

Schiebel opens new Camcopter production facility

On 7th September 2006, the new Schiebel production plant in Wiener Neustadt, south of Vienna, was officially opened by Hans Georg Schiebel, President Schiebel Industries AG, Dr. Veit Sorger, President of the Federation of Austrian Industry, and Dr. Erwin Pröll, Governor of Lower Austria.



Schiebel, world market leader for mine detection equipment and producer of the CAMCOPTER® S-100 UAV System, continue their company expansion. "Due to the worldwide great interest in our CAMCOPTER® S-100, a new production facility became absolutely necessary," Hans Georg Schiebel explained in his opening speech. In addition to the current annual production of 50 helicopters in Abu Dhabi, UAE, another 120 unmanned high-tech helicopters will leave the new Austrian plant each year.

Schiebel's latest CAMCOPTER® S-100 UAV System has been developed to carry various sensors for both military and civilian applications. The Aerial Vehicle is launched automatically via Vertical Take-off and Landing (VTOL), eliminating the need for a pre-prepared area or additional launch and recovery equipment. It navigates via pre-programmed GPS waypoints, or can be operated manually through a simple, yet highly stable, flight control system. The S-100 like its predecessor, it is capable of landing on helicopter deck-equipped ships without the use of additional landing equipment. Its AV fuselage is a carbon-fibre monocoque providing maximum capacity for a wide range of payload/endurance combinations. In a standard configuration, the AV is capable of carrying a 55 lbs payload for up to 6 hours.

About Schiebel

Founded in 1951, the Vienna-based Schiebel Group of companies focuses on the development, testing and production of state-of-the-art mine detection equipment and the acclaimed CAMCOPTER® Unmanned Aerial Vehicle System. Schiebel has built an international reputation for producing quality defense and humanitarian products, which are backed by exceptional after-sales service and support. All products are quality controlled to meet ISO 9001 standards. With headquarters in Vienna, Austria, Schiebel now maintains production facilities in Wiener Neustadt, Austria, and Abu Dhabi, UAE, as well as offices in Washington, DC, New Delhi and Phnom Penh.

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