

SKF Miniature Profile Rail Guides



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In response to the market trend for increased performance with a minimum of mounting space, SKF has extended its product range by a miniature profile rail guide.

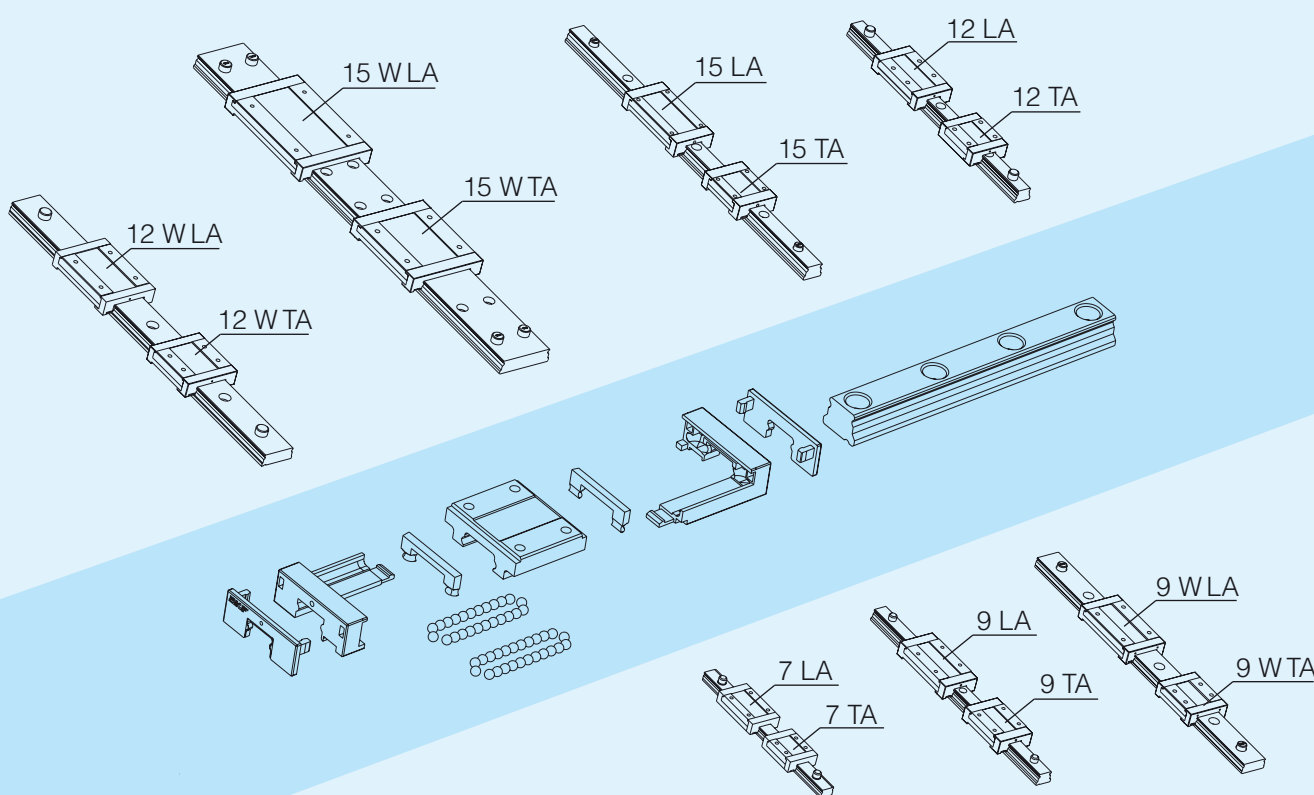
The close cooperation with numerous customers combined with SKF's experience has resulted in a miniature rail guide design that sets new standards.

SKF offers its customers an excellent technical advisory service on the spot as well as a vast

modular range for the performance increase of machines and installations.

In total SKF offers seven rail sizes and fourteen different types of carriages (see Illustration 1).

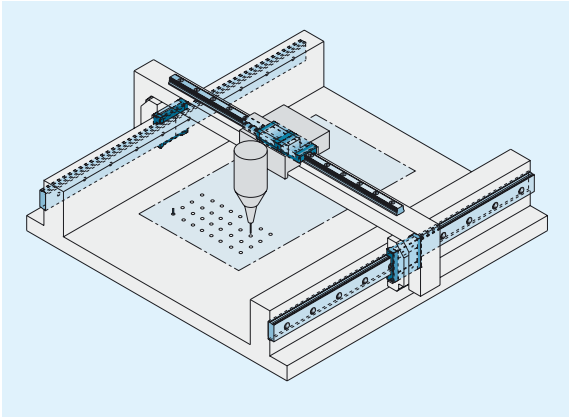
Miniature profile rails are universally applicable and preferably used in automation technology, electronics production, medical engineering and precision mechanics (see Application examples, page 3).



Technical data

Structure:	Four-point contact ball recirculation system with identical load angles and 2 ball recirculation paths per carriage for unlimited stroke	Carriage material: Stainless steel 1.4037 with return zones of POM
Range:	Four different types (7, 9, 12, 15) comprising different widths and carriage lengths	Ball material: Stainless steel 1.4037
Rail material:	Stainless steel 1.4037	Sealing material: Desmopan
		Temperature range: from -20 °C up to $+80\text{ °C}$
		Speed: up to 3 m/s max.
		Acceleration: up to 80 m/s^2 max.
		Accuracy: 2 accuracy classes (P5, P1)
		Stiffness: 3 standard preload classes (T_0 , T_1 , T_2)

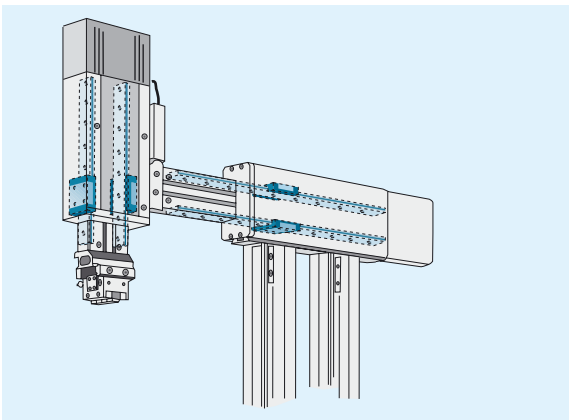
Applications examples



Electronics

PCB drilling and routing machine

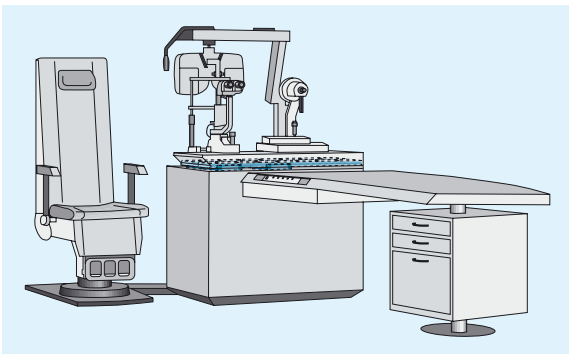
A flat-format and weight-saving design enables small machine dimensions. High power density results in shorter processing times.



Automation technology

Pick-and-place manipulators

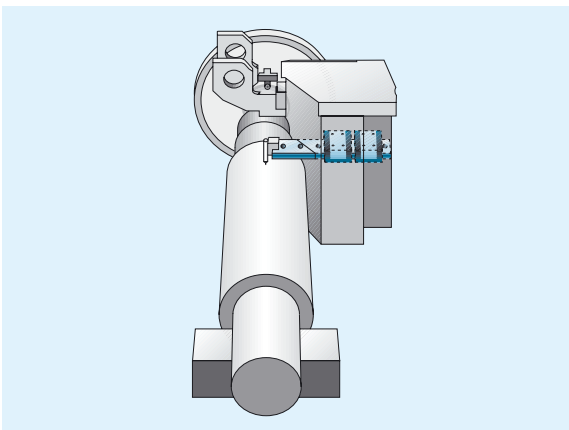
A low-mass guidance system coupled with aluminium profiles permits faster sequences of motion and higher cycle rates.



Medical equipment

Optical instruments

Ease of movement and corrosion-resistant materials ensure reliability in everyday use.



Precision mechanics

Measuring systems

Accuracy, with a minimum of mounting space, increases the capacity and capabilities of measuring machines.

Product features

Maximum utilisation of mounting space:

The compact design of the SKF miniature profile rail guides permits maximum performance on a minimum of mounting space. Dimensions and weights of machines and installations can be further reduced.

Performance:

For improved machinery performance, maximum speeds and accelerations under loads acting in all directions are possible. This permits more efficient processes and the reduction of cycle times.

Reliability:

More than 90 years of SKF experience with rolling bearing geometry guarantee long product life. Maintenance intervals are extended and the service life of machines and installations is increased.

Resistance:

The use of stainless steel in combination with plastic components makes these guides universally applicable. The reliability in application engineering is increased and risks are eliminated.

Rails

The rails are ground on all faces. The maximum rail lengths by the piece are shown in the table opposite. SKF supplies the rails in lengths according to customer requirements. The distance measurement E (see Illustration page 10) is manufactured symmetrically, depending on the rail length. Upon request, SKF can also supply special rails to customer drawings.

Rail designation	Maximum rail length by the piece
LLMHR 7	1000 mm
LLMHR 9 / LLMWR 9	1000 mm
LLMHR 12 / LLMWR 12	1000 mm
LLMHR 15 / LLMWR 15	1000 mm

Carriages

A wide range of 14 different types of carriages, each available in three preload classes and with a choice between sealed and open types, permits optimum system designs tailored to the respective requirement profile.



Preload and stiffness

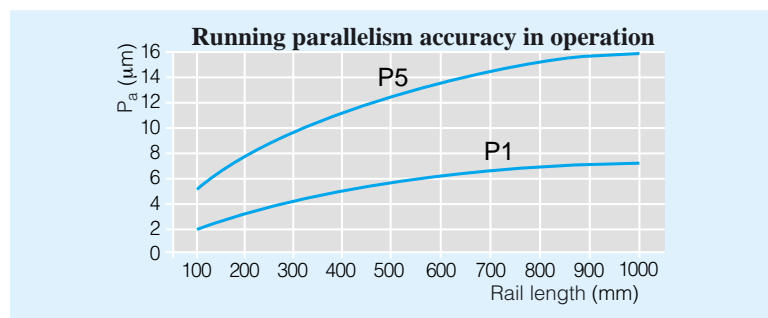
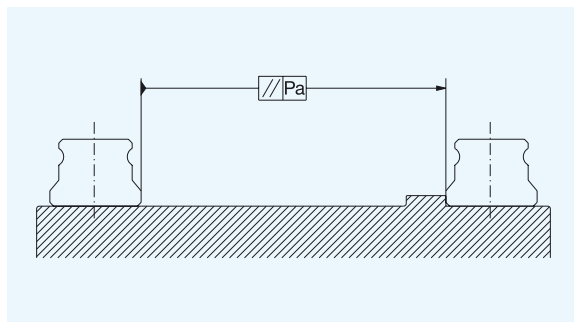
The determination of an appropriate preload renders the miniature profile rail guide suitable for widely varying operating conditions and changes the stiffness of the overall system. SKF recommends clearance-free systems (T_0) for applications with constant load and low friction. For applications characterised by shock loads, vibration and alternating loads or torques, it is advisable to select a preloaded system (T_1) and a T_2 system should be chosen for high torques and high stiffness.

Preload class	Characteristics
T_0	absolutely smooth running, light clearance
T_1	smooth running, slight clearance up to light preload
T_2	full running, preload

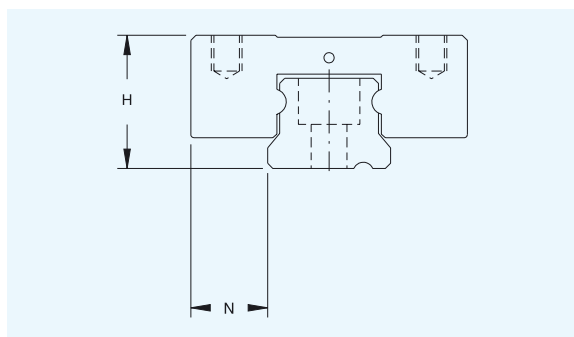
further preload classes upon request

Accuracy

Running parallelism accuracy of paired systems



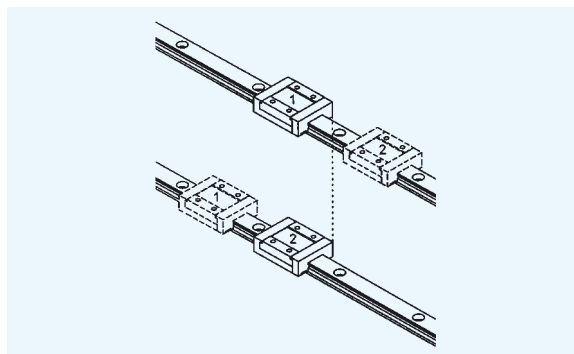
System accuracy of different guidance systems



Dimension tolerances		
	H (mm)	N (mm)
P1	±0,010	±0,015
P5	±0,020	±0,025

The tolerances apply over the entire guide length for any combination of carriage and rail.

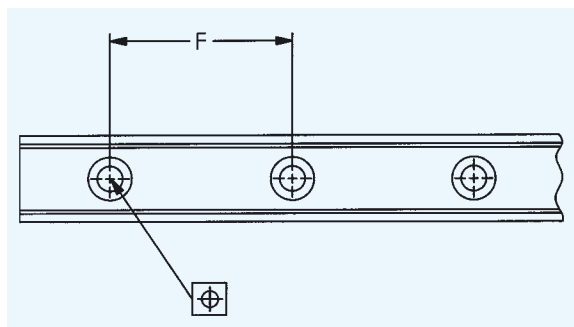
System tolerance



Maximum tolerance for paired systems or carriages at identical rail position		
	ΔH ₁ (mm)	ΔN (mm)
P1	0,007	0,007
P5	0,015	0,015

The dimensions ΔH and ΔN relate to the ideal centre of the carriage. Each dimension is derived from the mean value of two measured points with identical centre distance.

Distance tolerance



Position tolerance of rail attachment holes	
⊕	Ø 0,3

Load carrying capacity

Static load rating C_0

The static load rating C_0 is the load which corresponds to an arithmetical Hertzian Pressure of 4,200 MPa between raceway and balls. This pressure produces a permanent deformation of approximately 0.0001 of the ball diameter.

Static moments “ M_A , M_B , M_C ”

The permissible static moments correspond to a moment load that produces the same permanent deformation as in the static load rating C_0 .

Load direction

SKF miniature profile rail guides are designed to accommodate loads in all directions.

Dynamic load rating C

The dynamic load rating C is the constant load which gives a theoretical system life of 100,000 m of travel with a certainty of 90%.

Life calculation

The life of a profile rail guide is defined as the total linear distance travelled before the appearance of the first signs of material fatigue on the raceways or rolling elements. Both in laboratory trials and in practice it is found that the life of apparently similar rail guides under completely identical operating conditions can differ. Calculation of the requisite bearing size therefore requires a clear statistic definition of the term bearing life. All references to dynamic load rating of profile rail guides apply to the basic rating life as covered by the ISO definition, in which life is understood as that operating period reached or exceeded by 90 % of a large group of identical bearings. The SKF life calculation is based on 100,000 metres of travel. Other calculation models assume merely 50,000 metres of travel. In such cases, the dynamic load ratings must be divided by a factor of 1.26 to ensure comparability with the SKF values. For further details please refer to the SKF Linear guide handbook (Catalogue 4185 E).

Where the stroke length and frequency are constant it is often easier to calculate the basic rating life in hours of operation using the equation:

$$L_{10} = \left(\frac{C}{P} \right)^3$$

L_{10} = basic rating life, 10^5 m
 C = dynamic load rating, N
 P = equivalent dynamic bearing load, N

$$L_{10h} = \frac{50\,000\,000}{s \cdot n \cdot 60} \left(\frac{C}{P} \right)^3$$

L_{10h} = basic rating life, hours of operation
 s = stroke travel, mm
 n = frequency of stroke, min^{-1}
 (number of movements from one end position to the other end and back again)

Permissible operating conditions

Permissible maximum load

DIN 636, Part 2, stipulates that the calculation of bearing life is valid only when the equivalent dynamic loading of a profile rail guide does not exceed 0.5 C . Any higher loading leads to an imbalance of stress distribution which can have a negative effect on bearing life. Where such conditions prevail, the user should turn to SKF for recommendations and advice on bearing life calculation.

Requisite minimum load

In order to assure slip-free running of profile rail guides, they must be subjected to a certain minimum load. The general guideline is a minimum value of $P = 0.001 C$. The minimum

load is of special importance in profile rail guides which operate at high speed or with high acceleration. In such cases, the inertia forces of the balls as well as the rolling friction in the lubricant can have an adverse effect on the rolling conditions in the guide and can lead to damaging slip conditions between the balls and raceways.

Order designation

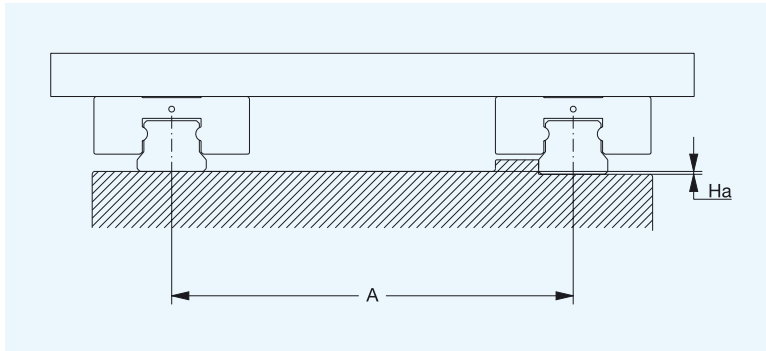
The following designation system should be used for inquiries and orders.

LLMHS 12 TA R 2 T0 - 700 P1 W2 - M

[	•	Plastic end-stop
		Steel end-stop
[	W1	Single rail system
		Parallel rail system
[	P1	Accuracy class
		of the rail
[	700	Rail track length
[	T0	Clearance-free carriage
		smooth running, slight clearance
		up to light preload
[	T1	full running, preload
[	2	Number of carriages
[	•	Carriage without seals
		Carriage with seals
[	TA	Standard carriage
		Long carriage
[	7	Size 7
		Size 9
		Size 12
		Size 15
[	S	System (carriage and rail)
		Carriage
		Rail
[	H	Standard rail
		Wide rail
[	LLM	Miniature Profile Rail

Mounting details

Permissible height deviation in transverse direction H_a



$$H_a = A \cdot Z$$

H_a = permissible height deviation (mm)

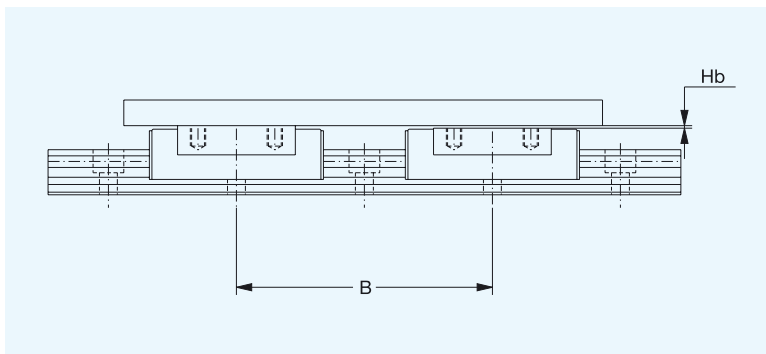
A = distance of rails (mm)

Z = calculation factor

$$T_0 \quad 3,0 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

$$T_1/T_2 \quad 1,5 \cdot 10^{-4}$$

Permissible height deviation in longitudinal direction H_b

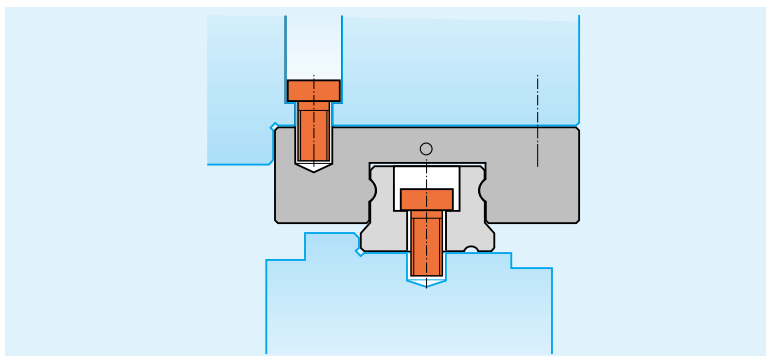


$$H_b = B \cdot 7 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

H_b = permissible height deviation (mm)

B = distance of carriages (mm)

Ideal mounting arrangement

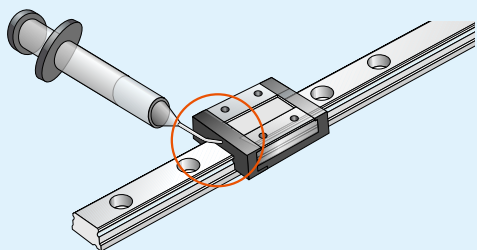


The illustration opposite shows the ideal mounting arrangement for miniature profile rail guides. Carriage and rail can be mounted at both sides, but their datum planes should be on the same side of the system. To ensure a neat abutment to the adjacent edges, these should feature a relief fillet.

Tightening torque of fixing bolts

Thread size	Maximum tightening torque (Ncm)
M 2	32
M 3	110
M 4	260
M 5	510

The opposite table shows the maximum tightening torques for fixing bolts depending on the thread size.



Order designation	Size
VM LLM 12	7, 9, 12, 15, 9 W, 12 W
VM LLM 15	15 W

Lubrication

The relubrication intervals depend on the environmental conditions and the magnitude and type of load!

As the manufacturer is not familiar with the respective individual operating conditions, only tests carried out by the user or close observation can provide certainty about the appropriate relubrication intervals.

SKF miniature profile rails are pre-greased and are thus ready for use when delivered. The individual carriages can be relubricated through lubrication holes at the faces. Here, the relubrication intervals depend on the distance travelled as well as the cycles and environmental conditions.

Carriages

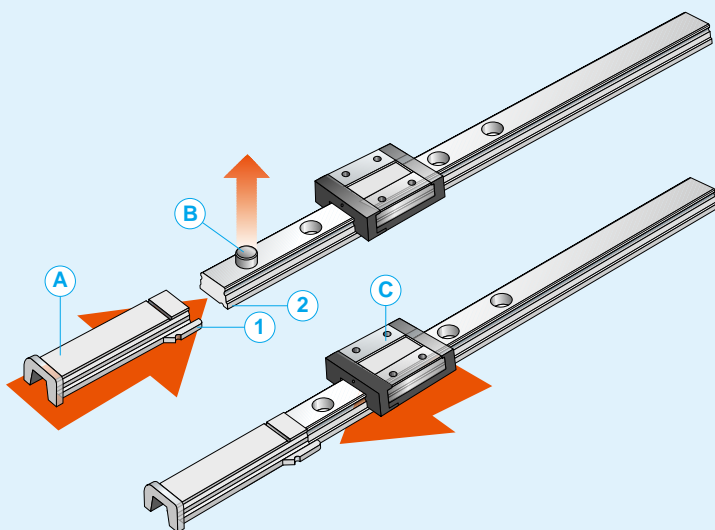
Mounting and dismounting

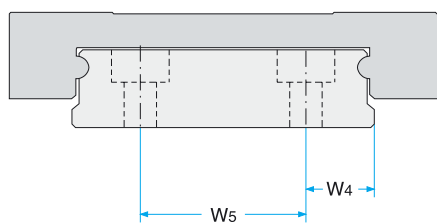
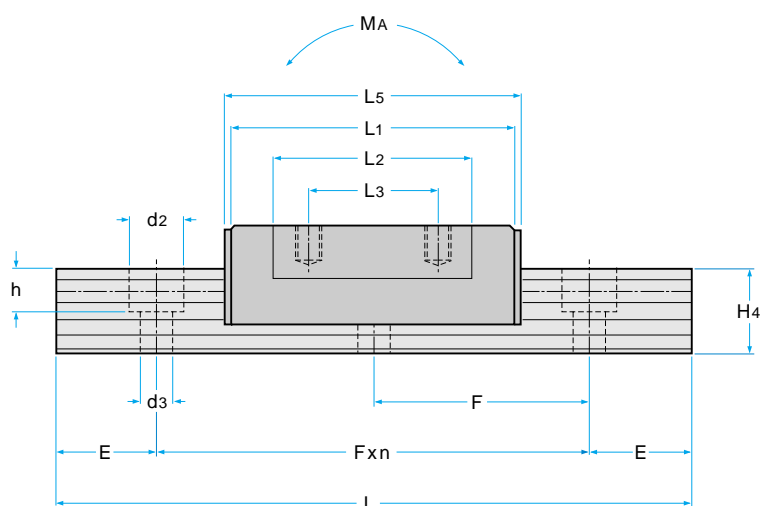
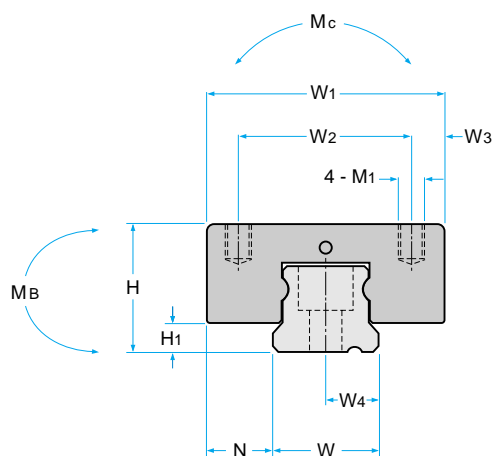
For dismounting the system pre-mounted by SKF, please observe the following instructions:

- Remove the end-stop ⑥ from the rail.
- Position side ① of the mounting rail ④ to the rail ② so that there is no misalignment or gap between rail and mounting rail.
- Slide the carriage ③ from the rail to the mounting rail and keep both rails in position while doing so.

For mounting the carriage onto the rail, please proceed in reverse order.

Attention: Please always use the enclosed mounting rail as the ball retention inside the carriage is not guaranteed otherwise.



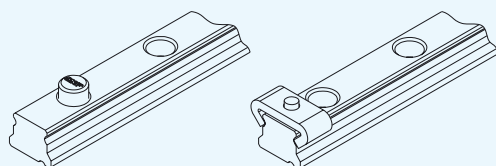


LLMWS 15 design

Carriage dimensions

Designation	H (mm)	W ₁ (mm)	W ₃ (mm)	W ₂ (mm)	L ₁ (mm)	L ₂ (mm)	L ₃ (mm)	L ₅ (mm)	M ₁ (mm)	H ₁ (mm)	Weight (kg)
LLMHS 7 TA LLMHS 7 LA	8	17	2.5	12	22 29.5	16 23.5	8 12	23.5 31	M 2 x 2.5	1.5	0.01 0.02
LLMHS 9 TA LLMHS 9 LA	10	20	2.5	15	30 38.5	21.5 30	10 15	32 40.5	M 3 x 3	2	0.02 0.03
LLMWS 9 TA LLMWS 9 LA	12	30	4.5 3.5	21 23	36.5 48.5	28 40	12 24	40 50.5	M 3 x 3	2	0.04 0.06
LLMHS 12 TA LLMHS 12 LA	13	27	3.5	20	33 45	23 35	15 20	36 48	M 3 x 3.5	3	0.03 0.06
LLMWS 12 TA LLMWS 12 LA	14	40	6	28	42.5 56	32.5 46	15 28	45.5 59	M 3 x 3.5	3	0.08 0.11
LLMHS 15 TA LLMHS 15 LA	16	32	3.5	25	41.5 57.5	29.5 45.4	20 25	44.5 61.5	M 3 x 4	4	0.06 0.10
LLMWS 15 TA LLMWS 15 LA	16	60	7.5	45	51.2 70.5	42 61.1	20 35	55.5 74.5	M 4 x 4.5	4	0.15 0.22

Accessories



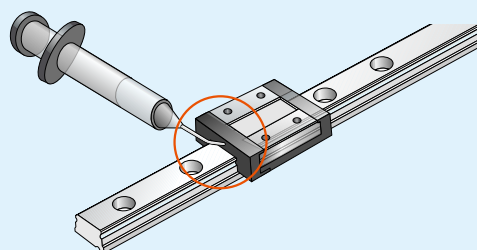
Standard

Steel end-stop

In addition to the plastic end-stop which is fastened in the first and last rail hole, there is also an option for a steel end-stop that can be mounted in any hole. Order suffix – **M**.

Attention:

This does not serve as a limit stop.



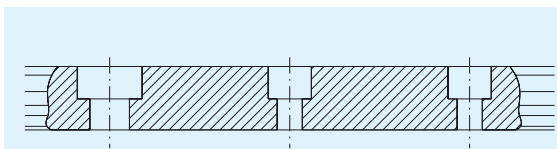
Relubrication unit for well-aimed lubricant dosages. Supplied with rounded needle and filling of special grease.

Order designation Size

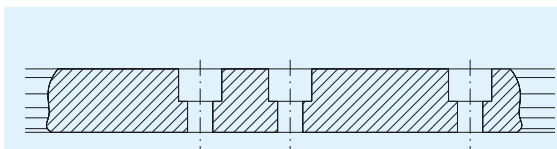
VM LLM 12	7, 9, 12, 15, 9 W, 12 W
VM LLM 15	15 W

Designation	Rail Dimensions							Basic Load Rating		Static moments		
	H ₄ (mm)	W (mm)	W ₄ (mm)	W ₅ (mm)	d ₃ x d ₂ x h (mm)	F (mm)	Weight (kg)	C (N)	Co (N)	M _A (Nm)	M _B (Nm)	M _C (Nm)
LLMHS 7 TA LLMHS 7 LA	4.8	7	3.5	-	2.5 x 4.5 x 2.5	15	0.19	860 1 400	1 670 2 700	4.9 7	4.9 7	5.2 9
LLMHS 9 TA LLMHS 9 LA	6.5	9	4.5	-	3.5 x 6 x 3.5	20	0.31	1 850 2 295	3 130 4 270	11.2 20.1	11.2 20.1	13.2 17.9
LLMWS 9 TA LLMWS 9 LA	7.5	18	9	-	3.5 x 6.0 x 4.5	30	0.96	1 785 2 640	3 330 4 900	14.2 30.2	14.2 30.2	30.4 45.1
LLMHS 12 TA LLMHS 12 LA	8.8	12	6	-	3.5 x 6 x 4.5	25	0.62	2 550 3 470	4 000 6 225	15 34.5	15 34.5	21.7 33.8
LLMWS 12 TA LLMWS 12 LA	8.8	24	12	-	4.5 x 8 x 4.5	40	1.40	3 300 4 150	5 780 8 000	30 55.8	30 55.8	69 95.6
LLMHS 15 TA LLMHS 15 LA	10.8	15	7.5	-	3.5 x 6 x 4.5	40	1.02	2 880 4 670	5 390 8 720	21.6 57.8	25.5 68.6	40.2 67.6
LLMWS 15 TA LLMWS 15 LA	10.8	42	9.5	23	4.5 x 8 x 4.5	40	2.95	3 890 5 830	7 060 10 600	40.2 94.1	48.0 108	148 225

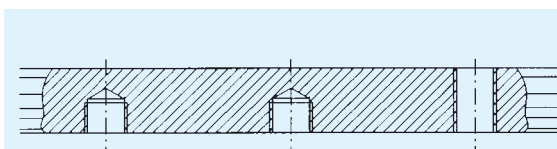
Special designs tailored to customer requirements



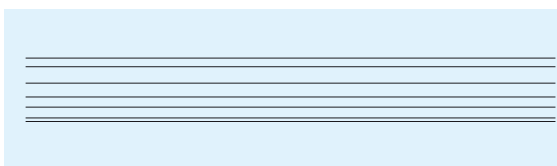
- different fastening holes (stepped holes) in terms of size and depth of holes relative to each other.



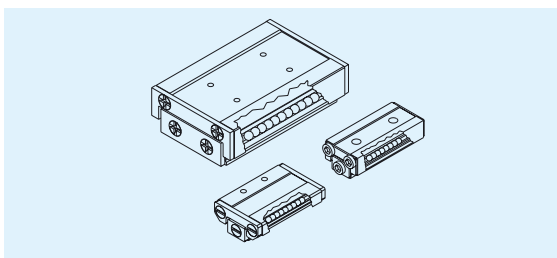
- variable hole distances



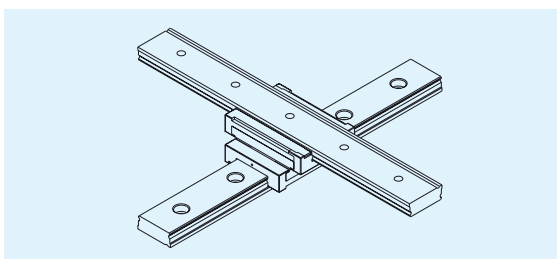
- blind holes and threads
- through holes or through threads



- without fixing bores for gluing of rail



- special design with limited stroke (without ball recirculation) according to customer request



- 90° cross arrangement in different sizes

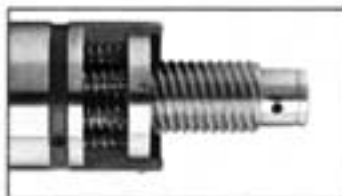


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