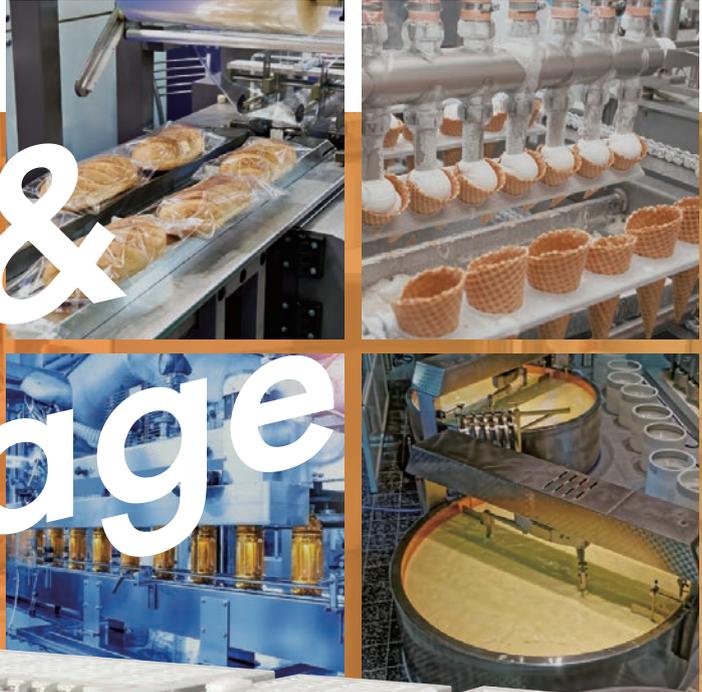


F&B Solution with **MELSEC iQ-F**
series

Food & Beverage



MELSEC iQ-F
series

Our MELSEC iQ-F series offers the best solutions for your food processing machinery and food manufacturing lines.

Screw terminal block type



Maximum number of control points **512*** points | Program capacity **64 k/128 k** steps | Pulse train **200 kpps** | Up to **4** axes

FX5U All-in-one model with advanced functions

As an all-rounder CPU, this module can help introducing IoT to facilities and equipments in any scenes.

High-speed counter function (Max. 8 ch)	Positioning function (Up to 4 axes)
Ethernet port	RS-485 port
SD memory card slot	Analog input/output

Screw terminal block type



Maximum number of control points **256** points | Program capacity **48 k steps** | Pulse train **200 kpps** | Up to **3** axes

FX5UJ Entry model with advanced functions

Equipped with variety of built-in functions while demonstrating excellence in cost performance, this single module is recognized for its ease of use.

High-speed counter function (Max. 8 ch)	Positioning function (Up to 3 axes)
Ethernet port	USB (Mini-B) connector
SD memory card slot	

Spring clamp terminal block type



Maximum number of control points **512*** points | Program capacity **64 k/128 k** steps | Pulse train **200 kpps** | Up to **4** axes

FX5UC Compact model with advanced functions

Its slim body fits into tight space inside the control panel, allowing for flexible installation options. The use of spring clamp terminal blocks offers superior vibration isolation and reduces wiring work.

High-speed counter function (Max. 8 ch)	Positioning function (Up to 4 axes)	Ethernet port	RS-485 port	SD memory card slot
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Connector type



FX5UC Compact model with advanced functions

Compact body with I/O connection to external terminal block allows for flexible installation options inside the control panel.

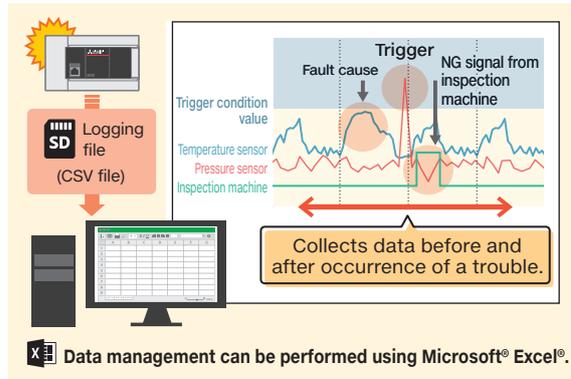
*: It is the maximum number of control points including remote I/O points.

Start IoT with the advanced functions of MELSEC iQ-F series

Data collection

Data logging function

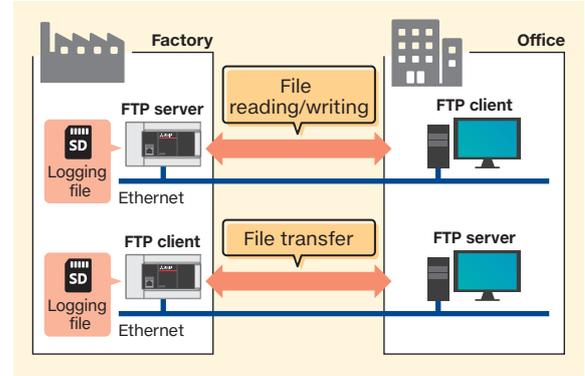
FX5U FX5UC FX5UJ



A maximum of 512 data points can be collected at the specified intervals or any desired timing. Store the collected data on an SD memory card in the CSV*1 or binary file format.

File transfer function

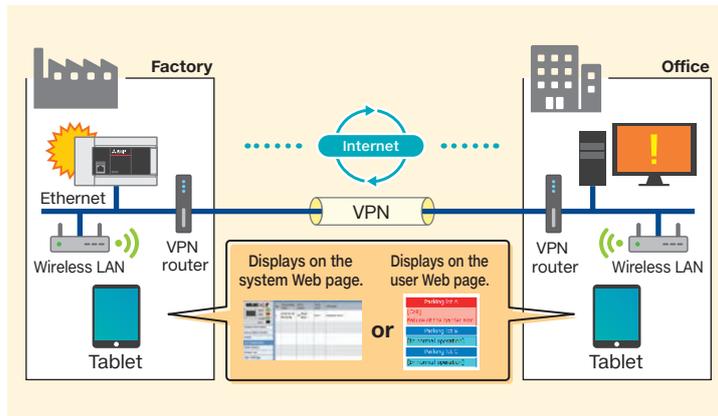
FTP server FX5U FX5UC FX5UJ
FTP client FX5U FX5UC FX5UJ*2



Remotely acquire factory logging files right from your office, and reduce travel and maintenance work.

Monitoring

Web server function



System Web page

FX5U FX5UC FX5UJ

Monitor and diagnose the CPU module from the Web browser on your personal computer or tablet.

User Web page*3

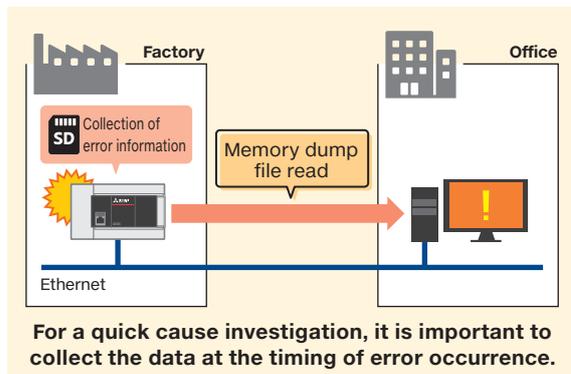
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Customize the Web pages for easy viewing on your personal computer or tablet.

Maintenance

Memory dump function

FX5U FX5UC FX5UJ

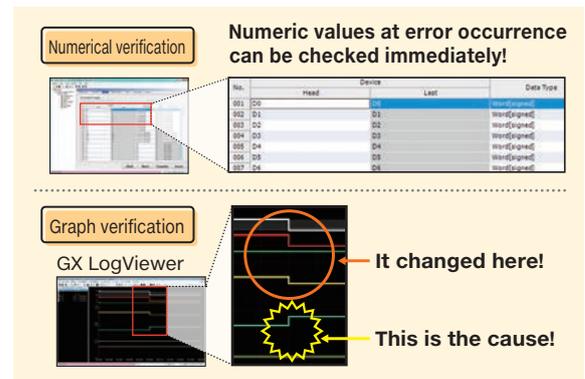


For a quick cause investigation, it is important to collect the data at the timing of error occurrence.

Store the device values of the CPU module to an SD memory card at your desired timing.

Real-time monitor function

FX5U FX5UC FX5UJ



Monitor the status of the devices that are specified in GX LogViewer in real time to quickly start up the facility and improve the problem solving efficiency.

*1: FX5UJ CPU module is to be supported in the near future.
*2: To be supported in the near future.

*3: An SD memory card is required to use user Web page.

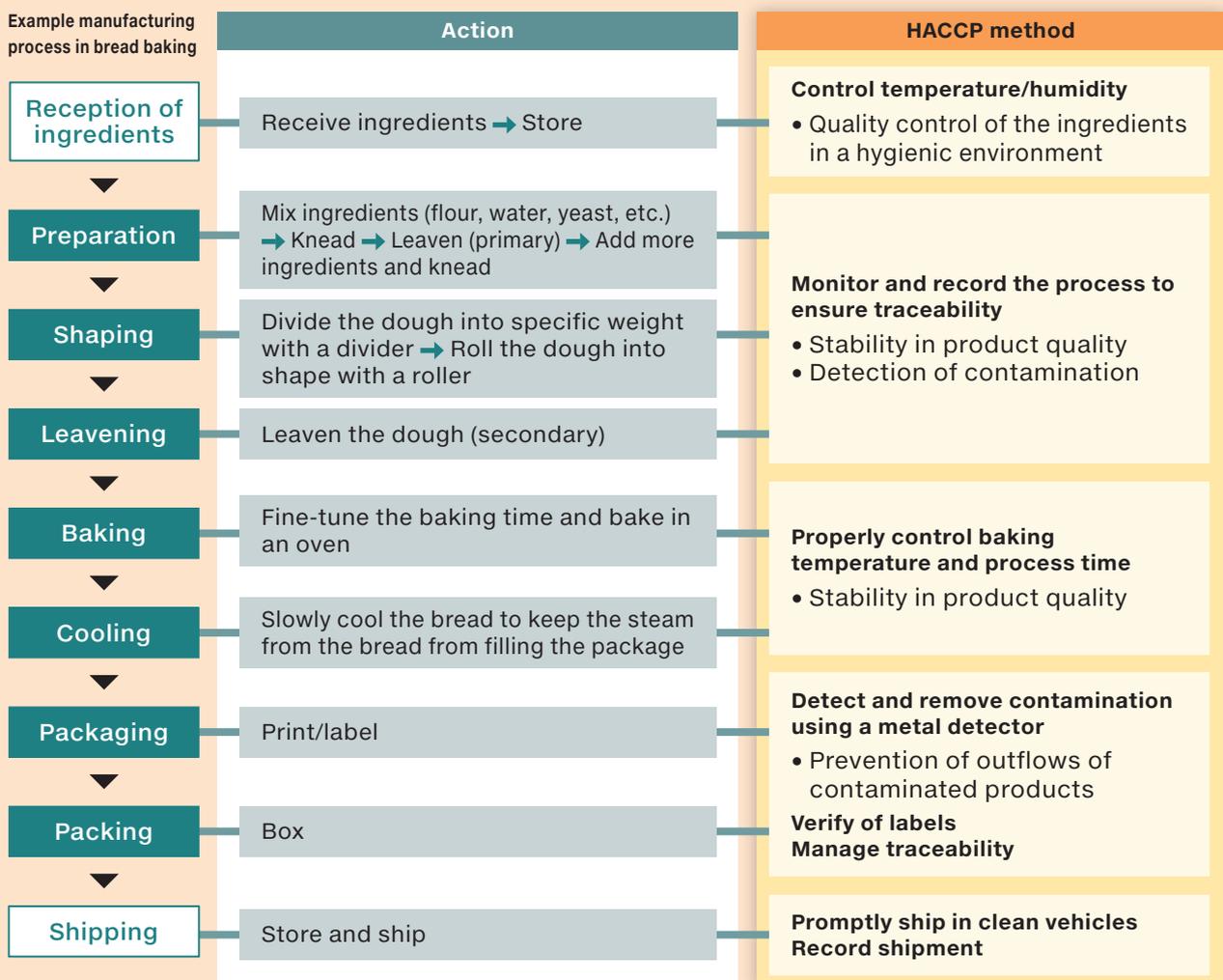
An accelerated adoption of HACCP in the food industry

HACCP stands for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point and regulates food hygiene. It was established in the 1960's originally to ensure the safety of space food. HACCP is used to analyze possible hazardous factors in the food manufacturing process. It is a food hygiene control method that defines critical control points to monitor and record every step in the manufacturing process.

The use of PackML helps visualize the manufacturing process, prevents contamination, and prevents data tampering to ensure the safety of the food manufactured.



Constant monitoring and recording of the entire process prevents quality-related and manufacturing-process-related problems. HACCP helps visualize the food manufacturing process and increases the productivity as well as the trust in your company.





Higher productivity and stable product quality

Food manufacturing machine

P6 - 9

- (1) Agitator/mixer
- (2) Paste filling machine
- (3) Oven
- (4) Packaging machine (horizontal pillow type)



Reduced the total costs including the production line launching, running costs, and maintenance. Increased productivity with an integrated process management.

Solutions for food manufacturing process control

P10 - 11

- (1) PackML
- (2) Complies with FDA 21 CFR Part 11



Automated problem detection improves inspection accuracy

Traceability control solutions

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- (1) Machine Vision
- (2) Code reader

GOT2000
Graphic Operation Terminal



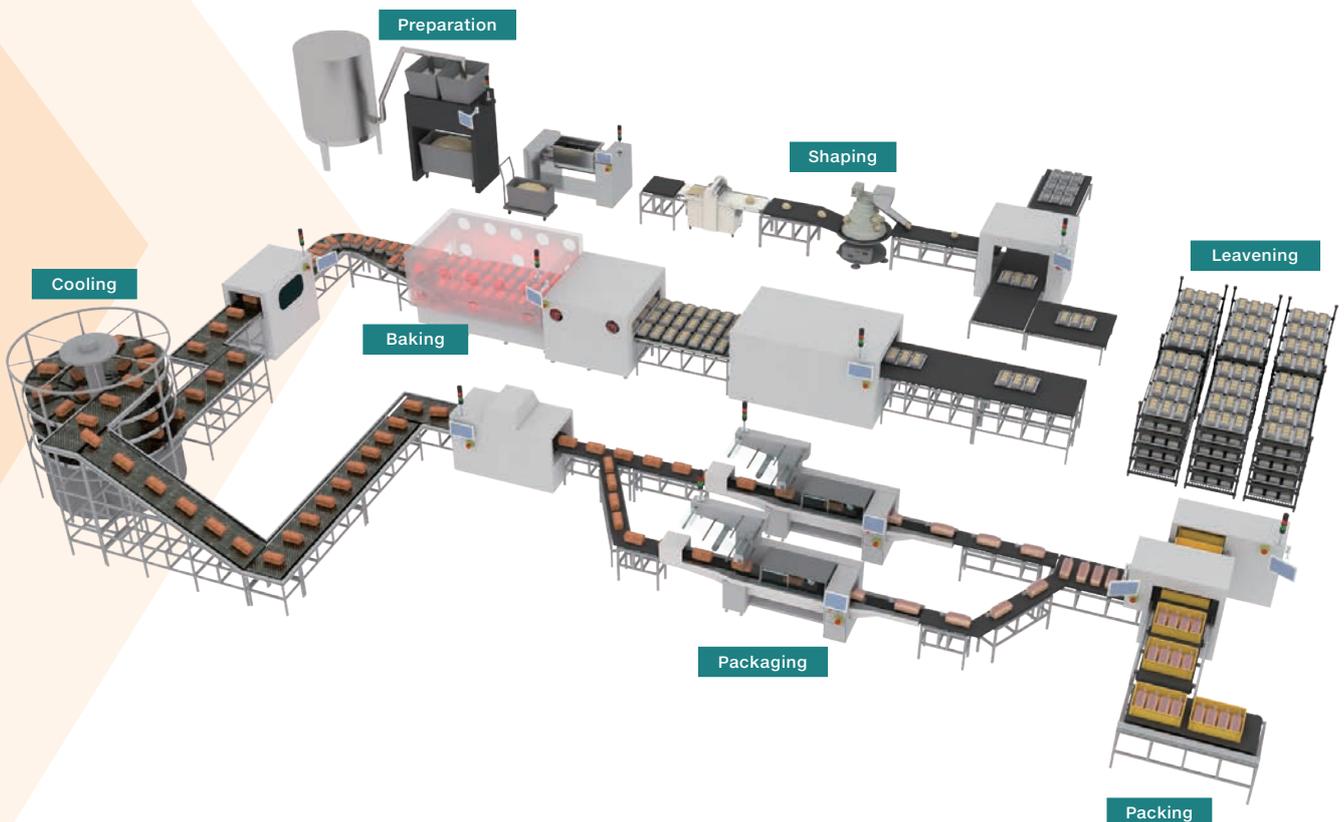
Integrated control of all data with IoT

Quality control and automation solution

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Partnership companies

- (1) IO-Link sensor [Balluff Inc., OPTEx FA CO., LTD.]
- (2) Label printer [SATO HOLDINGS CORPORATION, BROTHER INDUSTRIES, LTD.]



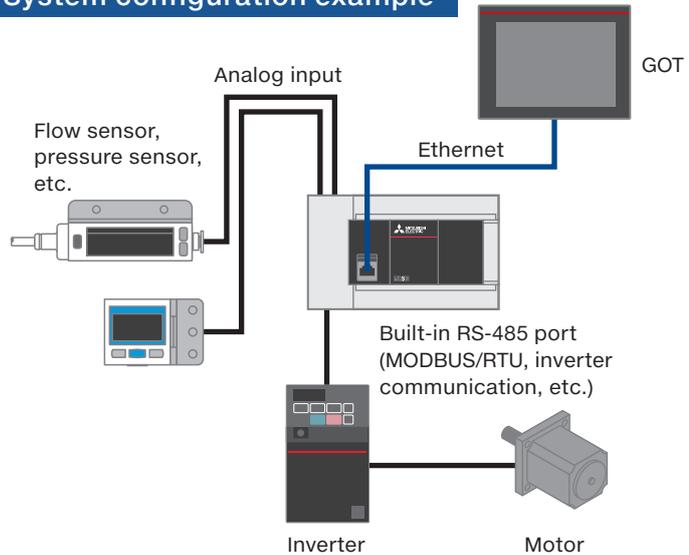
Application example

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Agitator/mixer



System configuration example



Device features

Agitators and mixers are food processing machinery that mix multiple ingredients, using impellers. While maintaining the fluidity of the ingredients, they can uniformly mix the ingredients and are used for a variety of foods, such as breads and cakes. When making breads, the way the dough is mixed depends on the dough type. Uniform mixing of the dough is the key to achieving good taste and appearance.

What MELSEC iQ-F can do



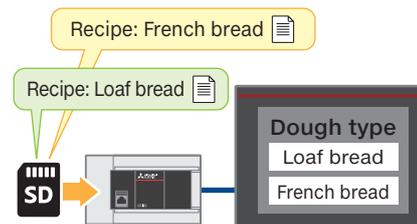
Point 1

Recipe control that supports a variety of dough types

Preparation of recipe data for different types of doughs facilitates quick process changeover and allows for the use of the same equipment to handle multiple food recipes.

File operation instruction

Read/write in device data from/to the recipe files.



Reduce process changeover time

Switch and edit the recipe files from iQ-F.



Point 2

Smooth inverter controlled rotation

The operation of a maximum of 16 inverters can be controlled through RS-485 communication. The inverter-specific built-in instructions properly control the mixing speed for easy inverter control.

The type of control using MODBUS function or analog output function is also available.

Inverter-specific instruction

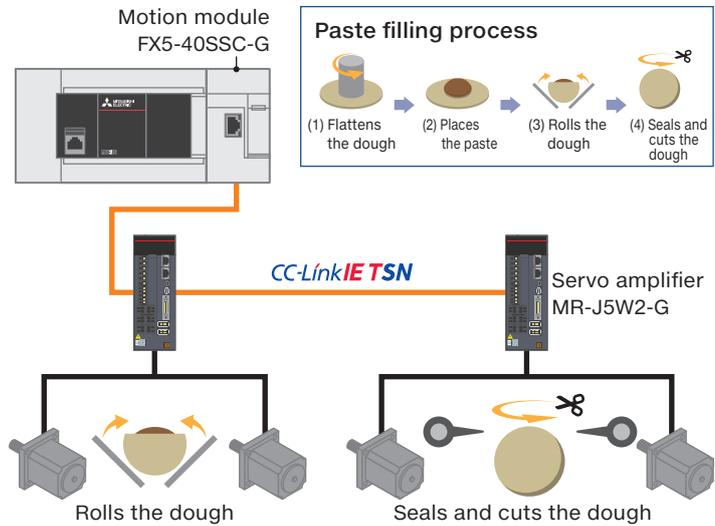
MELSEC iQ-F have built-in dedicated instructions for Mitsubishi Electric inverter protocols and communication control. The use of inverter-dedicated instructions facilitates programming.



- IVCK: Operation monitor
- IVDR: Operation control
- IVRD: Parameter read
- IVWR: Parameter write
- IVBWR: Parameter batch write
- IVMC: Multiple command

Paste filling machine

System configuration example



Device features

Paste filling machines are used to make pastries with pasty fillings. They are designed to wrap the pasty fillings with the dough without damaging the dough, gently as if hand folded. Paste filling machines increase the productivity and maintains product quality.

What MELSEC iQ-F can do

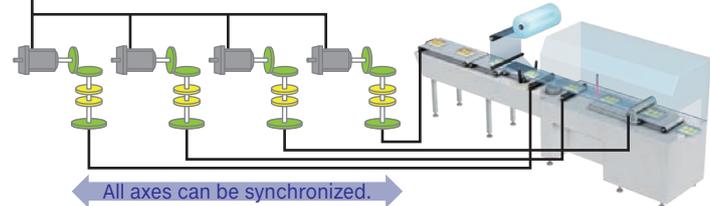
Point 1

Advanced synchronization control that reduces the number of mechanical components required such as gears

As a software-controlled manufacturing option, MELSEC iQ-F eliminates the need for gears, shafts, clutches, transmissions, and cams. Just set the parameters on MELSOFT GX Works3 to easily achieve synchronization control.

Advanced synchronization control of simple motions

Command generation axis



What is command generation axis?

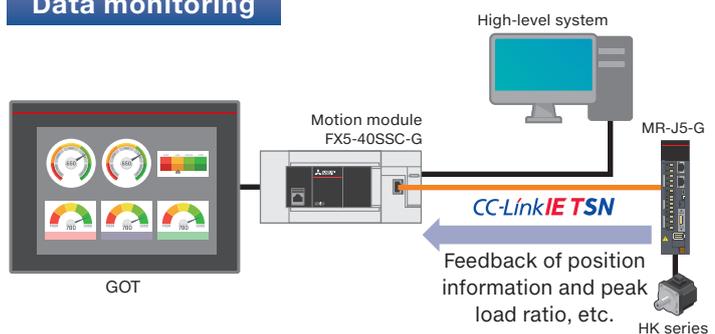
A command generation axis is an axis that only generates commands. Command generation axis can be controlled independently of the axis to which servo amplifiers are connected (not counted as control axis).

Point 2

Monitoring of servo data to visualize device status

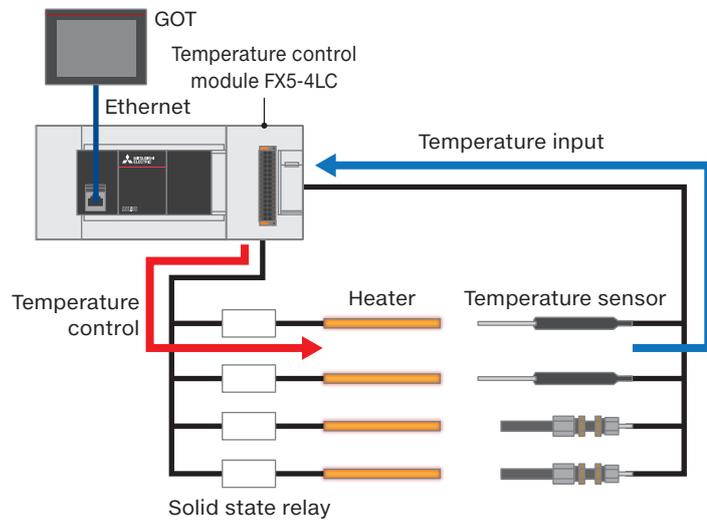
Servo data can be changed and monitored during operation. Operation status of the servo amplifier and servo motor acquired through CC-Link IE TSN can be transferred to and displayed on the high-level system or the GOT window you created.

Data monitoring





System configuration example



Device features

An oven that evenly bakes breads and cookies in appetizing brown. Stable baking temperature control is important for bringing out the unique properties of different types of doughs. It is important to effectively produce high-quality goods without unnecessary loss.

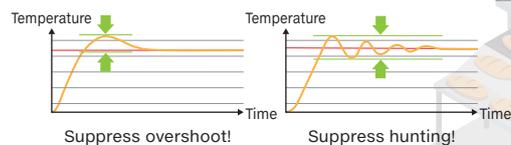
What MELSEC iQ-F can do

Point 1

Temperature control for uniform baking

Baking temperatures are controlled based on the temperature information from the temperature control module (FX5-4LC) to avoid overshoot and hunching. Uniform baking ensures stability in product quality. Temperature data are traceable and are useful for improving product quality.

Temperature control



Supports the achievement of SDGs

Prevents uneven temperatures at the start of the oven and reduces food loss.

Point 2

Broken heater wire detection function to quickly identify device problems

Temperature control module (FX5-4LC) detects broken heater wire. Unnoticed broken heater wire can lead to insufficient baking and other quality-related problems. Minimize food loss by detecting problems early.

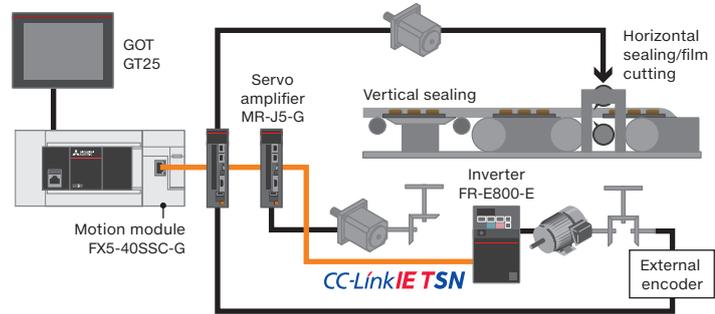
Detection of broken heater wire



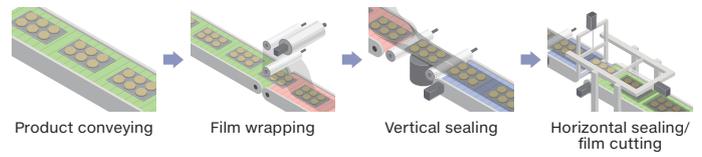
Packaging machine (horizontal pillow type)



System configuration example



Horizontal pillow packaging process



Device features

Horizontal pillow packaging machines are a type of machine that packages solid objects or products in trays in horizontal motion. They wrap belt-conveyed products with pillow-shaped packaging film, seal the ends, and cut the film. They safely package food and seal in the flavor.

What MELSEC iQ-F can do

Point 1

Advanced synchronization and cam control for rotary cutting precision

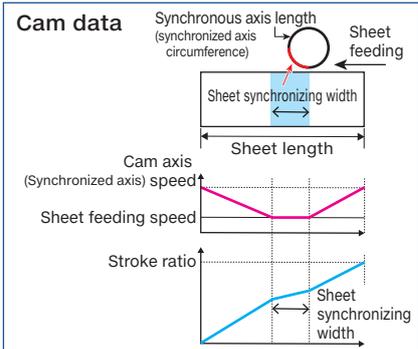
The synchronization and cam control functions speed up the job while maintaining precision. Use the cam data auto-generation function to easily create cam data of the rotary cutter axis and quickly design the assembly process.

Cam data auto-generation

User-created GOT screen



Parameter settings, including items like sheet length, etc.

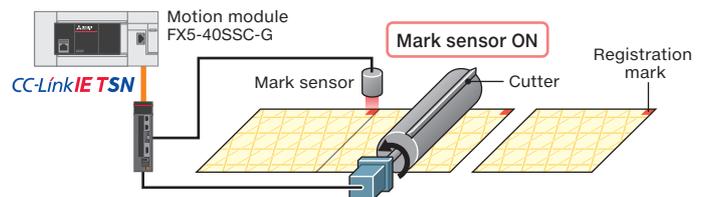


Point 2

The mark sensor corrects sheet length value to ensure precise sheet cutting.

Registration mark on the packaging sheet are read by the sensor to correct for displacement due to elongation, shrinkage, and slipping. Automatic sheet cutting at the registration mark ensure high-quality food packaging.

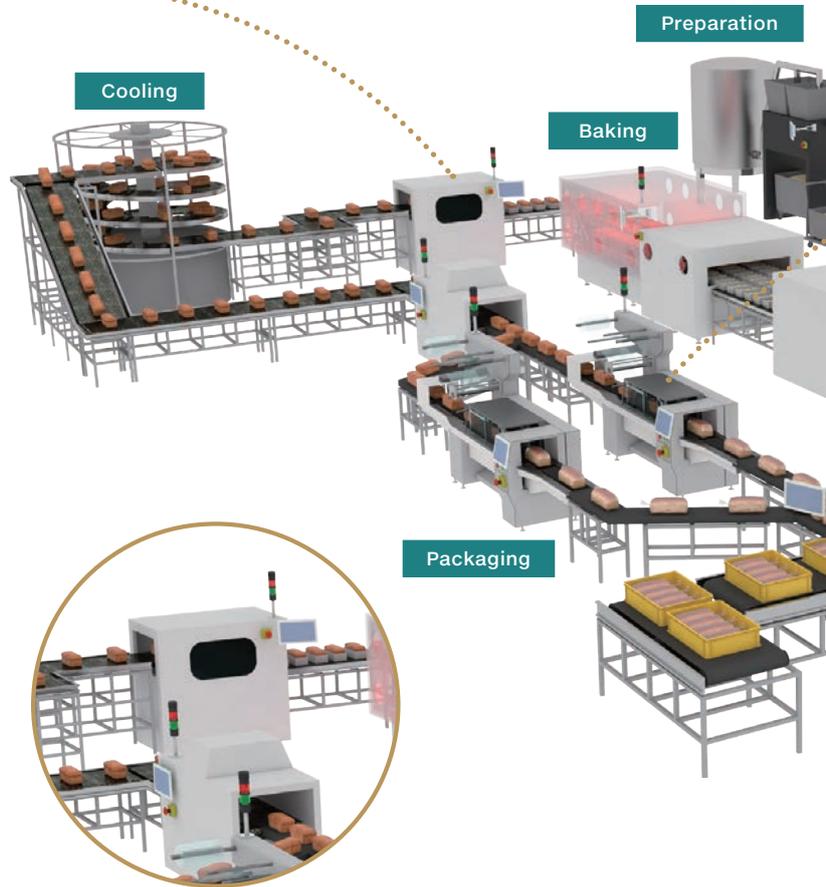
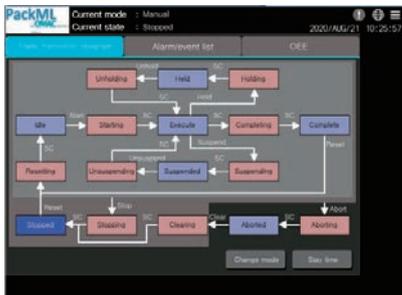
Mark detection function



Increase your productivity

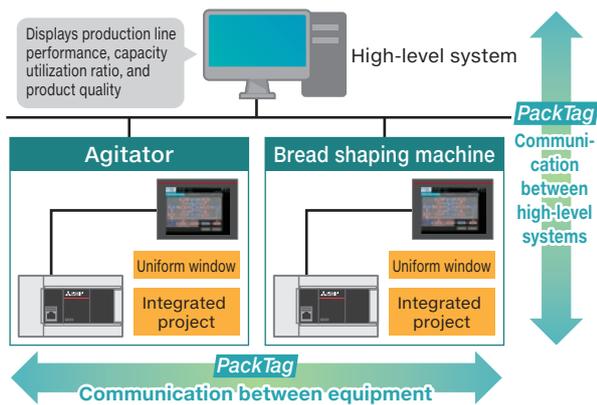
Combine iQ-F and a motion module to reduce defects and facilitate the inspection process.

PackML solution



What is Packing Machine Language (PackML)?

Packing Machine Language (PackML) is an automation standard developed by OMAC* and has been used in food packaging and other industries. PackML helps build commonality between disparate equipment on the production line, such as the operation panels, using standardized data points called PackTag to seamlessly connect the high-level system and the equipment.



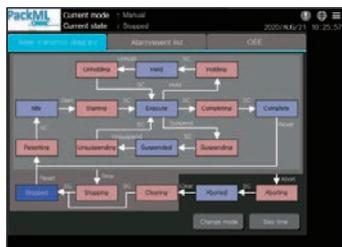
Benefits

Point 1

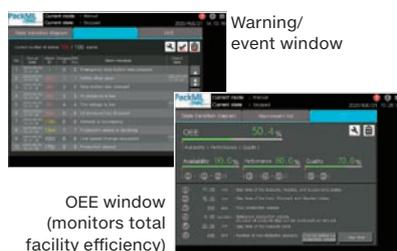
Supports an international standard PackML

Sample windows and projects in compliance with the international standard are available. These templates reduce the man-hours and the time it takes to design PackML-compliant processes. Equipment of different manufacturers on the manufacturing lines can be integratively controlled on common monitor/control windows and by using common operation, which cuts the operator training costs and the running costs, such as maintenance and facility engineering.

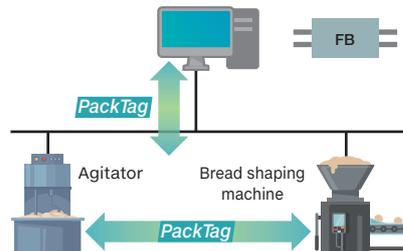
Monitor/control window



Warning management/monitoring of total facility efficiency

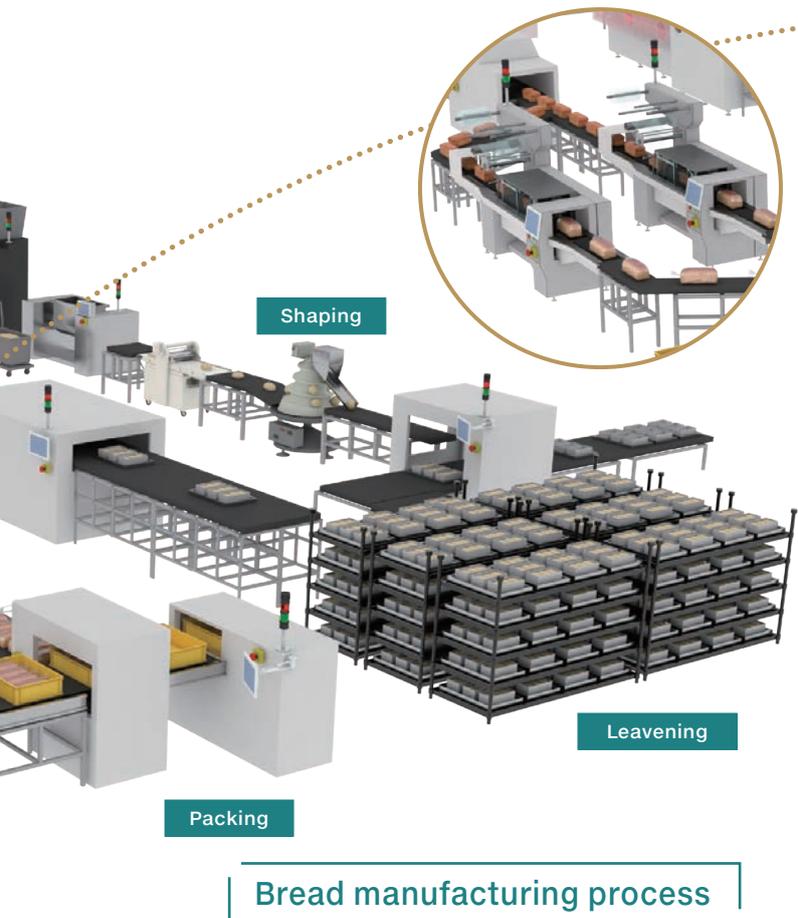


PackTag communication



*: Stands for Organization for Machine Automation and Control. It is a consortium of packaging machine manufacturers and has established guidelines to improve machine flexibility and performance.

Higher productivity and lower total costs



FDA 21 CFR Part 11

What is FDA?

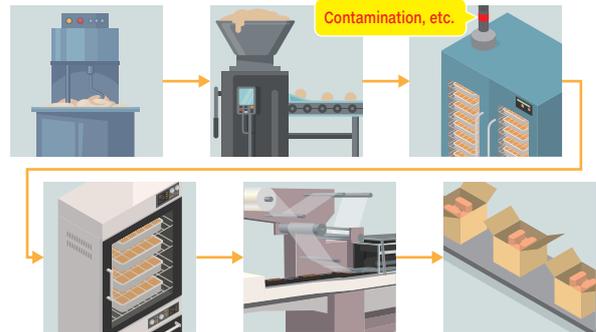
FDA stands for Food and Drug Administration, an organization under the Department of Health and Human Services in the United States.

What is 21 CFR Part 11?

CFR Part 11 is a regulation of the FDA that applies to the use of electronic records and signatures, and requires data change logging and measures against data tampering. Medications and food sold in the United States of America are required to comply with FDA regulations.

Importance of manufacturing process visualization and establishment of traceability

Prompt response to claims of contamination is important to avoid a long manufacturing-line down time. Poor traceability makes it difficult to identify the affected lots, leading to massive disposal of all stocked products and monetary loss. Visualization of the manufacturing process and establishment of traceability hold the key to ensure efficiency and quality.



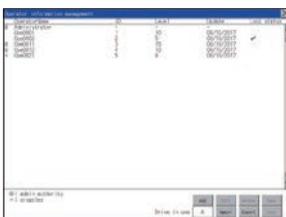
Benefits



Point 2

Compliance with FDA 21 CRF Part 11 ensures complete traceability.

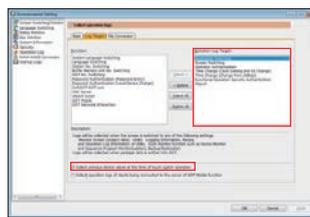
On Mitsubishi Electric's Human-Machine Interfaces (HMIs)-GOT2000, system operators can be registered, and detailed access levels (e.g., for different operation windows or for entire script) can be set for the operators to prevent data tampering. Also, operator actions can be timestamped for record-keeping purposes. Log data and other data are stored in the binary format (which is less susceptible to data tampering), password-protected, and transferred to your personal computers.



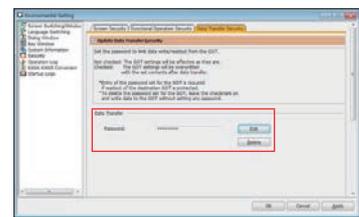
Operator information management window



Setup access authority window



Operation log target setting window



Data transfer security window

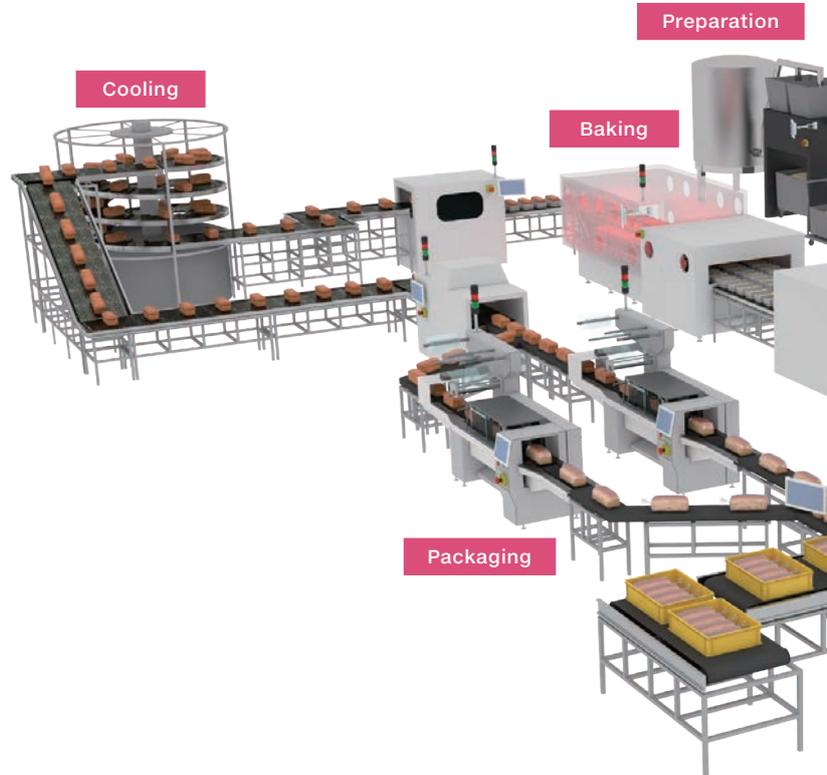
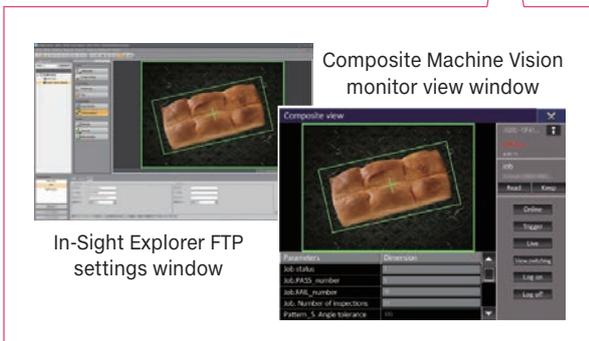
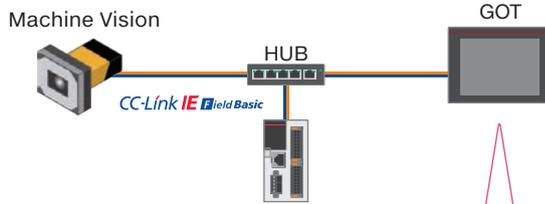


Traceability control solutions

Easy automation of inspection and measurement helps maintain product quality.

Useful features

Seamless connection of Machine Vision and GOT helps build an automated quality control system quickly. GOT automatically detects Machine Vision. Select the connection targets and set the parameters.



Machine Vision

COGNEX



Product features

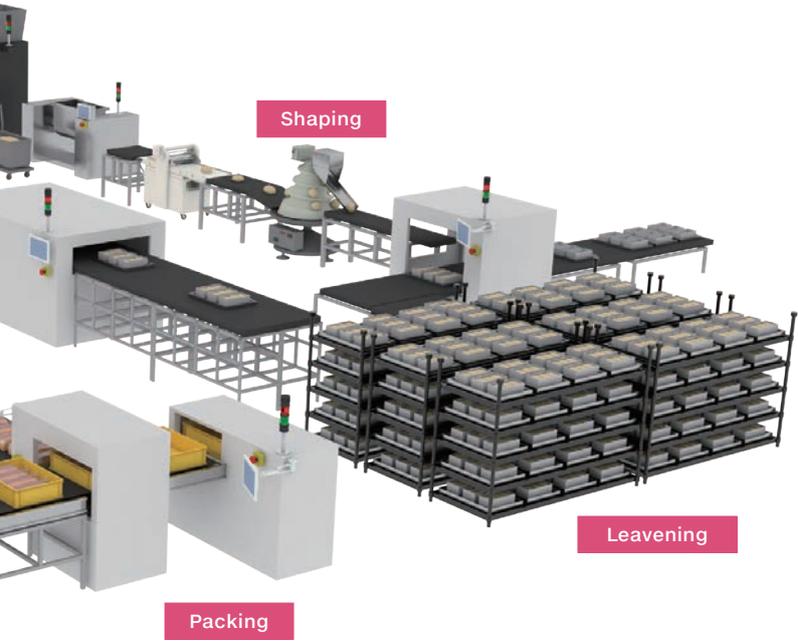
- In-Sight 8000/7000 has a built-in PatMax RedLine[®]*1.
- In-Sight 8000 supports PoE. Connection with fewer cables.
- In-Sight 7000 supports IP67 and has superior environmental resistance.
- Extracts outline from hard-to-read images with high precision.
- In-Sight 2000 identifies basic existence/non-existence.
- Monochrome or color option for all models

Benefits

In-Sight 2000 scans for the presence or absence of expiration date and makes a simple identification of items. In-Sight 7000 and 8000 are capable of higher-level inspection of the expiration date with the use of OCR*2 and identification of package items with the use of PatMax RedLine[®]. Its built-in function to calculate accurate position-correction values eliminates the need for a function to align the objects to be scanned, reducing the costs and the facility size.

*1: High-speed high-precision pattern matching algorithm
 *2: Optical Character Reader

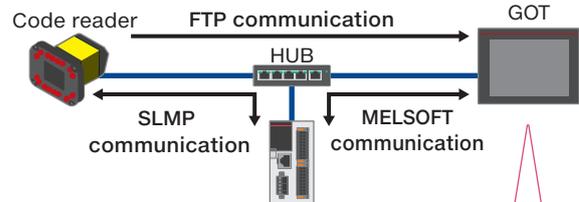
Quickly reads a variety of codes to help with quality control and traceability at a wide range of production sites.



Bread manufacturing process

Useful features

Combined use of GOT and code readers that are essential for ensuring traceability improves code reader system usability. A variety of sample windows allows for easy code-reader tuning and setting changes from GOT without the need for a computer.



Other available settings: Symbols, code-reader read setups, device logs

Code reader COGNEX



Codes on a curved surface



Codes on a shiny or glaring surface



Codes in fast motion



Product features

- With 2D code reading algorithm PowerGrid and 1D code image processing algorithm HotBars II
- PowerGrid can read seriously damaged codes or 2D code with missing quiet zone.
- HotBars II can read partially missing codes.

Benefits

PowerGrid is capable of scanning wrinkled or glaring codes on the packages. Because PowerGrid, which operates on our original algorithms, covers a wide scanning area and reads the codes in different positions or depths, code labels on cardboard boxes of different heights on the assembly line are easily read with PowerGrid.



Quality control and automation solution

Supported Not supported

Balluff Inc.

- ▶ IO-Link gateway BNI00E7 (IP67 environmental resistance)
- ▶ Laser light band sensor BLA



Product features

- The use of simple and accurate operating principle, light blocking
- Simultaneous measurements of a variety of properties, such as diameter, position, and gap width
- Object identification based on the measurement values, and object counting function
- A wide lineup of housing sizes
- Intuitive setting via IO-Link or on the built-in display and the buttons

CC-Link IE TSN	Ethernet	Serial communication	Ladder example*
CC-Link IEF Basic	SLMP	FB*	GOT window example



Benefits

Laser light band sensor BLA features a variety of detection/ measurement modes. Products can be identified based on height and width, and missing plastic bottle caps can be detected based on edge positions.

The use of laser light band sensor BLA in combination with IO-Link gateway that supports CC-Link IE Field Network Basic enables the collection of device information from a programmable controller and remote configuration of the sensor settings.

*: To be supported in the future

OPTEX FA CO., LTD.

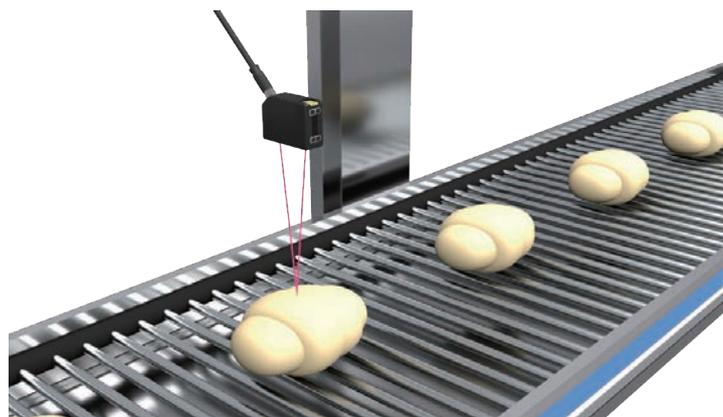
- ▶ IO-Link master UR series



Product features

- UR-MS16DT supports CC-Link IE TSN and CC-Link IE Field Network.
- UR-ES16DT supports CC-Link IE Field Network Basic.
- A single module handles systems with a mixture of IO-Link and NPN/PNP I/O devices. (Max. 16 ch)

CC-Link IE TSN	Ethernet	Serial communication	Ladder example
CC-Link IEF Basic	SLMP	FB	GOT window example



Benefits

A wide lineup of IO-link-compatible sensors, such as photoelectric sensors, are available. For example, some of our sensors measure the thickness of the dough to reduce variations in dough thickness. When used in combination with the IO-Link master UR series that supports CC-Link IE TSN or CC-Link IE Field Network Basic, information collected from the IO-Link-compatible sensors can be collected to the programmable controller.

With our close ties with our partnership companies, Mitsubishi Electric will provide strong support for your manufacturing needs.

SATO HOLDINGS CORPORATION

- ▶ Printer CL4NX-J Plus
- ▶ Automatic labeler LR4NX-FA



LR4NX-FA

Product features

- Product concept: Universal printer that keeps the manufacturing lines moving
- Produce high-quality high-precision labels for production processes.
- Monitor printer job status through the Cloud.
- Monitor the disposable parts replacement alert through the Cloud.

CC-Link IE TSN	Ethernet	Serial communication	Ladder example*1
CC-Link IEF Basic	SLMP	FB*1	GOT window example



Benefits

Automatically calculates the weight of the packages and labels the packages. Packages are tagged with relevant information as they pass under the labeler. Package weights, number of labels used, date of labeling, and lot information can be sent to the programmable controller and used to ensure traceability. Labels for food manufacturing lines, which often requires water resistance, can be created on site, and the portability of the printer reduces the risk of food contamination.

*1: To be supported in the future

BROTHER INDUSTRIES, LTD.

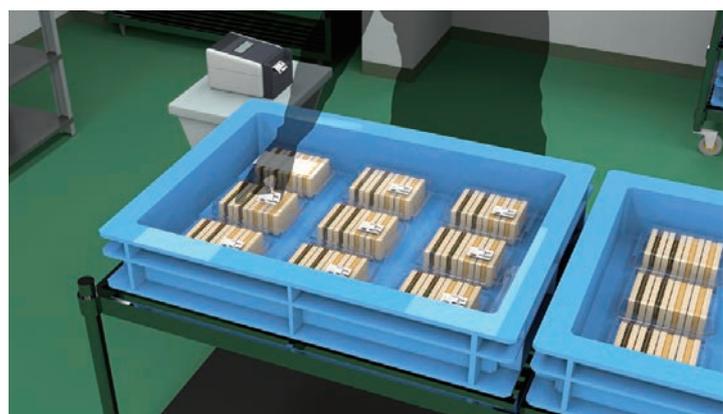
- ▶ Label printer TD-4550DNWB



Product features

- A wide variety of interface options (USB/USB host/RS-232C/LAN)
- Wi-Fi®/Bluetooth® compatible
- Flagship model with an automatic cutter*2 and LCD
- Self-maintaining thermal head/platen roller that do not require any tools reduce down time

CC-Link IE TSN	Ethernet	Serial communication	Ladder example
CC-Link IEF Basic	SLMP	FB	GOT window example



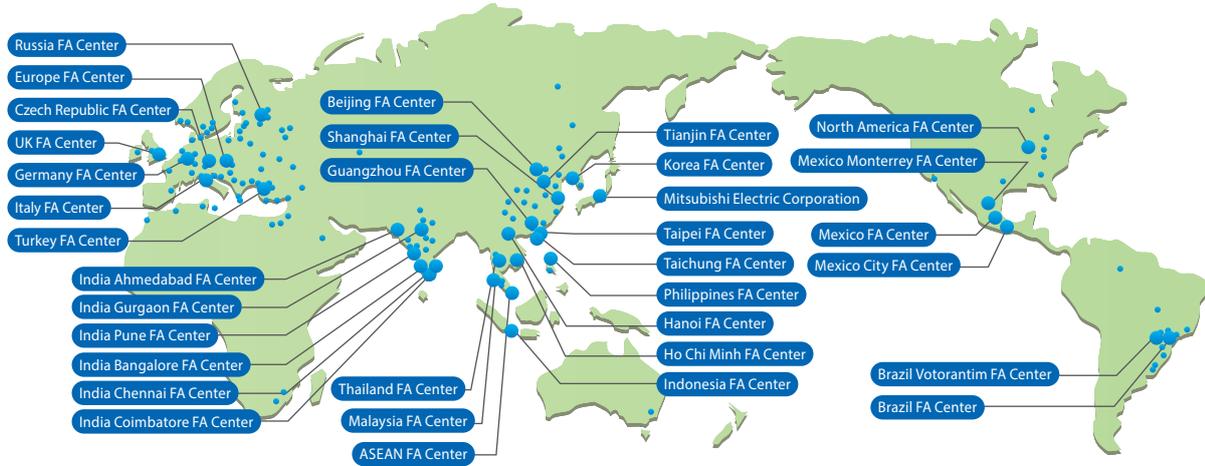
Benefits

The TD-4D series (thermal model) receives production lot and other necessary information from programmable controllers and automatically creates labels. Automation of labeling reduces the risk of mislabeling of production lot, and the portability of the printer eliminates the need to move the products to the printer, reducing the risk of contamination.

*2: The cutter (PA-CU-001) is sold separately. Available models vary in different regions. Please consult your local Mitsubishi Electric representative.

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