

# **Linear drives**

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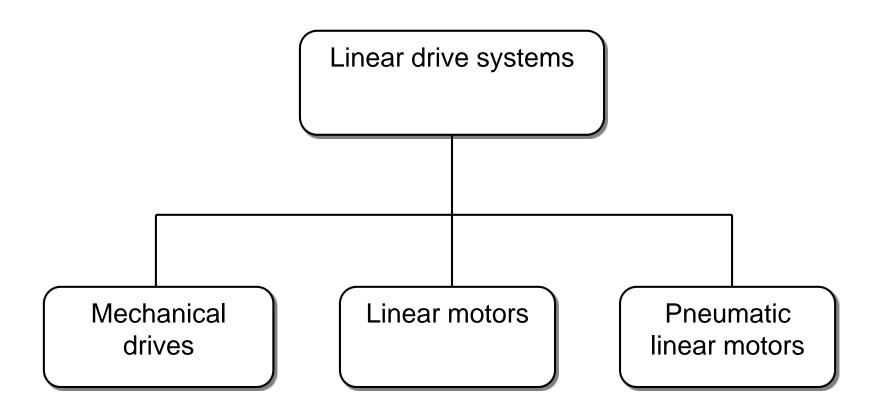
#### **Overview of linear drives**

- basic division of drives,
- descriptions of individual systems,
- comparison of systems,
- advantages and disadvantages.





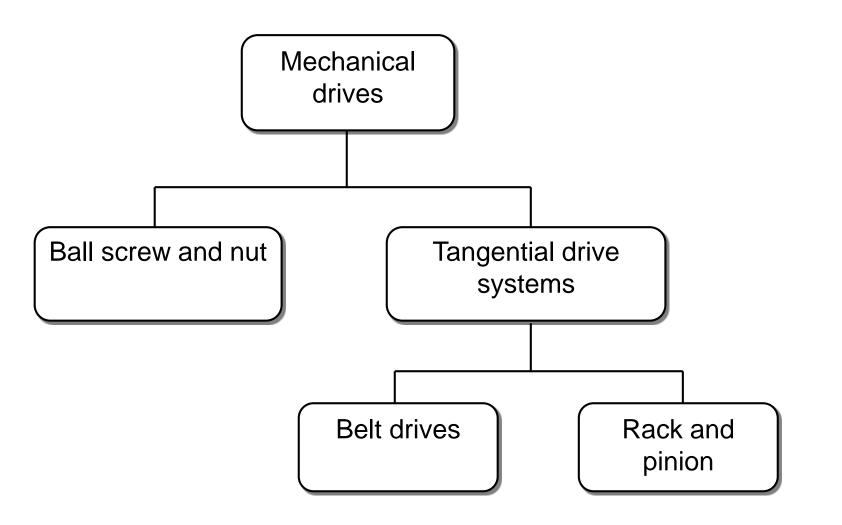
#### **Basic division of drives**







# **Mechanical drives**







### **Mechanical drives**

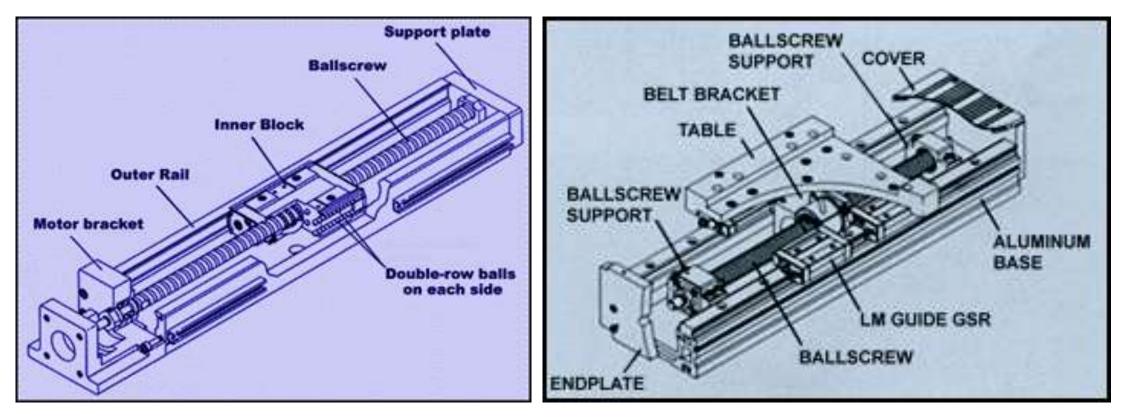
- Used motors:
  - servo drives:
    - closed loop need admeasurements,
    - high speeds (about 6000 rpm),
    - high torques,
    - dynamic applications.
  - stepped motors:
    - opened loop without admeasurements,
    - slow (1000 3000 rpm),
    - lower torque overload,
    - simpler and cheaper,
    - printers and plotters.





# **Ball screw and nut**

- the most commonly used mechanism, •
- high precision, .
- high inertia. •

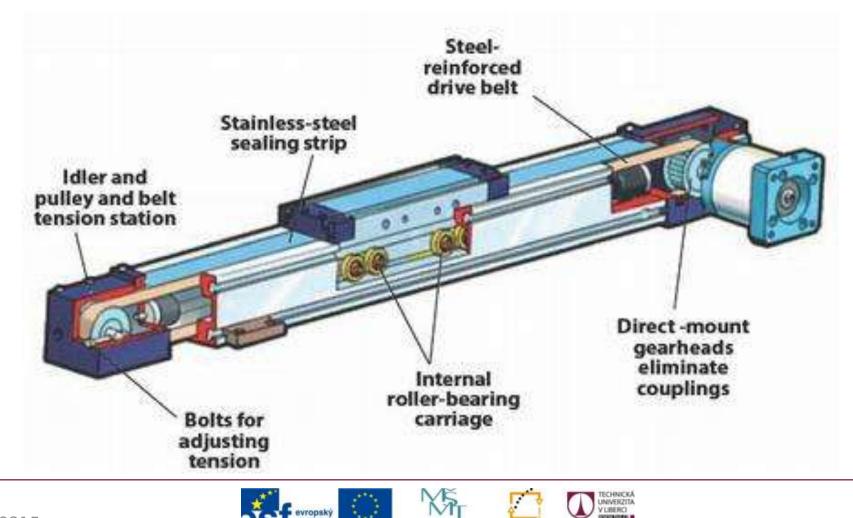






# **Belt drives**

- for larger loads can be used in several lines, •
- at greater lengths using a tensioner. •



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# **Belt drives**

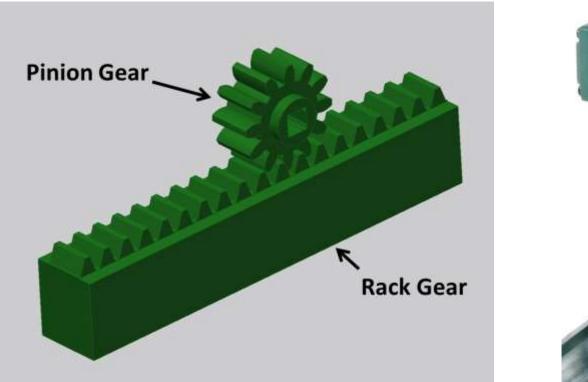


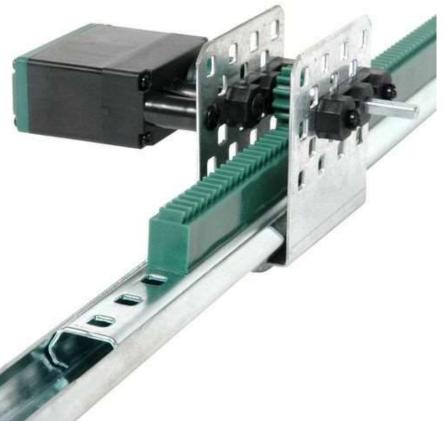




# **Pinion and rack**

- ability to link individual blocks racks one after another to achieve greater lengths,
- at one point the force is transmitted through only one tooth of pinion low power.

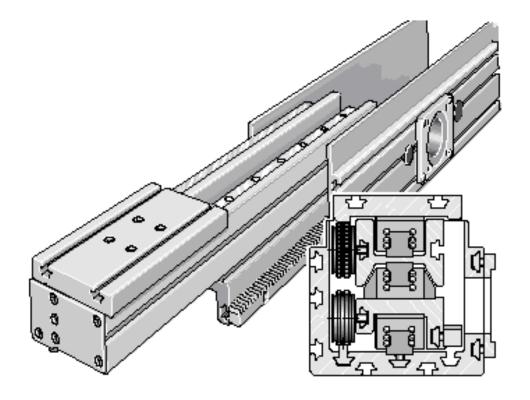




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# **Pinion and rack**









### **Linear motors**

- linear movement without the use of additional mechanical elements,
- principle substantially the same as the principle of the rotary motor unrolled into a plane.

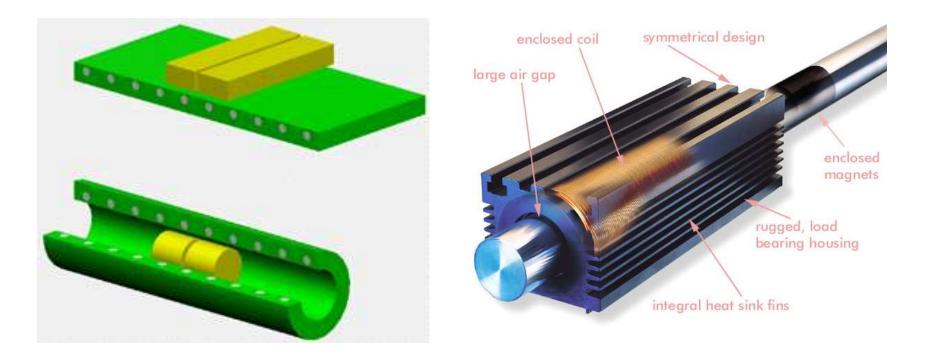






### **Linear motors**

#### **Rod linear motor**







#### **Pneumatic linear motors**

• most commonly used rodless pneumatic cylinders - shorter construction.





### **Pneumatic linear motors**

- the linear velocity changes with the load,
- the need for additional accessories.





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# The parameters of linear drives

drive type	Ball screw	Belt drive	Pinion and rack	Linear motor	Pneumatic lin. motor
Max. force [N]	30 000	5 640	2 000	20 000	4 000
Max. acceleration [m/s <sup>2</sup> ]	15	40	10	200	n
Max. speed [m/s]	3	8	2	11	5
Accuracy [μm/25.4mm]	7.6	25 ÷ 50	0.6 ÷ 4.2	0.2 ÷ 0.7	n
Repeated accuracy [µm]	10	12 ÷ 300	n	0.1 ÷ 30	25 ÷ 150
Stroke length [m]	0.2 ÷ 5.3	0.3 ÷ 8	0.3 ÷ ∞	0.25·10 <sup>-3</sup> ÷ ∞	0.01 ÷ 6





# Advantages and disadvantages of linear drives

	Advantages:	Disadvantages:	
Ball screw:	<ul> <li>large load,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>high inertia,</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>high accuracy.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>small velocity and acceleration.</li> </ul>	
Belt drive:	<ul> <li>greater speed and acceleration,</li> <li>low price.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>small loads,</li> <li>small accuracy.</li> </ul>	
Pinion and rack:	<ul> <li>high accuracy,</li> <li>unlimited length,</li> <li>low price.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>small loads,</li> <li>low speed and acceleration.</li> </ul>	





# Advantages and disadvantages of linear drives

Linear motor:

Advantages:

- large load,
- high speed and acceleration,
- high accuracy,
- unlimited length,
- no additional moving parts.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- high production cost,
- the required cooling,
- no mechanical advantage,
- open magnetic structure (strong magnetic field, the magnetic part).

**Pneumatic motor:** 

• simple.

• small loads,

• small accuracy.

