



GF Machining Solutions

New innovation and production center in Biel/Bienne

At a glance

- GF invested CHF 100 Mio.
- Construction time: 26 months
- Using heat recovery and fiberglass insulation exclusively to reduce energy consumption to a minimum
- Hightech Milling and Laser machines in the facility
- 3 floors, 1 basement floor
- 8 project rooms in order to increase innovation and intensify collaboration
- Fully automated warehouse
- Large showroom for costumers to experience the full technology portfolio
- Restaurant for employees (inside & terrace) with fresh daily menus – access also for the public

Employees/Apprentices

- About 450 employees at site, most of them in one shift operation
- 45 apprentices
 - 6 different apprenticeships (merchant, mechanic, mechanic generalist, automation systems specialist, automation systems generalist, designer)

Building

- Area: 24'500 m²
Floor area: 44'800 m², thereof:
 - 22'000 m² basement and car park
 - 13'700 m² production
 - 5'000 m² office space
 - 2'800 m² showroom
 - 1'180 m² canteen
- 177 meters long, 97 meters wide, 16 meters high
- 25'000 m³ of concrete and 2'750 t of steel installed
- 7 km water pipes inside, delivered by GF Piping Systems
- 3 km installed compressed air pipes

Production

- Machine output is around 50 to 60 machines per month, depending on the mix of models
- Final assembly time of the machines varies between 15 and 35 working days, depending on model and options
- 65 crane systems ranging from 0.5 to 25 t
- Storage capacity for 8'000 pallets in the fully automated warehouse

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