

## SEVEN FRICTION STIR WELDING SYSTEMS

Enable flexibility

Versatile operations

Accommodate multiple  
customers



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00:00:17,580 --> 00:00:15,029  
the advanced weld process development

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00:00:19,740 --> 00:00:17,590  
laboratory specializes in advancing

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00:00:22,200 --> 00:00:19,750  
joining processes and transferring the

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00:00:24,420 --> 00:00:22,210  
technologies from laboratory scale to

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00:00:26,940 --> 00:00:24,430  
full-scale manufacturing of very large

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00:00:29,339 --> 00:00:26,950  
complex structures experimental

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00:00:32,040 --> 00:00:29,349  
techniques include design of experiments

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00:00:34,500 --> 00:00:32,050  
parameter optimization and worst-case

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00:00:36,630 --> 00:00:34,510  
weld joint evaluations to fully

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00:00:39,060 --> 00:00:36,640  
understand and verify processing

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00:00:41,010 --> 00:00:39,070  
engineering requirements our weld

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00:00:43,020 --> 00:00:41,020  
engineers are widely known for their

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00:00:44,669 --> 00:00:43,030

expertise and participate in the

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00:00:47,130 --> 00:00:44,679

development of national welding

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00:00:49,290 --> 00:00:47,140

standards the laboratory was developed

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00:00:51,209 --> 00:00:49,300

originally to support the space shuttles

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00:00:52,709 --> 00:00:51,219

external tank and later the

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00:00:55,349 --> 00:00:52,719

International Space Station's

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00:00:57,630 --> 00:00:55,359

manufacturing programs Marshall also

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00:00:59,819 --> 00:00:57,640

developed and patented a plasma welding

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00:01:01,709 --> 00:00:59,829

torch that was used for external tank

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00:01:04,560 --> 00:01:01,719

production and that is still used in

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00:01:06,330 --> 00:01:04,570

launch vehicle industry today engineers

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00:01:08,460 --> 00:01:06,340

at Marshall have since matured the

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00:01:10,230 --> 00:01:08,470

friction stir welding process I'm

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00:01:12,450 --> 00:01:10,240

marshal we're in a very exciting time

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00:01:14,340 --> 00:01:12,460

right now we are supporting SLS on the

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00:01:16,830 --> 00:01:14,350

heavy launch vehicle with well

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00:01:19,140 --> 00:01:16,840

development procurement of tooling

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00:01:23,820 --> 00:01:19,150

fixturing to building some flight

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00:01:28,950 --> 00:01:26,850

the laboratory has seven operational

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00:01:30,840 --> 00:01:28,960

friction-stir welding systems that can

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00:01:33,230 --> 00:01:30,850

accommodate small-scale process

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00:01:35,820 --> 00:01:33,240

development up to full scale assembly

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00:01:38,520 --> 00:01:35,830

systems include the vertical weld tool

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00:01:40,890 --> 00:01:38,530

the mix longitudinal welds to assemble

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00:01:43,380 --> 00:01:40,900

cylindrical sections of the 25 feet tall

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00:01:45,420 --> 00:01:43,390

and the robotic welding system for

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00:01:48,090 --> 00:01:45,430

complex curvature welds requiring

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00:01:50,520 --> 00:01:48,100

multi-axis manipulation welding

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00:01:53,160 --> 00:01:50,530

capabilities include to friction plug

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00:01:55,920 --> 00:01:53,170

welding systems to plasma welding

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00:01:58,440 --> 00:01:55,930

systems manual fusion welding systems

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00:02:00,330 --> 00:01:58,450

and a machine shop to support welding

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00:02:02,880 --> 00:02:00,340

and manufacturing process development

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00:02:05,250 --> 00:02:02,890

Marshall offers thermal stir welding

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00:02:07,020 --> 00:02:05,260

capabilities to address new challenges

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00:02:09,120 --> 00:02:07,030

in the solid-state joining of high

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00:02:11,220 --> 00:02:09,130

melting temperature alloys such as

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00:02:13,920 --> 00:02:11,230

titanium and high-temperature super

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00:02:15,900 --> 00:02:13,930  
alloys we're answering the why it's

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00:02:17,880 --> 00:02:15,910  
great to be in our position where we

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00:02:20,430 --> 00:02:17,890  
have the opportunity to partner with

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00:02:23,130 --> 00:02:20,440  
universities and other folks that are

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00:02:25,920 --> 00:02:23,140  
trying to do downstream processing of

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00:02:28,140 --> 00:02:25,930  
the hardware so the Y is real important

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00:02:29,850 --> 00:02:28,150  
to those folks because they need to the

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00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:29,860  
product in a certain form to go to the

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00:02:35,699 --> 00:02:33,040  
next step we utilize modeling tooling