

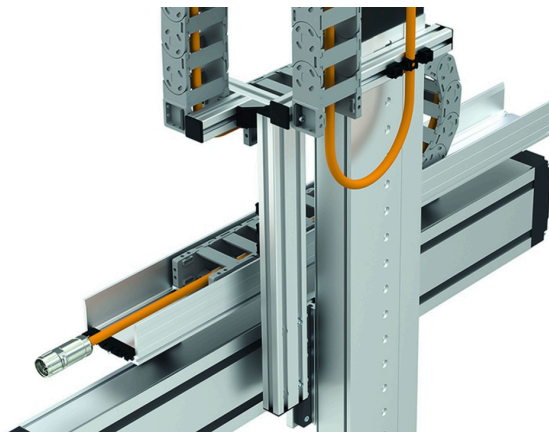
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# Linear robots now even more versatile

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From handling small parts to large masses: An extended range of Cartesian subsystems opens up new areas of application

- Predefined linear robots for a wide range of working areas and loads
- ctrlX AUTOMATION as a shared automation platform
- Optionally available with preinstalled software for quicker commissioning and programming



Predefined linear robots save time and allow dynamic applications with high repetition accuracy thanks to numerous form factors. Illustrated: 2D linear gantry for wall mounting (Image source: Bosch Rexroth)

**Bosch Rexroth has expanded its portfolio of linear robots for various applications in factory automation by adding new axis combinations and sizes. The much wider range of working areas and loads makes the Cartesian subsystems also suitable for applications like battery handling or intralogistics. The linear robots can be selected and sized quickly and easily thanks to predefined axis combinations. They can then be configured and finalized online and ordered as preassembled subsystems – optionally with controllers for the new ctrlX AUTOMATION platform. Each multi-axis system is also available as a Smart Function Kit for handling or dispensing. Preinstalled software then allows even quicker commissioning and intuitive programming. This significantly reduces the engineering time.**

The expanded range includes eight different axis combinations with 68 sizes. The products can be used in a variety of sectors such as automotive (including battery production), pharmaceuticals and FMCG. Applications range from pick and place, positioning and palletizing to feeding, shifting and loading and even dispensing tasks.

For use in intralogistics, including order picking and packaging, the new multi-axis systems cover large working ranges with stroke lengths of up to three meters in the X and Y directions and up to 1.5 m in the Z direction. The new load spectrum extends to up to 160 kg with three axes and up to 200 kg with two axes. The Cartesian robots are thus suitable for a range of tasks including handling individual parts, containers and boxes.

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The preassembled multi-axis systems with the Smart Function Kit option for handling or dispensing require little maintenance and achieve a high level of process quality and productivity. This is possible thanks to the special design properties such as rigidity, dynamics and repetition accuracy and the new ctrlX AUTOMATION platform which is particularly suitable for complex movements.

The standardized procedure for selecting and sizing a suitable subsystem can be carried out quickly and easily using predefined reference processes with LinSelect. While the design is finalized in the online configurator, the 3D CAD data can be retrieved, an inquiry started or the system ordered via the e-shop. In order to minimize installation times, Bosch Rexroth supplies the selected robot system in preassembled form. If required, it can be supplied with a complete energy chain and cable management. To make commissioning easier, the relevant axis parameters are stored in the motor encoder memory and can be read out automatically. Various attachment parts and interfaces make assembly easier.

The software add-on for the Smart Function Kits for handling or dispensing save users even more time. As part of the preinstalled software package, a wizard guides users intuitively through the commissioning process. The system is parameterized and the axes referenced automatically. Sequencing is carried out on a visual basis with the help of ready-to-use functional modules and can be completed in just a few minutes. Thanks to the flexible combination of hardware platform and innovative software, even complex line movements can be reproduced using simple graphic programming. Line integration can also be carried out easily with the help of suitable function modules.



The Smart Function Kits with preinstalled software not only make commissioning and programming easier. They also make it easier to connect external peripherals. (Image source: Bosch Rexroth AG)

## Basic Information Bosch Rexroth

As one of the world's leading suppliers of drive and control technologies, Bosch Rexroth ensures efficient, powerful and safe movement in machines and systems of any size. The company bundles global application experience in the market segments of Mobile Applications, Machinery Applications and Engineering, and Factory Automation. With its intelligent components, customized system solutions and services, Bosch Rexroth is creating the necessary environment for fully connected applications. Bosch Rexroth offers its customers hydraulics, electric drive and control technology, gear technology and linear motion and assembly technology, including software and interfaces to the Internet of Things. With locations in over 80 countries, more than 31,000 associates generated sales revenue of around 6.2 billion euros in 2021.

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