Bosch Rexroth performs handling tasks mechatronically — the quick and easy way

New Smart Function Kit for Handling drastically reduces the engineering outlay and allows commissioning with just a few clicks

* Cost-effective multi-axis solution from a single source
* Quick commissioning thanks to automatic parametrization of the servo drive
* Fast integration and value creation



Image 1: With the modular Smart Function Kit for Handling, Bosch Rexroth offers users a mechatronic subsystem for handling tasks that can be used immediately. (Image source: Bosch Rexroth AG)

An intelligent multi-axis system — quicker, more convenient and more cost-effective than ever before: Bosch Rexroth now makes this possible with the new [Smart Function Kit for Handling](https://www.boschrexroth.com/en/xc/products/product-groups/linear-motion-technology/news/smart-function-kit-handling/). Following the introduction of Rexroth’s [Smart Function Kit for Pressing and Joining](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhtLtv5VtEY), the linear motion technology experts are expanding the company’s [Smart MechatroniX](https://www.boschrexroth.com/en/us/30-years-of-linear-axes/smart-mechatronix/) solution platform with a second plug-and-produce subsystem that can be operated intuitively. With the new mechatronic kit, users can save a great amount of time when engineering multi-axis systems — for a quick return on investment with fully digitalized handling solutions.

The new Smart Function Kit for Handling can be used in a variety of areas, such as production handling, machine assembly and packaging. Pick-and-place tasks can also be performed quickly and cost-effectively, as a Cartesian multi-axis system for packages of different sizes, weights and formats.

**Plug-and-produce approach saves considerable amounts of time**

The clever new subsystems for multi-axis applications offer noticeable advantages over conventional solutions. Significant amounts of time can be saved and costs can be reduced — from the dimensioning and final configuration, to the operating phase. The plug-and-produce approach also speeds up the commissioning process considerably.

**Clever multi-axis solution from a single source**

The Smart Function Kit for Handling can be selected and sized easily and intuitively via the Rexroth [LinSelect linear motion software](https://www.boschrexroth.com/en/xc/products/product-groups/linear-motion-technology/topics/linselect/).

With just a few clicks and minimal engineering work, users can determine exactly which system is suitable for their needs. The data from LinSelect can be carried over to the configurator for complete system design. Orders can also be placed directly via the Rexroth e-shop. This complete range of tools not only saves time, but it also reduces potential sources of errors.

In addition to the preassembled multi-axis system, which includes a motor, cable and all attached parts, a suitable Rexroth ctrlX servo drive and controller is included in the package. Engineering and runtime apps are also preinstalled.

**Quick commissioning thanks to automatic drive parametrization**

The preinstalled software saves time and labor when commissioning and integrating the subsystem. The entire system is automatically parametrized. Intuitive, graphical operation via a web-based HMI also reduces installation times. Ready-made function blocks make it easy to program the process. As a result, there is no need for expensive external programming work.

Open interfaces allow the system to be connected to various controllers and thus perform bigger, integrated handling tasks. The software can be expanded via apps and has IIoT data interfaces via OPC-UA, a REST-API ResT programming interface and a firewall-compatible security architecture.

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Image 2: Everything in one package: a preassembled multi-axis system, including a motor, cable and all attached parts, as well as a suitable Rexroth ctrlX servo drive with a controller. (Image source: Bosch Rexroth AG)



Image 3: The preinstalled software can be used on various end devices and can be operated immediately with no need for programming knowledge. (Image source: Bosch Rexroth AG)

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