

ibg NDT Technology and Creative Automation Announce Strategic Partnership to Advance Inline Factory Automation and Eddy Current Testing in North America

Whitmore Lake, MI – March 30, 2026 — ibg NDT Technology and Creative Automation today announced a strategic cooperation to deliver next-generation automation and nondestructive testing (NDT) solutions for North American automotive and aerospace manufacturers.

The partnership combines Creative Automation’s proven expertise in factory automation with ibg’s industry-leading eddy current testing systems to enable **inline, data-driven, predictive quality assurance**. Together, the companies offer development of integrated systems designed to increase throughput, reduce production costs, improve defect detection, and support smart-factory initiatives across high-volume manufacturing environments.

“This cooperation follows our strategy to enable our customers to reduce cost, time, and energy along with production automation,” said **Dr. Christian Artmann**, CEO of ibg NDT Technology.

“We believe the value creation for our customers rises to the next level by adding the predictive nature of eddy current data into our established automation solutions,” said **Gerd Walter**, President & COO of Creative Automation.

Integrated solutions produced under this partnership will focus on:

- Turnkey test systems integrating inline eddy current testing for 100% inspection into automated material handling.
- Co-Creation and promotion of new and innovative solutions by combining data from eddy current, automation and machining, with data-interpretation technologies.



From Left to right: Gerd Walter (COO, Creative Automation), Dr. Christian Artmann (CEO, ibg NDT Technology), Bill Lawrence (General Manager, ibg NDT Systems Corp), Patrick Billinghamurst (Applications Engineer, Creative Automation)

About Creative Automation, Inc.

Creative Automation, Inc. is an A3 Robotics Certified Robot Integrator and FANUC Authorized System Integrator. Creative Automation specializes in Machine Tending, Assembly Systems, Deburr, Dispense and Vision Systems. We use advanced robotic and vision systems along with conveyors, lifts, gantries, and other subsystems to improve your production efficiency, throughput and reduce waste. We design and develop integrated systems with reduced life cycle costs.

About ibg NDT Technology

Ibg NDT Technology has been a leader in eddy current testing for more than 40 years. The company's product range includes the most advanced digital test instrument family in the market for eddy current testing and other NDT technologies, as well as purpose-designed complete test systems, from simple mechanical arrangements to complex fully automated high-speed in-line testing systems.