

# Mechanical Motion Solutions.

Manufacturing the optimal balance of performance, life and cost for over 60 years.





# Thomson – the name you can trust

Thomson invented anti-friction linear technology over 60 years ago and has continued to lead the industry ever since. The Thomson brand is recognized and trusted as the global leader in linear motion technology.

Since 2002 when Thomson was acquired by Danaher Corporation, our product range has grown significantly. Our family of linear and mechanical motion products also includes BSA, Neff, Tollo, Micron and Deltran - all now part of Thomson.



THOMSON BSA

THOMSON NEFF

THOMSON TOLLO

MICRON

DELTRAN

With a world-wide service and support infrastructure, Thomson field service engineers and support teams are available to assist 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.

From standard products to "white paper" designs, we have the expertise and manufacturing capabilities to optimize the balance between performance and cost to suit your specific application. Our engineered, custom-designs for proprietary equipment set us apart in the industry.



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# Linear Ball Bushing® Bearings and 60 Case® LinearRace Shafting

Thomson invented the ball bushing bearing over 60 years ago and has since been the recognized leader in this field. Our linear products provide low friction, smooth, accurate, straight-line motion. Offering the widest range of bearings and accessories, we easily satisfy the widest range of requirements with the best performing product for the application.

### RoundRail™ Linear Ball Bushing® Bearings

- Most extensive product offering in the industry
- Cutting-edge segmented technology
- Over 60 years of product innovation & unparalleled service

### **60 Case LinearRace Shafting**

- 60 Case LinearRaceShafting service life extends as much as 50% over the competition, when used with Thomson Ball Bushing Bearings
- Available in a number of proprietary materials and coatings
- Diameters from 1/8 to 4 inches and 5 to 80 mm
- Lengths to 25 feet (7.6 m)
- Custom machining capabilities drive shafts, spindles, guide rods, rolls, etc.



# **Profile Rail Linear Guides**

We are a "one-stop shop" for all your profile rail needs and offer the ultra-lightweight T-Series, the compact stainless steel MicroGuide, the ultra-rigid 500 Series Roller and the new cost-effective Profile Rail 400 Series.

### **Profile Rail 400 Series:**

- Metric sizes from 15 to 45 mm in 5 mm increments
- Double-faced ball track bearing for simple installation
- Load capacity up to 129 kN.
- Up to 30% noise reduction compared to standard ball cages

### **Profile Rail 500 Series:**

- Metric sizes ranging form 5 to 65 mm
- Load capacities up to 530 kN
- Exceptional straightness and high rigidity

ELECTROMATE tatic and moment load capacities



# **Ball and Lead Screws**

We offer the most complete line of industrial ball and lead screws. Our standard products range from high precision assemblies for positioning applications to standard assemblies for transport applications. Our custom capabilities range from hollow ball screws for lightweight applications to telescoping ball screws for small envelope applications.

### **Ball Screws:**

- Clean and efficient (>90%)
- Rolled screw accuracy to 50 micron/300 mm
- Precision rolled accuracy to 12 micron/ 300 mm
- Diameters from 10 to 160 mm and leads from 4 to 50 mm

### **Lead Screws:**

- Polymer anti-backlash nut technology
- Rolled precision stainless steel screws, diam. from 6 to 24 mm
- Load ratings from 22 to 1.8 kN for polymer nuts

### **Trapezoidal Screws:**

- Low cost solutions for constructive work, positioning and movements' steel, gunmetal and plastic nuts
- Rolled precision steel screws mat. C15, diam. from 10 to 80 mm
- Load ratings to 66 kN for gunmetal nuts



# **Specialty Ball Screws and Components**

Thomson specialty ball screw products have been used in nuclear power applications for the last 30 years. Thomson is also a leader in ball screws for aerospace and defense with an history and expertise stretching from the first ball screw in an aviation application, Boeing B29, to seeker gimbal stabilization in modern missiles. Our team of engineers leverage our 70+ years of research, including over 100 ball screw technology patents, in order to meet our customers' requirements.

- Enhanced features such as load lock safety mechanisms, lubrication reservoirs, and quiet running return systems are available
- Redundant load systems and patented wiper designs promote maximum reliability
- · Certified manufacturing, inspection, and testing







# True Planetary™ Gearheads

We offer a complete line of True Planetary<sup>™</sup> gearheads to complement all of our servo and step motor products.

- UltraTRUE Helical Crowned True Planetary Gearheads, smoothest operating on the market
- ValueTRUE Helical Crowned True Planetary Gearhead,
   High performance at a low cost
- DuraTRUE Planetary Gearheads, ideal alternative to hybrid parallel-shaft spur gearheads
- NemaTRUE Planetary Gearheads, optional front faces
- EverTRUE continuous duty, higher speeds and lower temperature
- XTRUE Planetary Gearheads, an economical, precision design
- AquaTRUE Planetary Gearheads, stainless steel housing and output shaft, IP66, 67 or 69K protection



# **Linear Motion Systems**

Linear Motion Systems are the best choice for material handling and other factory automation applications that require high speed and/or long stroke capabilities. Modular, self-contained and self-supporting, they are easily assembled into X-Y and gantry configurations.

- Designed for machining, packaging, assembly and material handling applications
- Ball screw or belt driven with ball guide, wheel guide and prism guide linear bearing
- Speed up to 10 m/s (33 ft/s)
- Load up to 40 kN (9,000 lb)
- Stroke up to 12 m (39 ft)
- Sealing and washdown options are available for harsh environments
- Low maintenance often available with single point lubrication





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# **Positioning Slides**

Our positioning slides can be used virtually anywhere. They can support and move a range of loads and provide high precision and tight tolerances.

- Pre-engineered, pre-assembled, ready to install
- Load bearing support with either RoundRail or ProfileRail linear guides
- Actuation with either ball screw, lead screw or belt drive
- Support 2D or 3D move profiles with multi-axis configurations
- Loads from 20N to 30 kN (5 to 6,700 lb)
- Speeds up to 3 m/s (10 ft/s)
- Both inch and metric dimensions
- Available with stepper or servo motor and control packages
- Complete turnkey systems available
- RediMount System allows Thomson slides to be easily mounted to a variety of motors, not just NEMA standards.



# **Precision Linear Actuators**

The compact design and higher load capacities of our precision linear actuators make them ideal for flexible integration in tight areas. These programmable precision linear actuators are available in a wide range of voltage, thrust, stroke and mounting configurations.

- Designed for high speed, high load, continuous operation
- Stroke up to 2 m (6.5 ft)
- Load up to 40 kN (9,000 lb)
- Speed up to 2.5 m/s (8 ft/s)
- Compact design for small envelope
- Available with stepper, servo or DC motor
- · Controls available for all unit
- Complete turnkey systems available



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# **Linear Actuators**

Our linear actuators are designed to be used in rugged, reliable linear motion applications. Numerous choices in stroke, load, motor type, feedback, limits, and control options make these linear actuators very versatile.

If you can't find the actuator to meet your application needs, call us for an actuator built to your needs. We have a very long experience in designing custom solutions and we build more custom actuators than anyone.

- Strokes from 25 to 1500 mm (1 to 59 inch)
- Loads from 110 to 9000 N (25 to 2,000 lb)
- Speeds from 5 to 75 mm/s (0.2 to 3 in/s)
- $\bullet$  Voltages 12, 24, 36 Vdc and 1  $\times$  230 / 3  $\times$  400 Vac
- High power density
- Outdoor and indoor applications, IP67
- Maintenance free
- · Holds load with power off
- Available with overload clutches, limit switches, feed back and a whole range of other options and features



# Worm Gear Screw Jacks

With the MULI® und JUMBO® worm gear screw jacks we set new standards of precision and engineering. Designed with the aid of state-of-the art CAD and CAE systems and manufactured on eff cient CNC machines, these jacks meet all today's requirements for safety, cost-efficiency and durability.

- Lifting capacities from 2.5 to 500 kN
- Ballscrew or leadscrew driven
- Up to 57% efficiency
- Designed for tensile and compressive loads





# Clutches & Brakes

Thomson has over 100 years of experience of manufacturing quality clutches and brakes. Today, our clutch and brake products are working in a wide range applications and almost all types of products.

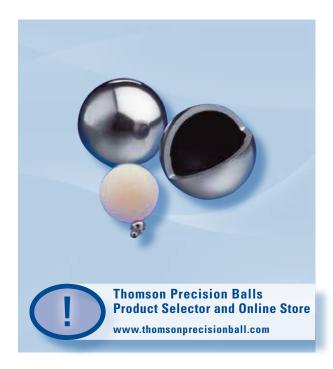
- Spring set brakes for static holding and dynamic stopping are available for a variety of applications including motors, actuators, and Z axis applications
- Product families include power on and power off friction, multiple disc, tooth, spring set, and other electromechanical technologies.
- Torque ranges from less that 0.1 Nm to over 500 Nm (1 in-lb to over 370 ft-lb)
- ISO9000:2001 and AS9100 certified



# **Precision Balls**

Our precision balls offer sphericity within 5 millionths of an inch, 100% quality inspection and are guaranteed to meet or exceed the standards of the American Bearing Manufacturing Association.

- Most complete variety of materials & technologies
- Over 27 high performance materials
- · Ceramic, hollow and specialty balls
- ISO9001:2000 registered
- A2LA Certified measuring Lab







# Over 60 Years of Innovation, Quality and Trust in Linear Motion

1940 1950 1960 1970

First ball screw application developed for recirculating ball steering systems

# Thomson invents world's first anti-friction linear ball bushing bearing

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

Roundway bearing patented, offers 20 times greater load capacity than Ball Bushing bearings

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



1947 Multiple circuit ball screws introduced at Saginaw

1947 Significantly improved linear ball bushing bearing patented

1948
Subminiature
clutches and brakes
are released

Precision "A"
Bearing invented with better ball circulation manufacture.
Still in use today

1955
First re-circulating ball screw introduced on 1955 Chevy

Thomson develops thread rolling process for ball screws

1965

1960

Ball screws are

introduced into

machine tools

Thomson **Peformance Pak** electromechanical actuators are developed

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

Thomson invents the selfaligning super ball bushing bearing, which provides up to 27X more life and up to 3X greater load capacity than Ball Bushing bearings

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1980

1990

2000

### 1970

Stainless steel rolled lead screws and Supernut® introduced

### 1981

First Wiesel linear motion system presented at Fameta show in Stuttgart



### 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

### 1980

Launched anti-backlash Supernut® products such as the SNAB, ASAB, TSAB, and TAB

### 1981

Extra-rigid 10X more accurate **XR ball bushing bearing** patented



### 1982

The **Tiger line actuators** are released for OEMs

### 1987

Electrak 205 and the first line of MCS controls are released

### 1989

Production starts on first high volume ABS IV ball screw at 40,000 units per day

### 1993

Super Smart Ball Bushing Bearing is invented. 216x the life or 6x the load capacity of a conventional Bearing

### 1995

**Lightweight titanium screw** developed for space flight

### 1996

Micron develops the **RediMount**, the most flexible mounting system in the world



### 1997

Micron develops the first helical crowned true planetary gearhead in the UltraTRUE

### 1998

Released the XC advanced anti-backlash nut with ActiveCAM®

### 2000

The first LM80 rodless actuator is released

### 2004

Gen IV wipers developed for maximum environmental conditions

### 2004

500 Series introduced



### 2004

MLSM and MLSH product line released



### 2007

The Electrak Pro actuator line and the DCG control line are released

### 2007

AKB Series Spring Set Brakes are released

### 2010

**400 Series Linear Guide** introduced

### 2010

AquaTRUE food grade planetary gearhead series is released



### 2011

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Actuators

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