

KUKA's giant robot wins award

As KUKA celebrates its 35th anniversary in the UK, Europe's largest robot manufacturer has won another accolade for the Titan, the world's strongest 6-axis industrial robot. The giant robot, which secured its place in the Guinness Book of World Records after successfully lifting 1000Kg, has been awarded a prestigious Red Dot Award for Product Design.

Judges from Germany's Design Zentrum Nordrhein-Westfalen praised KUKA's engineering team for producing a heavy-duty robot that creatively combined a robust, sleek design with nimble features. Its muscular appearance not only visually reflected a powerful physique, but also conveyed the impression of a flexible and agile workhorse, devoid of excess weight, the panel concluded.

The Titan is specially designed to automate a wide variety of heavy-duty handling tasks primarily in the automotive, glass, construction and foundry sectors. It has a reach of more than 4m and a work envelope of 78 cubic metres.

KUKA's anniversary year will be marked with a number of events, which begin with a system partner's day at its Halesowen headquarters on January 28 and 29. The open days will include robot demonstrations, tours of KUKA's assembly hall and training facilities. For more information, call Jane Thompson on 0121 585 0800 or email sales@kuka.co.uk.

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