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Lithium Ion Battery Production Line Solution Catalog

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Changes for the Better

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Maximizing productivity and reducing costs across the entire enterprise

e-F@ctory is the Mitsubishi Electric solution for improving the performance of any manufacturing enterprise by enhancing productivity, and reducing the maintenance and operations costs together with seamless information flow throughout the plant. e-F@ctory uses a combination of factory automation and IT technologies, offering solutions to reduce the total cost of development, production, and maintenance by supporting advanced *Monozukuri**.

e-F@ctory helps to reduce overall costs and is achieved in the following four areas:

* Monozukuri is an initiative started in Japan for promoting its unique manufacturing style for continuous improvement in production processes and operations. The word is derived by combining the words "mono", the thing that is manufactured, and "zukuri", the process of manufacturing

Reduce energy costs

e&eco-F@ctory (energy saving solution)

Modern manufacturing depends much on reducing energy costs as a way to realize an efficient manufacturing enterprise. e-F@ctory supports this by allowing visualization of real-time energy usage, helping to reduce the overall energy consumption.

Integrate FA and IT systems at low cost

Connecting enterprise with the shop floor

e-F@ctory solutions provide direct connectivity from the shop floor to enterprise, such as Manufacturing Execution System (MES) without requiring a gateway computer. This enables leaner operations, improved yield, and efficient management of the supply chain.

Reduce development, production, and maintenance costs

iQ Platform

The iQ Platform minimizes costs at all phases of the automation life cycle by improving development times, enhancing productivity, reducing maintenance costs, and making information more easily accessible. Integration is at the heart of the iQ Platform, with a highly intelligent controller platform as the core, combined with a seamless communication network and an integrated engineering environment.

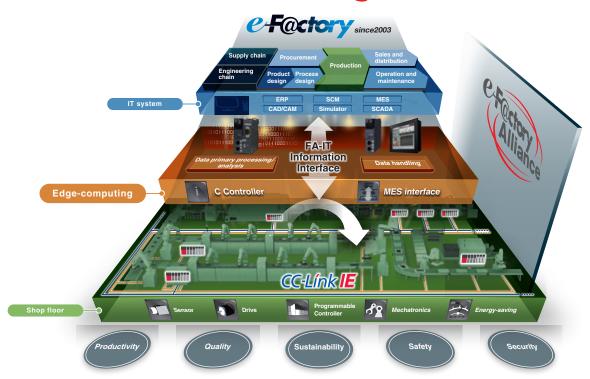


Reduce setup and maintenance costs

iQ Sensor Solution

Easily setup and maintain various types of sensors. Maintenance and design costs can be reduced as compatible iQSS partner sensors can be managed together.





Best-in-class solutions across the ecosystem

e-F@ctory Alliance

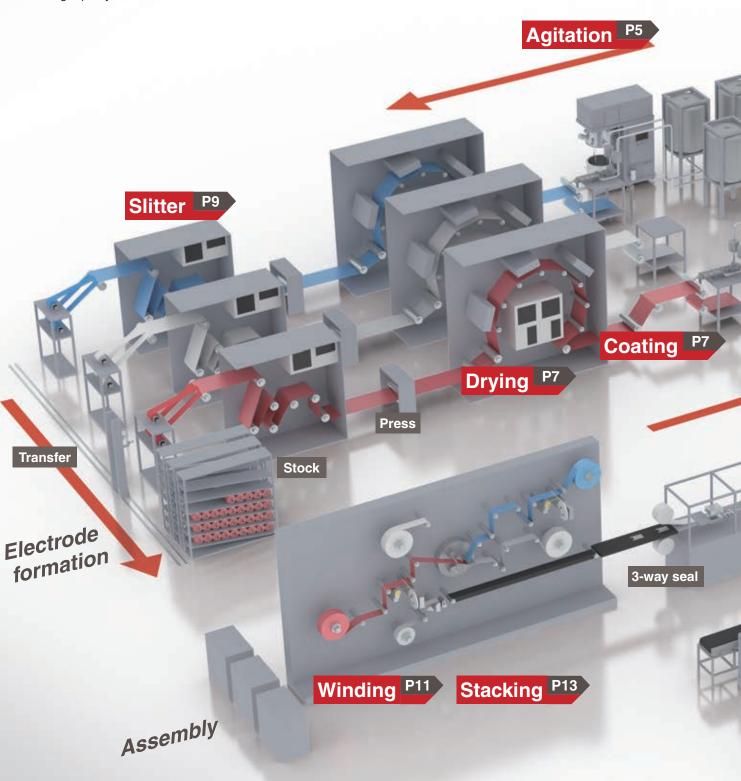
The e-F@ctory Alliance is an ecosystem offering best-in-class solutions by combining products between Mitsubishi Electric and its various partners. Close collaboration with such partners broaden the choices for the customer and realize the best solution possible.



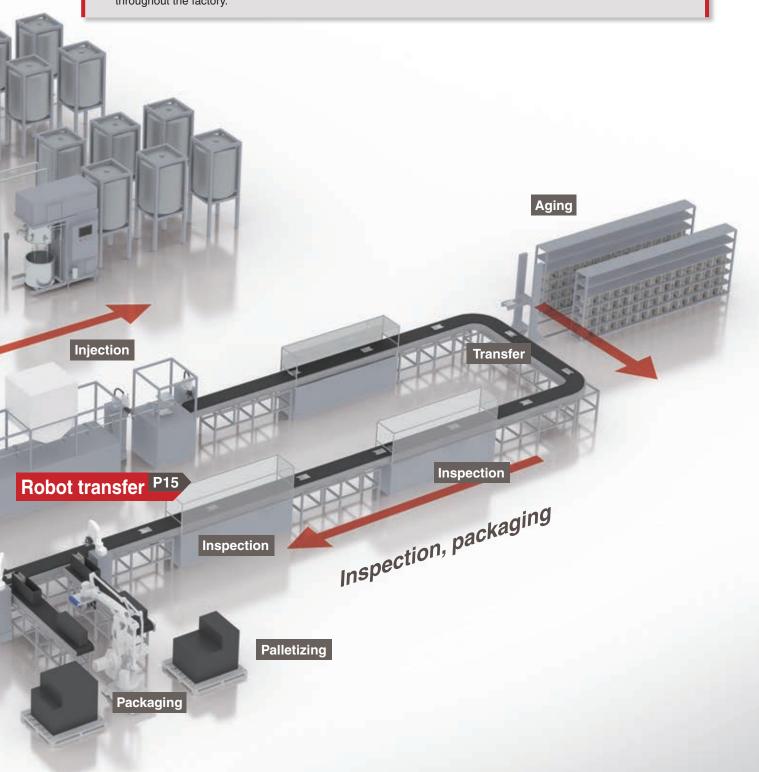
Lithium Ion Battery Production Line

Lithium ion batteries are manufactured on a large-scale production line consisting of electrode formation, stacking, inspection, packaging, and shipping processes.

Devices used in each process incorporate the technology of Mitsubishi Electric FA devices, including tension control, drive control, synchronous control, robots, and IT collaboration (e-F@ctory). This technology enables efficient production of high-quality lithium ion batteries.



- The diverse lineup of devices supports various scales of production facilities.
- The high-speed, high-accuracy positioning achieved with the AC servo and the multi-axis synchronous control improves productivity.
- Stable system operation and high productivity are realized with the inverter's high-performance speed control and torque control.
- An unwinding and winding system is easily structured with the tension detector and tension controller.
- The lightweight robot body and compact arm help to save space.
- The Mitsubishi Electric FA Network contributes to stronger operation control and quality assurance system throughout the factory.





Have you ever faced these challenges?

Challenge 1 Eliminating unevenness in battery materials

Challenge 2 Mixing with a suitable viscosity

Challenge 3 Easily moving the device according to the type of battery



1)Agitator section

The battery material is mixed so it is uniform.

2Operation section

The device is operated with the display (GOT) screen. The operation status can also be displayed.

Solution

Stable speed control

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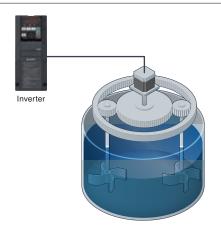
The inverter enables speed control that is not affected by the quality or amount of battery material.

 The speed fluctuation rate is low, thereby ensuring operation with a stable speed.

Speed fluctuation rate	
Advanced flux vector control	1%
Real sensor-less vector control	0.5%
Vector control	0.01%



- » Motors of other brands can be driven with offline automatic tuning.
- » Large capacity inverters are also available to support large-scale devices.



Solution

Torque control during agitation

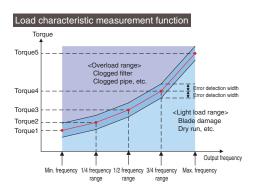


Even if the viscosity cannot be directly measured, the materials can be mixed to a suitable viscosity by monitoring the motor torque.

- The viscosity can be controlled with the motor torque that estimates using real sensor-less vector control and vector control.
- The load characteristic measurement function can monitor the load state, and quickly detect errors such as breakage of the agitator's shaft.



- » Real sensor-less vector control doesn't need an encoder.
- » Perform preventive maintenance with the load characteristics measurement function.



Solution

Easily complete settings for setup

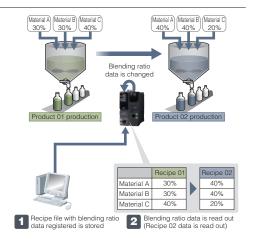


Easily set the blending ratio with the high-speed data logger unit.

- Recipe files are stored on the SD memory card using the FTP server function.
- The recipe file corresponding to the battery type is read out, and the blending ratio of materials to be added is controlled.



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Coater

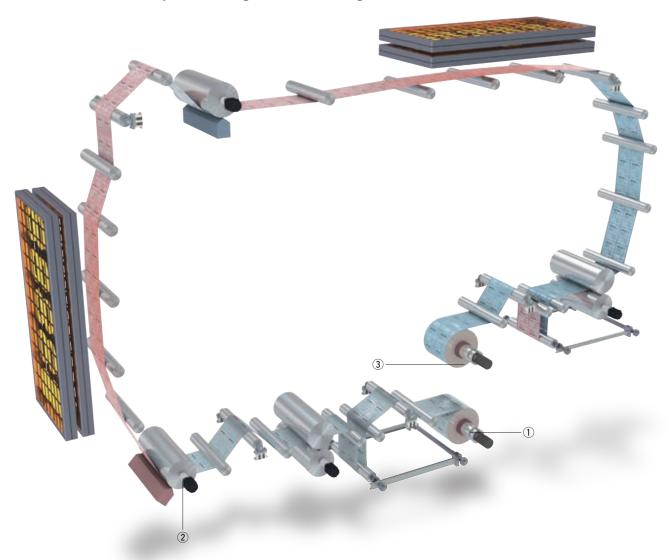
The coater applies aluminum foil oxide on the cathode, carbon coated copper foil on the anode, and a heat-resistant protective layer on the separator.

Have you ever faced these challenges?

Challenge 1 Suppressing tension fluctuation, and applying a uniform coat

Challenge 2 Performing stable tension control even when unwinding and winding the metal foil

Challenge 3 Realizing drive that is synchronized with a continuous processing interval using the same device



1)Unwinding of long material

The tension is controlled to prevent unevenness in the coating material. Feedback control realizes highly precise tension control.

2 Coating section

When the distance from coating to winding is long, the elasticity of the material can cause it to flap, so the tension is controlled at the center.

3 Winding of long material

If the maximum diameter and minimum diameter winding ratio is large, the winding finish can be improved by controlling the taper tension as necessary.

Solution

Simple tension control

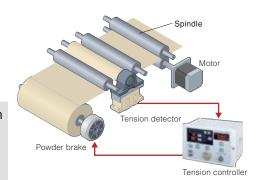


Easily realize stable and highly accurate tension control using the tension controller.

- Highly accurate tension control is possible just by setting the parameters.
- Powder clutch and brakes, AC servo, and inverter (vector inverter) torque control is supported.



- >> With the powder clutch, the tension can be controlled from an almost stopped line speed.
- » The material's moment of inertia and line speed are calculated to suppress tension fluctuation during acceleration and deceleration.



Solution

Stable speed control

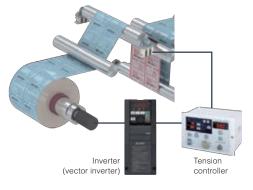


Stable tension control at the reel shaft is possible by using the inverter (vector inverter).

- The speed control is stable since the motor load inertia ratio can be suppressed even for heavy reel shaft materials.
- By raising the rotation speed to the rated output range during use, the motor capacity can be reduced up to 40% compared to when using in only the constant torque range.



Easily control the speed even for reels of metal foil, etc., which have a large moment of inertia.

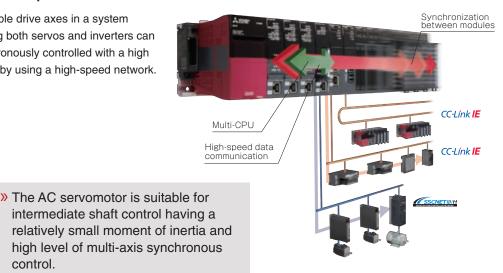


Solution Highly accurate synchronous control

The MELSEC iQ-R series and servo system controller enable highly accurate motion control of multiple axes.

 The multiple drive axes in a system containing both servos and inverters can be synchronously controlled with a high accuracy by using a high-speed network.

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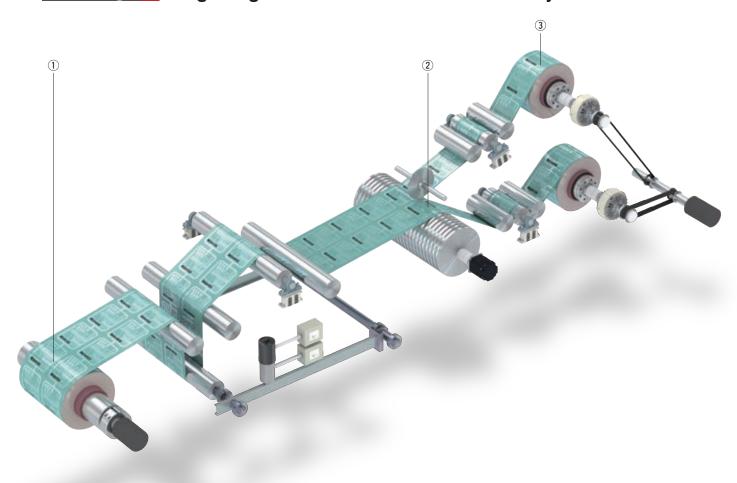


Have you ever faced these challenges?

Challenge 1 Easily realizing tension control

Challenge 2 Suppressing winding deviation or tightening

Challenge 3 Integrating the drive control for the entire system



1)Unwinding of long material

The tension is controlled to keep the unwinding tension constant.

2 Cutter knife section

A constant speed is maintained to ensure that the electrode material is cut to a uniform width.

3Winding of long material

If the maximum diameter and minimum diameter winding ratio is large, the winding finish can be improved by controlling the taper tension as necessary.

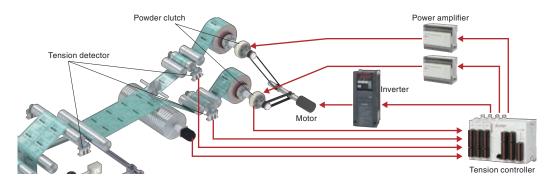
Solution

Simple wiring, and high accuracy tension control



With the powder clutch, high accuracy tension control can be realized inexpensively using a simple machine configuration and simple wiring.

- Multiple axes can be controlled with a single take-up motor.
- Low-cost and stable torque control characteristics can be realized.





The hollow shaft type powder clutch can be mounted on the take-up shaft, by that simplifying the machine configuration.

Solution

Simple taper tension control using just parameter settings

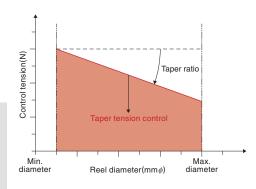


The inertia compensation calculation, mechanical loss compensation calculation, and taper tension control can be realized easily just by setting the parameters for the tension controller.

• The Roll to Roll dedicated inverter is equipped with functions for tension feedback control, dancer feedback control, and reel diameter calculation, etc.



Taper tension control is also important because the line speed of the slitter is relatively fast, and winding can easily deviate if air gets into the material being wound.



Solution

Simple synchronous control with a single unit

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Synchronous control can be started easily just by setting the synchronous control parameters and turning the synchronous control start signal ON.

 Synchronous control including the servo amplifier and inverter is possible.



» Complicated programs are not needed.



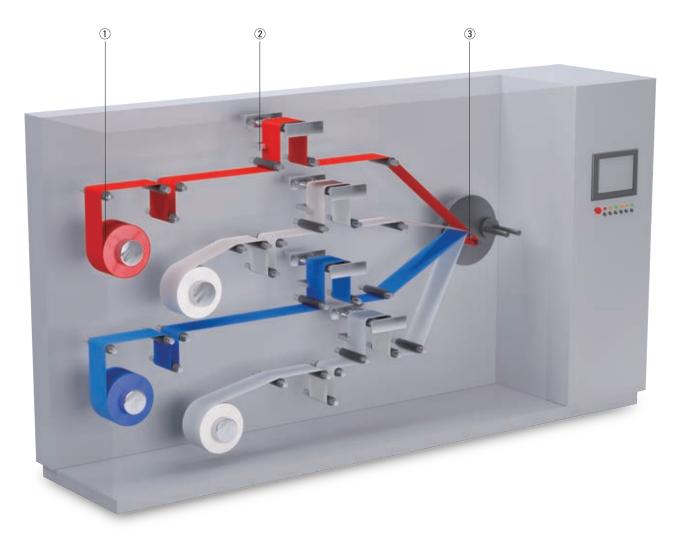
Winder The cathode, anode, and separator are stacked and wound into a cylindrical or rectangular shape to manufacture the battery cell.

Have you ever faced these challenges?

Challenge 1 Difficulty creating a cam for flat winding

Challenge 2 Suppressing the positional deviation between the cell and separator

Challenge 3 Difficulty adjusting the gain for tension control



①Unwinding of long material

The tension fluctuation is suppressed while unwinding the electrode and separator.

2 Meandering compensation

The edge sensor suppresses meandering, and keeps the edges of the wound material flat.

3Winding of electrode and separator

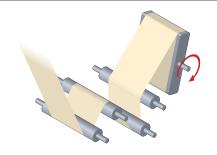
The electrode and separator are wound up while suppressing the tension fluctuation.

Solution Automatic generation of cam for flat winding

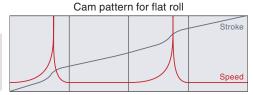


The cam pattern can be automatically generated so that the material feed rate is constant.

• By operating with an automatically generated cam, the material can be wound while suppressing the tension fluctuation.



» Cam is automatically generated so there's no need for difficult calculations.



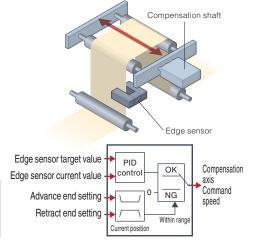
Solution

Meandering compensation function



An edge sensor is installed and the position is compensated with PID control so that the winding finish is neat.

• The work edge is compensated to the value measured by the edge sensor.





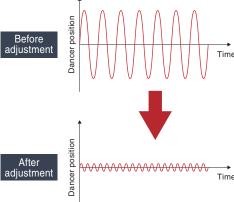
» Compensation shaft's command is automatically output.

Solution

Tension control automatic adjustment function

The appropriate gain for tension control is automatically adjusted so that the tension stays constant.

• The PI gain for tension and dancer feedback control is easily and automatically adjusted with one-touch operations.



» The gain for tension control can also be adjusted easily.

The above function can be realized easily with the FA Application Package "iQ Monozukuri CONVERTING". Contact Mitsubishi Electric for details.



Have you ever faced these challenges?

Challenge 1 Finding optimum methods for controlling the tension for the manufacturing process

Challenge 2 Keeping the arm from vibrating when setting the electrodes

Challenge 3 Increasing the device performance



①Removing and stacking the electrodes

The electrodes are removed from the stocker, and stacked in the order of cathode, separator, anode, and separator.

2Winding of separator

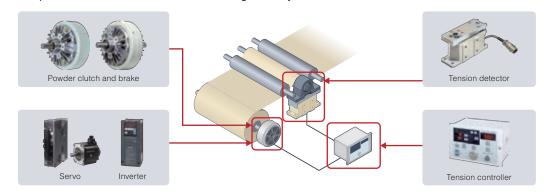
The tension is kept constant while unwinding so that that wrinkles do not form when the separator is zigzag folded. A tension detector may be used, or a dancer roll may be used.

Solution Realize tension control with various devices



A variety of solutions for tension control are available such as methods to change the unwinding speed using a tension detector, and methods to directly control the torque of the unwinding shaft motor.

• The optimum device can be selected according to the system.





Diverse lineup of products to realize tension control.

Solution

Suppress vibration with vibration suppression control



With the servo amplifier's advanced vibration suppression control II, the two types of vibration generated at the end of the arm and at the device body can be suppressed simultaneously.

• This function is effective for suppressing relatively low vibration of 100Hz or less.

No vibration suppression control



Advanced vibration suppression control II





The settling time can be reduced by suppressing the residual vibration.



Solution

Shorten cycle time with electronic cam

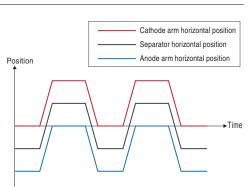


When the electrode pick & place operation and the separator folding operation are set with the servo system controller's electronic cam, the cycle time can be shortened compared to when executing the operation only with positioning control.

• Each arm will not interfere if the cam curves do not intersect.



The cycle time can be shortened further by using advanced synchronous control.



Robot transfer

By using a robot to transfer workpiece between processes, the freedom of device layout increases, and man-hours for design, system startup, and adjustment can be reduced.

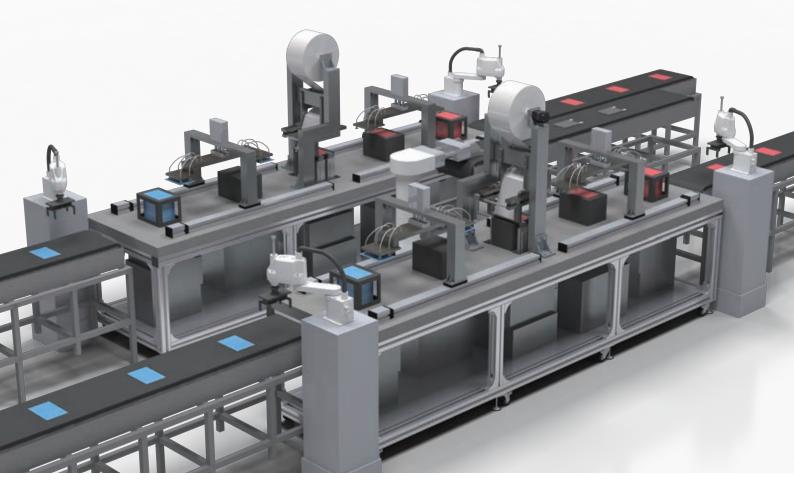
Robots can also flexibly handle multi-product production.

Have you ever faced these challenges?

Challenge 1 Suppressing the robot vibration while achieving high-speed transfer

Challenge 2 Easily realizing coordination between the vision system and robot

Challenge 3 Preventing workpiece damage when robot collides





Space-saving compact arm

Space required for J3(Z) axis section 512mm/560mm (3CH/6CH body)

Lightweight robot body

14kg/17kg/18kg (3CH/6CH6020/6CH7020 body)

High-speed movements for high productivity

Cycle time: 0.44s/0.41s/0.43s (3CH/6CH6020/6CH7020)

Parallel input/output interface as standard

No. of I/O points: 32 input points/32 output points

Specifications with bellows and high weight capacity (RH-3CH) available



Bellows specifications

Specifications

		RH-3CH4018	RH-6CH6020	RH-6CH7020			
Weight capacity kg		Max. 3 (rating 1)	Max. 6 (rating 2)				
Arm length	No. 1	mm	225	325	425		
	No. 2	mm	175	275			
Max. reach point	Reach	mm	400	600	700		

Solution Functions to improve robot capabilities

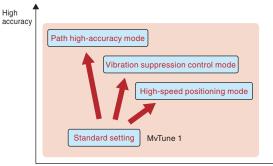


Optimum motor control tuning can be set automatically with the operation mode setting function.

- The high-speed positioning/path priority/vibration suppression control modes can be set in the program.
- Optimum motor control matching to the robot's motion position, posture, and load conditions can be set.



» Optimum for linear movements and sealing work that require accuracy.



High speed

Solution

Simple vision setting



The vision system can be started up in a short time using the 2D calibration function.

- Calibration of various vision system brands can be set. The camera's calibration data is calculated with RT-TooBox3, and the results are stored in the robot controller.
- Programming can be completed easily using the sample program for vision alignment.



Calibration can be set for all vision system makers.



Solution Reduce workpiece and robot damage

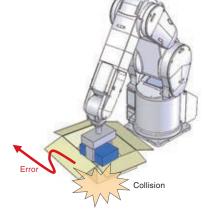


The collision detection function can suppress workpiece damage caused when the workpiece and target interfere.

- Collision of the robot arm is detected during teaching or operation, and damage to the robot unit or hand is reduced.
- The detection level can be changed according to the protection target.



» Tooling costs and line stoppage time can be reduced.



FA-IT Collaboration

Mitsubishi Electric, the expert in production sites, proposes the optimum system for lithium ion battery production lines.

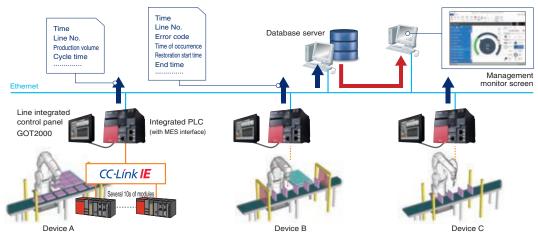
Operation results management system

Easily manage the production volume and cycle time operation results

This system manages each line's operation results (production volume, cycle time), and manages the error history. The device information is all gathered in the integrated PLC via the network, and accumulated in the database server by the MES interface.

[Effect of introduction]

- Operation rate can be increased as devices are optimally operated with operation results management.
- With error history management, devices can be restored quickly when trouble occurs, and preventive maintenance can be performed.



Quality control system (traceability, factor analysis)

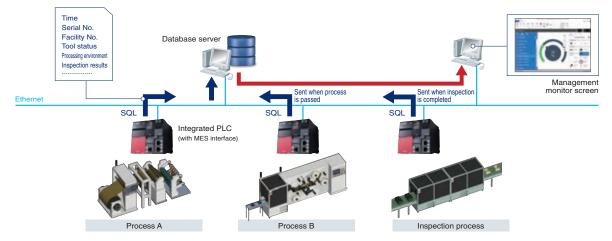
Accumulate device numbers, operation history, and quality data

This traceability system can accumulate the facility number used in each production process, the operation history, and quality data.

Each time a workpiece (engine) passes through each process, the serial No., processing history, and inspection history, etc., are sent to the database.

[Effect of introduction]

- Faults can be handled swiftly using the traceability data
- The operation status and quality information can be managed in detail





Alarm information management system

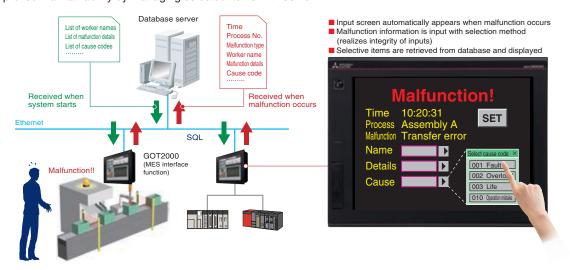
Information on malfunctions is stored, and input and sent from the display unit when a problem occurs.

The alarm information management system stores information (process name, malfunction details, cause) of malfunctions that occur in the manufacturing line.

When the system is started up, the recipe information (worker name, malfunction details) are read in, and when a problem occurs, the detailed information can be input and sent from the display unit.

[Effect of introduction]

- Accurate and fast comprehension and recording with paper-less system
- Improved maintainability by managing selected items with server



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Mitsubishi Electric's Roll to Roll Solutions

With Roll to Roll control, the tension, line speed, and tension controller methods required for the manufacturing system differ according to the material.

Mitsubishi Electric's FA device lineup has products to realize various required specifications and control methods.

Powder clutch / powder brake

High accuracy tension control of the winding shaft is possible easily at a low cost.

- Suitable for tension within the range of 50N to 1000N, and line speeds of 200m/min or less.
- The tension can be controlled from 0m/min by using the powder clutch and geared motor together.



AC servo

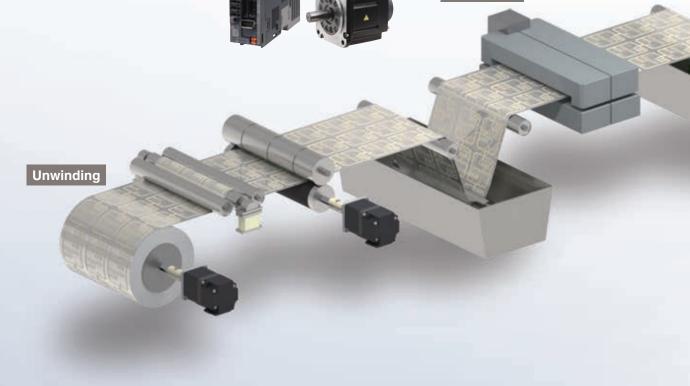
- Winding and unwinding control is possible with speed control or torque control.
- A wind range of servo motor capacities from 0.1kW to 55kW is supported.
- The lineup includes the rotary type servomotor, linear servo motor, and direct drive motor.

Inverter

- Both speed control and torque control are supported.
- Compatible with 0.4kW to 500kW capacities.
- Suitable for winding shaft control.

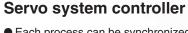


Processing



Programmable logic controller

- Feedback control with PID operation, and winding diameter calculation control using high-speed counter are flexibly supported.
- Control information can be communicated with host controller using diverse communication functions.



- Each process can be synchronized with synchronous control.
- Advanced motion control, such as interpolation control and speed/ torque control, is supported.

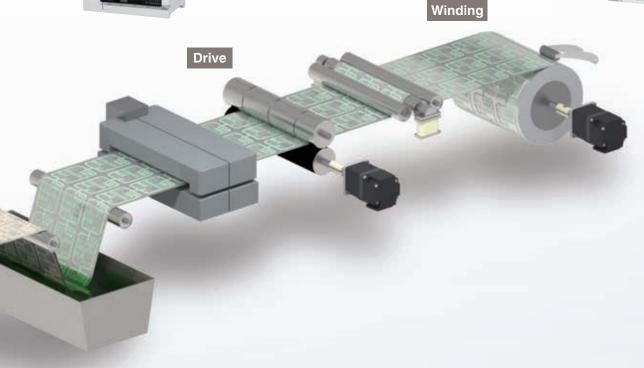
Tension controller

- Tension control can be realized easily just by setting the parameters.
- Communication function is supported.









Display unit (GOT)

- When connected with FA devices in the manufacturing system, devices can be monitored and changed.
- The facility can be monitored by displaying the system operation status and alarm occurrence state on the screen.



Tension meter

The tension meter amplifies signals from the tension detector allowing simultaneous tension display and analog output.





Tension detector

- Supports rated loads of 50N to 2000N *1
- Differential transformer type sensor with high mechanical shock and reliability is adopted
 - *1. Rated load of 50N to 500N is standard specification for flange-type tension detector lineup



Related materials

Catalogs for various FA devices required for lithium ion battery solutions are available.

■PLC, display, CC-Link IE



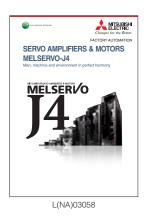






■Servo, inverter, robot









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Various materials such as catalogs, manuals, software, and CAD data, can be downloaded.

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Power monitoring, energy management



Compact and Modular Controllers



Inverters, Servos and Motors



Visualisation: HMIs



Numerical Control (NC)



Robots: SCARA, Articulated arm



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The Mitsubishi brand name is recognized around the world as a symbol of premium quality.

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation is active in space development, transportation, semi-conductors, energy systems, communications and information processing, audio visual equipment and home electronics, building and energy management and automation systems, and has 237 factories and laboratories worldwide in over 121 countries.

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