

# HYDROGEN IN AUTOMATION

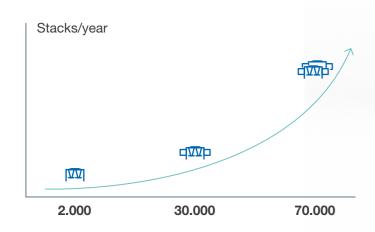
Solutions for Fuel Cell and Electrolyzer



Our assembly lines for fuel cells and electrolyzers offer flexible application from pilot lines through to highly automated systems. They were developed with simplicity and scalability in mind.

The individual lines are developed and built by our experts to meet the customer's requirements.

VAF assembly lines are an ideal solution for manufacturing fuel cells and electrolyzers. They offer a great deal of flexibility at high speed and can be flexibly scaled. We are thus able to map the entire process chain quickly, cost-effectively and reliably.

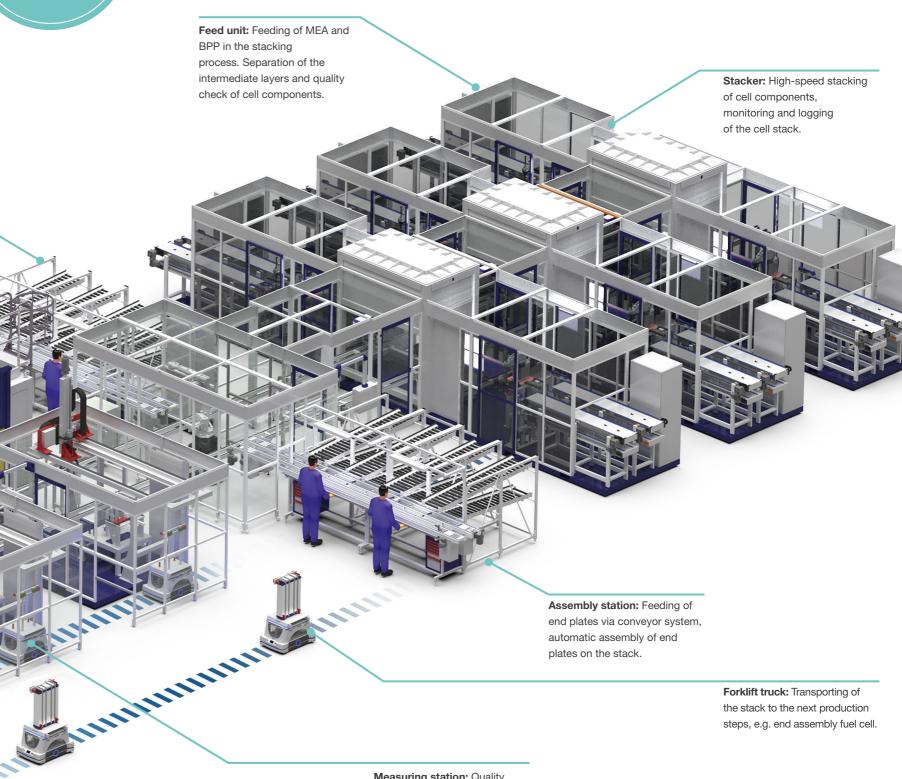




## High volume production for fuel cell stacks

The line maps the entire stack production process chain. The line can be scaled freely by adding further system elements.

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Forklift truck: Transporting of the stack to the next production steps, e.g. end assembly fuel cell.

Assembly station: Check of stacks after final assembly and, if necessary, assembly of small components.

Final assembly: Compression of the stack and automatic assembly of the clamping strap

by welding or bolting.

Measuring station: Quality check of the stack with regard to leak testing and measuring accuracy, transfer of the stacks to automated guided vehicle

> Leak testing & measuring Unloading

Feeding of MEA/BPP

Stacking

End plate assembly

Pre-assembly: Feeding of components for anode and cathode plate. Manual assembly with

monitoring.

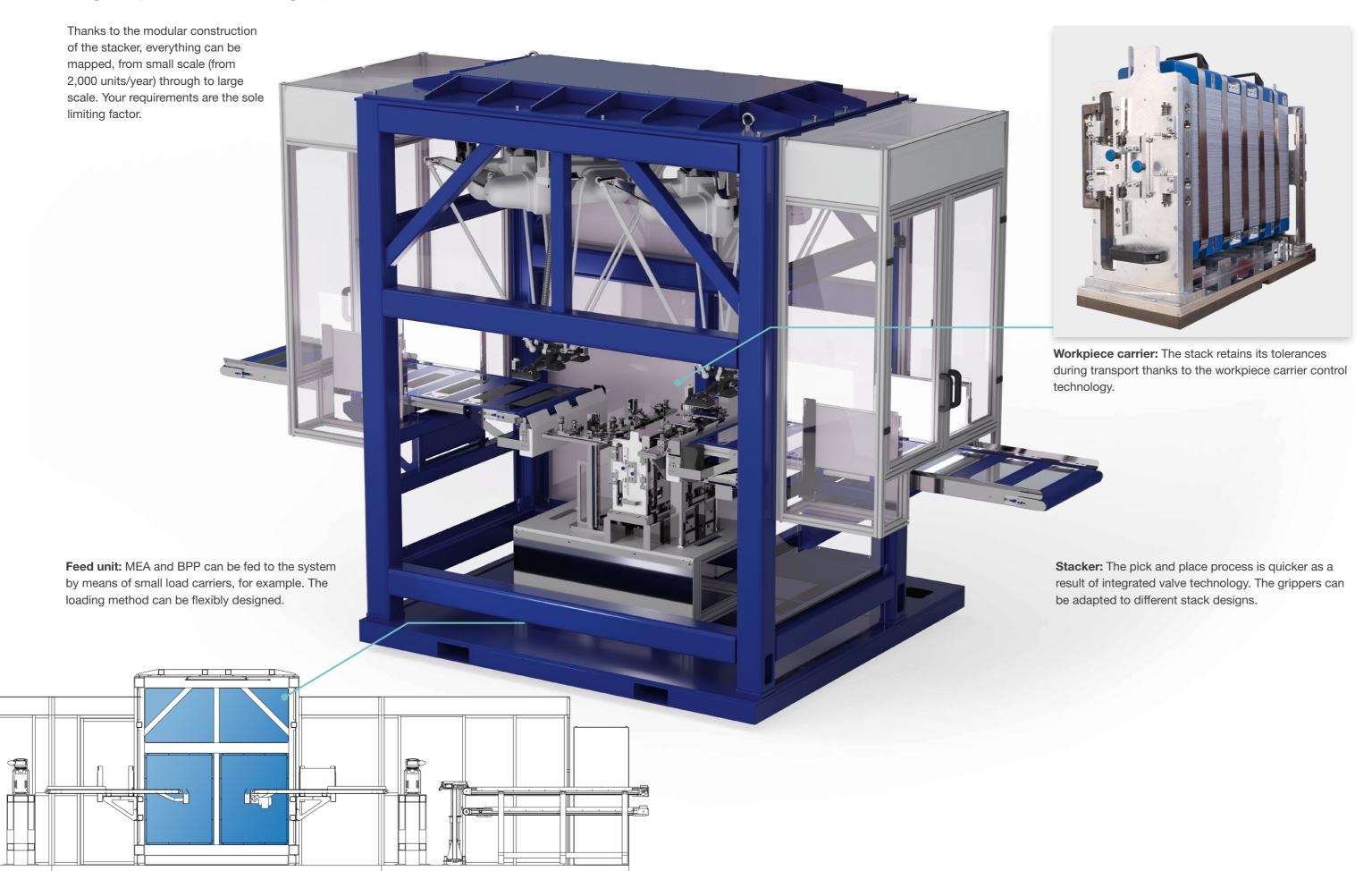
Compression

Assembly of clamping strap

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# Fuel cells for e-mobility:

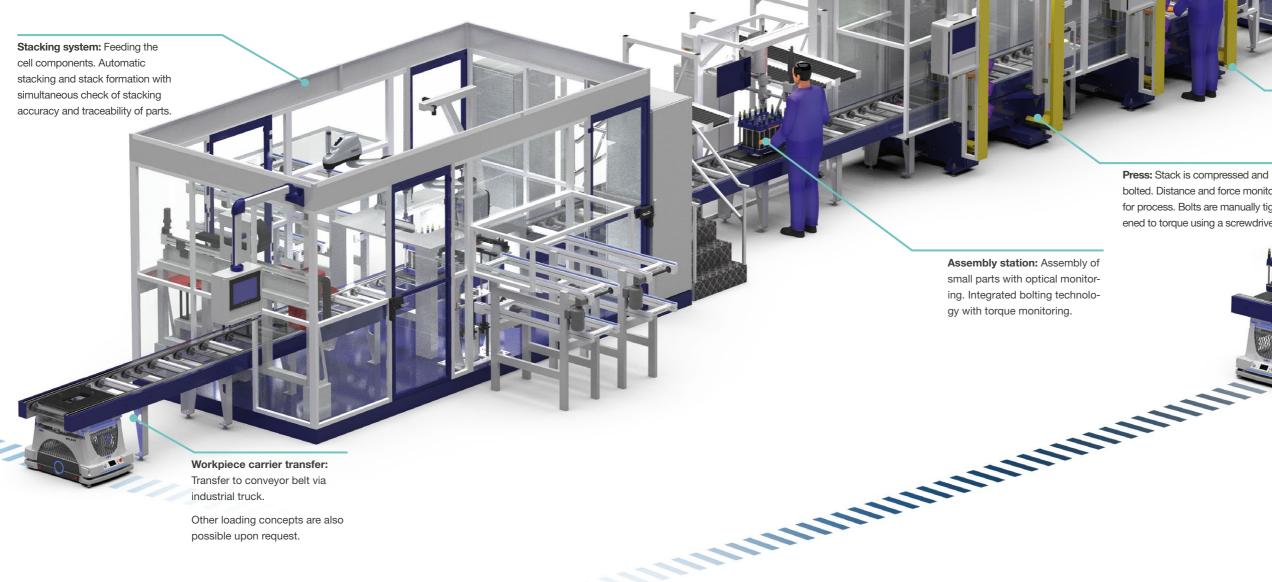
# **High speed Stacking by VAF**



# High automation for Hy technology: individual solutions for electrolyzers

The assembly line concept was developed with a scalable and modular design in mind. We are thus able to project the desired quantity while making optimal use of the available space.

Thanks to the high level of automation, a high output is achieved with the line concept.



Final assembly: Application of labels and leak testing of stack

Press: Stack is compressed and bolted. Distance and force monitoring for process. Bolts are manually tightened to torque using a screwdriver.

Assembly station: Assembly of small parts with optical monitoring. Integrated bolting technology with torque monitoring.

Stack transfer: Transfer of stack to

automated guided vehicle via the gantry and start of next work steps.



Feeding of cell components

Stacking

Workpiece carrier transfer: Transfer to conveyor belt via

Other loading concepts are also

possible upon request.

industrial truck.

End plate assembly

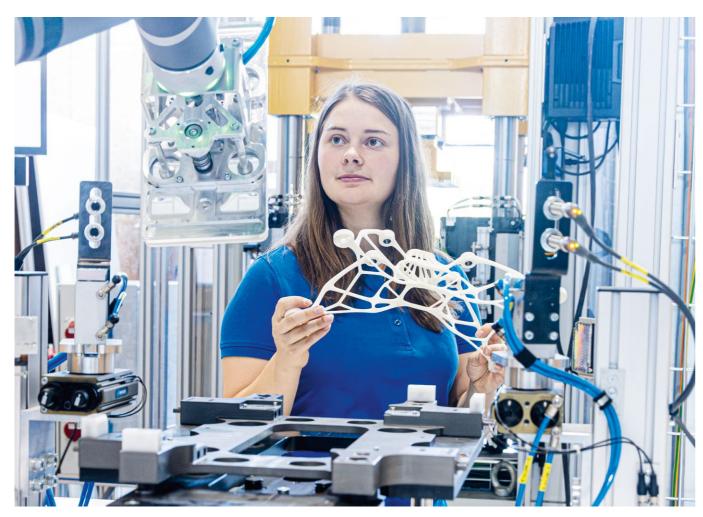
Compression

Stack end assembly

Leak testing & measuring

Unloading

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Our technical center has more than 700 m² at its disposal

## Our technical center

At our technical center, we support our customers in the qualification of the stacking process with gripper development as well as feasibility testing and comprehensive documentation reports. This enables us to optimize processes in terms of quality and cost-effectiveness.

## Possibilities and service

- Process development and optimization
- Stacking tests
- Prototype testing

### **Laboratory equipment**

- Fuel cell stacker
- Electrolyzer stacker
- Press
- Quality inspection tools



## Who is **VAF**?

As a strong partner of internationally active automobile manufacturers, we specialize in the construction of complete assembly lines for the automatic production of classic components such as transmissions, chassis, and axles.

We are playing a pioneering role in automated component production for the car of the future. In a very short time, our team develops equipment, not only for the highly efficient production of fuel cell and electrolyzer stacks but also for batteries and electric motors. Several funding projects in new vehicle drives underscore the company's innovative strength.

With more than 450 employees and a production and assembly area of 21,000 m<sup>2</sup> supported by powerful inhouse manufacturing, we are your innovative partner for automation solutions "Made in Baden-Württemberg".

## **Interested? Contact us!**

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## **OUR PORTFOLIO FOR E-MOBILITY**

#### **ELECTRIC MOTOR**



Stator and rotor assembly Dip impregnation Trickle impregnation

#### **BATTERY**



Cylindrical cell Pouch cell Prismatic cell

## **HYDROGEN**



Fuel cell Electrolyzer

