

PRESS RELEASE

Gerhard Schuler passed away: mourning the co-founder of the HOMAG Group

Bietigheim-Bissingen, February 26, 2020 – Gerhard Schuler, co-founder of the HOMAG Group, passed away on February 23 at the age of 92. Not only was Gerhard Schuler a key figure for the subsidiary of the Dürr Group; he was also an outstanding entrepreneurial personality, a visionary engineer and an excellent expert of the lumber and wood industry.

Together with Eugen Hornberger, in 1960 Gerhard Schuler founded the company Hornberger Maschinenbaugesellschaft oHG, the precursor of today's HOMAG Group. With immense dedication and strategic vision, they laid the foundations for the success of the company, which made it to leading position in the world market. Since the company's inception, Gerhard Schuler shaped the HOMAG Group as Managing Director, a member of its Board of Management and as regular and honorary Chairman of the Supervisory Board until 2015.

In addition to his love of wood, Gerhard Schuler was also highly interested in topics such as corporate governance in a spirit of mutual trust and partnership as well as the development of modern vocational and advanced training programs – a clear indication that his employees always played a very important role for him. Gerhard Schuler was also highly committed beyond the boundaries of his own company; this is reflected in numerous distinctions and awards including the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, with both ribbon and first class, as well as many medals, awarded for civic, voluntary or community service. He also possessed titles such as Honorary Senator of the Technical College of Rosenheim in Bavaria and Professor of the Nanjing Forestry University China.

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- **Paint and Final Assembly Systems:** paint shops as well as final assembly, testing and filling technology for the automotive industry
- **Application Technology:** robot technologies for the automated application of paint, sealants and adhesives
- **Clean Technology Systems:** air pollution control, noise abatement systems and battery coating lines
- **Measuring and Process Systems:** balancing equipment and diagnostic technology
- **Woodworking Machinery and Systems:** machinery and equipment for the woodworking industry

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