

Plastics Industry





MATERIAL HANDLING

In control of every detail

How to achieve an optimal process

INJECTION MOLDING

Economy through optimal material utilization

BLOW MOLDING

A continuous eye on every seam

BONDING AND JOINING TECHNOLOGY

Reduce costs with a lean network

AUTOMATION AND ROBOTICS

Connected Mold-ID -Automated tool data management

28

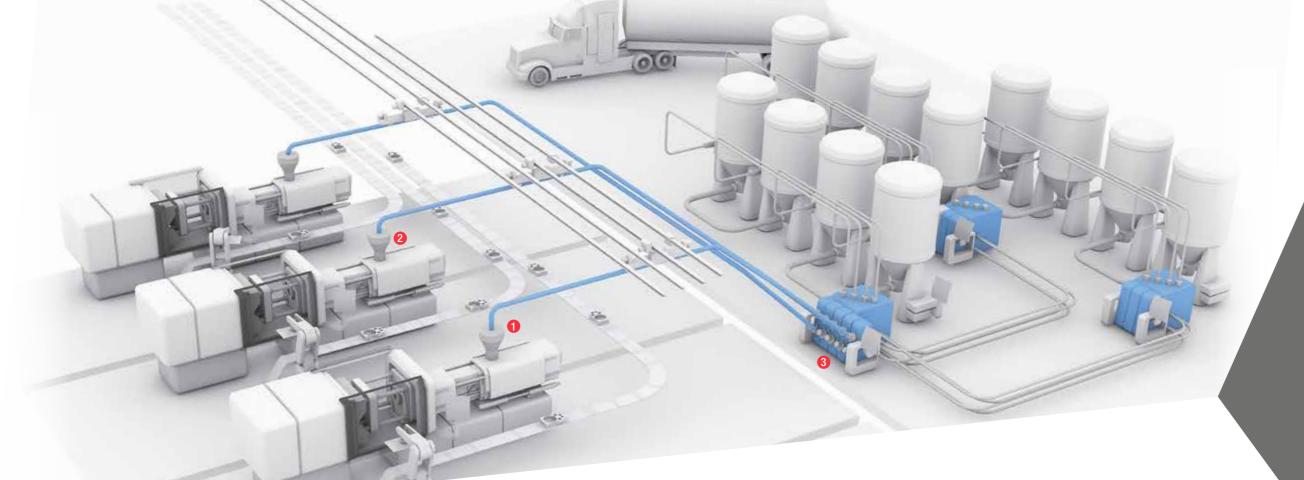
TOOL MANAGEMENT

PRODUCT OVERVIEW 38

ABOUT BALLUFF 40

REFERENCES 42





Solutions for material handling



KEEP A CONTINUOUS EYE ON LEVELS **BUS** ultrasonic sensors

Our high-resolution ultrasonic sensors don't miss a thing: they reliably monitor the level of granulates and powders in silos. The continuous and contact-free measurement technology is virtually immune to dust and dirt. The fill level can be output as needed by an analog signal or with two switching signals as min./max. values.

Features

- Non-contacting
- Detects even the smallest objects
- Cubic and cylindrical designs



LEVEL FEEDBACK FOR CONSTANT MATERIAL FEED

BCS capacitive sensors

To ensure constant material flow the min/max level must be detected continuously in the injection molding machine. This task is performed by capacitive sensors. Whether in the hopper in direct contact with the materials or through the outer wall, these fill level indicators reliably determine all the values.

Features

- For all materials
- Simple sensor replacement
- Miniature designs



FAST, RELIABLE CONTROL IN THE COUPLING STATION BIS industrial RFID systems

To ensure the correct mixture of additives, dyes and granulates in the coupling station Balluff offers autonomous RFID systems. RFID identifies each coupling and only releases it if it is connected at the right location. This way you ensure that the right components are always used.

Features

- Rugged
- Quick and powerful
- Protection from improper filling



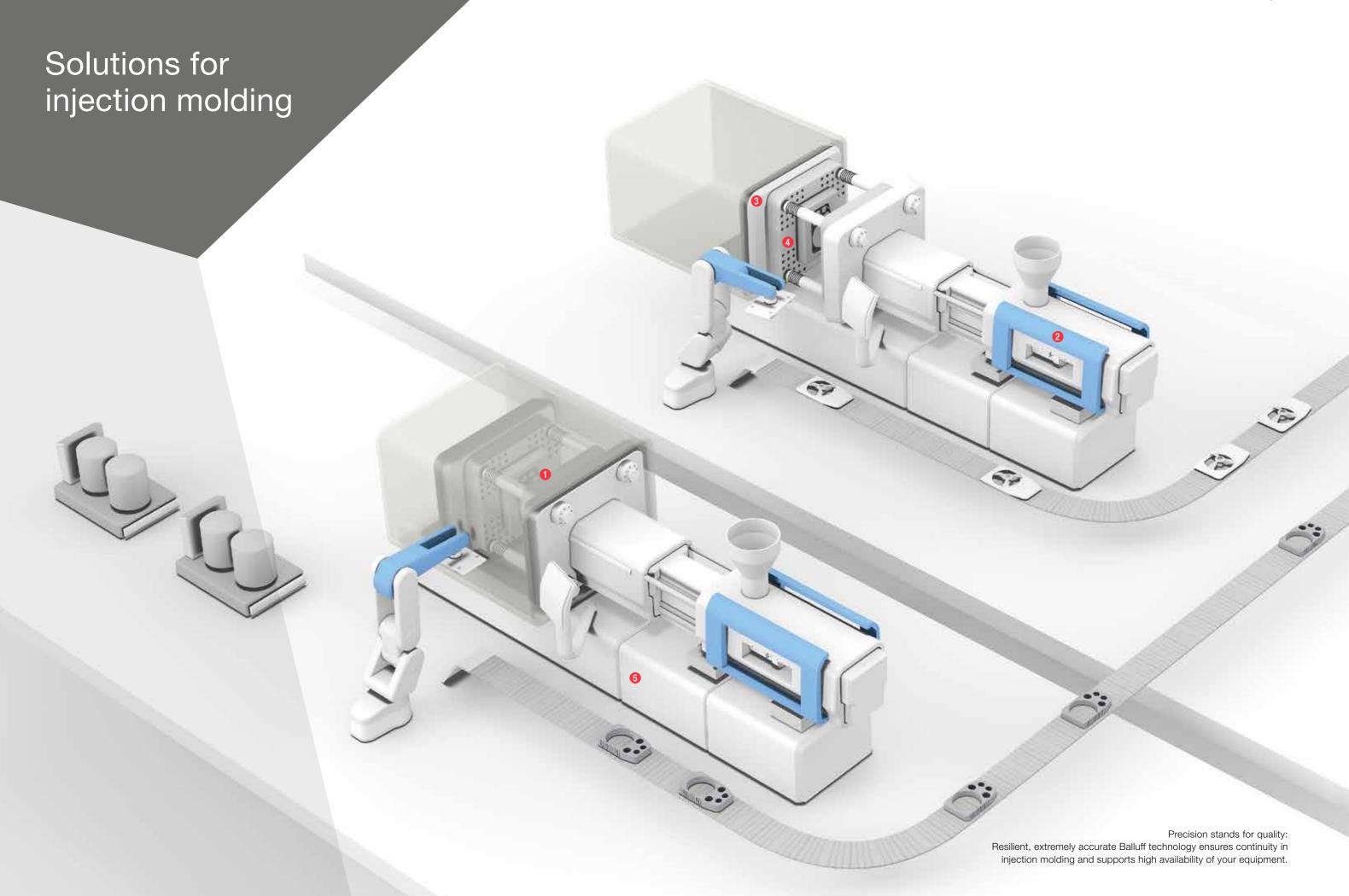
CONSISTENTLY EVEN GRANULATE FEED

BCS capacitive sensors

Dry granulate is essential for highquality plastic parts. Our capacitive stainless steel sensors are resistant to high temperatures to ensure an even feed of the moist granulate into the dryer. They are heat resistant to 250 °C and reliably monitor all levels.

- Stainless steel
- Sensor head made of PTFE







ENSURE GENTLE MOLD CLOSING BTL magnetostrictive linear position sensors

With the help of a high-precision magnetostrictive linear position sensor from Balluff you can precisely monitor the closing motion of the platen.
A gentle mold closure reduces wear and extends your mold's useful life.

Features

- Non-contacting and thus free from wear
- No homing necessary, immediately ready
- Resistant to vibration, moisture and dust



DETECT INJECTION MOVEMENT ON MOLDS

BIW inductive linear positioning systems

Our inductive positioning systems ensure that your molds are quickly filled. The high sampling frequency and repeat accuracy measure the travel of the injection axis precisely and reliably. You can exactly calibrate the injection profile, for example, to produce high-quality, thin-wall parts.

Features

- Fast: High measuring frequency of 32 kHz
- Non-contact position detection
- High repeat accuracy



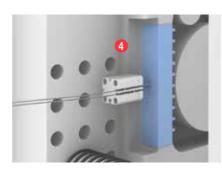
CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR TIE BAR EXTENSION

BAW inductive distance sensors

Inductive distance sensors from Balluff ensure continuous monitoring of the tie bar extension in the process. They are insensitive to contamination and provide optimal linearity as well as high repeat accuracy.

Features

- Distance-proportional, analog output signal
- Measuring ranges from 0.5 to 50 mm
- Measuring speed up to 40 m/s



DETECT THE POSITION OF CORE PULLS WITHOUT WEAR BMF magnetic field sensors and BHS inductive high pressure sensors

Our magnetic field sensors are ideal for optimal adjustment of core pullers. These ensure that the core pull is at the required end position.

They detect the position directly at the hydraulic block cylinder. Alternately you can also use high-temperature rated sensors.

Features

- Designed for tight mounting locations
- Can be fully integrated
- Low weight
- Wear-free position detection
- Two teachable switching outputs with up to eight switchpoints over IO-Link

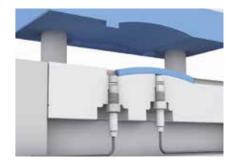


MONITOR PRESSURE BSP pressure sensors with display

Perfect closure of the clamping plates requires the correct pressure. Reliable pressure monitoring in the hydraulic cylinder is handled by a rugged pressure sensor in a stainless steel housing. Equipped with IO-Link, the pressure sensors relay their values directly to the controller and thus let it readjust with precision.

Features

- Extended temperature range up to 125 °C
- Up to 600 bar
- Process-oriented installation
- Equipped with IO-Link

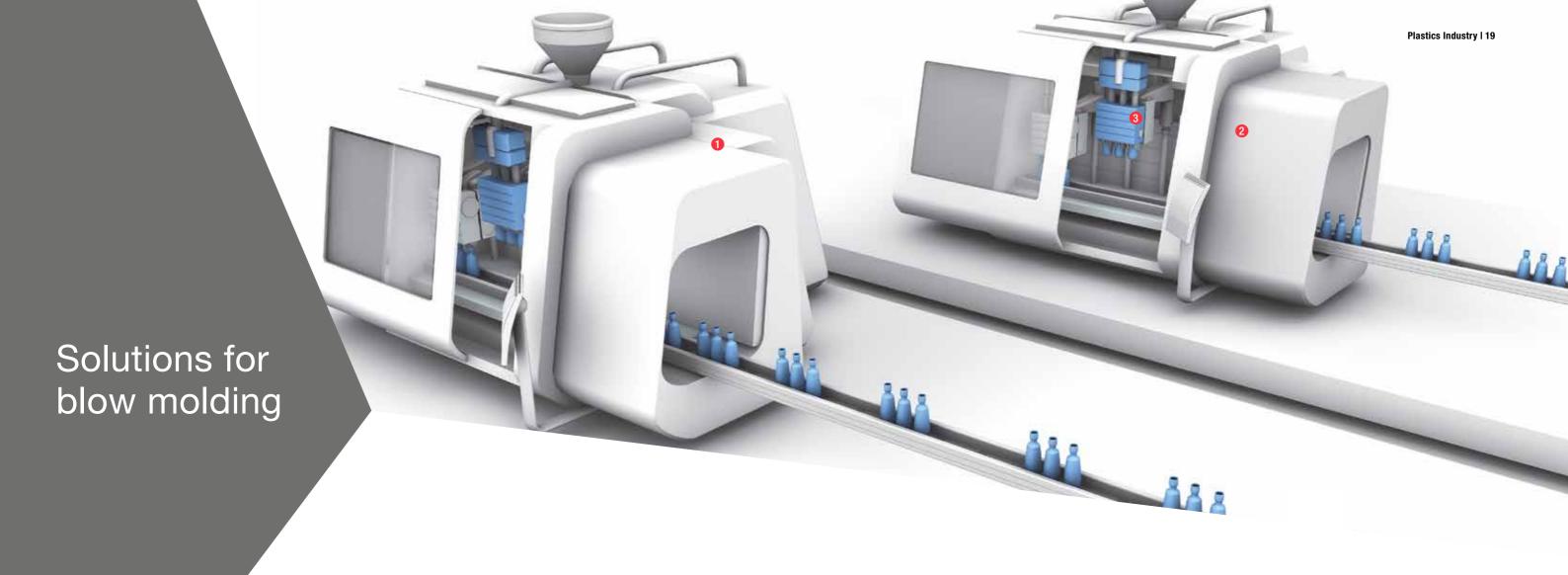


MOLD FILLING WITH MEASUREMENT BCS high temperature and high pressure capacitive sensors and sensor amplifier for BCS capacitive sensors without internal amplifier

Our high-pressure and high temperature rated capacitive sensors reliably check whether the cavity is fully filled and the RTM (Resin Transfer Molding is completed. They offer great mechanical stability, e.g. for lightweight construction and can be integrated directly in the tool. Their specially polished surface prevents plastics and composites from sticking.

- Pressure rated to 150 bar
- Temperature-resistant up to 180°C
- Flush-mounted







A BLOCK FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY BNI 10-Link block

The EtherCAT block from Balluff with IO-Link interface bundles the signals from a variety of standard sensors and passes them along to the controller. This solution simplifies the entire network structure and creates transparency down to the last meter.

Features

- 8 independent IO-Link ports
- Integrated display
- Automatic address assignment



KEEP A FIRM GRASP ON ALL MOVEMENTS BTL magnetostrictive linear position sensors

Travel movements at the blow station are under control with Balluff BTL magnetostrictive linear position sensors, even if there are vibrations. The high-precision measurement systems have an EtherCAT interface. Because of their contact-free and wear-free measuring principle, they contribute to long machine running times.

Features

- EtherCAT interface
- No homing necessary, immediately ready



RAPID TOOL CHANGES AND SECURE PROTECTION FROM COUNTERFEITING BIS industrial RFID systems

Balluff industrial RFID enables fast and reliable mold replacement with the unambiguous association of mold halves through unique IDs. You also benefit from secure counterfeit protection. This solution allows for rapid size changes and facilitates a continuous process.

Features

- Flexible, non-contact data communication
- Fast and sturdy
- Counterfeit protection



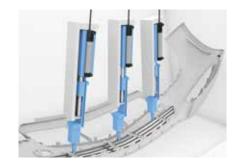
BEVERAGE FILLING BTL magnetostrictive linear position sensors

The beverage industry uses stretch blow molding machines to produce bottles. If the bottles are filled immediately afterward, our high-precision SF fill level sensor controls the fill level during the process. On-site filling can save you transport distances and thereby minimize costs.

- Ecolab, 3A approval, IP69K
- For aseptic processes
- Safe for sterilization (SIP) and cleaning (CIP)



Solutions for bonding and joining technology



RELIABLE ALIGNMENT OF THE WELDING HEAD BMP magnetic field positioning system

Our magnetic field positioning systems provide reliable position feedback. They check the welding head position without contact and fit in the tightest of spaces while improving process reliability and automation quality. Thanks to the modular design you can use them with a variety of cylinders up to 256 mm to cover the entire stroke.

Features

- Reliable position feedback
- Low temperature drift and very good electromagnetic compatibility
- Ideal for short strokes

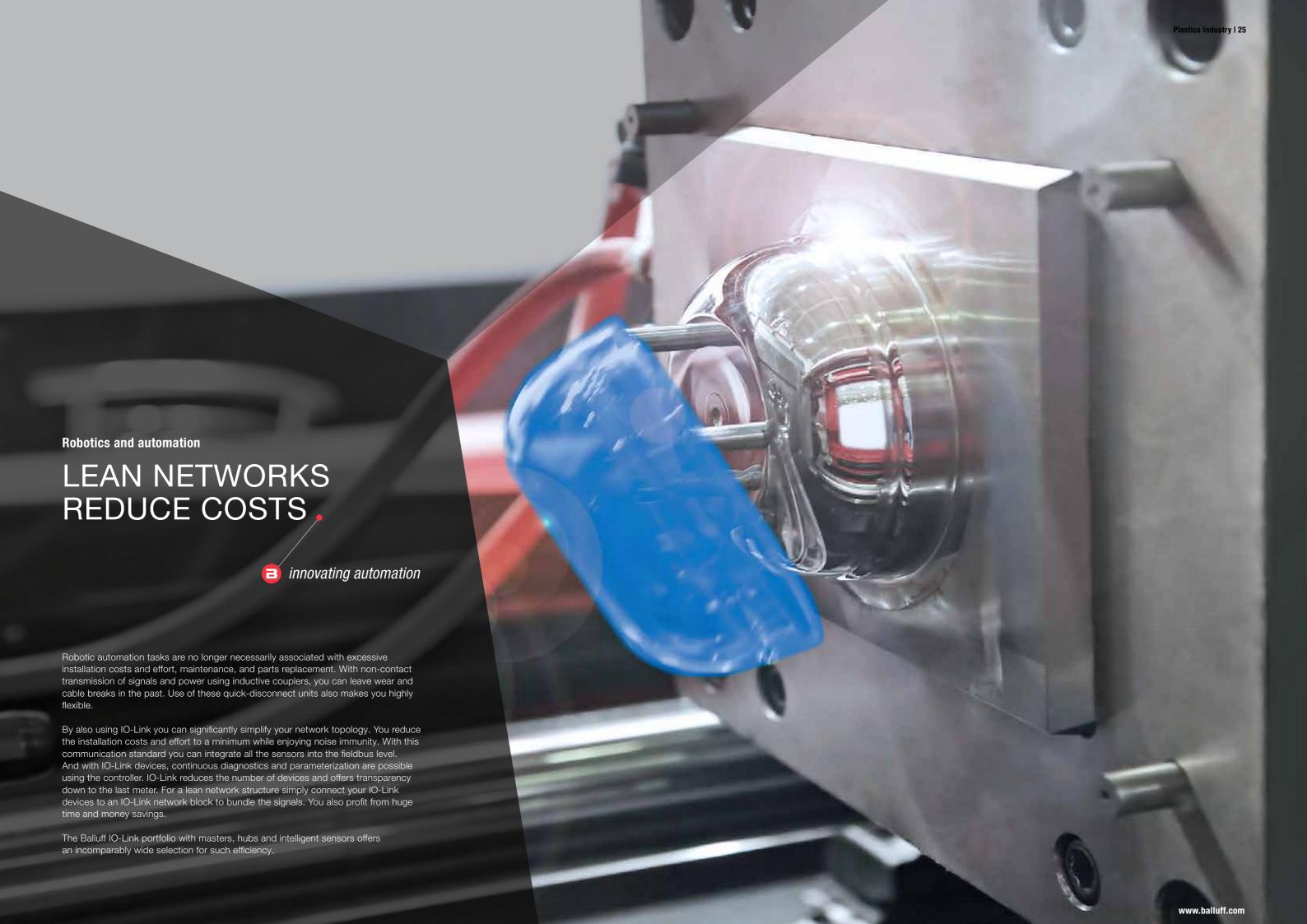


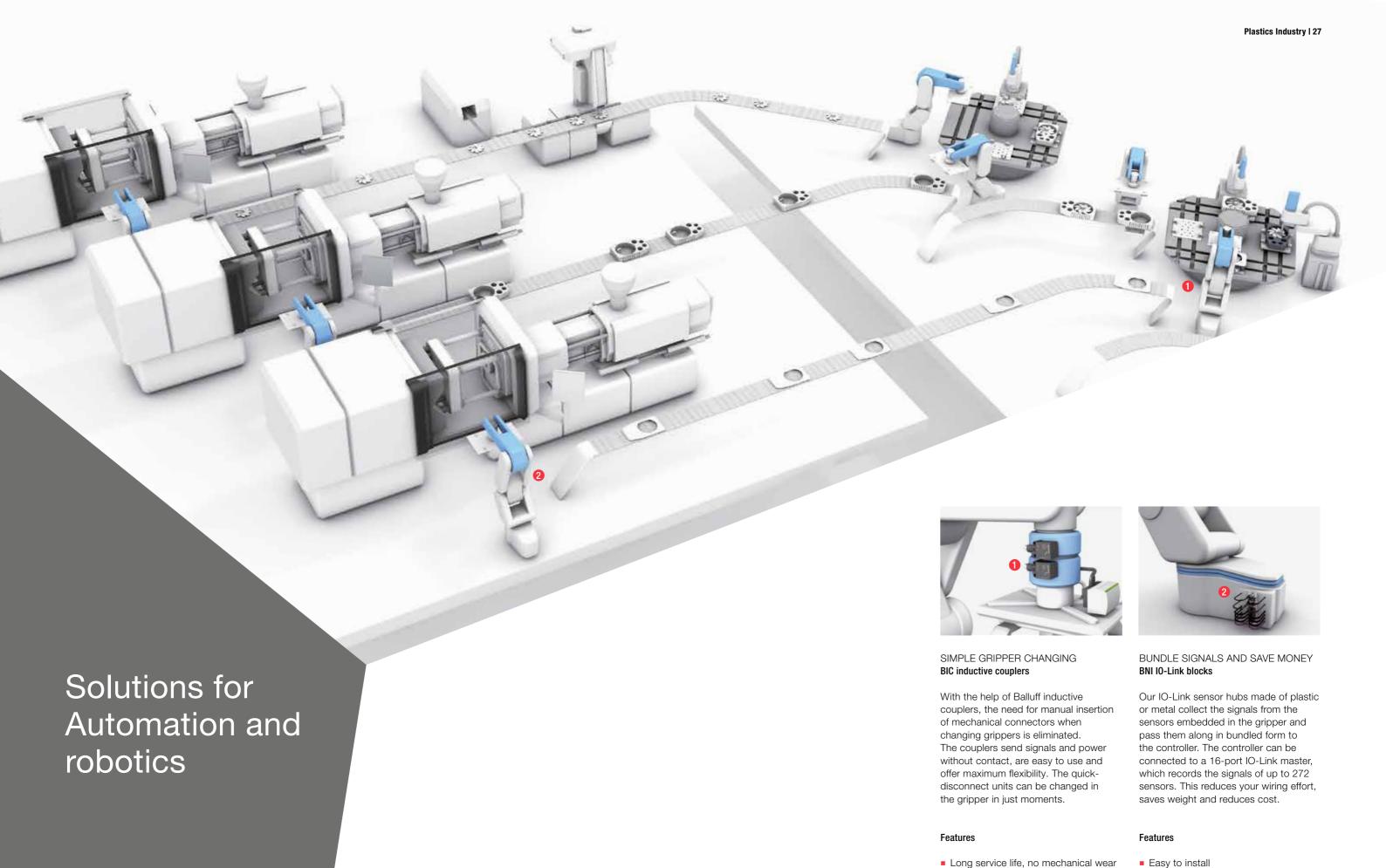
VISUAL QUALITY CONTROL BVS SmartCameras

The SmartCamera checks all the parts including their production stages: are they complete and defect-free? Are the size, distance and position correct? And are they correctly aligned? The best part is all the steps can be easily taught.

- Flexible use of analysis tools
- Simple to operate with user-guided tool teaching
- Optimized display of the results







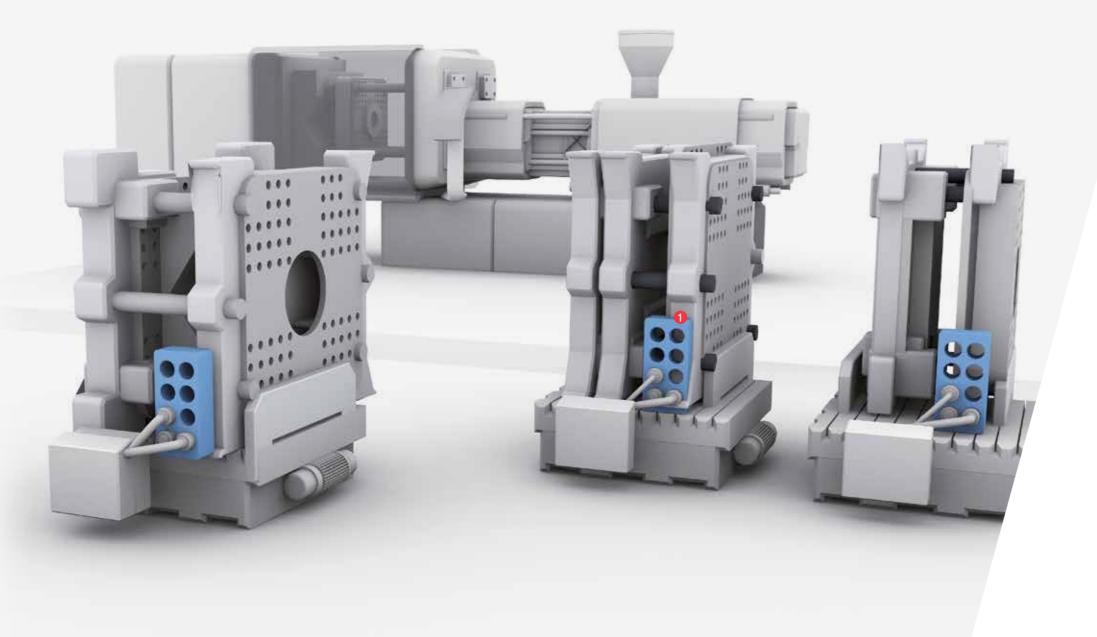
Central parameter settingContinuous diagnostics

■ Plug-and-play

Weight savings



System solution Connected Mold-ID





OPTIMAL TOOL MANAGEMENT Connected Mold-ID

With automatic documenting of the mold utilization via RFID you can reduce unplanned downtime. A separate shot counter records all production cycles. All the data is stored on a data carrier either directly on the tool or on the multi-coupling. In this way you can see the mold condition directly on the machine and always keep an eye on the life cycle of the current mold.

- Immediate information about the mold condition
- Mobile readout of the data using a RFID handheld reader
- Linking to the database
- Data analysis and transparency for all injection molding tools
- Optimal tool utilization
- Flexible, efficient injection molding production
- Condition based maintenance
- Asset tracking

Connected Mold-ID condition-based maintenance

Why Connected Mold-ID?

Connected Mold-ID from Balluff ensures condition-based maintenance of your tools without cumbersome and error-prone tool log books because Connected Mold-ID stores all the relevant data, such as drawing number, number of shots, last maintenance or service life, automatically on the mold itself. You can retrieve this data at any time and/or compare it with the data for other tools. This provides optimal utilization of your injection molding tools. With connected Mold-ID there is no more lack of planning ability and availability that results from manual tool handling.

Connected Mold-ID is based on Mold-ID, an autonomous system that uses RFID to record all the data and thereby document all the production cycles. This autonomous system lets you retrofit any individual machine – regardless of location or manufacturer.

What Connected Mold-ID provides

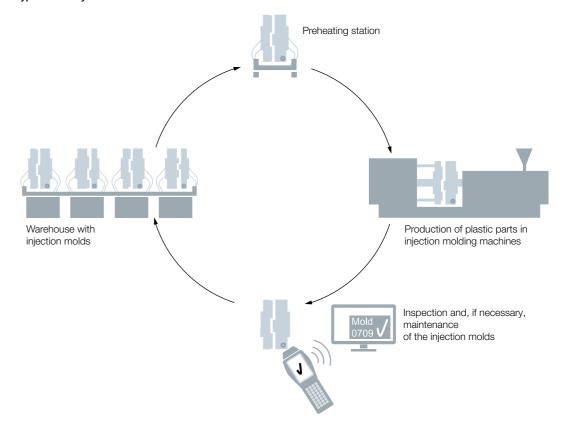
- OEE (Overall Equipment Efficiency) is improved, i.e. less unplanned downtime thanks to
- Permanent counting of the shots
- Automatic documentation on the tool itself and in a database
- Visualization of the tool condition
- Alert to the operator when the next maintenance is due
- Transparency through the level of use of identically designed molds
- Overview of all molds currently running on the machines, through access to the systems over the company network via TCP/IP
- Mobile reading out of the documented mold data via RFID handheld, for example, during an audit or when selecting the correct mold

The most important benefits

- RFID and shot counters Continuous, automated documentation of the tool life
- Consistent system solution No more error-prone manual tool data handling
- Database offers planning security –
 Transparency for all injection molding tools
- Shot count and Mold-ID The basis for efficient tool life cycle management
- On-premise solution Data remains on the internal server
- Simple asset management Data can be recalled at any time

Plastics Industry | 33

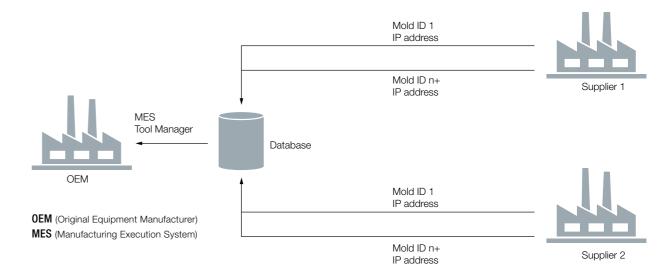
Typical mold cycle



How you integrate tools and asset tracking across different plants

Many companies use their injection molding tools both at the main plant and in other production locations or at suppliers who are not connected to MES. In many cases you have only incomplete information about the location and condition of the tools, thereby preventing an overall view.

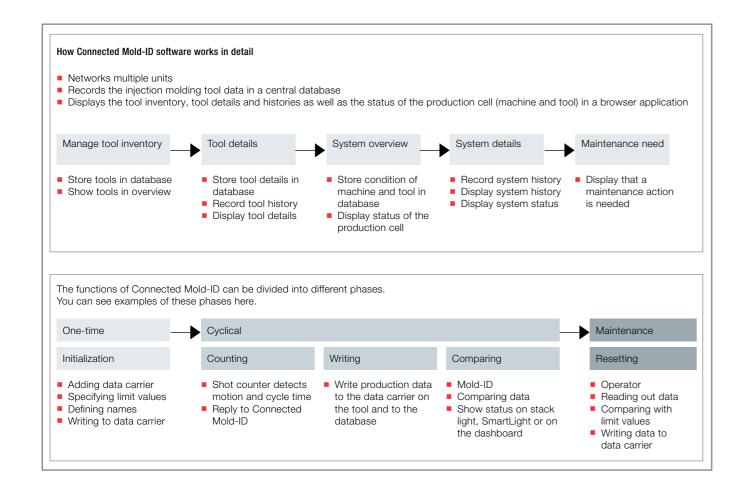
With Connected Mold-ID you have access to detailed information about all your tools. Horizontal integration is now possible in the context of the IIoT.



www.balluff.com

Connected Mold-ID – the system solution for tool management

In addition to condition based maintenance, Connected Mold-ID offers you tool management with automated tool documentation. This system solution lets you network multiple units together in software and manage the data in a database.



Connected Mold-ID software - overview

- Networks multiple units
- Records the injection molding tool data in a central database
- Displays the tool inventory, tool details and histories as well as the status of the production cell (machine and tool) in a browser application
- Recording of the production cycles by an autonomous system
- All data is available directly on the mold via RFID
- Access to the Connected Mold ID system using a standard web browser
- Optimal tool changes by visualizing inspection intervals on the equipment and in the software
- Overview of the entire tool inventory, tool details and machine inventory
- Recording of tool history



Components of the Connected Mold-ID system









Compact process unit

- Web server
- Gateway to the company network
- Can be visualized using the SmartLight stack light

Shot counter

- Record production cycles
- y network visualized using the

SmartLight stack light

- Visualize operating status
- Display directly on the machine

RFID reader

Communicates with data carrier

Data carriers

For each moldVariant depends on the ambient conditions

Optionally you can integrate mobile terminal devices into the Connected Mold-ID system



Mobile terminal devices

- Read data
- Initialize data carrier
- Set limit values
- Password protection

Test the Connected Mold-ID

You can test the Connected Mold-ID yourself. Use the demo tool on the product page: www.balluff.com/en/de/productfinder/#/ca/A0018/cg/G1801/product/F180102/variant/MP10062274



Product overview.

innovating automation

Application	Products	Example	Functions, interfaces and properties
MATERIAL HANDLING			
Continuously keep an eye on the fill level	BUS ultrasonic sensors with analog output	BUS000E	80×80 mm, analog output 010 V, operating range 6006000 mm
Fill level indicators for continuous material feed	BCS capacitive level sensors with media contact	BCS00NH	${ m M30 \times 1.5},$ preferred types (worldwide availability and applicability, good price/performance ratio), level detection, M12 connection
Fast and reliable control in coupling stations	BIS industrial RFID systems	BIS00YL	HF data carriers (13.56 MHz), data carrier, \varnothing 7.9 mm, memory capacity 112 bytes
		BIS013Z	HF read/write heads and antennas (13.56 MHz), read/write head, Ø 14,5 mm, for connecting to BIS V Processor Units
		BIS00U9	Multi-frequency processor unit BIS V (125 kHz), EtherCAT, connect up to four read/write heads, with IO-Link interface, other fieldbus versions available
Consistently even feed of moist granulate	BCS capacitive sensors with special properties	BCS00A1	M18 × 1, unshielded, high-temperature rated to +250 °C, please order sensor amplifier separately
	Switching amplifier for BCS capacitive sensor heads	BAE00L9	Standard version, narrow design, mountable on DIN rail, M12 connection
INJECTION MOLDING			
Ensure gentle mold closing	BTL magnetostrictive linear position sensors	BTL7-V50E*	Profile, with EtherCAT interface, measures up to 16 positions, stroke lengths up to 7620 mm
Detect injection movement on molds	BIW inductive transducer system	BIW1-A310*	Profile style, analog output 010 V, sampling rate typ. 32 kHz, stroke lengths up to 750 mm
Continuously monitor tie bar extension	BAW inductive distance sensors	BAW004M_	M12 × 1, analog output 010 V, Measuring range up to 3.5 mm, IP67
Detect the position of core pulls without contact	BMF magnetic field sensors for C-slot	BMF00JJ	Up to 8 switchpoints configurable via IO-Link
	BHS high-pressure rated inductive sensors	BHS0058	M8 x 1, switching distance 1.5 mm, pressure rated to 500 bar, 2 m PUR cable
Monitoring pressure	BSP pressure transmitter with display	BSP00YH	Measuring range 0400 bar, analog output Analog, Voltage/Analog, current selectable 420 mA/010 V, IO-Link interface
Mold filling with measurement	BCS capacitive sensors with special properties	BCS013E	M12 \times 1, length 38.5 mm, high-temperature rated to +250 °C, high-pressure rated to 150 bar, please order sensor amplifier separately
	Switching amplifier for BCS capacitive sensor heads	BAE00KH	Standard version, narrow design, mountable on DIN rail, 2 m PUR cable

All movements firmly under control	BTL magnetostrictive linear position sensors	BTL7-V50E*	Profile style, with EtherCAT interface, measures up to 16 positions, stroke lengths up to 7620 mm		
Fast mold changing and reliable protection against counterfeits	HF data carriers (13.56 MHz)	BIS004A	Data carrier, Ø 10 mm, memory capacity 2000 bytes		
	HF read/write heads and antennas (13.56 MHz)	BIS013H	Read/write head, M12 x 1, for connecting to BIS-V processor units		
	LF processor units (125 kHz)	BIS00U9	BIS V processor unit, EtherCAT, connect up to four read/write heads, with IO-Link interface, other field-bus versions available		
Filling beverages on site	BTL magnetostrictive linear position sensor for industrial hydraulics	BTL5-E17SF*	FDA- and Ecolab certified, IP69K, analog output IP69K, analog output 420 mA, temperatures up to 130 °C (1 hr)		
BONDING AND JOINING TECHNOLOGY					
Reliable alignment of the welding head	BMP magnetic field positioning system	BMP000N	Analog, voltage/analog, current selectable 010 V/420 mA, IO-link 1.1, repeat accuracy +/- 100µm, M12 pigtail, measuring range up to 96 mm		
Visual quality control	BVS SmartCamera for machine vision	BVS002F	Image resolution 1280 \times 1024 pixels, IP67 (with protective tube), storage capacity 4 GB, process interface Profinet, Ethernet/IP, TCP, UDP, digital interface 8 \times input/output		
ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION					
Simple gripper changing	BIC inductive couplers for IO-Link signal transmission	BIC0070, BIC0071	40×40 mm, bi-directional version, working range 15 mm, with IO-Link interface		
Bundle signals and save money	BNI IO-Link blocks	BNI0077	Network block for EtherCAT-IO-Link-Master, $8 \times \text{IO-Link}\ 1.1,\ 16 \times \text{I/O},\ \text{IP67},\ \text{other fieldbus}$ versions available		
TOOL MANAGEMENT – CONNECTED MOLD-ID					
Automated tool data management	BIS industrial RFID systems	BIS0176 BIS0180	Data carrier, PPS plastic, IO-Link		
		BIS0189 BIS018E	Read/write head with integrated processor unit, M18 \times 1.5, IP67, working temperature up to +70 $^{\circ}$ C		
	Network blocks for Ethernet/IP	BNI00CE	Compact processor unit, web server, gateway to company network, visualization with SmartLight stack light, rugged housing, IP67		
	Handhelds	BIS M-87*	Mobile reading and writing of BIS data carriers, with display and touch screen, WLAN optional		
	Connected Mold-ID	BAI CMI* (configurable)	The management software for managing the Mold-ID data guarantees an optimal overview of the injection molding tool data, maintenance limits and your machine park.		

Example

BNI0077

Functions, interfaces and properties

EtherCAT-IO-Link-Master, 8× IO-Link 1.1, 16 × I/O, IP67, other fieldbus versions available

Products

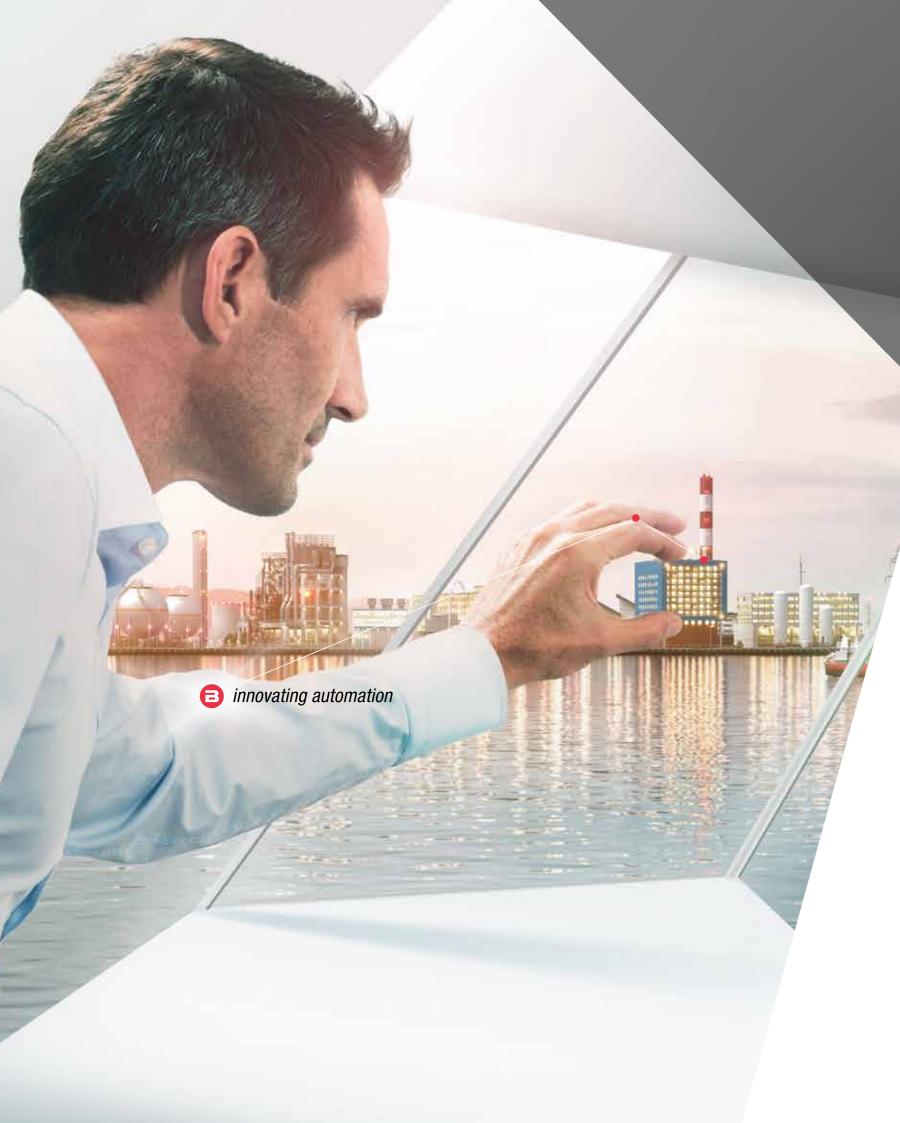
BNI network modules for EtherCAT

Application

BLOW MOLDING

A module for more transpa-

^{*} Please contact our Sales department to configure your product.
Additional products can be found on our website at: www.balluff.de/go/product-finder



Balluff

WE OPEN UP
NEW PERSPECTIVES

Balluff is a leading supplier of high-quality sensor, identification and image processing solutions including network technology and software for all automation requirements. Family-run for more than 90 years, the company employs 3600 employees in 38 subsidiaries with distribution, production and development sites worldwide, all working towards your success. Together with our branches, we guarantee the highest quality standards worldwide. This is how we empower you to always receive the best.

We give our all to provide top services for innovative solutions that increase your competitive edge. Through a consistent digital orientation of our company, the competence of a manufacturer and high personal commitment.

We live our motto 'innovating automation': we are automation pacesetters, developers and technological pioneers in open interactions with associations, universities and research facilities, and in close contact with our customers, we create new industry solutions for automation. As a future-oriented company, we not only focus on the traditional areas of automation, but are also dedicated to developing holistic applications for an increasingly digital and connected world.

We keep the future firmly in sight. In everything we do. With sophisticated environmental management, we protect the environment and handle our resources carefully. This creates the best conditions for sustainable action, also for you.

You can always count on us, our products and our scheduling and delivery reliability. In the spirit of a good partnership.



Photo credit: Reproduced with the kind permission of Hennecke GmbH

