

Today, the demands made on building projects are enormous. Since only highly skilled workers can meet these increasing demands, top-quality vocational training is of great importance. And this is the mission of the state-maintained vocational school in Altötting.



## PFT Supports the “Training Offensive”

It is an unwritten law of our time that only highly skilled workers will find a job. The demands made on the training of skilled tradespersons have greatly increased. More and more often, catchwords like flexibility, experience and specialist knowledge occur as early as in the education and training phase.

To meet the increasing demands, vocational training has to be practice-oriented and comprehensive. It is becoming more and more important that prospective stuccoers are familiar with state-of-the-art, labour and time-saving machines and already have a certain degree of experience in their use.

### The Vocational School in Altötting

Since the beginning of 2001, the state-maintained vocational school in Altötting (South Germany) has been supporting this target and future-oriented training concept. With the purchase of a PFT plastering machine, the PFT G 5 SUPER mixing pump, the “mechanical plastering technique” was integrated in the curriculum.

### Professional Support

In March 2004, PFT representative Rudolf Schmalzgruber visited the school in Altötting to inform teachers of several vocational schools in Upper and Lower Bavaria about PFT machine technology in theory and practice. During the hands-on phase of this advanced training course for teachers in the region, Mr. Schmalzgruber explained the advantages of the PFT G 5. Thanks to its modular design, the mixing pump is very flexible and easy to use.

After the theoretical part of the course, the teachers had to work with the machine themselves. Rudolf Schmalzgruber provided advice and help and gave tips on how to work in an efficient and labour-saving way. Professionally supported by our PFT representative and Alois Huber, a teacher of the construction department in Altötting, the teachers learned to overcome their insecurity in using such machines and to properly handle the PFT G 5 all-round mixing pump.

The vocational school attaches great importance to the proper operation and careful handling of the machine, so that many other classes will also receive practical training in mechanical plastering. ■



In a hands-on course, teachers of vocational schools learned how easily and quickly a wall can be plastered - with the right equipment.