

1977 Yasnac RB  
MOTOMAN-L10



1980 Yasnac RG  
1983 MOTOMAN-L10W



1983 Yasnac RX  
1985 MOTOMAN-L106



1988 Yasnac ERC  
MOTOMAN-K10S



1994 Yasnac MRC  
MOTOMAN-SK16

## MOTOMAN robot history



1998 Motoman XRC  
MOTOMAN-UP20



2004 Motoman NX100  
MOTOMAN-EA1400N  
MOTOMAN-ES165N

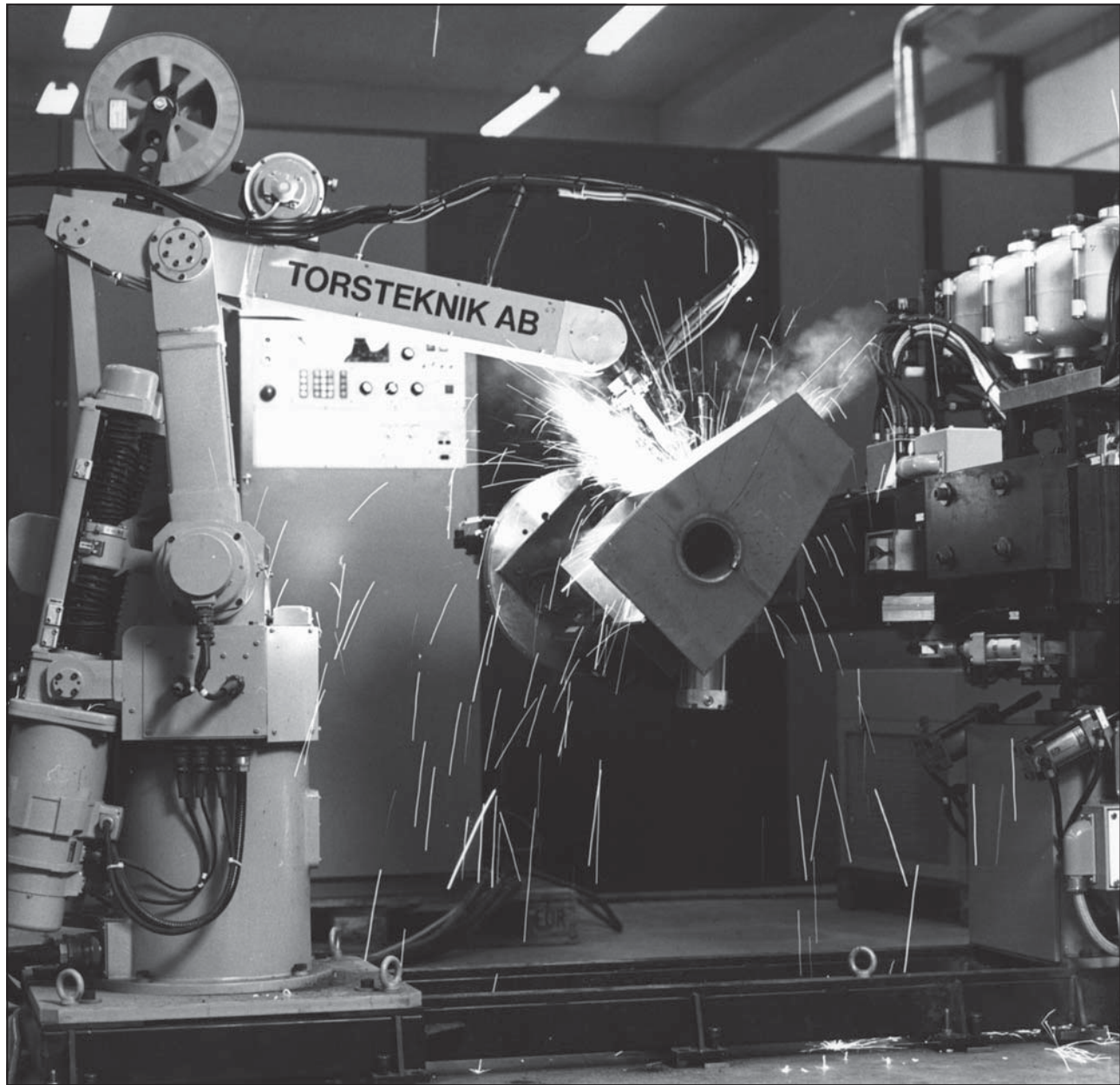


2009 Motoman DX100  
MOTOMAN-SDA10  
MOTOMAN-VA1400



2011 Motoman FS100  
MOTOMAN-MPP3







1. The programming unit was used to move each robot axis and save its position. When running the program the robot would assume each position in the very same order that they were recorded.



2. RB control cabinet.

## Yasnac RB and MOTOMAN-L10

### MOTOMAN-L10

Introduced in 1977

Five axes

Maximum workload 10 kg (including gripper)

Weight 470 kg

### Control system RB

Programming capacity 250 positions, extendable to 600 and 350 instructions

16 input signals and 15 output signals

99 robot jobs in magnetic memory

63 welding parameters

Dimension 1600x650x700 mm

Weight 350 kg

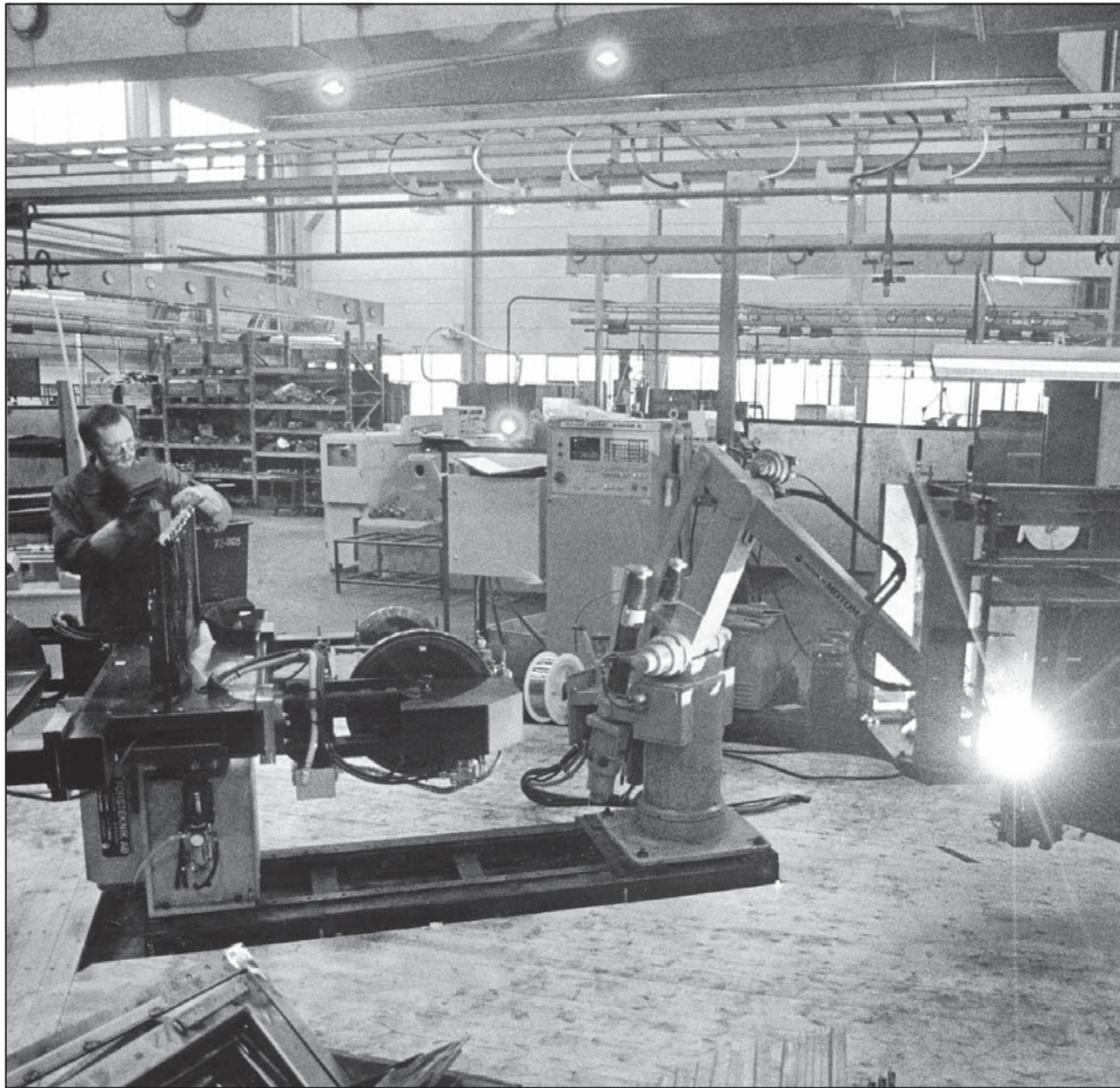
### The very first Motoman robot

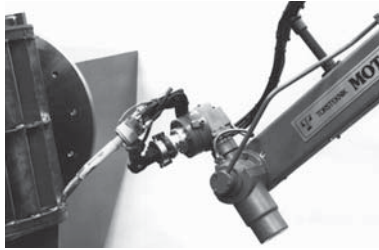
Motoman L10 was the first robot which Yaskawa introduced on the market. Its control system was equipped with a separate programming pendant used to record the robot's position one by one. The control system had a magnetic memory which did not require a backup.

New positions, points, could be added or moved, but it was impossible to erase any of them in the recorded program. Four finished programs could be accessed from separate keys on the programming unit.

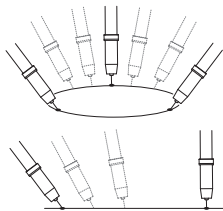
Using a few points to calculate a straight line or a circle (so called interpolation) was not possible. Consequently it was necessary to record quite a lot of points in order to complete a welding line.







3. Motoman L10WA with a sixth "A"-axis.



4. With circular interpolation only three points (two for linear) are needed for the control system to complete a welding line.



5. The RG controller cabinet.

## Yasnac RG and MOTOMAN-L10W

### MOTOMAN-L10W

Introduced in 1982

Five axes

Maximum workload 10 kg

Weight 280 kg

### MOTOMAN-L10WA

Introduced in 1983

Six axes

Maximum workload 5 kg

Weight 280 kg

### Control system RG

Introduced in 1980

Controls up to six axes

Programming capacity 1000 pos (600 instructions).

99 robot jobs in magnetic memory (external memory on tapes)

22 input signals and 21 output signals

127 welding parameters

Linear and circular interpolation possible

Dimensions 1600x650x700 mm

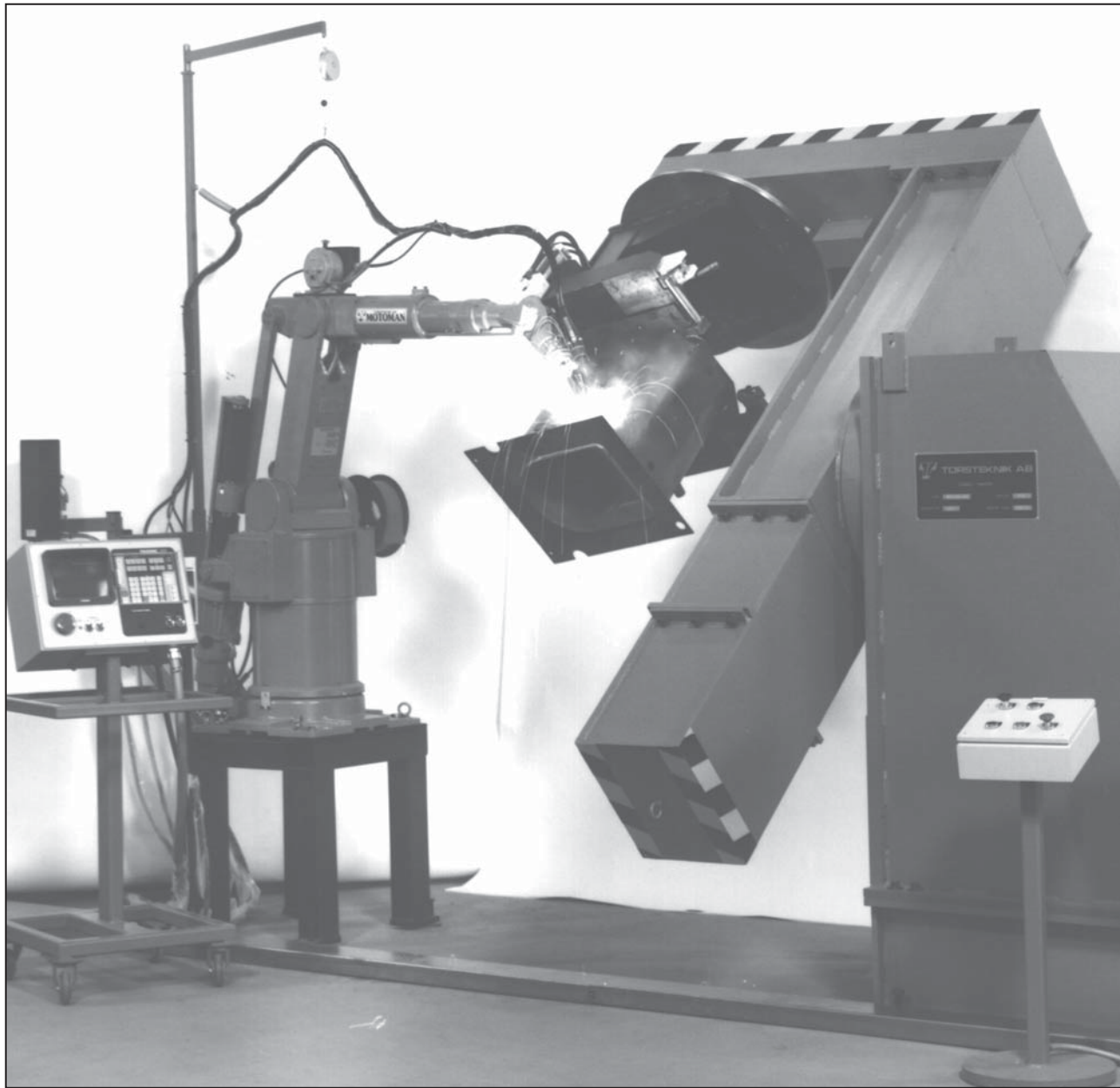
Weight 350 kg

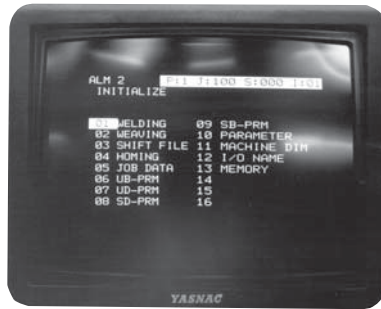
### Many improvements to robot and controller

The work area in the new Motoman L10W was increased by 80% and the robot wrist is more narrow. The robot was made of a light aluminum alloy which helped reduce the size of its motors.

The model L10WA, with its extra wrist axis called A, was the world's first six axes robot. The control system RG could handle either this robot model, or the ordinary L10W and an external axis. However, the L10W-models were almost exclusively used with the next generation controller RX.

The later versions of RG control system enabled circular and linear interpolation, three dimensional shifting of a robot job and pendular motion. It was even possible to control it from an external computer, but that was not put to much practical use.





6. The RX controller was the first system with a monitor and English text.



7. The RX controller and programming pendant.

## Yasnac RX and MOTOMAN L-series

### MOTOMAN-L106

Introduced in 1985

Six axes

Maximum workload 10 kg

Weight 350 kg

### Control system RX

Introduced in 1983

Controls up to eight axes (the robot's six plus two external axes)

Programming capacity 2,200 pos and 1,200 instructions (extendable to 5,000 pos)

249 robot jobs in memory

48 input signals, 24 output signals plus 2 analogue outlets

127 welding parameters

Dimensions 700x1100x580 mm

Weight 200 kg

### Other models in the series

L15, L30, L60 and L120

### Introducing a whole robot series

This meant several robot models that could be operated with the same type of control system. The L-series included robots able to handle workload up to 120 kg. There was direct drive on the three wrist axes RBT.

The later versions of the RX controller were equipped with "modern" functions like COM-ARC (seam tracking), multi layer, 3D-shift, parallel shift etc. In order to synchronise robot welding with a rotating manipulator the TRT function was developed.

Operator safety features included automatic low speed during programming and a teach-lock mechanism which prohibits operation through other equipment than the programming unit.









8. Screen display with the new robot programming language INFORM.



9. The ERC control cabinet with the operator's panel on top.

## Yasnac ERC and MOTOMAN K-series

### MOTOMAN-K10S

Introduced in 1988

Six axes

Maximum workload 10 kg

Weight 300 kg

### Control system ERC

Controls up to 12 axes

Programming capacity 2,200 pos and 1,200 instructions, extendable to 10,000 pos and 5,000 instructions.

55 input signals and 35 output signals (extendable to 96/44)

Dimensions 700x1140x580 mm

### Other robots in the series

K3S, K6SB, K30WSB, K60S and K100S

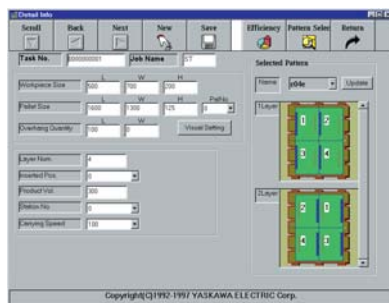
### Advanced functions

The K-series of robots had a direct drive on all six axes. This meant that the power was transferred to the axes directly and not through long chain transmissions or link-arms.

The ERC control system was able to control more axes than any other controller at the time. It had a lot of improved features like electronic seam tracking (ComarcII) and Multi Layer functions which meant that external sensors and seam tracking devices were no longer necessary. Other smart features were user coordinates, a step by step position control (forwards and backward,) fine adjustment of speed etc.

The programming pendant weighted only 0.9 kg and was equipped with a small display (12 characters) and a three positions dead-mans handle.





10. With the MRC control system followed a series of PC-software for file transfer, job editing and simulation tools.



11. The MRC control system could control two robots in synchronisation with each other.

## Yasnac MRC and MOTOMAN SK-series

### MOTOMAN-SK16

Introduced in 1994

Six axes

Maximum workload 16 kg

Weight 280 kg

### Control system MRC

Controls up to 21 axes

Synchronised patented control of two robots

Programming capacity 2,200 pos (extendable to 60,000 pos)

48 input and 48 output signals (extendable to 144/144)

Dimensions 900x1600x650 mm

Weight 190 kg

### Other robots in the series

SK6 C, SK16-6, SK45-30, SK120, SK300 and SK-16

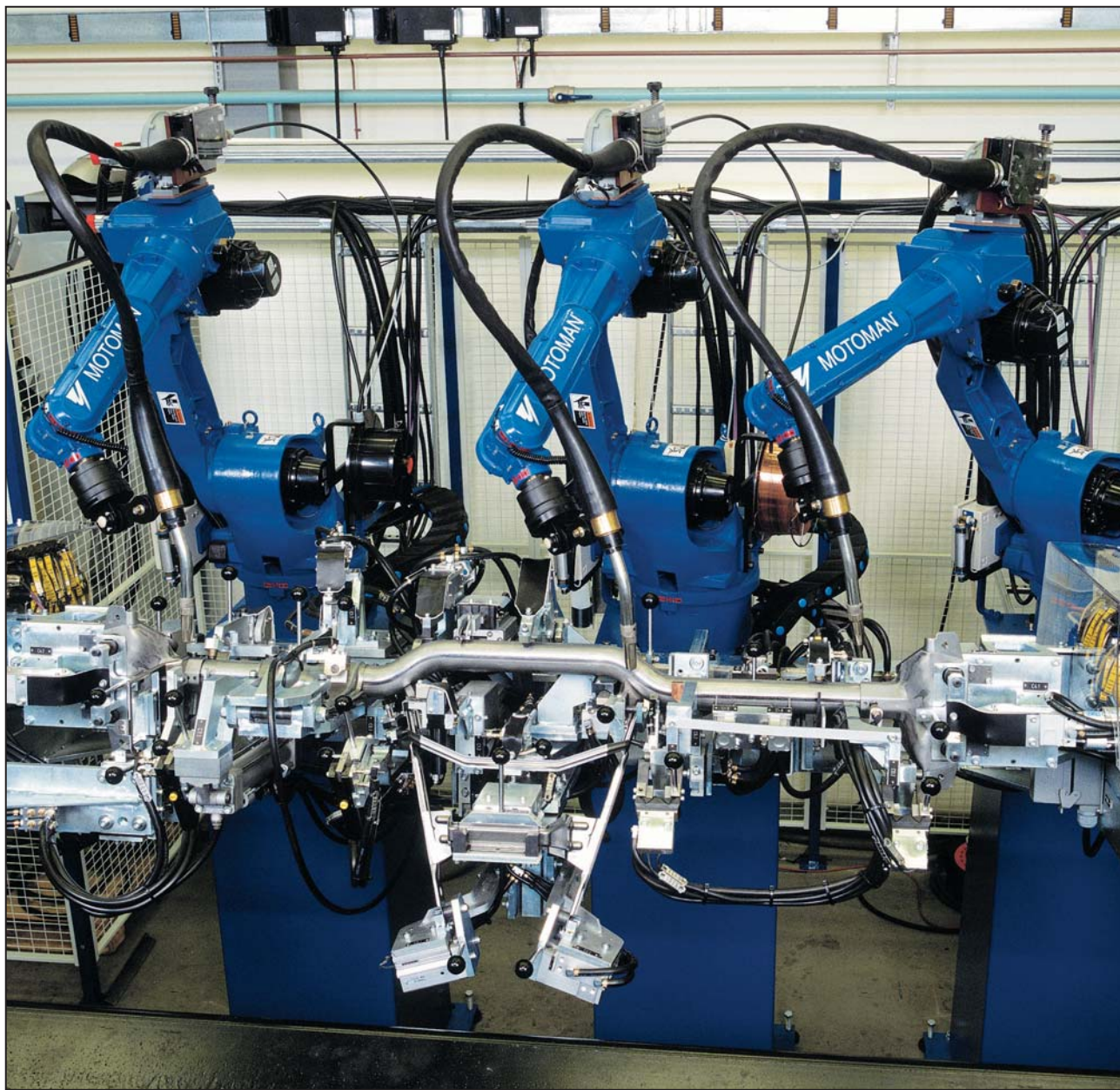
### Improved performance

With the introduction of the robots in the SK-series the maximum workload was increased by 300%. The system could control more axes as the previous one, and it could also synchronise the motions of two robots.

The MRC introduced some new functions well suited for machine handling and necessary when synchronising two robots: e.g. Multi tasking, servo float and S-move.

MRC also made it possible to edit robot jobs from an ordinary PC, so called offline programming. Although it had been possible to read robot jobs as text files before, it was only now possible to return changes made in the PC or even send completely new programs to the controller.







12. Offline programming tools can help reduce cycle times and calculate the production cost.



13. The programming pendant received an award in 1998 for its user friendly design (Ministry of International Trade and Industry in Japan.)

## Motoman XRC and MOTOMAN UP-series

### MOTOMAN-UP20

Introduced in 1998

Six axes

Maximum workload 20 kg

Weight 280 kg

### Control system XRC

Controls up to 27 axes

Synchronised control of three (four) robots

Programming capacity 5,000 pos and 3,000 instructions, extendable to 60,000 pos and 20,000 instructions

40 input and 40 output signals (extendable to 256/256)

Dimensions 800x900x650 mm

Weight 190 kg

### Other robots in the series

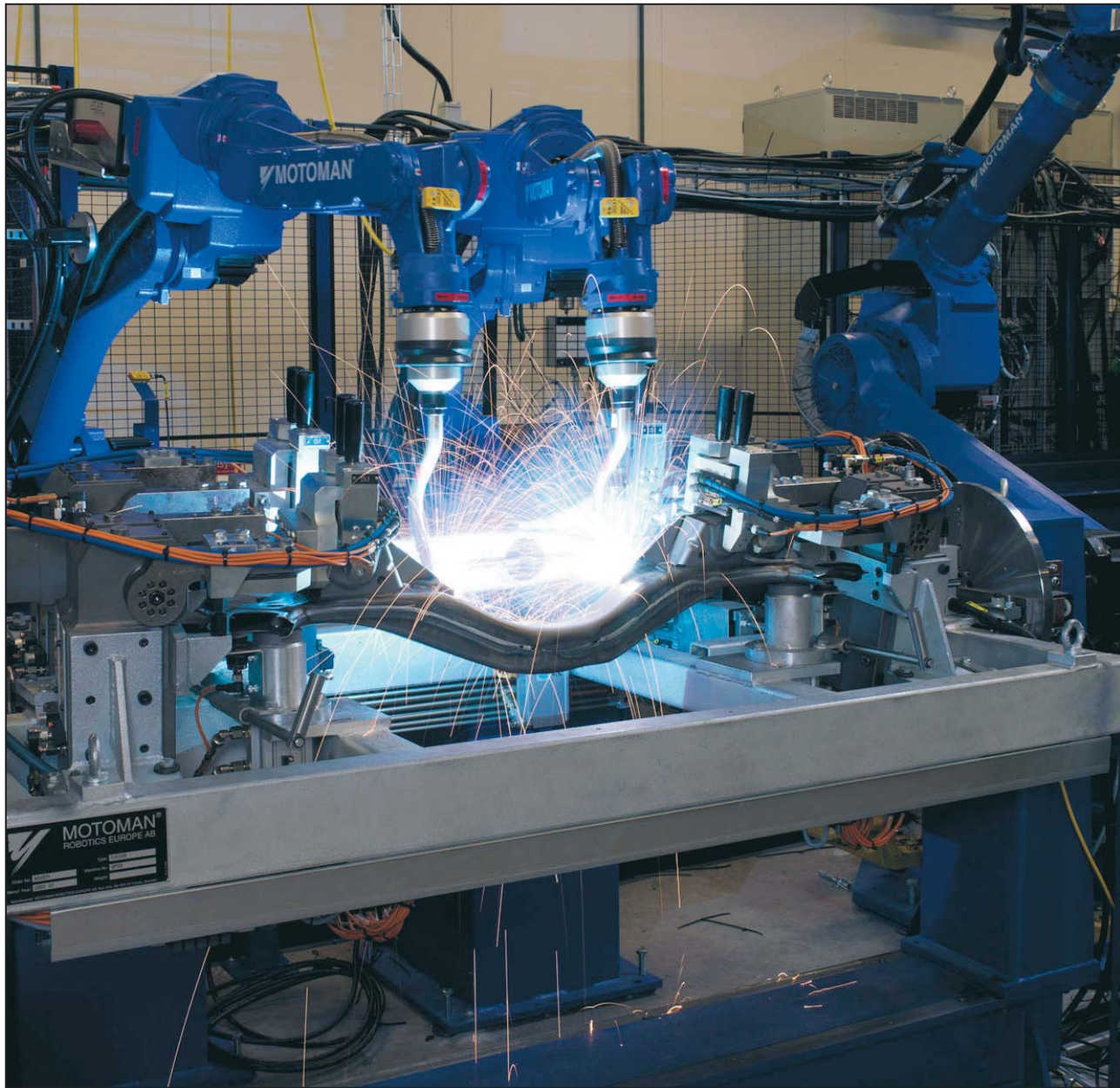
UP6C, UP20-6, UP20M, UP50, UP130, UP165, UP165-100, UP200 and UP350

### Increased usability

The XRC control system has a Windows oriented interface with directories and folders. Several types of PC-software for job editing, file transfer or offline programming and simulation are available.

Some interesting new features introduced with XRC are Form Cutting (used in laser-, plasma or water cutting), shock sensor functions and the ability to have acceleration/retardation in any point.









14. The NX100 programming pendant has a touch screen display and is based on Windows CE operative system.



15. A quantum leap in robot technology: single- and dual armed robot models with all the supply cables hidden in the robot arm itself.

## NX100 and application dedicated robots

### MOTOMAN-EA1400N

Introduced in 2004

Six axes

Maximum workload 3 kg

Weight 130 kg

### MOTOMAN-ES165N

Introduced in 2004

Six axes

Maximum workload 165 kg

Weight 1100 kg

### Control system NX100

Controls up to 36 axes

Synchronised control of four robots

Programming capacity 60,000 pos and 10,000 instructions

40 input and 40 output signals (extendable to 1024/1024)

Dimensions 800x1000x650 mm

Weight 170 kg

### Other robot series

EA-series (arc welding)

EPL-series (palletizing)

ES-series (spot welding, general application)

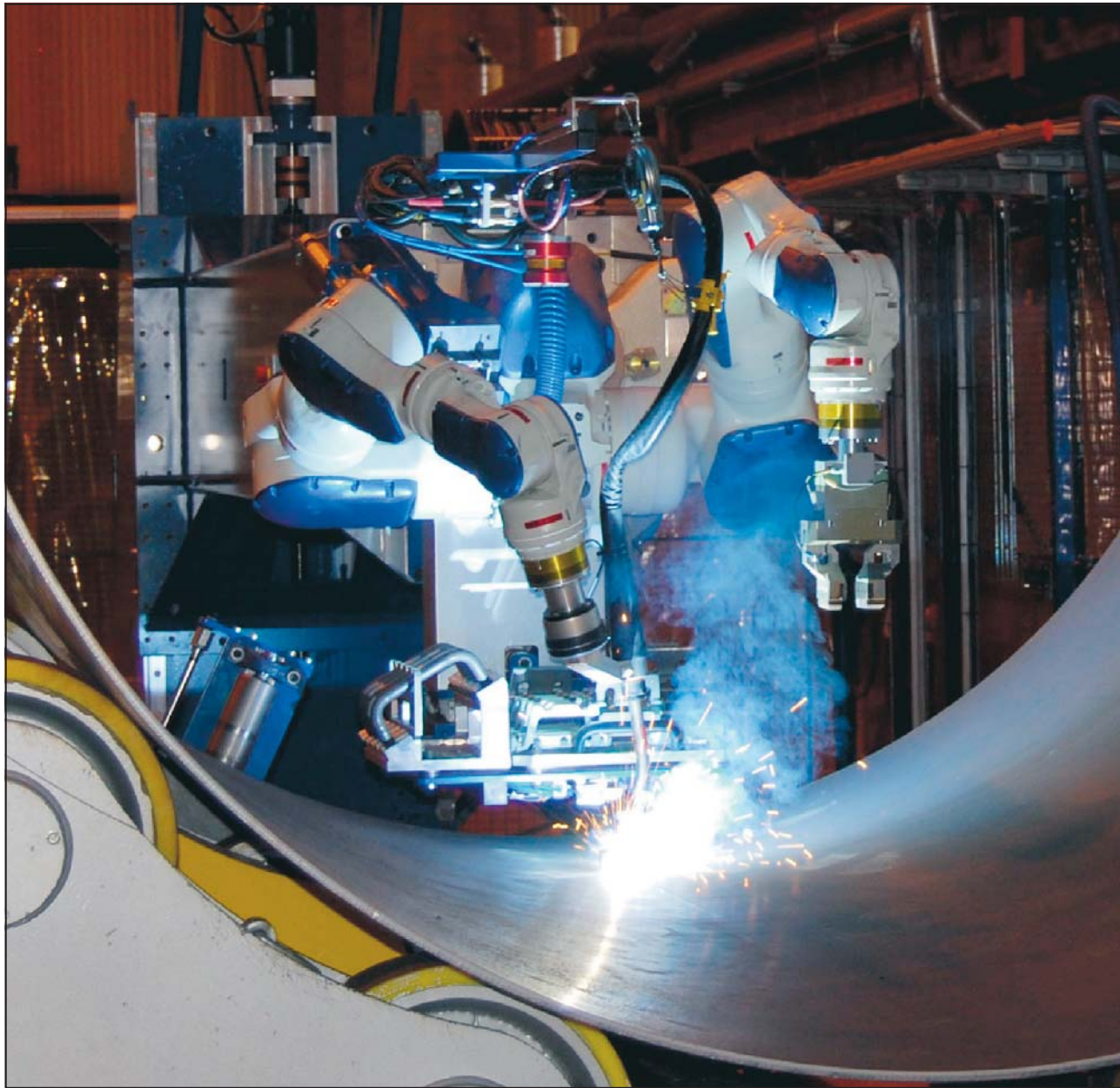
HP (general application)

PX-series (painting)

### Application dedicated robots

Each robot series is specially designed for its specific application, such as arc welding, palletizing or painting. In many of these models the supply cables are fitted into the upper robot arm, rather than hanging on the outside, which significantly increases the robot's freedom of movement.

In 2006 the brand new robot models: human sized single armed MOTOMAN-IA20 and dual armed MOTOMAN-DA20 are taking this concept one step further with all of the supply cables hidden in the robot arm.





16. The energy saving DX100 controller features faster processing speeds, advanced robot arm control and a robust PC architecture with built-in Ethernet.



17. All operator controls are located on the programming pendant, often reducing the need for separate PLC and HMI.



## DX100 and brand new robot types

### MOTOMAN-SDA10

Introduced in 2008

15 axes

Maximum workload 10 kg

Weight 220 kg

### MOTOMAN-VA1400

Introduced in 2009

Seven axes

Maximum workload 7 kg

Weight 150 kg

### Control system DX100

Controls up to 72 axes

Synchronised control of eight robots

Programming capacity 200,000 pos, 10,000 instructions and 15,000 PLC steps

40 input and 40 output signals (extendable to 2048/2048)

Dimensions 800x1000x650 mm

Weight 250 kg

### Other robot series

MA-series (arc welding)

MPL-series (palletizing)

ES-series (spot welding, general application)

MH and HP-series (general application)

MPK, MPP and MYS (picking and packing)

SIA (flexible single arm)

### Saving time and money

DX100 offers improved user friendliness and system economy.

Robots conserve power during idle time, providing up to 25% in energy savings, and the new features of the programming pendant reduces the need for separate equipment and thus the overall cost. Communication with business networks have been made easier, making it possible e.g. for robot technicians to supervise robots located elsewhere.







18. The FS100 features an open software architecture which enables users to develop customised solutions. It also uses the same programming pendant as DX100.



19. The MPK2's compact, slim arm design with internal cables allows reach into confined spaces.

## FS100 with Picking & Packing robots

### MOTOMAN-MPP3

Introduced in 2011

4 axes

Maximum workload 3 kg

Weight 115 kg

### Control system FS100

Controls up to 8 axes

Programming capacity 10,000 pos, 1,000 instructions  
and 1,500 PLC steps

28 inputs and 28 output signals (extendable to 1024/1024)

Dimensions 470x200x420 mm

Weight 20 kg

### Other robot series

MH and HP-series (general application)

MPK (picking and packing)

### Small, fast and open

Designed for packaging and small parts handling the FS100 has the performance required for high-speed operations. Its software architecture is open to enable machine builders and system integrators to develop their own customised solutions.

The streamlined and compact design requires little space for installation, thus saving valuable production space. As the FS100 uses the same teach-in programming as the high-performance DX100 controller, it is also possible to have both controller types in a production line without additional operator training.



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Our aim is to focus on our core business of industrial robots. At the same time, we also intend to create a market for robots that are easier to use and that function in domains more closely involved with people. The key words that inspire these new robot markets are: Co-existence with people, close proximity to people, and assistance for people.

