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for UP/SKX-Series Robots

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SECTION 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 About this Document
This manual provides instructions for External Reference Control Point Function and contains the following sections:

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION
General information about this manual, a list of reference documents, and customer service information.

SECTION 2 – SAFETY
Provides information for the safe use and operation of Motoman products.

SECTION 3 – EXTERNAL REFERENCE CONTROL POINT FUNCTION
Provides detailed instructions to utilize the External Reference Control Point Function.

1.2 Reference to Other Documentation
For additional information refer to the following:
- Concurrent I/O Parameters Manual (P/N 142102-1)
- Operator’s Manual for General Purpose (P/N 142099-1)
- Operator’s Manual for Handling (P/N 142100-1)
- Operator’s Manual for Spot Welding (P/N 142101-1)
- Operator’s Manual for Arc Welding (P/N 142098-1)
- Motoman UP6, XRC Manipulator Manual (P/N 142104-1)
- Motoman SK16X, XRC Manipulator Manual (P/N 142105-1)
- Motoman SK45X, XRC Manipulator Manual (P/N 142106-1)
- Motoman UP130, XRC Manipulator Manual (P/N 142107-1)

1.3 Customer Service Information
If you are in need of technical assistance, contact the Motoman service staff at (937) 847-3200. Please have the following information ready before you call:
- Robot Type (UP6, SK16X, etc.)
- Application Type (welding, handling, etc.)
- Robot Serial Number (located on the back side of the robot arm)
- Robot Sales Order Number (located on back side of XRC controller)
SECTION 2
SAFETY

2.1 Introduction

It is the purchaser's responsibility to ensure that all local, county, state, and national codes, regulations, rules, or laws relating to safety and safe operating conditions for each installation are met and followed.

We suggest that you obtain and review a copy of the ANSI/RIA National Safety Standard for Industrial Robots and Robot Systems. This information can be obtained from the Robotic Industries Association by requesting ANSI/RIA R15.06. The address is as follows:

Robotic Industries Association
900 Victors Way
P.O. Box 3724
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106
TEL: (734) 994-6088
FAX: (734) 994-3338

Ultimately, the best safeguard is trained personnel. The user is responsible for providing personnel who are adequately trained to operate, program, and maintain the robot cell. The robot must not be operated by personnel who have not been trained!

We recommend that all personnel who intend to operate, program, repair, or use the robot system be trained in an approved Motoman training course and become familiar with the proper operation of the system.

This safety section addresses the following:
- Standard Conventions (Section 2.2)
- General Safeguarding Tips (Section 2.3)
- Mechanical Safety Devices (Section 2.4)
- Installation Safety (Section 2.5)
- Programming Safety (Section 2.6)
- Operation Safety (Section 2.7)
- Maintenance Safety (Section 2.8)
2.2 Standard Conventions

This manual includes information essential to the safety of personnel and equipment. As you read through this manual, be alert to the four signal words:

• DANGER
• WARNING
• CAUTION
• NOTE

Pay particular attention to the information provided under these headings which are defined below (in descending order of severity).

⚠️ DANGER!
Information appearing under the DANGER caption concerns the protection of personnel from the immediate and imminent hazards that, if not avoided, will result in immediate, serious personal injury or loss of life in addition to equipment damage.

⚠️ WARNING!
Information appearing under the WARNING caption concerns the protection of personnel and equipment from potential hazards that can result in personal injury or loss of life in addition to equipment damage.

⚠️ CAUTION!
Information appearing under the CAUTION caption concerns the protection of personnel and equipment, software, and data from hazards that can result in minor personal injury or equipment damage.

NOTE: Information appearing in a NOTE caption provides additional information which is helpful in understanding the item being explained.
2.3 General Safeguarding Tips

All operators, programmers, plant and tooling engineers, maintenance personnel, supervisors, and anyone working near the robot must become familiar with the operation of this equipment. All personnel involved with the operation of the equipment must understand potential dangers of operation. General safeguarding tips are as follows:

- Improper operation can result in personal injury and/or damage to the equipment. Only trained personnel familiar with the operation of this robot, the operator's manuals, the system equipment, and options and accessories should be permitted to operate this robot system.
- Do not enter the robot cell while it is in automatic operation. Programmers must have the teach pendant when they enter the robot cell.
- Improper connections can damage the robot. All connections must be made within the standard voltage and current ratings of the robot I/O (Inputs and Outputs).
- The robot must be placed in Emergency Stop (E-STOP) mode whenever it is not in use.
- In accordance with ANSI/RIA R15.06, section 6.13.4 and 6.13.5, use lockout/tagout procedures during equipment maintenance. Refer also to Section 1910.147 (29CFR, Part 1910), Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry (OSHA).

2.4 Mechanical Safety Devices

The safe operation of the robot, positioner, auxiliary equipment, and system is ultimately the user's responsibility. The conditions under which the equipment will be operated safely should be reviewed by the user. The user must be aware of the various national codes, ANSI/RIA R15.06 safety standards, and other local codes that may pertain to the installation and use of industrial equipment. Additional safety measures for personnel and equipment may be required depending on system installation, operation, and/or location. The following safety measures are available:

- Safety fences and barriers
- Light curtains
- Door interlocks
- Safety mats
- Floor markings
- Warning lights

Check all safety equipment frequently for proper operation. Repair or replace any non-functioning safety equipment immediately.
2.5 Installation Safety

Safe installation is essential for protection of people and equipment. The following suggestions are intended to supplement, but not replace, existing federal, local, and state laws and regulations. Additional safety measures for personnel and equipment may be required depending on system installation, operation, and/or location. Installation tips are as follows:

- Be sure that only qualified personnel familiar with national codes, local codes, and ANSI/RIA R15.06 safety standards are permitted to install the equipment.
- Identify the work envelope of each robot with floor markings, signs, and barriers.
- Position all controllers outside the robot work envelope.
- Whenever possible, install safety fences to protect against unauthorized entry into the work envelope.
- Eliminate areas where personnel might get trapped between a moving robot and other equipment (pinch points).
- Provide sufficient room inside the workcell to permit safe teaching and maintenance procedures.

2.6 Programming Safety

All operators, programmers, plant and tooling engineers, maintenance personnel, supervisors, and anyone working near the robot must become familiar with the operation of this equipment. All personnel involved with the operation of the equipment must understand potential dangers of operation. Programming tips are as follows:

- Any modifications to PART 1 of the MRC controller PLC can cause severe personal injury or death, as well as damage to the robot! Do not make any modifications to PART 1. Making any changes without the written permission of Motoman will VOID YOUR WARRANTY!
- Some operations require standard passwords and some require special passwords. Special passwords are for Motoman use only. YOUR WARRANTY WILL BE VOID if you use these special passwords.
- Back up all programs and jobs onto a floppy disk whenever program changes are made. To avoid loss of information, programs, or jobs, a backup must always be made before any service procedures are done and before any changes are made to options, accessories, or equipment.
- The concurrent I/O (Input and Output) function allows the customer to modify the internal ladder inputs and outputs for maximum robot performance. Great care must be taken when making these modifications. Double-check all modifications under every mode of robot operation to ensure that you have not created hazards or dangerous situations that may damage the robot or other parts of the system.
- Improper operation can result in personal injury and/or damage to the equipment. Only trained personnel familiar with the operation, manuals, electrical design, and equipment interconnections of this robot should be permitted to operate the system.
• Inspect the robot and work envelope to be sure no potentially hazardous conditions exist. Be sure the area is clean and free of water, oil, debris, etc.
• Be sure that all safeguards are in place.
• Check the E-STOP button on the teach pendant for proper operation before programming.
• Carry the teach pendant with you when you enter the workcell.
• Be sure that only the person holding the teach pendant enters the workcell.
• Test any new or modified program at low speed for at least one full cycle.

2.7 Operation Safety

All operators, programmers, plant and tooling engineers, maintenance personnel, supervisors, and anyone working near the robot must become familiar with the operation of this equipment. All personnel involved with the operation of the equipment must understand potential dangers of operation. Operation tips are as follows:

• Be sure that only trained personnel familiar with the operation of this robot, the operator's manuals, the system equipment, and options and accessories are permitted to operate this robot system.
• Check all safety equipment for proper operation. Repair or replace any non-functioning safety equipment immediately.
• Inspect the robot and work envelope to ensure no potentially hazardous conditions exist. Be sure the area is clean and free of water, oil, debris, etc.
• Ensure that all safeguards are in place.
• Improper operation can result in personal injury and/or damage to the equipment. Only trained personnel familiar with the operation, manuals, electrical design, and equipment interconnections of this robot should be permitted to operate the system.
• Do not enter the robot cell while it is in automatic operation. Programmers must have the teach pendant when they enter the cell.
• The robot must be placed in Emergency Stop (E-STOP) mode whenever it is not in use.
• This equipment has multiple sources of electrical supply. Electrical interconnections are made between the controller, external servo box, and other equipment. Disconnect and lockout/tagout all electrical circuits before making any modifications or connections.
• All modifications made to the controller will change the way the robot operates and can cause severe personal injury or death, as well as damage the robot. This includes controller parameters, ladder parts 1 and 2, and I/O (Input and Output) modifications. Check and test all changes at slow speed.
2.8 Maintenance Safety

All operators, programmers, plant and tooling engineers, maintenance personnel, supervisors, and anyone working near the robot must become familiar with the operation of this equipment. All personnel involved with the operation of the equipment must understand potential dangers of operation. Maintenance tips are as follows:

- Do not perform any maintenance procedures before reading and understanding the proper procedures in the appropriate manual.
- Check all safety equipment for proper operation. Repair or replace any non-functioning safety equipment immediately.
- Improper operation can result in personal injury and/or damage to the equipment. Only trained personnel familiar with the operation, manuals, electrical design, and equipment interconnections of this robot should be permitted to operate the system.
- Back up all your programs and jobs onto a floppy disk whenever program changes are made. A backup must always be made before any servicing or changes are made to options, accessories, or equipment to avoid loss of information, programs, or jobs.
- Do not enter the robot cell while it is in automatic operation. Programmers must have the teach pendant when they enter the cell.
- The robot must be placed in Emergency Stop (E-STOP) mode whenever it is not in use.
- Be sure all safeguards are in place.
- Use proper replacement parts.
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- Improper connections can damage the robot. All connections must be made within the standard voltage and current ratings of the robot I/O (Inputs and Outputs).
Upon receipt of the product and prior to initial operation, read these instructions thoroughly, and retain for future reference.

The YASNAC XRC operator’s manuals above correspond to specific usage. Be sure to use the appropriate manual.
• This manual explains the functions of the YASNAC XRC external reference point control. Read this manual carefully and be sure to understand its contents before handling the YASNAC XRC.

• General items related to safety are listed in Section 1: Safety of the Setup Manual. To ensure correct and safe operation, carefully read the Setup Manual before reading this manual.

• Some drawings in this manual are shown with the protective covers or shields removed for clarity. Be sure all covers and shields are replaced before operating this product.

• The drawings and photos in this manual are representative examples and differences may exist between them and the delivered product.

• YASKAWA may modify this model without notice when necessary due to product improvements, modifications, or changes in specifications. If such modification is made, the manual number will also be revised.

• If your copy of the manual is damaged or lost, contact a YASKAWA representative to order a new copy. The representatives are listed on the back cover. Be sure to tell the representative the manual number listed on the front cover.

• YASKAWA is not responsible for incidents arising from unauthorized modification of its products. Unauthorized modification voids your product's warranty.
NOTES FOR SAFE OPERATION

Read this manual carefully before installation, operation, maintenance, or inspection of the YASNAC XRC.

In this manual, the Notes for Safe Operation are classified as “WARNING”, “CAUTION”, “MANDATORY”, or "PROHIBITED”.

⚠️ **WARNING**
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury to personnel.

⚠️ **CAUTION**
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury to personnel and damage to equipment. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

⚠️ **MANDATORY**
Always be sure to follow explicitly the items listed under this heading.

🚫 **PROHIBITED**
Must never be performed.

Even items described as “CAUTION” may result in a serious accident in some situations. At any rate, be sure to follow these important items.

💡 **NOTE**
To ensure safe and efficient operation at all times, be sure to follow all instructions, even if not designated as “CAUTION” and “WARNING”.

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Before operating the manipulator, check that servo power is turned off when the emergency stop buttons on the playback panel or programming pendant are pressed.

When the servo power is turned off, the SERVO ON READY lamp on the playback panel and the SERVO ON LED on the programming pendant are turned off.

Injury or damage to machinery may result if the emergency stop circuit cannot stop the manipulator during an emergency. The manipulator should not be used if the emergency stop buttons do not function.

Once the emergency stop button is released, clear the cell of all items which could interfere with the operation of the manipulator. Then turn the servo power ON.

Injury may result from unintentional or unexpected manipulator motion.

Always set the Teach Lock before entering the robot work envelope to teach a job.

Operator injury can occur if the Teach Lock is not set and the manipulator is started from the playback panel.

Observe the following precautions when performing teaching operations within the working envelope of the manipulator:
- View the manipulator from the front whenever possible.
- Always follow the predetermined operating procedure.
- Ensure that you have a safe place to retreat in case of emergency.

Improper or unintended manipulator operation may result in injury.

Confirm that no persons are present in the manipulator's work envelope and that you are in a safe location before:
- Turning on the YASNAC XRC power
- Moving the manipulator with the programming pendant
- Running check operations
- Performing automatic operations

Injury may result if anyone enters the working envelope of the manipulator during operation. Always press an emergency stop button immediately if there are problems. The emergency stop button is located on the right side of both the YASNAC XRC playback panel and programming pendant.
Definition of Terms Used Often in This Manual

The MOTOMAN manipulator is the YASKAWA industrial robot product.
The manipulator usually consists of the controller, the playback panel, the programming pendant, and supply cables.
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In this manual, the equipment is designated as follows.

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<td>YASNAC XRC Playback Panel</td>
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<td>YASNAC XRC Programming Pendant</td>
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Descriptions of the programming pendant and playback panel keys, buttons, and displays are shown as follows:

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<td><strong>Programming Pendant</strong></td>
<td><strong>Character Keys</strong> The keys which have characters printed on them are denoted with [ ] ex. [ENTER]</td>
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| **Symbol Keys**               | The keys which have a symbol printed on them are not denoted with [ ] but depicted with a small picture. ex. page key 
\[ P \] The cursor key is an exception, and a picture is not shown. |
| **Axis Keys**                 | **Number Keys** “Axis Keys” and “Number Keys” are generic names for the keys for axis operation and number input. |
| **Keys pressed simultaneously**| When two keys are to be pressed simultaneously, the keys are shown with a “+” sign between them, ex. [SHIFT]+[COORD] |
| **Displays**                   | The menu displayed in the programming pendant is denoted with { }. ex. {JOB}          |
| **Playback Panel**            | **Buttons** Playback panel buttons are enclosed in brackets. ex. [TEACH] on the playback panel |

**Description of the Operation Procedure**

In the explanation of the operation procedure, the expression "Select • • • " means that the cursor is moved to the object item and the SELECT key is pressed.
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1 External Reference Point

The external reference point function makes it possible to use a point in space as a control point of the manipulator for teaching and playback. This point in space is called the external reference point. During sealing or spot-welding where the workpiece is held by the robot, a reference point defined from the tip of a nozzle or the gun makes it possible to change the position of the workpiece. For motion type during playback, the speed of an external reference point is controlled in relation to the speed of the workpiece. The external reference point function saves teaching time, and makes it easier to control relative speeds of the nozzle and the workpiece, and makes it easier to predict motion type paths.

An external reference point is defined in relation to the user coordinate origin (ORG). Therefore, external reference point control is impossible unless the user coordinate system is defined. Since up to 24 user coordinate systems can be stored in memory, up to 24 external reference points can be set up.

An example of sealing by a workpiece-holding manipulator is shown in the following figure.

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1.1 Operation at Teaching

Teaching must be performed in the user coordinate system. For operations to change to the user coordinate system, refer to Section 2.1 “Teaching”. The “Axis Key” operations are the same as that in a user coordinate system, as explained in the following table.

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<td>Moves parallel to the X-, Y-, and/or Z-axis of the selected user coordinate.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wrist Axes</td>
<td></td>
<td>TCP fixed control motion is executed. (The external reference point is set as the control point.)</td>
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For details, refer to the sections 2.7 “User Coordinate System” and 2.8 “Operation at Tip of Tool/TCP Fixed Control” in the operator’s manual.
1.1 Operation at Teaching

1.1.1 Main Axes

1.1.2 Wrist Axes

TCP fixed control by the wrist axis can define an external reference point as a manipulator control point, and enables orientation changes without changing the position.
1.2 Operation at Playback

External reference point control with linear motion type between teaching points P1 and P2 is shown in the following figure.
1.3 Preparations for External Reference Point Control

The following conditions are required to perform the external reference point control for teaching. First of all, a user coordinate system should be registered.

1.3.1 Registration of User Coordinate System

For registration of a user coordinate system, refer to the section 2.7 “User Coordinate System2” in the operator’s manual.

1.4 Move Instructions

1.4.1 Type

There are two move instructions for external reference point control. EIMOVL : Used for external linear motion type. EIMOVC : Used for external circular motion type.

1.4.2 Play Speed

The setting procedure is the same as that for linear or circular motions.
1.4 Move Instructions

1.4.3 User Coordinate No.

When a move instruction for the external reference point control is registered, the user coordinate system number of the external reference point selected at the time is automatically registered.

EIMOV L V=100 UF#(1)

Play Speed User Coordinate No.

<An example of instruction registration and movement>

Move instruction for manipulator control point.

Registering EIMOV L (Fig. A)

Registering EIMOV C (Fig. B)
2 Teaching and Modification

After completing the “PREPARATION FOR EXTERNAL REFERENCE POINT CONTROL” explained in Chapter 1, move instructions for external reference point control can be taught or modified.

2.1 Teaching

1. Select {Job Contents} from {Job} in the top menu of the Job Contents display. Then move the cursor to the line above where the move instruction is to be inserted.

2. Press [COORD] to set the external reference points’ coordinates.

3. When the desired user coordinate file is not selected, press both the [SHIFT] and [COORD] key at the same time. The User Coordinate Select dialog box is displayed.

4. Move the cursor to the desired user coordinate file No., and then press [SELECT].

5. By pressing the axis key, set the external reference point to the desired position.
2.2 Checking Paths

To check whether the taught step positions are correct, use [FWD] and [BWD] on the programming pendant.

For details, refer to the section 3.3 Checking Paths in the operator’s manual.

2.3 Modifying Paths

If the paths need to be modified, refer to the following sections in the operator’s manual.

- 3.4.2 Inserting Move Instructions.
- 3.4.3 Deleting Move Instructions.
- 3.4.4 Modifying Move Instructions.
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