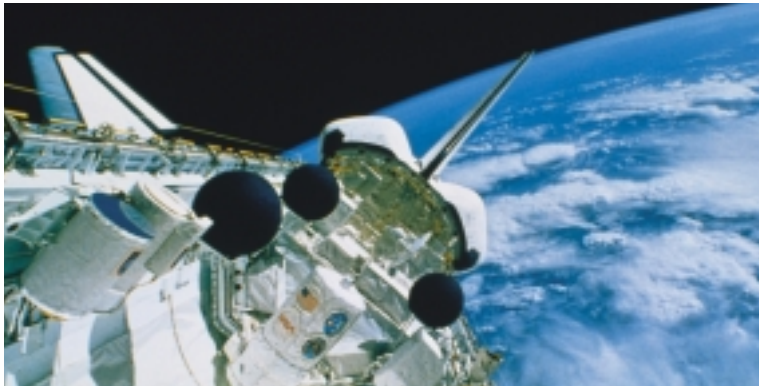
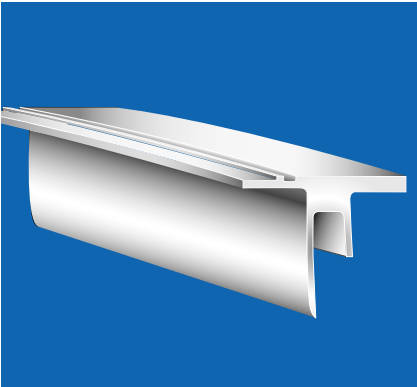


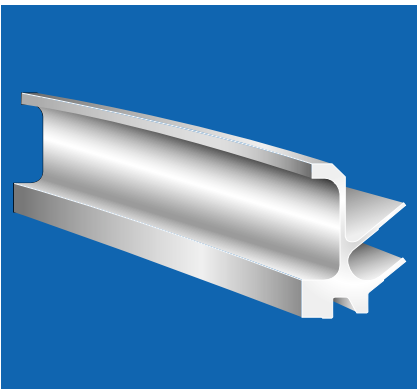
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Structural element XMM.



Structural element Titan 3.



Aluminium Forging.

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Rothe Erde rings are practice-proven machine construction components for many technological fields.

Rothe Erde seamless rolled rings are nowadays important structural elements for aviation and astronautics.

The Rothe Erde ring rolling mills count among the most modern production plants of its kind. They are equipped with CNC programmes which enable to warrant the reproducibility and quality of rolled rings which are particularly required for applications in space.



Ring Rolling Mill RAW 315.



Measurement of the Diameter.

Programme-controlled heat treatment processes ensure precise adherence to all specific time-temperature specifications for ferrous and nonferrous alloys with a high accuracy.

Rothe Erde processes all special alloys (titanium, copper and aluminium alloys) which are used for space applications.

The comprehensive Rothe Erde quality management system has been accredited and certified corresponding to the international quality standards DIN EN ISO 9001 and 9002.

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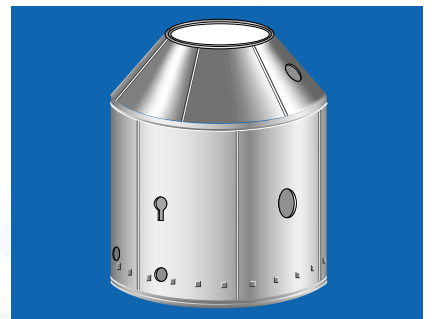
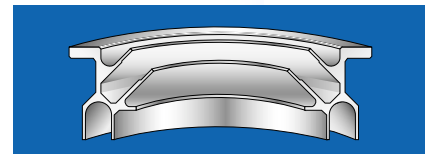
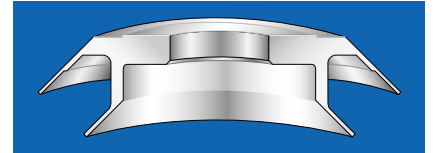
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Application: Ariane 5.

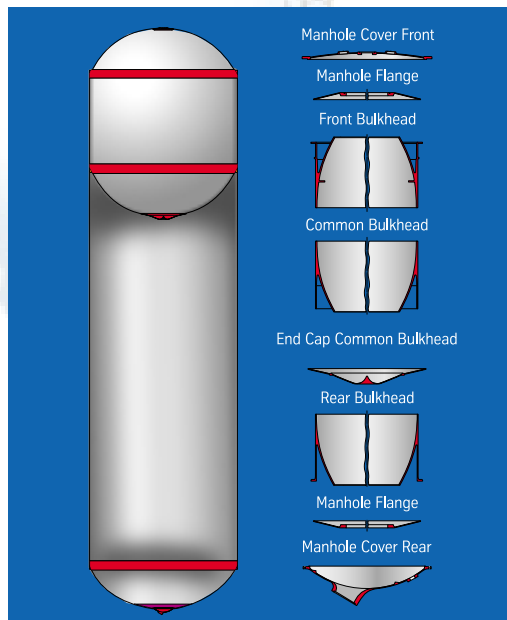
Structural elements for payload carrier structures Speltra and Sylda.

Rothe Erde structural elements of aluminium have already contributed to the success of the ARIANE missions.

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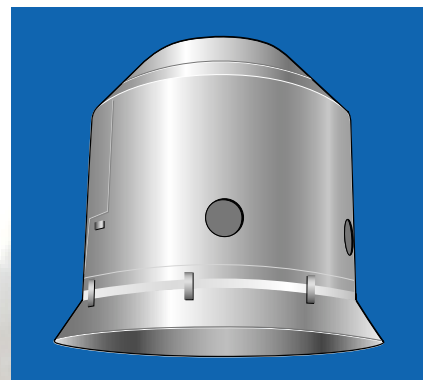
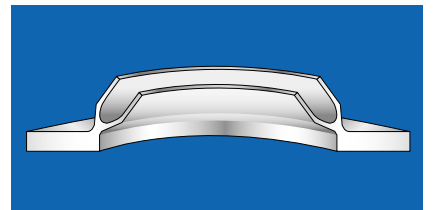
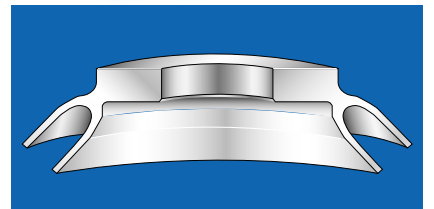
Structural elements for external payload carrier structure (Speltra).



Tank bulkhead elements for the main propellant tanks of Ariane 5.



Cross section of Ariane 5 - 503.



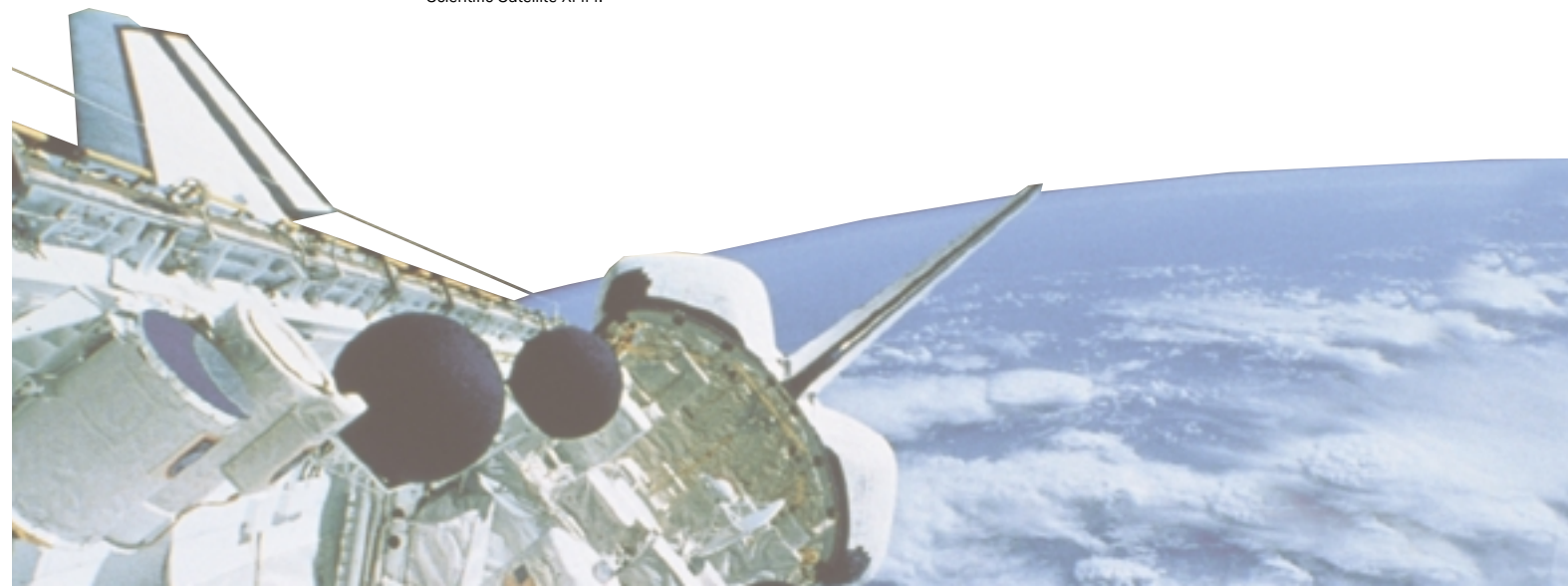
Structural elements for internal payload carrier structure (Sylda).

Application:
Scientific Satellite XMM (X-Ray Multi Mirror).
Structural elements for satellites.



Scientific Satellite XMM.

The X-ray telescope XMM ordered by ESA which has been designed and built under the supervision of Dornier Satellitensysteme GmbH has been successfully deployed during one of the first commercial flights of Ariane 5 on December 10, 1999. The scientific satellite, which has a weight of approx. 4 t and a length of approx. 11 metres, is able to collect blanketed radiation and to convert it into colour pictures. Thus, new possibilities are opening up for astronomers to come to a better understanding of the development from the big bang of the universe to the genesis of the planets.



Application: Space Shuttle.

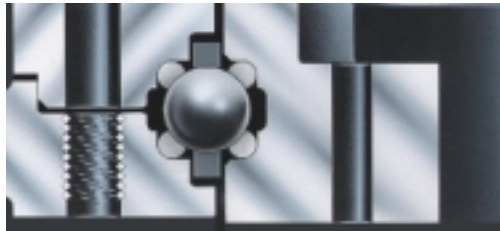
Wire-race bearing for satellite platform.

Fitness for space is demonstrated by a Rothe Erde wire-race bearing installed in a rotary platform on the NASA Space Shuttle for satellite deployment and retrieval.

This four-point aluminium wire-race bearing has a diameter of 1,830 mm, weighing 54 kgs.



Start.



Four-point wire-race bearing.

Space Shuttle with open cargo hatches.



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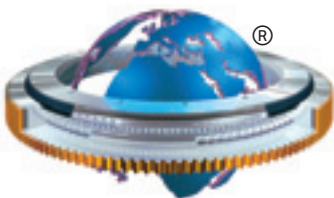
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