

The latest concerning the LBR iiwa

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Sensitive robotics_LBR iiwa





Media Flange Options

The energy supply for external components of the LBR iiwa is hidden inside the kinematic structure of the robot. There are two energy supply systems available:

Pneumatic

- 2 x air (Diameter 4.0 mm)
- 2 x electric (1.0 mm²)
- 1 x Ethernet-compliant cabling

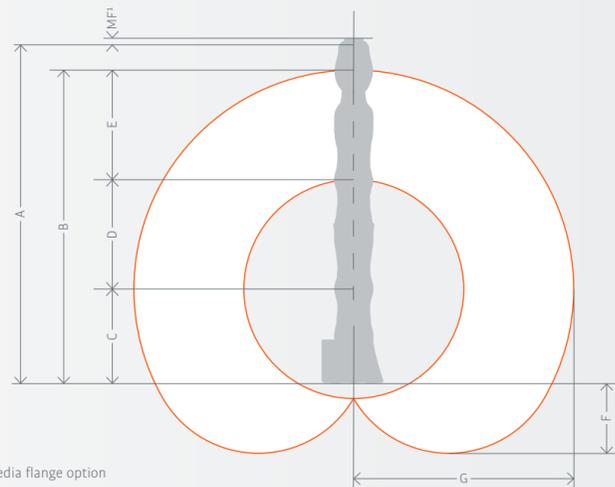
Electric

- 3 x twisted-pair wires (AWG28)
- 4 x electric (1.0 mm²)
- 1 x Ethernet-compliant cabling

All media flanges have a hole-pattern conforming to DIN ISO 9409-1-50-7-M6. The following media flanges are available:

Media Flange Selection Matrix

	Basic-Flange	Media-Flange electric	Media-Flange pneumatic	Media-Flange IO electric	Media-Flange IO pneumatic	Media-Flange Touch electric	Media-Flange Touch pneumatic	Media-Flange IO Valve pneumatic	Media-Flange Inside electric	Media-Flange Inside pneumatic
Interface for CAT5 and analogue signals (4-pin)		●	●						●	●
Interface for CAT5 and analogue signals (6-pin)		●		●		●			●	
Interface for power supply (3 A, 24 V) no external source needed				●	●	●	●	●		
Interface for power supply (max. 4 A, max. 60 V) with external source				●		●				
Interface for power supply (max. 5 A, max. 60 V) with external source		●							●	
Interface for power supply (max. 8 A, max. 30 V) with external source			●							
Interface for power supply (max 8 A, max. 60 V) with external source		●							●	●
Pneumatic interface with 2 compressed air connections			●		●		●			●
EtherCAT connection				●	●	●	●	●		
Configurable inputs and outputs for direct connection of sensors and other electrical components				●	●	●	●	●		
Enabling switch, programmable application button, programmable visual indication (LED)						●	●			
Handle for manual guidance						●	●			
Intelligent pneumatic interface: 2 integrated bistable valves and an additional air connection								●		



¹dependent on the media flange option

Working envelope	Dimensions A	Dimensions B	Dimensions C	Dimensions D	Dimensions E	Dimensions F	Dimensions G	Volume
LBR iiwa 7 R800	1,266 mm	1,140 mm	340 mm	400 mm	400 mm	260 mm	800 mm	1.7 m ³
LBR iiwa 14 R820	1,306 mm	1,180 mm	360 mm	420 mm	400 mm	255 mm	820 mm	1.8 m ³

Axis data / range of motion		LBR iiwa 7 kg		LBR iiwa 14 kg	
		Maximum torque	Maximum velocity	Maximum torque	Maximum velocity
Axis 1 (A1)	± 170°	176 Nm	98°/s	320 Nm	85°/s
Axis 2 (A2)	± 120°	176 Nm	98°/s	320 Nm	85°/s
Axis 3 (A3)	± 170°	110 Nm	100°/s	176 Nm	100°/s
Axis 4 (A4)	± 120°	110 Nm	130°/s	176 Nm	75°/s
Axis 5 (A5)	± 170°	110 Nm	140°/s	110 Nm	130°/s
Axis 6 (A6)	± 120°	40 Nm	180°/s	40 Nm	135°/s
Axis 7 (A7)	± 175°	40 Nm	180°/s	40 Nm	135°/s

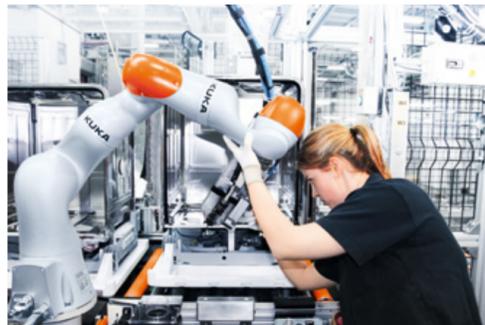
Programmable Cartesian stiffness			
Min. (X, Y, Z)	0.0 N/m	Min. (A, B, C)	0.0 N/rad
Max. (X, Y, Z)	5,000 N/m	Max. (A, B, C)	300 Nm/rad

30,000 operating hours

Mastering highly demanding tasks

Practical applications of the LBR iiwa

The collaborative robotic innovation with sensory capabilities for safety, fast teaching and simple operator control is already being put to practical use in number of areas. The efficient and versatile assistant is already opening up new areas of application in the vicinity of humans in a wide range of industries.



Efficiently fasten screws in dishwashers using the sensitive colleague.



Increase productivity and work ergonomically at the same time.



The flexibility of the robot reduces the workload on employees.



The LBR iiwa inserts sealing sleeves with fine control and a high degree of precision.

Bosch Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH, Donauwörth, Germany

Objective

Perform automated screw fastening of dishwashers.

Task

The mobile LBR iiwa fastens pump wells in the dishwasher production line. If the component concerned is not perfectly adjusted, the robot recalibrates the dishwasher housing. For this, it develops a search strategy for the screw positions and recalculates them.

Result

Using its sensitive properties, the robot can then calibrate itself independently at its workstation. It uses search run mode to locate the screw positions, carry out fine adjustment of the part and tighten the four screws. Particularly advantageous: the workplace does not have to be changed since the robot adapts flexibly to its surrounding conditions.

KUKA Roboter GmbH, Augsburg, Germany

Objective

Develop a versatile HRC system for automated screw fastening of two gear types for the KR QUANTEC link arm assembly.

Task

Increase the productivity of a non-ergonomic workplace. The LBR iiwa must also be operated using gesture control and be able to sensitively calibrate itself in order to distinguish between components and to determine its position. Its task is to fasten 36 or 30 inserted screws on four housing variants with a torque of 104 Nm and to document the work steps via screw driver control.

Result

The LBR iiwa is supported by the gear unit. The required torque can thus be reached and screw fastening can be carried out. It has been ensured that the lightweight robot can reach all of the screw positions. The TA-certified system thus helps to boost productivity using direct collaboration with humans.

Siemens AG, Bad Neustadt, Germany

Objective

Carry out automated handling of the loading and unloading of a CNC Turning Machine.

Task

Implement handling of stator housings. This includes the following individual elements: gripping the housing, removing the swarf, setdown into the measuring device and subsequent removal and setdown into OK and NOK small load carriers. The LBR iiwa must also automatically identify the 29 housing variants, carry out handling of small load carriers onto the roller conveyor and perform automatic calibration.

Result

The flexibility of the LBR iiwa made it possible to develop a versatile system to reduce the workload on employees. It was possible to quickly expand the system to include further housing variants.

ZF Friedrichshafen, Gray Court, USA

Objective

Insert eight sealing sleeves into a gear housing and perform concurrent process control in order to relieve the worker.

Task

In order to insert eight different sleeves into two variants within a cycle time of 40 s, a gripper system with optimized gripping and motion strategies must be developed. Assembly must be performed with up to 400 N of joining force.

Result

It was possible to implement the cycle time to meet the requirements. The maximum joining force was created by optimizing the axis position of the LBR iiwa.

Industrie 4.0

Prepared for transformation of the worlds of production

Smart Production, Internet of Things or Industrie 4.0. Even if the names and terms used vary from one country to another, they all share the same goal: the creation of elementary competitive advantages – at both company level and in global competition.

Work on the factory of the future is thus in full swing worldwide. This involves intelligent, networked industrial production and logistics processes on the basis of cyber-physical production systems (CPPS). Or, to put it simply: factories that, by means of advanced networking, respond intelligently to changing tasks and continuously reconfigure themselves. The factory of tomorrow should be able to organize and continuously optimize its production processes, thereby counteracting the consequences of another development: demographic change. New solutions are called for because of falling birth rates and increasingly aged populations in modern industrial societies. Without the “smart factory”, it will be simply impossible to achieve a productivity increase on this scale at the same time as effectively husbanding our existing natural resources.

In order to make new working environments both highly productive and ergonomically beneficial for the labor force, KUKA is developing central key technologies: collaborative robots, mobile assistance systems, autonomously controlled vehicles and intelligently networked automation solutions that support humans in the work setting, easing the workload in a variety of ways.

In collaboration with experts from diverse sectors, KUKA is now already implementing highly flexible, digitized manufacturing processes that will open up new opportunities in a competitive environment and lastingly change the way we work and produce.



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