

FACTORY AUTOMATION

## MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL ROBOT MELFA Smart Plus

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Supported robots:

Smart Plus

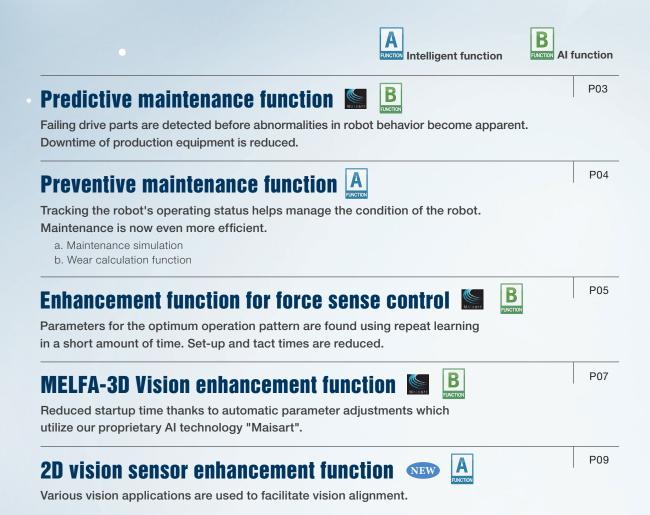
CR series

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# MELFA Smart Plus

### MELFA Smart Plus is an option that brings next-generation intelligence to MELFA FR series robots.

Inserting a MELFA Smart Plus card into a robot controller enables a multitude of intelligent functions.





### Calibration assistance function

Easy set-up of 2D vision sensors and improved job precision.

- a. Automatic calibration
- b. Work coordinate calibration
- c. Relative position calibration

### Coordinated control of additional axis

Using a robot with an RTU enables manufacturing and assembly at user specified speeds. RTU : Robot Transport Units

### **Robot mechanism thermal compensation function**

Compensates for thermal expansion of the robot arm to increase position accuracy.

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A brand encompassing Mitsubishi Electric's proprietary Al technology, including "compact Al" and Al basic and applied technologies.

Name	Model	Usable functions
	2F-DQ511	One of the A-type functions can be activated.
MELFA Smart Plus card	2F-DQ521	One of the B-type functions can be activated.
	2F-DQ510	All the A-type functions can be activated.
MELFA Smart Plus card pack	2F-DQ520	All the A-type and B-type functions can be activated.

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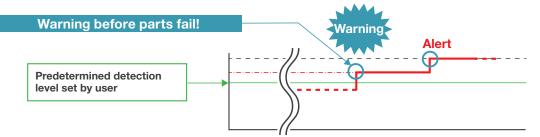
## **Predictive maintenance function**





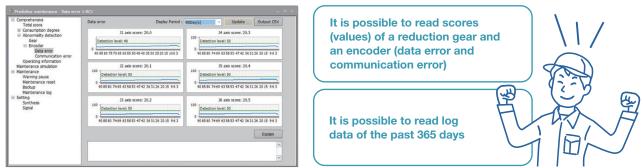
### **Fault detection function**

The fault detection function detects failing or deteriorating robot parts at an early stage. Detecting failing parts before abnormalities in robot behavior become apparent reduces downtime.



Set a threshold value that suits your needs.

A warning of failing or deteriorating parts will trigger if the value exceeds the predetermined detection level.



Applicable parts: Reduction gears, encoders, batteries
 Robot models predictive maintenance is available for:

Vertically articulated robots	Horizontally articulated robots
RV-2FR(L), RV-4FR(L), RV-7FR(L/LL)	RH-3FRH, RH-6FRH, RH-12FRH, RH-20FRH,
RV-13FR(L), RV-20FR, RV-8CRL	RH-3FRHR, RH-3CRH, RH-6CRH

\*1: The score is calculated for reduction gears while the motor is running at a speed of 500 rpm or more. \*2: Some joints do not support the fault detection function. Details can be found from Page 17 onwards.

Our proprietary AI technology extracts a characteristic waveform at high speed, based on accumulated machine data.

• This function is only supported by the FR series with robot controller CR800-D/R/Q software Ver. A4 or later.

- This function is supported by the RH-3CRH, RH-6CRH, and RV-8CRL with robot controller CR800-D software Ver. A5p or later.
- Supported with RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.50C or later
  - The preventive maintenance function (A-type function) is also available if the predictive maintenance function (B-type function) is activated.

### **Preventive maintenance function**





### **Maintenance simulation**

The preventive maintenance function estimates the recommended maintenance period and when to replace consumable parts. This is done by observing repeat patterns in sample programs used by the robot or executed in the simulator in RT Toolbox3.\*1

#### Output data:

Grease replenishment period (per axis) / Timing belt replacement period (per axis) / Recommended maintenance period for overhaulable parts (per axis)\*2

\*1: This function is supported by the RH-3CRH, RH-6CRH, and RV-8CRL with RT ToolBox3 Ver 1 90U or later

\*2: For overhaulable parts such as reduction gears, bearings, ball screws, the internals of ball splines, the part which needs to be overhauled the earliest will be displayed.

### Wear calculation function

#### Maintenance simulation result 2) Update graph 3) Back 4) Part not used Operation time of a day Working days in a month 32 ( Number of years until part replacement for 24 ( 6.3 [ver oint 16 ( 6.3 [vear Number of years until Number of years until part replacement recommended overhaul (Joint with part that needs replacing earliest) period for joint

#### A function that calculates the wear of components\*3 from the operational status (current, load, etc.) based on the robot's movements and posture. It also calculates the time left until inspection, maintenance and overhaul periods.

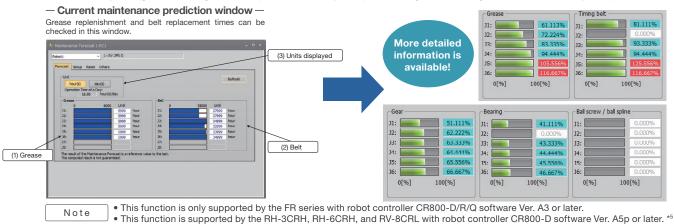
\*3: The wear ratio of each part is a reference value to assist the maintenance and inspection schedule calculated based on the

robot's operational status. It does not guarantee that this is the actual remaining life of the part.

\*4: Download sample GOT screen data from the Mitsubishi Electric FA Global Website.

#### Applicable parts:

Consumable parts (grease, timing belts, etc.), overhaulable parts (reduction gears, bearings, ball screws, ball splines)



• Only supported with robot controller CR800-D/R/Q software Ver.A3 or later.

• Supported with RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.30G or later / Simulation is not supported when using RT ToolBox3 mini.

\*5: When using this function after the software has been updated from an unsupported version, the calculated wear ratio will not be correct as the wear ratio will not have been calculated during the time that the unsupported software version was used.

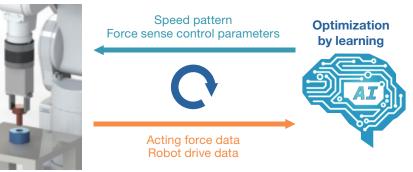
### **Enhancement function for force sense control**



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Al adjusts parameters automatically for optimum force sense control. Parameters can be adjusted by anyone easily in a short amount of time as Al selects the most suitable parameter for you. Set-up and tact times are reduced by 60%! (\*1)

\*1: Compared to the time taken for connector insertion with our settings.



Our proprietary AI technology adjusts the parameters for the optimum operation pattern. This is achieved by utilizing the data obtained from learning, which is carried out in a short amount of time.

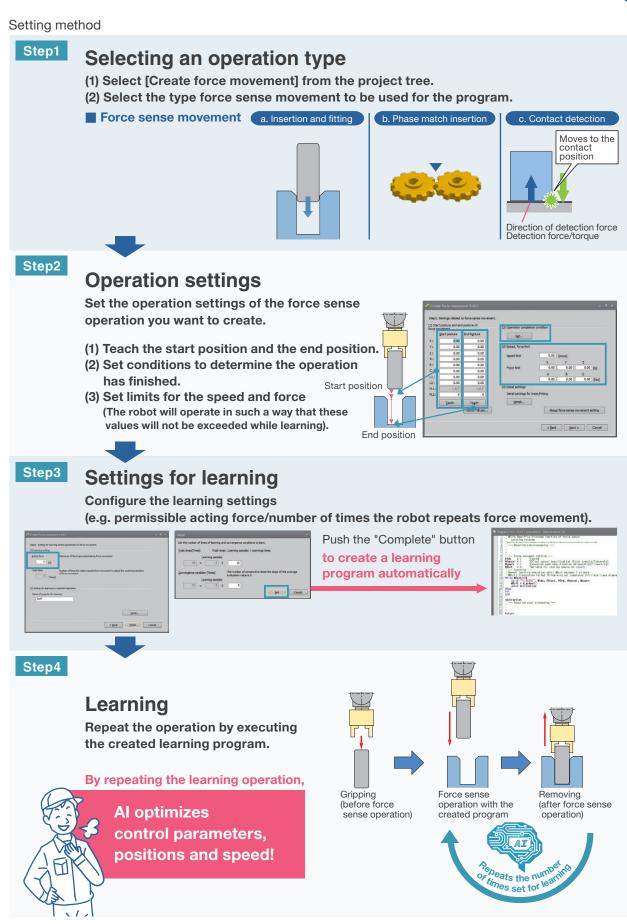
### Force sensor

A force sensor has the "force sense function" which provides a sense of force to a robot. The robot can sense force applied to its hand during the assembly or machining of workpieces just like a person, enabling work which requires fine force adjustment and force detection.

#### Main features

- Controls the robot so that it moves delicately along the contours of a workpiece.
- Operates with a constant force in a direction specified by the user.
- Changes the delicacy level for the robot movement and the conditions of contact detection during operation.
- Obtains the position and force data at the time of contact.

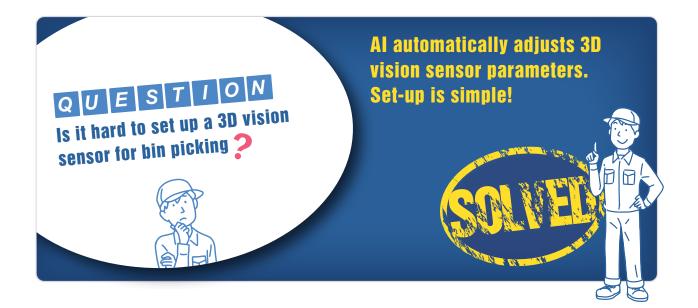




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### **MELFA-3D Vision enhancement function**



### Automatic parameter setting with AI

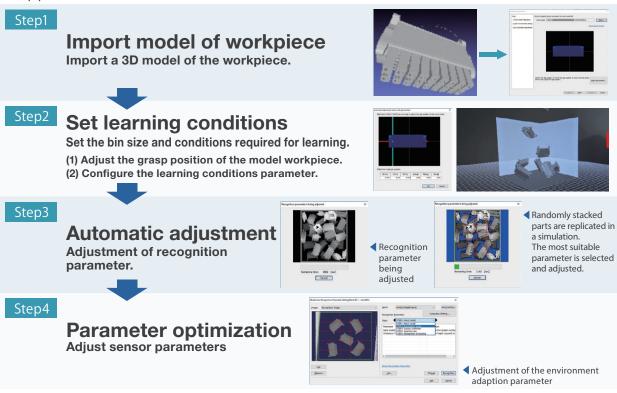
Sensor parameter adjustment which requires a high level of specialist knowledge is automated with our proprietary AI technology. Anyone can adjust parameters quickly and easily just like a pro!

#### Adjustment time: Reduced from 8 hr 1 hr!

\*1: Time varies depending on edge computing/control unit capability, workpiece 3D CAD data and the settings of learning conditions.
 \*2: This optional function is supported with the options MELFA-3D Vision 2.0 and 3.0.

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\*3: The only models that support MELFA Smart Plus are the N35-804-16-IR, N35-806-16-IR, and N35-808-16-IR.

### Set-up procedure



N o t e Model-less recognition does not usually require a 3D model. However, a 3D model of the workpiece is required for this function.

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(Only when model-less recognition is used)

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MELEA-3D Vision 3.0

Camera head supplied by customer

Camera nead supplied by customer Manufacturer: ENSENSO GmbH. (Supplier: IDS Imaging Development Systems GmbH.)



### What is MELFA-3D Vision 3.0?



MELFA-3D Vision 3.0 is software that connects a compact 3D vision sensor for robots to measure and recognize parts. It uses a camera head that can measure distances, which allows it to take the dimensions of randomly stacked parts and recognize them.

#### Main features

- The camera head is available for both hand eyes and fixed cameras.
- Supports model-less recognition and model matching recognition.

### Model-less recognition? Model matching recognition?

### Model-less recognition

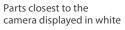
Model-less recognition is a method used to pick up the workpiece by finding a place on the workpiece where the hand tool can grasp or apply suction to. This means that there is no need to register a workpiece.

#### Main hand types that can be used



Imaging (measuring)



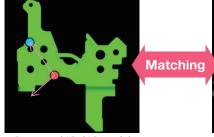




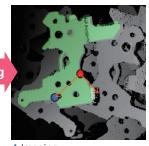
Round features detected for hand location (for pincer hand)

#### Model matching recognition

Model matching recognition is a method of picking up the workpiece by finding a workpiece that matches the registered 3D CAD model. This means that the grasp position and orientation of the workpiece can be specified.



▲ Registered 3D CAD model





### **2D vision sensor enhancement function**

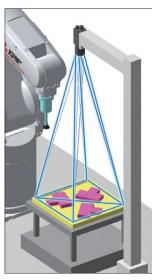


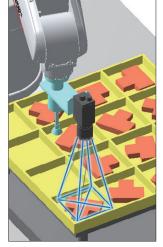
### Various vision applications enabling "easy" set-up by "anyone"

The steps from easy set-up to creation of a robot program can be performed by intuitive screen operations.

Calibration and application program are automatically created, enabling immediate operation checks.

Application examples

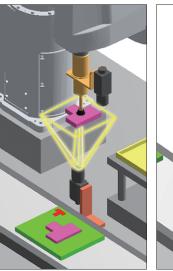


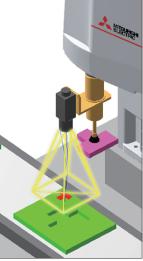


Fixed camera used for picking

Compatible device

Hand camera used for picking





NEW

Multiple cameras used to grip/placement correction



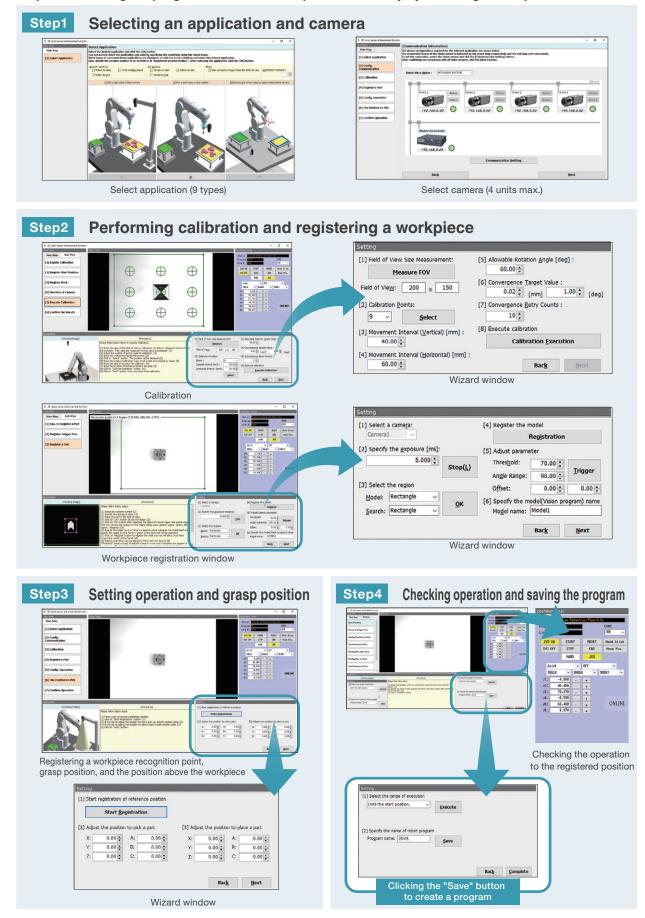


### Vision sensor Mitsubishi Electric : MELSENSOR VS70/VS80 series Cognex : In-Sight 7000/8000 Hand<sup>+1</sup> Only a single hand compatible with ON/OFF control of the robot hand dedicated output signal or general-purpose output signal is available. For pneumatic hands, both single solenoid type and double solenoid type are available.

\*1 : The multifunctional electric gripper option is not available.



Steps from settings to program creation can be performed easily by following the steps on the screens!



## **Calibration assistance function**





### **Automatic calibration**

### **Robot/2D vision sensor integration**

Input multiple values such as the robot and sensor coordinates, and the relative position between the robot and camera is automatically calculated.

### **Calibration of work coordinates**

### Robots and peripheral devices/jigs

Calibration between the robot coordinates and optional coordinates such as peripheral devices, jigs, and workpieces is performed using a vision sensor.

### **Relative position calibration**

### **Robots working with robots**

Multiple robots recognize the same workpiece coordinates and use them to find the relative position between each other.

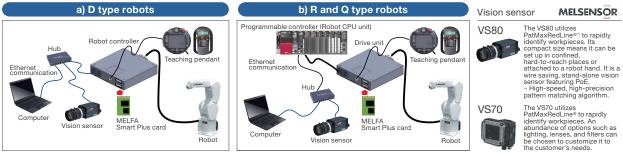


Automatic

calibration



### System architecture



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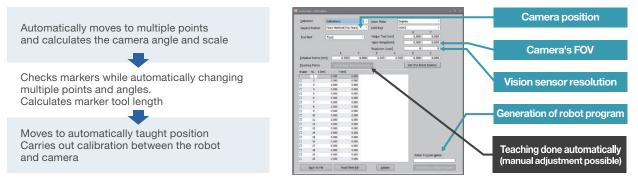
## Calibration assistance function Automatic calibration





### Simple set-up!

Automating the teaching process has made set-up easier!



Configure settings such as the camera position, FOV, and resolution in the automatic calibration window. Automatic teaching and automatic calibration is possible.

### **Improved accuracy!**

With automatic calibration, operating conditions are stabilized and accuracy is increased.



Cameras can be mounted in three positions





## Calibration assistance function Calibration of work coordinates

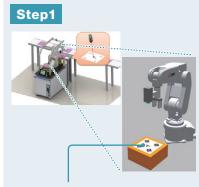


### QUESTION

Is calibration required every time the relative position of the workpiece and robot changes ? Teaching is now automated. This makes calibration of the robot and peripheral devices extremely simple.

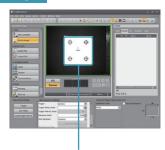
### **Troublesome teaching work eliminated!**

Teaching of workpiece coordinates is automated. Set-up time and troublesome work reduced!



Calibrate the hand eye with the markers (calibration sheet) on the platform and adjust the coordinates for the platform on the opposite side.

### Step2



in advance.

Move the hand eye so that the markers are in the center of its FOV. Detect the pre-registered origin point and crosshairs then adjust the position of the jig.

### Step3

Use the automatic calibration

function to carry out calibration

between the robot and hand eye



 Switch to the specified workpiece coordinate number.
 Check that the values of the workpiece

coordinates have changed. The workpiece coordinates parameter window

will appear. Check that the workpiece coordinate data of the specified workpiece coordinate number has changed.

## Calibration possible even in environments where workpiece coordinates and the robot's relative position change!

Automatic calibration is possible even in environments where the workpiece coordinates and the robot's relative position change. Easy calibration of robots and pallets installed on automated guided vehicles (AGVs) or carts.

In-transport production with AGVs



Cart type robot cell



Note

•This function can only be used when a 2D vision sensor is used as a hand eye. •Horizontal multi-joint robots (4-axis) not supported.

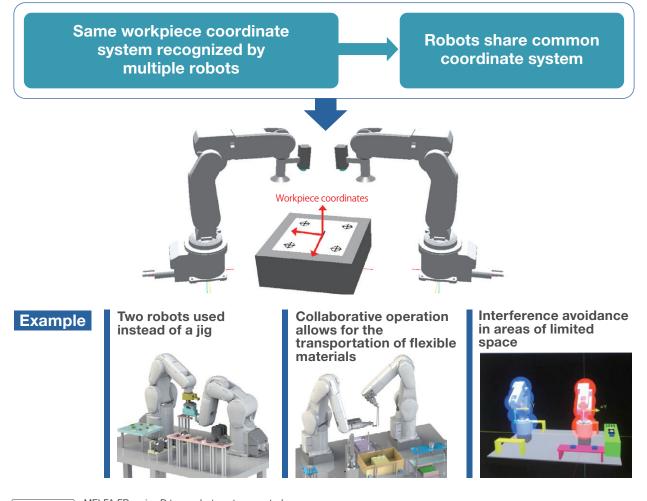
## Calibration assistance function Relative position calibration





## **Reduce man-hours spent improving accuracy and setting up interference avoidance and collaborative operation!**

Calibration is automated so that the same work coordinates can be used by multiple robots. Reduce worker errors and workloads!



Note

MELFA FR series D type robots not supported.
 Horizontal multi-joint robots (4-axis) not supported.

### **Coordinated control of additional axis**



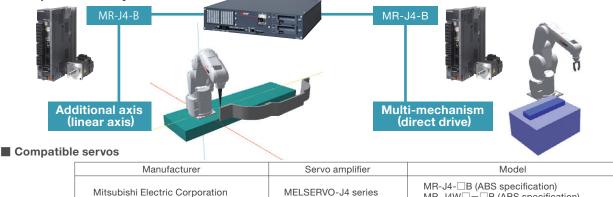


### Workpieces can be assembled precisely and inspected while they are moving!

Coordinated operation between the robot and an additional axis makes it possible for the robot to work on workpieces that exceed its operating range.

Constant speed control (spline interpolation) of the workpiece and continuous operation is now possible.

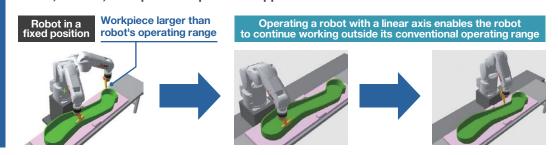
Compatible servo system



Example

### Sealing and machine work on large-scale workpieces

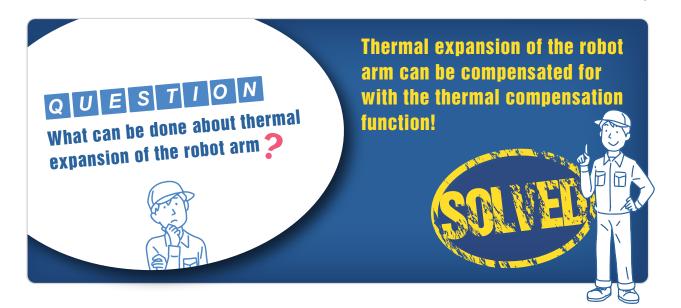
Using a robot with an RTU allows the robot to work uninterrupted on large-scale workpieces that exceed its operating range. Linear, circular, and spline interpolation supported.



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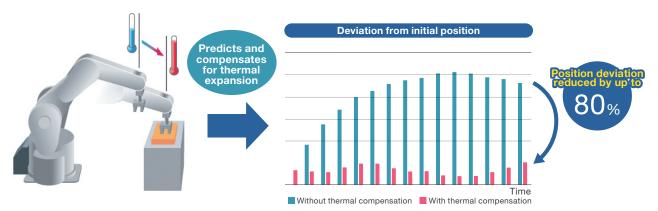
## **Robot mechanism thermal compensation function**





### **Improved accuracy!**

The thermal compensation function compensates for thermal expansion of the robot arm to increase positioning accuracy. This improves system stability and the quality of products. The total cost of systems can also be reduced as no external sensor is required for temperature compensation.



\* Compensation accuracy varies depending on the robot model and operating conditions (load, position, speed, etc.).

Example

#### Useful for high-precision tasks such as the assembly and arrangement of minute parts



Maintained accuracy for work that involves high temperatures due to high-speed operation

(In-transport arrangement of minute parts)



Note

• This function is supported by the RH-3CRH, RH-6CRH, and RV-8CRL with robot controller CR800-D software Ver. A5p or later. • Enable this function at startup. If this function is enabled while the robot is being taught, or disable after the teaching process, the robot may deviate from its taught position during operation.

### **Functions reference**

#### Outline of features

Classification	Name	Туре	Description		
	2D vision sensor enhancement function	A	Supports 2D vision alignment using a vision application. * Only supported with robot controller software Ver.C2b or later and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.91V or later.		
	Calibration assistance function		Calibrates the positions of the robot and peripheral devices using a 2D vision sensor. * Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A3 or later (MELFA Smart Plus card pack [2F-DQ510] Ver.A1 or later) and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.00 or later.		
u	Automatic calibration function	А	Automatically adjusts the coordinates of the vision sensor to increase position accuracy.		
function	Calibration of work coordinates		Adjusts the robot and workpiece coordinates using a vision sensor to increase position accuracy.		
	Relative position calibration function		Calibrates the positions of multiple robots using a vision sensor. Increases position accuracy in collaborative operation.		
Intelligent f	Robot mechanism thermal compensation function		Compensates for thermal expansion of the robot arm to increase position accuracy. * FR series: Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A3 or later (MELFA Smart Plus card pack [2F-DQ510] Ver.A1 or later) and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.00 or later. * CR series: Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A5p or later and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.90U or later.		
Int	Coordinated control of additional axis		Performs highly accurate coordination (interpolation) with the additional axis (direct drive) * Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A3 or later (MELFA Smart Plus card pack [2F-DQ510] Ver.A1 or later) and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.00 or later.		
	Preventive maintenance function (Maintenance simulation and wear calculation function)		Tracks the robot's operating status to manage the condition of the robot. * FR series: Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A3 or later and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.30G or later. * CR series: Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A5p or later and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.90U or later.		
n	MELFA-3D Vision enhancement function		Al technology helps adjust 3D vision sensor parameters automatically and improve the accuracy of part measurement and recognition. * Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A3 or later and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.82L or later.		
AI function	Predictive maintenance function (fault detection function)		Detects failing drive parts before abnormalities in robot behavior become apparent. * FR series: Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A4 or later and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.50C or later. * CR series: Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A5p or later and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.90U or later.		
	Enhancement function for force sense control		Al technology helps find optimum insertion patterns by repeated learning in a short amount of time. * Only supported with robot controller software Ver.A4 or later and RT ToolBox3 Ver.1.50C or later.		

#### Standard specifications Maintenance simulation

Output data	
Grease replenishment period	(Per axis)
Timing belt replacement period	(Per axis)
Recommended maintenance period for overhaulable parts (The part which needs to be overhauled the earliest is chosen from reduction gears, bearings, ball screws, and ball splines.)	(Per axis)

### Wear calculation function

	Applicable part	Output data			
	Grease Timing belt	Grease consumption ratio (%)	(Per axis)		
Consumable part		Timing belt wear ratio (%)	(Per axis)		
		Total score (consumption/wear ratio [%] and time to maintenance [h])*1			
	Reduction gear Bearing Ball screw/ball spline	Reduction gear wear ratio (%)	(Per axis)		
Overhaulable part		Bearing wear ratio (%)	(Per axis)		
		Ball screw/ball spline wear ratio (%)	(Per axis)		
		Total score (wear ratio [%])*2			
Operation data	-	Servo ON time (h), operation time (h), actual operation time (h), power ON Servo ON count (times), and cumulative motor rotation count (rotations)			

\*1: Indicates the consumption or wear ratio (%) and the time to maintenance (h) of the part which needs to be maintained the earliest among consumable parts (grease and timing belts).
 \*2: Indicates the wear ratio (%) of the part which needs to be overhauled the earliest among overhaulable parts (reduction gears, bearings, ball screws, and ball splines).

### **Fault detection**

Appli	cable part	Output data			
Reduction gear		Score	(Per axis) *Calculated when operating at 500 rpm or more		
Encoder	Data fault	Score	(Per axis)		
LICODE	Communication fault	Score	(Per axis)		
Battery		Battery voltage	(Mechanism)		

#### Axes used in the maintenance simulation/monitored by the wear calculation function

(Standard robots only)

(•: Used/monitored, -: Not used/monitored)

#### RV-2FR / RV-2FRL

J	oint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis	J5 axis	J6 axis
Consumable	Grease	•	•	•	•	•	•
part	Timing belt	•	٠	•	•	٠	•
	Reduction gear	•	•	•	•	•	•
Overhaulable	Bearing	•	٠	•	•	٠	•
part	Ball screw	_	—	_	_	—	_
	Ball spline	_	—	_	—	_	—

#### RV-4FR / RV-4FRL / RV-7FR / RV-7FRL

J	oint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis	J5 axis	J6 axis
Consumable	Grease	•	•	•	•	•	•
part	Timing belt	•	_	•	•	•	•
	Reduction gear	•	•	•	•	•	•
Overhaulable	Bearing	•	_	•	٠	•	•
part	Ball screw	_	_	_	—	_	_
	Ball spline	_	_	_	_	—	—

#### RV-13FR / RV-13FRL / RV-20FR / RV-7FRLL

J	oint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis	J5 axis	J6 axis
Consumable	Grease	•	•	•	•	•	•
part	Timing belt	—	—	—	٠	٠	٠
	Reduction gear	•	•	•	•	•	•
Overhaulable	Bearing	_	—	_	•	•	•
part	Ball screw	_	_	_	_	_	_
	Ball spline	_	_	_	_	_	-

#### **RV-8CRL**

L.	Joint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis	J5 axis	J6 axis
Consumable	Grease	•	•	•	•	٠	•
part	Timing belt	_	_	_	•	٠	_
	Reduction gear	•	•	•	•	٠	•
Overhaulable	Bearing	_	_	_	٠	•	_
part	Ball screw	_	—	—	—	—	—
	Ball spline	_	_	_	_	_	_

#### RH-3FRH / RH-6FRH / RH-12FRH / RH-20FRH/ RH-3CRH / RH-6CRH RH-3FRHR

Join	ıt axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis
Consumable	Grease	•		•	—
part	Timing belt	—	—	•	
	Reduction gear	•	•	_	—
Overhaulable	Bearing	_	_	•*1	•
part	Ball screw	—	—	•*2	—
	Ball spline	_	_		•*2

\*1: The J3 axes of the RH-3FRH, RH-3CRH, and RH-6CRH do not use bearings (-). \*2: The RH-3FRH, RH-3CRH, and RH-6CRH use ball screw splines. However, this function assumes that the J3 axis uses a ball screw, and the J4 axis uses a ball spline.

Joir	nt axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis
Consumable	Grease	٠	•		
part	Timing belt	٠	٠	٠	•
	Reduction gear	٠	•	—	—
Overhaulable	Bearing		•	—	
part	Ball screw	_	_	•*3	—
	Ball spline	_	—	_	•*3

\*3: The RH-3FRHR use ball screw splines. However, this function assumes that the J3 axis uses a ball screw, and the J4 axis uses a ball spline.

#### Axes monitored by the fault detection function

(•: Monitored, x: Not monitored)

#### RV-2FR / RV-2FRL

Joint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis	J5 axis	J6 axis
Reduction gear	•	•	•	•	•	•
Encoder	•	•	•	•	•	•
Battery		•				

#### RV-4FR / RV-4FRL / RV-7FR / RV-7FRL

Joint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis	J5 axis	J6 axis
Reduction gear	•	•	•	•	•	•
Encoder	•	•	•	•	•	•
Battery	•					

#### RV-13FR / RV-13FRL / RV-20FR / RV-7FRLL

Joint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis	J5 axis	J6 axis
Reduction gear	×	×	×	•	•	•
Encoder	•	•	•	•	•	•
Battery	•					

#### RV-8CRL

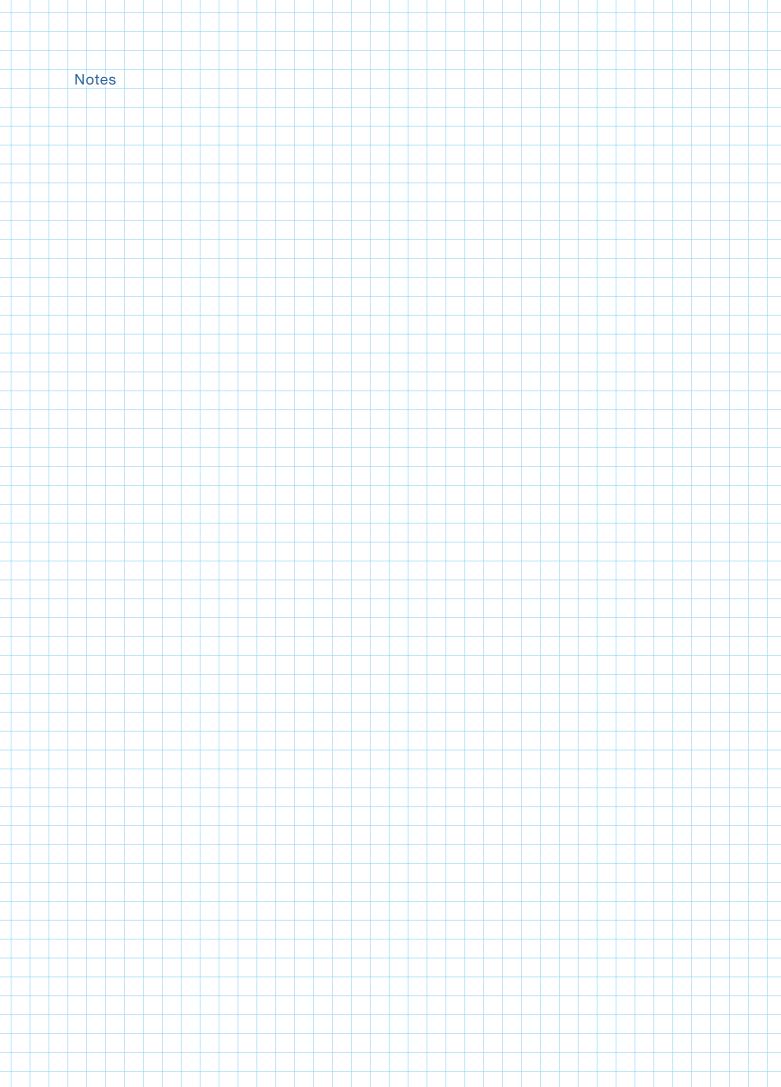
Joint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis	J5 axis	J6 axis
Reduction gear	•	•	•	•	•	•
Encoder	•	•	•	•	•	•
Battery	•					

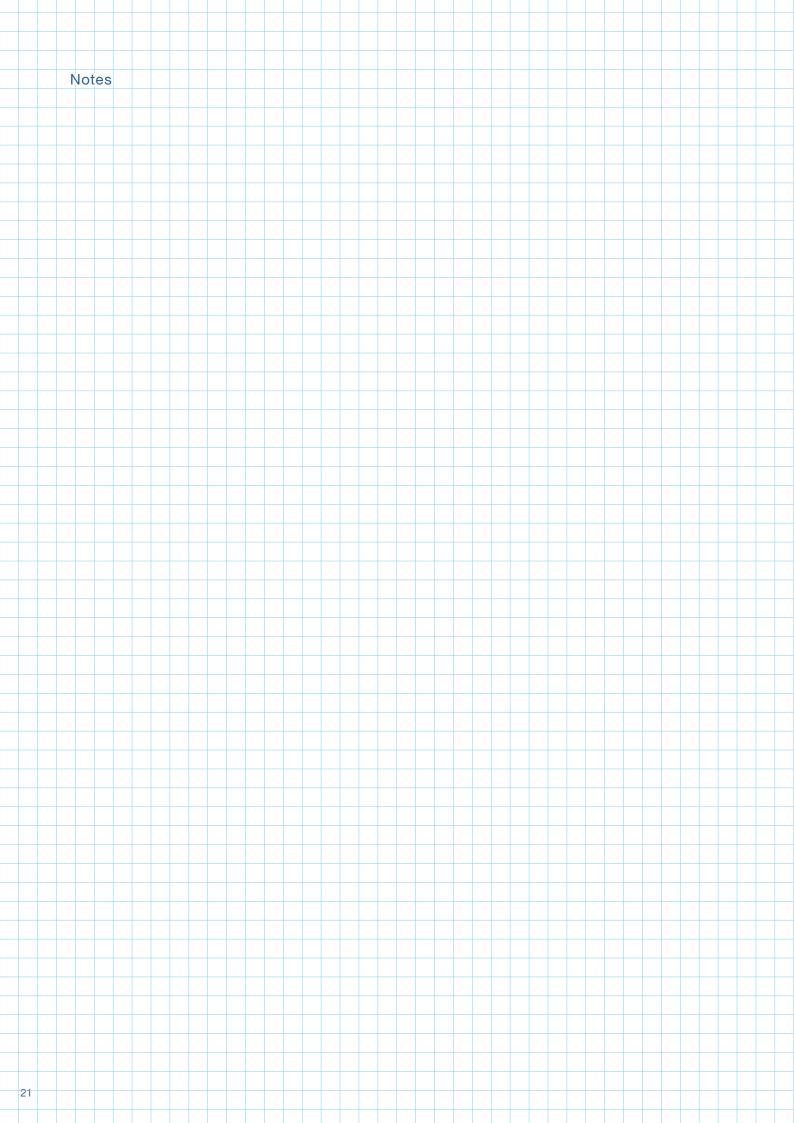
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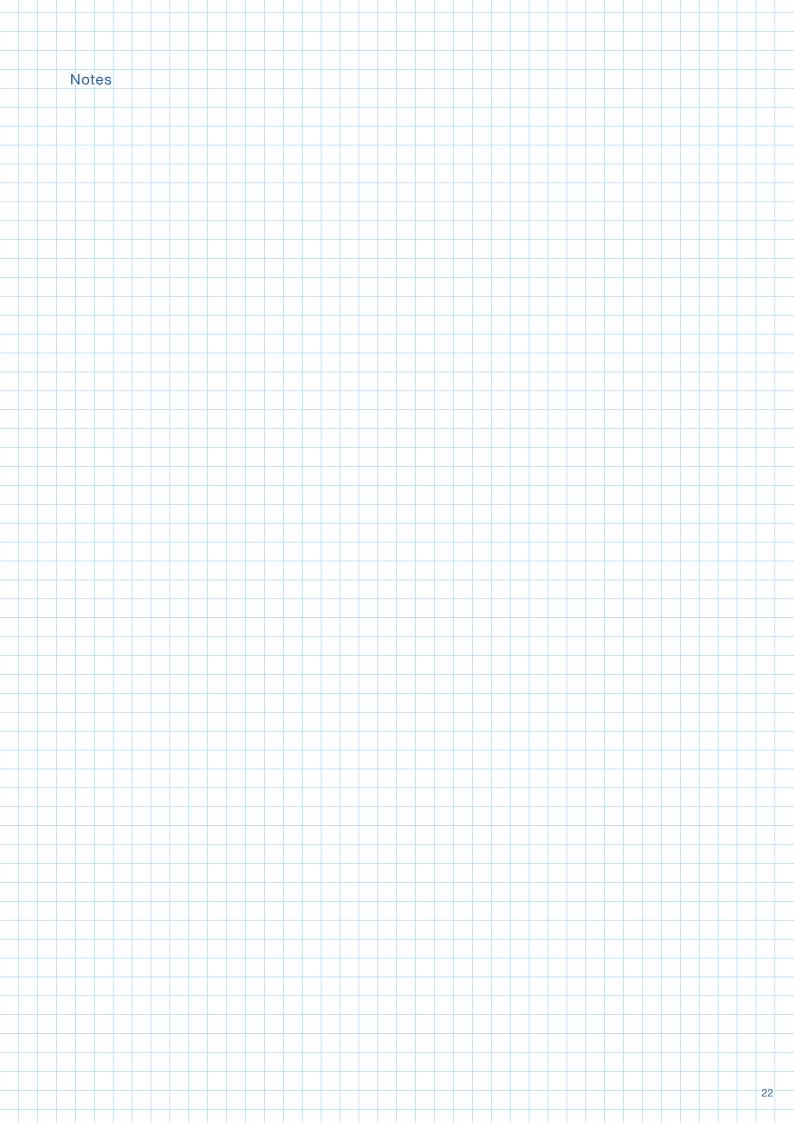
Joint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis		
Reduction gear	•	•	×	×		
Encoder	•	•	•	•		
Battery	•					

#### RH-3FRHR

Joint axis	J1 axis	J2 axis	J3 axis	J4 axis		
Reduction gear	•	•	×	×		
Encoder	•	•	•	•		
Battery	•					







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