

## Sealing Solutions for Industrial Automation

**EMPOWERING EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY IN AUTOMATION SYSTEMS** 



## **Precision**Automation

The industrial automation industry uses intelligent components such as motors, actuators, sensors and computer technology to control and operate various industrial processes and machinery with minimal human intervention. It is found across a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, agriculture, energy production, logistics and healthcare.

Precision is fundamental to the effectiveness, efficiency and safety of automated systems. The ability to produce products with exact dimensions directly impacts product quality, cost, reliability and compliance with regulatory standards. It is crucial for industrial components in the motion system to be designed with this goal in mind.

High-performance sealing technology and engineered polymer solutions play a vital role in industrial automation systems. They prevent leaks, protect sensitive components and maintain low-friction operation in diverse industrial settings.

Trelleborg Sealing Solutions is a leader in advanced polymer technology for electric, pneumatic and hydraulic systems, robotics and automated manufacturing processes. Our advanced polymer components serve as the first line of defense against contamination, moisture and the harsh conditions often encountered in industrial environments. They reduce energy consumption and ensure smooth, reliable and repeatable motion to maximize equipment performance.

Custom
and standard
components
meet
application
needs

Maximize system efficiency

Minimize preventative maintenance cycles

Precision motion control solutions

At Trelleborg Sealing Solutions, we play a pivotal role in advancing the industrial automation industry. We are a leading supplier of high-performance seals and engineered polymer components, offering customized solutions for a full range of industrial automation equipment.

#### **FEATURES & BENEFITS**

Wide portfolio of rotary, linear and static sealing solutions

- Low-friction polymer designs and materials boost system efficiency
- Wide range of elastomers and advanced polymers
- · Robust components extend equipment service life
- Predictable wear rates simplify maintenance operations and minimize downtime
- · Compliance with industry efficiency standards
- Advanced engineering and design capabilities facilitate the development of unique, custom solutions
- In-house product and materials testing facilities enable the development of new solutions
- Advanced manufacturing processes support the production of precision components with tight tolerances and of the highest quality

#### **UNRIVALLED PRODUCT PORTFOLIO**

We offer one of the most extensive ranges of rotary seals, linear seals, gaskets and custom-engineered components to match the sealing requirements of industrial automation applications.

This includes:

- Engineered performance thermoplastic components
- Stefa® radial shaft seals and cassette seals
- Turcon® polytetrafluoroethylene- (PTFE) based rotary seals
- · U-Cups and other linear seals
- Static seals, including O-Rings, gaskets and FlatSeal<sup>™</sup> flat gaskets
- Custom molded components, including multicomponent and rubber-to-metal parts

#### **CONTACT YOUR CUSTOMER SOLUTION CENTER**

Does your application have unique requirements? Is the operating environment of your application especially challenging? Reach out to your local Trelleborg Sealing Solutions Customer Solution Center for support.



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## Unrivalled Global Capabilities

We partner with major industrial automation equipment manufacturers around the globe to develop and supply innovative polymer solutions, which maximize the performance of their equipment.

#### We do this through:



#### **Engineering Expertise**

Our engineers design products with your application in mind. And if standard products don't meet your needs, we partner with customers locally utilizing a collaborative engineering approach from prototype development to market launch.

Modern CAD tools (CATIA V)

Experienced designers develop application-specific solutions

On-site design at customer facilities

Prototyping



#### **R&D** Capabilities

We develop and test the performance of seal designs and materials through dedicated in-house facilities to ensure our solutions meet customer requirements.

15 R&D centers across the globe

World-class material and product testing equipment

Finite element analysis (FEA) to simulate seal performance in real-world use cases



#### **Advanced Manufacturing**

Global manufacturing resources produce solutions using advanced technologies to match customer requirements. Our facilities are located in all regions across the globe to help you meet your supply chain needs.

High-quality, precision components with tight tolerances Custom-molded and engineered solutions in unique and complex shapes and sizes

Multicomponent technology strongly bonds a range of polymers into one-piece solutions



#### **ServicePLUS Value-Added Services**

Our worldwide network provides a range of supply chain services, such as rapid delivery and special kitting and packaging programs to help avoid downtime.

Manufacturing services, including subcomponent assemblies and part identification

Stocking and inventory management

Repair and service packaging and kitting

## Proven Performance

Our commitment to enhancing industrial automation equipment extends to optimizing energy efficiency and maximizing seal lifetime through rigorous testing and research.

Reducing power consumption and downtime for maintenance is vital to boosting the performance of motors, gearboxes, actuators and other industrial automation equipment. Motor losses, or inefficiencies, come from a variety of sources. A primary source of energy loss in automated systems is friction along the seals and bearings. This can be minimized by identifying seal designs and materials with low-friction properties. Our 15 R&D centers around the globe are equipped with state-of-the-art material and product testing equipment, allowing us to conduct comprehensive energy efficiency testing. We focus on two types of tests to understand how different components affect the overall efficiency of motion systems.



#### **COMPARATIVE ENERGY USAGE TESTING**

In our advanced test facilities, we perform rigorous comparative tests on full sealing systems and individual seal designs and materials, focusing on energy efficiency. Our tests analyze sealing integrity, under a range of operating conditions, while measuring the total power consumption in watts. This process helps us identify the most efficient full sealing solution that matches required ingression protection (IP) ratings.

#### **LIFE CYCLE TESTING**

We ensure that our solutions are designed for longevity with life cycle testing to reduce downtime and streamline maintenance operations. We account for various factors such as temperature, pressure, speed, and chemical compatibility, customizing tests to meet our customers' unique needs. By closely replicating real-world conditions, we ensure the best full sealing solution for specific environments.

# Power Comparison: 1,800 RPM Ramp Standard radial shaft seal Stefa® high-performance radial shaft seal 40 30 40 10 0

Advanced comparative testing proves our new highperformance radial shaft seal design minimizes power consumption in comparison to standard radial shaft seals.

Reducing power consumption by 15 watts with a single seal, translates to significant savings in manufacturing facilities: Medium-sized facilities can contain 1,000 motors. With 15 watt savings over 16 hours of operation per day, this adds up to 240 kilowatt-hours saved per day.

#### VIRTUAL SHOWROOM: PRODUCT & MATERIAL TESTING CAPABILITIES

Explore our in-house, extensive product and material testing facilities, which support the development of advanced sealing technology for today's and tomorrow's challenges.

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### Automation Application Solutions

We are at the forefront of innovation in the industrial automation sector. Our high-performance solutions are instrumental in safeguarding the reliability, energy efficiency and safety of automation equipment, spanning a wide range of applications.

We are committed to adhereing to industry regulations, which is evident in our close collaboration with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). This ensures that our solutions are

precisely tailored to our customers' unique requirements, even the most challenging ones, such as weight reduction, minimizing friction and extending wear life.

# ELECTRIC MOTORS Improving Energy Efficiency Whether utilizing AC, DC, Drum, Servo, or direct drive motors, these fundamental components contain internal mechanisms that require safeguarding against diverse environments through the use of seals capable of withstanding high RPMs. This not only minimizes friction but also enhances energy efficiency. BACK/FRONT END COVER

#### Requirements:

- · Protect motor components from dust and debris
- Withstand vibration

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

O-Rings and custom-molded components are commonly used, where the motor cover meets the body. Depending on motor design, rotary seals may be required to seal along the shaft.

#### **TERMINAL BOX**

#### **Requirements:**

Prevent contamination and debris from reaching electrical wiring

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Depending on the hardware design, O-Rings or engineered molded parts provide effective sealing of the housing cover to protect sensitive electrical connections.

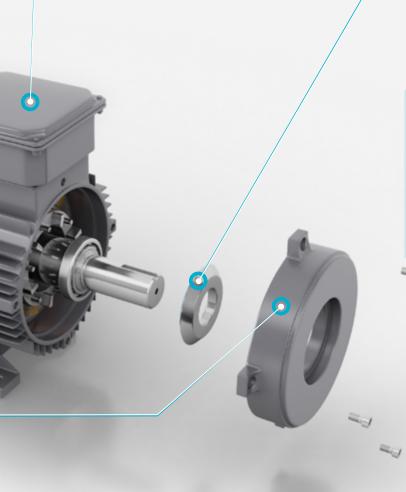
#### **MAIN SHAFT**

#### **Requirements:**

Energy efficiency
Protect the rotor and stator
Prevent particle ingression
Withstand vibration of the shaft
Facilitate precision positioning of the shaft
Minimize friction with little heat generation

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

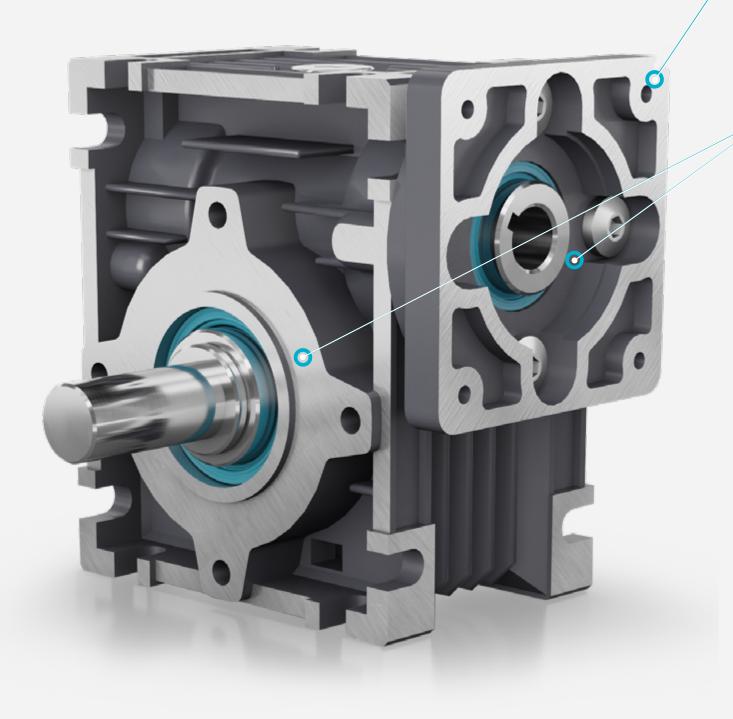
Used on the shaft, high-performance Stefa® radial shaft seals and the Turcon® Varilip® PDR for high-speed environments prevent excessive heat generation, even in dry-running environments, to increase motor efficiency and extend bearing and hardware lifetime. Our Forsheda® V-Ring and GAMMA Seal can be used as secondary seals to prevent the ingress of dirt and/or water. Our solutions cater to a range of environments from standard ingress protection to ultra-clean, washdown settings that demand IP69k ratings.



#### **GEARBOXES AND SPEED REDUCERS**

#### **Extending application lifetime**

Oil-filled gearboxes require oil seals to keep the oil in and debris out. Seals are crucial to improving gearbox performance and preventing leakage and contamination.



#### **GEARBOX HOUSING COVER**

#### Requirements:

Eliminate leakage of lubricants Tight seal to minimize particle ingression Long service life

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Thanks to its excellent adaptability, the FlatSeal<sup>™</sup> HMF17 offers optimum sealing performance, even in the most critical environments. It effectively seals and prevents leakage from the gearbox housing by compensating for the low-rigidity material of the housing, few and widely spaced bolts and low, uneven surface pressure.

#### **INPUT AND OUTPUT SHAFTS**

#### **Requirements:**

Efficiency with minimal heat generation at high RPMs Protect against particle ingression (IP69K rating) Eliminate oil leakage Low-friction properties to enhance gearbox efficiency Long service life

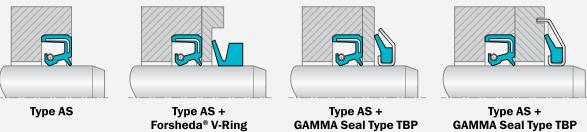
#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Seals used on both the input and output shafts have a significant effect on thermal performance and choosing the right material for these seals can improve performance and seal life. Radial shaft seals keep the oil in and contamination out for tens of thousands of hours. Cassette seals are ideal for dirty environments and the Forsheda® V-Ring can be used as an optional secondary seal.

#### **EFFECTIVE PROTECTION**

High-performance seals play a vital role in protecting electronic devices and equipment from ingression by contaminants such as dust, water and other potentially damaging substances. Depending on the required level of ingression protection, we offer numerous sealing configurations.



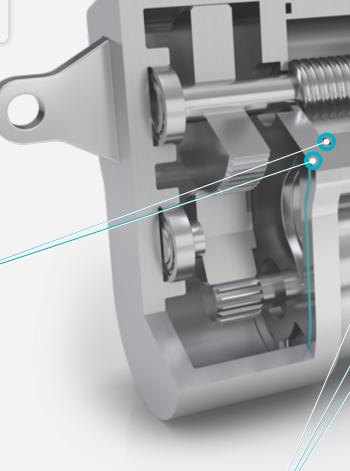


Solutions for motor and gearbox applications to match increasing IP rating requirements

#### **LINEAR ELECTRO-MECHANICAL ACTUATORS**

#### **Enabling precision actuation**

Electrification is driving the adoption of electric linear actuators, enabling more efficient and precise motion control solutions, while lowering the cost of operation. Linear motion seals and scrapers facilitate high-velocity shaft speeds and clean and precise movements, even with side loads.



#### **Actuator Housing**

#### Requirements:

Prevent ingress of dust and debris

Wide-ranging chemical compatibility

Protection from electromagnetic interference (EMI) and radio frequency interference (RFI)

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Depending on the hardware design, O-Rings, gaskets or engineered molded parts provide effective sealing of the housing cover to ensure actuator performance.

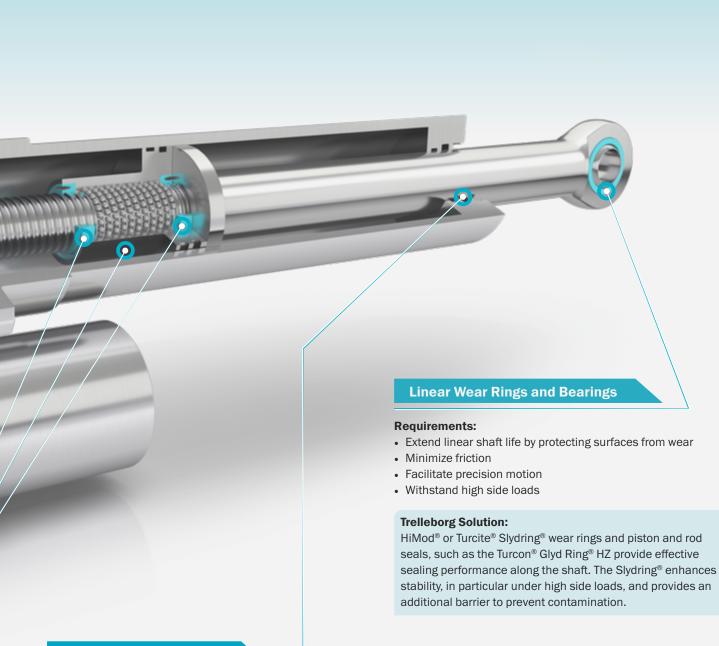
#### **Low-Friction Motion Components**

#### Requirements:

- Enable energy efficient operation with low-friction properties
- Facilitate smooth motion

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Utilizing our engineering expertise and advanced thermoplastic processing technology, we manufacture lead nuts, bearing carriers, lead screw scrapers, glides and slides, which are robust, resistant to wear and minimize friction to maximize system efficiency.



#### **Rod Seal**

#### Requirements:

Facilitate high frequency duty cycles
Seal under high speeds with minimal heat generation
Enable smooth, consistent motion
Prevent particle ingression and contamination

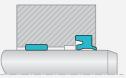
#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Zurcon® polyurethane seals are commonly used along the shaft. The Zurcon® U-Cup RU9 serves as the primary seal and is paired with a double-acting Zurcon® Scraper DA22 for additional protection. Turcon® PTFE-based Variseal®, which offers superior low-friction properties to eliminate stick-slip, is the optimum choice for high-precision actuators.

#### **Rod Sealing Solutions**



Low-friction Slydring® wear ring, Turcon® Stepseal® 2K and Turcon® Excluder® 2



Low-lubrication Slydring® wear ring and Zurcon® Scraper DA22



Low-friction Turcon® Variseal®

#### **FACTORY AUTOMATION ROBOTICS**

#### Maximizing durability, reliability and overall performance

Workhorse robots perform relentlessly, even in extreme environments. Sealing technology plays a critical role ensuring reliable and precision operation. It is vital to protect internal components, maintain efficiency and extend the operational lifespan of these machines.

#### **Upper Arm Unit and Wrist Unit**

#### **Requirements:**

- Low-friction properties to enable smooth oscillation
- Excellent sealing performance to prevent contamination and protect hardware
- · Reduce wear on mating surface of seal
- · Compact seal design

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

We offer a wide range of rotary seals in different highperformance materials, including radial oil seals, Turcon® Variseal®, Forsheda® V-Ring and engineered molded parts.

#### **Drive Motor Unit and Reduction Gear**

#### **Requirements:**

- · Ability to perform at high shaft speeds
- · Low-friction properties
- · Compact seal design

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Rotary shaft seals, including Turcon® Varilip® PDR, offer robust performance at high input shaft speeds while minimizing friction and heat generation.



#### **Gearbox Cover**

#### **Requirements:**

Reduce number of parts

Eliminate contamination from grooves/voids

Adaptable surface to effectively seal lower quality mating surfaces

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Elastomer-based engineered molded parts, rubber-to-metal bonded seals and the HMF FlatSeal $^{\text{TM}}$  offer a tight fit to protect vital components, making them ideal for gearbox lids.

#### **Balance Cylinder**

#### **Requirements:**

Low-friction properties

High resistance to wear and extrusion

Compact design

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Our Zurcon® U-Cup RU9 offers good abrasion resistance, low compression set, high extrusion resistance and can operate in a wide range of temperatures.

#### **Base Unit**

#### **Requirements:**

- Compatibility with chemicals in the operating environment to prevent corrosion of the shaft
- · Low-friction properties
- · Compact design
- Easy to remove and install to simplify maintenance

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Our rotary seals offer effective sealing performance and a unique shaft repair kit enables rotary shaft lip seal maintenance without replacing the shaft.

#### **LOW-FRICTION MOTION COMPONENTS**

#### Strong, lightweight and multifunctional

Most motion systems use a variety of low-friction, polymer-based components to reduce weight, extend service life, optimize performance and boost strength.



#### **Requirements:**

Consistent low-friction properties

High strength with exceptional resistance to wear Long service life

Protect against ingress

Reduce downtime by extending maintenance intervals

#### **Examples:**

Bearings and bushings

Lead screw nuts

Ball screw nuts

Machine guideways

Pillow blocks

Linear slides

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Our engineered thermoplastic solutions, including our proprietary Turcite® and HiMod® materials, are robust, resistant to wear and minimize friction to maximize system efficiency. Components can be produced in a wide range of geometries to meet unique customer requirements.

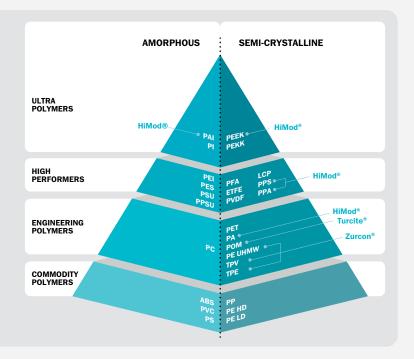
#### **Engineered Polymer Performance Solutions**

We offer custom thermoplastic materials in unique geometries to meet specific application requirements. Examples include products with enhanced corrosion and fire resistance or specialized compounds that can withstand challenging or niche conditions for longer. Our innovative manufacturing processes allow smaller and more complex shapes, facilitating reduced-size components or combining multiple functions into one product.



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#### **Mobile Service Robotics**

Seals play a crucial role in material handling robots for warehouses, automated mobile robots (AMRs) for factory lines and automated cleaning robots by facilitating efficiency improvements which can significantly extend battery life. Precise speed control, positioning and durability are primary concerns for robots aiming to reduce labor costs and boost profits.

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

High-performance radial shaft seals, the Turcon® Varilip® PDR and Turcon® Roto Variseal® efficiently seal rotating applications. Multicomponent technology, enabling the creation of custom one-piece solutions, is ideal when streamlining logistics processes and minimizing downtime are vital, alongside weight reduction and design considerations.



#### **Sensors and Connectors**

Often underestimated, seals are essential in sensors and connectors to maintain integrity and accurate functioning. They prevent the ingress of contaminants such as dust, moisture and chemicals that can interfere with electronic signals and degrade the performance of sensitive sensor equipment.

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

O-Rings, gaskets and custom-engineered components in leading-edge materials demonstrate extended sealing performance and wide-ranging chemical compatibility, are capable of damping vibration and are suitable for a full range of temperatures. When required, multicomponent technology strongly bonds a range of polymers to create unique geometries and combine multiple features into a single piece.



#### **Material Processing Equipment**

Metals, paper, powders and other materials are processed in highly automated lines. In equipment such as presses and forming or molding machines, high pressures, high temperatures and vibration are common, and machinery is in continuous operation. These highly demanding environments increase the risk of premature seal and bearing failure. At the same time, sealing technology is integral to reduce energy consumption, maintain uniformity and minimize downtime.

#### **Trelleborg Solution:**

Next-generation O-Rings and our GAMMA Seal, which is consists of an elastomer sealing lip with a metal carrier, demonstrate outstanding sealing performance, resistance to extrusion and wear and extended service life to reduce equipment downtime. In high-temperature environments or when chemical compatibility is critical, Turcon® Varilip® PDR is an ideal solution.

Learn more about our solutions for material processing equipment www.trelleborg.com/seals/your-industry/machine-tools

Trelleborg is a world leader in engineered polymer solutions that protect essential applications in demanding environments. Its innovative solutions accelerate performance for customers in a sustainable way.

Trelleborg Sealing Solutions is a leading developer, manufacturer and supplier of precision seals, bearings and custom-molded polymer components. It focuses on meeting the most demanding needs of aerospace, automotive and general industrial customers with innovative solutions.

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