

**Schlatter customer owning a GAAS80**

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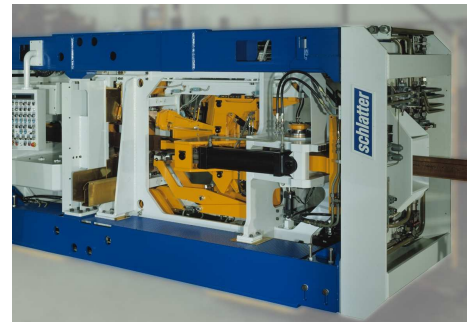
**Discontinuation of the Telemecanique controls on GAAS80 rail welding machines**

Dear Sirs

We hereby inform you about the discontinuation of the Telemecanique SPS components, which you have purchased in connection with a Schlatter resistance welding machine.

For one and a half decades, the stationary welding machines by Schlatter were successfully equipped with the control technology by the manufacturer Telemecanique.

A little while ago, the supplier of this component discontinued part of the Telemecanique SPS product range. At the time, Schlatter decided in favour of the Siemens Simatic S7 as an appropriate successor for the control technology.



Schlatter is now discontinuing all Telemecanique SPS components and associated services for end of March 2012. Until then, all spare parts that have not been discontinued by the supplier can still be ordered from us.

**1 Successor product**

As a successor product for the Telemecanique control, Schlatter proposes to retrofit the control with the latest Siemens Simatic S7/300 technology. With this retrofit, you as the operator of such a facility ensure that the control of your facility is state-of-the-art and the availability of spare parts is fully ensured for the coming years.

With regard to hardware, software and welding programs, the following changes are made. The existing Telemecanique hardware TSX47-400 will be removed and replaced by the Simatic type S7/300. Functionally, the software will stay the same. The control processes will be converted from the existing Telemecanique version to the Simatic S7. The operating procedure will stay the same. The existing SPS (user) input device will be replaced by input device OP73. The user will “see” almost no changes, which means that the retrofit requires little retraining. The stored welding programs are not affected by this retrofit and can continue to be used.

**2 Measures**

Please check the facilities and machines you are using to see whether you need any new components. Our Helpdesk will be happy to answer any questions. On request, we will make you an offer that suits your individual needs. Please use the enclosed form to contact us.

**3 Exchange by Schlatter service technician**

Our qualified service technicians exchange the components within a short space of time. This ensures that that the facility downtimes are kept to a minimum and that the facility will work properly after the retrofit.

If you have any questions or require information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

To request an offer or to make an order, please contact our Helpdesk by calling +41 (0)44 732 74 20, sending a fax to +41 (0)44 732 71 20 or sending an email to [service@schlattergroup.com](mailto:service@schlattergroup.com).

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