SELOGICA AND GESTICA

Pioneering and intuitive control technology “Made by ARBURG”
SETTING THE PACE

Simply smart: user interfaces that turn work into fun.
ARBURG works on the simple but effective principle that there's always room for improvement. How can the injection moulding process be improved and how can it be made easier and more convenient? This line of thought led to us developing our controller technology ourselves right from the start – always perfectly tailored to the injection moulding process. The result is a large variety of smart solutions with which we set trends time and time again and advance the digitalisation. Secure your technological lead – by handling complex requirements with ease.

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AT A GLANCE:

Maintaining control over machine, mould, robotic and peripheral technology requires a suitably powerful central control system. What is required is “smart technology”, which integrates everything trouble-free, supports you actively in all operating situations, as well as monitoring and adaptively controlling your process. All the features of our SELOGICA and GESTICA control systems are designed for a fast, secure and convenient set-up and operating process. This allows you to get the best out of all applications.

Highlights

- SELOGICA and GESTICA – fully compatible
- Graphic sequence programming
- Real-time plausibility check
- Assistance packages and connectivity modules
- “Ready for Digitalisation”
- Central control system for complete production cells
The pioneering GESTICA control system builds on the comprehensive performance of the proven SELOGICA. Gestures make operation even simpler, more intuitive and smarter.

SELOGICA ND – the new design of the operating panel is based on the look of the GESTICA.
Material type: ABS
- Unreinforced
- Standard
Mould type: Standard
Projected part surface area: 1 cm²
Shot weight: 0.1 g
Wall thickness: 1 mm
Flow path length:

Selectable options:
- TPE-O / TPE-S
- TPE-U / TPE-E
- PC + ABS
Central management
Thanks to their unsurpassed standard operational system, the SELOGICA and GESTICA save time and costs. The simple integration of a wide variety of peripheral equipment enables sequence management even for complete production cells, with only one data set. Short cycle times? Can be programmed!

Intuitive operation
The graphics-based operational philosophy can be comprehended intuitively and is always geared towards optimisation of the processes. Our unique graphical sequence programming with direct plausibility check always clearly indicates the logical position of the current programming step. Operating errors? Out of the question!

Efficient operation
This calls for a “smart machine” that offers extensive data integration options, monitors and adaptively controls your processes, and supports you in every operating situation: from set-up and start-up, through optimisation and production, to monitoring and service. This is where our connectivity modules and assistance packages come into play. “Ready for Digitalisation”? Of course!

ASSISTANCE PACKAGES FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY

- **4.set-up**: Guided set-up: you receive active support during set-up and parameter input, leaving you more time for productive tasks.

- **4.start-stop**: Fast production start-up: start-up and shut-down of complex processes are made easier for you, reducing the number of start-up parts required.

- **4.optimisation**: Assured quality and productivity: allows you to get even more out of your machine in each case – because every split second counts.

- **4.production**: Greater programming freedom: special processes become standard for you and even complex moulds can be mastered quickly.

- **4.monitoring**: Controlled system status: comprehensive monitoring functions enable you to detect deviations early and seamlessly document them.

- **4.service**: Time-saving online support: have faults analysed quickly, efficiently and safely in a remote process – for even greater machine availability.
When is a machine control system ergonomic and intuitive to operate? When it is equipped and functions like our SELOGICA! High contrast touch screen and large input boxes. Easy-to-understand operational systems and flexible menu navigation. Graphical sequence programming and immediate plausibility check. Our user interface offers everything that you want in practice: direct, fast data access and uncomplicated familiarisation. In other words: significantly greater ease of use.
Targeted navigation

You can flexibly choose the menu navigation based on your requirements. The theme navigation with continuously displayed structure provides a clear, comprehensive overview. Alternatively, the sequence navigation enables direct screen call-up from the production sequence. User-specific, individually configurable shortcut keys round off your flexible access options.

User-friendly input

You can enter parameters either via tables or via graphics. Different functions are assigned unambiguous colour codes. Information on the limits of the adjustment range provide certainty. The orientation of the plain-text display is always in the direction of the relevant movement. Since the operational systems are strictly based on the practical set-up procedures, they are extremely easy to understand.

Selective access

We use RFID card technology in accordance with EUROMAP for user identification. This enables you to control input or adjustment ranges by means of access permissions and to log changes on a user-specific basis. Important parameters can additionally be combined on freely configurable pages. This enables you to create a parameter-based authorisation system.
Targeted production optimisation: sequences can be accessed centrally and are freely programmable.
Clearly structured sequence editor

Nothing could be easier: we provide you with predefined basic sequences for your machine equipment. These can be quickly and individually adapted to the respective production tasks. Access to the available functions is made easier through logical grouping. This is rounded off by our sequence editor, which suggests the suitable machine- and process-related sequence symbols and their positioning. You can use this to configure the position-related start with simultaneous machine movements, for example.

Real-time plausibility check

With the real-time plausibility check, we provide you with a unique feature that helps you to efficiently create even highly complex sequences. During the programming, the system directly displays the logical positioning of the current process step and checks that operator entries are complete. This enables you to reliably implement even sophisticated processes and procedures such as venting, injection compression moulding, tandem mould processes or multi-component injection moulding. Now that is real practicality!
GESTICA: INNOVATION MEETS AESTHETIC DESIGN

The look and feel of modern mobile devices: our pioneering GESTICA control system builds on the advantages of the established SELOGICA. Navigation and graphical sequence programming remain the same. And, importantly: both controllers are fully compatible and their data sets are easily interchangeable. Our GESTICA makes communication with the machine even more convenient and offers additional assistance functions that further advance the digital transformation.
High-end and functional: full-HD screen and integrated LED light strips.

Intuitive and smart: with the EASYslider, set-up movements are controlled with high precision.

Ergonomic and practical: integrated hardware keys enhance the reliability of sensitive movements.
More options

We added a clearly structured task-specific start page to the menu navigation of the GESTICA. You can quickly return to it at any time by using the Home button. We have divided the direct sequence navigation into the machine and robot system. Additional categories such as production, start-up and stop make even faster access possible.

More gestures

The easy direct touch operation known from the SELOGICA already offers a high level of convenience. But you can work even more effectively by using the gesture control:

- Swipe – quickly scroll between individual screen pages.
- Drag and drop – easily modify graphics and sequences.
- Pull – scroll directly in images.
- Zoom – easily zoom in or out in views.

More assistance

The GESTICA is our control system for the future and is 100 percent compatible to the SELOGICA. With its high-end technology, such as full-HD multi-touch screen and EASYslider, it provides all prerequisites for future functional upgrades. This includes detailed 3D views that can be rotated and zoomed individually.

Excellence: design as flagship for intuitive and smart technology.
More rational workflows, more productivity, improved part quality, higher process reliability and transparency – all of this can only be achieved with a uniform and all-embracing injection moulding management. This is why the robotic systems and peripheral devices can be fully integrated into the SELOGICA and GESTICA, enabling central, effortless management of entire production cells. With our connectivity modules, data exchange with higher-level systems is also no problem. We’re by your side when you need to digitize your production!

Fast, open, reliable: data exchange based on OPC UA, e.g. between machine controller and hot runner regulator.
Central parameter entry
SELOGICA and GESTICA take on the task of controlling the robotic systems and mould heating circuits. Commercially available peripheral devices can also be integrated via standardised interfaces. Monitoring inputs enable you to make the process control dependent on the granulate feed, compressed air or the water supply, for example. Additionally, freely programmable in/outputs are available.

Central storage of setting data
Convenient data storage on Compact Flash cards or USB memory: a data set contains all parameters for the entire production unit. That makes both management and set-up easier, faster and more reliable.

Standardised operational systems
Only one control system for the machine, robotic system and peripheral devices – that has clear benefits for you:
- One data set – no adaptation required
- Low training requirement - same approach for all machines
- Easy set-up – consistent sequence programming
- Higher-level monitoring – high process reliability
- Flexible and also synchronous process control – short cycle times

Identical basis: ARBURG-typical sequence programming for six-axis robotic system.

Mobile control system (optional): can be used universally for several machines and robotic systems.

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Connected systems: providing data to internal or external platforms

Connected equipment: Data exchange within the injection moulding cell on the basis of OPC UA.

**arburgXworld:** ARBURG customer portal for digital services

**ALS:** ARBURG host computer system – our MES (manufacturing execution system)

**ATCM:** ARBURG Turnkey Control Module – our SCADA system (supervisory control and data acquisition)

**ARS:** ARBURG Remote Service

**IIoT:** Industrial Internet of Things
Fit for the future
Simple, standardised networking – the OPC UA communication platform creates ideal conditions for this with its manufacturer and language-independent technology. And this is precisely what our flexible connectivity modules are based on. For limitless process control between the ALLROUNDER and its production environment. For the online provision of process information to higher-level software tools and platforms. In other words: for practical digitalisation!

Connected equipment
OPC UA is becoming the EUROMAP standard for highly efficient data exchange within an injection moulding cell. For you, this means increased ease of use, for example through a shared data set for machine, robot system, and peripheral devices. We are already making it possible for you to use this technology for data integration today – e.g. for hot runner controllers, temperature control units, and LSR dosing units. And thanks to the open design of our switch, you are already prepared for extensions!

Connected systems
Our “basic connectivity” with IIoT gateway enables you to use machine controller data at higher levels.
• ALS: Production management and detailed planning
• arburgXworld: Production overview and process documentation
• ATCM: Collection of process data for complete production cells
• ARS: Machine diagnosis and support from outside Expert systems (e.g. for mould cavity pressure): External process monitoring

TOTAL CONNECTIVITY ACCORDING TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS
Further information:
arburgXworld brochure
Host computer system brochure
SET-UP AND CHANGEOVER: GUIDED

Our graphical sequence programming with immediate plausibility checks sets the standard in the injection moulding industry. Our “4.set-up” assistance package also offers you all the features you need to further simplify set-up and parameter input. You are guided through all required actions step by step. No detailed knowledge of the control system is required for performing set-up tasks. Your machine operators receive active support and have more time for productive tasks.

4.set-up

- Automatic parameter preset
- Teaching of production sequence
- Guided mould change
- Sub-sequence for manual operation
- Adjustment ranges for operators depending on the program
- “Program mould force during set-up” and “Clamp mould while safety door open” functions
Efficient mould change

The mould removal and installation steps are pre-defined and are simply executed and confirmed one after the other. The control system automatically executes actions, such as referencing (zeroing) individual axes, at a single push of a button. No parameters need to be entered.

Automatic presets

You only have to enter a small amount of process-relevant data in order to have the basic processing parameters calculated. The choice is yours: you can, for example, only reset the temperatures of the injection unit, or also use the monitoring and logging functions “at the click of a button”.

Combination of sub-sequences as desired

Do you want to run sequences such as “open mould” or “eject moulded parts” automatically at the press of a button during manual and set-up mode? The “sub-sequence” feature makes it possible! Based on the production sequence, the desired steps can be combined as required. This applies, for example, to both the intermediate stop and the monitoring functions.

Definition of adjustment ranges for data set

This feature allows you to limit the editability of parameters for certain user groups (upper and/or lower limit), or to block them completely. The special feature here is: the defined adjustment ranges are written to the data set and not to the machine. Thus they can also be adopted from machine to machine.

Limited access: can also be specified and saved for each data set.
From automatic start-up/switch-to-standby to tracking of part status for inserts or alarm cycles: we offer numerous practical aids for ensuring reliable starting and stopping. The “4.start-stop” assistance package simplifies production start-up, reduces the number of start-up parts and increases your production capacity. This is particularly the case when things get more demanding – for example in the case of multi-components and hot runner moulds. Typically ARBURG: simple solutions to complex problems – for much greater cost efficiency.

4.start-stop

- Separate start-up parameters and cycles
- Automatic start-up mode with inserts and multi-component moulds
- Standard standstill monitoring in automatic operation
- Time- and situation-dependent temperature management for moulds with hot runner
Automatic continuation

Simply start production after interruptions - without manually running to empty and without moving to starting position. Our “part status” feature saves you a lot of time and money. The machine and robotic system always know the position of the inserts, pre-moulded parts and finished parts - not only in the mould, but also in the gripper. The system components automatically detect their position within the process sequence in the event of an interruption and resume operation at exactly the right place.

Controlled start-up

The “start-up parameters and cycles” function enables specific machine settings to be configured during the start-up phase until the injection moulding process is running in a stable manner. This is supplemented by our “automatic start-up” function, with which you can also perform sequences without injection, inserts, or part demoulding. An interesting feature: the configured production sequence is also saved in the data set.

Reliable management of hot runners

Energy-saving workflows without thermal decomposition of the material or damage to the hot runner – we offer numerous options:

• Uniform heating of different heating circuits
• Delayed activation of hot runner depending on other heating circuits
• Start-up process for controlled heating of the mould cavity and hot runner, with dwell times for up to two stages
• Brief increase of the temperature profile during hot runner start-up (boost)
• Purging hot runner only after expiry of enabling time
• Activation time of hot runner is evenly distributed over the cycle
• Monitoring of hot runner activation time

Everything under control: efficient and reliable start-up of hot runner moulds.
A signature feature of ARBURG’s controller technology is its great flexibility when creating individual machine, mould and robotic sequences. Your experienced operators need even more programming freedom? Then the “4.production” assistance package is just what you need. Do you use spring-loaded, tandem, stacking, cube or compression moulds? For each specialised technology, we have matching supplementary features. With these, special processes become standard and even complex mould technology can be quickly mastered.

PRODUCTION SEQUENCES: FLEXIBLE

- Functions freely programmable out of cycle
- Multi-programmable secondary axes
- Programmable repetition group
- “Stop ejector selectable” and “second ejector intermediate stop” functions
Simultaneous and synchronous control

Do you want to start the demoulding of parts as soon as the mould opens, or have the robotic system plunge into the mould? Do you want to move the ejector and robotic system synchronously? Anything is possible! Our pressure- and stroke-dependent start conditions make it possible to freely configure the ideal production sequence for your application, all without non-standard programs.

Repeat – if necessary

The “programmable repetition group” function allows you to repeat a freely programmable part of the production sequence, depending on a signal. If, for example, a monitoring camera detects that demoulding has not been performed completely, several ejection or blow-out attempts can be made. This increases the process reliability and ensures trouble-free production sequences.

Programming without limits

Moving the ejector while the mould is closed, or opening and closing shut-off nozzles depending on a signal – for maximum flexibility in configuring the process settings of complex sequences, the movements can be programmed completely freely. Secondary axes such as core pulls or air blow can also be run repeatedly. A further feature is the option to activate core pulls and programmable outputs non-cyclically, which has advantages e.g. for actuation of brushing devices during thermoset processing.
Producing top quality at low unit costs calls for adaptive control concepts and smart intervention options. Position and clamping force regulation, for example, are unique features provided by ARBURG technology. This is true for many model series. With our regulation via reference curve, we also have a solution with which you can achieve optimal reproducibility of your part quality. Additionally, our “4.optimisation” assistance package allows you to get even more out of your machine on a case-by-case basis: after all, every split second counts!

PROCESS OPTIMISATION: INDIVIDUAL:

4.optimisation

- Injection during mould closing – “injection on-the-fly”
- Movements across cycle times
- Extended mould locking
- Assistance package is only available for certain series and sizes.
Detailed adjustment of quality and cycle

The universal aid to process optimisation: our measurement charts, which can be configured freely or automatically. With the real-time display of all signals combined with direct evaluation options, you can immediately influence the product quality. Additionally, you can use our cycle time diagram to pre-program high productivity. The current times for each individual cycle step are graphically contrasted with previously defined reference values – including a detailed breakdown by start, delay and run time. This enables you to reliably detect and prevent unproductive times through the better coordination of the individual cycle steps.

Controlling mould locking

With the “extended mould locking” function, you can program two locking forces during injection, holding and remaining cooling phases respectively. This provides interesting process options such as “active breathing” or supported mould venting.

Repeat accuracy

Stabilising the injection moulding process to produce a specific part quality? A prerequisite for this is a constant pressure profile in the mould from shot to shot during the holding pressure phase. To achieve optimum reproducibility, we have developed the reference curve regulation for our ALLROUNDERS. This feature is based on the principle of recording the internal mould cavity pressure profile of a moulded part deemed to be good and employing this as a nominal value curve.

EXCELLENT PART QUALITY
programmable from shot to shot with our adaptive regulation via reference curve
MONITORING AND DOCUMENTATION: RELIABLE

Reliable production, end-to-end process documentation, error-free delivery: in order to satisfy these requirements, the machine control system must operate as a quality monitor for the entire injection moulding process. Here our SELOGICA and GESTICA stand out not only because of the standard functions, but also because of numerous additional features that we have combined into the “4.monitoring” assistance package for you. It enables you to monitor your system status and to reliably identify process deviations at an early stage.

4.monitoring

- Additional monitoring symbols
- Monitoring of actual values through reference curves
- External alarm inputs for all peripheral equipment signals
- Configurable monitoring of end position of the axis
- Numerous other monitoring functions such as “production in shift operation” or “start of injection”
**Keeping an eye on the process**

Our monitoring charts make individual online monitoring of quality limit values possible. Based on reference curves that are easy to record, you can create graphical evaluations in the form of peak or mean values, envelope curves or integrals. Even more detailed axis and process monitoring is possible with actual value charts. These contribute to higher process reliability, as mould and ejector forces can be monitored, for example.

**Effective quality control**

Here also, your convenience is the priority behind all the available features: reference values and tolerance ranges for actual process values can be determined automatically and the set tolerances monitored in detail. The evaluation of fault cycles specifically helps prevent reject parts. External alarm inputs additionally enable you to reliably monitor the correct compressed air or granulate feed, for example, and incorporate it into the quality assurance.

**Seamless process logging**

Quality-relevant actual process values are recorded individually via the production protocol. This also forms the basis for statistical evaluations. The complete production sequence is displayed via a protocol graphic. Correlations and variances can thus be evaluated immediately and quality documented in detail. With our connectivity modules, you can flexibly export and store production data, or forward it to higher-level systems.
The controller also simplifies maintenance and service, thanks to stored maintenance schedules, performance-dependent lubrication intervals, alarm history or set-up protocols. The “4.service” assistance package enables us to offer you remote support, for example to analyse faults quickly and efficiently – for even greater machine availability!

**SERVICE: TIME-SAVING**

- Continuously recorded: clear alarm history.
- Leaving nothing to chance: automatic reminders via the on-screen maintenance notification.

**4.service**

- Machine diagnostics and process support through remote access to the system
- Secure and encrypted data connection
- Remote access only following enablement by operator on site
On-screen maintenance notification

Depending on the configuration of the respective ALLROUNDER, all the necessary maintenance data and intervals are already stored as plain text. Optionally, individual maintenance specifications, for example relating to peripheral equipment used, can be entered manually. Thus a clear maintenance schedule can be generated for the entire production unit – including the monitoring of due dates and automatic reminders for forthcoming maintenance work. In addition, the control system records the correct completion of pending maintenance work in a maintenance log. As a result, every completed maintenance task remains fully transparent, also providing ideal verification for audits and certifications.

Remote service: ARS

Quickly and efficiently analysing malfunctions and downtimes: ALLROUNDERS can be equipped with remote access to their control system from outside. ARBURG’s service and application technology hotline can view settings online via a protected data connection and provide you with direct help. This cuts waiting times and saves costs. You can enable the relevant authorisation each time as needed.