

**Announcement: Shipment of linear motor driven machines  
reaching over 20,000 units**

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Ever since Sodick released linear motor driven Electrical Discharge Machine (EDM), the sales of the machines have kept growing. As of March 2008, the total number of shipment reached over 20,000 units.

Compared with ball screw driven machines, linear motor driven ones feature high speed movement and high responsiveness, which make high speed and high accuracy machining possible with high repeatability. Since Sodick released linear motor driven machines, the sales keep growing and the total number of shipment reached over 20,000 units.

The sales of linear motor driven machines recorded 10,000 units in January 2005. In only 3 years and 3 months, the total number of the shipment recorded over 20,000 units. This is an extraordinary high speed in EDM industry. In recent years the machines are sold at a rate of 3,500 units per year.

One of the reasons for achieving this successful record is a market's high appreciation for stable high positioning accuracy which keeps for ages. By employing linear motor drive system, deterioration of positioning accuracy which ball screw drive system entails has been eliminated. Besides that, there is no more need of replacement of an old ball screw with a new one. Varieties of maintenance tasks related to ball screw system have also been drastically reduced, leading to a lot of voices of appreciation from the customers.

Another reason is the successful launches of the new models such as "AG series" which was released last year with the feature of "Zero-Wear" machining performance, contributing to the faster achievement of 20,000 units than expected. Together with the growing number of the machines shipped from the factory, the slogan, "Manufacturing revolution realized by EDM", has also become widely known to the customers.

We believe the achievement of 20,000 units is the proof of our contribution to help our customers to be more competitive and the customers' high expectations for the solutions Sodick provides.

Sodick will continue to do its best to introduce solutions to the manufacturing site in terms of "safety", "reliability", "energy saving", and "recycling", all of which are becoming more and more important in manufacturing. Sodick will always keep its mind set on the idea of "contribution to the manufacturing" together with the corporate policy of "create what does not exist in the world".