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**Horn apprentice is German champion in CNC milling**

Tom Schmid, an apprentice at Paul Horn GmbH, is the German CNC milling champion. He prevailed over 13 participants in the final round at the beginning of June. The award ceremony took place on 23rd June. The German championship was organised by WorldSkills Germany e.V., a German non-profit association with headquarters in Stuttgart. It was founded in 2006 as a promotional initiative for national and international vocational competitions.

The task in the final round was to design, program and manufacture three complex components within a given time. Not only was good time management required, but also precision. At the end of the competition, all three manufactured components had to fit together as an assembly.

The next competition, the International WorldSkills Championship, will be held in October. Due to the pandemic, the event will not take place in Shanghai (China) in 2022, but in Leonberg for CNC milling. At this event, Tom Schmid will be able to measure his skills against international participants. "I am very happy about the result and the opportunity to compete in the upcoming world championship" said the budding industrial mechanic. In addition to Schmid, two other apprentices from Horn made it into the top 10 in this discipline: Christian Falch achieved third place and Lars Bauer finished the competition in tenth place.

**Horn needs qualified skilled staff and therefore trains them**

Paul Horn GmbH is a manufacturer of precision tools for demanding machining tasks. Approximately 950 employees work for the company in Germany. Horn is the largest industrial employer in Tübingen and offers around 75 apprenticeships. In an area of 1,200 square metres equipped with modern CNC machines, apprentices learn the professions of industrial mechanic (m/f/d) and technical product designer (m/f/d). In addition, retraining as a machine and plant supervisor (m/f/d) is possible. A dual study programme in mechanical engineering with a focus on design, development and production technology in cooperation with the DHBW Stuttgart Campus Horb can also be completed at Horn.

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Picture caption: From left: Christian Falch, German Champion 2022 Tom Schmid and Lars Bauer.

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