

Movable bracket of a forage harvester

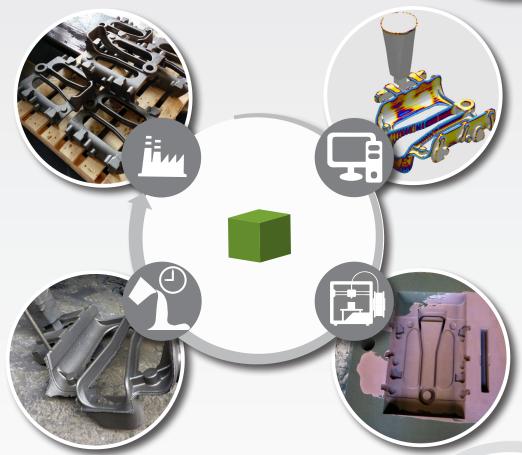
Redesign of a welded construction into a ductile iron sand-casting

Point of departure

This project was commenced for a client in the agricultural industry. The old construction had many problems with fatigue failure and deformation due to welding.

The goal was twofold; first the welded part needed to be converted to a costefficient casting, while increasing the performance. Secondly the part needed to be delivered with a next to impossible deadline: 10 weeks.







54%

Weight reduction

From 18 kg in steel to 8.2 kg in ductile iron



40%

Cost reduction

Reducing machining costs and the amount of material



100%

Fit into requirements

The problems were eliminated during the engineering of a new, optimised sand casting. The product was built into the machine within the deadline of 10 weeks

