

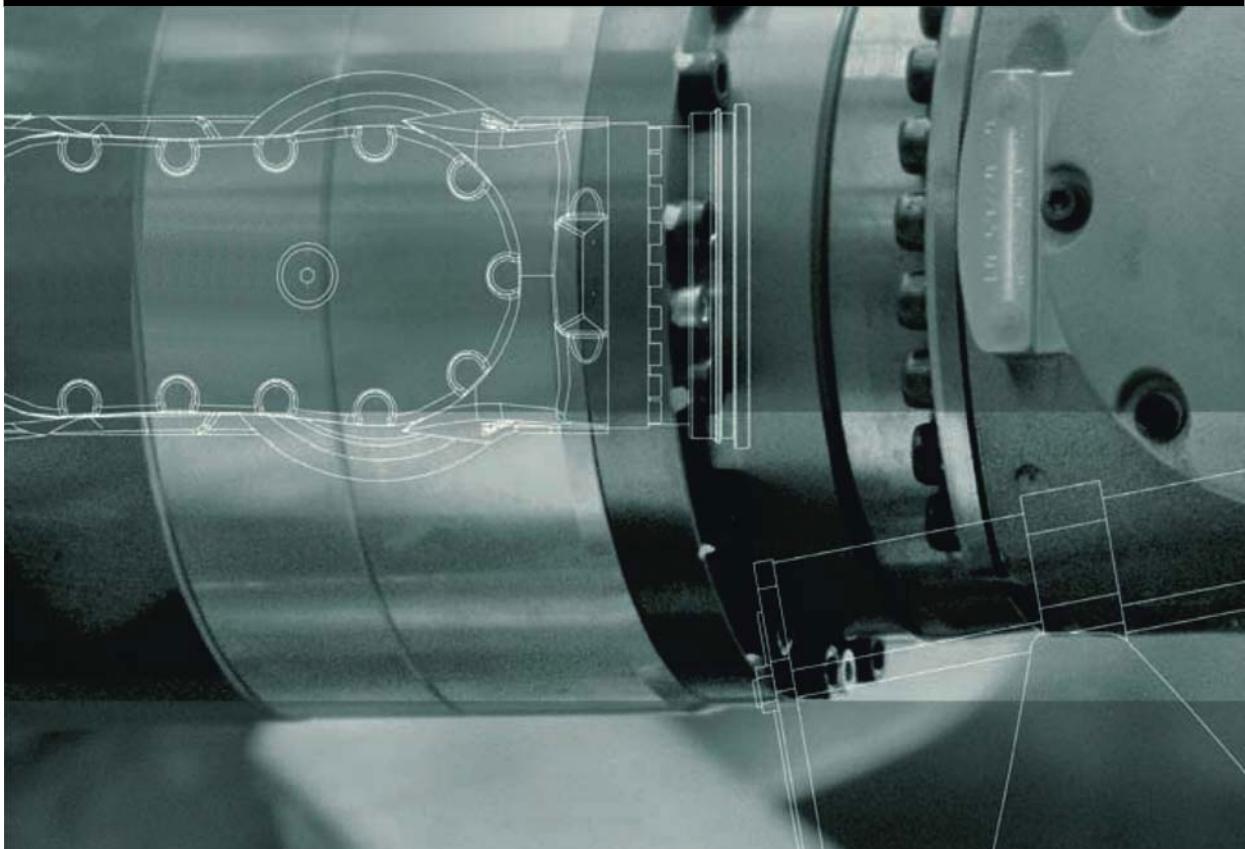
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1 Introduction

1.1 Target group

This documentation is aimed at users with the following knowledge and skills:

- Basic knowledge of the industrial robot
- Knowledge of spot welding



For optimal use of our products, we recommend that our customers take part in a course of training at KUKA College. Information about the training program can be found at www.kuka.com or can be obtained directly from our subsidiaries.

1.2 Industrial robot documentation

The industrial robot documentation consists of the following parts:

- Documentation for the manipulator
- Documentation for the robot controller
- Operating and programming instructions for the KUKA System Software
- Documentation relating to options and accessories
- Parts catalog on storage medium

Each of these sets of instructions is a separate document.

1.3 Representation of warnings and notes

Safety

These warnings are relevant to safety and **must** be observed.



DANGER These warnings mean that it is certain or highly probable that death or severe physical injury **will** occur, if no precautions are taken.



WARNING These warnings mean that death or severe physical injury **may** occur, if no precautions are taken.



CAUTION These warnings mean that minor physical injuries **may** occur, if no precautions are taken.



NOTICE These warnings mean that damage to property **may** occur, if no precautions are taken.



These warnings contain references to safety-relevant information or general safety measures. These warnings do not refer to individual hazards or individual precautionary measures.

Notes

These hints serve to make your work easier or contain references to further information.



Tip to make your work easier or reference to further information.

2 Product description

The KUKA.EqualizingTech software is an option belonging to the ServoGun technology packages from KUKA.

ServoGun can be operated with or without EqualizingTech. With Equalizing-Tech, conventional gun compensation systems are no longer required. This makes it possible to dispense with e.g. the complicated start-up procedures for pneumatic compensation systems.

EqualizingTech results in only minor changes for the user in the operation of the ServoGun technology packages: weld spots and tip dressing points need to be taught in a slightly different way.

In all other respects, operation remains unchanged.

3 Installation

3.1 System requirements

- Software**
- KUKA System Software 8.2
 - A ServoGun technology package from KUKA that is suitable for use with the EqualizingTech option is installed.

3.2 Installing or updating EqualizingTech



It is advisable to archive all relevant data before updating a software package.

Preparation

- Copy the folder with the software from the CD to the USB stick.

NOTICE

Recommendation: Use a KUKA stick. Data may be lost if any other stick is used.

Precondition

- Expert user group

Procedure

1. Connect the USB stick to the robot controller or smartPAD.
2. In the main menu, select **Start-up > Install additional software**.
3. Press **New software**. The entry **EqualizingTech** must be displayed in the **Name** column and drive **E:** or **K:** in the **Path** column.
If not, press **Refresh**.
4. If the specified entries are now displayed, continue with step 5.
If not, the drive from which the software is being installed must be configured first:
 - Click on the **Configuration** button. A new window opens.
 - Select a line in the **Installation paths for options** area.
Note: If the line already contains a path, this path will be overwritten.
 - Press **Path selection**. The available drives are displayed.
 - Select **E:**. (If stick connected to the robot controller.)
Or select **K:**. (If stick connected to the smartPAD.)
 - Press **Save**. The window closes again.
 The drive only needs to be configured once and then remains saved for further installations.
5. Mark the entry **EqualizingTech** and click on **Install**. Answer the request for confirmation with **Yes**.
6. Confirm the reboot prompt with **OK**.
7. Remove the stick.
8. Reboot the robot controller.

LOG file

A LOG file is created under C:\KRC\ROBOTER\LOG.

3.3 Uninstalling EqualizingTech



It is advisable to archive all relevant data before uninstalling a software package.

Precondition

- Expert user group

Procedure

1. In the main menu, select **Start-up > Install additional software**.
2. Mark the entry **EqualizingTech** and click on **Uninstall**. Reply to the request for confirmation with **Yes**. Uninstallation is prepared.
3. Reboot the robot controller. Uninstallation is resumed and completed.

LOG file

A LOG file is created under C:\KRC\ROBOTER\LOG.

4 Programming

NOTICE

Weld spots and tip dressing points that were taught without EqualizingTech having been installed, must not be used with EqualizingTech.
 Weld spots and tip dressing points that were taught with EqualizingTech must not be used without EqualizingTech.
 The points must be retaught. Damage to the gun or the workpiece may otherwise result.

4.1 Programming a weld spot

Distances The following distances are required for the position of the gun during teaching:

Distance ...	Value
Fixed electrode	No distance from the workpiece; must be in contact with the workpiece.
Gun opening	Must be at least 4 mm away from the negative software limit switch.

- Procedure**
1. Position the gun on the desired weld spot. Observe the required distances.
 2. Select the menu sequence **Commands > Servo Tech > SPOT** and then select the desired motion type.
 3. Set the parameters in the inline form.
 4. Press **Cmd OK** to save the instruction.



Information about the inline forms can be found in the documentation for the corresponding ServoGun technology package.

Sequence

Program sequence for welding:

When approaching points, the robot maintains a certain distance from the workpiece so that the fixed electrode does not scrape against the workpiece. The user can configure this distance (for all weld spots for the gun) via the REAL variable EG_TOUCH_DIFF[] in EG_EXTERN.DAT. Default setting: 3 mm.

The actual opening width of the gun at the point is the sum of the taught opening width and this distance.

4.2 Programming tip dressing

Description TippDress executes a weld spot without approximate positioning.

The following parameters must be set in the weld timer:

- Dressing time (complete cycle time)
- Cycle without current

NOTICE

Dressing must be performed without weld current. If dressing is carried out with weld current, damage to property is liable to occur.

Distances

The following distances are required for the position of the gun during teaching:

Distance ...	Value
Fixed electrode	No distance from the workpiece; must be in contact with the workpiece.
Gun opening	Must be at least 4 mm away from the negative software limit switch.

Precondition

- The thickness of the tip dresser has been determined.



Information about this can be found in the documentation for the corresponding ServoGun technology package.

Procedure

1. Position the gun on the desired tip dressing point. Observe the required distances.
2. Select the menu sequence **Commands > Servo Tech > TippDress > Servo Tech or LIN**.
3. Set the parameters in the inline form. Also enter the thickness of the tip dresser.
4. Press **Cmd OK** to save the instruction.



Information about the inline forms can be found in the documentation for the corresponding ServoGun technology package.



After tip dressing, cyclical initialization must be performed.

Sequence**Program sequence for tip dressing:**

The default sequence corresponds to the sequence for welding.

If a different sequence is required for tip dressing, this can be programmed in the subprogram EG_USERDRESS. In order for the robot controller to perform this different sequence, the variable EG_NON_KUKA_DRESS must be set to TRUE.

5 KUKA Service

5.1 Requesting support

Introduction The KUKA Roboter GmbH documentation offers information on operation and provides assistance with troubleshooting. For further assistance, please contact your local KUKA subsidiary.

Info The following information is required for processing a support request:

- Model and serial number of the robot
- Model and serial number of the controller
- Model and serial number of the linear unit (if applicable)
- Version of the KUKA System Software
- Optional software or modifications
- Archive of the software
- Application used
- Any external axes used
- Description of the problem, duration and frequency of the fault

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