to our profile on LinkedIn. If you click on one of the share links located on our Website (LinkedIn, Microsoft Teams or X), you will be redirected to the respective provider's website to share the previously viewed page. This establishes a direct connection between your browser and the server of the respective social network. As a result, the social network receives information that you have visited our Website with your IP address and clicked on the link. This may also involve the transfer of data to servers abroad, e.g., in the USA (for information on the absence of an adequate level of data protection and the proposed safeguards, see Sections 5.2 and 5.3).

If you click on a link to a social network while you are logged into your user account on that social network, the content of our website can be associated with your profile, allowing the social network to directly link your visit to our website to your account. If you want to prevent this, please log out of your account before clicking on the respective links. A connection between your access to our website and your user account will always be established if you log in to the respective social network after clicking on the link. The data processing associated with this is the responsibility of the respective provider in terms of data protection. Therefore, please refer to the privacy notices on the social network's website.

The legal basis for any data processing attributed to us is our legitimate interest within the meaning of Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR in the use and promotion of our social media profiles.

6.4.2 Social Media Plugins

On our website, you can use a social media plugin from the following provider:

LinkedIn Ireland Unlimited Company, Wilton Place, Dublin 2, Ireland, Privacy Policy.

We use the social media plugin to make it easier for you to share content from our Website. The social media plugin helps us to increase the visibility of our content on social networks, thereby contributing to better marketing.

The plugin is deactivated by default on our Website, and therefore, no data is sent to the social network when you simply access our Website. To enhance data protection, we have integrated the plugin in such a way that a connection is not automatically established with the servers of the social network. Only when you activate the plugin by clicking on them, and thus give your consent to the transmission and further processing of data by the provider of the social network, your browser establishes a direct connection to the servers of the respective social network.

The content of the plugin is transmitted directly from the social network to your browser and integrated into the Website. As a result, the respective provider receives information that your browser has accessed the corresponding page of our Website, even if you do not have an account with that social network or are not currently logged in to it. This information (including your IP address) is transmitted from your browser directly to a server of the provider (usually located in the USA) and stored there (for information on the absence of an adequate level of data protection and the proposed safeguards, see Sections 5.2 and 5.3). We have no influence on the scope of data collected by the provider through the plugin, although from a data protection perspective, we may be considered joint controllers with the providers up to a certain extent.

If you are logged into the social network, it can assign your visit to our Website directly to your user account. If you interact with the plugins, the corresponding information is also transmitted directly to a server of the provider and stored there. The information (e.g., that you like a product or service from us) may also be published on the social network and displayed to other users of the social network. The provider of the social network may use this information for the purpose of displaying advertisements and tailoring the respective offering to your needs. For this purpose, usage, interest, and relationship profiles may be created, e.g., to evaluate your use of our Website with regard to the advertisements displayed to you on the social network, to inform other users about your activities on our Website, and to provide other services associated with the use of the social network. The purpose and scope of the data collection, further processing and use of the data by the providers of the social networks, as well as your rights in this regard and options for protecting your privacy can be found directly in the privacy policies of the respective providers.

If you do not want the provider of the social network to associate the data collected through our Website with your user account, you must log out of the social network before activating the plugins. The legal basis for the described data processing is your consent within the meaning of Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR. You can withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the plugin provider in accordance with the instructions provided in its privacy policy.

6.5 Online Advertising and Targeting

6.5.1 In general

We use services of various companies to provide you with interesting offers online. In the process of doing this, your user behaviour on our website and websites of other providers is analysed in order to subsequently be able to show you online advertising that is individually tailored to you.

Most technologies for tracking your user behaviour (Tracking) and displaying targeted advertising (Targeting) utilise cookies (see also Section 6.2), which allow your browser to be recognised across different websites. Depending on the service provider, it may also be possible for you to be recognised online even when using different end devices (e.g., laptop and smartphone). This may be the case, for example, if you have registered for a service that you use with several devices.

In addition to the data already mentioned, which is collected when visiting websites (Log File Data, see Section 6.1) and through the use of cookies (Section 6.2) and which may be transmitted to the companies involved in the advertising networks, the following data, in particular, is used to select the advertising that is potentially most relevant to you:

information about you that you provided when registering or using a service from advertising partners (e.g., your gender, age group); and

user behaviour (e.g., search queries, interactions with advertisements, types of websites visited, products or services viewed and purchased, newsletters subscribed to).

We and our service providers use this data to determine whether you belong to the target audience we address and take this into account when selecting advertisements. For example, after visiting our Website, you may see advertisements for the products or services you have viewed when you visit other sites (Re-targeting). Depending on the amount of data, a user profile may also be created, which is automatically analysed; the advertisements are then selected based on the information stored in the profile, such as belonging to certain demographic segments or potential interests or behaviours. These advertisements may be displayed to you on various channels, including our website or app (as part of on- and in-app marketing), as well as advertising placements provided through the online advertising networks we use, such as Google.

The data may then be analysed for the purpose of settlement with the service provider, as well as for evaluating the effectiveness of advertising measures in order to better understand the needs of our users and customers and to improve future campaigns. This may also include information that the performance of an action (e.g., visiting certain sections of our Website or submitting information) can be attributed to a specific advertising. We also receive from service providers aggregated reports of advertisement activity and information on how users interact with our Website and advertisements.

The legal basis for this data processing is your consent within the meaning of Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR. You can withdraw your consent at any time by rejecting or deactivating the relevant cookies in the settings of your web browser (see Section 6.2). Further options for blocking advertising can also be found in the information provided by the respective service provider, such as Google.

6.5.2 Google Ads

As explained in Section 6.5.1, this website uses the services of Google LLC, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA (Google) for online advertising. Google uses cookies (see the list here), which allow your browser to be recognised when you visit other websites. The information generated by the cookies about your visit to these websites (including your IP address) is transmitted to and stored by Google on servers in the United States (for information on the absence of an adequate level of data protection and the proposed safeguards, see Sections 5.2 and 5.3). Further information on data protection at Google can be found here.

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7 Retention Periods

We only store personal data for as long as it is necessary to carry out the processing described in this privacy policy within the scope of our legitimate interests. For contractual data, the storage is stipulated by statutory retention obligations. Requirements that oblige us to retain data arise from the accounting and tax law regulations. According to these regulations, business communication, concluded contracts, and accounting documents must be retained for up to 10 years. If we no longer need this data to provide services for you, the data will be blocked. This means that the data may then only be used if this is necessary to fulfil the retention obligations or to defend and enforce our legal interests. The data will be deleted as soon as there is no longer any legal obligation to retain it and no legitimate interest in its retention exists.

8 Data Security

We use appropriate technical and organisational security measures to protect your personal data stored with us against loss and unlawful processing, in particular unauthorised access by third parties. Our employees and the service companies mandated by us are obliged to maintain confidentiality and uphold data protection. Furthermore, these persons are only granted access to personal data to the extent necessary for the performance of their tasks.

Our security measures are continuously adapted in line with technological developments. However, the transmission of information via the Internet and electronic means of communication always involves certain security risks and we cannot, therefore, provide any absolute guarantee for the security of information transmitted in this way.

9 Your rights

If the legal requirements are met, as a data subject, you have the following rights with respect to data processing:

Right of access: You have the right to request access to your personal data stored by us at any time and free of charge if we process such data. This gives you the opportunity to check what personal data concerning you we process and whether we process it in accordance with applicable data protection regulations.

Right to rectification: You have the right to have inaccurate or incomplete personal data rectified and to be informed about the rectification. In this case, we will also inform the recipients of the data concerned about the adaptations we have made, unless this is impossible or involves disproportionate effort.

Right to erasure: You have the right to obtain the erasure of your personal data under certain circumstances. In individual cases, particularly in the case of statutory retention obligations, the right to erasure may be excluded. In this case, the erasure may be replaced by a blocking of the data if the requirements are met.

Right to restriction of processing: You have the right to request that the processing of your personal data be restricted.

Right to data portability: You have the right to receive from us, free of charge, the personal data you have provided to us in a readable format.

Right to object: You have the right to object at any time to data processing, especially with regard to data processing related to direct marketing (e.g., marketing emails).

Right to withdraw consent: You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. However, processing activities based on your consent in the past will not become unlawful due to your withdrawal.

To exercise these rights, please send us an e-mail to the following address: info@mm-welding.com.

Right of complaint: You have the right to lodge a complaint with a competent supervisory authority, e.g., against the manner in which your personal data is processed.
