Application example
Copper jumper flag on an aluminium battery cap

Task
An aluminium battery cap needs to be connected to a copper electrical conductor. Space is limited as the film-style electrical conductor has to be welded into an embossed channel in the battery cap. Due to the high quantity of units, the process has to be automated following validation. The standards for process monitoring and quality control are very high.

Solution
Despite their different melting points, aluminium and copper can be reliably welded together thanks to ultrasonic technology. Ultrasonic welding uses a friction-based cold welding technique to create a firm, molecular bond. The application was completed using torsional, ultrasonic SONIQTWIST® welding technology, which offers a number of advantages.

Configuration advantages
By creating a firm weld without any additional tools, ultrasonics generates corrosion-resistant electrical connections with low contact resistance at a level similar to that of the original materials. In this application, one of the key advantages offered by torsional SONIQTWIST® welding technology is the easy access to the lower welding point on the component; this is because application takes place axially from above. The TC55 process controller offers a high degree of flexibility and countless opportunities for process and weld quality monitoring. For instance, you can even export welding results via USB or Ethernet.

This application was produced using a 1.2 kW torsional TSP750 SONIQTWIST® system and TC55 process controller, as well as corresponding components integrated into a special system.