

SAPA

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The origins of the RUF Company were the production of systems for the briquetting of wood. The first one (number 1) was sold in 1985. A few years later it became clear that the compression of metal chips also brought huge benefits. One of the first metal presses sold (number 234) was an RBM 220 for the briquetting of aluminium chips.

This system was sold in the year 1992 by our Swedish dealer, Sjöstrand. The customer was SAPA in their location Vetlanda, Sweden. This is the spot where SAPA was established in 1963 and in the meantime it has gone from "Start-up" status to being the world market leader for extruded profiles. These aluminium profiles are used in the building industry as well as in the automotive sector. Alongside number 234, seven more briquetting systems have meanwhile been sold to SAPA.

The first system SAPA purchased, an RBM 220 (predecessor of today's RUF 11/1700/150x60) achieved a throughput of about 250 kg/hr. with a briquette size of 150x60. SAPA could not do without this system to deal with the immense volume of chips produced while the profiles are sawed. The briquettes can boast a volume, which is one tenth of the volume of loose chips, which makes transportation and storage much easier. In Finspång, Sweden, SAPA operates its own foundry. Here the briquettes are smelted and new bolts are produced for the extruded profiles.

The system has been working for more than 23 years, daily in 2/3 shifts and that at very low costs for maintenance. Sjöstrand, who carry out maintenance and service on-site, provides reliable sales service.

Learn more about the principles of extrusion <http://www.sapagroup.com/en/sapa-profiler-ab/our-offer/extrusion/>



SAPA bought their first briquetting system before 23 years.



Volume reduction 10:1

Amendment September 2016: Meanwhile we have sold further briquetting systems to other SAPA locations (Hungary, Belgium, Netherlands, USA, Canada...)