Standard aluminium conveyor systems



FlexLink standard conveyors XS XL XM XH XK XB

Together, the FlexLink standard conveyor product lines cover a wide range of applications. These multiflexing conveyor systems use plastic chains in many configurations. The chain design permits horizontal as well as vertical change of direction. Chain widths range from 44 mm up to 295 mm, for product widths up to 400 mm. Each system consists of a wide range of modular components which can be fitted using simple hand tools.

Pallet handling products (XLP-XMP-XKP)

Catalogue sections XLP/XMP/XKP contain special products for pallet handling, including pallets, pallet locating stations, pallet stop cylinders and pallet transfer stations. The systems are based on conveyor components from the standard conveyor lines.

The XK pallet handling system also includes divert/ merge devices for easy transfer of pallets between conveyors.

Conveyor system XS (44 mm chain)



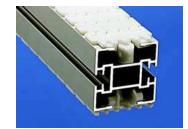
Features

Chain permits transport of very small items which are otherwise difficult to handle. Compact and neat design.

Examples of application areas

Small ball bearings, perfume bottles, pharmaceutical bottles, sintered metal components.

Conveyor system XL/XLP (63 mm chain)



Features

Suitable for a wide range of applications. Preferable in high speed applications. Includes components for pallet handling (XLP) and vertical wedge conveyors.

Examples of application areas

Tissue paper, gear wheels, aerosol cans, medium size ball bearings, piston parts, yoghurt, fuel injectors, dry batteries, plastic bottles, tape cassettes, matches, cheese boxes, coffee and tea packages.

Conveyor system XM/XMP (83 mm chain)



Features

Suitable for a wide range of applications. Higher capacity than XS and XL. Includes components for pallet handling (XMP) and vertical wedge conveyors.

Examples of application areas

Ball valves, water meters, disk drives, pie packages, film cartridges, plastic bottles, beverage cans, products on pallets, paint cans, socks.

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XMX

XHX

GRX

CSX

APX

IDX

Conveyor system XH (103 mm chain)



Features

Suitable for larger items, especially if point of balance is somewhat offcenter. Higher capacity than XS and

Examples of application areas

Large ball bearings, turbo rotors, safety belt brackets, electric motors, shock absorbers, video cassettes, steering arm components, boxes.

Conveyor system XK/XKP (102 mm chain)



Features

Suitable for larger items, especially if point of balance is somewhat offcenter. Higher capacity than other types. Includes components for pallet Suitable for soft packages handling (XKP).

Examples of application areas

Ball and roller bearings, heavy boxes, gear wheels, motor parts on pallets, disk brakes, hydraulic pumps

Conveyor system XB (175 mm/295 mm chain)



Features

Chain travels on four slide rails. Wide track sideflexing safety chain. Compact horizontal and vertical bends.

Examples of application areas

Large cardboard boxes, products in soft plastic bags. Examples: detergent powder, wrapped tissue paper rolls, food products, personal care products

Stainless steel conveyor systems

Hygienic conveyor system XMY (83 mm chain)



Features

Split beam in stainless steel. Return chain runs in enclosed bottom profile. Open design, optimised for easy cleaning. High speed operation. Standard XM chain.

The hygienic conveyor system uses the standard 83 mm plastic chain, traveling in easy-to-clean stainless steel beams. It is designed for speeds ranging from 5 m/min to 100 m/min. Design focus was to meet the requirements of the dairy, food and personal products industries with regard to hygiene, safety, speed, and environment.

Examples of application areas

Plastic bottles, packaged dairy products, beverage cans, food products.

Stainless steel conveyor system Series X (63/83/103 mm chain)



Features

Split beams in stainless steel for easy cleaning. High resistance to aggressive chemicals. Matching drive units, idlers and guide rail and support components. Standard XL/XM/XH chain.

XL, XM and XH conveyors Series X are stainless steel designs adapted to the requirements of the food processing, pharmaceutical and hygiene industries. The Series X system is designed for easy integration with aluminium systems.

Examples of application areas

Aerosol cans, liquid soap in plastic bags, soft cheese, detergent powder, tissue paper rolls, food products, personal care products.

Module based conveyor systems

Twin-track pallet conveyor system XT



Features

Twin-track flexible plastic chain pallet conveyor system. Modular design concept for simplified engineering and ordering. Fast configuration and plug-andplay capability for improved productivity.

Pallet conveyor system XT is well suited for manual and automatic assembly and test systems in the automotive and electrical/electronics industries. It can handle square and rectangular pallets from 240 mm × 240 mm up to 640 mm \times 640 mm.

Examples of application areas

Manual and automatic assembly and test systems in the automotive and electrical/electronics industries. Examples: assembly and transport of receivers, computers, gear boxes, medical equipment, sewing machines, cell phones, housings, pumps, and air filters.

Conveyor accessories

Guide rail components (GR)

Catalogue section Guide rail components deals with various types of guide rails and guide rail support components. Those products are used with several of the FlexLink conveyor systems. A number of pre-designed guide rail structures are shown as examples. New components are available for building automatically adjustable guide rail systems, accommodating products with different widths.

Conveyor support components (CS)

The FlexLink conveyors are held in place by a well balanced range of support components, with beam support brackets, support beams, feet, etc.

A number of pre-designed support structures are shown as examples

Conveyor structures built from aluminium beams with standardized T-slots simplify attachment of components and accessories.

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XB

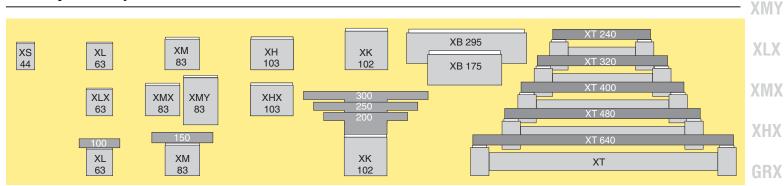
CS

XT

XF

FST

Conveyor comparison chart



Simplified end views of FlexLink conveyor beams, drawn to the same relative scale. Numeric values are widths in

Legend: Light grey: conveyor beams. Dark grey: pallets. White: chain. XL/XM/XH X: stainless steel conveyor.

CSX

APX

IDX

Typical standard conveyor components

Feet and support beams



Drive units



Idlers



Beam support brackets



Guide rail brackets

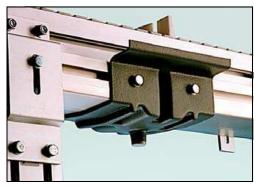


Guide rails

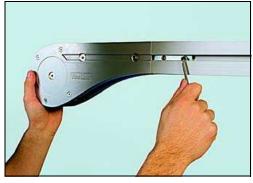


Drip trays and drip pans









Slide rail



Conveyor beams and bends

Drive units and idler units XS, XL, XM, XH, XK

End drive units



Intermediate drive units





Synchronous drive units



Catenary drive units



End drive units, direct drive

End drive units



End drive units, double



Horizontal bend drive units



Idler units



Bends XS, XL, XM, XH, XK

Wheel bends



Horizontal plain bends



Vertical bends



Accessories XS, XL, XM, XH, XK

Angle plates



Drip trays



Angle plates for bends



Drip pans for wheel bends



Front piece



Drip pans for vertical bends



Guidance XS, XL, XM, XH, XK, XB

Guide rail profiles



Fixed guide rail brackets, aluminium



Flexible roller guide rail



Fixed guide rail brackets, polyamide



Guide discs (not XB)



Adjustable guide rail brack- Adjustable guide rail brackets, aluminium



Built-up guide rail brackets



ets, polyamide



Drive units and idler units XS, XL, XM, XH, XK

End drive units



Intermediate drive units





Synchronous drive units





End drive units, direct drive

Catenary drive units

End drive units



End drive units, double



Horizontal bend drive units



Idler units



Bends XS, XL, XM, XH, XK

Wheel bends



Horizontal plain bends



Vertical bends



Accessories XS, XL, XM, XH, XK

Angle plates



Drip trays



Angle plates for bends



Drip pans for wheel bends



Front piece



Drip pans for vertical bends



Guidance XS, XL, XM, XH, XK, XB

Guide rail profiles



Fixed guide rail brackets,

aluminium

Flexible roller guide rail



Fixed guide rail brackets, polyamide



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Built-up guide rail brackets



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Pallet handling components XL, XM, XK

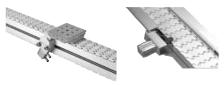
Product carriers (pallets)



Guide rails for bend



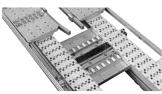
Pallet stop device

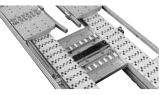


Pallet locating station



Pallet transfer station





Combined divert-merge kits



Diverter kits

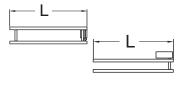


Merge kits

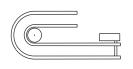


Modular pallet conveyor system XT - Conveyor modules

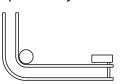
Straight conveyor



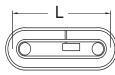
J shape conveyor



L shape conveyor

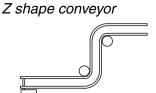


Closed loop conveyor

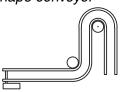


U shape conveyor





F shape conveyor

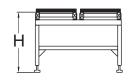


Modular pallet conveyor system XT – Support modules

Single module support



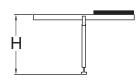
Parallel module support



Two-level module support

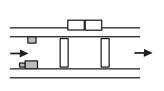


Wheel bend support

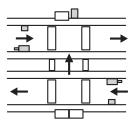


Modular pallet conveyor system XT – Transfer modules

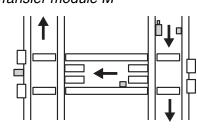
Transfer module S



Transfer module R



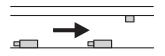
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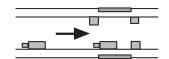


Modular pallet conveyor system XT - Stop/locate modules

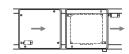
Stop module



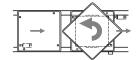
Locating function module



Lift-and-locate module

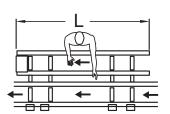


Lift-and-rotate module

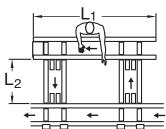


Modular pallet conveyor system XT – Workstation modules

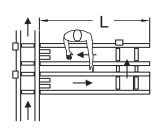
Workstation module R11



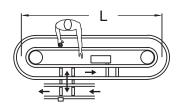
Workstation module M11



Workstation module T11



Workstation module Q51



Stainless steel conveyor system Series X - Chains

Plain chain



Friction top chain



Series X – beams and beam support brackets

Conveyor beam



Beam support bracket



Series X - drive units and idlers

End drive units



Idler end unit



Series X – guide rail system

Guide rail profiles



Guide rail brackets



Series X – bends

Wheel bends



Horizontal plain bends



Vertical bends



Series X – support

Support components



Hygienic conveyor Series XMY - chain and beam

Plain chain



Conveyor beam



Series XMY – drive unit and idler

End drive unit



Idler unit



XL

XLP

XM

Series XMY - transfer unit Series XMY - bends

Transfer unit

Wheel bends



Horizontal plain bends



Vertical plain bends



Series XMY – guide rail system

Series XMY – support system

Guide rail kits



Support components



XMP

XH

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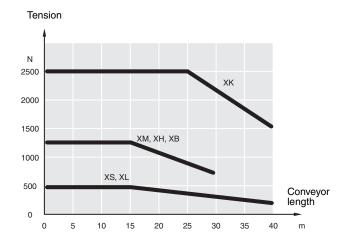
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Technical data – conveyors

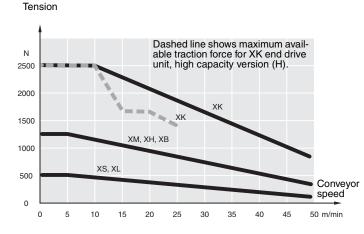
Chain tension limit

Diagram 1



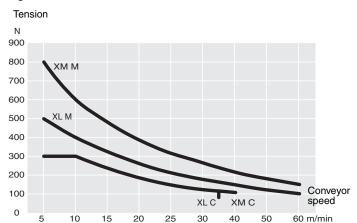
Max permissible chain tension versus conveyor length

Diagram 2A



Max permissible chain tension versus conveyor speed

Diagram 2B



Max permissible chain tension versus conveyor speed

Drive unit capacity limit

The required motor output power P depends on

- Traction force F
- Chain speed v

The following equation applies:

 $P[W] = 1/60 \times F[N] \times v[m/min]$

The maximum permissible traction force of the various drive units, and other useful parameters, are shown in the following tables.

More information

Detailed information about the drive units can be found in "Drive unit guide" and "Spare parts". See "Technical library" on the FlexLink website.

Drive unit specifications

End drive unit

	XS	XL	XM	XH	XK	XB
Number of teeth on sprocket wheel	16	C: 11 M: 11 H: 16	C: 9 M: 9 H: 12	12	11	12
Chain pitch (mm)	25,4	25,4	33,5	35,5	38,1	33,5
Max. traction force (N) Type CN_P Type MN_P Type H, H_P, HN_P Standard	500	300 500 500	300 800 1250	1250	2500 1250	1250

Double drive unit

	XS	XL	XM	XH	XK
Number of teeth on drive wheel	16	16	12	12	11
Chain pitch (mm)	25,4	25,4	33,5	35,5	38,1
Max. traction force (N)	500	500	1250	1250	1250
c/c distance between the two lanes (mm)	55 or 90– 350	66 or 110– 350	86 or 130– 350	106 or 150– 350	106 or 150– 350

Intermediate drive unit

	XL	XM	XH
Number of teeth on drive wheel	11	9	9
Chain pitch (mm)	25,4	33,5	35,5
Maximum traction force (N)	200	200	200

Catenary drive unit

	XL	XM	XH	XK
Number of teeth on drive wheel	16	12	12	11
Chain pitch (mm)	25,4	33,5	35,5	38,1
Maximum traction force (N) Type H Standard	500	1250	1250	2500 1250

Horizontal bend drive unit

	XS	XL	XM	XH	XK
Pitch diameter (mm)	300	300	320	340	400
Maximum traction force (N)	200	200	200	200	200

Direct drive unit for wedge conveyor

See "End drive units", above.

Synchronous drive unit for wedge conveyor

	XL	XM	
Number of teeth on drive wheel	16	12	
Chain pitch (mm)	25,4	33,5	

Selecting the right chain material

Many FlexLink chains are available in several materials. See the *FlexLink Chain guide* for details. Consider the following when selecting the material:

Acetal resin (POM), pivot: polyamide (PA66)

The strongest material, used in most FlexLink chains. Good wear, chemical and heat properties. Complies with FDA regulations. Available in white, grey, and black colour. For lowest friction, use POM A which has a silicone additive. If silicone must be avoided, use POM B.

Conductive POM and ISD POM chains are available for use in static sensitive applications. Those chains are weaker than pure POM chains. Some POM chains can be ordered with PVDF pivots, for use in wet applications. Chains with steel top and POM base are available for high-wear applications.

Polyester (PBT), pivot: polyamide (PA66)

Strength is 50% of POM value. Higher friction than POM.

Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF), pivot: PVDF

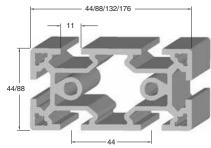
Strength is 40% of POM value. Highly resistant to chemicals and high temperatures. Higher friction than POM.

Structural systems XC/XF

Features

- with uniform T-slots.
- Standard component assortment for every application
- Easy to assemble, adjust, and dismantle using simple hand tools.

XC – heavier frameworks and machine stands



FlexLink structural system XC is based on the module 44 mm and offers sturdy components which provide high load capacity for both static and linear motion systems. It is used within a wide range of applications, from frameworks, work benches and enclosures to special machinery, pick and place units and gantry robots.

No welding or painting necessary.

Examples of application areas

Frameworks, workbenches, enclosures, special machinery, pick-and-place units, gantry robots

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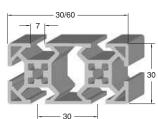
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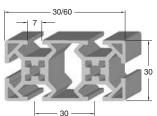
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The FlexLink XF system is based on the module 30 mm. It consists of a range of standard components, with emphasis on enclosure applications.

A wide range of modular extruded aluminium beams Short time from concept to finished design.

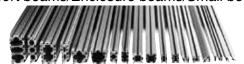
XF – compact and light enclosure applications



Structural systems component overview

Beams XC

Support beams/Enclosure beams/Small beams



Beams XF

Support beams/Enclosure beams



Connectors

Angle brackets



Mounting plates



Slot fasteners



Small fittings



Feet

Feet, aluminium



Feet, polyamide



Foot plates



Adjustable feet





Castors





End plates



Floor attachment brackets





Enclosure components

Profiles for sliding door, Slide strip



Hinges, Multiblock



Corner bracket kit



Profiles for enclosures



Handle



Ball latch lock kit



Enclosure strips



Enclosure connectors



Safety switch kits



Components for linear motion and rotating motion

Sliding element for T-slot



Runners for steel shaft



Sliding elements for guide profile



Roller units for linear beams



Wheels, Wheel yoke



Joint, Extruded joint







Conduit elements

Conduit elements (cable ducts)

