



The absolute specialists for arc welding with an infinitely

rotating 6th axis.

KUKA presents the absolute specialists for arc welding: the HW (Hollow Wrist) robots. With a payload capacity of up to 16 kg and a reach of up to 2,016 mm, the robots can access even hard-to-reach weld seams with the welding equipment. even in the case of large workpieces.

PROCESS-OPTIMIZED. Reduced disruptive contours and a large distance between axis 5 and the robot flange allow welding deep within the workpiece, enlarge the workspace and offer better reachability,

RESILIENT. Robust arm design with double-sided mounting of the robot wrist the ceiling. The stable KUKA manipulator ensures reduced vibrations during welding and is resilient in the case of minor collisions.

FAST. The sixth axis is designed for infinite rotation.* This eliminates the need for time-intensive rotation back to the start position, thereby shortening the processing time.

FUTURE-PROOF. Thanks to compatibility with all common welding devices as well as water and gas-cooled torches, KUKA provides the greatest possible flexibility.

SIMPLE HANDLING. The very low weight enables high dynamic performance, simple installation and easy mounting on boasts extremely high repeatability and masters even applications with critical cycle times.



Optimal results.

Path accuracy with HA.

High Accuracy models (HA) from KUKA meet the highest requirements in precision with their extremely high path accuracy. The absolutely calibrated robots allow optimized offline programming.



Consistent quality.

Reduced need for reworking.

Intelligent robot technology combines maximum flexibility and optimal results. The consistent high quality of weld seams eliminates the need for time-consuming rework.



Seam tracking with laser sensor technology.

Seam tracking in a thick plate

welding application with a KR 16 and Servo-Robot laser sensor.



Complete robot portfolio for jigless welding and component handling.

With KUKA there are no limits to the perfect interaction between the welding robot and the handling robot. A broad portfolio of robot models is the basis for maximum flexibility.

Complete function packages for all welding applications.

KUKA welding robots are perfectly prepared for their welding tasks thanks to the range of KUKA function packages. This allows rapid, costeffective start-up.



Perfect interaction, with all the freedom you need.

Arc welding with KUKA robotics.



KUKA offers a wide range of application software.

For solving all welding tasks. For example: with KUKA.ArcTech Basic products, arc welding applications can be quickly programmed and put into operation.

All common power source manufacturers.

Nearly all power sources from marketrelevant manufacturers can be integrated seamlessly into the KUKA system landscape. Analog or digital – it makes no difference.

Diverse portfolio of positioning systems.

Highly dynamic positioners with one to three axes. Depending on the specific task, kinematic systems of all sizes can be implemented for payloads ranging from 250 to 4,000 kg.



control system: the KR C4.

Open for the perfect solution.

KUKA KR C4 – one system controls all. Robot, motion, sequence, process and safety control: everything in a single system. The KR C4 unites all the control tasks for efficient use of robots in a single, smart system. With maximum energy efficiency. This sustainably conserves valuable resources and minimizes the cost risks inherent in rising energy prices.

The KR C4's integrated energy management provides standby modes and an Eco mode. These reduce the energy consumption by up to 95%, for example by reducing the robot velocity or through programmable brake systems which maintain the robot's position without any impact on energy consumption. The energy consumption can be simulated and calculated even in the engineering phase. During operation, the energy consumption can then be displayed and verified on the control panel. KR C4 means efficiency with transparent energy consumption. This forms the basis for energy saving certification with tax advantages (ISO 50001).

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Power sources
Tech-Packs
———— Weld packages
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Especially low-maintenance - without filter mats.

The passive heat exchange system of the KR C4, with separate air circulation in the inner and outer zones of the controller, allows low-maintenance operation even in dusty environments. Entirely without filter mats.

KUKA.ArcTech Basic.

Quick and

easy to program.

End crater parameters Check for wire stuck

KUKA.ArcTech Basic is the optional software package with all the functions for simple standard welding applications. It expands the KUKA KR C4 controller and enables seamless communication with a power source. KUKA. ArcTech Basic gives the programmer all the necessary inline forms for simple, fast programming of the welding application.



Ignition parameters Weld parameters Weave parameters

ArcSwi Weld parameters Weave parameters The KUKA smartPAD brilliantly demonstrates, on a large, highresolution antireflection touch screen, just how simple robot operation can be.

Intelligent, interactive dialogs provide the user with those operator control elements that are currently required. This makes work easier, faster, more efficient and simply smarter all-round.

Clear touchpad display for KUKA.VisionTech & KUKA HMI Zenon...

jog keys: 4 or 6 keys for KUKA plus 2 extra keys

hot-plug gable

Flexibility in different applications – KUKA robots in practice.

Welding with robot technology gives you a vast range of options. A single system performs a host of tasks for you at the highest level of quality. This enables you to meet your customers' requirements even more quickly, flexibly and cost-effectively.

Bumper production in the automotive industry:

In automotive manufacturing, KUKA robots and positioning technologies master the job with ease.





Bumper production in the automotive industry:

Bumper production for vehicles, with KUKA robot technology and Fronius CMT welding equipment.



Jigless welding in commercial vehicle production:

Our robot technologies are also at home in the commercial vehicle sector. The picture shows a jigless welding application. The handling robot positions the workpiece for the two welding robots, which then perform the welding work.



Cab manufacture in the commercial vehicle sector:

The KR 30 L16 is the optimal robot for cab manufacture. With its long reach of 3102 mm, it can access any weld seam. This has made it indispensable in this area of production.

KUKA welding product portfolio	Materials	Thickness	Manufac- turers	arc	Handling	Positioners	Tech-Packs
The perfect package for every application	Steel, stainless steel, aluminum, special steels	0.5 mm to 10 mm and more	Fronius, SKS, EWM, Lincoln, KEMPPI, ESAB, Lorch, Cloos and more	KR 5 arc, KR 6, KR 5 arc HW, KR 16, KR 16 L6, KR 30 L16, KR 16 arc HW,	KR 30, KR 60, KR QUANTEC, KR 120, KR 210, KR 240, KR 300 und mehr	KP1, DKP, KP3	KUKA.ArcTech Basic, KUKA.ArcTech Advanced, KUKA.Touchsense, KUKA.ArcSense, KUKA.SeamTech Finding, KUKA.SeamTech Tracking, KUKA.TRACC TCP, KUKA.MultiLayer



Front panel production in the automotive industry:

Two KR 16s with SKS welding equipment welding automotive components.



In a class of their own.

The KUKA specialists for arc welding.



KR 5 arc/KR 6

With its low payload, it is ideally suited to standard arc welding tasks - whether mounted on the floor or installed on the ceiling.



KR 16/KR 16 L6-3

With its minimized disruptive contours and streamlined design, it saves valuable space and reaches any point, even in confined spaces.



KR 30 L16-2

There are low-payload applications in which the reach is a decisive factor. Here KUKA offers you reaches of up to 1.9 m.



Intelligent accessories



A welding equipment package can be put together from a wide range of manufacturers. The components can be combined to suit your individual requirements tracking, laser sensor technology for and spare parts inventories. Additional special options can be supplied, such as

TCP calibration, torch cleaning systems, Touch Sensor technology for component and seam finding, arc sensor for seam seam finding and seam tracking.

Welding varies greatly from one application to the next. KUKA customers from different industries define different requirements for our welding robots. We develop suitable solutions to meet these requirements, making use of robots specially developed for arc welding, with payloads from 5 to 16 kilograms and reaches of up to 3.1 meters.

This allows us to offer our customers perfectly adapted automation of welding tasks. In addition to the welding robots, our positioners and handling robots also play an important role. All the individual components are important. But it's the complete system which guarantees the optimum.



KR 5-2 arc HW

The 50 mm opening in the arm and wrist allows the arc welding dress package to be routed in the protective interior of the arm.



KR 16 arc HW

Both torsion-type dress packages and infinitely rotating arc welding dress packages are possible. This means not only improved component accessibility, but also simplified offline programming.



KR 16-3 L8 arc HW

The Hollow Wrist not only shields the dress package from mechanical influences, but also prevents undesirable whiplash motion during reorientation of the robot.



Jigless-welding

With its large product portfolio, KUKA offers absolute specialists for arc welding which are able to meet all your requirements.



Positioners from KUKA

Our positioning technology closes the gap between automation and your success. Our technology is continually being improved and updated.



Efficient software solutions

These enable the robot to carry out particular industry-specific functions within an automation solution.

KUKA – your strong partner.

Quality made in Germany, creativity and the utmost commitment to customers: at KUKA, this has been the basis for decades of exceptional technology, helping you to decisively optimize your processes. We were the pioneers in the world of robotics, and now we are global leaders in innovation. Our passion is finding future-oriented solutions to make even complex automation tasks simple. Whatever you want to do, and whatever the specific task involved: you can implement it with KUKA. And thanks to close cooperation with our experienced KUKA system partners, that applies to every industry. We strive to turn your ideas into reality. Use our edge to drive your success.







arc variant

arc HW variant

Robot variants	8	3
Max. reach	1,412 mm to 2,101 mm	1,423 mm bis 2,016 mm
Rated payload ————————————————————————————————————	5 to 16 kg	5 to 16 kg
Suppl. load on arm/link arm/rot. column	— 10/-/20 kg; 10/var./20 kg; 12/-/20 kg	12/-/20 kg
Max. total load ————————————————————————————————————	36 to 46 kg	37 to 48 kg
Pose repeatability ————————————————————————————————————	±0.04 mm; ±0.05 mm	±0.04 mm
Number of axes	6 —	6
Mounting position ————————————————————————————————————	————— wall, floor, ceiling ————————————————————————————————————	floor, ceiling
Varian —	foundry 🖪, cleanroom 👊	
Robot footprint ————————————————————————————————————	324 mm x 324 mm; 500 mm x 500 mm	324 mm x 324 mm; 500 mm x 500 mm
Weight (without controller), approx. —	127 to 245 kg	126 to 245 kg
Ambient temperature ————————————————————————————————————	+5/+10 °C to +45 °C	+10 °C to +55 °C

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