

## Harmonic Drive<sup>®</sup> Harmonic Planetary<sup>®</sup>

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Harmonic Drive Systems Inc. TOTAL MOTION CONTROL

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## The World of Motion Control Transformed by a Single Invention

- Creation of a product that inherits the heritage of a gifted inventor -

## C.W. Musser, inventor of HarmonicDrive®

In 1955, the principle of HarmonicDrive® was developed by the gifted American inventor C. Walton Musser. His counterintuitive invention, which uses the elasticity of metal, gained the avid attention of the entire world.

Two companies tried to commercialize the revolutionary and unique principle: USM (the United Shoe Machinery Corporation) in the United States and Hasegawa Gear Works, Ltd., the predecessor of Harmonic Drive Systems.

For more information about C.W.Musser



## 1964: The Year the HarmonicDrive® Became a Practical Reality in Japan

In 1964, Hasegawa Gear Works, Ltd. entered into a technical agreement with USM Co., Ltd. and succeeded in creating a practical Harmonic Drive® system for the first time in Japan in 1965. In 1970, the two companies established a joint-venture company which, in 1979, became Harmonic Drive Systems Inc. Meeting the needs of our customers in a wide range of fields with a product that had been unknown to the world required the pioneering spirit of our engineers who kept venturing into unknown possibilities.





The first unit of HarmonicDrive® manufactured in Japan (for Hitachi, Ltd.) Hasegawa Gear Works vice president Kiichiro Hasegawa [1965]

Started manufacturing at the Matsumoto Factory in Toyoshina, Minamiazumi-gun, Nagano (currently Azumino-shi, Tovoshina)

## A Constant Search for Total Motion Control

We have been establishing total motion control by using the high-precision machining and control technologies we have acquired over many years of operation. To maximize the performance of HarmonicDrive<sup>®</sup>, we continue our efforts to improve it further toward higher levels of motion technology.



Our HarmonicDrive® technology has continued to evolve since its inception. Compared with the R-series HarmonicDrive® introduced to the market in 1982, today's CSF, CSG series is only three-fifths as tall, but capable of twice the power transmission. The latest of the CSD series is only one-third as tall as the R series, but still maintain a high level of torque and positioning accuracy.

Musser Heritage Room

The Musser Heritage Room was opened in October 2006.





Musser's wave-motion gearing mechanism was originally called "Strain-wave gearing" and was patented under that name.

Subsequently in Japan, Harmonic Drive Systems Inc. succeeded in commercializing the technology

The technology today is generally referred to as a "wave-motion gearing mechanism," while the term HarmonicDrive® is a registered trademark that applies exclusively to the products manufactured by Harmonic Drive Systems Inc. This trademark is registered not only in Japan, but also Taiwan and South Korea.







Created the HarmonicDrive® R series (early products)



Ultra-small strain wave gear speed reducer

## High Torque Capacity and Accurate Positioning in a Compact, Lightweight Design

## HarmonicDrive® gear utilizes the elastic mechanics of metals.

Comprised of just three basic components, HarmonicDrive® offers small angle feeding and superior positioning accuracy with no backlash due to its special teeth movement (operation principle) unlike the movement of common gears. Because more than 30% of the teeth mesh simultaneously at the two opposing points, high torque transmission is possible.

## Harmonic Drive<sup>®</sup>

### Wave generator

The wave generator consists of a thin ball and bearing that fit into the outer circumference of the elliptical cam. The inner ring of the bearing is fixed to the cam, while the outer ring deforms elastically via the ball. Normally, this is installed on the input shaft.

## Flex spline

This is the thin, cup-like, metallic, and elastic body. The outer circumference of the opening has the teeth. The bottom of the flex spline (bottom of the cup shape) is referred to as the diaphragm, and is installed on the output shaft in the normal fashion.

## Circular spline

This is the rigid and ring-shape component. The inner circumference has the teeth, and the number of teeth is higher than the flex spline by two teeth. Normally, it is fixed to the casing.





When the wave generator rotates one turn (360 degrees), the number of flex spline teeth is lower than the circular soline teeth by two teeth, and the flex spline moves counterclockwise only by these two teeth. Normally, this movement is used for an output.

[AR]

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to see 3D images.

## Planetary speed reducers are made possible based on our expertise in precision machining technology.

Harmonic Drive Systems Inc. has used its extensive knowledge of HarmonicDrive® gearing to develop a highly precise and rigid epicyclic speed reducer called HarmonicPlanetary®. Equipped with a unique backlash prevention mechanism, HarmonicPlanetary® delivers a high level of rotational accuracy.

## Harmonic Planetary<sup>®</sup>





### Rear stage: Consists of a speed reducer mechanism with 3 planetary gears.

The rear-stage pinion coupled with the front-stage carrier serves as an input to the rear-stage speed reducing part, and causes the orbital motion of the rear-stage planetary gears as in the front-stage speed reducing part. The orbital motion is transmitted to the rear-stage carrier (the inner ring of the cross roller bearing) and then outputted. The direction of rotation of the rear-stage carrier is the same as the input direction, as in the front-stage speed reducing part.

## To watch AR on iPhone







Step 2

spline elliptically. Therefore, the teeth of

the long axis meshes with the circular

spline teeth, while the short axis is

completely separated from the circular

spline teeth



the wave generator (input) is rotated

clockwise, the flex spline deforms

elastically, and the position where the

teeth of the flex spline meshes with the

circular spline teeth moves sequentially.

## Step 2

one tooth

Scan the images of the 3 components of HarmonicDrive® above with your camera to watch AR.

clockwise up to 180 degrees, the flex

spline moves counterclockwise only by

### Front stage: Consists of a speed reducer mechanism with 3 planetary gears.

The rotation from the input pinion causes the orbital motion of the front-stage planetary gears that mesh with it. The orbital motion is transmitted to the front-stage carrier via the planetary shaft. The direction of rotation of the front-stage carrier is the same as the input direction.





## **History of Harmonic Drive Systems Inc.**

- From the creation of strain wave gearing to the current expansion of the diverse product lineup -

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## \* Our "Motion Technology" Supporting Technologies from the Underground to Space

HarmonicDrive<sup>®</sup> is a unique strain wave gear speed reducer. It is widely used in many areas, including robots, semiconductor manufacturing equipment, factory automation equipment, as well as aerospace applications that fulfill the dreams of humankind.







eVTOL



Courtesy of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

### eVTOL (flying cars)



[Space industry] Perseverance



### Industrial robots





Courtesy of Inter-University Research Institute Corporatio National Institutes of Natural Sciences, National Astronomic Observatory of Japan

### Power assist suits





Courtesy of DAIHEN Corporation

### Mobility vehicles



Courtesy of Toyota Motor Corporati

Co-robots



Courtesy of Techman Robot Inc.

### Surgical robot



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**Product Information** 

## A Full Line of Products That Deliver Total Motion Control

- A diverse product lineup allowing for precise motion -

## Harmonic Drive<sup>®</sup>

## HarmonicDrive<sup>®</sup> Speed Reducers The Harmonic Drive<sup>®</sup> is a speed reducer comprised of only three basic components, and is compact and lightweight, yet has high torque and high accuracy. It is used in a wide range of applications as a highly reliable precision speed Component Type reducer. CSF Series GOOD DESIGN AWARD Unit Type SHD-2SH Series Unit Type Unit Type CSF-ULW Series SHG-2UH Series [Production base] Hotaka Factory/Ariake Factory (Azumino-shi, Nagano) Located at the foot of Mt. Jonen-dake in the Northern Alos Hotaka Factory offers manufacturing, development, and service functions as the mother factory that leads the production activities of HarmonicDrive®. Skilled workers are working toward improved performance of products by using our core technologies such as precision cutting, thin metal working, and small module gear machining. Ariake Factory has achieved high productivity by building production lines by actively adopting automation and labor saving.

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More information about HarmonicDrive® products



## Harmonic Planetary<sup>®</sup>

## **Planetary Speed Reducers for Servo Motors**

The thin-walled elastic gear technology has been applied to the inner gear of the planetary speed reducer. Elastic deformation of the internal gear is used to realize lower backlash without the adjustment mechanism.





Gear Head Type HPN Series

Input Shaft Type HPG Series

## [Production base]

## ▶ Toyoshina Factory, Harmonic AD, Inc. (Azumino-shi, Nagano)



Toyoshina Factory, Harmonic AD, Inc. is a specialized manufacturer of planetary gear speed reducers for ongoing development of our planetary gear speed reducer business through the development of products that matched the needs of customers, further improvement of productivity, shorter delivery time, and cost competitiveness.



More information about Planetary Speed Reducers for Servo Motors



Gear Head Type HPG Series



Orthogonal Shaft Type HPG Series

More information about Harmonic AD, Inc.



## A Full Line of Products That Deliver Total Motion Control

- A diverse product lineup allowing for high-precision positioning -

## **MECHATRONICS**



## **CROSS ROLLER BEARING**

**Cross Roller Bearings** 

Cross roller bearings are used on the output side of almost all of our unit type and gear head type speed reducer products. These cross roller bearings, which are indispensable to our products, are manufactured under consistent quality control throughout the HDSI Group.





HCBC Series

Cross roller bearings offer more than 4 times the rigidity of the combined use of angular ball bearings. Since rollers have a longer area of contact compared to balls, the load capacity can be increased significantly. \* These products are designed only for HDSI products and are therefore not sold to outside vendors

### [Production base]

### Matsumoto Factory, Harmonic Precision Corporation (Matsumoto-shi, Nagano)



Matsumoto Factory, Harmonic Precision Corporation was completed in 2019. It is located in the Matsumoto Rinku Industrial Complex near Matsumoto Airport. The factory has improved the production efficiency and achieved stable quality by introducing automated assembly lines.

More information about Harmonic Precision Corporation

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HXBC Series

**HCBP** Series





## **Research & Development Organization for Pursuing a Higher Order of Perfection**

- Creating compact, lightweight, and high-precision products -

## [Research & Development Policies]

The ideal driving the research and development by the HDS Group is to provide more advanced motion control. To that end, in our R&D we carry out both research and development on next-generation technologies and also development and design tailored to customer needs, as we seek to cultivate and expand core technologies with an eye to the future, while improving our ability to provide solutions for today. We also devote considerable R&D efforts to production technology, in the form of engineering methods and equipment as manufacturing expertise necessary for production.







The I.K KAN research annex was completed on April 1, 2002 on the premises of the Hotaka Factory as the prototype of a next-generation manufacturing facility, for moving closer to ideal motion control with the HarmonicDrive®.

Targeting a ten-fold improvement in accuracy, we are pursuing sub-micron level processing precision by equipping the facility with machine tools and measuring instruments capable of high-precision processing and measurement.



More information about I.K KAN

## [Harmonic Drive International Symposium]

We have been holding an international symposium at five-year intervals ever since 1991, when we celebrated the 20th anniversary of our founding. The overall theme is motion control. Along with customers from around the world, we invite experts from universities and research institutes. The program features presentations on the latest technology trends and customer application examples, as well as reports by HDSI about our research and development, creating opportunities for exchanging information.





Introducing Details of Harmonic Drive International Symposium and Past Presentations

# **Contributing to Social and Industrial Innovation**

- Creating a sustainable society with our "Motion Technology" -



The HDS Group's mission is to contribute to technological innovation through business in order to help solve various social issues and improve society. In fulfilling this mission, we base our management philosophy on four pillars: 1) Respect for the individual, 2) a company with purpose, 3) coexistence and co-prosperity, and 4) contribution to society. This management philosophy was created in the early days of HDS and has been passed down from generation to generation as the corporate culture of the Group.

We believe that our management philosophy is the foundation of our sustainability efforts, and that our corporate activities themselves contribute to the realization of a sustainable society. Based on this management philosophy, we have established a Charter of Conduct, which sets forth the basic rules that all employees of the HDS Group must observe in order to ensure compliance with laws and regulations, conduct business ethically, and preserve harmony with various stakeholders.



In addition to addressing environmental, social, and governance issues based on the implementation of our management philosophy and Charter of Conduct, we believe that the HDS Group's sustainability hinges on contributing to the realization of a sustainable society by resolving social issues through the pursuit of "total motion control" through our business.

## **Management Principles**

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## Achieving a Sustainable Society

- Having an impact on society with technological innovation to better people's lives -

As a first step, with the aim of realizing a sustainable society and enhancing our corporate value over the medium term, we have formulated the following Basic Policy of Sustainability, which was approved by our Board of Directors on March 25, 2022.

## **Basic Policy of Sustainability**

As a technology and skills-based organization in pursuit of Total Motion Control, the HDSI Group aims to enhance corporate value and realize a sustainable society by contributing to technological innovation for the betterment of society. We intend to achieve these goals based on our management philosophy comprising four pillars: Respect for the individuals, be a meaningful company, coexistence and co-prosperity, and contribution to society.

## [Our path to sustainability]



One tenet of the HDS Group management philosophy is coexistence and coprosperity with the employees, shareholders, customers, suppliers, and local communities who support our efforts. To this end the Group companies strive through our corporate activities to contribute to the betterment of society and to improve the environment and quality of the local communities to which we belong. The mission of the HDS Group, as a technology and skills team providing total motion control, is to give birth to future technologies from new ideas. The people involved in research and development need to have a passion for making things and the sensitivity for producing creative ideas. In 2020, Harmonic Drive Systems Inc. celebrated its 50th anniversary. Over the years since our founding, through various cultural activities we have refined the sensitivity demanded for making things.

This art gallery, completed in 2002, exhibits the works of Yoshikuni lida, an innovative sculptor representative of post-war Japan. HDSI believes that a strong will and rich sensitivity are essential when we are pursuing not just high precision but are looking beyond it to true art. The IIDA KAN Gallery was built so that the people involved in developing our technology can go at any time for inspiration toward enhancing these traits. IIDA KAN is one of the museums and galleries located along the Azumino Art Line in Azumino City, and is open to the public for free.

\* The management of TRIAD IIDA-KAN was taken over by the Harmonic Ito Foundation in 2018.





This classical concert series was inaugurated to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the founding of Harmonic Drive Systems Inc. Proceeds from the concerts are donated to Azumino City for the purchase of books for the city's elementary and middle schools.

\* The Harmonic Concert Series has been sponsored by the Harmonic Ito Foundation and co-sponsored by HDSI since 2018.



Each year experts from various fields are invited to speak on timely themes such as education, economics, and business.

\* The Harmonic Lecture Series has been sponsored by the Harmonic Ito Foundation and co-sponsored by HDSI since 2019.





## [TRIAD IIDA KAN]

### [Harmonic Concert Series]

## [Harmonic Lecture Series]







## Worldwide Group Realizing Stable Production and Supply Networks

- Working on sound manufacturing with QCDS in mind to provide high-guality products to the world -



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