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Fields of Application.

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Biotechnology, the pharmaceutical, chemical, semiconductor, food and beverage, and cosmetics industries, power stations, cooling plants, heat technology, medical technology, aerospace, swimming pool technique, marine and others.

Your Benefits.

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* Over 35 years of experience in electropolishing
* Method and EP result tailored to your product
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- Reduced roughness Ra
- Reduced layer build-up
- Easy to clean
- Minimisation of the real surface
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- Metallic purity and chemical passivity
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**Why Electropolishing?**

Rinsing with treated water (RO, DI)
Drying with purified air or pure nitrogen
Packing with PE caps and in PE foil packaging

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**Cleaning, conditioning and packing**

Passivating according to the HENKEL method (VHC 1100, VHC 4000) or DIN EN, ASTM or ASME standards

**Quality.**

All tubes and fittings are fully visually inspected by our quality assurance team. In addition, the surface roughness is measured (in accordance with DIN EN ISO 4287 and DIN EN ISO 4288) before and after for 5% of each batch. On request, the surface test can also be expanded or supplemented with specialised analysis (REM, EDX, XPS/ESCA, AES).

Furthermore, we have suitable production capacities to undertake a final cleaning of the tubes and fittings in our clean rooms. The clean rooms are classified according to 8, 7, 5 and 4 (in accordance with DIN EN ISO 14644-1).

For our quality and environmental management system, we are certified by TÜV SÜD according to the ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2009 standards.
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