“We have tested the key components of orbital welding systems – power source, control, weld heads – from many different suppliers”, recalls the welding specialist with the less than flattering official job title of “welding supervisor” – and he continues, “all in all, our findings were that one of the best system packages – and this included not least the service and ongoing development of weld heads – came from Polysoude, Nantes, France. The decision in favour of a particular supplier in all production sites also has a positive effect on productivity and flexibility as we normally have just the one contact person for availability, purchasing replacement parts, advice, as well as customer service”