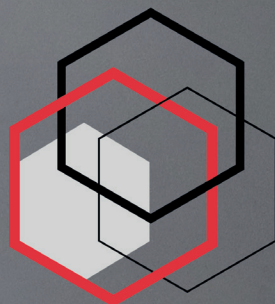


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Offsite Teaching powered by VRPS (or Offsite Teaching) offers the possibility to program a welding robot by using the already existing Virtual Reality (VR) technique for positioning the weld.

The basic idea of Offsite Teaching is that with the handheld remote of a VR set, a movement is made that forms the basis for the welding program. This program is then perfected and executed by the robot. Offsite Teaching is therefore the first system in the market to combine the simplicity of positioning through VR with the high-end technology of an industrial welding robot and offers a unique solution within the system for accommodating inaccuracies.

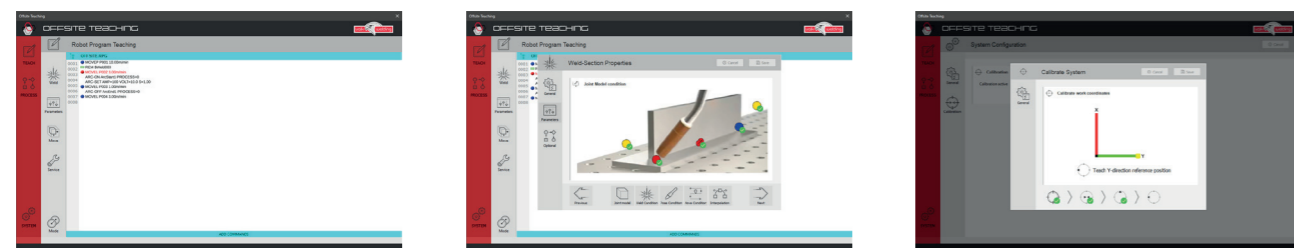
Programming an industrial robot therefore becomes very easy. In addition, the work becomes lighter and cleaner.

Programming products can be done very quickly, and the user only needs limited knowledge or experience in programming robots.

Because programming with the help of Offsite Teaching can be done quickly, the use of Offsite Teaching software within production is profitable both when programming a single piece product as well as a large variety of products.

Offsite Teaching is the answer to the demand for single-piece-flow and first-time-right production.

Valk Welding has chosen to use standard VR material that is available to everyone. The only addition is the "torch head" that can be clicked into the handheld remote, and the Offsite Teaching software module.



Industrial welding robot programming with VR Technology

The Offsite Teaching software bridges the gap between the VR program and Panasonic's offline programming software DTPS. DTPS (Desktop Programming and Simulation Software) is a full-fledged 3D CAD/CAM system for programming and simulating the welding path on Panasonic arc welding robots.

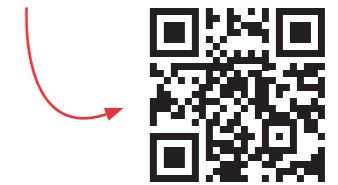
Using the handheld remote, the VR software is used to determine the position and enter the coordinates of the various (welding) points. In the Offsite Teaching software, commands such as "welding on" and "welding off" are already given to these points. Next, the Offsite Teaching software converts the program into an offline program in the DTPS software. And finally, the DTPS software provides a usable program for the welding robot. The software guides the user through the teach process step by step in an intuitive and graphical way.

Automatically adding search movements

Positioning has the disadvantage of being inaccurate (2 to 3mm) which increases the risk of welding errors. To fully compensate for this inaccuracy, the Offsite Teaching software adds search movements to the program. Using wire searching, the robot corrects the program created up to that point. These search movements are added to the program by a macro, thus enabling the welding robot to weld the product extremely accurately.

An additional advantage of adding these search movements is that small deviations in the position of the various products are automatically caught and corrected.

Watch our video to see the Offsite Teaching software in action:



Using the Offsite Teaching software offers the following advantages:

- Limited knowledge or experience in programming robots is required.
- Easy creation of welding programs.
- Also cost-effective for single piece product programming.
- Automatic addition of search movements to catch inaccuracies.
- No need to optimise programs.
- Can also be used with larger products.

Offsite Teaching powered by VRPS is the unique combination of two powerful technologies. The VRPS software is a collaborative development between Valk Welding and Panasonic. This together with the Valk Welding developments of offline programming and calibrated robotic systems form this combination. This provides a powerful and flexible solution for easy programming of welding robots by moving a manual welding torch along the product to be welded as a manual welder does.



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