Linear Motion Solutions by Thomson
Trusted provider of optimized motion solutions for more than 70 years

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Thomson – Your Trusted Partner

Thomson invented anti-friction linear technology more than 70 years ago and has continued to lead the industry ever since. The Thomson brand is recognized as the global leader in motion technology.

Talk to us early in the design process to see how Thomson can help identify the optimal balance of performance, life and cost for your next application. Visit www.thomsonlinear.com and find a wealth of product and application information as well as 3D models, software tools, our distributor locator and global contact information.

Unmatched Product Range
Over the past several years, our family of motion products has grown significantly and now includes BSA, Neff and Tollo – all now part of Thomson.

Worldwide Service and Support
Thomson field service engineers and support teams are available to assist wherever and whenever they are needed. The broadest product offering and unbiased technology expertise enable us to bring you the optimal balance of performance, life and cost. That’s why design engineers turn most often to Thomson products to meet their motion control requirements.
Linear Ball Bushing® Bearings and 60 Case® LinearRace® Shafting

Thomson invented the Linear Ball Bushing bearing more than 70 years ago and has since been the recognized leader in this field. Offering the widest range of bearings and accessories, we easily satisfy an even broader set of requirements with the best performing product for the application.

**RoundRail Linear Ball Bushing Bearings**
- Most extensive product offering in the industry
- Pre-assembled, ready-to-install stages provide low friction and smooth, accurate motion
- Cutting-edge segmented technology

**60 Case LinearRace Shafting**
- Manufactured to the highest quality standards
- Life extends as much as 50% over the competition
- Available in a number of materials and coatings
- Custom machining capabilities

Profile Rail Linear Guides

Thomson has a complete offering of rails and carriages in a broad range of styles and sizes and is a “one-stop shop” for all of your profile rail needs.

**Profile Rail 400 Series**
- Wide product offering in industry standard sizes
- Double-faced ball bearing design

**Profile Rail 500 Series**
- Exceptional straightness, rigidity and accuracy
- Double-backed design for high moment load capacities

**MicroGuide® Series**
- Miniature linear guides in 440C stainless steel
- Available as small as 5 mm

**T Series**
- Lightweight rail made from aircraft-grade aluminum
- Easy and fast installation
Ball Screws

We offer the most complete line of industrial ball screws. Our products range from standard to high-precision assemblies, as well as custom solutions.

**Precision Rolled Ball Screws**
- The most comprehensive offering of low-cost, high-precision metric and inch ball screws in the industry

**High Load Ball Screws**
- Handles maximum dynamic loads up to 1440 kN

**Miniature Ball Screws, Precision Rolled**
- Efficient, cost-effective solution in a small envelope

**Whirled and Ground Ball Screws**
- High repeatability, accuracy and stiffness

Lead Screws

Thomson offers the highest-quality, precision lead screw assemblies in the industry, providing an excellent economical solution for your linear motion requirements.

- Rolled precision stainless steel screws
- V-Threads available for fine positioning resolutions
- Lead nuts come in a standard threaded or flanged mounting configuration
- Anti-backlash nuts for the best positional repeatability
- Bronze nuts for heavy duty applications
- Custom lead screw machining and lead nuts available
Glide Screws™

The Glide Screw combines the features of a linear bearing and a lead screw in one smooth operating package, thus creating something better than both. The patented Glide Screw delivers high performance, fast installation and less complexity in a small package.

- Easy and fast to install and maintenance free
- Reduced footprint, improved equipment uptime and lower cost of ownership
- Metric and inch options available
- Integrated lubrication block
- Optional configurations for harsh environments

Miniature Systems and Components

Thomson produces the widest selection of miniature linear and rotary components that are engineered to work together. They all benefit from our long experience in motion control engineering and have all the advantages and features offered for standard-size products.

- Smaller components enable designers to reduce the size and weight of their end product, resulting in products that are smaller, lighter and less expensive to manufacture
- Widest variety of miniature motion products on the market
- Products are designed to work together
- Thomson offers easy and fast customization
Linear Actuators

Our linear actuator range is one of the broadest on the market, and we can offer a suitable model for almost any imaginable application. Thomson also has a long experience in designing custom solutions and builds more custom actuators than anyone.

**Electrak® HD**
- Industry-leading onboard electronics, including J1939
- Loads up to 16 kN and stroke lengths up to 1 m
- Unrivaled environmental protection (IP69K/IP67 static and IP66 dynamic)

**Electrak MD**
- Compact sibling of the HD with outstanding power density, onboard controls and durability
- Loads up to 2 kN and speeds up to 45 mm/s

**Warner Linear H-Track**
- Electrohydraulic actuator incorporates a patented fluid power design with unmatched impact resistance
- Completely sealed system with no hoses to leak

Precision Linear Actuators

The compact design and higher load capacities of our precision linear actuators make them ideal for the replacement of hydraulic and pneumatic cylinders.

**T Series**
- Robust, high-accuracy, 100% duty cycle actuators
- Three sizes and a multitude of accessories available
- Mounting kits according to hydraulic standards available

**ECT Series**
- Fully motorized precision linear actuators
- Choose between a large number of motor, gear box and mounting alternatives

**PC Series**
- Built to replace pneumatic cylinders
- High power density, accuracy and life expectancy
- Visit [www.thomsonlinear.com/conversion](http://www.thomsonlinear.com/conversion) to learn more about the PC Series

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Linear Motion Systems

Thomson invented the linear motion system and offers the largest range in the industry. These systems are ideal for handling, packaging and other factory automation applications that require high speed and/or long stroke capabilities.

- Modular, self contained and self supporting
- Can easily be assembled into X-Y and gantry configurations using multi-axis mounting accessories
- Sizes ranging from the smallest to the biggest in the industry
- Ball screw or belt-driven models
- Ball-, wheel- or prism-guided models
- RediMount™ motor mounting adapter kit is available as standard on all models
- Large range of options and accessories
- Sealing and washdown options are available for harsh environments

Lifting Columns

Thomson lifting columns are ideal for medical applications such as wheelchair lifts, x-ray machines, and surgical tables as well as ergonomic automation applications such as workstations and desk lifts.

**LC2000 Series**
- Three-piece extrusion with 2000 N loading capacity
- Telescoping leadscrew mechanism to provide an ideal extension-to-retraction ratio

**LC3000 Series**
- Three-piece extrusion with ballscrew drive to allow for 3000 N loading capacity and high moment loading
Stepper Motor Linear Actuators

Stepper motor linear actuators combine a hybrid stepper motor and a precision lead screw together in one compact envelope. Patented Taper-Lock technology* allows quick decoupling and secure, properly aligned connections. This combination offers several advantages over a traditional solution.

- Motors come in five standard NEMA frame sizes with various stack and motor winding combinations available
- Many lead screw diameters, leads, coatings and lead nut combinations available
- Achieves the highest torque density in the industry
- Taper-Lock design provides the ability to quickly decouple the lead screw from the stepper motor
- Comes in three standard configurations: rotating screw (MLS), rotating nut (MLN) or actuator (MLA)
- Custom assemblies available

* Patent No. 9400047

Worm Gear Screw Jacks

The Thomson worm gear screw jacks set new standards of precision and engineering and meet all of today’s requirements for safety, cost-efficiency and durability.

**MULI® and JUMBO® Series**

- Models for loads from 5 to 500 kN
- Designed for easy installation of motors, gears and shaft encoders
- All models designed for tensile and compressive loads
- Complete range of motors and accessories is available
- Synchronization of several jacks is easily accomplished
Precision Balls

Thomson has more than 60 years as a leader in supplying standard precision balls, precision ball bearings and unique stainless steel balls for specific applications. Thomson offers a large variety of precision ball types, unique precision ball bearings technologies and a high quality in both materials and workmanship.

- Most complete variety of materials and technologies
- More than 27 high-performance materials
- Ceramic, hollow and specialty balls
- ISO9001:2000 registered
- A2LA certified measuring lab
Customization and White Paper Designs

Applications often have unique challenges that cannot always be solved by an off-the-shelf solution. Thomson specializes in providing custom-engineered solutions quickly and cost effectively to address these requirements. We frequently develop and ship products that have been altered in one or several ways such as:

- Custom materials
- Custom surface treatment
- Custom size or geometry
- Custom assemblies
- Custom services
- New designs

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Innovation, Engineering and Customization Excellence

Often the ideal design solution is not about finding the fastest, sturdiest, most accurate or even the least expensive option. Rather, the ideal solution is the optimal balance of performance, life and cost.

Thomson continues to innovate, both in products and tools necessary for design engineers to select, size and specify the optimal component for any application – regardless of industry or market. From standard products to “white sheet” designs, Thomson has the engineering expertise and manufacturing capabilities to optimize the balance between performance and cost to suit your specific needs. Our engineered, custom designs, as well as our multitude of free, online tools, set us apart from other manufacturers and create a benchmark in the component industry.

Material Handling
Improve speed, accuracy and reliability by using the broad range of Thomson products in robots, manipulators, lifting aids and pick-and-place equipment.

Medical and Health
Both patients and caregivers will benefit from easier-to-use, safer, lighter, smaller and more precise machines made possible by Thomson products.

Food Processing
Our large range of washdown and non-contaminating components makes Thomson a perfect partner to the food processing industry.

Machine Tools
Thomson has supplied high-performance lead screws and linear guides to machine tool manufacturers for decades.

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Decades of Application Expertise

Since 1936, Thomson has been one of the forerunners in the motion technology industry. Our inventions and products have been supplying optimized motion solutions to a broad range of companies and application areas.

Thomson is the name you can trust for high-quality, innovation, on-time delivery, controlled costs and reduced risk regardless of your industry. With extensive experience in numerous industries, including mobile off-highway, medical and health, packaging, food processing, material handling, factory automation, clean energy, and machine tools, Thomson offers the widest selection of linear motion components designed to work together to provide the optimal solution for your specific application.

Mobile Off-Highway
Thousands of actuators — many of them customized — are delivered each year by Thomson to manufacturers of combines, tractors, bulldozers, trains and other vehicles.

Packaging
Packaging is a demanding market where Thomson can offer unique products that will improve quality and productivity while lowering manufacturing costs.

Factory Automation
Wherever you need to control a linear motion in a production process, Thomson has the broadest range of suitable products on the market.

Clean Energy
The clean energy market is a fast-growing industry to which Thomson has been supplying standard and customized, high-quality products for many years.
1936 First ball screw application developed for recirculating ball steering systems

1939 Thomson Saginaw produces first aircraft ball screw for the B-29 Super Fortress

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1945 Thomson invents world’s first anti-friction linear ball bushing bearing

1947 Multiple circuit ball screws introduced at Saginaw

1947 Significantly improved linear ball bushing bearing patented

1948 Subminiature clutches and brakes are released

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1951 60 Case LinearRace shafts developed as ground inner raceway for ball bushing bearing

1953 Precision “A” Bearing invented with better ball circulation manufacture.

1955 First re-circulating ball screw introduced on 1955 Chevy

1955 Thomson develops thread rolling process for ball screws

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1960 Ball screws are introduced into machine tools

1962 Roundway bearing patented, offers 20 times greater load capacity than ball bushing bearings

1965 Thomson Performance Pak electromechanical actuators are developed

1967 The first generation of actuators for use in garden tractors and farm equipment is released

1969 Thomson invents the self-aligning super ball bushing bearing, which provides up to 27 times more life and up to three times greater load capacity than ball bushing bearings

1970 Stainless steel rolled lead screws and Supernut® introduced

1974 First line of actuators with parallel motors and both acme and ball screw drive is released

1974 Self-aligning twin pillow block is invented

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70+ Years of Innovation, Quality and Trust in Motion Technology