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# LATHE AUTOMATION

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## Introduction

Lathe has been an important tool for the industrial revolution. It has been considered as a must-have tool for the manufacturing industry offering reliable and accurate result. However, in the last decade automatic lathes have taken over this process due to its low cost, manufacturing errors reduction and human safety benefits. Furthermore, the intent of stepping into this technology is fundamental giving basic comprehension and skills required by today's challenges.

This report consists of four sections:

1. Modelling
2. Calculations.
3. Manufacturing.
4. Assembly.

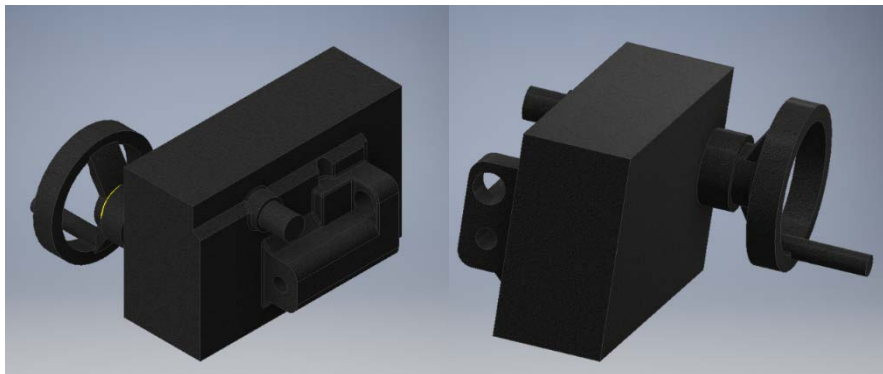
In this order, modelling refers to the process of digitalizing a physical component into a computational 3D model while calculations will involve some research and force analysis develop during operation. These two sections will be carried out individually where every person will have a different task while the manufacturing process will be operated by an authorised machinist. Moreover, assembly, wiring and programmable set up sections will be done in collaboration.

By the end of this project, operators should be able to machine a material by giving it a specific drawing file which will be then translated and transformed into GCODE files and lastly be readable by the motor controllers.

## Modelling

The following components were part of my collaboration to the team.

### Apron



## Bed



## Calculations

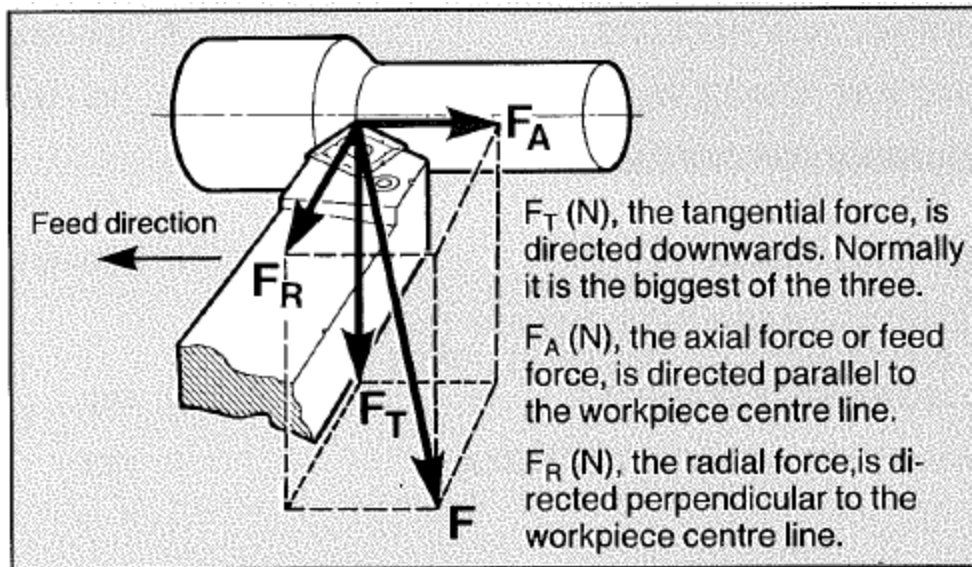
Torques and forces exerted by the lathe were calculated in order to select both motors and ball screws.

Initial established parameters:

Predominantly material for workpiece	High Carbon Steel	N/A
Depth of cut (max)	6	mm
Feed rate (max)	0.5	mm/rev
Chuck angular velocity (max)	22 - 1800	RPM
Coefficient of friction metal-metal	0.16 (The Engineering ToolBox, 2017)	N/A
Z-axis weight	50	Kg
X-axis weight	25	Kg
Manual angular velocity	120	RPM
Lead angle accuracy	0.05	mm
Ball screw length to be used for the Z-axis	1100	mm

CNC lathe is required to be driven by ball screws and servo motors for their lowest factors of frictions and accuracy respectively. Therefore all following calculations are aimed at selecting a ball screw and a servo motor that can overcome the maximum torque, velocity and forces developed by the lathe.

For cutting force calculation:



The approximate relationship of these components to each other is:  $F_T : F_A : F_R = 4 : 2 : 1$

Tangential cutting force ( $F_t$ ) may be determined by:

$$F_T (N) = k_s \times a \times s$$

Where  $k_s$  = specific cutting force (N/mm<sup>2</sup>)  
 $a$  = depth of cut (mm)  
 $s$  = feed (mm/rev)

As  $k_s = 2300$  N/mm<sup>2</sup> for a workpiece of high carbon steel, it need to be corrected by three (3) factors which are insert geometry, entering angle of the tool and the feed rate chosen. See appendix 1 for more information.

Assuming all these factors are equal to one,  $k_s$  is:

$$k_s = 2300 \times 1 \times 1 \times 1 = \mathbf{2300 \text{ N/mm}^2}$$

Thus,

$$F_T = 2300 \text{ N/mm}^2 \times 6 \text{ mm} \times 0.5 \text{ mm/rev} = \mathbf{6900 \text{ N}}$$

And:

$$F_A = \frac{F_T}{2} = \frac{6900 \text{ N}}{2} = \mathbf{3450 \text{ N}}$$

$$F_R = \frac{F_T}{4} = \frac{6900 \text{ N}}{4} = \mathbf{1725 \text{ N}}$$

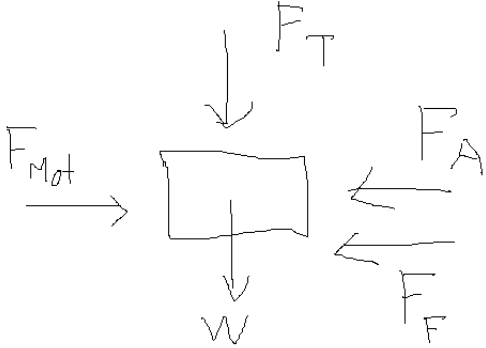
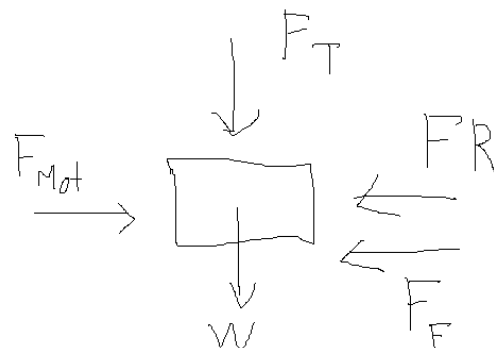
Since the lead angle accuracy is 0.05 mm and the effective thread length is greater than 1000 mm, the accuracy grade for the ball screw will be **C5 Precision Ball Screw**. Furthermore, most ball screw can provide an efficiency of 95%.

Additionally, the ball screw lead may be obtained as follow:

$$\text{Lead} = \frac{\text{Chuck angular velocity (RPM)} \times \text{Feed rate} \left( \frac{\text{mm}}{\text{rev}} \right)}{\text{Manual angular velocity (RPM)}} = \frac{1800 \times 0.5}{120} \\ = 7.5 \text{ mm/rev}$$

Rounding up the theoretical lead to match a standard lead screw ball from manufactures, lead is equal to **10 mm/rev**.

Once cutting forces and ball screw's lead have been calculated, forces due to friction and lathe's components weight must be included for both X and Z axes. Thus,

Z-axis (Apron)	X-axis (Tool post)
	
$W = 50\text{Kg} \times 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 = \mathbf{490.5 \text{ N}}$	$W = 25\text{Kg} \times 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 = \mathbf{245.5 \text{ N}}$
$F_F = (6900\text{N} + 490.5\text{N}) \times 0.16 = \mathbf{1182.5\text{N}}$	$F_F = (6900\text{N} + 245.5 \text{ N}) \times 0.16 = \mathbf{1143.2\text{N}}$
$F_{mot} = F_F + F_A = 1182.5\text{N} + 3450 \text{ N} = \mathbf{4632.5\text{N}}$	$F_{mot} = F_F + F_R = 1143.2\text{N} + 1725 \text{ N} = \mathbf{2868.2\text{N}}$

$T_{ball\ screw} = \frac{F_{mot} \times Lead}{2\pi \times \eta_{ball\ screw} \times 1000}$ $= \frac{4632.5N \times 10\ mm/rev}{2\pi \times 0.9 \times 1000} = \mathbf{8.2\ Nm}$	$T_{ball\ screw} = \frac{F_{mot} \times Lead}{2\pi \times \eta_{ball\ screw} \times 1000}$ $= \frac{2868.2N \times 10\ mm/rev}{2\pi \times 0.9 \times 1000} = \mathbf{5.1\ Nm}$
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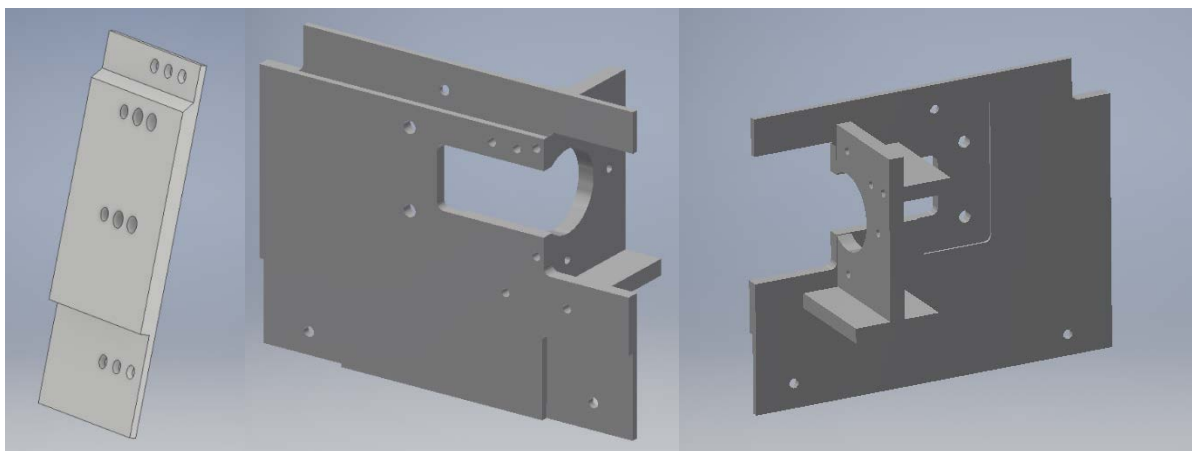
Considering all the previous values and space limits, the ball screw selected could be found on appendix 2. Furthermore, a 3D representation of the ball screw was drawn by using the dimensions shown on the appendix 2.



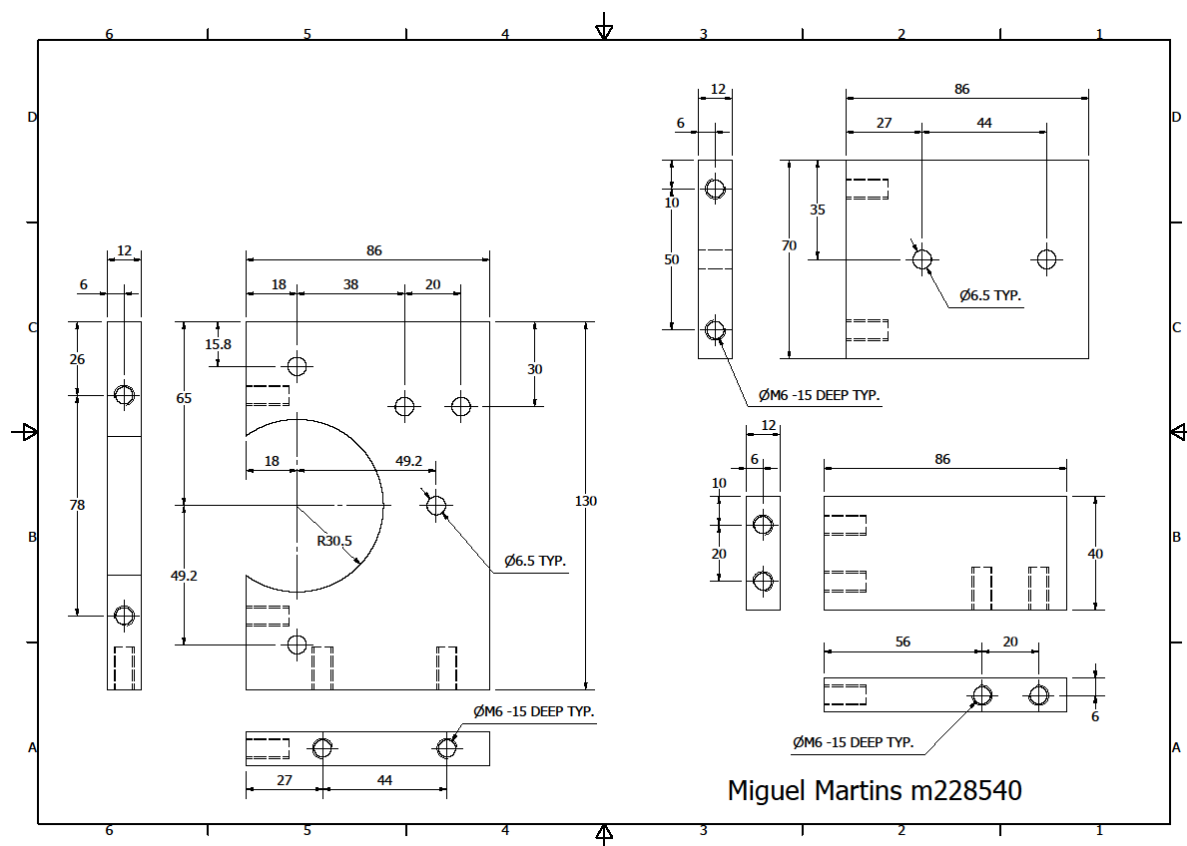
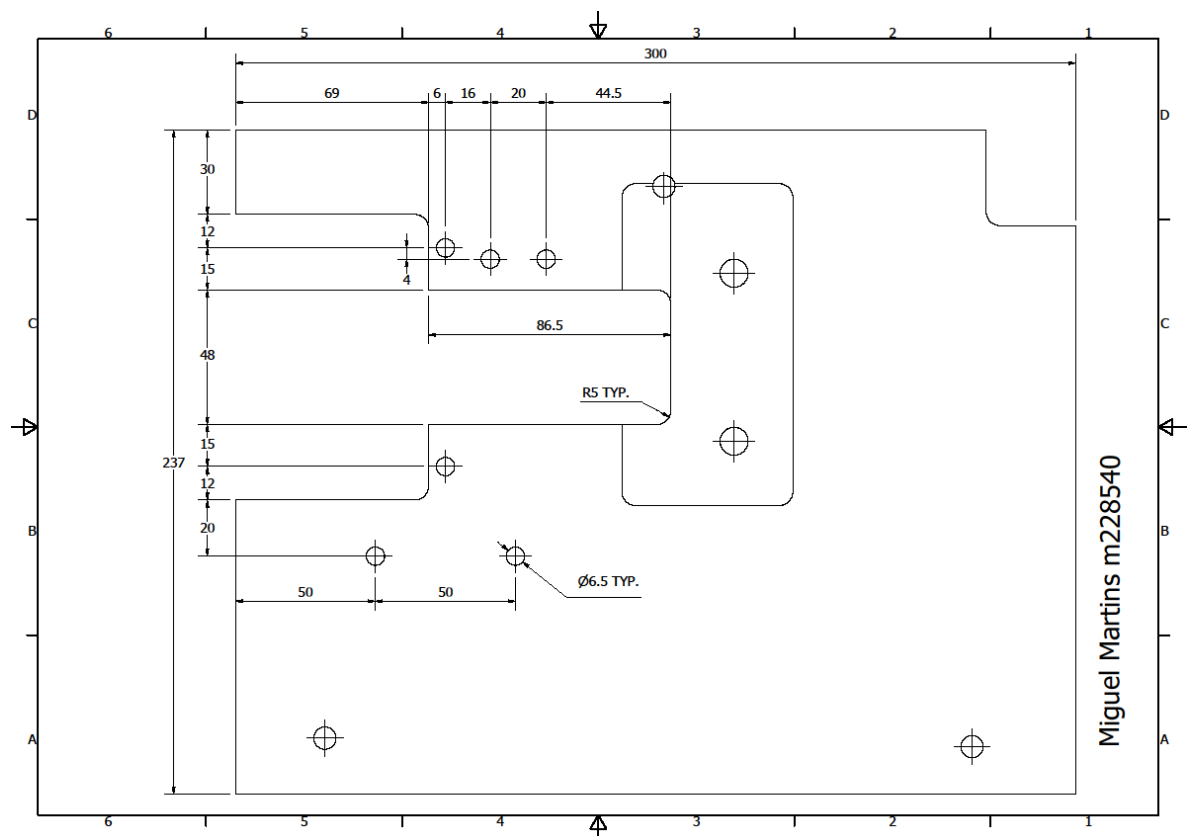
Finally, selecting the motor is done by using the maximum torque calculated previously and the assumed rotational speed. The motor details are shown on appendix 3. (Ocean Controls, 2017)

## Manufacturing

Having all the dimensions for the ball screw and the motor to be used, supports can be designed and adapted to the lathe in a convenience manner.



Then, manufacturing drawing were created and handed to the machinist.

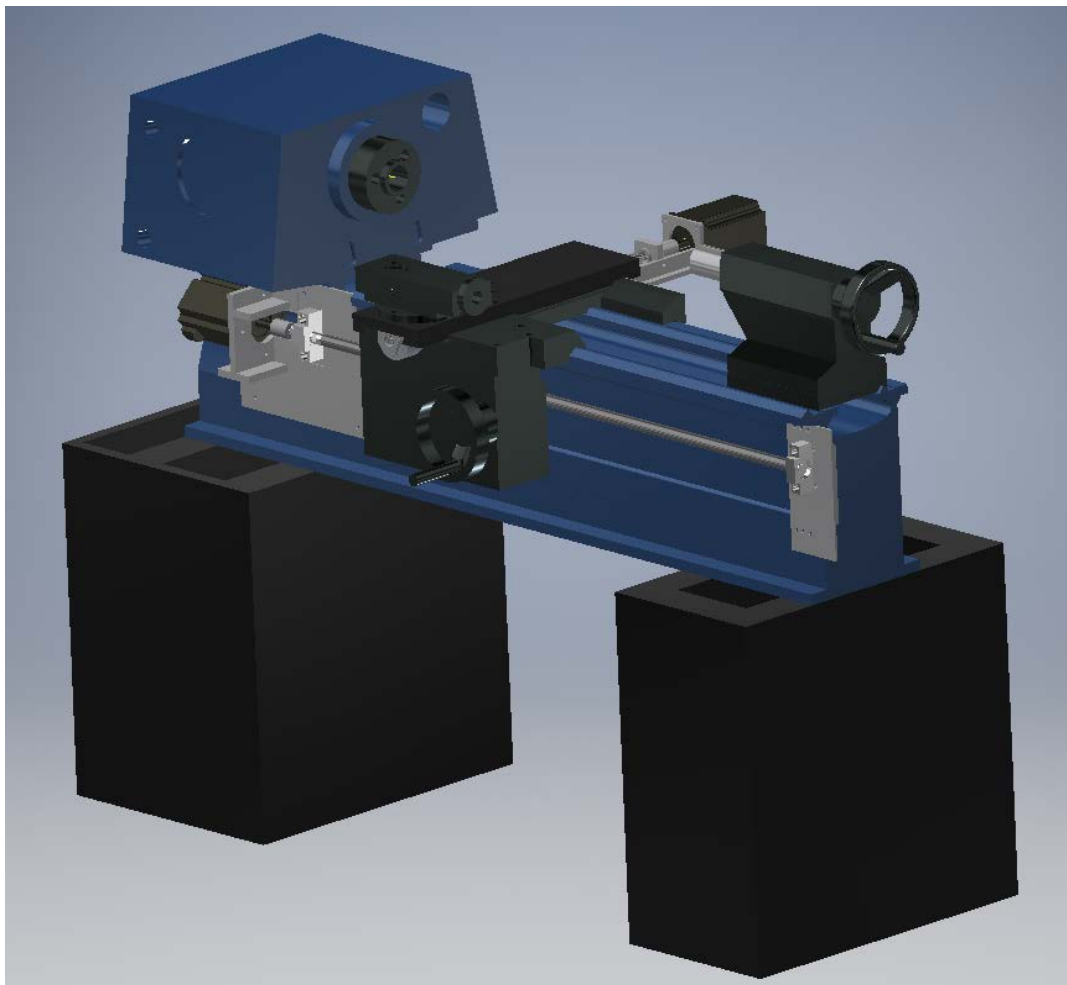




## Assembly

Unfortunately, this section was only accomplished on a 3D model because machinists and lectures were unavailable. However, supports were machined partially and some modifications were added to it afterwards due to some discrepancy on the flexible couplings.

In addition, the final 3D model was designed to allow movements and test the maximum possible displacements after all components being assembled. Finally, the 3D representation of the final assembly is:



## Conclusion

Although we finished off the virtual representation of the final assembly, the physical assembly could not be done due to circumstances out of our control. Furthermore, all the basic selections like motor and ball screw were carried out without major difficulties. As mention previously,

what was done of the supports was also tested on the bed and fitted correctly with aligned holes and proper dimensions.

Regarding the z-axis configuration which was my task, there was not need of modifying neither the apron nor the bed for the nut or ball screw's supports to fit in. This was accomplished by selecting the most suitable ball screw and playing around with the design of its supports. As it can be seen, these supports were machined on both front and rear surfaces which avoided us modifying the apron or bed.

Finally, all the calculations were proven to be the most suitable for our application due to a interactive spread sheet on Excel where initial values can be changed and see the result right away. It is worth mentioning these initial values were obtained from machinist and lecture's experiences and used as a starting point or initial reference.

## Recommendations

In order to complete this project, ball screw's supports must be finished off as indicated on manufacturing drawings.

Motors must be place in a convenience way where cables go towards the motor controllers

## References








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## Appendices

### Appendix 1

k <sub>s</sub> CORRECTION FACTORS FOR INSERT GEOMETRIES															
INSERT GEOMETRY	T-MAX P + NEGATIVE/POSITIVE										T-MAX U NEUTRAL			T-MAX COPYING	
	TNMG CNMG SNMG DMMG	TNMG CNMG SNMG DMMG	TNMM CNMM DNMM	CHMM 62 TNMM	TNMM SNMM SHMG	TNMG CNMG DNMG VNMG	RNMG SNMN	TNMM CNMM SNMA DNMM	TNMA CHMA DNMA VNMA RNMA	RCMX SCMN	TCMA CCMN SCMN DCMN RCMN	TCMN CCMN SCMA BCMN YCMN	TCMA 71 KNMX DCMA VBMA	KNMX -12 -11	KNUX
	61	15	71	31	41						52	53			
Correction Factor	.95	.95	.85	.87	.85	.97	1.00	1.10	.90	.83	.95	.85	.80		

<i>k<sub>s</sub></i> CORRECTION FACTORS FOR ENTERING ANGLES									
ENTERING ANGLE	90°	75°	72°	60°	45°	93° 95°	 ROUND	a D	Fac tor
									
	1.0	.96	.94	.86	.70	1.0		.05	.22
Correction Factor								.10	.32
								.20	.43
								.30	.52
								.40	.59
								.50	.63

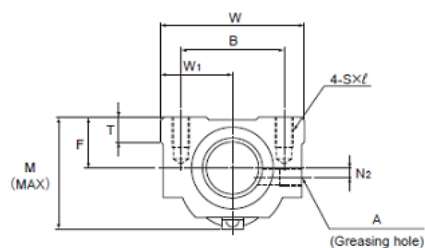
<i>k<sub>s</sub></i> CORRECTION FACTORS FOR FEED RATES							
Feed rate	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4
Correction Factor	1.49	1.32	1.22	1.14	1.08	1.03	1.00
Feed rate	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.02	1.4
Correction rate	.94	.89	.85	.82	.77	.72	.69

## Appendix 2

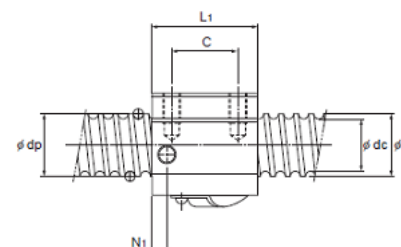
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### No Preload Type of Precision Ball Screw (Square Nut)

Screw shaft outer diameter	14 to 45
Lead	4 to 12



BNT



BNT

### Precision Ball Screw

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																						Unit: mm		
Screw shaft outer diameter	Lead	Model No.	Ball center-to-center diameter	Thread minor diameter	No. of loaded circuits	Basic load rating		Rigidity	Nut dimensions													Screw shaft inertial moment/mm	Nut mass	Shaft mass
						Ca	C <sub>a</sub>		K	Width	Center height	Overall length	Mounting hole			W <sub>1</sub>	T	M	N <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	Greasing hole			
													B	C	S×ℓ									
d	Ph		dp	dc	Rows X turns	kN	kN	N/μm	W	F	L <sub>1</sub>	B	C	S×ℓ	W <sub>1</sub>	T	M	N <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	A	kg·cm <sup>2</sup> /mm <sup>4</sup>	kg	kg/m	
14	4	BNT 1404-3.6	14.4	11.5	1×3.65	6.8	12.6	190	34	13	35	26	22	M4×7	17	6	30	6	2	M6	2.96×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.15	0.93	
	5	BNT 1405-2.6	14.5	11.2	1×2.65	7.2	12.6	150	34	13	35	26	22	M4×7	17	6	31	6	2	M6	2.96×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.15	0.92	
16	5	BNT 1605-2.6	16.75	13.5	1×2.65	7.8	14.7	170	42	16	36	32	22	M5×8	21	21.5	32.5	6	2	M6	5.05×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.3	1.24	
18	8	BNT 1808-3.6	19.3	14.4	1×3.65	18.2	34.4	270	48	17	56	35	35	M6×10	24	10	44	8	3	M6	8.09×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.47	1.46	
20	5	BNT 2005-2.6	20.5	17.2	1×2.65	8.7	18.3	200	48	17	35	35	22	M6×10	24	9	39	5	3	M6	1.23×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.28	2.06	
	10	BNT 2010-2.6	21.25	16.4	1×2.65	14.7	27.8	220	48	18	58	35	35	M6×10	24	9	46	10	2	M6	1.23×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.5	1.99	
	5	BNT 2505-2.6	25.5	22.2	1×2.65	9.6	23	240	60	20	35	40	22	M8×12	30	9.5	45	7	5	M6	3.01×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.41	3.35	
25	10	BNT 2510-5.3	26.8	20.2	2×2.65	43.4	92.8	520	60	23	94	40	60	M8×12	30	10	55	10	—	M6	3.01×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.18	2.79	
28	6	BNT 2806-2.6	28.5	25.2	1×2.65	10.1	25.8	270	60	22	42	40	18	M8×12	30	10	50	8	—	M6	4.74×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.81	4.42	
		BNT 2806-5.3	28.5	25.2	2×2.65	18.3	51.6	510	60	22	67	40	40	M8×12	30	10	50	8	—	M6	4.74×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.78	4.42	
32	10	BNT 3210-2.6	33.75	27.2	1×2.65	27.3	59.5	330	70	26	64	50	45	M8×12	35	12	62	10	—	M6	8.08×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.3	4.98	
		BNT 3210-5.3	33.75	27.2	2×2.65	49.6	118.9	640	70	26	94	50	60	M8×12	35	12	62	10	—	M6	8.08×10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.0	4.98	
36	10	BNT 3610-2.6	37	30.5	1×2.65	28.7	65.6	360	86	29	64	60	45	M10×16	43	17	67	11	—	M6	1.29×10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.8	6.54	
		BNT 3610-5.3	37	30.5	2×2.65	52.1	131.2	700	86	29	96	60	60	M10×16	43	17	67	11	—	M6	1.29×10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.4	6.54	
45	12	BNT 4512-5.3	46.5	39.2	2×2.65	68.1	186.7	860	100	36	115	75	75	M12×20	50	20.5	80	13	—	M6	3.16×10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.1	10.56	

For model number coding, see ■15-248.

Unit: mm

Ball Screw

■15-246 THK

To download a desired data, search for the corresponding model number in the Technical site. <https://tech.thk.com>

Options⇒■15-351

THK ■15-247

## Appendix 3



*Datasheet of the Easy Servo Motor*

*ES-M Series*



Stepper Motor with Encoder, 0.9 - 8 Nm

Version 1.3  
<http://www.Leadshine.com>

### *Motor Specifications*

Part Number	Phase	Step Angle (°)	Leads	Holding Torque (N.m)	Phase Current (A)	Phase Resistance (Ohm)	Phase Inductance (mH)	Rotor Inertia (kg.cm <sup>2</sup> )	Weight (Kg)	Shaft Diameter (mm)
ES-M32309	3	1.2°	3	0.9	5.8	0.37	0.92	0.3	0.9	8
ES-M32320	3	1.2°	3	2.0	5.8	0.62	1.85	0.5	1.35	8
ES-M22430	2	1.8°	4	3.0	3	0.39	1.71	0.52	1.5	8
ES-M23440	2	1.8°	4	4.0	5.5	0.46	4.0	1.5	2.5	14
ES-M23480	2	1.8°	4	8.0	6.0	0.44	3.73	2.7	4.0	14