Machine Control Network

Achieving "high-speed and high-precision" machine control through the world's highest level network solution

Perfectly suited to rapidly advancing machine control
EtherCAT provides high speed, expandability and flexibility
With the need to reduce takt times, improve yields and ensure traceability, the requirements for manufacturing systems are expanding.
To respond to these requirements, devices in the system are increasingly connected with networks. However, for high-speed and high-precision applications such as motion control, it is necessary to adopt separate network in addition to the field networks.
EtherCAT, which can execute motion control in realtime, realizes high capacity communication required for field networks among a large number of nodes, while maintaining the high-speed synchronous-communication through its preeminent communication performance. As an inter-system network that eliminates the barrier between motion networks and field networks, EtherCAT will contribute not only to a reduction of design works but also to a shortening of takt times.

World highest level network
EtherCAT with its strength in high speed control is a next-generation network able to achieve preeminent performance in motion control.
An Ethernet-based network with realtime control capability
- 5-times faster Motion network communications speed over existing (MECHATROLINK-II) networks
- Synchronization performance between the slaves: 1 μs max.

High-speed and high-precision communications
- High speed Ethernet 100BASE-TX (100 Mbps)
- Adoption of the On-the-Fly method that enables realtime control

Global open network
- With over 1,300 member companies worldwide

Less network wiring
CompoNet
- For distribution of small number of I/Os

"Integrated Networks"
- A new era of networking in a system
All networks required for machine control are integrated under this preeminent network capability. Design, wiring and maintenance become simplified.

Best in class
The world standard open network covers all layers including factory management levels, system levels and component levels. The EtherCAT realizes the world's top-class performing network at each layer.
EtherCAT Overview

Integrating field networks and motion networks
A new dimension to network in the system

Features of the EtherCAT
The EtherCAT is a high-performance field network able to connect drive devices, intelligent sensors and I/O devices using Ethernet technologies.

Network specifications
- Communication speed: 100 Mbps
- Communication standard: 100BASE-TX
- Communication media: Cat.5, RJ45
- Distance between nodes: 100 m max.

High-speed communications
- Preeminent high-speed communications
- Precise and smooth motion control achieved with the industry’s fastest level communication cycle
- Over 5-times faster communications than other companies’ motion networks

Management of on-site device data
- Message transmission can be handled while real-time control is executed. The operation of on-site devices can be monitored and parameters can be configured via the network.

Simple and Capable
Expanding applications, not limited for motion control
- The large-capacity communication among multiple axes and multiple nodes can be handled at a high-speed. The feature is favorable for large-scale systems, too.
- The distance between nodes can be extended up to 100 m.
- Flexible communication specification allows a wide variety of devices to join the same network. The connectable devices include drive devices such as Servo Drives and Inverters, I/O devices, and other intelligent devices, including Vision Sensors.

Open Network
Global open network
- The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) is expanding the EtherCAT network on a global scale. They are working in Germany where their headquarters is, and in Japan, the United States, China, and South Korea.
- Over 1,300 member companies worldwide have joined this activity.

 EtherCAT

The progress of expanding ETG members ( weltweit)
OMRON EtherCAT
Product Lineup

Products with EtherCAT communications

OMRON has ample product lineup for EtherCAT communications. It is now possible to build a system with one network, without using multiple networks and dealing with complicated wirings.

Ample product lineup selectable for each application

- Position Control Unit (4 axes)
  - CJ1W-NC 81
    - Industry’s top-class performance in positioning control contributes to a reduction of takt times.
      - 10-times faster speed over existing networks.
      - High-speed start-up of 0.15 - 0.4 ms per axis.
      - High-precision control achieved under the fastest control cycles of 0.5 ms.

- Position Control Unit (8 axes)
  - CJ1W-NC 82
    - Fast positioning control and less wiring works.
      - Same performance in positioning control as NC1_81
      - Connection of 64 slaves, in addition to the connection with Servo Drives

FZM1 Series
System productivity improvement through industry’s top-class detection capabilities and a dedicated positioning menu

- Vision sensor for positioning
- Servomotor / Servo Drive
- OMNUC G5 Series
- Industry-fastest motion control servo system
  - High-speed control through the high-speed EtherCAT motion network and the industry-best speed response frequency of 2 kHz.
  - Damping control function to suppress system vibration.
  - Safety function comes with standard functions

OMNUC Servo Drive

SYSDRIVE MX2 Series
Control of multiple inverters under a single high-speed network

- Connection to EtherCAT becomes possible by attaching an optional communication device
- Sensorless vector control for powerful operation of 0.3 Hz/200% starting torque
- Shorter control cycle times
- Feedback pulse input for speed or position

Inverter

GX Series
Ample I/O terminal lineup for high-speed communications

- Digital I/O
  - 2-bar screw terminal block
  - 3-bar screw terminal block
  - e-CON connector
- Analog I/O
  - Encoder input
    - Open collector input
    - Line drive input

Remote I/O Terminal

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Remote I/O Terminal

CX-Programmer

CJX-Drive

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**EtherCAT-compatible Position Control Unit**

**SYSCMAC CJ Series**

**High-speed control**

The CJ1W-NC281 allows connection to the EtherCAT-compatible slaves up to 64 nodes besides the servo axes. Even when controlling multiple servo systems plus remote I/O terminals through the single EtherCAT network, the CJ1W-NC281 maintains as much performance as when controlling the servo systems only.

**High-speed startup**

Fastest time of 0.4 ms* achieved from start command sending by the PLC to startup of the servo system (transmission time included). High-speed startup, previously thought as only being possible using pulse train methods, is realized on a performance level that exceeds the pulse train method.

**High-speed processing**

Shortest control cycle of 0.5 ms achieved for a position control unit. By shortening the command cycle to the servo drives, smoother control of the servo drives becomes possible as well as high-speed startup.

**Integrated network**

In addition to servo drives, the SYSMAC CJ Series supports various other EtherCAT-compatible slaves such as inverters, vision sensors and I/O terminals. This has enabled the construction of integrated networks connected only by Ethernet cable from a EtherCAT-compatible position control unit, thus simplifying the entire system and reducing cost.

**Common programming with the pulse train position control unit (high-speed model)**

The EtherCAT-compatible position control unit shares its positioning functions* and interface when programming with the pulse train position control unit (high-speed model). This allows for easy selection of position control units according to the intended use.

**Supporting direct operation and memory operation**

The PLC ladder program supports both direct operation that controls positioning and memory operation that executes positioning in the position control unit.

- Built-in memory operation functions such as repeat and JUMP commands enable high-speed control independent of the ladder program and the PLC's scan time.

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* Even when connecting the PLC with 3-axis servo systems and 16 I/O points (type 1), the CJ1W-NC281 can be used. The CJ1W-NC282 with 6-axis servo drive can be connected at 1.0 ms. (A CJ1W-NC382 with 6-axis servo systems) connected to a 16 I/O points type remote I/O terminal is usable.

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* CJ2H CPU used with unit version 1.3 or CJ2M CPU used.
High-speed response

EtherCAT communication-capable models of the industry’s top class G5 Series Servo Drive is added to the product lineup. By combining the G5 Series response speed frequency of 2 kHz with a faster data update cycle of 250 μs (four times faster than the previous OMRON product at 1 ms), positioning control takt times can be further reduced.

High-speed rotation

The G5 Series Servo Motor supports rotational speeds of up to 6000 r/min (1.2 times faster than the previous OMRON model). In combination with the high-speed startup enabled by EtherCAT, positioning time can be further shortened.

Easy adjustment on startup and easier safety implementation with STO as standard function

Easy gain tuning

Real-time autotuning has doubled the application range allowing for more accurate estimation of a machine’s load inertia rate. By widening the rigidity range from both high-end to low-end, the applicable range for the system can be increased. Furthermore, the settings can be made via EtherCAT.

Easy tuning of resonance suppression filter

The filter is automatically set to the resonance frequency while multiple adaptive filters reduce vibration. With an even wider frequency range, vibration can be reduced from drive shafts with low rigidity such as conveyor belts, to drive shafts with high rigidity. Also, the settings can be made via EtherCAT.

Conforms to the latest international standards

The OMNUC G5 is the first to acquire international standard IEC 61800-5-2 (STO) for motion control in the industry within Japan. It also conforms to the European Directives ISO 13849-1 (Plc.d) and EN 61508 (SIL2). Safety control circuits can be constructed with the Servo Drive, delivering both safety and productivity.

* For information on conforming standards of the G5 Series, refer to OMRON S-series Data Sheet (ET-7465).
Vision Sensors for Pick and Place

FZM1 Series

High precision position control with stable detection and easy operation

Selectable dedicated processing items

Existing models were ill-equipped in dealing with changes and deformation in the measurement object. To address this problem, the FZM1 Series is equipped with a dedicated positioning image-processing algorithm, highly capable of dealing with such changes or deformation. Just by selecting the menu for the target object, positioning detection is executed without calculations or complicated settings.

Positioning with alignment marks

The FZM1 preciselly detects alignment marks which are commonly used in manufacturing of LCD panels and PCBs. The FZM1 accurately detects the marks, even if some dirt adhered to the marks or the mark is partly hidden.

Positioning with corner detection

Positioning can be performed by detecting a corner of the measurement object. Now, stable detection is possible even for rounded corners or when the edge is broken. This is ideal for LCD glass substrates and other objects on which alignment marks cannot be printed.

Positioning by shape of object

When picking electronic components or food items, unclear printing or dirt can make stable inspections impossible. FZM1 uses the ECM search processing method and can identify the position and angle of objects from their shapes. The use of ECM search processing enables precise position and attitude measurements without being affected by surface conditions.

Superior performance under severe conditions

Edge Code (EC) Image processing technique

Conventional search operation and pattern matching detect objects based on density differences or feature points registered on model images. This may cause unstable detection when the measurement object was changed or the shape was not consistent. With EC image processing, the workpiece is recognized as a geometric shape to minimize the effect of light interference or dirt. This achieves stable, accurate position detection without being affected by the surface of the workpiece.

Easy setup and configuration by an Application Wizard

There are no Camera installation restrictions even with alignment systems that use two Cameras. Differences between Camera angles and fields of vision can be calculated and coordinates converted without performing complex calculations in a PLC or other external device.

Flexible camera installation

Calibration between the Cameras and stage or robot can be easily set up using a wizard. Simply select the type of inspection to easily generate the calibration parameters. Sampling data can be automatically input from an external device via EtherCAT to eliminate mistakes that occur through manual input. Fine tuning can also be quickly and accurately performed for production changes or adjustments of the setup as required on-site.

Simple auto calibration

The Vision Sensor provides a coordinate conversion function for each stage and robots. Coordinates can be converted for the Vision Sensor and output device without complex calculations.

Adaptable stages and robots

XY, XY
Stage control
XY, XY, UV, UVW

Less Wiring with Ethernet Cables

All trigger inputs and result outputs are connected using only an Ethernet cable. This eliminates excess wiring work and helps prevent wiring mistakes when launching the system. Additionally, EtherCAT, wiring for up to 100 m can be made without a repeater allowing for easier installation of Vision Sensors and Servo Drives.

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100 m

Communications

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Actual measurement

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Corner
EtherCAT provides high-speed control with multi-function MX2 Series

The EtherCAT communication unit is used to connect the MX2 Series to EtherCAT.

**High-speed positioning and speed control**

The SYSDRIVE MX2 Series inverter with EtherCAT interface provides high-speed position and speed control. By connecting servo drives, inverters and remote I/O terminals to the position control unit, overall system performance will be improved.

**High-speed network greatly improves multi-axis control performance**

In comparison to the conventional DeviceNet, response time for single-axis startup (from PLC startup to inverter current output) has been reduced by half. The difference of response time for single-axis control and 24-axis control is only 3ms in an EtherCAT network. The EtherCAT is advantageous in multi-axis control applications.

**Easy operation after network allocation**

In the initial setup of the EtherCAT communication unit, the inverter parameters are allocated to the CIO area in the PLC as shown in the right tables. The allocation can be understood and operated as easily as inverter terminal block. It is not necessary to issue command or deal with complex communication handling. There are no troublesome processes such as in the handling of communications or in issuing commands.

**Simple Position Control Function**

The MX2 Series is equipped with simple position control function as standard.

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**Shortening deceleration time with over-excitation control during deceleration (AVR function)**

By using the over-excitation control during deceleration (AVR function) of the MX2 Series, deceleration times can be shortened without the use of braking options.

**Various functions such as torque control and torque limit are also supported.**

The MX2 Series sensorless vector control provides torque control and torque limit function, thus enabling simple contact stopping control and pass control. Other functions including brake control, energy saving control and PID control are also provided.
Remote I/O Terminal for EtherCAT communications

GX Series

Wide selection of products
An extensive lineup of digital I/O terminals, analog I/O terminals and encoder input terminal are available for EtherCAT.

- The wiring type of the digital I/O terminal can be selected from either a unit with a screw terminal block or with an e-CON connector.
- Ample product line-up including digital I/O, analog I/O and encoder input

High-speed communications
EtherCAT supports high-speed communications at a speed of 100 Mbps.

- The communication cycle is largely shortened by overwhelming EtherCAT communication performance.
- The communication cycle of EtherCAT network with CJ1W-NC82 which executes position control and remote I/O control is shorter than that of DeviceNet.

Easy startup
- Simple setup
  - In the fixed allocation mode of CJ1W-NC82, the remote I/O system settings can be made by simply setting the node address.
  - Node addresses can be easily set with a simple rotary switch using decimal numbers.
  - The allocation area of the remote I/O terminal is automatically decided by simply setting the node address.

- Easy wiring
  - EtherCAT connects the master and remote I/O terminal with an Ethernet cable.
  - One-touch wiring is possible using an RJ45 connector.

High-speed input
The digital I/O terminals are equipped with high-speed input functionality (ON/OFF delay of 200 μs max.).

- Short communication cycle of EtherCAT and minimum wiring are highly advantageous for the applications that require high-speed signal input.
- By increasing the digital input filter value for contacts where the status is unstable due to chattering or noise, malfunction can be prevented. Available input filter values are 0 ms, 0.5 ms, 1 ms (default), 2 ms, 4 ms, 8 ms, 16 ms and 32 ms.

High-speed communications

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Comparison with previous network

- 200 times faster data transfer

Sensor inputs

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Even when connecting the 4-axis servo drives and the GX Series (352 I/O points max.), the control cycle of the 4-axis servo drives can be maintained at 1.0 ms.
Case Study 1 for Higher Productivity

**Oven furnace**

**Before implementation**
- Selection of a network for each control pathway
- Servo Drives, Communication unit, Remote I/O Terminal

**After implementation**
- Position Control Unit and Servo Drives with EtherCAT communications ensure high-speed control from startup to stopping.

### The Solution
-EtherCAT network covers the Servo Drives, Inverters, and Remote I/O Terminals. The assembly and wiring time is shortened and user can improve the system productivity through the operation.

### Effect from implementing EtherCAT
- Reduces design, setup and startup work-hours
- Contributes to higher productivity and quality

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**Case Study 2 for Higher Productivity**

**Pick and Place System**

**Before implementation**
- Selection of pulse-train type for high-speed system control
- Servo Drives, Communication unit, Remote I/O Terminal

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- Position Control Unit
- Servo Drives for high-speed movement/stopping

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### Case Study 2 for Higher Productivity

**Pick and Place System**

**Effect from implementing EtherCAT**
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Before implementation

- By connecting the PLC and vision sensors via EtherCAT, the communication settings are simplified. The vision sensor can handle the calculation of moving distance on the stage, thus reducing the programming work for PLC.
- The EtherCAT enables reduction of time taken for communication between the vision sensor and PLC. The Servo Drives with EtherCAT communications improve the takt time of position control by reducing the time required for executing startup - movement - stopping operation.

- In the liquid crystal masking process, the positioning accuracy of the glass substrate directly influences the product quality. The PLC settings for communication with vision sensor and motion control programming to calculate the position coordinate on the stage are complicated.
- When repeating startup and stopping operation by detecting the alignment mark, the takt time is increased due to prolonged time taken for communication between the PLC and vision sensor and startup time of position control.

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By connecting the Vision Sensors, PLC and Servo Drives under one EtherCAT network, a high-precision and high-speed glass substrate alignment system is achieved. Additionally, system designing work is largely reduced.