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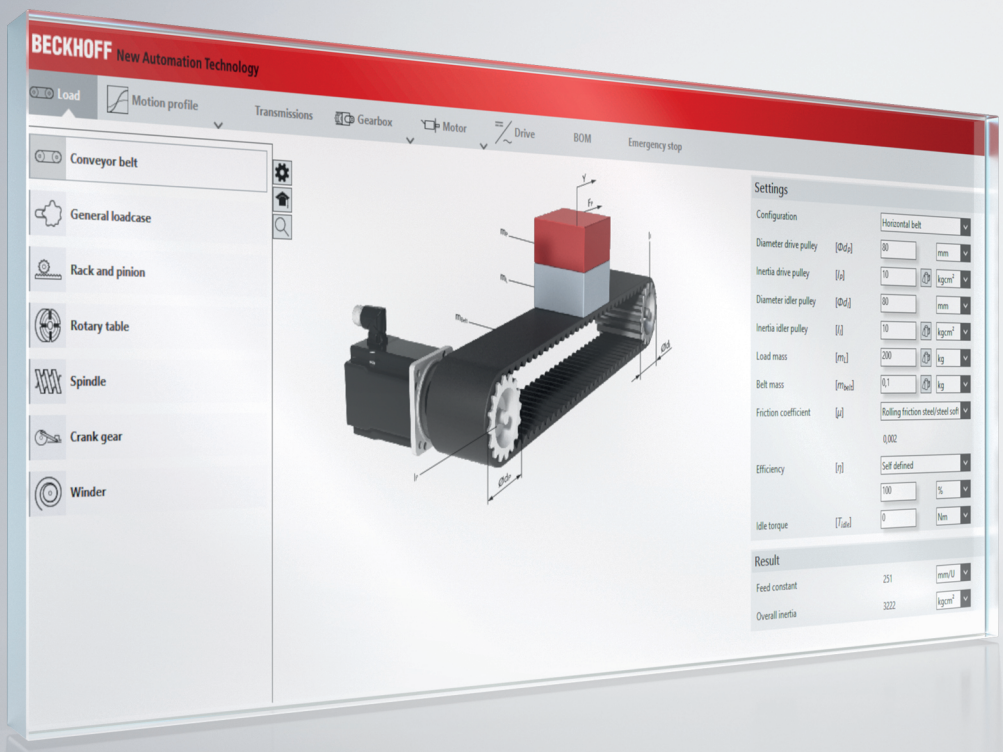

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1 Foreword

1.1 Notes on the documentation

This description is only intended for the use of trained specialists in control and automation engineering who are familiar with the applicable national standards.
It is essential that the documentation and the following notes and explanations are followed when installing and commissioning the components.
It is the duty of the technical personnel to use the documentation published at the respective time of each installation and commissioning.

The responsible staff must ensure that the application or use of the products described satisfy all the requirements for safety, including all the relevant laws, regulations, guidelines and standards.

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1.0	First edition
0.1	Internal version

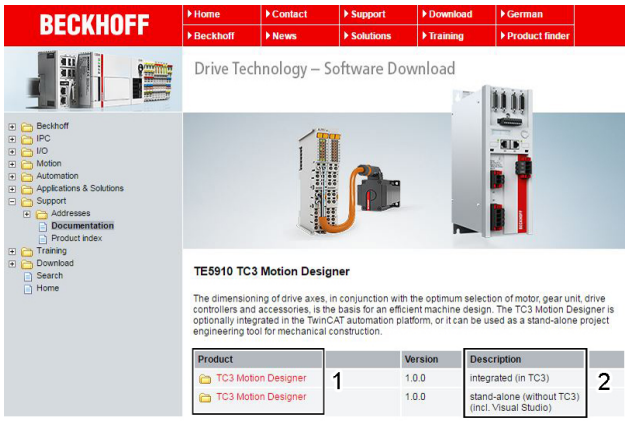
1.3 System requirements

Before installing or using TC3 Motion Designer from Beckhoff, ensure that your computer meets the minimum system requirements for this software product.

Computer component	System requirement
End device and processor	1 GHz or faster
Main memory	1 GB RAM (1.5 GB RAM for execution on a virtual machine)
Hard disk	4 GB freely available memory space on the hard disk Hard disk drive with 5,400 rpm
Screen	All common screen resolutions
Graphics card	DirectX9-compatible graphics card with a resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels or higher
Operating system	Microsoft Windows 7 or higher
Microsoft Visual Studio version	Full installation with Microsoft Visual Studio Shell 2010 Update versions with Microsoft Visual Studio Shell 2012 or 2013
Others	---

2 Installation and getting started

2.1 Downloading TC3 Motion Designer



To download the TC3 Motion Designer proceed as follows:

- Open the Beckhoff website (http://www.beckhoff.de)
- Open the *"Motion"* section
- Open the *"Software"* section
  - Click on the folder: "*TC3 Motion Designer*"
  - A download area opens
- Click on the required file (1)
  - The download cart opens
  - Click on: "*Start download*".

Download options (2)

Version	Description
TC3 Motion Designer (update) – version 1.1.0	The update integrates into an existing Visual Studio Shell environment.
TC3 Motion Designer (full installation) – version 1.1.0	In addition, the full installation includes a Visual Studio Shell 2010.

2.2 Installing TC3 Motion Designer

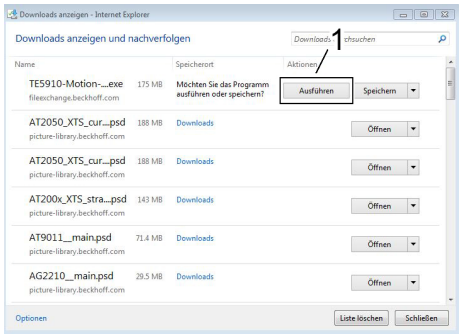
Installation process

Download the installation file ("Downloading the TC3 Motion Designer") [▶ 7] from the Beckhoff website (www.beckhoff.de).

Start the installation process by double-clicking on the downloaded setup file (can be found in your download folder).

A new menu window opens (see screenshot below).

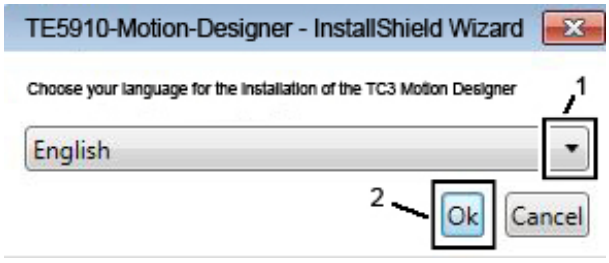
- Click on "*Run*" (1).



Target language of the installation

Now select the target language for the installation program in the menu window (see screenshot below).

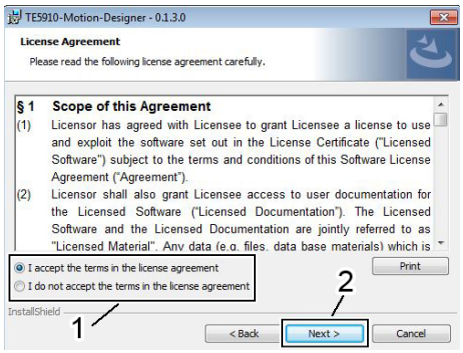
- Click on the language menu (1).
  A list of all available languages appears.
- Select your target language.
- Confirm with OK (2).



Agreeing to the license agreement

In the next menu window, you have to agree to the license terms of Beckhoff Automation GmbH & Co. KG.

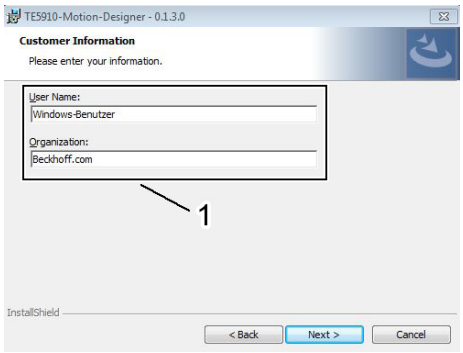
- Accept the license agreement by ticking the check box (1).
- Confirm with OK (2).



Entering the user information

To install the software, you need to provide your user information (see screenshot on the left).

- Enter the required data (1).
- Confirm your entries by pressing the Next button.



Printing the license agreement!

If required, click the "*Print*" button to print the license agreement from Beckhoff Automation GmbH & Co. KG for the TC3 Motion Designer.

Creating your user information!

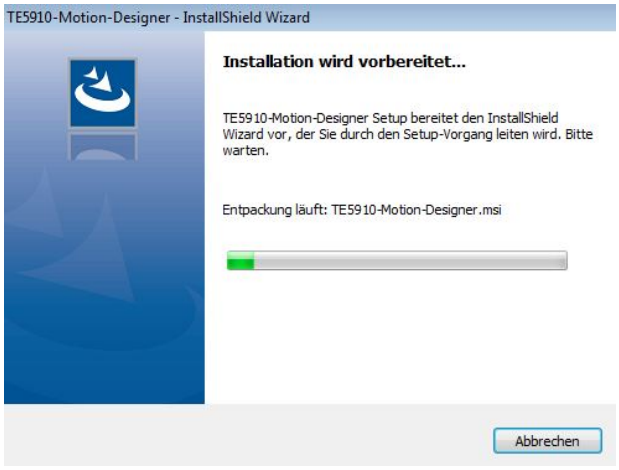
In order to keep your administrative effort to a minimum, we recommend using your computer name as your user name. It can be found in the Control Panel → System.

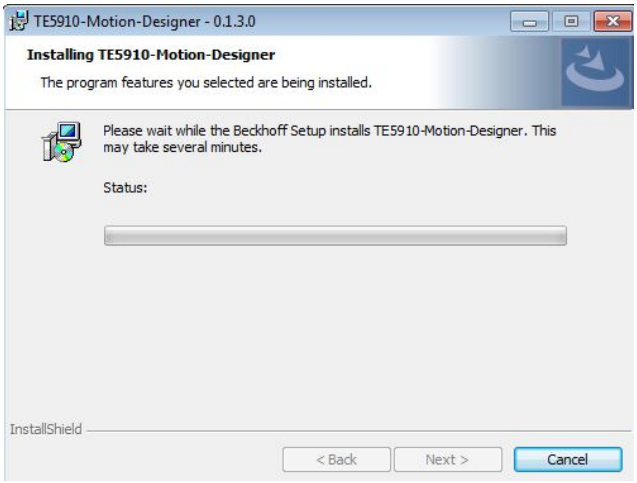
Preparing for the installation and the installation process

Once the user information has been confirmed, the TC3 Motion Designer setup program starts preparing the installation.

The green progress bar shows the progress of the preparation. Once the progress bar has reached 100%, the installation commences.

TC3 Motion Designer is now installed on your computer.
The green progress bar shows the progress of the installation process. Once the progress bar has reached 100 %, the installation of TC3 Motion Designer is complete.

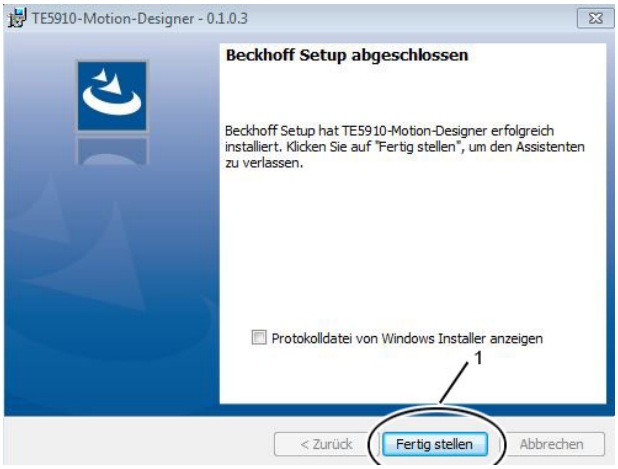




Canceling the installation process!

The installation process can be canceled at any time by pressing the Cancel button. To repeat the installation proceed as described above.

Completing the installation process



Press the Finish button (1).

TC3 Motion Designer was successfully installed on your PC.

2.3 Creating a new project

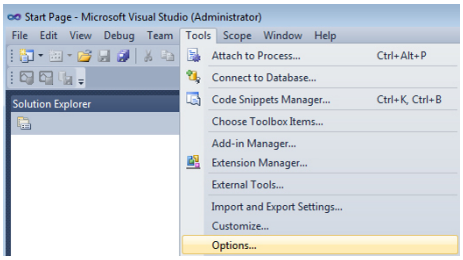
This section explains how to create a new TC3 Motion Designer project.

Open Microsoft Visual Studio via the Windows Start menu.

Specifying the basic settings

First, specify the basic settings for your TC3 Motion Designer project. Basic settings consist of fixed user information, which later appears in your report [▶ 42]. The settings can be edited at any time.

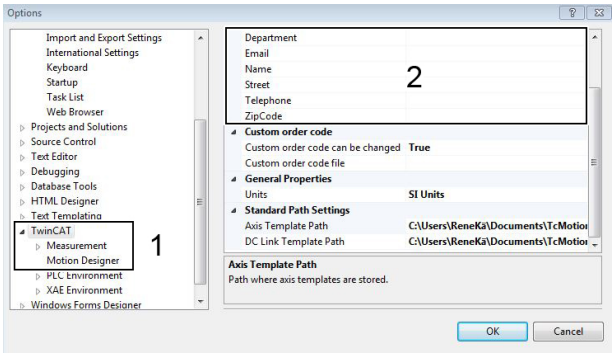
- Open the "*Tools*" menu in your Microsoft Visual Studio environment.
- A further menu window opens. Click on "*Options*".



In the "*Options*" menu window, left column, click on TwinCAT → Motion → Motion Designer (1; shown in blue).

In the input window (2) you can now specify your basic settings.

- Confirm your selection with OK.



Microsoft Visual Studio version from 2013!

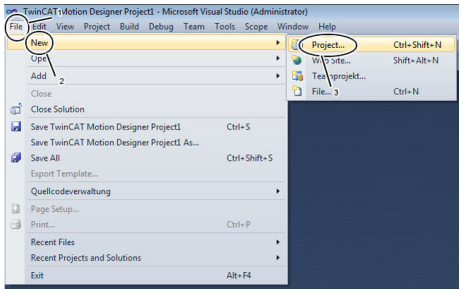
@@From version 2013, the "*Tools*" menu in the Visual Studio environment is replaced by the "*Extras*" menu!

Creating a new project

Open the "*File*" menu in your Microsoft Visual Studio environment (1).

- Click "*New*" (2).
  A new menu window opens.
- Click "*Project*" (3).

Note: After creating a new project, a context menu appears for Creating a new DC link [▶ 13].



Entering the project information

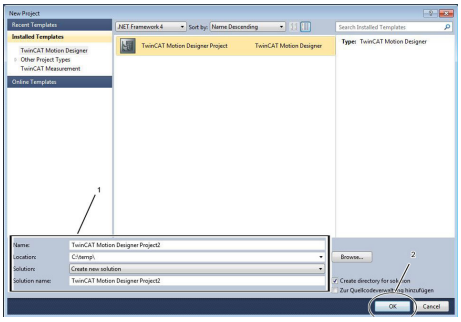
Now assign a project name and the default path in the menu window (1) "*New project*".

To set the default path:

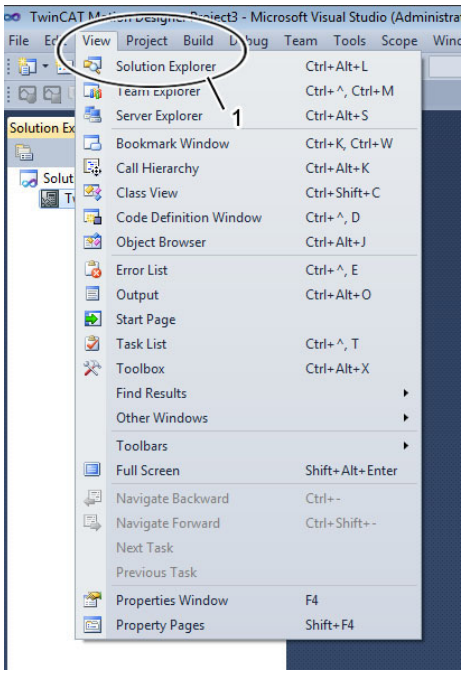
- Click on "*Browse…*"
- Create a destination folder for your TC Motion Designer projects.

The standard path you created (C:\temp, for example) is saved for future projects.

- **To apply the project information:**
- Confirm with OK (2).

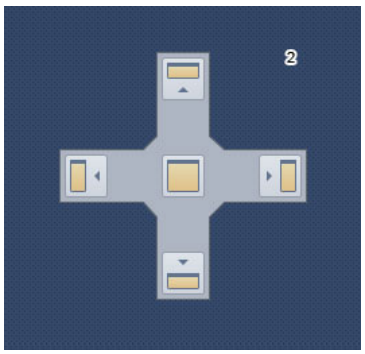


Opening the Solution Explorer



If the Solution Explorer does not appear automatically in the user interface once you have created your project, call it up via the "*View*" menu item (1).

You can adapt the Solution Explorer to your personal user interface. To do this, press and hold the yellow-colored bar with the left mouse button. A cross-shaped image appears (2). You can now pin the Solution Explorer to the desired location in your interface.



View in Solution Explorer

Once you have created your project, the TC3 Motion Designer project is displayed in the Solution Explorer.

Create a DC link in the next step.

2.3.1 Saving a file

This section explains how to save an exported file in the Visual Studio environment. This provides a mechanism for making projects that have already been processed available in other current projects.

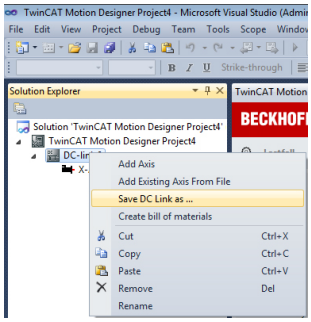
In this chapter, you will learn how to export individual axes or DC links, so that you can use them again in future projects.

Saving a DC link and an axis

TC3 Motion Designer has an option for saving your DC links and axis projects.

Saving DC link:

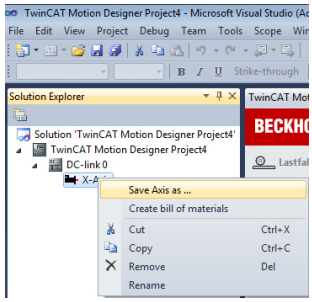
- Enable the DC link
  (left-click on DC link, blue color).
- Right-click on the selected DC link.
  A further menu window opens.
- In the menu window click on:
  "Save *DC link as…"* (highlighted in yellow).



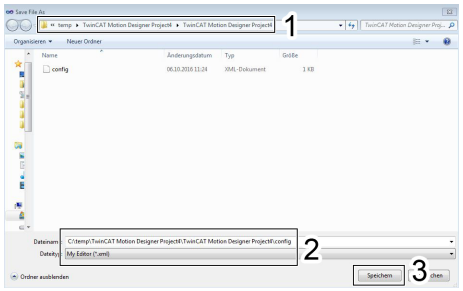
Saving an axis:

- Enable the axis
  (Left click on the newly created axis in the Solution Explorer [▶ 9]; blue color).
- Right-click on the selected axis. A further menu window opens.
- In the menu window click on:
  "*Save Axis as…*" (highlighted in yellow).

A saved axis can also be imported into other configurations.



Specifying the storage location



After left-clicking on: "*Save DC link / axis as…"*, a new menu window opens.

- Enter a storage location and a name (2).

Make sure the selected storage formats have the following extensions:

- .TcDcLink (for DC links)
- .TcAxis (for axes)

Once a name and storage location has been specified (2), confirm your selection with the *"Save" button* (3).

The DC links or axes you saved can be found under:

- temp → TwinCATMotionDesignerProjects (1).

You have successfully saved a file.

2.3.2 Opening a saved file

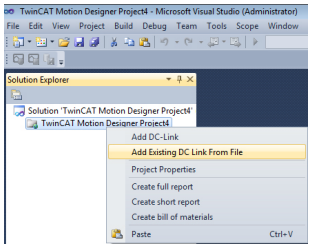
This section explains how to open a saved file in the Visual Studio environment.

Opening a DC link and an axis

TC3 Motion Designer has an option for opening saved DC link and axis projects. Once the selected file has been opened, you can edit your configuration.

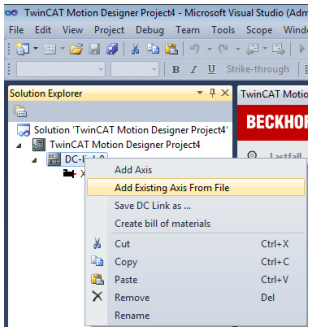
Open DC link:

- Enable your TC3 Motion Designer project (Left-click; blue color).
- Right-click on the selected project. A further menu window opens.
- In the menu window click on: “*Add Existing DC Link From File*” (yellow color).

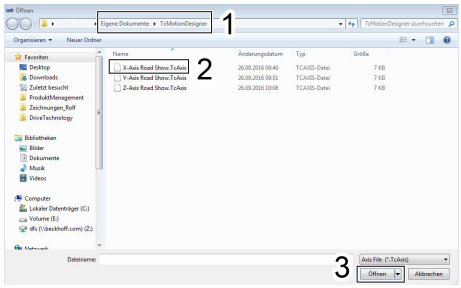


Open axis:

- Enable the DC link you created (Left-click; blue color).
- Right-click on the selected DC link. A further menu window opens.
- In the menu window click on: “*Add Existing Axis From File*” (yellow color).



Opening a DC link or an axis



- Left-click on: *“Add Existing DC Link / Axis From File”.* A new menu window opens.
- Select your DC link (.TcDcLink) or your axis (.TcAxis) (2).
- Confirm your selection with the *"Open"* button (3).

The DC links or axes you created can be found under:

- Settings → TC3 Motion Designer (1).

You have successfully opened a saved file.

2.4 Creating a DC link

The DC link concept has the advantage that in multi-axis systems the drives can be coupled in the DC link, so that they can exchange energy.
Using this approach you can determine:

- the required feed-in power and
- any braking power that may be present in the DC link network.

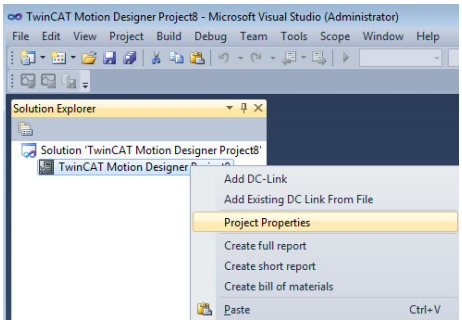
@@Subsequently, the synonym "*DC link*" will be used.

Specifying the project properties

Before you can add a DC link, you have to specify your project properties. The project properties are specific data referring to the project you created. This data is applied to your report. Creating a report [▶ 42].

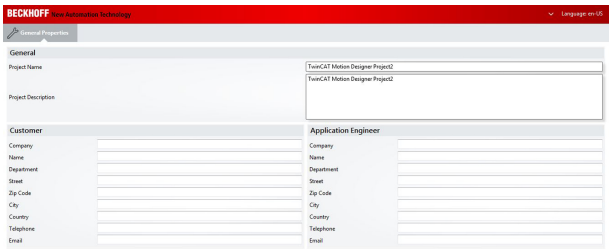
Procedure

- Right-click on your project.
  A further menu window opens.
- Left-click on "*Project Properties*".
- Complete the information fields



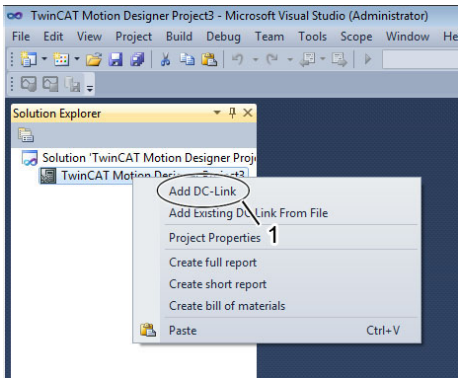
Note:

You do not have to save the inputs separately. Any information you add is automatically saved when you exit the input window.



Adding a DC link

- In the Solution Explorer right-click on the newly created TC3 Motion Designer project.
  A new menu window opens.
- Click on "*Add DC Link*" (1)



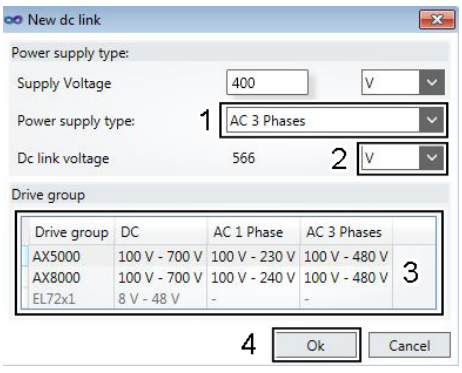
Entering the DC link settings

Supply (1):
Here you can choose between 1- or 3-phase alternating voltage or a direct voltage (DC) power supply (only for servo terminal EL72x1) for your supply network.

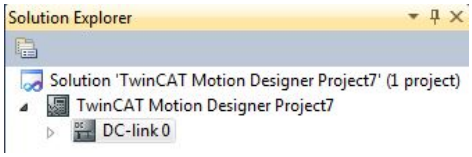
Supply voltage:
In the selection menu (2) you can set the unit for the supply voltage. Possible units are V, mV or kV.

Product group (3):
Here you can choose between the servo drives of the AX5000 and AX8000 series and the EL72x1 servo terminal (only possible if a direct voltage (DC) power supply was selected).

Confirm your DC link settings with OK (4).



View in Solution Explorer



Once you have created your DC link, it is displayed in the Solution Explorer.

Creating another DC link

To add a further DC link, repeat the above steps. The voltage set for each created DC link is constant and can no longer be changed subsequently.

Notes regarding the supply voltage!

Information regarding permitted supply voltages can be found in the technical data for the AX5000 and AX8000 servo drives and the EL72x1 servo terminal. For technical data please refer to the system manuals and other documentation. These can be found on the Beckhoff website at: www.beckhoff.com.

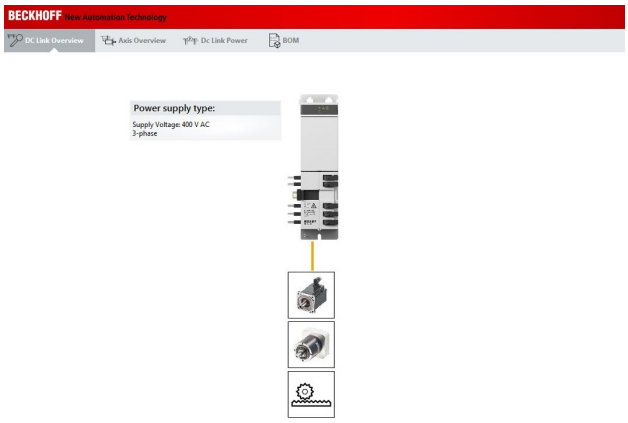
3 User interface of the DC link

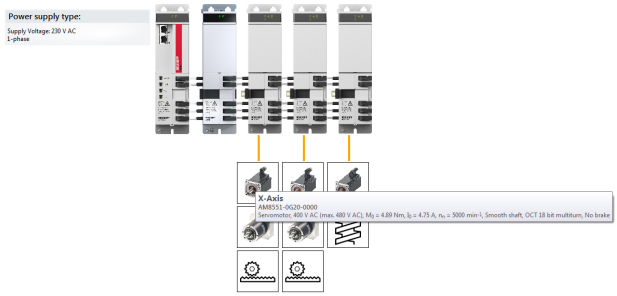
This chapter explains the user interface for the DC link.

DC link overview

This menu item provides an overview of all the components created in your application, including a description of the supply. This overview is only populated once you have dimensioned your axes and configured the load cases.

For further information on the components of your DC link, move your cursor over the images under your supply or capacitor module. If the information does not appear immediately, move the cursor over the images again and leave it there for a while.

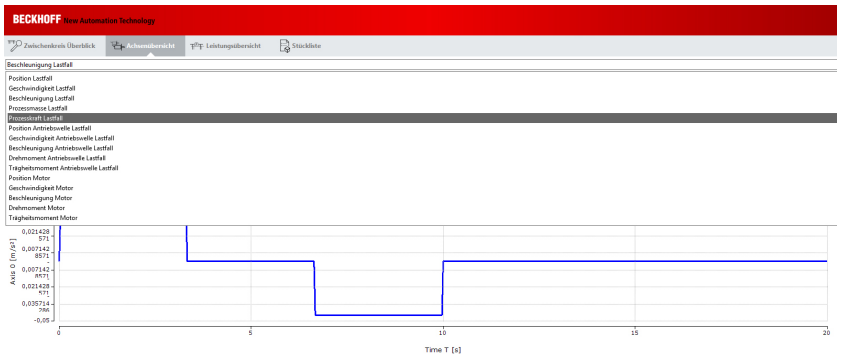




Axis overview

This overview shows all the available application values (e.g. position of your load case or speed of the used motors) in a coordinate system. The application values must first be selected in the pull-down menu.

The graphs show the time dependency of all application values and the motors used in a common time base.



Selecting the application values:

The TC3 Motion Designer offers a wide range of selectable application values. Please check the applicable application values, based on your processing steps, and depending on the application.

Performance overview

If your configuration is faulty (e.g. due to incorrectly dimensioned components), the TC3 Motion Designer reports an error.

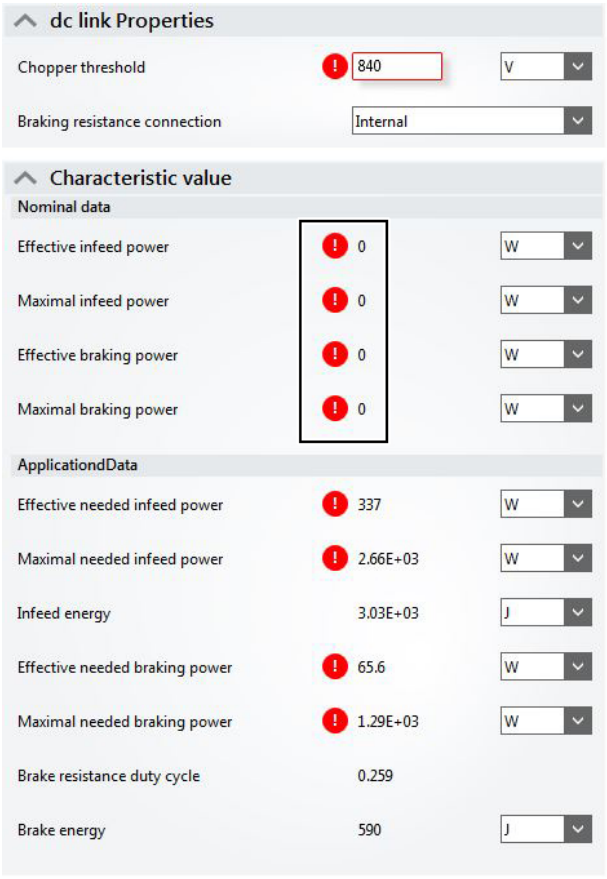
This is shown as a red circle with a white exclamation mark.

To see a short description of the error, put the cursor for a longer period of time over the red circle. An information box appears.

Reference for the nominal and application values:

- The nominal values refer to the DC link configuration.
- The application values refer to all axes that were created in the DC link.

The characteristic values are calculated automatically. All components added to the DC link serve as basis.

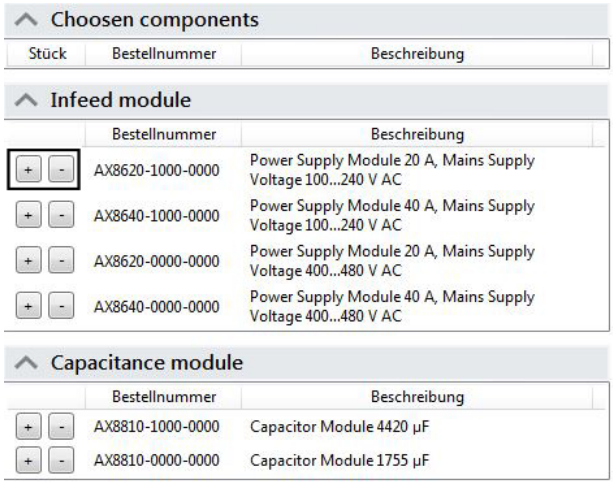


Operating elements for adding and removing

Use the + or - buttons to add components to your DC link or remove components (e.g. in the event of incorrect selection or configuration).

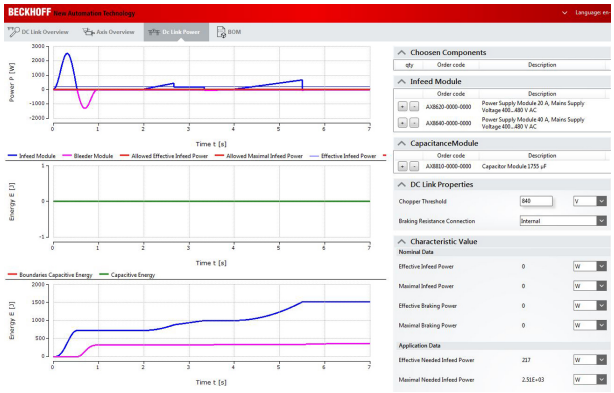
When is it necessary to remove / add components?

- In case of an error message
- In case of incorrect dimensioning (brake resistor too high)
- Incorrect component selection (different supply module etc. is required).



Performance view

These performance data are then graphically displayed in the performance view. The current values and application values are displayed. In this way, all settings can be visualized and double-checked.

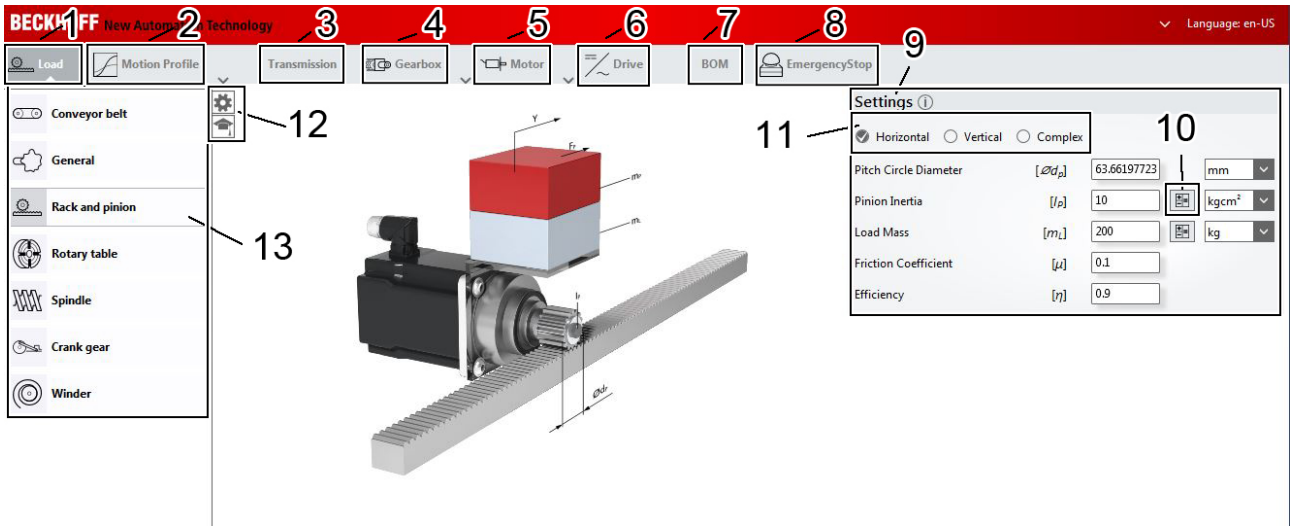


View of the added components:

When you have dimensioned your DC link,
all existing components are listed. The order code along with a short description of the performance data is displayed.

4 Axis user interface

This section explains the user interface for the axis configuration.



Once you have created a DC link, an axis is simultaneously created in the Solution Explorer. Double-click on the axis to open the user interface for the axis configuration.

TC3 Motion Designer loading duration!

When you activate TC3 Motion Designer by double-clicking on the axis, Microsoft Visual Studio starts TC3 Motion Designer in the background. This process can take a few seconds. Please avoid repeated double-clicking on the axis. Repeat the process, if the user interface fails to appears after a while.

The TC3 Motion Designer user interface consists of the following sections:

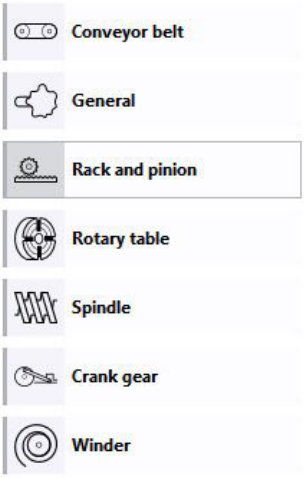
Number	Explanation
1	Selecting the application load case
2	Creating a motion profile
3	Selecting the transmission elements
4	Selecting the gear unit
5	Selection the motor
6	Selecting the servo drive
7	Viewing the bill of materials for the application with all components
8	Entering the emergency stop torque
9	Settings
10	Inertia and mass calculator
11	Installation position for the selected load case
12	Selecting the views (large view and section view)
13	Selection options for the different menu items

All menu items are explicitly described in the following sections.

4.1 Load cases

This section provides basic information about the load cases available for selection in TC3 Motion Designer. The different mechanical systems used in a machine require various data for calculating torques, speeds and loads. TC3 Motion Designer offers different load cases for visualizing this information.

Overview of load cases



TC3 Motion Designer enables calculation of 7 different load cases.

Select the load case that matches the requirements for your application.

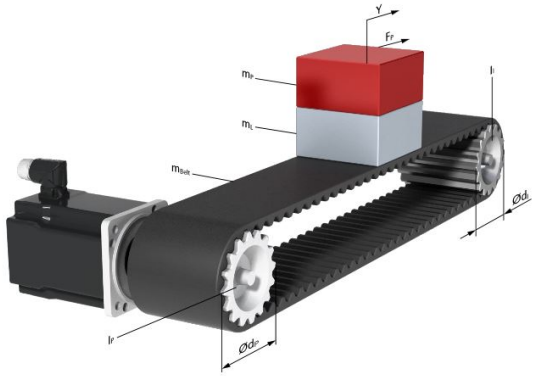
You are currently on the first tab of the progress bar. The activated tabs are highlighted in grey and show the icon for the respective configuration step. A more detailed description can be found in chapter: “The progress bar”. [▶ 40] The individual load cases are described in more detail below.

Load case 1: Conveyor belt

The conveyor belt load case enables calculation of a range of drive configurations, from simple toothed belt drives to complex belt drives with tension roller and weight compensation.

This load case has low to medium requirements in terms of accuracy.

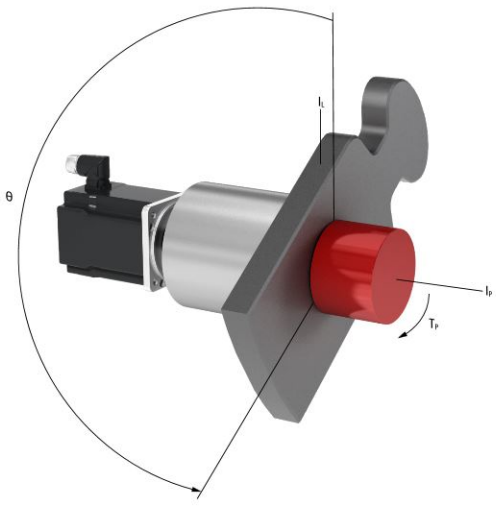
Usually a gear unit is used.



Load case 2: General

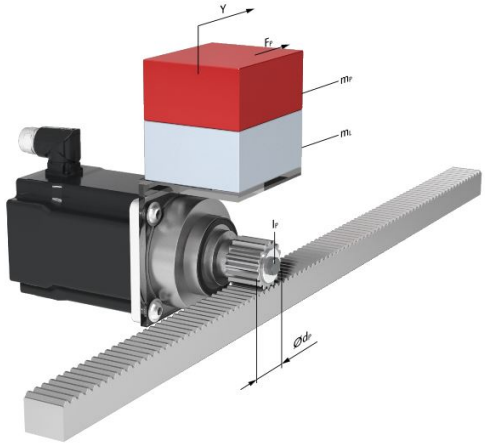
This load case covers all cases that are not specified in more detail. The only parameter to be specified is the driven mass inertia.

The settings areas for the general load case are the same as for the more detailed specifications and have no special characteristics.



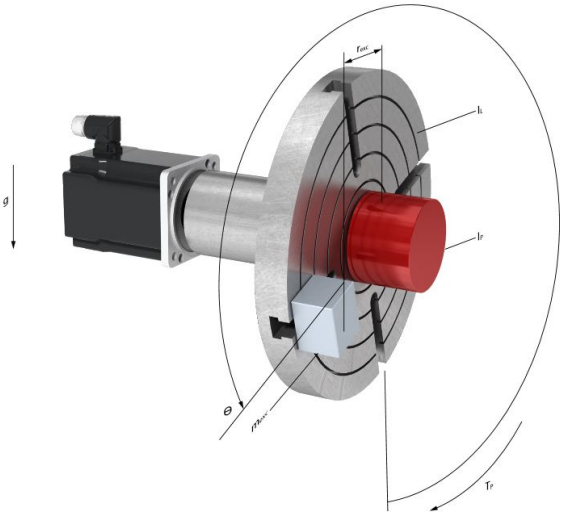
Load case 3: Pinion rack

This load case relates to exacting applications with high precision requirements. Usually a high-quality gear unit with reinforced bearings is used, in order to be able to cope with high radial forces.



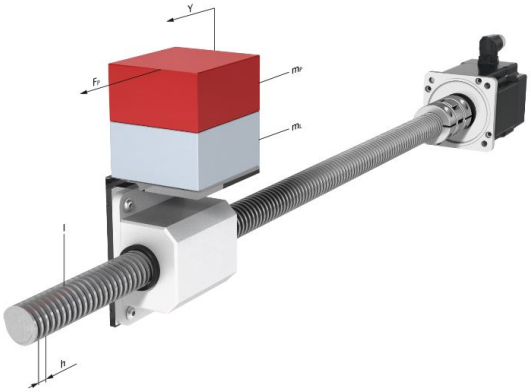
Load case 4: Rotary indexing table

The rotary indexing table is also referred to as rotary table or rotary switching table. The advantage of servo drives is flexible and easily adaptable graduation. A-centric masses are also taken into account.



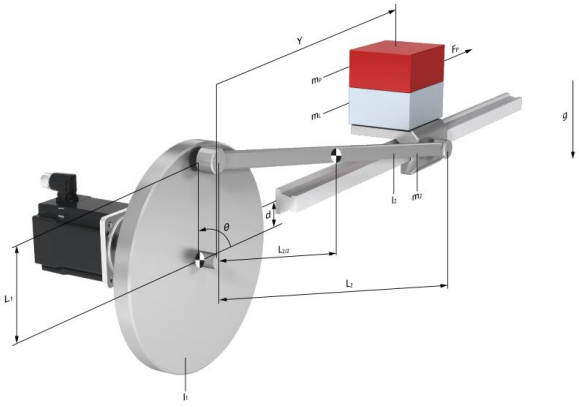
Load case 5: Spindle drive

This load case is used for medium to high-precision linear movements. The motor is usually coupled directly to the spindle.

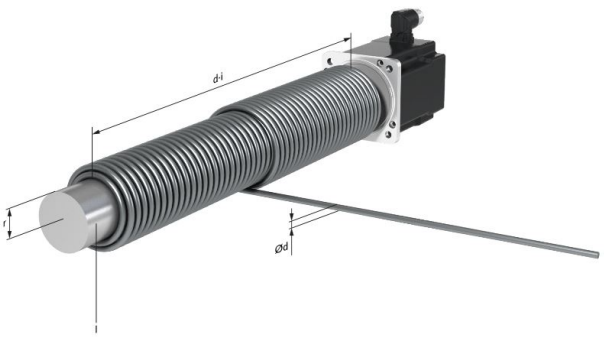


Load case 6: Crank drive

This load case is characterized by complex mechanics, which directly transform the rotary movements of the motor into a linear motion.



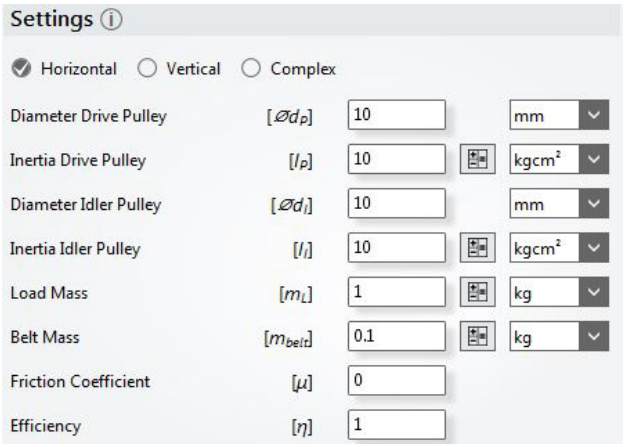
Load case 7: winder



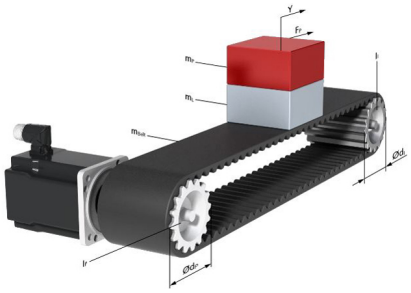
This load case enables calculation of winding processes with single-layer media (e.g. paper rolls) or with several windings per layer (e.g. cable winch). The input coordinate is either the axis position or the length of the material.

4.1.1 Settings

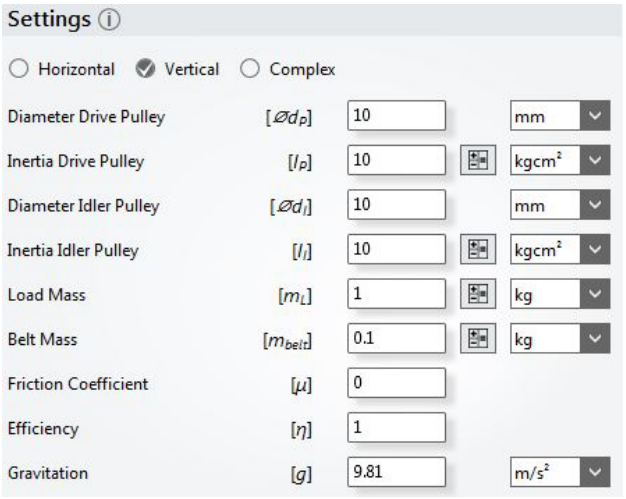
Horizontal



This settings area is set as standard in TC3 Motion Designer. For the selected load case the horizontal installation position is shown first.

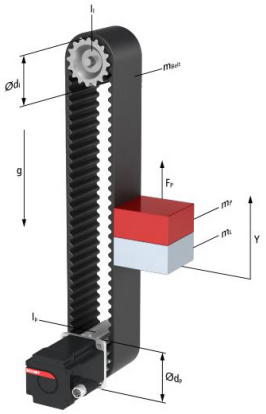


Vertical

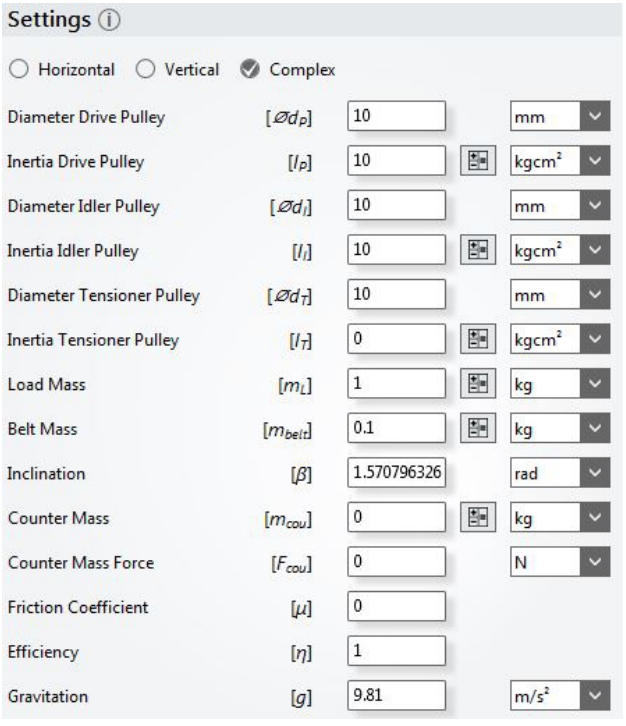


The vertical installation position also takes into account the gravitational constant.

This default value for this parameter is 9.81 m/s².



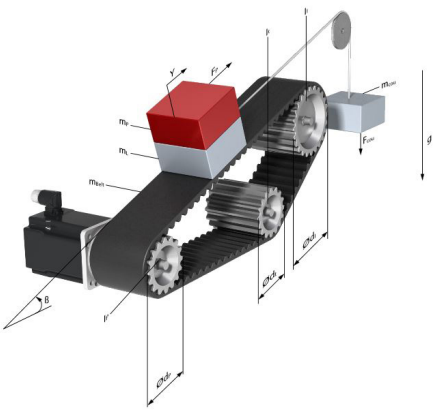
Complex



Compared with the horizontal and vertical installation positions, in addition to the gravitational constant the complex installation position can also take into account counterweights, counterweight forces and inclination angles.

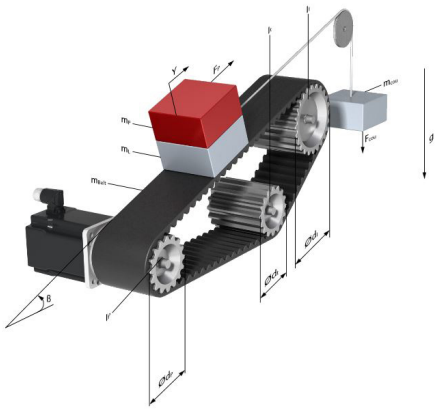
For all installation positions the input values can also be described as formulas, which are automatically applied to the settings areas as decimal numbers.

A more detailed description of the formula editor can be found on the next page.

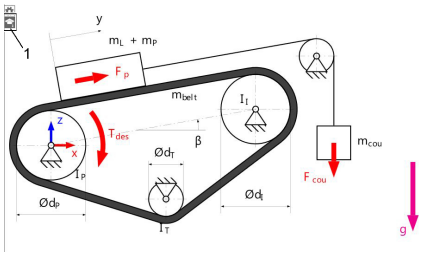


Scientific view in the settings area

TC3 Motion Designer offers the option to select different load case views in the user interface.



This is the default view in TC3 Motion Designer. It shows a photo-realistic diagram of the selected load case, including all required dimensions.



Press the button (1) to switch to a scientific diagram. This diagram includes all released forces and moments.

Application of formulas in the settings area

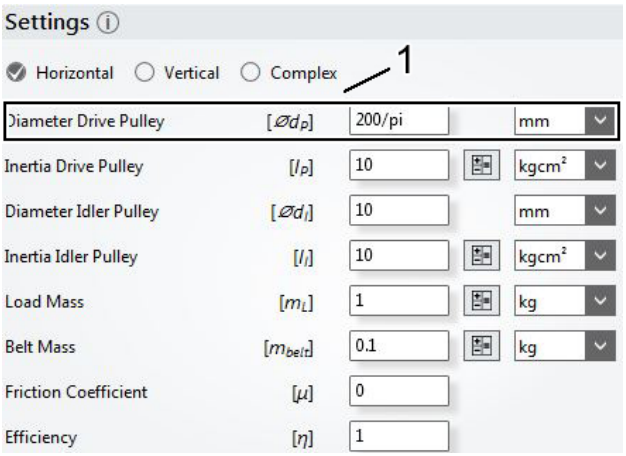
TC3 Motion Designer offers the option to enter formulas for configuring a load case directly in the settings area.

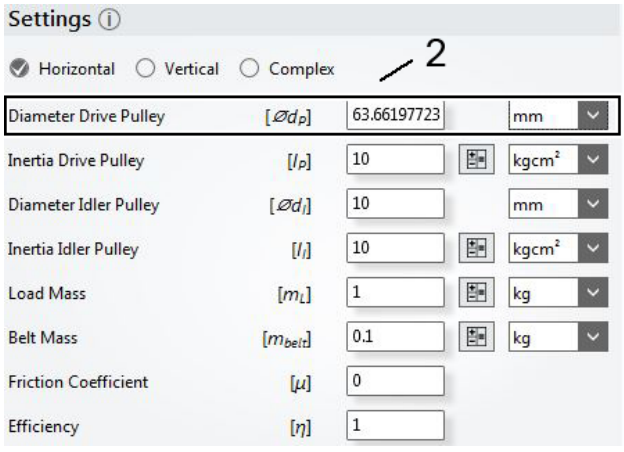
If the circumference of a basic body is given instead of the diameter (1), for example, it can be calculated with the

Formula:

200 / pi

The TC3 Motion Designer now calculates the diameter using the formula. It is represented as a decimal number (2).

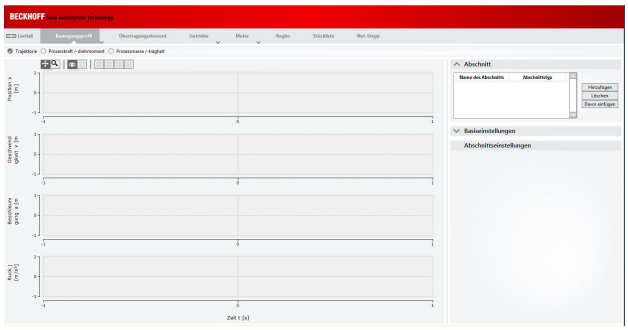




A formula table can be found in chapter: "Formula table" [▶ 46]

4.2 Motion profile

This section provides basic information on the motion profile for a load case.



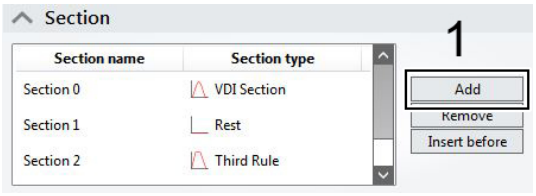
Once a load case has been selected and specified, a motion profile can be created based on sections.

The motion profile illustrates curves along different points. The profiles are specified and evaluated based on certain rules.

Currently, only stop-to-stop movements are considered.

Step 1

Adding a section

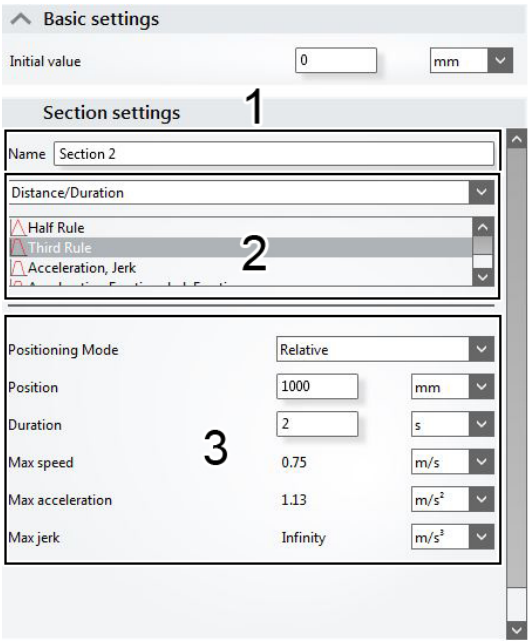


To create a profile, you first have to create a section.

- Open the settings area (1)
  (Left-click on "*Add*")

Specifying the section

In the settings area you can now specify a section.



- Enter a name (1) for your section.
- Select the motion profile (2) for your section.
- Enter information on the positioning mode, position and duration of the section (3).
- Confirm your entries with OK.

You have successfully specified your section.

Creating several sections!

You can create any number of sections within a motion profile. The sections may have different distances/durations. To create a new section, repeat the procedure from step 1.

Step 2

Display of motion profiles (trajectory)

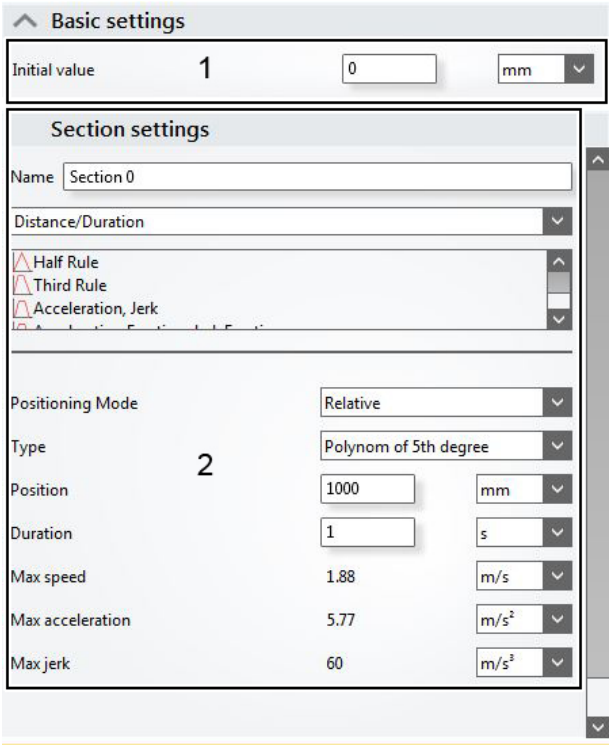
Once you have specified your section, the corresponding profile is displayed. The profile shown illustrates a trajectory.

The following process steps are shown:

- Position
- Velocity/speed
- Acceleration
- Jerk of the load case.

Further basic and section settings

The settings area can be found to the right of the process curves.



Under (1) enter:

- an initial value for your movement.

Under (2) enter:

- the positioning mode
- the position
- the duration
- the maximum acceleration
- the maximum deceleration
- the jerk of the load case

The setting options are described specific in step 1: "*Specifying the section*".

Selecting the units!

All units used in the settings area can be changed via pull-down menus (to the right of the input fields). When a unit is changed, the result is shown in the new unit.

Displaying the motion coordinate for the load case!

The motion coordinate and the 0 position are displayed in the motion profile for the load case.

Step 3

If additional or modified process forces occur during the motion (e.g. the cutting force of a milling head), or if the process mass changes (e.g. the transported workpiece is removed from the tool carriage), this change can be reflected in the views. The changes are not tied to the motion sections. The input is time-dependent, which means that additional time sections have to be added.

Selecting views

In addition to the trajectory view, TC3 Motion Designer offers two further views, which are described in more detail below.

You can select the view in the selection bar (1).

Viewing the process sequences

Under the Process force and torque tab you can define modified forces or torques.

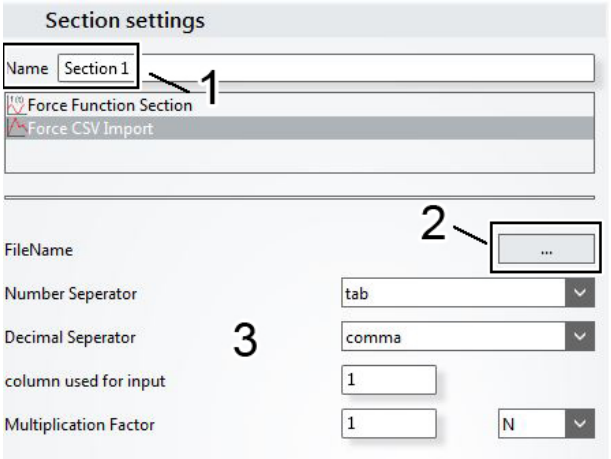
In addition, you can create several sections via the section settings.

You can switch the view under the view tabs Process mass and Inertia.

The following process steps are shown:

- Position,
- Velocity/speed,
- Acceleration of the defined motion,
- Process force,
- Process mass and
- Inertia

Import CSV:



A variable force can be imported as a CSV file.

- Assign a section name (1).
- Open the CSV import menu.
  (Left-click on button 2)
- Select your CSV file.
- Confirm with OK.

The settings from your CSV file are shown in the menu (3).

Note:

All data can also be supplied manually, if no CSV file is available.

Configuration example for a CSV import!

Chapter 4.2.1: "Importing a CSV file [▶ 25]" illustrates a concrete example of importing a CSV file in your TC3 Motion Designer project. The example is based on version V1.1.0 of the TC3 Motion Designer and Microsoft Visual Studio Shell 2010.

4.2.1 Importing a CSV file (configuration example)

This chapter illustrates the import of a CSV file. The individual sections build on each other and should be followed sequentially! In addition, please note that it is only a sample configuration. Real projects may differ.

What is a CSV file?

A CSV file is used in the TC Motion Designer to import a simple data structure (table in Microsoft Excel, characteristic values from a database) into an existing project. A prerequisite is that a project has already been created in the Solution Explorer, and a DC link has also been created.

Our example is an actual customer project of Beckhoff Automation GmbH & Co. KG, in which a label application process has been implemented.

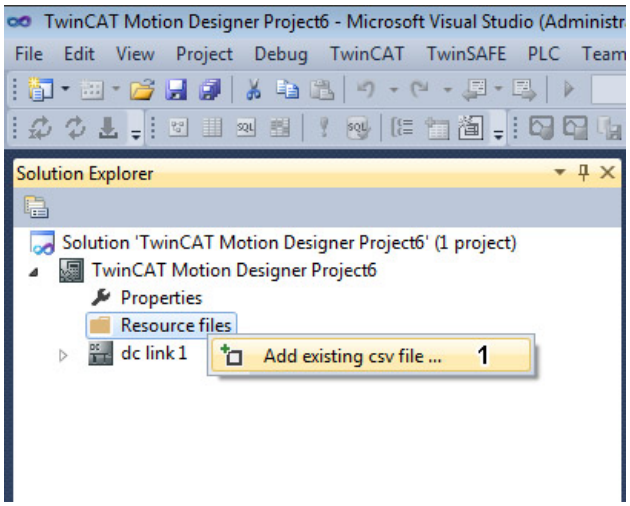
The following must be observed:

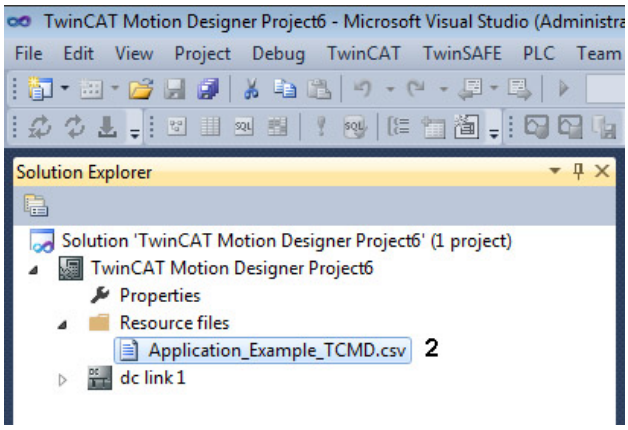
- The first column specifies the time in seconds. Several data, e.g. velocity/speed → column 1, process mass → column 2, process force → column 3 can be added.
- The decimal separator (, or .) and number separator (tab, semicolon, etc.) can be selected as required.

Adding the CSV file in the TC Motion Designer project (under MS Visual Studio)

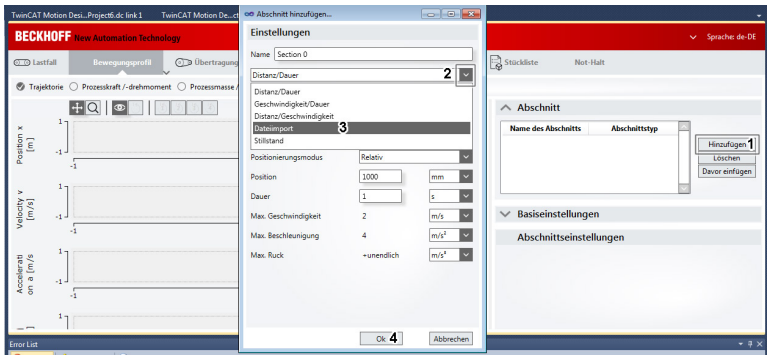
- Right-click on "*Resource files*".
- A new menu window opens.
- Left-click on "*Add existing file"* (1).

The CSV file *"Application_Example_TCMD"* (2) was successfully added to the Solution Explorer.
It can be opened by double-clicking with the left mouse button.





Preparing the CSV file for import into the motion profile



Next, add a new movement section:

- Click Add (1) in the motion profile.
- A new menu window opens.
- In the pull-down menu (2) select the tab *"File import"* (3).
- Confirm your selection with OK (4).

Further information on creating a motion section!

For further information on creating and specifying a section please refer to chapter: 4.2: “Motion profile [▶ 22]”.

Importing and specifying the CSV file in the section settings

Please choose between the following import options:

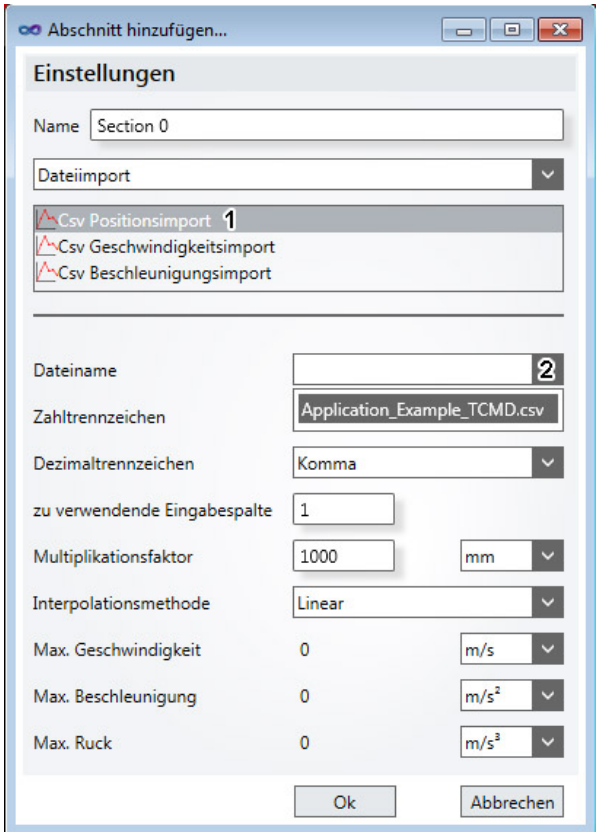
- position, velocity/speed or acceleration (1).

The difference is in the requirements for the processing process for your application.

- Enter a name for your section.

The next step is the file import:

- Left-click on the button "*File name*" (2).
- The CSV file is now available for import.
- Confirm with OK.



After successful import of the CSV file, edit the setting:

- "*Number separator*"

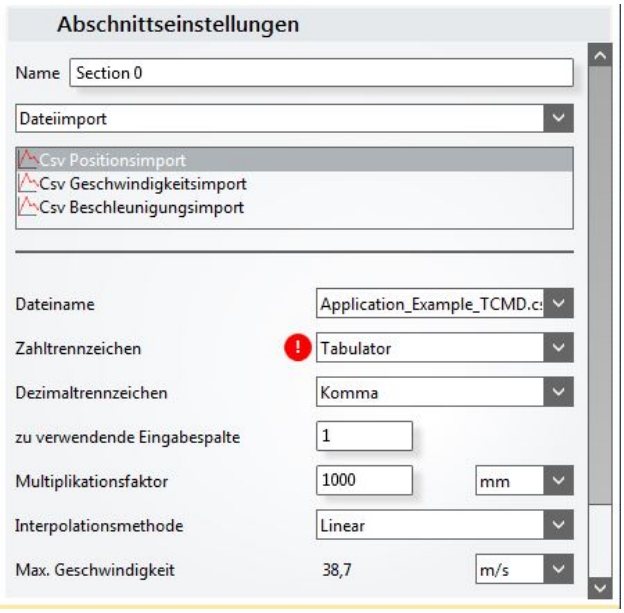
Select semicolon instead of tab. The error message should disappear after the setting was changed.

Note:

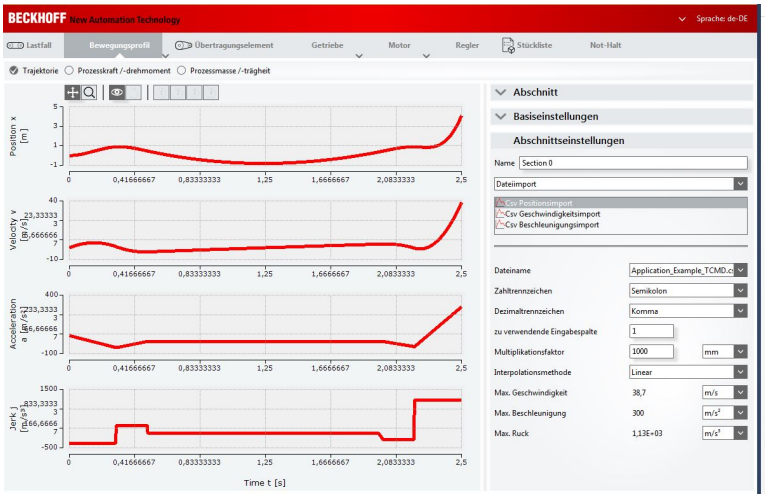
This selection is required because the format **C**omma **S**eparated **V**alues uses semicolons to separate the data fields.

The multiplication factor can take into account different units:

- e.g. speed in rpm



Overview of the imported CSV file as movement section

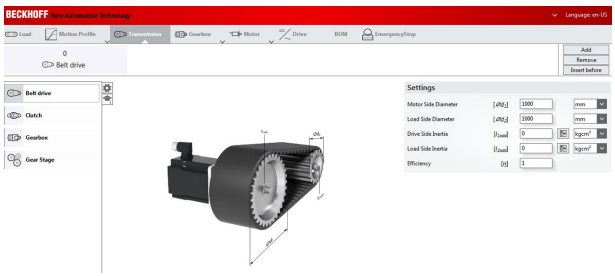


When all settings have been implemented, the imported CSV file and its characteristic values are displayed graphically.

You can customize the section settings according to the requirements of your application.

4.3 Transmission element

Gear units from Beckhoff Automation GmbH & Co. KG are specified in section: "Gear units".



Once you have created and specified a motion profile, you can select the transmission elements required for your application.
You can choose from the following elements:

- Belt drive
- Coupling
- Gear unit
- Gear rack

For information on how to add, remove or specify transmission elements see step 1 below.

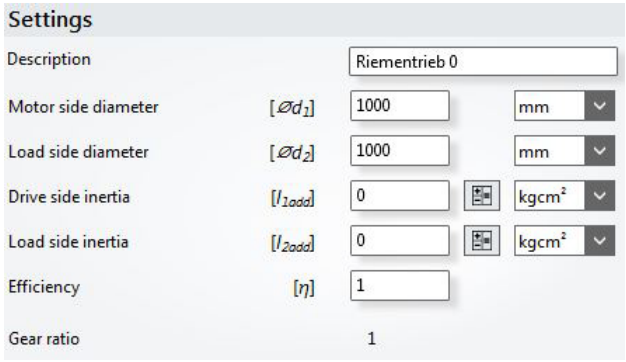
Step 1

Adding, removing or moving a transmission element

Once you have reached the Transmission element menu item, a belt drive with the name 0 is created automatically.

Depending on your, application you can select from four different transmission elements, as described above. In addition, you can add elements (1) (elements are numbered automatically) or remove elements.

Specifying the transmission element



Once all required transmission elements have been created, you can specify the settings in the next step.

In this example (belt drive) the following setting options are available:

- Diameter motor side
- Diameter load side
- Mass inertia motor side (including inertia calculator)
- Mass inertia load side (including inertia calculator)
- Efficiency

Deviations from the setting options!

Please note that the variables in the settings area may change, depending on the choice of transmission element. The setting options listed under step 1 "Specifying the transmission element" only refer to the belt drive transmission element.

4.4 Component selection

4.4.1 Manual selection

Pre-filtering of the components (gear unit and motor)

After pre-filtering, the TC3 Motion Designer suggests suitable motor and gear types.

The following component filtering options are available:

- Load:
  Select whether your component should have a maximum load of less than 100%.
  For motors, an additional option is available: "*mechanically compatible with the selected gear unit*".
- Manufacturer:
  Select your gear type and the size of the gear unit.

Special features of gear units:

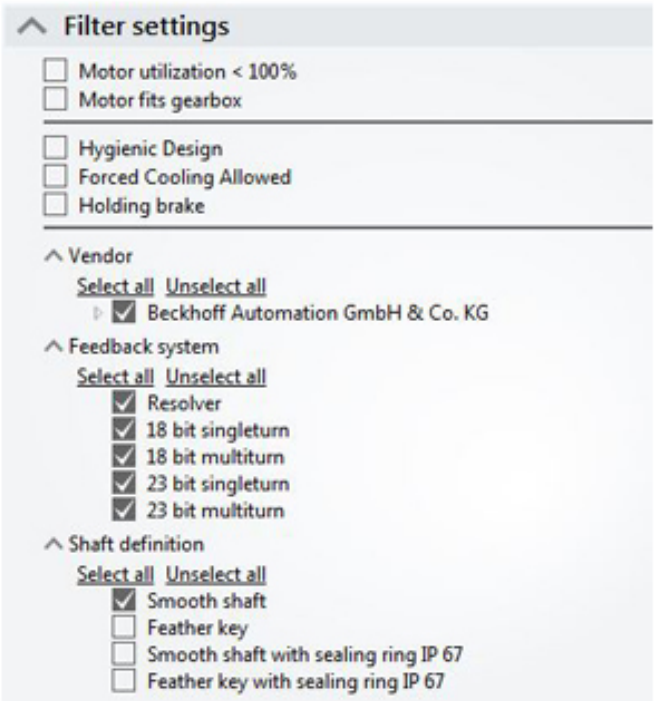
- Type:
  Choose between angular and planetary gear units.
- Gear stages / gear ratio:
  Choose the gear stages and the gear ratio.

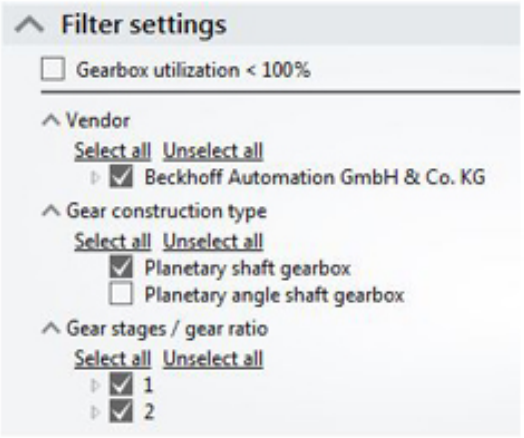
Special features of motors:

- Requirements:
  Choose between "hygiene-compliant", "fan permitted" and "with holding brake".
- Feedback system:
  Choose between 18 and 23 bit single/multi-turn or resolver
- Wave definition:
  Choose between smooth shaft (optionally with shaft sealing ring) or feather key (optionally with shaft sealing ring)

Note:

For a 480 V DC link, the following option appears in the settings area: "*Allow 400 V / 480 V Motors*".





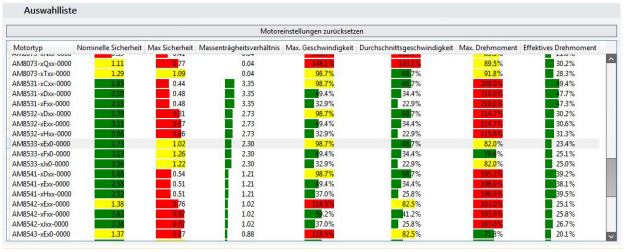
Selecting the components (gear unit and motor)

After pre-filtering, the available components are displayed in the selection list at the right of the user interface (see screenshot below). The selection list contains specific technical data for the available motors and gear units.

The green, yellow and red colors indicate the suitability of the components in relation to the previously selected motion profile. Only select components that are highlighted in yellow or green should be selected!

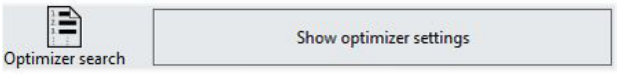
Preparing a data sheet:

- Right-click on the selected component.
  A new menu window opens.
- Left-click on: “*Create data sheet*”.



4.4.2 Optimizer

Pre-filtering the components (gear unit and motor) with the optimizer



After the optimization, the TC3 Motion Designer suggests suitable motor and gear types.

Activate optimizer:

- Then click on Show optimization settings. (image on the left).

You have successfully opened the settings window for the gear unit optimizer.

To use the optimizer settings, you must first enable them (1).

In the safety factor settings (2), you can select your desired nominal safety, as well as the maximum safety of the components.

The gear filter (3) offers choices for the manufacturer and the gear type (see Manual selection [▶ 28]). Activate your selection by left-clicking in the box.

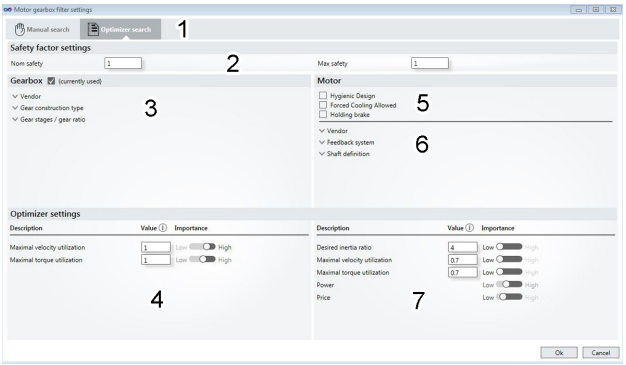
Under the motor settings (5) first select whether the motor is subject to hygiene legislation and whether it should have a fan or a holding brake.

In step (6) you now define:

- Manufacturer
- Feedback system and
- Wave definition

Once you have specified your motor, you can enter the optimizer settings (4):

- Speed and torque load of the transmission
- Priority of the above setting
  The criteria in the selection list are weighted based on these priorities.



Finally, under step (7) you define:

- Mass inertia ratio
- Maximum speed and torque load
- Performance and price of your motor.
- Specify priorities for all settings.

You have successfully configured the optimizer for the gear unit and the motor.

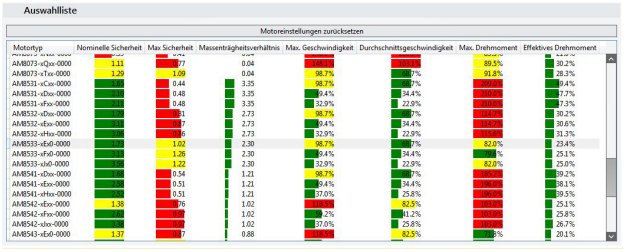
Selecting the components (gear unit and motor)

Once you have made the settings in the optimizer, the appropriate components appear in the selection list on the right of the user interface (see screenshot below). The selection list contains specific data of possible motors and gear units, sorted by the optimization criterion.

The green, yellow and red colors indicate the suitability of the gear unit in relation to the previously selected motion profile. Only select components that are highlighted in yellow or green should be selected!

Preparing a data sheet:

- Right-click on the selected component.
  A new menu window opens.
- Left-click on "*Create data sheet*".

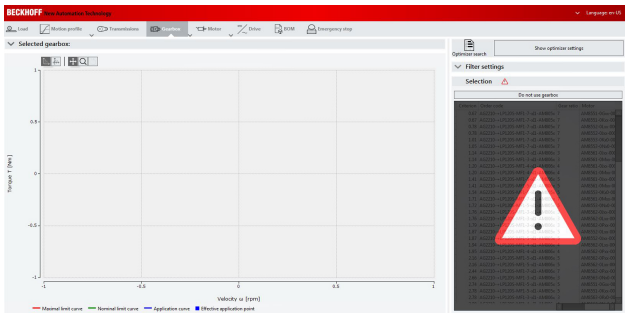


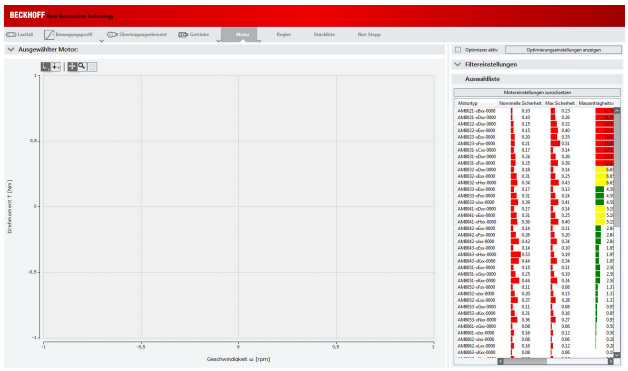
4.5 Gear unit and motor

Once you have specified your components via manual selection [▶ 28] or the optimizer [▶ 30], you can select them.

The image on the left shows the user interface of the gear selection; the motor interface is shown on the right.

When you click the button: “*Use no gear unit*" or "*Reset motor setting*", a red warning triangle appears (see image on the left), and the selection lists are hidden.
When you left-click on the warning triangle, the optimizer starts a new selection list (image on the right), and you can continue your configuration.

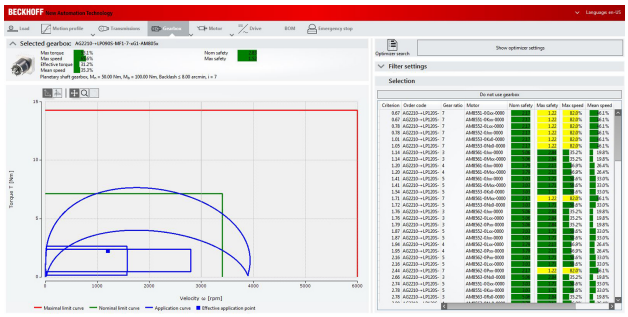




Gear unit and motor curve profiles

After the gear unit and motor selection, curves profiles of the components are displayed below. The profile definitions are explained in more detail in this chapter.

Curve profile of the selected gear unit



S1 – curve (green line):

Indicates the permitted mean drive speed and the rated torque at the output.

S5 – curve (red line):

Indicates the maximum drive speed and the maximum acceleration torque in the form of periodically intermittent operation. The gear unit accelerates and decelerates periodically.

Application curve (blue line):

Indicates the speed and torque requirements for the specified motion profile. The application curve must always be in the range of the red S-5 curve (for gear units) or the red voltage limit curve (for motors).

Curve profile of the selected motor

Nominal point (green square):

The rated point represents the rated torque at the rated speed. This depends on the set operating voltage.

Effective application point (blue square):

The effective application point is calculated from the application curve including standstill periods. It represents the mean speed and torque requirement. This point must always be within the green S1 curve.

4.6 Controller

This section provides basic information about selecting a servo drive in TC3 Motion Designer.

Once you have selected and specified your motor you can select your servo drive.

In our example we selected the servo drive AX8206-0x00-0000.

Two new characteristic curves appear in the window on the left of the user interface. The user interface shows the required torques, converted to current.

Rated current controller:

Shows the continuous current of the servo drive. The effective application point must always be below black rated current controller limit curve.

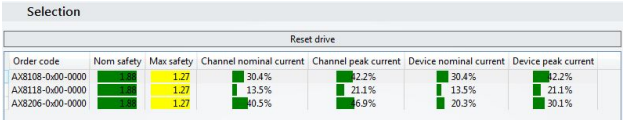
Maximum current controller:

Shows the maximum current of the servo drive. The blue application curve must always be below the maximum current controller limit curve.

The selected servo drive and its specifications are displayed above the characteristic curves in the user interface.

Selection options

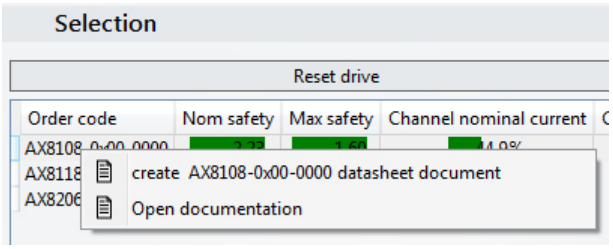
Selecting a servo drive based on the selection list



Suitable servo drives for your application are displayed for selection in the window on the right of the user interface.

Left-click on the selected servo drive to activate the button (highlighted in blue) and transfer the current curves into the user interface.

Creating a data sheet and opening the documentation



- Right-click on the selected servo drive
- Left-click on: “*Create data sheet*" or
- Left-click on: “*Open documentation*”

4.7 Bill of materials and data sheet (axis)

This section provides basic information on creating a bill of materials for your selected load case.

Additional definitions for components

For some components additional definitions can be specified. In our example we selected the AX8000 servo drive as component.

Additional definitions:

- no definition (not defined)
- without TwinSAFE
- TwinSAFE (STO, SS1)
- TwinSAFE (17 drive-integrated safety functions)

Create data sheet, open documentation and step module

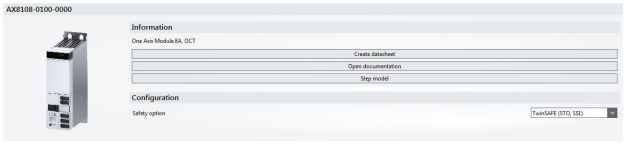
The image on the left shows the button "Create data sheet". When this button is activated (by left-clicking), TC3 Motion Designer creates a data sheet for the previously selected component (see image on the right).

Additional buttons:

- Open documentation
  The current documentation is opened
- Step models
  Opens the current step model

In this example we selected a data sheet for the AX8206-0x00-0000.

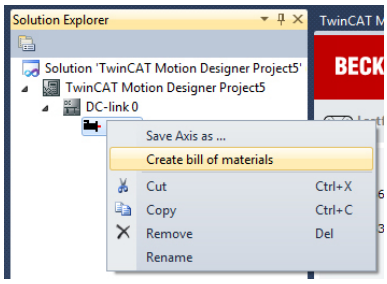
Each data sheet contains links to the respective documentation or step modules on the FTP server.



Create bills of materials

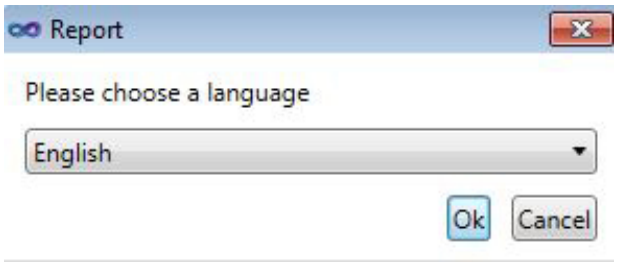
Step 1

- In the Solution Explorer, select the axis/axes you created.
- Right-click on the axis/axes to open the menu in the bottom image.
- Select "*Create bill of materials*".

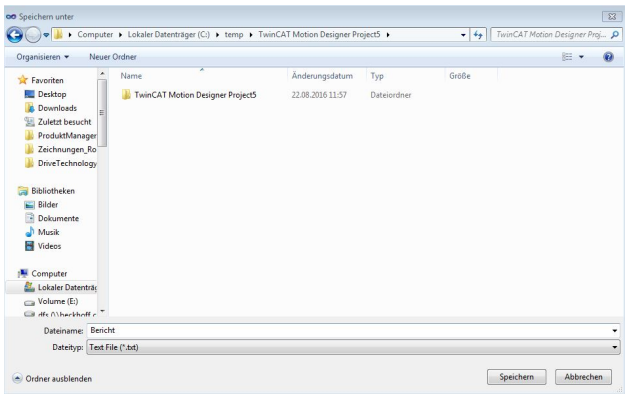


Step 2

- Select the target language for your BOM.
- Confirm your selection with OK.



Step 3

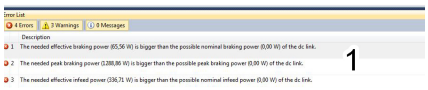


A new window opens once you have selected the target language. Specify your storage location in this window.

TC3 Motion Designer now saves your bill of materials at the specified destination. If Microsoft Excel is installed on your computer, the file will be saved in .xls format. If not, a CSV file is created. This can subsequently be imported in Excel.

BOM misconfiguration

The TC3 Motion Designer shows any errors that were made during the configuration of the bill of materials in the "*Error Messages Window*" (1) below the user interface.



Sample error message:

The selected motor/gear combination cannot be installed.

Creating a documentation folder!

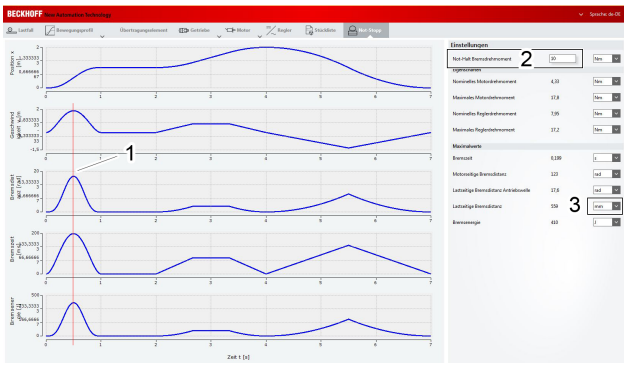
Starting with version 1.1.0, a documentation folder can be created, in addition to the bill of materials. This includes all step models, documentations and BOMs that exist in the configuration.

To create a documentation folder, proceed as follows:

- Right-click on an element
- "*Create Documentation Folder*"

4.8 Emergency stop

This chapter provides basic information on the emergency stop features of your application.



Once you have fully specified your selected load case, you can enter the emergency stop brake torque. The precise specifications are explained in this section.

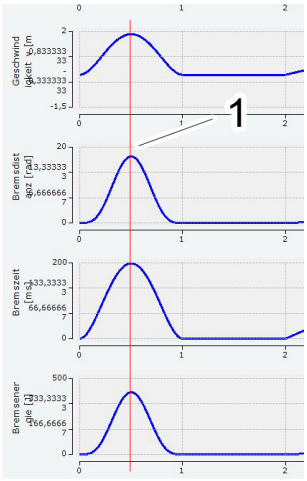
The purpose of an emergency stop brake torque is to protect against possible personal injuries. The aim is for the application to come to a complete standstill based on an adequately dimensioned emergency stop brake torque, before persons can enter the hazardous range of the machine / application.

The worst braking case

The peak values for velocity, braking distance, braking time and braking energy shown under (1) are worst-case scenarios.

The curves show the worst braking case. The curves result from the set emergency stop brake torque.

The demarcation line (1) is a notional line to illustrate the peak values of the individual graphs. This boundary line does not appear in TC3 Motion Designer view.

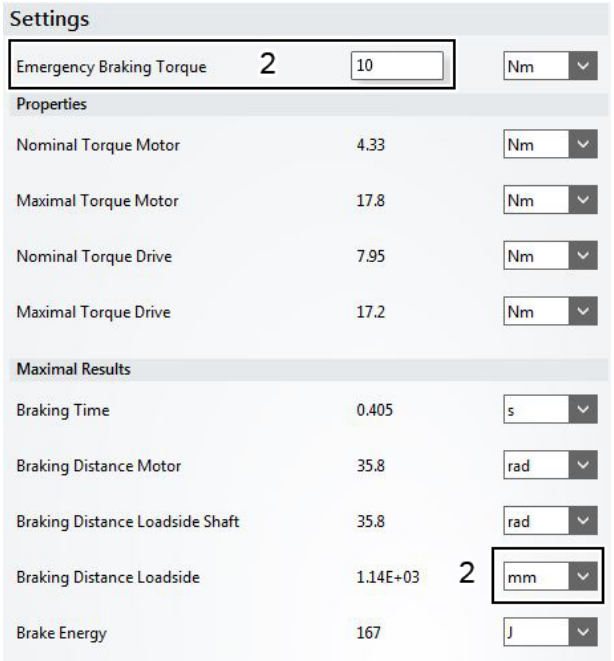


The settings area

You can enter an emergency stop brake torque in the settings area (2). Please note that the value you enter must be lower than the maximum motor and controller torque.

In the worst case, the result of the emergency stop brake torque would be greater than the respective maximum braking energy on the motor and load side.

We recommend setting the load-side braking distance (can be calculated from the set emergency stop brake torque) to mm. To change the unit, open the drop-down menu (3) in the settings area and select the required unit.



Saving your configuration!

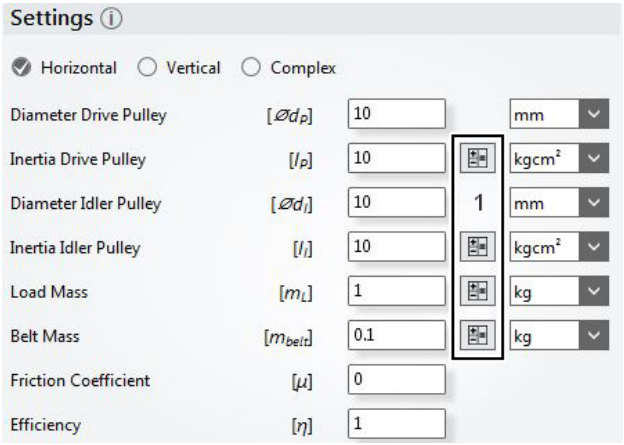
Once you have dimensioned the emergency stop brake torque in the last step of the application configuration in TC3 Motion Designer, you can save your project. For information on how to open a saved project or created axes please refer to chapter: ”Opening a saved file [▶ 12]”.

5 Tools and Symbols

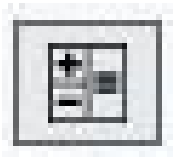
This section provides basic information about tools and symbols in TC3 Motion Designer.

5.1 The inertia calculator

This section provides basic information on the inertia calculator.

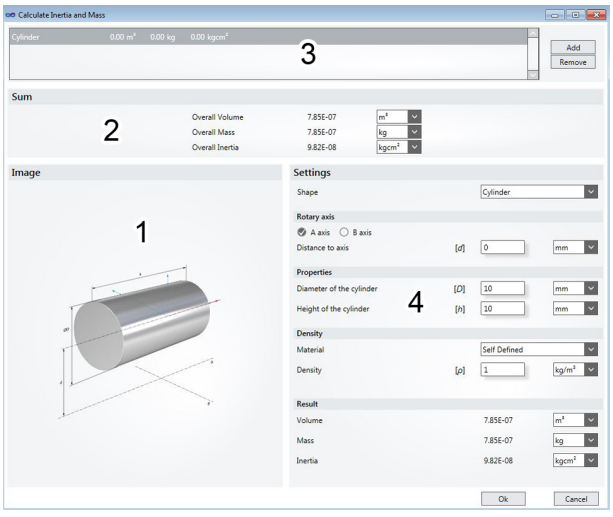


The inertia calculator can be found in the settings area (1) for all load cases that are available for selection. The inertia values are application specific (horizontal, vertical, complex).
The calculator provides a convenient method for determining the moments of inertia of the load. The calculated data are automatically transferred to your settings area (1).



Activate the button (see image on the left) to open the settings area for the inertia calculator.

Configuration of the inertia calculator



The inertia calculator has four main sections:

Display view (1):
This window shows the selected body, including the variables to be entered.

Results view (2):
This area shows the calculation result. You can specify different units, which are then mapped as decimal number or E-function.

Adding or removing bodies (3):
In this range you can add new bodies or remove bodies. The preview shows the total volume, total mass and total mass inertia. The units are taken from the results view (2).

Settings area (4):
In this area the properties of the body you added are calculated taking into account all required parameters.
The settings areas are structured as follows:

- body
- axis of rotation
- properties
- density and
- result.

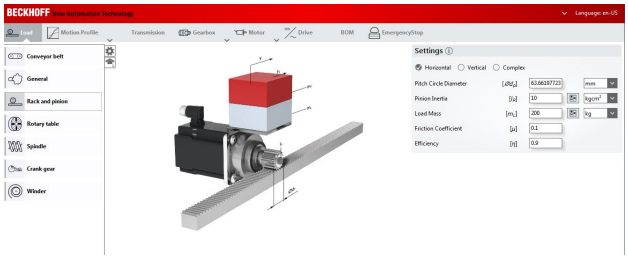
Further details of the procedure can be found in section: "Configuration example [▶ 38]".

Configuration example

In this section we calculate a mass inertia for a drive roller (hollow cylinder) rolled from aluminum for the load case Conveyor belt [▶ 18] as an example.

Step 1

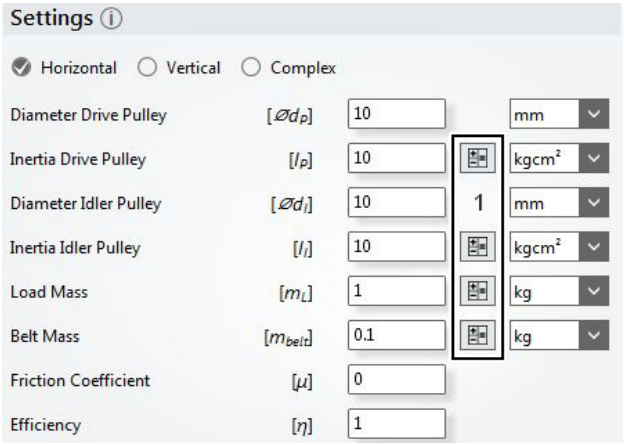
Creating the load case



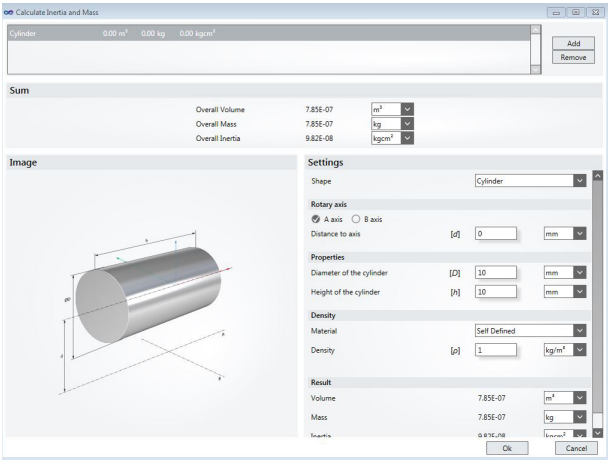
In the first step create the load case Conveyor belt. Microsoft Visual Studio and TC3 Motion Designer must be open. Furthermore, a DC link [▶ 13] must have been created, and an axis must have been added. Activate TC3 Motion Designer by double-clicking on the created axis. Further information can be found in section: "Activating TC3 Motion Designer".

Step 2

Activating the inertia calculator



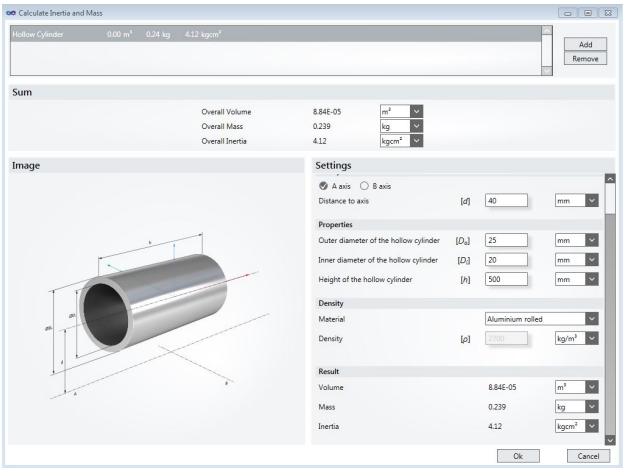
In the next step, activate the inertia calculator according to the button shown at (1). Detailed information can be found in section: "The inertia calculator [▶ 37]".



After pressing the button, the input window for the inertia calculator appears (see image on the left). The default body is a cylinder (solid material). Step 3 explains how to change the body.

Step 3

Specifying the drive roller



You can now specify your drive roller. To select the basic body (in this case a hollow cylinder), open the pull-down menu in the tab Settings → Body. A list with various geometries opens, from which you can select the basic body that matches your application.

Now you can create an axis of rotation, i.e. the axis around which your geometry rotates. You can distinguish between A- and B-axis. Now enter the axis distance based on the center of the body and the selected axis of rotation. In our example we select a distance of [*d*] = 40 mm.

Next, enter the other properties of the geometry. These include the outer [*D0*] and inner [*Di*] diameter and the height [*h*] of the hollow cylinder.
In our example the hollow cylinder is configured as follows:

- outer diameter [D0] = 25 mm
- inner diameter [Di] = 20 mm
- height of the hollow cylinder [h] = 500 mm

In last specification step you have to select the material. The specific density [*p*] is automatically added once the material has been selected. We select rolled aluminum with a density of 2700 kg/m³ as material.

Results view

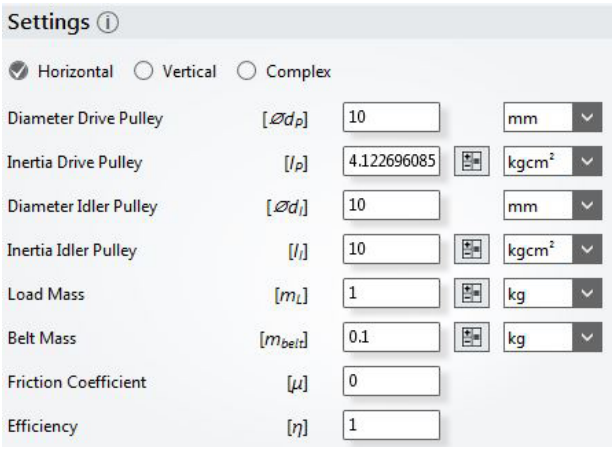
Once all the required data have been entered successfully, the result is displayed in the lower window of the inertia calculator (see image on the left). Our hollow cylinder has a volume of $7.85E^{-07}$ m³, a mass of $7.85E^{-07}$ kg and a mass inertia of $9.82E^{-08}$ kgcm².

Selecting the units!

All units used in the inertia calculator can be changed via pull-down menus (to the right of the input fields). When a unit is changed, the result is shown in the result and sum view.

Step 4

Data transfer to the settings area



Once all the data required for your hollow cylinder have been entered and the inertia calculator has provided the results, confirm your configuration with OK.

After the confirmation your data are automatically transferred to the settings area of your load case (see image on the left).

You have successfully transferred your data into the settings window for the Conveyor belt load case. Now you can enter further inertia data.

5.2 The mass calculator

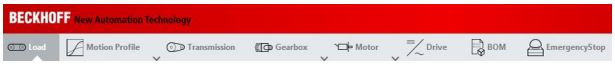
This section provides basic information on the mass calculator.

Detailed procedure!

The mass calculator has the same interface as the inertia calculator.
For a detailed procedure please refer to the steps from chapter:
"The inertia calculator [▶ 37]".

5.3 The progress bar

This section provides basic information on the progress bar.



The TC3 Motion Designer progress bar indicates which menu items have already been processed and which are still outstanding.

A processed menu item is indicated by the graphic to the left of the menu name.

In this example (see image on the left) the menu items load case, motion profile, transmission element and gear unit have already been processed successfully.

The menu items motor, controller, bill of materials and emergency stops are not fully configured and processed.

6 Calculating an application

This section provides an example configuration for a 3-axis gantry based on a notional customer inquiry.

Customer requirements profile

Axes requirements:

	Load case	Installation position	Total mass to be moved	Slope	Diameter	Pitch circumference	Weight
X-axis	Pinion rack	Horizontal	350 kg (including Y- and Z-axis)	---	---	200 mm (pinion)	---
Y-axis	Toothed belt – axis	Horizontal	100 kg (including Z-axis)	---	80 mm (drive rollers)	---	0.5 kg (belt)
Z-axis	Ball screw	Vertical	50 kg	10 mm (spindle)	20 mm (spindle)	---	---

Requirements for the motion profile:

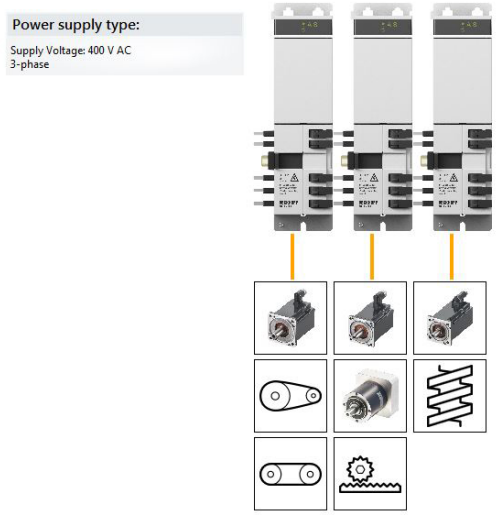
X-axis:
The X-axis is to move to position 1000 mm in 0.75 seconds.

Y-axis:
The Y-axis starts at the same time as the X-axis. It should move to position 200 mm in 0.4 seconds.

Z-axis:
The Z-axis starts once the X-axis has moved to position 750 mm. After 0.5 seconds it should move 100 mm downwards.

The entire operation should take 0.75 seconds. After 0.5 seconds the axes should move back up to the starting point.

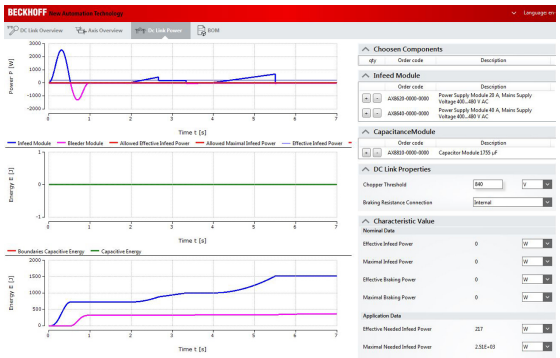
DC link and load overview of the application



This view shows the components of the DC link for the application.

In our customer requirements profile we now have a DC link with the following components:

- Single-axis module AX8108 (8 A, OCT-capable, TwinSAFE)
- Single-axis module AX8108 (8 A, OCT-capable, TwinSAFE)
- Single-axis module AX8108 (8 A, OCT-capable, TwinSAFE)
- AM8551-+AG2210-LP090 at pinion rack
- AM8541-+AG2210-LP090 at pinion rack
- and AM8033 with spindle drive.

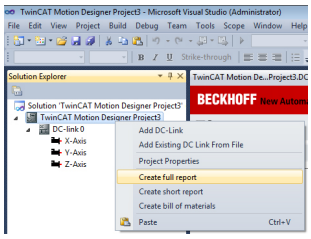


The performance overview now shows graphically all performance data for the DC link. A precisely structured version of this view will subsequently be included in your report.

The procedure for Creating a report [▶ 42] is explained in the next section.

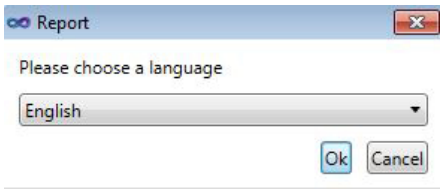
6.1 Creating a report

Creating a full or short report



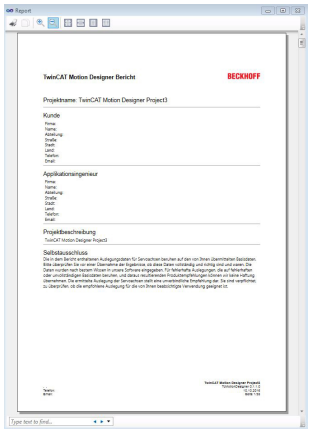
To create a full report proceed as follows:

- In the Solution Explorer [▶ 9] right-click on your TC3 Motion Designer project.
- A new menu window opens
- In the menu window click on Create full / short report (highlighted in yellow).



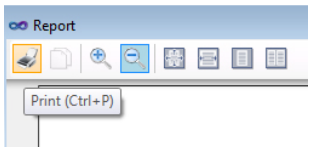
Next, select the target language for your report.

- Open the pull-down menu.
- Select your target language (German or English).
- Confirm your choice with OK.

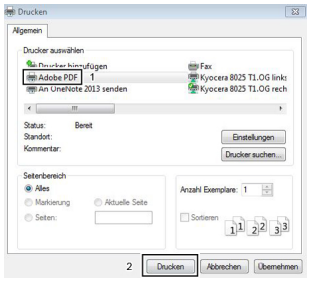


Your report opens in a new window (see image on the left). In the Visual Studio view you can read the full report and consider it for your further strategy.

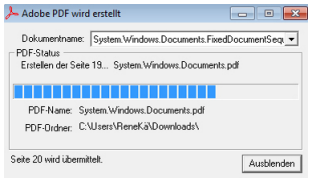
To save the report as a PDF file proceed as follows:



- Click on Print button (see image on the left, area highlighted in yellow) or use the keyboard shortcut Ctrl+P.



- Select Adobe PDF printer (1) and confirm by pressing the Print button (2).



- A window appears that shows the progress of the PDF generation process. The generated PDF will be saved to your selected storage location.

Example report for customer requirements profile!

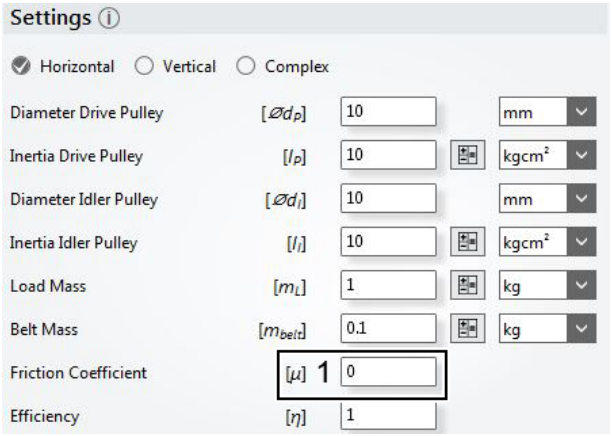
Here you can find example reports for the customer requirements profile used in this section. Please note that both the „Full report“ and the „Short report“ are based on notional data and must not be used for your actual application.

7 FAQs

This section describes possible software errors and their troubleshooting.

7.1 Friction coefficient

This section provides basic information about the friction coefficient.



For each selected load case, a coefficient of friction can be specified in the settings area (1).

The values to be entered are application-specific. Please check your load case in advance for possible friction areas and refer to the tables below for approximate values.

The friction coefficient describes the relationship of the contact pressure between two bodies. A distinction is made between sliding friction and static friction. The friction coefficient between the selected materials bust be included in the specification of a load case.

The table below contains approximate values, which you can use for the configuration of your load case.
Please note that friction depends on several different factors, e.g.:

- material combination
- surface
- lubrication
- temperature
- moisture
- wear
- normal force

so that only guide values can be provided.

Friction coefficient for multiple bearings!

Please note a load case configuration may include several bearings. This will affect the approximate value of your friction coefficient. For more detailed information please contact the component manufacturer.

Static friction

Static friction is a force that prevents sliding of bodies that are in contact with each other. Static friction creates a bond between bodies through frictional connection. In TC3 Motion Designer the static friction is assumed to be 0.

Sliding friction

Sliding friction at the contact surfaces between bodies that move relative to each other. In some material combinations creep occurs, so that the friction force becomes speed-dependent. The sliding friction force is usually lower than the static friction force at the same normal force. The following table shows sliding friction coefficients for different material combinations.

material combination	Without lubrication		With lubrication	
	static	dynamic	static	dynamic
aluminum on aluminum	1.2	1.4	0.3	---
aluminum on mild steel	0.61	0.47	---	---
lead on cast iron	---	0.43	---	---
bronze on cast iron	---	0.22	---	---
bronze on steel	---	---	0.16	---
cadmium on mild steel	---	0.46	---	---
cadmium on cadmium	0.5	---	0.05	---
chromium on chromium	0.41	---	0.34	---
iron on iron	1	---	0.175	---
solid matter on rubber	2.5	---	---	---
mild steel on mild steel	0.74	0.57	---	0.1
mild steel on brass	0.51	0.44	---	---
mild steel on phosphor bronze	---	0.34	---	0.173
mild steel on lead	0.95	0.95	0.5	0.3
mild steel on cast iron	---	0.23	0.183	0.133
glass on nickel	0.78	0.56	---	---
glass on metal	0.6	---	0.25	---
glass on glass	0.95	0.4	0.35	0.1
graphite on steel	0.1	---	0.1	---
graphite on graphite	0.1	---	0.1	---
cast iron on cast iron	1.1	0.15	---	0.07
hard steel on hard steel	0.78	0.42	0.075	0.008
hard steel on graphite	0.21	---	0.09	---
hard steel on polystyrene	0.325	---	0.325	---
hard steel on polyethylene	0.2	---	0.2	---
magnesium on magnesium	0.6	---	0.08	---
brass on cast iron	---	0.3	---	---
nickel on mild steel	---	0.64	---	0.178
nickel on nickel	0.9	0.53	0.28	0.12
nylon on nylon	0.2	---	---	---
platinum on platinum	1.2	---	0.25	---
plexiglass on plexiglass	0.8	---	0.8	---
plexiglass on steel	0.45	---	0.45	---
polyethylene on steel	0.2	---	0.2	---
polystyrene on steel	0.325	---	0.325	---
polystyrene on polystyrene	0.5	---	0.5	---
silver on silver	1.4	---	0.55	---
steel on aluminum bronze	0.45	---	---	---
steel on brass	0.35	--	0.19	---
steel on cast iron	0.4	---	0.21	---
steel on copper alloy	0.22	---	0.16	0.145
steel on graphite	0.1	---	0.1	---
steel on phosphor bronze	0.35	---	---	---
Teflon on steel	0.04	---	0.04	0.04
Teflon on Teflon	0.04	---	0.04	0.04
zinc on cast iron	0.85	0.21	---	---
zinc on zinc	0.6	---	0.04	---
tin on cast iron	---	0.32	---	---

Typical manufacturer's data for load case-dependent friction coefficients:

Load case	Linear guide	Ball-type linear drive		Trapezoidal spindle		Sliding bearing sintered bronze / steel		Gliding bearing plastic / steel	
	μ[1)]	μ[1)]	η[2)]	μ[1)]	η[2)]	μ[1)]	η[2)]	μ[1)]	η[2)]
Conveyor belt									
Rack and pinion									
Rotary table									
Spindle	0.001 – 0.003	0.003	0.96	0.20	0.32				
Crank gear	0.001 – 0.003					0.04 – 0.12		0.10 – 0.20	
Winder									

[1)]Friction coefficient in μ and [2)]efficiency in η

7.2 Inertia ratio

The inertia ratio describes the relationship between a mass and its inertia. While the mass provides information about the weight of a body, the mass inertia (J) provides additional information about the geometry. For drive systems, it is important that a certain ration between load mass inertia and rotor mass inertia of the motor is not exceeded. This mass inertia ratio is referred to as lambda (λ).

The following table shows typical inertia ratio limit values.

Application	Inertia ratio
High-end servo drives for maximum accuracy with maximum dynamics	λ ~ 1
Typical servo drives in machine tools	1 < λ ≤ 3
Handling systems with high dynamics	3 < λ ≤ 10
Direct drives with rigid coupling between motor and load, simple applications without specific demands in terms of positioning accuracy and dynamics	10 < λ

7.3 Formula table

This section provides an overview of possible functions that can be used in the settings area of TC3 Motion Designer.

Function and mathematical expression	Explanation
Negative sign [neg]	Numerical value or inverse function with negative sign (-)
Sine [sin]	Trigonometric sine function
Cosine [cos]	Trigonometric cosine function
Tangent [tan]	Trigonometric tangent function
Arc sine [asin]	Inverse function of the trigonometric sine function (arc function)
Arc cosine [acos]	Inverse function of the trigonometric cosine function (arc function)
Arc tangent [atan]	Inverse function of the trigonometric tangent function (arc function)
Hyperbolic sine [sinh]	Mathematical hyperbolic function (sine)
Hyperbolic cosine [cosh]	Mathematical hyperbolic function (cosine)
Hyperbolic tangent [tanh]	Mathematical hyperbolic function (tangent)
Area hyperbolic sine [asinh]	Inverse function of the hyperbolic sine function (area function)
Area hyperbolic cosine [acosh]	Inverse function of the hyperbolic cosine function (area function)
Area hyperbolic tangent [atanh]	Inverse function of the hyperbolic tangent function (area function)
Exponential function [exp / e^2]	Function in the form ϰ □ α“ based on real numbers a > 0 and a ≠ 1
Logarithm [log]	The logarithm of a number describes the exponent with which a specified number (base) must be raised in order to obtain the required number.
Integral cosine [ceil]	Function with a function rule containing an integral and the cosine function.
Absolute value [abs]	Absolute numerical value
Sigmoid function [sign]	This function describes a scaled and shifted hyperbolic tangent function (area function) containing e (Euler number).
Modulo [mod]	Modulo calculates the remainder (*b*) of a division (*n*) divided by m. This enables a function in which each pair of numbers (*n; m*) contains an unambiguous remainder *b*.
Minimum value [min]	Minimum possible and permissible value
Maximum value [max]	Maximum possible and permitted value
Sum [sum]	Result of an addition

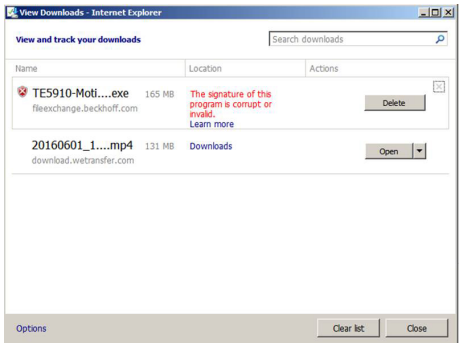
7.4 Error Messages

This section contains information on common error messages and troubleshooting.

Error message	Cause	Solution
ErrorArticleOrderCode	The motors or gear units are not fully configured.	Open the BOM configuration and reselect your components.
ErrorArticlesOrderCode	The motors or gear units are not fully configured.	Open the BOM configuration and reselect your components.
ErrorCableMissing		Open the BOM configuration and reselect your components.
ErrorDCLinkMaxBleeder	The maximum required braking power is greater than the maximum braking power of the DC link.	Open the performance overview of the DC link. Reconfigure the DC link
ErrorDCLinkMaxInfeed	The maximum required feed-in power is greater than the maximum feed-in power of the DC link.	Open the performance overview of the DC link. Reconfigure the DC link
ErrorDCLinkNomBleeder	The effective required braking power is greater than the nominal braking power of the DC link.	Open the performance overview of the DC link. Reconfigure the DC link
ErrorDCLinkNomInfeed	The effectively required feed-in power is greater than the nominal feed-in power of the DC link.	Open the performance overview of the DC link. Reconfigure the DC link
ErrorDriveMaxSafety	The maximum load of the servo drive is too high with the selected safety value	Select an alternative servo drive.
ErorrDriveMotorConnection	The servo drive cannot be coupled with the motor.	The servo drive is not compatible with the selected motor. Reconfigure the combination.
ErrorDriveNomSafety	The nominal load of the servo drive is too high with the selected safety value	Select an alternative servo drive.
ErrorEffectiveBrake	The application requires higher effective braking power than the DC link can absorb.	Open the performance overview of the DC link. Reconfigure the DC link
ErrorEffectiveInfeed	The application requires higher effective feed-in power than the DC link can provide.	Open the performance overview of the DC link. Reconfigure the DC link
ErrorFanIsMissing	A suitable fan cover must be added for the EL7221-9014.	Open the BOM configuration and select a different motor.
ErrorFeatherKey	A smooth motor shaft must be selected for the motor/gear combination.	Open the BOM configuration and select a different motor.
ErrorFeedbackConnection	The selected motor feedback system is incompatible with the selected servo drive.	Reconfigure the combination.
ErrorGearboxMaxSafety	The maximum load of the gear unit is too high with the selected safety value.	Select a different gear unit.
ErrorGearboxNomSafety	The nominal load of the gear unit is too high with the selected safety value.	Select a different gear unit.
ErrorMaximalBrake	The application requires higher maximum braking power than the DC link can absorb.	Open the performance overview of the DC link. Reconfigure the DC link
ErrorMaximalInfeed	The application requires higher maximum feed-in power than the DC link can provide.	Open the performance overview of the DC link. Reconfigure the DC link
ErrorMotorCableLength	The maximum motor cable length has been exceeded.	Adjust the motor cable length.
ErrorMotorChokeRecommendation	A motor choke is recommended for the selected cable length.	Add a motor choke.
ErrorMotorGearboxMounting	The selected gear unit cannot be mounted on the selected motor.	Select a suitable gear unit.
ErrorMotorMaxSafety	The maximum load of the motor is too high with the selected safety value.	Select a different motor.
ErrorMotorNomSafety	The nominal load of the motor is too high with the selected safety value.	Select a different motor.

Error message	Cause	Solution
ErrorWarningDriveMaxSafety	The maximum load of the servo drive is too high with the selected safety value.	The servo drive is inadequately dimensioned. Select an alternative servo drive.
ErrorWarningDriveNomSafety	The nominal load of the servo drive is too low with the selected safety value.	Select an alternative servo drive.
ErrorWarningGearboxMaxSafety	The maximum load of the servo drive is too low with the selected safety value.	Select a different gear unit.
ErrorWarningGearboxNomSafety	The nominal load of the gear unit is too low with the selected safety value.	Select a different gear unit.
ErrorWarningMotorMaxSafety	The maximum load of the servo drive is too low with the selected safety value.	Select a different motor.
ErrorWarningMotorNomSafety	The nominal load of the motor is too low with the selected safety value.	Select a different motor.

Download error in Internet Explorer



When you try to download the TC3 Motion Designer with the Internet Explorer browser, the following error message may appear (see image on the left):
"The signature of this program is corrupt or invalid"
.

In this case please download the Mozilla Firefox browser and try again.

The error should now be fixed.

If this is not the case, please contact the Beckhoff applications department.

Further installation steps can be found in section "Installing TC3 Motion Designer [▶ 7]".

7.5 Setup under Windows

Before installing TC3 Motion Designer, please ensure that Mozilla Firefox is set as default browser.

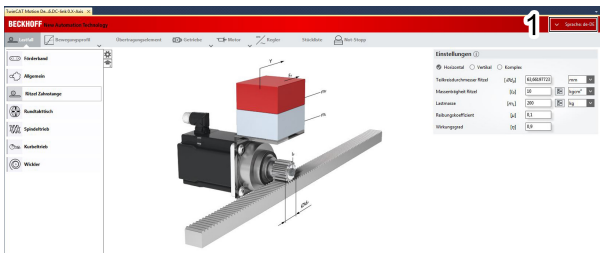
All the required computer settings can be found in chapter: "System requirements [▶ 6]".

Should you encounter unexpected problems during setup of TC3 Motion Designer, please contact the Beckhoff applications department.

7.6 Setting the language

To change the language in TC3 Motion Designer proceed as follows:

Open the pull-down menu (1) in the top right of the user interface.



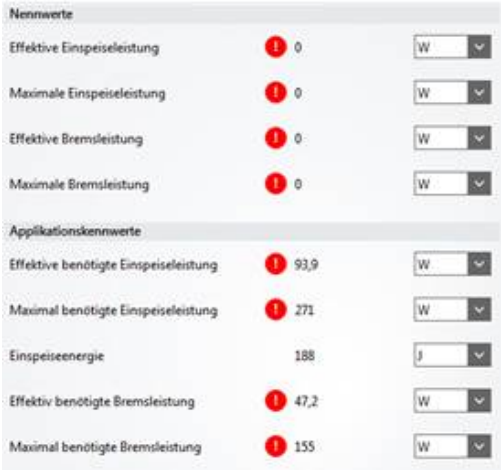
Select your target language (German or English).

7.7 Service packs and upgrades

Small error messages were incorporated for the supply and brake lines in the DC link.

They provide information about the settings you made.

They are displayed on mouseover.



The DC link overview was revised, and the order of the components was changed:

- The additional articles for the servo drive (AX Bridge, safety option card, etc.) are now arranged above the servo drive.
- Existing motor chokes are positioned directly below the servo drives.
- Brake resistors are displayed.

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