Designing a Mounting Surface

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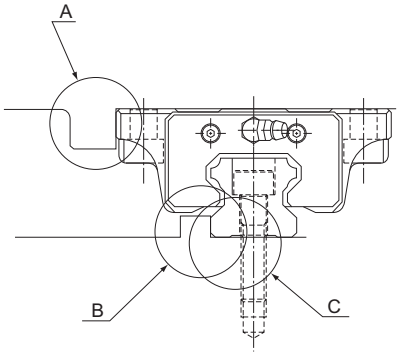
If particularly high accuracy is required for the machine to which an LM Guide is to be mounted, it is necessary to mount the LM rail with high accuracy. To achieve the desired accuracy, be sure to design the mounting surface while taking the following points into account.



[Corner Shape]

If the corner on the surface on which the LM rail or LM block is to be mounted is machined to be shaped R, which is greater than the chamfer dimension of the LM rail or LM block, then the rail or the block may not closely contact its reference surface. Therefore, when designing a mounting surface, it is important to carefully read the description on the “corner shape” of the subject model . (Fig.2)

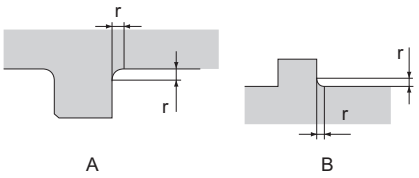


Fig.2

[Perpendicularity with the Reference Surface]

If the perpendicularity between the base mounting surface for the LM rail or the LM block and the reference surface is not accurate, the rail or the block may not closely contact the reference surface. Therefore, it is important to take into account an error of the perpendicularity between the mounting surface and the reference surface . (Fig.3)

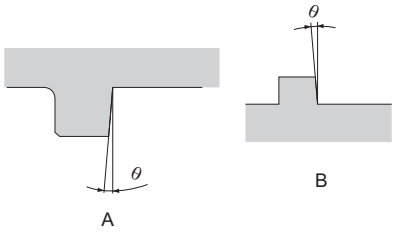


Fig.3

[Dimensions of the Reference Surface]

When designing the reference surface, be sure to take into account the height and the thickness of the datum area. If the datum area is too high, it may interfere with the LM block. If it is too low, the LM rail or the LM block may not closely contact the reference-surface depending on the chamfer of the rail or the block. Additionally, if the datum area is too thin, the desired accuracy may not be obtained due to poor rigidity of the datum area when a lateral load is applied or when performing positioning using a lateral mounting bolt . (Fig.4)

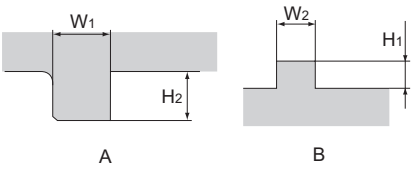


Fig.4

[Dimensional Tolerance between the Reference Surface and the Mounting Hole]

If the dimensional tolerance between the reference surface of the LM rail or the LM block and the mounting hole is too large, the rail or the block may not closely contact the reference surface when mounted on the base.
Normally, the tolerance should be within ±0.1 mm depending on the model. (Fig.5)

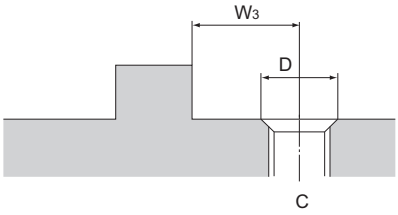


Fig.5

[Chamfer of the Tapped Mounting Hole]

To mount the LM rail, the mounting surface needs to be tapped and the tapped hole has to be chamfered. If the chamfer of the tapped hole is too large or too small, it may affect the accuracy . (Fig.6)

Guidelines for the chamfer dimension:
Chamfer diameter D = nominal diameter of the bolt + pitch

Example: Chamfer diameter D with M6 (pitch):
D = 6 + 1 = 7

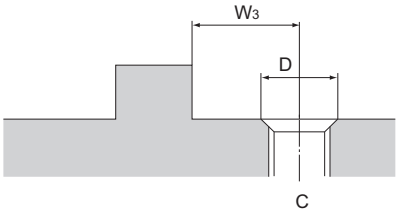
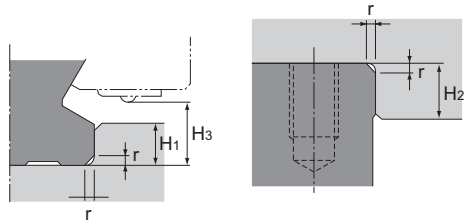


Fig.6

Shoulder Height of the Mounting Base and the Corner Radius

Normally, the mounting base for the LM rail and the LM block has a reference-surface on the side face of the shoulder of the base in order to allow easy installation and highly accurate positioning. The height of the datum shoulder varies with model numbers. See **A1-443** to **A1-449** for details.

The corner of the mounting shoulder must be machined to have a recess, or machined to be smaller than the corner radius “r,” to prevent interference with the chamfer of the LM rail or the LM block. The corner radius varies with model numbers. See **A1-443** to **A1-449** for details.



Shoulder for the LM Rail　　Shoulder for the LM Block (LM casing)

Fig.7

[Models SR, SR-M1] Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Maximum shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
15	0.5	3.8	4	5.8
20	0.5	5	5	6
25	1	5.5	5	7
30	1	8	6	9.5
35	1	9	6	11.5
45	1	10	8	12.5
55	1.5	11	8	13.5
70	1.5	12	10	15
85	1.2	8	12	18.5
100	1.2	10	15	19
120	1.2	12	20	15
150	1.2	12	20	22

[Model SR-MS] Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
15	0.5	3.8	4	4.5
20	0.5	5	5	6

[Model JR] Unit: mm

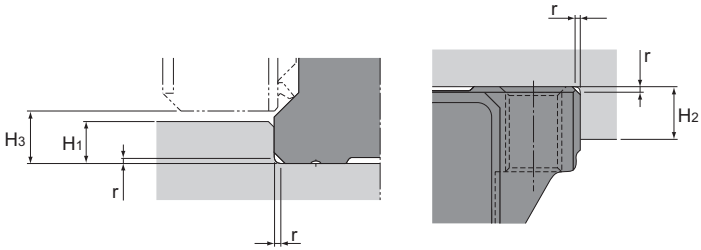
Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2
25	1	5
35	1	6
45	1	8
55	1.5	10

[Model CSR] Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	H_3
15	0.5	3	3.5
20	0.5	3.5	4
25	1	5	5.5
30	1	5	7
35	1	6	7.5
45	1	8	10

[Model NSR-TBC] Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
20	1	5	5	5.5
25	1	6	6	6.5
30	1	7	6	9
40	1	7	8	10.5
50	1	7	8	8
70	1	7	10	9.5



Shoulder for the LM Rail　　Shoulder for the LM Block

Fig.8

[Model SHS]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
15	0.5	2.5	4	3
20	0.5	3.5	5	4.6
25	1	5	5	5.8
30	1	5	5	7
35	1	6	6	7.5
45	1	7.5	8	8.9
55	1.5	10	10	12.7
65	1.5	15	10	19

[Model SCR]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	H_3
15	0.5	2.5	3
20	0.5	3.5	4.6
25	1	5	5.8
30	1	5	7
35	1	6	7.5
45	1	7.5	8.9
65	1.5	15	19

[Models SVR/SVS]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
25	0.5	4	5	5.5
30	1	5	5	7
35	1	6	6	9
45	1	8	8	11.6
55	1.5	10	10	14
65	1.5	10	10	15

Note) If the optional side scraper or protector is attached, dimensions H1 and H3 differ from that without the options. For the dimensions after they are attached, see **A1-466** to **A1-467**.

[Models NR/NRS]

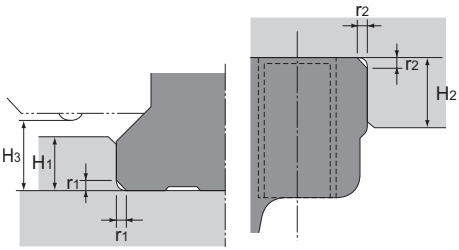
Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
25X	0.5	4	5	5.5
30	1	5	5	7
35	1	6	6	9
45	1	8	8	11.5
55	1.5	10	10	14
65	1.5	10	10	15
75	1.5	12	12	15
85	1.5	14	14	17
100	2	16	16	20

[Model MX]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	H_3
5	0.1	1.2	1.5
7W	0.1	1.7	2



Shoulder for the LM Rail　　Shoulder for the LM Block

Fig.9

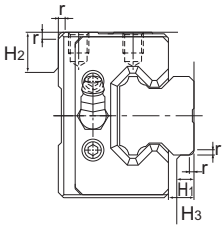


Fig.10

[Models HSR, HSR-M1 and HSR-M2]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
8	0.3	0.5	1.6	6	2.1
10	0.3	0.5	1.7	5	2.2
12	0.8	0.5	2.6	4	3.1
15	0.5	0.5	3	4	4.7
20	0.5	0.5	3.5	5	4
25	1	1	5	5	5.5
30	1	1	5	5	7
35	1	1	6	6	7.5
45	1	1	8	8	10
55	1.5	1.5	10	10	13
65	1.5	1.5	10	10	14
85	1.5	1.5	12	14	16
100	2	2	16	16	20
120	2.5	2.5	17	18	20
150	2.5	2.5	20	20	22

[Model HCR]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Maximum shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
12	0.8	0.5	2.6	6	3.1
15	0.5	0.5	3	4	4.8
25	1	1	5	5	7
35	1	1	6	6	8.5
45	1	1	8	8	11.5
65	1.5	1.5	10	10	15

[Model HMG]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Maximum shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
15	0.5	0.5	3	4	3.5
25	1	1	5	5	5.5
35	1	1	6	6	7.5
45	1	1	8	8	11
65	1.5	1.5	10	10	16

[Model EPF]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Maximum shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
7M	0.2	0.4	1	3	1.5
9M	0.2	0.6	1	5	1.5
12M	0.5	0.6	1.5	6	2
15M	0.5	0.8	2.5	6.8	3

[Model HSR-YR]

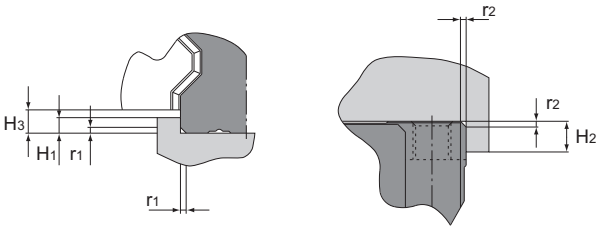
Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
15	0.5	3	4	3.5
20	0.5	3.5	5	4
25	1	5	5	5.5
30	1	5	5	7
35	1	6	6	7.5
45	1	8	8	10
55	1.5	10	10	13
65	1.5	10	10	14

[Model HSR-M1VV]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Maximum shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
15	0.5	0.5	3	4	4.3



Shoulder for the LM Rail　　Shoulder for the LM Block

Fig.11

[Model SRG]　　Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
15	0.5	0.5	2.5	4	4
20	0.5	0.5	3.5	5	4.6
25	1	1	4	5	4.5
30	1	1	4.5	5	5
35	1	1	5	6	6
45	1.5	1.5	6	8	8
55	1.5	1.5	8	10	10
65	1.5	2	9	10	11.5
85	1.5	1.5	12	14	16
100	2	2	12	16	16

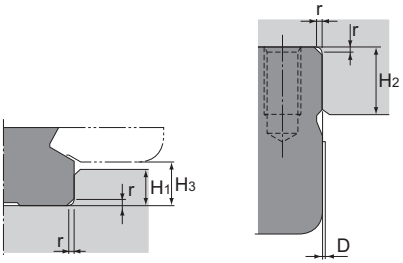
Note) If the optional side scraper or protector is attached, dimensions H_1 and H_3 differ from that without the options. For the dimensions after they are attached, see **A1-466** to **A1-467**.

[Model SRW]　　Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
70	1.5	1.5	6	8	8
85	1.5	1.5	8	10	10
100	1.5	2	9	10	11.5
130	1.5	1.5	12	14	16
150	2	2	12	16	16

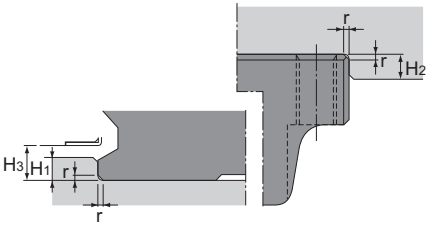
[Model SRN]　　Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
35	1	1	5	6	6
45	1.5	1.5	6	8	7
55	1.5	1.5	8	10	10
65	1.5	2	8	10	10



Shoulder for the LM Rail　　Shoulder for the LM Block

Fig.12



Shoulder for the LM Rail　　Shoulder for the LM Block

Fig.13

[Model SSR]

Unit: mm

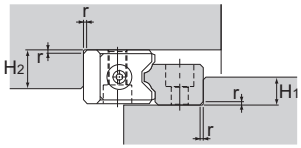
Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Maximum shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3	D
15 X	0.5	3.8	5.5	4.5	0.3
20 X	0.5	5	7.5	6	0.3
25 X	1	5.5	8	6.8	0.4
30 X	1	8	11.5	9.5	0.4
35 X	1	9	16	11.5	0.4

Note) When closely contacting the LM block with the datum shoulder, the resin layer may stick out from the overall width of the LM block by the dimension D. To avoid this, machine the datum shoulder to have a recess or limit the datum shoulder's height below the dimension H_2.

[Models SHW and HRW]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
12	0.5	1.5	4	2
14	0.5	1.5	5	2
17	0.4	2	4	2.5
21	0.4	2.5	5	3
27	0.4	2.5	5	3
35	0.8	3.5	5	4
50	0.8	3	6	3.4
60	1	5	8	6.5



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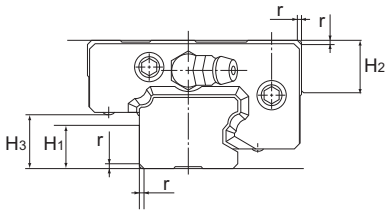


Fig.15

[Model HR]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2
918	0.3	5	6
1123	0.5	6	7
1530	0.5	8	10
2042	0.5	11	15
2555	1	13	18
3065	1	16	20
3575	1	18	26
4085	1.5	21	30
50105	1.5	26	32
60125	1.5	31	40

[Model GSR]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
15	0.6	7	7	8
20	0.8	9	8	10.4
25	0.8	11	11	13.2
30	1.2	11	13	15
35	1.2	13	14	17.5

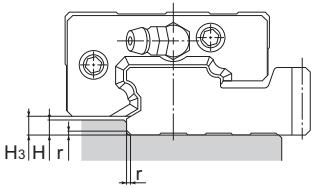
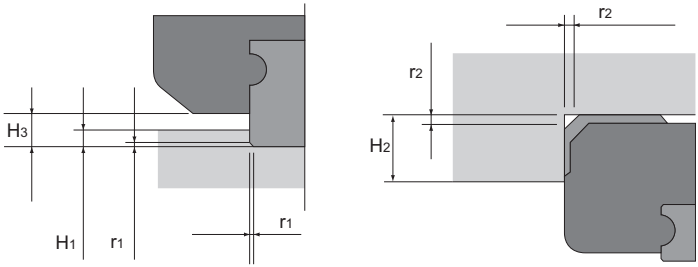


Fig.16

[Model GSR-R]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius r(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H	H_3
25	0.8	4	4.5
30	1.2	4	4.5
35	1.2	4.5	5.5



Shoulder for the LM Rail　　Shoulder for the LM Block

Fig.17

[Model SRS]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
5 M/N	0.1	0.3	1.2	2	1.5
5 WM/ WN	0.1	0.2	1.2	2.5	1.5
7 S/M/N	0.1	0.2	0.9	3.3	1.3
7 WS/ WM/WN	0.1	0.1	1.4	3.8	1.8
9 XS/ XM/XN	0.1	0.3	1.1	4.5	1.5
9 WS/ WM/WN	0.1	0.5	2.5	4.9	2.9
12 S/M/N	0.3	0.2	1.5	5.7	2
12 WS/ WM/WN	0.3	0.3	2.5	5.7	3
15 S/M/N	0.3	0.4	2.2	6.5	2.7
15 WS/ WM/WN	0.3	0.3	2.2	6.5	2.7
20 M	0.3	0.5	3	8.7	3.4
25 M	0.5	0.5	4.5	10.5	5

[Models RSR and RSR-M1]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Corner radius for the LM rail r_1(max)	Corner radius for the LM block r_2(max)	Shoulder height for the LM rail H_1	Shoulder height for the LM block H_2	H_3
2	0.1	0.3	0.6	2.3	0.7
2 W	0.1	0.3	0.9	2.9	1
3	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.2	1
14 W	0.3	0.3	3.2	5	3.5

Permissible Error of the Mounting Surface

The LM Guide allows smooth straight motion through its self-aligning capability even when there is a slight distortion or error on the mounting surface.

[Error Allowance in the Parallelism between Two Rails]

A mounting surface error of the LM Guide may affect the service life. The following tables show approximate error allowances in parallelism (P) between two rails in general use.

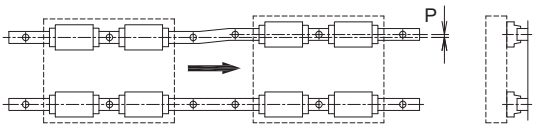


Fig.18 Error Allowance in Parallelism (P) between Two Rails

[Models SHS, SCR, HSR, CSR, HSR-M1, HSR-M2, and HSR-M1VV]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
8	—	10	13
10	—	12	16
12	—	15	20
15	—	18	25
20	18	20	25
25	20	22	30
30	27	30	40
35	30	35	50
45	35	40	60
55	45	50	70
65	55	60	80
85	70	75	90
100	85	90	100
120	100	110	120
150	115	130	140

[Model JR]

Unit: μm

Model No.	—
25	100
35	200
45	300
55	400

[Models SSR, SR, SR-M1]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
15	—	25	35
20	25	30	40
25	30	35	50
30	35	40	60
35	45	50	70
45	55	60	80
55	65	70	100
70	65	80	110
85	80	90	120
100	90	100	130
120	100	110	140
150	110	120	150

[Models SVR and NR]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
25	14	15	21
30	19	21	28
35	21	25	35
45	25	28	42
55	32	35	49
65	39	42	56
75	44	47	60
85	49	53	63
100	60	63	70

[Models SVS and NRS]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
25	10	11	15
30	14	15	20
35	15	18	25
45	18	20	30
55	23	25	35
65	28	30	40
75	31	34	43
85	35	38	45
100	43	45	50

[Models SHW and HRW]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
12	—	10	13
14	—	12	16
17	—	15	20
21	—	18	25
27	—	20	25
35	20	22	30
50	27	30	40
60	30	35	50

[Models SRS, RSR, RSR-W and RSR-M1]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
2	—	2
3	—	2
5	—	2
7	—	3
9	3	4
12	5	9
14	6	10
15	6	10
20	8	13
25	10	15

[Model SR-MS]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance CS
15	8
20	8

[Model HR]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
918	—	7	10
1123	—	8	14
1530	—	12	18
2042	14	15	20
2555	20	24	35
3065	22	26	38
3575	24	28	42
4085	30	35	50
50105	38	42	55
60125	50	55	65

[Models GSR and GSR-R]

Unit: μm

Model No.	—
15	30
20	40
25	50
30	60
35	70

[Model NSR-TBC]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
20	40	50
25	50	70
30	60	80
40	70	90
50	80	110
70	90	130

[Flatness of the Mounting Surface]

The following tables show errors in flatness of the mounting surface with models SRS, RSR and RSR-W that will not affect their service lives in normal operation. Note that if the flatness of the mounting surface is poorly established for models other than those above, it may affect the service life.

[Model SRS]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Flatness error
5	0.015/200
7	0.025/200
9	0.035/200
12	0.050/200
15	0.060/200
20	0.070/200
25	0.070/200

[Model SR-MS]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Flatness error
15	0.020/200
20	0.020/200

[Models RSR and RSR-W]

Unit: mm

Model No.	Flatness error
2	0.012/200
3	0.012/200
14	0.060/200

Note1) With the mounting surface, multiple accuracies are combined in many cases. Therefore, we recommend using 70% or less of the values above.
Note2) The above figures apply to normal clearances. When using two or more rails with clearance C1, we recommend using 50% or less of the values above.

[Error Allowance in Vertical Level between Two Rails]

The values in the tables A1-453 – A1-454 indicate error tolerances in the vertical level between two rails per axis-to-axis distance of 500 mm and are proportionate to axis-to-axis distances (200 mm for model SRS and RSR).

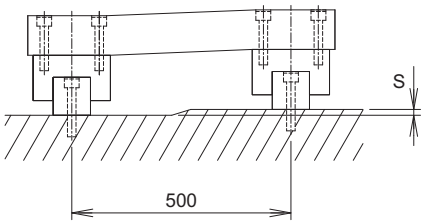


Fig.19 Error Allowance in Vertical Level (S) between Two Rails

[Models SHS, HSR, CSR, HSR-M1, HSR-M2, and HSR-M1VV]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
8	—	11	40
10	—	16	50
12	—	20	65
15	—	85	130
20	50	85	130
25	70	85	130
30	90	110	170
35	120	150	210
45	140	170	250
55	170	210	300
65	200	250	350
85	240	290	400
100	280	330	450
120	320	370	500
150	360	410	550

[Models SSR, SR, SR-M1]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
15	—	100	180
20	80	100	180
25	100	120	200
30	120	150	240
35	170	210	300
45	200	240	360
55	250	300	420
70	300	350	480
85	350	420	540
100	400	480	600
120	450	540	720
150	500	600	780

[Models SVR and NR]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
25	35	43	65
30	45	55	85
35	60	75	105
45	70	85	125
55	85	105	150
65	100	125	175
75	110	135	188
85	120	145	200
100	140	165	225

[Model JR]

Unit: μm

Model No.	—
25	400
35	500
45	800
55	1000

[Models SVS and NRS]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
25	49	60	91
30	63	77	119
35	84	105	147
45	98	119	175
55	119	147	210
65	140	175	245
75	154	189	263
85	168	203	280
100	196	231	315

[Models SRS, SRS-W, RSR, RSR-W and RSR-M1]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
3	—	15
5	—	20
7	—	25
9	6	35
12	12	50
14	20	60
15	20	60
20	30	70
25	40	80

[Models SHW and HRW]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
12	—	11	40
14	—	16	50
17	—	20	65
21	—	85	130
27	—	85	130
35	70	85	130
50	90	110	170
60	120	150	210

[Model HR]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C0	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
918	—	15	45
1123	—	20	50
1530	—	60	90
2042	50	60	90
2555	85	100	150
3065	95	110	165
3575	100	120	175
4085	120	150	210
50105	140	175	245
60125	170	200	280

[Models GSR and GSR-R]

Unit: μm

Model No.	—
15	240
20	300
25	360
30	420
35	480

[Model NSR-TBC]

Unit: μm

Model No.	Clearance C1	Normal clearance
20	210	300
25	240	360
30	270	420
40	360	540
50	420	600
70	480	660

[Model SR-MS]

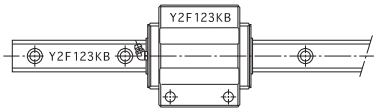
Unit: mm

Model No.	Clearance CS
15	0.020/200
20	0.020/200

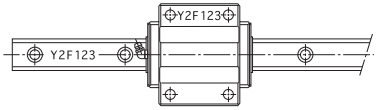
Marking on the Master LM Guide and Combined Use

[Marking on the Master LM Guide]

All LM rails mounted on the same plane are marked with the same serial number. Of those LM rails, the one marked with “KB” after the serial number is the master LM rail. The LM block on the master LM rail has its reference surface finished to a designated accuracy, allowing it to serve as the positioning reference for the table. (See Fig.20.)
LM Guides of normal grade are not marked with “KB.” Therefore, any one of the LM rails having the same serial number can be used as the master LM rail.



Master LM Guide



Subsidiary LM Guide

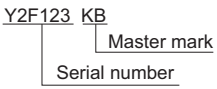
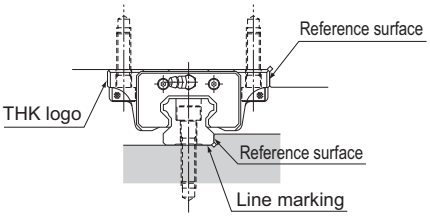


Fig.20 Master LM Guide and Subsidiary LM Guide

[Markings on the Reference Surface]

In the LM Guide, the reference surface of the LM block is opposite the surface marked with the THK logo, and that of the LM rail is on the surface marked with a line (see Fig.21). If it is necessary to reverse the reference surface of the LM rail and block, or if the grease nipple must be oriented in the opposite direction, specify it.



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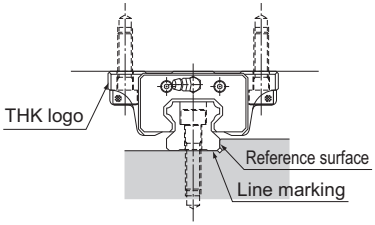

Subsidiary LM Guide

Fig.21 Markings on the Reference Surface

[Serial Number Marking and Combined Use of an LM Rail and LM Blocks]

An LM rail and LM block(s) used in combination must have the same serial number. When removing an LM block from the LM rail and reinstalling the LM block, make sure that they have the same serial number and the numbers are oriented in the same direction. (Fig.22)

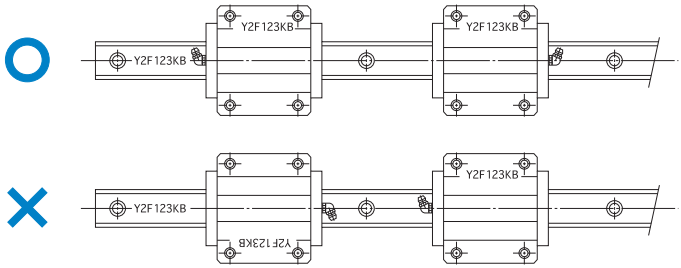

Fig.22 Serial Number Marking and Combined Use of an LM Rail and LM Blocks

[Use of Jointed Rails]

When a long LM rail is ordered, two or more rails will be jointed together to the desired length. When jointing rails, make sure that the joint match marks shown in Fig.23 are correctly positioned.
When two LM Guides with connected rails are to be arranged in parallel to each other, the two LM Guides will be manufactured so that the two LM Guides are axisymmetrically aligned.

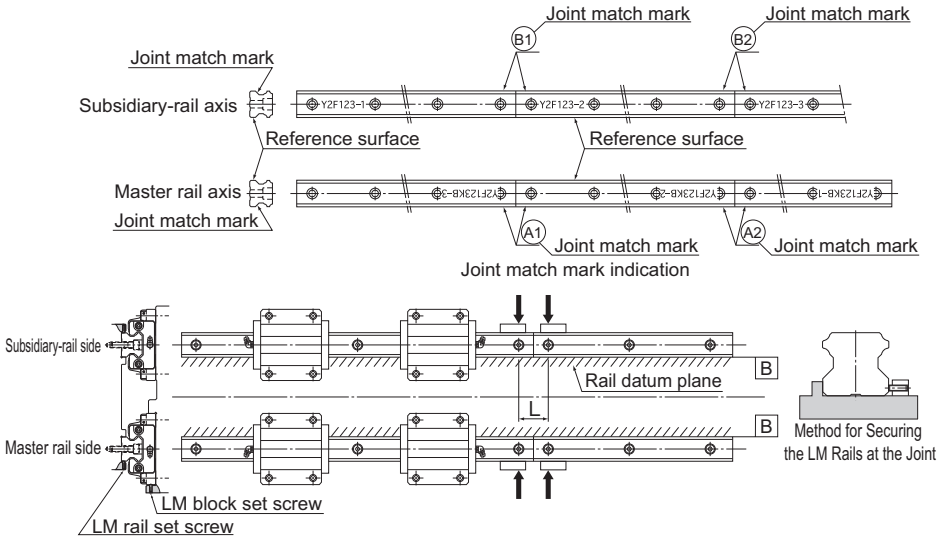

Fig.23 Use of Jointed Rails