

## Immediately impressive

In just one year, RUKO GmbH Präzisionswerkzeuge bought six machines from WALTER.

**R**UKO specialises in sheet drills and counter-sinks made of high-speed steel (HSS). They are used to drill holes for cable ducts, for example in control cabinets. Previously, the company had produced its tools on a competitor's machines. As the competitor no longer offered support, the company looked around for an alternative. In June 2016, RUKO purchased two used HELITRONIC BASIC from Asia via a dealer. After an overhaul by WALTER, the machines were so impressive in everyday use that the company ordered four additional machines in the same year, including a new HELITRONIC POWER unit. Since RUKO has relied on the WALTER machines, it has reduced its retooling time from several days in some cases to a few hours. Improvements to the tools produced and more complex new developments are now also possible. ◀



**Ruko was able to improve tools with the WALTER machines and implements complex new developments.**

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# Adventures in Middle Earth

When playing the “Lord of the Rings” trading card game, Controller Patric Laxander immerses himself in the world of Bilbo, Frodo and Gandalf.



**In a replica hobbit hole, Patric Laxander won the Lord of the Rings World Championship in 2016.**

**P**atric Laxander disappeared into a hobbit hole in October 2016. When he emerged again three days later, he was a freshly baked world champion. In 7 rounds, he beat his international challengers in the “Lord of the Rings” trading card game and regained his title for the second time.

“The cool location made the World Championship in Jenins a real experience,” enthuses the 36-year-old. “It was held in the Greisinger Museum, a replica of a hobbit hole.” Laxander was already a fan of Middle Earth and its inhabitants before the films hit cinema screens. When he discovered a “Lord of the Rings” card game in 1996, he bought it. “But I soon found that you can’t actually play with these cards,” he says with a laugh. “To do that, you have to expand the game gradually with booster packs.” Laxander built up his set gradually, card by card. “Now I have roughly 30,000 cards. The combination of collecting and playing fascinates me.”

**FOLLOWING THE RING** Fans of the Tolkien saga join Bilbo, Frodo etc. on a journey through Middle Earth to Mount Doom to destroy the ring. Every player has a deck of 30 danger and 30 support cards they compile individually. The first to reach 25 victory points or destroy the ring wins. Every game takes 75 minutes at most. It may sound relatively simple, but is extremely complex in reality. Players must know all

cards by heart. “In competitions, it is also important to know the opponent well and adjust your own deck for them as much as possible,” emphasises Laxander.

## FANS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

He gets together with roughly 100 kindred spirits once a year at the LURE games meet-up in Burg Stahleck in Bacharach am Rhein. Having fun is the main priority. In contrast, only roughly twelve players take part in the European and World Championships, which are held in alternating years. “The hype has died down somewhat, and not everyone can fly around the world for a tournament,” says Laxander. It is mainly a matter of time for the father of three. “When the championships are nearby, I still try to take part.” His family joined him in Switzerland – and particularly enjoyed the trip to the Heidiland holiday region afterwards.

**Every deck consists of 30 danger and 30 support cards. The deck best suited to the opponent has the best chances of winning.**

