

Precise Motion Control Solutions

Introduction to Reliance

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Reliance - a specialist engineering company

Welcome to Reliance. We are a specialist engineering company, unique in our offering of catalogue products and fully bespoke solutions.

Our product catalogue provides a one-stop-shop for the design engineer – from basic essentials, such as captive screws, to complete sub-assemblies for rotary and linear motion. We offer a carefully selected mix of in-house designed and manufactured products together with products from leading

global manufacturers, all of which can be modified to suit individual requirements. We are able to provide design support at the early stages of new product development to create complete prototyping solutions and cost-effective integrated assemblies for full production requirements.

As well as providing catalogue products we have extensive design, development, manufacturing, assembly and test facilities in the UK and Ireland, recently enhanced by a £6million investment programme. From here we offer turnkey technical services for customers requiring bespoke components, assemblies, and systems, not only helping bring new products to market, but also resolving technical problems and extending the life of established products.

Our aim is to provide choice and flexibility for our customers. From standard ex-stock components to custom-designed and manufactured sub-systems or even complete instruments.

Wherever your starting point is with Reliance you should expect technical excellence, high quality solutions and our total commitment to the success of your project.



Andrew Wight.

Managing Director



Standard Components



Modified Components



Integrated Solutions



Bespoke Assemblies





Reliance - established in diverse, global markets

We are an accredited supplier to global OEMs and product developers, covering a wide variety of markets and applications.

In Switzerland our tubular round racks provide a space-saving solution for laboratory automation, locating fluid tubes and fibre optic cables inside the rack to give a more compact instrument. In the UK

over 5,000 syringe drive mechanisms, using our motors and leadscrews, are in operation in drug dispensing systems. In Asia our precision antibacklash gears are used in military applications where our innovative, two-piece gear design is ideal for high reliability applications.

Our gears and leadscrews provide motorised actuation for the fingers and thumb of the bebionic prosthetic hand. This is a demanding application requiring high efficiency, high gripping force and low noise, to be achieved under tight space and weight constraints in order to give the patient the necessary dexterity, strength and practical wearability.

Our appetite for problem-solving and for providing creative technical solutions, underpinned by a culture of strong teamwork, has led to long-standing relationships built on close technical, operational and commercial co-operation. An enquiry for a standard catalogue gear was the first step in our journey with RSL Steeper, developers of the prosthetic hand. As we began to develop an understanding of the hand at a complete product level a design engineering relationship began which has strengthened year-on-year.



"We appreciate it's a total team effort to deliver a project, it's a pleasure to work with a company so well co-ordinated who keep us informed all the way through."

RSL Steeper





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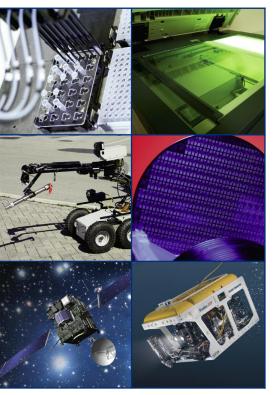
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Providing solutions for diverse markets



Reliance – helping you make an informed choice

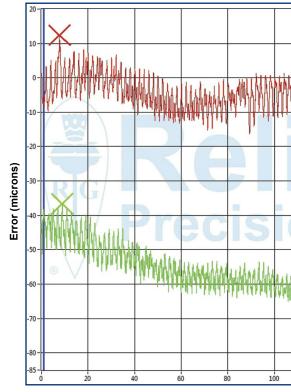
As an engineering company it is important to us to build a thorough understanding of your wider system design and application in order to recommend the most appropriate product. We consider not only the technical specification, but also the product's suitability to the operational environment and any implications of technical and commercial trade-offs.

Discussion of the technical, operational and commercial requirements are a key part of our product support philosophy. Our aim is to help you make an informed choice about our products before you make a purchasing decision; we want to be confident that what we deliver is going to work for you.

Underpining our engineering knowledge is a sustained investment in test development facilities, which provide an in-depth understanding of the capabilities of our catalogue products. In discussing their suitability for your application we are able to draw upon our test data and experience of designing and supplying components and assemblies into a diverse range of markets.

As a manufacturer we are able to provide a high level of versatility in our range with extensive modifications available. In our precision gears range we offer, for example, options in materials, gear quality, bore diameters, face widths and an extensive choice of teeth cut to order in short lead-times. Our manufacturing capability also helps provide insight into the fitness-for-purpose of the products, based on an understanding of the manufacturing methods used, quality control, surface finish, accuracies and other key criteria which ultimately impact on the performance of your product.

You can contact us by telephone, email or via our website. Alternatively we are happy to arrange a visit to your premises, which has often proved to be an efficient, effective route to understanding the wider aspects of your design programme and providing the appropriate support.



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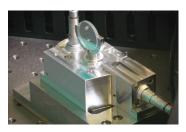




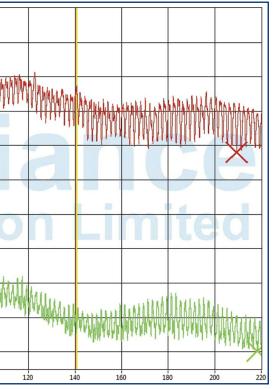
Test Development



Manufacturing



Production Test



Gearbox transmission error measurement



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Precise motion control solutions

The Reliance catalogue provides a one-stop-shop - from components and assemblies for rotary and linear motion to intelligent control and actuation products. Each product is offered with a refined, considered range of options and associated products, such as circlips and screws, all of which have been engineered to interface correctly.

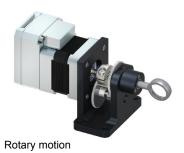
To help design engineers develop prototypes quickly and effectively, we are able to supply small quantities at stock prices, whilst our manufacturing facilities enable larger quantities to be supplied for full production requirements, available with scheduled delivery, consignment stocking and stock management services.



Our catalogue products can be readily modified to support applications which require a tailored solution. If you are not sure whether we offer the specification you need for any of the products in this catalogue then please contact us and we will endeavour to find a solution.

For design engineers seeking integrated solutions, we are able to combine catalogue products and assemblies to provide cost-effective sub-systems. Should a fully bespoke solution be required, further in-depth design engineering support can also be provided which, together with specialist manufacturing, assembly and test facilities, enables production of a wide range of custom-designed electromechanical, opto-mechanical, clean and high-vacuum solutions.

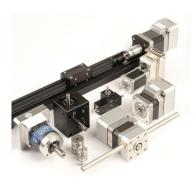
The following pages give an overview of the range of products available in the catalogue, shown in the context of both rotary and linear motion systems. We have also provided case study examples of how the catalogue products, together with engineering, manufacturing, assembly and test support, have been used to provide integrated solutions. Highlights of some of our custom design and manufacturing capabilities are also shown on pages 1-12 to 1-15.





Linear motion





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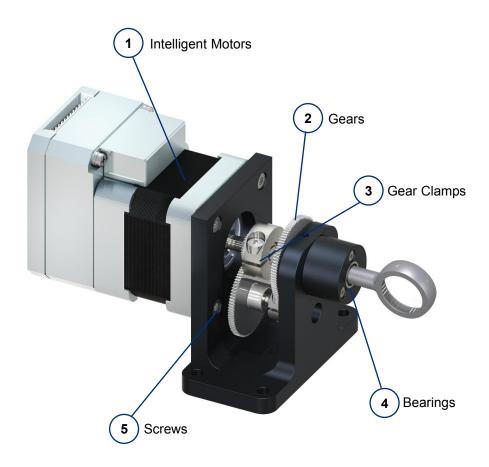
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Motorised rotary drive system

A motorised rotary system for a medical device, using the Reliance Cool Muscle intelligent servo system together with standard precision gears, which provide very low velocity fluctuation at the final drive, enabling predictable scanning.





Reliance Cool Muscle
Intelligent Servo System
Section 2



Precision Pin Hub and Clamp Hub Gears Section 4



Gear Clamps, Shafts and Accessories Section 11



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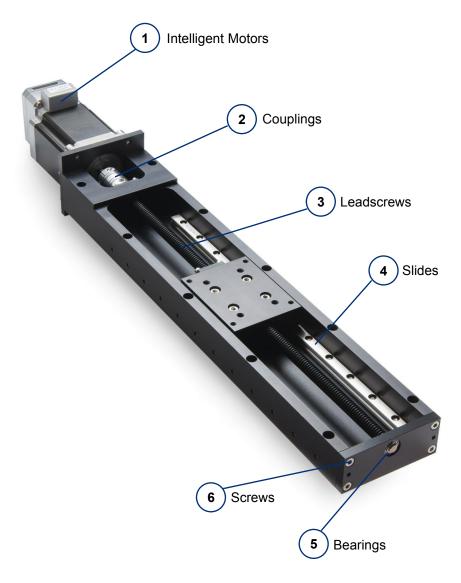


Machine Screws, Dowel Pins and Circlips
Section 13



Motorised linear stage

A motorised linear stage containing high stiffness crossed roller slides, for use in an application requiring vertical motion with a very high moment load.





Reliance Cool Muscle
Intelligent Servo System
Section 2



Flexible Shaft CouplingsSection 8



Precision Leadscrews
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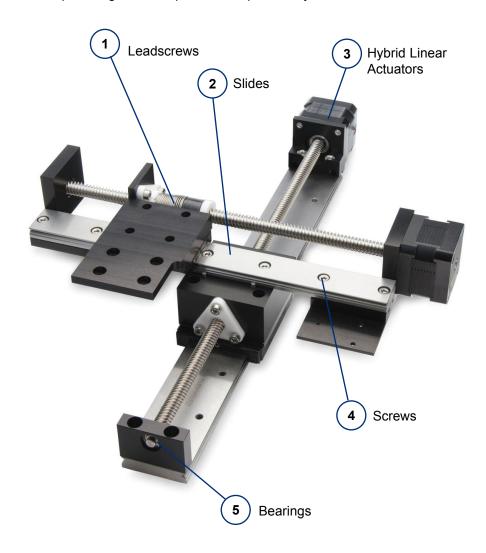


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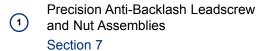


XY positioning stage

A self-contained XY positioning stage utilising extra wide slides to cater for moment loads and internal screw motors for reduced part count, with anti-backlash leadscrews providing accurate positional repeatablility.









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Section 2



Machine Screws, Dowel Pins and Circlips
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Applications Engineering



Bracket Manufacture



Assembly and Test



Leadscrew actuator

A geared leadscrew actuator which provides low backlash and quiet operation, whilst balancing the difficulties of high speed and non-backdrivability.



Overview



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Machine Screws, Circlips and Hardware Section 13



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Assembly and Test



Bespoke geared system

A ring gear motion control system containing an actuation motor with integral brake and with separate coarse and fine positional feedback.



Bespoke Solutions



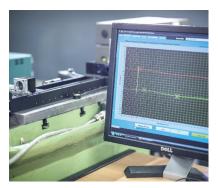
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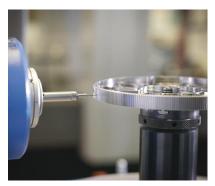
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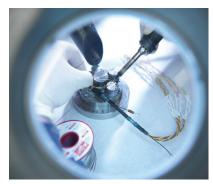
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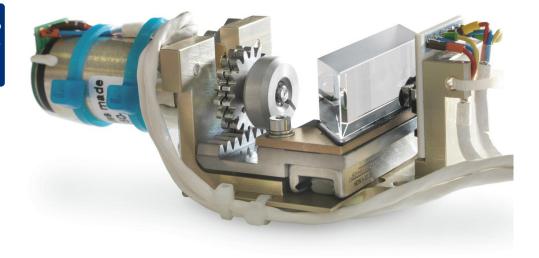


Electro-mechanical assembly



Opto-mechanical assembly

An opto-mechanical switch assembly combining precision motion control with precise optical placement.







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