

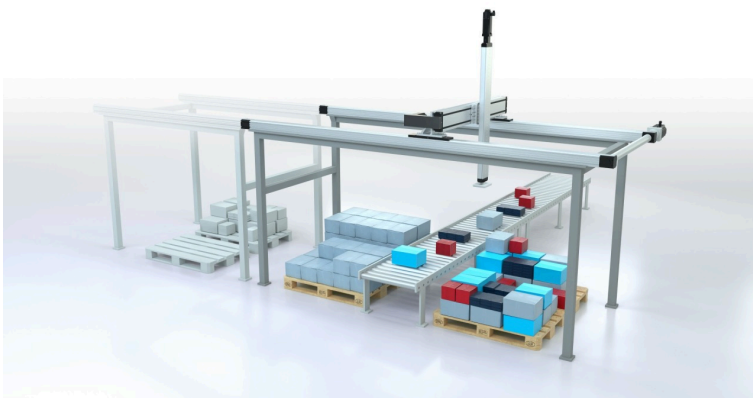
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# Electromechanics: Great potential for automation

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## Four innovative examples from intralogistics

- Intelligent solutions for mixed palletizing
- Linear systems for loading and unloading automated container warehouses
- Durable lifting systems for automated guided vehicles (AGVs)
- Electrification in automation – alternatives to pneumatics



Efficient automation in logistics: Multi-axis systems integrated into a solution for flexibly loading and unloading pallets. (Image source: Bosch Rexroth AG)

**In hardly any other industry is the need for automation as great as in intralogistics. Automated container warehouses should be able to cope with the increasing throughput in online retail, autonomous transport systems should make the flow of goods more flexible, high-maintenance pneumatic systems should be replaced and efficient solutions for mixed palletizing should be implemented. Bosch Rexroth helps to overcome this and other challenges with a comprehensive linear motion technology portfolio made up of rapidly deployable components, modules and subsystems.**

### 1. Cost-effective multi-axis solutions for mixed palletization

Rapid developments in the field of e-commerce require efficient solutions for the flow of goods and distribution. Mixed palletization offers great potential for automation and saving costs. In addition to articulated robots and cobots, Cartesian linear systems which offer major advantages in terms of installation space and handling weight are also suitable for this task. As the basis for mixed palletizing solutions, Bosch Rexroth offers a wide range of standardized linear modules and quickly deployable subsystems, the Smart Function Kits.

### 2. Linear motion systems for loading automated container warehouses

By constructing automated container warehouses, the industry is responding to the continuous increase in throughput and the shortage of personnel in the sector. Linear robots work around the clock in or on the new, highly automated systems. Cost-effective linear modules with belt drive and an automation package or multi-axis systems based on the Smart Function Kit Handling mechatronic modular system from Bosch Rexroth help to speed up the construction of dynamic pick-and-place systems. On request, the pre-assembled linear robots can be supplied with pre-installed operating software for fast, guided commissioning and visual process definition. With

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the sensor-based Smart Flex Effector compensation module, Bosch Rexroth ensures reliable gripping even with deviating container positions.

### 3. Durable electromechanics for automated guided vehicles

Autonomous mobile robots (AMRs) and automated guided vehicles (AGVs) are revolutionizing intralogistics by moving goods from A to B in an intelligent, reliable manner. Electromechanical cylinders such as the EMC and the heavy-duty EMC-HP range from Bosch Rexroth which only require lubrication as part of standard maintenance help to ensure the availability and controllability of the lifting systems. Automatic lateral fork adjustment to accommodate different types of pallets can be achieved economically with ball rail systems and screw drives from Bosch Rexroth.

### 4. Electrification with low-maintenance and sustainable linear motion technology

When it comes to transporting small masses, linear axes are often an economical, very energy-efficient alternative to pneumatic solutions. In addition to the electromechanical actuators from the EMC series, the SMS (Small Modules Screw driven) compact linear modules which are available from stock in five coordinated sizes from 30 to 120 mm are also suitable for this purpose. The compact linear modules with ball screw assembly achieve a repeatability of up to  $\pm 0.005$  mm for travel distances of up to 1,200 mm. Optional mounting kits for all popular servo motors save additional engineering time. Bosch Rexroth also offers automation packages for linear axes and actuators that allow users to order complete, ready-to-install subsystems for simple positioning and feeding tasks with just a few clicks.

In addition to these examples, Bosch Rexroth's comprehensive linear motion technology portfolio includes numerous tried and tested solutions for a wide variety of logistics applications. These range from the component level to ball transfer units for packing tables or rotary and linear guides for secondary axes. Manufacturers and users also benefit from comprehensive advice, engineering support, e-tools and worldwide service.

## Basic Information Bosch Rexroth

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