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The LBR iiwa. A new era of sensitive robotics is beginning.
40 years after the first industrial robot was used, KUKA is opening a new chapter in the history of industrial robotics with the LBR iiwa. “LBR” stands for “Leichtbauroboter” (German for lightweight robot), “iiwa” for “intelligent industrial work assistant”.

As the first series-produced sensitive robot suitable for human-robot collaboration, the LBR iiwa is opening up new areas that were previously closed to automation.
The LBR iiwa is a work colleague – completely safe, with a sensitive touch.

Sense, detect, respond according to the situation and join parts intelligently.

With its integrated torque sensors, the LBR iiwa enables the automation of delicate assembly tasks for force-controlled joining operations and process monitoring. The controller is optimized for this, simplifying the fast start-up of even complex applications. The robot becomes the third hand of the human operator.
A revolution in robotics.
With a sensitive touch.
The LBR iiwa has integrated, sensitive torque sensors in all seven axes. These endow the lightweight robot with contact detection capabilities and programmable compliance. It masters force-controlled joining operations and continuous-path processes for which the position of the objects must be determined sensitively. It can also handle fragile and sensitive objects without damaging them. In many cases, the integrated sensitivity of the LBR iiwa allows the use of simpler and less expensive tools.

Green light for innovative automation solutions.
In today’s manufacturing environment, the ever-increasing diversity of products and variants means that the utmost in flexibility and adaptability is required. Furthermore, the phenomenon of an ageing workforce is making it necessary to come up with new answers in the field of automation. The LBR iiwa provides them. It is laying the foundation for innovative, future-proof production processes – more ergonomic, more efficient, more flexible, more cost-effective.

Protection of materials and machines.
Compliance of the LBR iiwa can be programmed individually for all joints and all Cartesian axes. The LBR iiwa is thus able to handle sensitive parts safely and assemble them by exerting exactly the right force, thereby avoiding rejects or costly collisions.

Agile due to lightweight construction and extremely short response times.
As a result of its advanced lightweight design, the LBR iiwa only has to move small masses. Combining this with high-performance servo control, it is able to follow contours quickly under force control.

INSERTING PLUGS: In the assembly of flexible automotive parts, the LBR iiwa performs non-ergonomic and monotonous tasks with the utmost reliability.

MASTERING NON-RIGID PARTS: Thanks to its highly responsive sensors, the LBR iiwa enables the automation of hose and cable assembly.

PRECISE ASSEMBLY: Using its sensors, the LBR iiwa is able to detect the correct installation position and to fit parts quickly and sensitively.

WITHOUT ADDITIONAL SENSORS: The LBR iiwa finds retaining rings by itself, even if they are not positioned precisely.

7 kg / 14 kg
The LBR iiwa lightweight robot is available in two variants: with a payload capacity of 7 or 14 kg. Its lightweight construction is the key to the sensitivity and responsiveness of the LBR iiwa.
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In all seven axes, the LBR iiwa has integrated torque sensors implemented, using safe technology. This is unique worldwide. They respond to the slightest of external forces and enable safe collision protection. In the case of unexpected contact, the LBR iiwa reduces its velocity in an instant, thereby limiting its kinetic energy to a level that precludes injuries.

IP54
The LBR iiwa is suitable for operation in normal machine environments and meets the requirements of protection rating IP54.

>30,000 h
The ultimate in high-tech: despite its lightweight design, the LBR iiwa robot is suitable for use in industrial applications. The mechanical system and cables are rated for at least 30,000 hours of operation.

The LBR iiwa has a feel for safe working.
Where humans and robots collaborate safely, many safety precautions become superfluous. The LBR iiwa already incorporates all necessary measures in its HRC package. Additional costs that are normally required for safety equipment, circuitry and safety fences, and the associated space requirements, are eliminated.

At the same time, the LBR iiwa opens up entirely new automation solutions that were previously not possible due to safety requirements. Humans and robots can share the same workspace and optimally divide tasks between them. This makes it possible to dispense with expensive feed systems and production areas, for example.

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The need for a safety fence is eliminated. So too are the associated high costs.

Hand in hand for greater productivity.

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As close as you can get to unlimited productivity: the LBR iiwa.
FAST REACTION: In the case of a collision with an obstacle, the LBR iiwa immediately reduces its velocity and force.

SAFELY STREAMLINED: The streamlined form is designed for human-robot collaboration, completely without crushing and shearing hazards.

EXTREMELY SENSITIVE: High sensitivity is a prerequisite for the safety of humans and materials. The LBR iiwa is extremely responsive.

NO LIMITS: Safe human-robot collaboration makes new processes and applications possible, even in extremely confined spaces.

Intuitive operator control by means of gestures.

The safe torque sensors make it possible for the operator to influence and control the sequence of a robot application by means of simple gestures, such as touching the robot. Intuitively and without the need for additional control equipment.

A new form of safety.

The housing of the LBR iiwa is made entirely of aluminum. This saves a great deal of weight and increases safety. Thanks to its streamlined design without edges, the LBR iiwa also eliminates all crushing and shearing hazards. This minimizes risks when working with humans.

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The kinematic system of the LBR iiwa is based on the human arm. The position and orientation of the tool can thus be achieved with different axis positions. The LBR iiwa simply reaches round disruptive contours. In this way, work sequences can be programmed in an extremely space-saving manner.

Particularly in the case of confined and difficult installation situations in production systems, the LBR iiwa proves its worth as a highly flexible work assistant.

With the LBR iiwa, many paths lead to the goal.

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22.3 / 29.5 kg

Its low weight of just 22.3 kg (with a payload capacity of 7 kg) or 29.5 kg (with a payload capacity of 14 kg) is a key to the sensitivity and mobility of the LBR iiwa.
The low weight of the sensitive LBR iiwa lightweight robot, its small footprint and enormous payload predestine it for mobile operation. Mounted on a carriage as a job-hopper, it can work in constantly changing locations depending on specific requirements – in collaboration with the human operator or alone. On arrival at its place of operation, it makes use of its integrated sensitivity to calibrate itself automatically and precisely.

In “Position controller” mode, the LBR iiwa acts conventionally and moves to the desired position with the programmed velocity.

In “Gravity compensation” mode, it proves its worth as a valuable work assistant. It compensates the weight of the load so precisely that it can be moved by exerting a minimum of external force.

In “Compliance controller” mode, the compliance of the LBR iiwa can be configured both translationally and rotationally for all axes separately, thus optimizing adaptation of the characteristics of the robot to the specific task. It is also possible to activate a defined force and superpose it on a motion.

Seven axes for maximum versatility.

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WEIGHTLESS: In the controller mode "Gravity compensation", the LBR iiwa perfectly compensates the weight of workpieces, making it possible to handle them effortlessly.

FAST ORIENTATION: Even if parts have not been positioned accurately, the LBR iiwa can locate them, pick them up correctly and join them with the utmost precision.

LEARNING MORE AT THE CLICK OF A MOUSE: When programming the LBR iiwa, it is possible to access libraries that are available worldwide, some at no cost.

The LBR iiwa also simplifies the periphery.

The more sensitive the robot is, the less complicated and more cost-effective the tools can be, and the lower the corresponding maintenance requirements. The required compliance is no longer implemented mechanically in the tool, but by the LBR iiwa itself. In this way, necessary adaptations to processes can be implemented quickly and flexibly by modifying parameters in the controller. This makes automation more cost-effective, particularly in production with small batch sizes.

Modular, open and easy to program.

For programming the robot sequence and integrating external sensors, the LBR iiwa makes consistent use of the possibilities offered by Java technology. Its strengths: worldwide distribution, high recognition level and rapid expandability by means of external libraries, some of which are available as free, open-source software. With the LBR iiwa, companies acquire tangibly greater flexibility for the planning and implementation of their automation processes.

The surroundings change. The performance remains the same.

A workpiece is not accurately positioned in the magazine; a sleeve is not accurately centered on a shaft. With its integrated sensors, the LBR iiwa can nonetheless pick them up and assemble them correctly without the need for expensive peripheral equipment.

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For precise calibration, conventional robots require external helpers. The LBR iiwa only needs itself. With its integrated mastering sensors, it is able to master itself automatically. This dispenses with the need for the Electronic Mastering Device, for example, and saves time.
The LBR iiwa takes a precise view of progress.

Lowest tolerances, high path accuracy.

All gear units of the LBR iiwa are systematically designed for precision and manufactured with extremely low tolerances. This results in a high repeatability of ±0.1 mm. The uniquely smooth running of the LBR iiwa is achieved by taking the torque signals into consideration during path control.

This precision qualifies it for demanding assembly tasks which it is able to perform like no other industrial robot in the world.

Processes that can be traced in detail.

When the LBR iiwa carries out automation tasks, it can continuously record process parameters and forces in parallel.

Its precise work can thus be traced at all times without the need for time and cost-intensive external quality controls. This, in turn, makes automation processes significantly simpler and more flexible.
Precisely on track, even in the case of changing workpieces.

Thanks to its compliance, the LBR iiwa can trace and process irregular surfaces without the need to program the path precisely or position workpieces exactly. The robot sensitively and autonomously follows the contour without penetrating surfaces or losing contact.

The LBR iiwa automatically compensates for irregularities in the workpiece. Furthermore, a better cycle time is achieved because the motion to the point of contact can be carried out at a higher velocity than with conventional industrial robots.

Integrated media, perfected flange.

The LBR iiwa is the preferred assistant for complex assembly tasks and in confined installation situations. In order to avoid disruptive contours, all media are routed entirely internally through the robot arm – all the way from the base to the innovative flange. Only there, in the immediate vicinity of tools or mounted sensors, are the power and compressed air supply lines and field buses routed out of the robot.

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The LBR iiwa. Technology that is redefining robotics.

Control your future: KUKA Sunrise.

The basis for the innovative LBR iiwa robotics consists of the specially developed KUKA Sunrise control technology, the KUKA Sunrise Cabinet control hardware and the KUKA Sunrise OS control software.

KUKA Sunrise Cabinet unites safety control, robot control, logic control and process control of the entire system. Its interfaces, scalability, performance and openness mean that there are virtually limitless automation possibilities. In the future, it will also be possible to control multiple lightweight robots with a single controller.


The new KUKA Sunrise Workbench engineering suite for programming, start-up and debugging. It makes operator control of the LBR iiwa more intuitive and user-friendly than ever before. Programmers receive active support, for example, from the integrated handbook, the auto-complete function and the highlighting of syntax and errors in the program code.

KUKA smartPAD with new user interface.

Just as intelligent as the way the LBR iiwa works is the way it can be operated. With the tried-and-tested KUKA smartPAD and its redesigned user interface. Tiles with self-explanatory icons lead intuitively to the desired functions, while colored status LEDs provide fast feedback about the current status of the robot station. More detailed information and problem solutions are never more than a few clicks away. Thanks to multiple visualization functions, the smartPAD simplifies work and boosts both safety and productivity.

Technical data

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KUKA Sunrise Cabinet

- Processor: Quad-core processor
- Hard drive: SSD
- Interfaces: USB, EtherNet, DVI
- Protection rating: IP20
- Dimensions (DxWxH): 500 mm x 483 mm x 190 mm
- Weight: 23 kg

Power supply connection

- Rated supply voltage: AC 110 V – 230 V
- Permissible tolerance of rated voltage: ±10 %
- Mains frequency: 50 Hz ± 1Hz oder 60 Hz ± 1Hz
- Mains-side fusing: 2 x 16 A slow-blowing
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