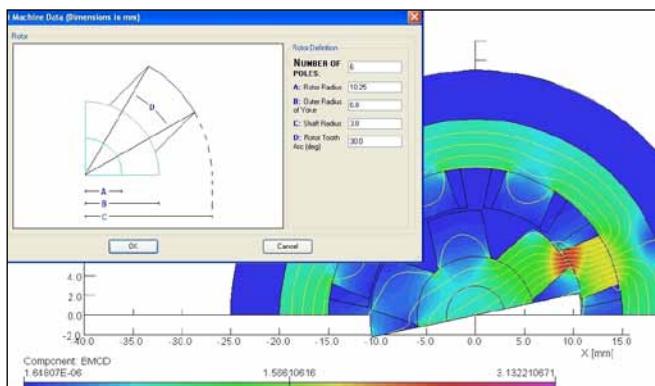


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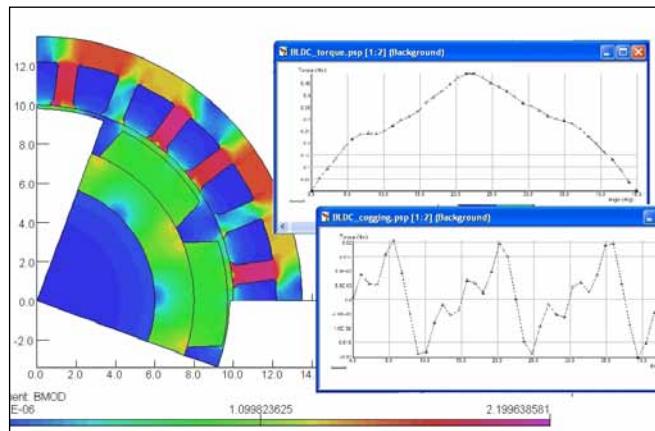
### COBHAM OFFERS AUTOMATION SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS

Optimal design solutions to rotating electrical machine requirements can now be created in hours, by non-specialists, using a new version of design automation software from Cobham Technical Services. Cobham's *Machines Environment* introduced a new level of user friendliness when it was launched by providing a design entry system that allows precision finite element analysis (FEA) models of motors



and generators to be created and solved in minutes. The two-dimensional (2-D) version of the software has now been integrated with Cobham's unique optimization tool which automatically finds the solution within a design space—even for multiple or competing design objectives.

Cobham's *Machines Environment* is an application-specific extension to the well known *Opera* electromagnetic simulation package. It provides a front-end to the simulator that speeds design entry by means of Wizard-style dialog boxes. Users select



the style of motor or generator they want to design from a library of all common types, including induction, brushless permanent magnet and switched reluctance motors, and synchronous motors or generators. Then, dialog boxes allow the user to enter parameters to define mechanical geometry, material properties and electrical data, and the FEA model is automatically created.

The use of parameterized models and the ability to quickly load and modify previous designs has always made it possible for users to perform 'what-if?' design investigations. Now, to extend these possibilities to the maximum, Cobham has integrated a unique optimization tool that makes it simple for users to find the best solution across the design space. While auto-optimization tools are not new, they usually require manual intervention if the globally optimal solution is to be found, and the simulation times involved often make this impractical. Cobham's Optimizer 'intelligently' selects and manages multiple goal-seeking algorithms including stochastic, descent, particle swarm and Kriging to eliminate the need for manual intervention.

Setting up an Optimizer run from the *Machines Environment* has now been made as easy as the design entry process. Because most FEA simulations can take as little as a few seconds, the integrated software makes it feasible to thoroughly explore the design space. Thousands of simulations can typically be executed within hours.

"This software makes the high accuracy of finite element analysis available to all engineers, not just the expert with years of experience," says Cobham's Jeremy Howard-Knight. "Even a novice engineer can now create a precision finite element model and find the best solution in a design space, without needing to know much more than what he or she wants to achieve."

The 2-D *Machines Environment* is now in its fourth generation, and Cobham has developed an extensive library of rotating machine design styles, and design components. However, if there are still any unusual features that need to be incorporated in designs, users also have open access to the scripts that generate the models, and can modify them at will to automate proprietary motor and generator design concepts. A library of common material properties is also included in the design software. Again, if users employ any special materials, such as an unusual grade of steel for laminations, then a new menu item can be created within minutes. Cobham will also generate custom scripts for users on request.

Cobham's *Machines Environment* appeals to the many users of analytic motor design programs, giving a means of performing much more accurate analysis rapidly and without the engineering overhead usually required for accurate FEA. The tool can deliver significant advantages in today's market environment. Currently, there's enormous pressure to improve energy efficiency for instance. The combination of highly accurate simulation and sophisticated optimization provides the means to identify the design characteristics of the perfect machine in very short timescales. A three-dimensional version of *Machines Environment* is optionally available.

**New Website Offers Different Approaches to Motor Design.** Cobham Technical Services has launched a new website to help engineers understand the contribution that FEA software can make to motor design cycle efficiency and design optimization. The new site ([www.motor-design-software.com](http://www.motor-design-software.com)), gives engineers a multi-faceted view of the ways electromagnetic FEA software can be used to design motors. Users can explore the underlying tools, looking at aspects such as the creation of design models or analysis of simulation results. They can also investigate the automated design approach for different types of design, by selecting a specific form of motor or related electromagnetic design topics such as magnetic gearing and linear motion. A range of interesting research material is available on the site including technical papers and details of training courses. Users may also register for a webinar on rotating machine design.

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The G30A gearbox complements the Pittman 8220, 8690, 8540, 9230, and



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RSF Elektronic, represented by Heidenhain Corporation, has released the new slim profile linear encoder series MSA 700 and 800 tailor-made for

metrology applications which require protection from contamination. Typical applications for these encoders are optical comparators, and video and vision systems. The main advantages offered by these encoders are generous mounting tolerances, low level backlash and optimized thermal behavior. Central to the design of these new encoders is the reading carriage and reading head con-



nected by a wear-free and maintenance-free magnetic coupling. The carriage is also constrained by a magnet guide that affects the ferromagnetic tapes on the extrusion. Hence, there are no forces that could stress guide parts and no contact points that could prematurely wear. Improving upon old roller bearing or spring coupled encoders, the new magnetic coupling and guide eliminates wear and provides even pressure along the measuring length. This combination allows for generous mounting tolerances without any negative influence on accuracy. An additional benefit of this magnetic coupling is the extremely low backlash, reducing one of the main weaknesses of sealed encoders.

The fiber-reinforced sealing lips made of fluororubber (Viton) are wear and coolant resistant, allowing the encoder to operate in harsh environments. High velocities are also possible due to the high degree of rigidity and ideally formed blade area of the reading head. The scale itself is fastened via a flexible adhesive film in the profile, which compensates for the differing linear expansion between the glass and the aluminum. Thus a reproducible thermal growth is ensured by symmetrical expansion or shortening of the scale to the profile. Expansion differences between the aluminum profile and machine slide are accommodated by flexible fastening elements.

This new MSA 700 and 800 series is defined as sealed incremental linear encoders that have grating pitches of 20, 10, and eight microns, and come in accuracies of two, three and five microns. This makes them suitable for customer applications requiring precision and protection. They have the same mechanical footprint and electrical properties of the MSA 600 series, and can be customized to suit customer specifications.

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## Tolomatic

### RELEASES HIGH FORCE LINEAR ACTUATOR

Tolomatic's unique IMA55 high-force servo linear actuator is now available with an optional roller screw that boosts its thrust capability to 6,875 pounds force (30,470 N). In addition, a new compact IMA22 integrated-motor

actuator has been added to the line. The IMA22 features a ball screw and can deliver up to 325 pounds force (1,446 N). Available in four sizes, the IMA line of integrated-motor rod actuators features stroke lengths from three to 18 inches (76.2 to 457.2 mm) at speeds up to 24 inches per second (610 mm/sec). The addition of these two actuators significantly expands the range of applications for these actuators to include pressing, clamping, valve control, spot welding and volumetric filling. "With the addition of the roller-screw option on the IMA55, the service life of the actuator increases by nearly 10 times in high-force applications," said Aaron Dietrich, marketing manager, Tolomatic. "The standard ball screw on the IMA22 offers efficiency and economy in lower-force applications that require accuracy, repeatability and durability in a compact package."



All of the IMA actuators integrate a servomotor and a ball or roller screw for long service life that is designed to fit a multitude of budgets. With its integrated servomotor, the IMA actuator is shorter for a given stroke length than other types of rod actuators. Its patent-pending design allows for easy re-lubrication of the screw without disassembly, reducing maintenance and increasing service life compared to other rod actuators without this feature.

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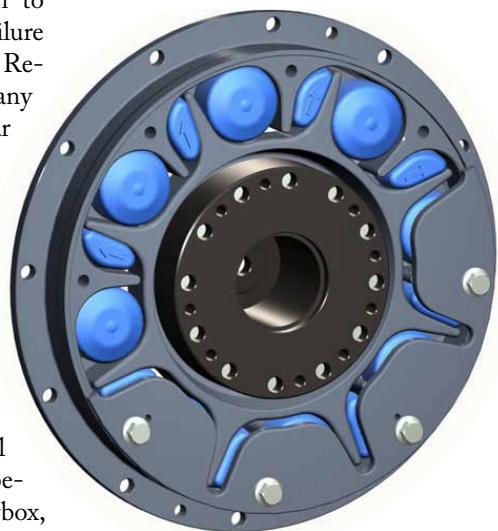
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## Haydon Kerk

### UPDATES LINEAR ACTUATOR

Haydon Kerk Motion Solutions, a manufacturer of linear motion products, has released a new version of the popular 36 mm G4 linear actuator. This configuration includes a special adapter plate that allows the smaller 36 mm OD unit to replace existing size 17 hybrid stepper motor linear actuators. The 36 mm G4 linear actuator meets the performance of the larger hybrid size 17 single-stack



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The G4 linear actuator architecture employs the latest technologies to extend reliability and meet higher performance requirements. The design utilizes optimized teeth geometry along with high-energy neodymium magnets that result in a higher continuous force output in a small package. With 20 percent higher output force across the entire speed range, compared with other designs of similar size, the G4 also contains the latest custom-engineered plastics and larger bearings for greater rotor support and higher axial load capability.

The 36 mm linear actuator is suitable for applications that include medical equipment, bar code scanning devices,

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