



# Punch-laser combi machine

# The advantage of punching.

# TECHNOLOGY

# What is Salvagnini's perspective on punching?

For Salvagnini, punching is always a **combined process of forming and** separating parts, with the separation done either by shear or by laser. Part separation allows the punching machine to be integrated in a **modern and** efficient production flow.

# What is the role of the punching machine today?

In today's production context, the role of the punching machine depends on the product: the **parts to be produced**, their **geometries**, the **machinings** necessary, and the **productivity** required, are what determine the most suitable technological solution.

The flexibility of laser, the superior cutting speed and the greater versatility of fiber technology have contributed towards increased interest in punch-laser combi machines such as the S1. The S1 is a true work center that punches, forms, taps, cuts and separates the parts. It optimizes the production process, reducing waste by concentrating a variety of activities in a single work phase, minimizing intermediate handling and operator intervention. Therefore, the S1 is a competitive solution for businesses looking for productivity, flexibility, reactivity and efficiency.

#### How can we justify the investment?

Part geometries, machinings necessary, increasingly small batch sizes, cutting quality, reduced consumption and expected productivity are factors that make the S1 an attractive investment.

re-tooling.



Productivity is guaranteed because the S1 is a single work center, able to automatically produce finished parts without the need for regripping and/or

# **Process efficiency.**

# PRODUCTIVITY

# What is the S1 formula for productivity?

The S1 integrates the punching and cutting operations and automatically manages repositioning and separation. With the patented multi-press head, the tools are always available for nesting and multiple jobs, with no re-tooling in-cycle or manual intervention. Thanks to the controlled stroke of the tools, it extends the range of machinings available, including offset, ribbing and tapping.

## How to combine productivity and flexibility?

With conventional punching, productivity and flexibility depend on the number of tool changes in-cycle and the times for moving the sheet underneath the turret or single punch, and are influenced by the time required for the separation operations downstream. The S1, on the other hand, natively combines productivity and flexibility. Productivity is maximized by the multi-press head with evolved hybrid technology, which makes the tools always available, and the two-carriage manipulator with variable set-up which guarantees maximum sheet reachability. These unique solutions also improve the **flexibility** of the S1 as - whatever the geometries and materials being machined – they do not require re-tooling and can produce large batches, kits or batch one with equal ease. STREAMPUNCH.EVO, the programming software for generating the punching and cutting program, includes proprietary algorithms for optimizing nests and parts, while reducing scrap and improving performance. STREAMPUNCH.EVO makes it easy to choose the best production strategy, and simplifies the programmer's job with a simple and immediate user-interface and its automatic programming, interactive work process editing and simulation functions.



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#### How long does re-tooling take?

The multi-press head requires no re-tooling or tool changes in-cycle, reducing overall processing times. The multi-press head is a distinctive feature of the S1 and can house up to 59 tools at the same time. It ensures high punch-die alignment precision, for high-quality machining. The head configuration proposed for each customer is designed to meet their specific production needs, and to minimize tool changes which, when required, are simple and very quick.

# Adaptive hybrid punch-laser combi machine





#### What does automation mean with the S1?

The different S1 loading/unloading solutions and the evolved programming respond to **different production needs**.

Production of single parts, multiple parts and nests with scrap preservation to:

- reduce production times;
- simplify programming activities.

Production of single parts, multiple parts and nests with scrap destruction to:

- ensure flow processing, in line;
- reduce scrap.

#### What is the minimum level of automation for an S1?

In its basic configuration, the S1 is a semi-automatic solution: the operator loads the sheet manually on the worktable and then unloads it once processing is complete. The manipulator automatically manages all repositioning, with extreme precision, during the entire work cycle.

Salvagnini offers **feeding and unloading solutions** with an increasing level of automation that permits unmanned processing by optimizing each single work phase and promoting the in-line or in-system integration of multi-technology processing.



# When is the S1 the best choice?

The S1 is not a punching machine with cutting function, nor is it a laser, but it is a combination of two different technologies with the addition of advanced cycles, guaranteeing the optimization of workpiece movements. It is the parts to be produced, their geometries, materials, thicknesses, the machinings necessary and the levels of productivity required, that determine the choice of the most suitable technology and automation solution: the decision to choose the S1 must be evaluated on the basis of these criteria.

## How can we recover efficiency?

In addition to solutions that optimize the efficiency of each operation, Salvagnini supplies **automation and process software** which, by suitably organizing the whole production flow, help to **achieve greater autonomy** for unmanned and lights-out jobs, reducing the impact of labor costs and the return-on-investment time.

# How can we maximize autonomy?

Salvagnini supplies a wide range of **store-towers** and **automatic loading/ unloading/sorting devices** which, when coupled together, increase system autonomy and efficiency. These devices mean that different materials and thicknesses are always available for just-in-time jobs, minimizing waiting times for sheet metal feeding and reducing the risk of error or damage to the material resulting from human intervention. These are modular and customizable solutions that can be extended and/or modified even after they are first installed.

# What is the best configuration?

The S1 is available in two sizes, for machining 3 or 4 meter sheets. Both models can be configured by selecting from among the numerous loading/unloading automations. The model is chosen on the basis of an **in-depth feasibility study**. Salvagnini's specialists help each customer to define the most suitable configuration for their production needs, evaluating a number of variables including the field of application, the production strategy and the production mix.

## What are the challenges faced by the companies of tomorrow?

These challenges relate in particular to the **recovery of autonomy and efficiency**. Automating the loading/unloading/sorting operations brings benefits to the entire manufacturing chain. Implementing simple, quick office software reduces the risk of turning programming into the bottleneck of production. Integrating ERP/ MRP and process software for managing production automates the distribution of information, helping to create a lean, error-proof production environment.

# A cutting-edge solution.

The S1 laser punching machine **maximizes process** efficiency: all the punching, forming and separation operations are automatic, done by a single system that eliminates semi-finished parts, does not require manual intervention and assures extreme repeatability.

The integrated adaptive technologies make the system intelligent and able to automatically adapt to variations, eliminating waste and corrections, while guaranteeing high machining quality:

• the centering control system measures the incoming sheet and adapts the program to the actual dimensions measured, if necessary;

- the two-carriage manipulator changes its dynamics based on the dimensions and weight of the sheet;
- an automatic system checks the thermal expansion of the manipulator's axes and compensates any variations, guaranteeing extreme positioning precision;
- the tool movement drive with controlled descent reduces cycle times and improves punching quality.

Designed by Guido Salvagnini in 1978, the multi-press punching machine is natively developed for integration into automatic manufacturing systems.

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The store-towers and automatic loading/unloading devices **increase the autonomy of the system**, making it possible to select from among various

- strategies:
  production of single parts;
  production of multiple parts and nests, micro-jointed or separated, with preservation of the scrap and unloading of the skeleton;
- production of multiple parts and separated nests, with destruction of the skeleton.

# Performance greater than the sum of its parts.



TECHNICAL DATA			
Models	S1.30	S1.40	
Maximum sheet dimensions (mm)	3048 x 1524	4064 x 1524	
Maximum sheet diagonal (mm)	3466	4340	
Minimum sheet dimensions (mm)	370 x 300	370 x 300	

TECHNICAL DATA			
	Punching	Laser cutting	
Technology	Multi-press head	Fiber laser	
Source power (W)	-	2000-3000	
Assist gas	-	Nitrogen, compressed air	
Maximum material thickness (in mm)			
Aluminum, UTS 265 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	5.0	5.0	
Steel, UTS 410 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	5.0	5.0	
Stainless steel, UTS 610 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	5.0	5.0	
Minimum material thickness (in mm)	0.5	0.5	

1	Worktable.	Large, versatile worktables	
2	Manipulator.	The worktable, covered with brushes to guarantee noiseless operation, includes a device for centering the incoming sheets. If the detected width is larger than expected, the program adapts the new dimension to the workpiece.	
3	Multi-press head.	The dimensions are such as to contain the maximum sheet during all machining phases.	- EE
4	Laser head.	Beneath the worktable there is space for one or more bins for unloading good parts, with maximum size 250x250 mm.	
5	Automation.	An optional conveyor is built into the right or left side of the worktable for incoming blanks or outgoing machined sheets.	

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# **Multi-press head:** tools always available.

Tool change is simple and extremely quick. To allow the operator to easily replace the dies and punches, the lower part of the head exits automatically from the structure, whereas the upper part is extracted **manually**.



The multi-press head has a die-structure that houses up to 59 tools needed for production. Each tool is actuated individually and is always available. The multipress head guarantees high punch-die alignment precision, and thus machining quality, with reduced cycle times, eliminating in-cycle set-ups and the related waiting times. Tool lubrication is automatic and standard.



TYPE OF THICK TURRET PUNCHES			
Type station	Force	Diameter	
В	120 kN	31.7 mm	
С	200 kN	50.8 mm	
D	200 kN	88.9 mm singol 31.7 mm Multitool 4 24.0 mm Multitool 6 18.0 mm Multitool 10	
		12.7 mm Multitool 16	

# The multi-press head offers several advantages:

- performs both single and multiple punchings;
- minimizes the repositioning needed to move the sheet to the tool;
- reduces cycle time and tool wear;
- improves punching flexibility;
- maximizes productivity in nests that require punchings of different shapes and sizes.

HEAD CONFIGURATION		
Max. number of punching stations	14	
Max. number of tools	41	
Lower and upper head gap (mm)	18	
Maximum embossing height (mm)	16	
Type of thick turret tools:	B, C e D	
Number of B-type stations Ø 31.7 mm	6	
Number of C-type stations Ø 50.8 mm	5	
Number of D-type indexing stations Ø 88.9 mm	3	
Options		
Embossing stations with lower cylinder	6 (2B, 2C, 2D)	
Electrical tapping unit	installed to the side of the head	

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# All-round quality and service.

The thick turret tools are designed and produced by Matrix. Matrix is the company in the Salvagnini Group that controls the entire production chain for these tools.

The Salvagnini range includes standard tools for punching and forming, as well as parametric and special tools, designed and made for specific jobs or materials.

The multi-press head works with B, C, D and MultiTool type stations.

An optional electrical tapping unit, which can house up to 6 different tools, can be installed to the side of the operating head.

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TAPPING UNIT

# **Freedom of choice.**

The fiber laser head, positioned to the side of the multi-press head, moves on a carriage along the Y axis with a 290 mm stroke: it performs the cutting operations on the sheet, guaranteeing maximum freedom in cutting geometries and also ensures the final separation of the part. The available sources, 2000 or 3000 W, make it possible to achieve high linear cutting speeds as well as absolute precision when making irregular contours.

> The laser makes it possible to produce and separate the sheet metal into parts of any geometry and dimension.



ACUT

**ACUT** is standard on the S1 and **allows** cutting with compressed air that is suitably treated. Productivity is similar to cutting with nitrogen, but with much lower costs.

**Manipulator:** accurate centering and fast processing.



The manipulator with two independent carriages centers the sheet when machining begins, and keeps it clamped during the punching and cutting operations. The carriages can function simultaneously or alternately. Each carriage has 3 independently opening extended grippers, one with variable set-up, to make it possible to machine all areas of the sheet. The stroke of the X axis of the two carriages is 3450 mm and permits processing without regripping.

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# AQM/APM

These are turnkey devices that are complementary to ACUT and connect directly to the factory pneumatic supply or to a compressor upstream of the system.

AQM filters the air, while APM ensures the pressure values required for the cutting process.

# Modular, scalable automation for regaining efficiency.

Automation plays an increasingly important role: it reduces the risk of loading and unloading becoming bottlenecks, and can help to reduce the impact of labor costs. The loading/unloading connections meet all automation needs: from stand-alone operation, to automatic integration in flexible cells or automatic factories operating with lights out.





#### **Feeding devices**

The S1 can have different types of feeding connections:

- MLU for manual feeding;
- AFD for feeding from a pack in masked time;
- MD for the just-in-time production of kits or batch one. The single-sheet store-tower feeds and centers the sheet metal in masked time, and is available in configurations for 6 to 15 trays;
- MV for the just-in-time production of kits or batch one. The MV automatic multi-tower tray store can feed the S1 from a pack or with single sheets, if integrated with the SMD device.

#### Unloading devices

The unloading devices determine the production strategy of the system. The different solutions available also orient the programming strategy. The Salvagnini range includes:

- a 400x400mm hatch for unloading parts and/ or scrap, which can serve automatic devices with multiple bins;
- MLU for manual unloading;
- UC: **automatic comb-structure device** for unloading onto the table once processing is complete; it unloads single parts, entire microjointed sheets or skeletons with equal ease.
- TM: a device with two telescopic Cartesian manipulators for automatically picking up and stacking parts, without destroying the skeleton, once processing is complete.
- TML: a longitudinal device with two telescopic Cartesian manipulators for automatically picking up and stacking parts or transferring them in line, without destroying the skeleton, once processing is complete.
- MCU: a device with two Cartesian manipulators for automatically picking up and stacking the parts or transferring them to the machine downstream of the S1, once processing is complete. This connection requires destruction of the skeleton.

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# FMS and unmanned line manufacturing.

The S1 punch-laser combi machine can be used for line production with P4 panel benders, ROBOformER robotized bending cells or FB framebenders. Mechanical connection is guaranteed by various handling and transfer devices, while the software ensures two-way communication between systems, for unmanned and/or balanced production. The line, introduced by Salvagnini in 1979, ensures continuous production of kits and batch one, minimizing cycle times, semi-finished parts and intermediate handling. It is the ideal solution for justin-time production with full flexibility. It can be configured according to the space available, the degree of automation and autonomy needed, the context and production strategies, or the productivity required.

**OFFICE/ERP** 

It is the integrated environment for **managing all** 

activities in the office and on the shop floor;

it constitutes a single **point of access for all** 

# The software ecosystem.

STREAM, Salvagnini's answer to the modern industrial context, is a programming suite that improves reactivity and reduces costs, operating errors and process inefficiencies.





# **STREAMPUNCH.EVO**

STREAMPUNCH.EVO is the programming software for generating punching and cutting programs. It includes the following functions:



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management, control and optimization needs throughout the production process. STREAM can also be used to calculate costs, including those for upstream and downstream processes where necessary.

- CAM: creates or edits the 2D drawing of the part, and automatically defines the punches for creating the geometries, punching and laser cutting sequences and sheet metal handling operations.
- **Nesting**: automatically, semi-automatically or manually optimizes the sheets for production, starting from a production list.
- **OPTI**: optimizes the use of the metal sheet, increasing process efficiency and minimizing waste.



#### PARTS is the software used to manage the whole database of products and parts:

- · it classifies the elements according to common or customized categories;
- it defines the production flows for each part to be machined;
- it is integrated with the CAM software.

# Tools for digital factories.

HANDLING OF SEMI-FINISHED PARTS ORDER MANAGEMENT DOWNSTREAM ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMING AND CONTROL

**Digital transformation** and **Industry 4.0** are key topics for staying competitive on the market. When adopted, they can implement and manage complex, integrated, highly automated high-performance systems, and can help to develop simple solutions that require no structural changes to the production layout, making the world of smart manufacturing much more accessible.



**OPS can take independent decisions**, according to a production logic – or a mix of multiple production logics – designed to meet the customer's production needs, transformed into an algorithm. It is also used to exchange information between different technologies, such as the components in an FMS system or FMC cell, so as to optimize production flows and increase productivity. The digital connection between different systems, and the easy-to-use software solutions, also help to maximize the production capacity available, increasing technology flexibility and overall factory efficiency.

# LINKS: IoT to serve efficiency

The Salvagnini IoT solution increases the overall efficiency of the punching system. LINKS allows real-time monitoring of machine performance, and independent analysis; it offers real-time access to production data, logbooks, performance KPIs and telemetry, as well as parameter monitoring by the Condition Monitoring process.

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## Coordinate your factory with OPS in real time.

OPS is the Salvagnini modular production management software, used to exchange information in real time between the punching machine and the factory ERP/MRP. Depending on the modules installed, OPS can:

**Organize and manage production**, defining priorities, managing any order changes or cancellations and checking the availability of the raw materials or semi-finished parts needed for production;

**Automatically create punching nests**, grouping parts by material, thickness, bending technology and tool set-up required for any downstream operations;

**Provide feedback to the factory ERP**, updating material availability and state of production in real time, part by part;

Reduce or eliminate any redundant activities with low added value;

Integrate labeling, traceability and stock management solutions up- and downstream of punching, minimizing error risk and waiting times.



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