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ATRO Update

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ATRO: Automation Technology for Robotics

ATRO system

- offers a unique, modular, and flexible industrial robot system
- fully integrated into the Beckhoff automation system





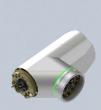
Individual robot configurations from standardized modules

ATRO base modules





ATRO motor modules





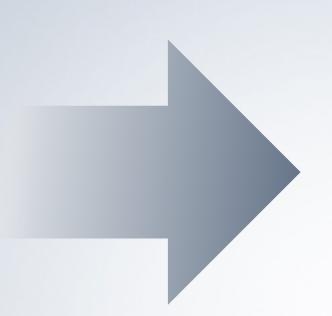


ATRO link modules







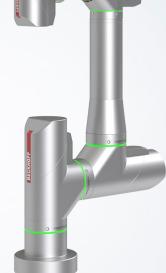


ATRO kinematics









ATRO: The modular and flexible industrial robot system

- standardized modules are turned into individual robot configurations
- The combination of modules is determined on an application-specific basis.
 - The size and number of axes vary depending on the required reach and payload, as well as on the required degree of freedom.
 - this cuts down on weight and also reduces cost
- For pick-and-place applications, 4 degrees of freedom are often sufficient
 → only 4 motor modules are required.

ATRO motor module



ATRO base module



ATRO link module



Modular industrial robot system

- integrated servo drives in the motor modules
 - free up space in the control cabinet and minimize wiring effort
- straightforward possibility of control cabinet-free operation
 - The control IPC can be integrated into the base.
- modular design reduces stocking costs for the customer
 - Different robot configurations use the same modules.
 - Existing modules can be reassembled for future applications.





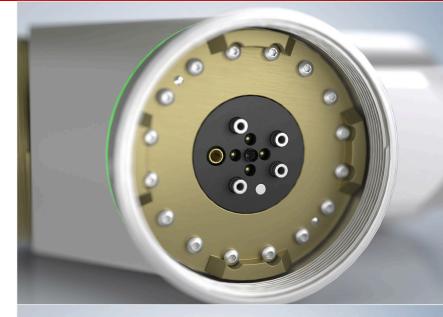
ATRO interface: Standardized interface

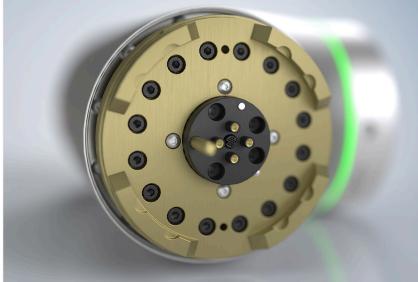
Assembly of the modules is extremely simple

- The ATRO interface is self-centering thanks to the Hirth coupling.
- The self-locking screw connection makes for a stable bond.

One tool is sufficient for the complete assembly of the kinematics.

- The robot can be assembled by just one person.
 - This is especially helpful when mounting/dismounting overhead





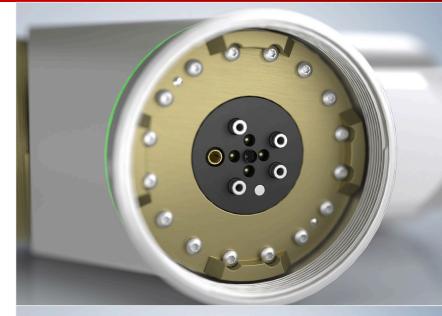
ATRO interface: Standardized interface

ATRO interface on all motor, link, and base modules

data, power and fluid interface



- straightforward adaptation to existing grippers
- endless rotation of the tools is maintained thanks to the internal media feed





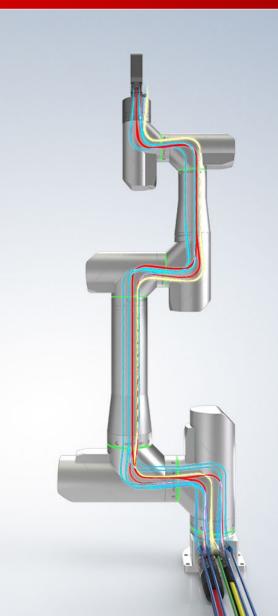
Assembly

- The assembled modules form the complete mechanical construction of the robot.
 - only the motor, link, and base modules are required
- Individual modules can be replaced for maintenance
 - this minimizes the MTTR* compared to a complete robot exchange.

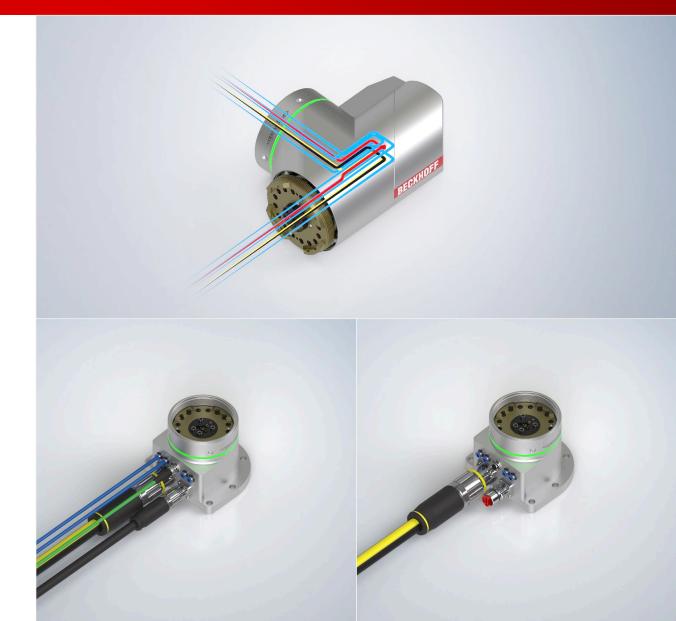


Internal media supply

- All modules have an integrated media supply
 - for data, power and fluid feedthrough
 e.g., compressed air, vacuum or
 water
 - from the base to the end effector
- two media strands
 - robot supply and data interface
 - additional media chanel for the customer application at the end effector



- media for robot supply
 - EtherCAT communication
 - 24/48 V supply for internal electronics and motors
- independent media channel for the customer application
 - power:4-pin, e.g., 230 V and5-pin, e.g., 400 V AC, or 600 V DC (depending on module size)
 - Gigabit Ethernet communication
 - 4x fluids



All axes are endlessly rotating

- All axes are designed for endless rotation.
 - This also applies to the main axes.
- The internal media feed avoids the need for an external hose and cable guide up to the gripper.
 - Interfering cables that prevent endless rotation of the entire structure are thus obsolete.
- The absence of axis limitations simplifies the programming of Cartesian movements.
 - The shortest paths can always be taken.







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different sizes

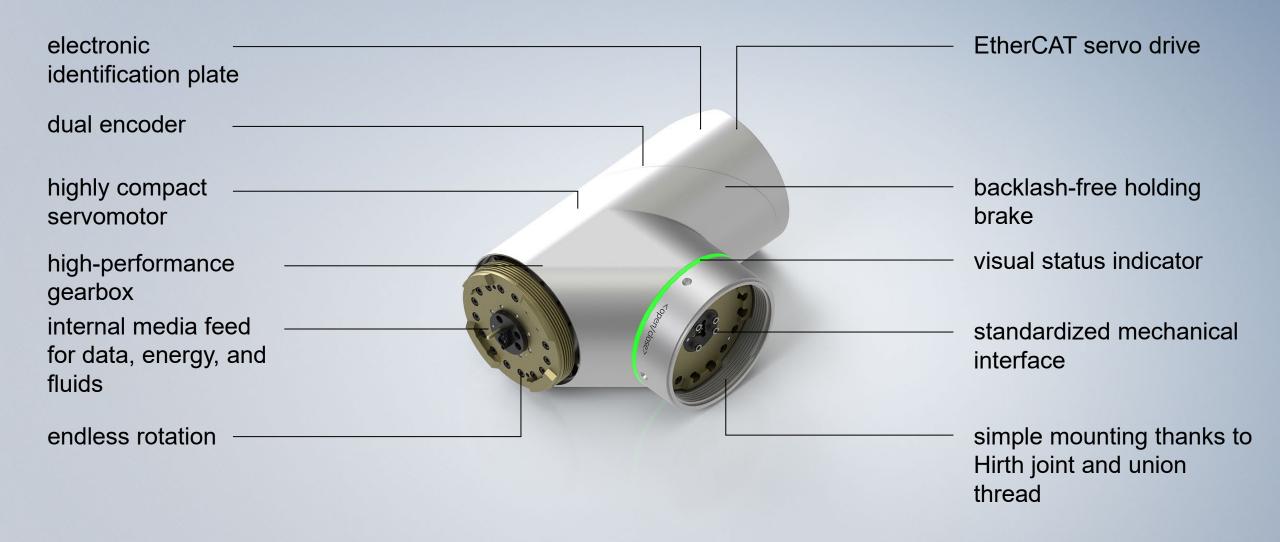
■ 14, 17, 20, 25, 32 modules

different designs

- L-motor
 - as joints for robot configurations
- I-motor
 - flange size reduction
 - additional axis for extended mobility, e.g., 7-axis kinematics



L-type RM1xxx motor module



RLxxxx link modules

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- connection modules to create individual robot configurations
- variable shape and length
 - I-shape
 - L-shape
 - Y-shape



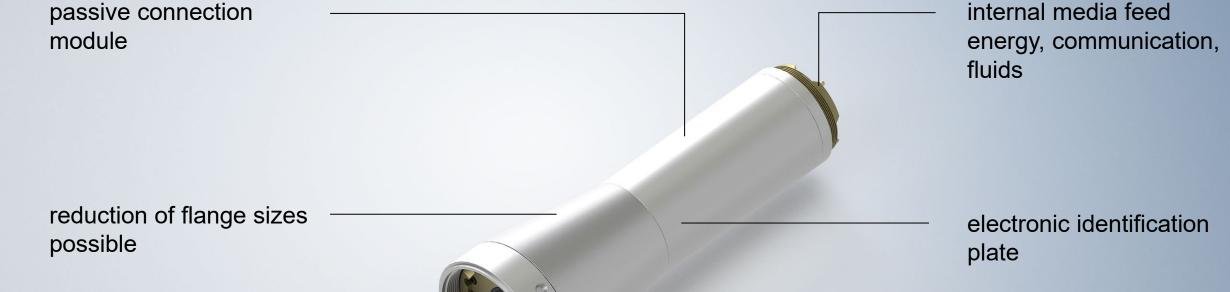
standardized mechanical

interface

variable shape and

length for individual

robot configurations



RBxxxx basic modules

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- robust mounting of the robot in all orientations – on a base plate, on the wall, or on the ceiling
- connection level to the internal media supply
 - connected sideways or downwards



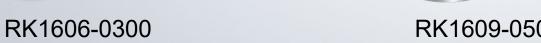
RKxxxx robot kits

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defined module sets

starter kits









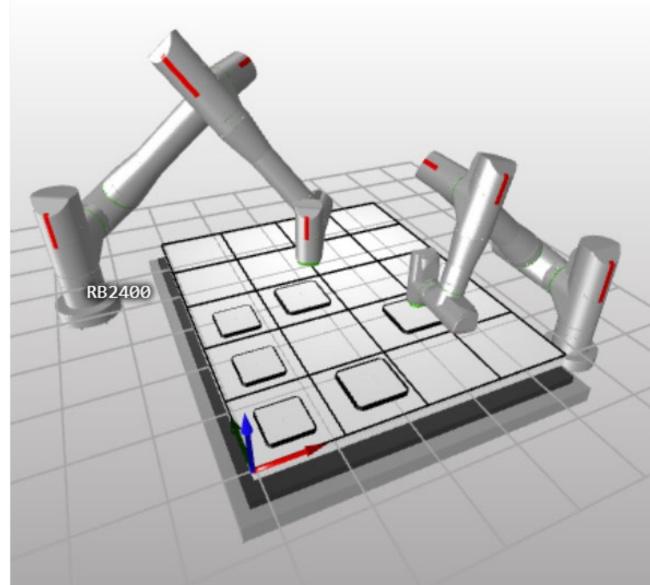
PC-based control – robot controller fully integrated into TwinCAT





High-performance robot controller

- With active support of multi-core CPUs, TwinCAT offers clear performance advantages compared to conventional robot controllers.
- integrated functionality
 - one control IPC for PLC, robot controller, and additional automation functions
 - tthis eliminates time delays for data exchange between tasks
 - the complete system is synchronized
- Multiple robot kinematics can be operated with one control.



Extensible through TwinCAT functions

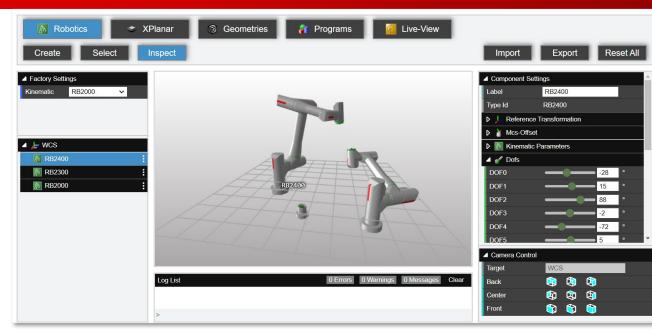
- The robot controller can be combined with all TwinCAT function extensions.
 - The use of **TwinCAT Vision** enable sophisticated applications (e.g., automated bin picking).
 - Machine Learning solutions can be used to improve motion performance.
 - Coordinated motion between the robot, XPlanar and XTS, and other motion components works seamlessly.
 - Analytics functions for predictive maintenance (including operating time, load cycles, and overload) are available.



Configuration and programming

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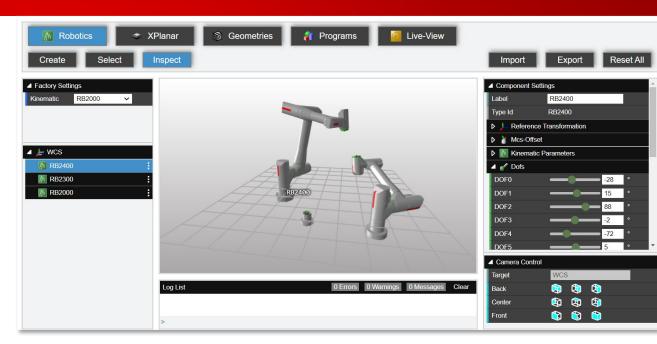
- automatic set-up and checking of the kinematics by EtherCAT bus scan
 - All ATRO modules contain an electronic identification plate that contains the dynamic properties.



Configuration and programming

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- The kinematics are configured and visualized in a graphical 3D representation
 - In live view, motion sequences can be displayed online or in a simulation environment.
 - The HTML5-based display can also be embedded in the user's interface.
- The robotics functionalities of TwinCAT are extended.



Robot programming

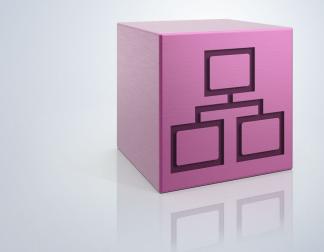
- application programming
 - Easy Mode
 for simple applications and all users
 - Advanced Mode
 for standard robot-based automation
 - Technical Mode
 for TwinCAT experts to handle sophisticated tasks
- motion programming
 - positioning of the robot via hand guiding
 - teaching of positions via system module or external operating buttons



PC-based control – Connectivity

- TwinCAT connectivity solutions are also available for robotics through TwinCAT integration.
 - EtherCAT, PROFINET, EtherNet/IP, OPC UA, Modbus, etc.
- Safe sensors and actuators can also be easily integrated into the robot application.
 - All devices with Safety over EtherCAT, PROFIsafe, or safe I/O can be integrated.
- data transport from the production level right through to the production planning and ERP system or cloud





ATRO: Modular, flexible, and integrated. The perfect robot for every application

