# **ABOUT THK**

THK CO., LTD. manufactures and supplies vital machinery components around the world. THK products help to convert slippage into controlled rotary motion, enabling parts of machinery to move smoothly, easily and precisely in a straight line. Driven by a business philosophy that emphasizes the Company's business philosophy, which is "providing innovative products to the world and generating new trends to contribute to the creation of an affluent society," THK has continued to focus on the development of a variety of products including linear motion (LM) guides, as a creative development-driven enterprise since our establishment in 1971.

### Key Characteristics

As the world's leading manufacturer in its field with a proven track record of long-standing success, THK has nurtured three key characteristics over many years. Drawing on the strengths of its corporate culture, the Company is working to further hone these key characteristics in an effort to secure long-term growth.

#### **Originator of World-First Products**

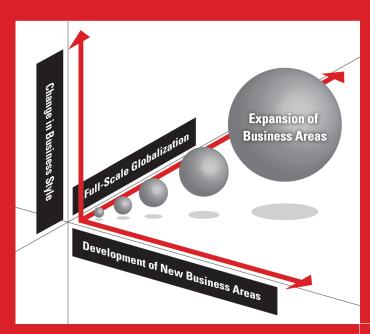
THK pioneered the development of the world's first LM guide on the back of its original concepts and innovative technologies. By providing the necessary components that help increase precision, rigidity and speed across such wide-ranging fields as machines tools and industrial robots, the Company has consistently played a major role in the ongoing development of industry.

### 2. Commanding a Leading Share of the Global Market

Since successfully developing the world's first LM guide, THK has commanded a leading share of the global market. LM guides that facilitate a controlled rolling motion so that parts of machinery will move in a straight line has long been in demand from the industrial machinery sector for use in machine tools as well as in semiconductor production and other equipment. Looking ahead, demand is expected to surge in a broad spectrum of consumer-related areas, including automotive parts, seismic isolation and damping systems, medical equipment, aircraft and renewable energy-related products.

### Expanding Our Global Sales, Production and Development Structure

THK has actively promoted the development of an integrated production and sales structure with facilities and operations closer to centers of demand. The Company currently maintains a local production and sales network that covers its four principal markets, Japan, the Americas, Europe and Asia. As a result, we are directly represented in 25 countries and regions around the world. The Company is making steady progress in building a global business platform with its overseas sales ratio reaching 54% in fiscal 2015.



### THK's Strategies

THK is contributing to the growth and development of customers worldwide and helping to build a prosperous society by promoting the use of its products including LM guides. As a part of these endeavors, the Company has embraced the three core growth strategies of Full-Scale Globalization, the Development of New Business Areas and a Change in Business Style. While working to expand its business areas in terms of geographic regions and product applications, the Company will utilize every possible resource including IoT and Al in order to transform the way it conducts its business as well as its business framework. Moving forward, THK will then accelerate the pace of these activities.

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