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### **Dürr delivers latest-generation painting robots for electric vehicles**

**Bietigheim-Bissingen, August 20, 2018 – A new Dürr paint shop will soon be operational at Sokon, a Chinese manufacturer of electric cars. Various all-electric SUV models will be painted at the Chongqing plant. It will be the first plant in China to benefit from the extreme mobility of the Dürr EcoRP E043i painting robot with its seven motion axes. This is part of the third and latest generation of robots offered by the world-market leader in automotive painting technology.**

Dürr received the order in 2017 and, as general contractor, will deliver the entire paint shop. At Sokon, 60 latest-generation robots will be used for interior and exterior painting. Another 20 robots will seal welded seams and apply insulating material.

The paint shop for Sokon contains innovative digital solutions for optimizing production. The robots are equipped with sensors, which measure the temperature, the number of operating hours and the components' degree of wear, among other things. The smart **EcoRCMP2** controller transmits the information to the higher-level maintenance and control system. Dürr's newly developed manufacturing execution system (MES) software for production control will also be used.

Ralf W. Dieter, CEO of Dürr AG: "The paint shop for Sokon supports two important trends in the automotive industry: the efficient production of electric vehicles and the optimization of production processes using smart, digital technologies."

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