



"Tis early practice only makes the master," says Schiller's Wilhelm Tell. This also

applies to master plasterers and stuccoers. And that is why PFT supports training

centres for apprentices in numerous regions of Germany.

Learning for Life with PFT

ABZ Bau Saar, the training centre of the construction industry in Saarland (South-west Germany), is one of these regional partners for training, retraining and advanced training in the fields of building construction, interior work and civil engineering.

Apprentices of various trades, such as carpenters, sewer builders, tilers, bricklayers, well sinkers, composition floor layers and plasterers, are trained at the ABZ workshops in Saarbrücken.

Proper Training Ensures High Competence

The objective of the courses held at ABZ Bau Saar is to ensure high competence, i.e. the apprentices are helped to gain the qualifications they need to face the ever-changing challenges of their trades. This kind of off-the-job training of future tradespersons complements their training on the job and at vocational schools and allows them to meet the increasing demands of their occupations.

Cooperation with PFT

Once or twice per year, PFT Consultant Joachim Bock supports ABZ Bau Saar, especially in the training of future plasterers

and stuccoers.

The off-the-job training courses are intended mainly to help apprentices to broaden and deepen their practical skills. During their 3 year apprenticeship, they take 37



The small PFT RITMO mixing pump was the focus of this practical training course.

weeks of off-the-job training altogether. Apprentice plasterers from all over Saarland participate in these courses.

Topics that are only touched on during on-the-job training, such as the proper and efficient operation of a plastering machine, can be treated in depth at the training centre. In the PFT seminars, Mr. Bock teaches the trainees all the tricks of the trade they need

to know when handling PFT machines, including:

- Which PFT pump system is most suitable for a certain material, e.g. interior / exterior plaster, ETICS mortar, floor screed etc.?
- What flow rates should be selected for water and air?
- What hose lengths are most useful?

All this information will come in very handy when the future plasterers have to work with a mixing pump on their own.

Many years ago, the centre had bought a PFT G 4 mixing pump for training purposes. To familiarize the apprentices with PFT's new products, Mr. Bock showed them the small PFT RITMO mixing pump in his latest course. He gave his trainees detailed theoretical information on this machine and allowed them all to test it in practice.



Early practice: Of course the apprentices were allowed to gain hands-on experience.