

European Die Casting Competition 2026

Call for Entries



VDD Verband
Deutscher
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Initiative **ZINK**



EUROGUSS

Following the outstanding success of the European Die Casting Competition in 2022 and 2024, the Verband Deutscher Druckgießereien e.V. (VDD) and the EUROGUSS trade fair are continuing their successful collaboration and once again invite participants to this renowned competition in 2026. The competition is supported by the Bundesverband der Deutschen Gießerei-Industrie e.V. (BDG), Aluminium Deutschland e.V. (AD), and the Europäische Forschungsgemeinschaft Magnesium e.V. (EFM).

The competition aims to highlight the innovation, versatility, and excellence of die casting, showcasing the wide range of applications, high quality standards, and performance of this shaping process using non-ferrous metals. It seeks to emphasize the importance of die casting across various industries and to honor the leading solutions developed by manufacturers.

Collaboration with the Initiative Zink

For the first time, the Initiative Zink, which has previously held its own zinc die casting competition, will support the event as an official partner.

A panel of recognized experts in the field of die casting will evaluate the best zinc die cast components. The jury members come from different sectors, including alloy production, casting machine manufacturing, scientific and materials research institutes, and professional associations.

The evaluation criteria include the design and complexity of the component, the level of difficulty and execution in manufacturing, as well as the degree of innovation and potential for sustainable substitution.

New Categories – An Expanded Spectrum of Applications

The European Die Casting Competition 2026 introduces new categories representing specific application fields of die casting. Submissions can be made in the following areas:

- Mobility
- Mechanical Engineering
- Healthcare
- Building Technology
- Locking Systems and Security
- Home and Garden
- Electrical Engineering
- Lifestyle
- Sanitary

This expansion underscores the growing relevance and versatility of die casting across a wide range of industries.

Competition Period and Submission

- Call for Entries: February 26, 2025, during the 24th Die Casting Day in Ingolstadt
- Submission Deadline: July 11, 2025
- Award Ceremony: January 13, 2026, during EUROGUSS in Nuremberg

Participation Requirements

Die casting foundries based in the EU/EEA, including Switzerland, may submit up to two entries per company. To ensure a fair and transparent evaluation process, participants must adhere to the competition guidelines. Further details and the application form will be available on the organizers' websites from February 26, 2025.

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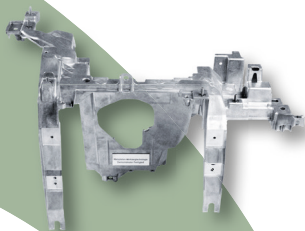
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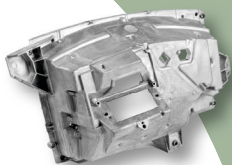
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We Look Forward to Your Participation!

Together, we aim to celebrate and further promote the innovation and diversity of die casting. Present your outstanding solutions to the industry and set new standards!



1st Place
Category Aluminium
BMW Group Werk Landshut
Landshut, Deutschland/Germany
Supporting Structure for a Hybrid Instrument Panel



1st Place
Category Magnesium
TCG UNITECH GmbH - GNUTTI CARLO GROUP
Kirchdorf/Krems, Österreich/Austria
Housing für Headup Display

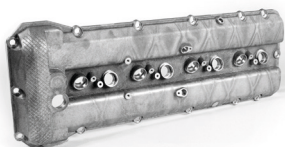


1st Place
Category Zink
HDO Druckguß- und
Oberflächentechnik GmbH
Paderborn, Deutschland/Germany
Cover Plate for Four Consumers in a High-Quality Sanitary Shower System

2nd Place
Category Zink
Dipl.-Ing. Siegfried Müller GmbH & Co. KG
Velbert, Deutschland/Germany
Lion Housing PMCR 2.0, Electronic Enclosure for Mining

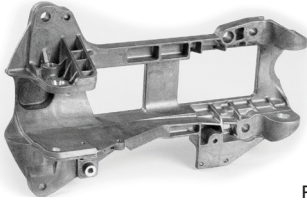


2nd Place
Category Magnesium
Audi AG Ingolstadt, Deutschland/Germany
Cylinder Head Cover



2nd Place
Category Aluminium
Oskar Ketterer Druckgießerei GmbH
Furtwangen, Deutschland/Germany
E-Coil for Wheel Hub Motor for Light Vehicle

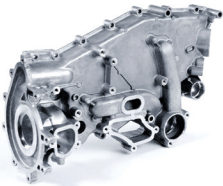




3rd Place
Category Magnesium
POWER-CAST Zitzmann GmbH & Co. KG
Stockheim, Deutschland/Germany
Bracket for Steering Column MC 3.0



3rd Place
Category Zink
Dynacast Deutschland GmbH
Bräunlingen, Deutschland/Germany
Tubular Housing



3rd Place
Category Aluminium
Ljunghäll Casting Divisions - GNUTTI CARLO GROUP
Italien/Italy
Oil Cooler Cover

The cast parts must be received by

July 11, 2025

at the following address:

Verband Deutscher Druckgießereien e.V.
Hansaallee 203, 40549 Düsseldorf, Germany

Submissions received after the deadline
cannot be considered.

Delivery hours:
Monday to Thursday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM