PRECISION OPTICS

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OPTICAL MANUFACTURING
Satisloh - a company with over 120 years invaluable optical experience.
Satisloh supplies complete solutions for precision optics and ophthalmic manufacturing - equipment, consumables, tools, services and process knowledge from one source – for surfacing and coating.
MAKING OUR CUSTOMERS MORE SUCCESSFUL IS OUR GOAL

Focus on customer solutions

Making our customers more successful is our goal. We want to shape the future of optical manufacturing and provide cutting edge technology solutions for factories and customers of all sizes.

Innovation and integration

The driving force for our customers and Satisloh is innovation. No other company in the optical industry offers their customers the same number and quality of innovations. Satisloh derives its R&D projects from market intelligence, dialogue with customers and valuable business partners.

Worldwide presence – local support

With our service technicians around the globe, Satisloh is close to you. Reach a Satisloh specialist by telephone or internet, supported by our logistic centres in Wetzlar (Germany), Germantown (WI; USA) and Hong Kong.

Team spirit

Employees are our most important asset. Our quality standards are reflected in continuous training and development. The leadership style encourages team building, decision making and always focuses on customers.
Own identity within Satisloh

Satisloh designs and manufactures surfacing and coating solutions for precision optics and ophthalmic applications. It is obvious, that customer needs and technologies for precision optics differ from ophthalmics. As a logical consequence, the precision optics activities were reorganized in 2007 to establish an independent market oriented business unit. This new structure gives the two main business units more autonomy and an even greater focus on specific customer demands.

The business unit structure includes independent technology, sales, application engineering, production and service personnel.

Market

Typical markets, where precision optics machinery is used, are optical components and systems, medical devices, camera manufacturing, aerospace, semiconductor lithography and defense industries.

The optical industry covers an enormous range of applications and uses many different materials and manufacturing processes. The solutions chosen for optical manufacturing range from dedicated high-throughput, single application machines, e.g. replication tools, for high volume production, to versatile, programmable machines for small/medium production volumes and varying applications. Satisloh’s CNC-machines offer the desired flexibility and adaptability to varying specifications, as well as fast time-to-market even when changing production between different work geometries. Our products are tailored to meet the demand for both extraordinarily high production speed and excellent precision.
Applications

Our core competence is the processing of hard and brittle materials with a clear focus on optical applications. Satisloh’s success is based on providing complete manufacturing solutions, including both equipment and processes.

Typical materials that our equipment processes are glass, crystals, ceramics, semiconductors (IR-materials), hard metal.

The main process steps consisting of grinding, polishing, centering and coating can easily be combined with additional production steps such as edging, chamfering, sawing and drilling, facilitating the manufacturing of very complex components.

Dimensions from below 1 mm to typically 500 mm diameter and a wide range of geometries are covered, for instance:

- Convex/concave spheres and aspheres
- Domes
- Cylindrical surfaces
- Prisms, plano
- Free-form, multi-focal and off-axis optics

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### MACHINE OVERVIEW
Satisloh solutions at a glance

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For further options or customization, please contact your local sales.
Satisloh offers a comprehensive range of CNC grinding machines covering working ranges from < 1 mm to 500 mm. These machines are dedicated to high precision and extremely reliable performance under the high work load imposed by the processing of very hard and brittle materials such as glass, ceramic, crystals, sapphire, hard metal, etc.

**GI**

The G-System is a 5/6-axis processing center for complex high performance components manufacturing. The GI processes work piece diameters up to 500 mm (prisms 310 mm envelope circle). The G-System offers unmatched process flexibility, including steps like drilling and sawing. Highest surface quality, consistent accuracy and long time stability of processes are superior features of this machine series.

**SPM-200**

The SPM-200 combines the successful processing technologies of the SPM-60 and SPM-140 in a new platform. This highly flexible 5-axis machining center processes spheres, aspheres, cylinders, torroidal parts, and free forms. It can be equipped with different spindles. The patented 2-tool spindle technology and a new horizontal grinding spindle enables processing of work pieces ranging from 5mm to 200mm in various process modes. The unique and patented construction of this machine series assures stable and high-precision grinding results.

**SPM-125**

The SPM-125 is the successor of the worldwide successful and reliable Spheromatic 120SL and SPM-50 machines. The slim, rigid and durable Polymer concrete machine design, together with the 360° swivel head and a new axis configuration fulfill the quality and efficiency requirements of modern optical production.

**SPM-55**

The SPM-55 is a fast and cost-effective CNC grinding solution for spherical work. Pre- and fine-grinding from diameter 10 up to 60 mm. The machine also features a motorized Y-axis for cross-cut adjustment. The integrated Bosch Rexroth MTX controller and our Satisloh user guided interface make operation easy.

**SPM-30**

The Micro Series is the world-wide leading CNC manufacturing solution for micro-optics, featuring air bearing spindle technology for up to 80000 rpm. The SPM-30 covers the diameter range of lenses from <1 to 30 mm. The variety of functions of the Micro machines include pre- and fine-grinding in one cycle, edging, chamfering, steps, radial grooves and tool dressing. In addition an upgrade for aspherical processing and an automated loading system is available.

**PR-150**

The PR-150 is a dedicated prism grinding machine which is capable of processing numerous different prism surfaces as well as different facets and radii in only one cycle. The machine combines proven mechanics with a modern BOSCH Rexroth MTX control. The open and flexible user interface allows the operator to adapt program sequences individually to suit the respective workpiece geometry. Features of the prism grinder are robustness, high rigidity and extreme reliability.

**GENERATING MACHINES**

The virtually unlimited variety of optical manufacturing solutions ranges from multifunctional 5/6-axis production of complex prisms to sawing, drilling, scooping of domes and aspherical as well as free-form grinding. An operator-oriented user interface, integrated quality control system (IQS) compensating tool wear, and process simulation guarantee easy-to-use operation and high production output.
POLISHING MACHINES

CNC polishing is the ideal tool for fast and precise results. Satisloh polishers are precision machines, which can be equipped with in-machine dressing of the polishing tools—a pre-requisite for achieving ultimate form accuracy. Besides the working range, our polishers are characterised by the number of CNC-axes and the range of processes. Processes range from fast spherical polishing in Synchrospeed mode, to Variospeed processing and aspherical polishing methods. Basic corrective polishing as well as deterministic polishing (ADAPT) are available on all Satisloh polishing machines.

GI-AP
The GI-AP is the polishing version of the GI system. The 5-axis gantry machine has been specially developed for the pre-correction and polishing of aspheric lenses up to 500mm diameter. Both Torx tools, as well as the deterministic ADAPT process for pre-polishing, can be used for 2D correction and 2 + D correction.

SPS-200
The SPS-200 combines the successful processing technologies of the SPS-60 and SPS-140 together with the grinding machine SPM-200 in a new platform. The modular system design can be configured for spherical as well as aspheric polishing. The patented dual-spindle technology enables quick and efficient polishing. Shape accuracy and process stability distinguish the aspheric polishing method ADAPT with pre-polishing and deterministic corrections in a clear and concise graphical interface. The easily removable dressing spindle provides maximum work space.

SPS-125
The SPS-125 has an optimized working chamber with rounded corners and a large manual door. This ensures best accessibility and makes cleaning very easy. The spindles have been specially designed and provide optimum torque over the whole speed range.

SPS-55
The SPS-55 is a fast and cost-effective CNC polishing solution for spherical work. The machine also features integrated tool dressing using a motorized Y-axis for the cross-cut adjustment. The integrated Bosch Rexroth MTX controller and our Satisloh user guided interface make operation easy. The SPS-55 is ideally suited for the diameter range 10-60 mm, and 10-∞ mm radius.

SPS-30
The SPS-30 is the perfect match to the SPM-30 grinder. Suitable for polishing of spheres in Synchrospeed mode as well as aspherical shapes. The machine is equipped with an additional dressing tool spindle. The full Micro-Line, consisting of SPM-30, SPS-30 and C-50 machines, offers unsurpassed performance in small optics for spheres and aspheres.
**CENTERING MACHINES**

The centering series sets the state-of-the-art for the edging and centering of lenses and other work pieces that find applications in precision optics. It is also used for the form edging of windows, watch glasses and integrated optoelectronics devices. The centering chucks are manufactured under highest quality standards; in addition the machines can be equipped with a laser system. Economy, flexibility and quality of the work pieces are the most notable characteristics of Satisloh’s well-proven centering technology. The impressive range of functions is continuously expanded. Latest examples include the precision edging of steps and facets on aspheres using center thickness calculation for aspherical (front side) surfaces. Processing lenses cemented on exchangeable high precision holder complete the functions on this machine.

**C-300**

The C-300, for high precision centering of different geometries and diameters from 10-300 mm, is the first to combine the benefits of force-controlled grinding and the full flexibility of CNC technology. Combining both methods permits edge processing at highest speed and best surface quality. Furthermore, the innovative technologies of force grinding, cooling and the special clamping system are contributing to higher effectiveness and better results.

**C-50**

The C-50 enables high precision centering for diameters of 1-50 mm. It is equipped with the latest generation of the innovative BOSCH Rexroth MTX control. This as well as the user-friendly handling of a touch screen with the intuitive Centro Software and innovations in process design increase the effectiveness in micro optics.

**COATING MACHINES**

Dependent on the application, Satisloh offers multiple coating technologies, ensuring top notch results. For precision optics applications, sputtering has become our main focus. Sputtering optical thin films offers a variety of advantages: high quality of films, very durable hard coatings, and absence of particle contaminations. Furthermore the sputtering process is very stable and easy to control.

**SP-100**

The SP-100 represents an extremely fast and flexible sputter coater with multiple process possibilities. The machine allows highly uniform coatings (± 0,25 %). The easily adaptable layer deposition process is suitable for organic and mineral substrates.

The SP-100 produces excellent broadband AR coatings with low residual reflections across the entire visible wavelength range. It is also ideally suited for ultra-hard AR coatings on substrates such as Sapphire, low tolerance NIR filters and Rugate type layer systems with variable indices from n= 3.3 down to 1.46.
Besides high precision CNC machines Satisloh offers a wide spectrum of software solutions. Today’s programs are designed to lead the user to the desired results, directly and in a timely manner. The standardized graphical user interface Satisloh BaSyS provides a tool for all grinding and polishing machines that allows the operator to easily create programs for all the various applications. It is possible to add application specific modules like drilling, dicing, scooping or G-code scripts in order to fulfill all requirements of modern lens production. Programming complex geometries via CAM systems is possible with the postprocessor CAMPos. The Synline software helps to create the drawings for the required tools and receptions. Satisloh’s DataCorrect software is the link between the metrology tool and the grinding or polishing machine and allows to apply corrections of the process parameters in order to establish a stable and reliable result. The deterministic polishing correction via the ADAPT software finally eliminates the residual symmetric and non-symmetric errors for best form accuracy.

Satisloh BaSyS – the standard software platform for all Satisloh grinding and polishing machines. The graphical user interface offers the user an easy access to complex functions of the CNC-machines: All process parameters can be entered in self-explaining menus supported by context sensitive images. Corrections or changes of parameters can be directly entered and saved. The modular architecture of the job deck allows additional applications (like drilling, dicing, scooping and G-code) at any time. The new module, FreeFrom Grinding, enables processing of cylinders, torroidal parts, and free forms. An emulation software version of Satisloh BaSyS is available for offline programming and process simulation.

CAMPos is a postprocessor interface between CAM system and machine which is transferring CAM-data into machine specific NC programs. Its open architecture allows data exchange with all common CAM systems to generate 2-, 2.5-, 3- and 5-axis motion for producing rotational symmetric parts, prisms and free form surfaces precisely: As CAMPos is integrated into the machine software, the calibrated reference values of the specific machine are available for the postprocessor. To machine edges of larger parts, the CAM tool path can be converted into a roller curve tool path. CAMPos supports independent CLS- and APT-data formats. It is available for all Satisloh machines with MTX controller GI, GI-AP and SPM/SPS-200.

DataCorrect This software solution efficiently corrects rotationally symmetric shape errors for grinding and polishing of spheres and aspheres. DataCorrect uses direct input of metrology data, and offers extensive data manipulation capabilities. Providing complex algorithms, it leads to significant processing time savings. DataCorrect is ideally suited for all Satisloh CNC generating and polishing machines.
Satisfactory tools are a key factor for quality production results. Syline software program automatically calculates and designs tools for Synchrospeed & Variospeed polishing processes, including polishing pad shapes, as well as work piece receptacles. It can be used in combination with all Satisloh CNC generating and polishing machines.

Aspheric Deterministic Adaptive Polishing Technology available on MTX-controlled polishing-machines SPS-200 and GI-AP. This technology allows deterministic pre- and local corrective-polishing on aspherical shapes. The calculation of the removal function follows finite element methods considering the lens and tool shapes. Using the local removal functions, the feed rates of the tool are optimized to achieve the user defined material removal. ADAPT offers three polishing-modes: Spiral tool-path (edge-to-center), double-spiral tool-path (edge-to-edge) and raster tool-path. Exchangeable, pre-configured maintenance-free polishing-pads as well as high removal rates and less iterative steps in production help to decrease non-productive-times.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Manufacturing high precision optical components is a complex process consisting of many steps. Therefore, Satisloh does not only offer high end optical machinery but complete manufacturing solutions. We offer intensive customer support, from the initial concept to the final process and beyond. With our service technicians at 12 locations, Satisloh is close to you.

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Tool-Service

Customer service extensive tool supply and support

Tools
• Analyzing, consulting and conception of customer specific tool variants and alternatives
• Design, production and assembly of custom-built lens specific tools

• Offering wide range of standard tools like centering chucks, diamond tools and receptacles

Process optimization
• Performing long term tests and field trials
• Prototyping with special tools at Satisloh
Coolings

Satisloh offers a large variety of consumables for machines and processes. The consistent quality, ensured by continuous in-house process qualification guarantees stable production processes.

Main consumable groups for precision optics are:
- Cooling
- Emeries
- Polishing compounds
- Polishing supports
- Cements, adhesives
- Protective agents
- Working aids
- Cleaning agents
- Equipment
- Diamond tools

Consulting Service

Service center for training, support and information

Customer requirements & Concept Development
- Information and consulting before any machine, software or consumables sale.
- Development of technical concepts and processes
- Explanation of price- and cost-structures

Process know how transfer
- Machine and software demonstrations
- Performing prototyping tests in our demo center using process specific equipment
- Process development

Training on-the-job
- Operator training after the purchase of machines or software
- Maintenance- and refresher training

Mentoring
- Individual or regular trainings at Satisloh or on-site
- Application support for new machines, tools and technologies
- Support and consulting for machine-consumables concepts

Technical Service

Satisloh provides a worldwide extensive service performance and an efficient spare part support. The customer support and satisfaction is our passion and a manifested issue in our company philosophy. By constantly training we are keeping our own technicians in Wetzlar and at our subsidiaries at a high performance level, which is important to guaranty fast and efficient solutions for technical matters. Satisloh offers dedicated contact person for service and spare part hotline and individual annual STEP service contracts.