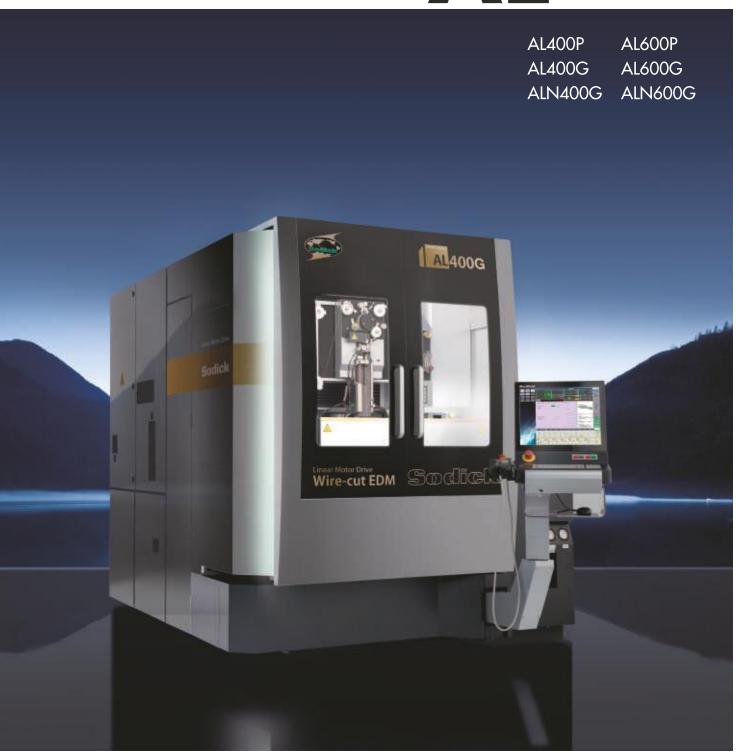


Linear Motor Drive Wire-cut EDM

# AL series



Smart Pulse & Smart Linear

The AL Series demonstrates the best performance by internally developing and manufacturing all the component technology represented by the linear motor, electric discharge power supply, NC unit, motion controller and ceramics, based on the development concept of "Smart Pulse & Smart Linear."

### **Positioning Accuracy**

Sodick's Wire-cut EDM equipped with the linear motor drive system realized various types of machining which was not possible with the conventional ball screw drive system.

Maintains the initial machine accuracy semi-permanently without deterioration of the accuracy throughout the life of the machine (17 years or more).









### AL400P/AL600P

High Precision Premium Specification

4 axis linear motor drive system

Equipped with ceramics

3-sided machining tank with automatic up/down door

Digital-PIKA-W Plus: Best surface roughness Ra 0.04µm

(Cemented carbide material)

DSF (Dynamic Shape First)

CFRP full cover

### AL400G/AL600G

4 axis linear motor drive system

Equipped with ceramics

3-sided machining tank with automatic up/down door

Digital-PIKA-W Plus: Best surface roughness Ra  $0.04 \mu m$ 

(Cemented carbide material)

DSF (Dynamic Shape First)

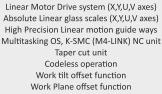
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## Opening the Door of Next Generation Machining

### **Smart Pulse & Smart Linear**

### **Features & Functions**

Windows 7 OS, Dual Core Processor
19 inch LCD Multi touch panel
Auto power failure recovery (UPS)
Heart NC onboard programming
Auto machining condition search
user friendly GUI interface
Intelligent Q3vic EDW
Remote control
LAN / USB port
Anti virus



Onboard operational help Maintenance screen Onboard manuals Caluclator

Digital PIKA-W Plus TMP control II Electrolysis free circuit Dynamic Shape First (DSF) Barrel free effect control II Fine pickup function (FT II) Advanced corner control Easy power adjust (EPA) Energy saving circuit Core clip function

Ceramic Workstand & Baseplate
Ceramic Upper and Lower arms
Tripple filteration system
Filter pressure indicator
Ion exchange unit-18 ltrs
Self cleaning slide plate
Dielectric cooling unit
Stepdown transformer
Auto voltage regulator
Wire alignment block
Air filter
Clamping kit
Tool box

Automatic 3 side raise/drop tank
Rectangular work table
Submerge and Flush type machining
90°swing type position adjustable panel
64 step flush control Digital inverter
New wire tension servo function
High flushing pressure indicator
Digital water resistivity display
Flat discharge cables
Meehanite casting

Auto Wire Threading (FJ-AWT)
Round Diamond guides
Pop-up search function
Wire tip processing unit
Sub panel for AWT operation
Z axis Auto liquid level control
Intermediate liquid level function
Easy adjustable power feed contact
Adjustable wire ejection roller unit





### ALN400G/ALN600G

4 axis linear motor drive system
Equipped with ceramics
3-sided machining tank with automatic up/down
door

Digital-PIKA-W Plus: Best surface roughness Ra 0.04μm (Cemented carbide material)

DSF (Dynamic Shape First)



The AL Series fully adopted the latest wire electric discharge control technology. The newly developed "Smart Pulse" equipped with the latest devices, realized high speed and improved stability, and the machining performance is demonstrated with Sodick's original "HAYABUSA WIRE" and "Tsubame Wire Plus" according to the purpose.

# **Smart Pulse**

Equipped with newly developed horizontal 19-inch LCD touch panel screen
"Barrel-free Effect Control II" which greatly reduces the barrel amount of the first cut
"TMP Control II" which improves the surface roughness during second cut machining,
and realizes high speed and improves stability of semi-finish machining
"Digital-PIKA-W Plus" which realizes excellent surface roughness in finish machining by EHF digital pulse machining
The best machining performance can be demonstrated with the standardly equipped
wire electric discharge control technology.

Barrel-free Effect Control II improves the machining accuracy including the first cut to the corner portions. The Digital-PIKA-W Plus which realizes the best surface roughness also improves the overall performance including the shape accuracy, surface roughness and machining speed.

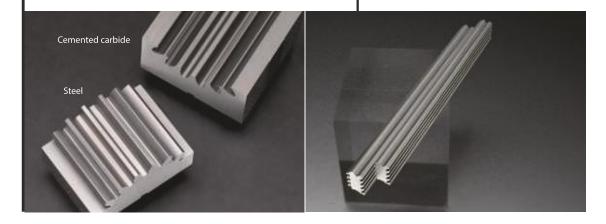
Best surface roughness (P type, G type)

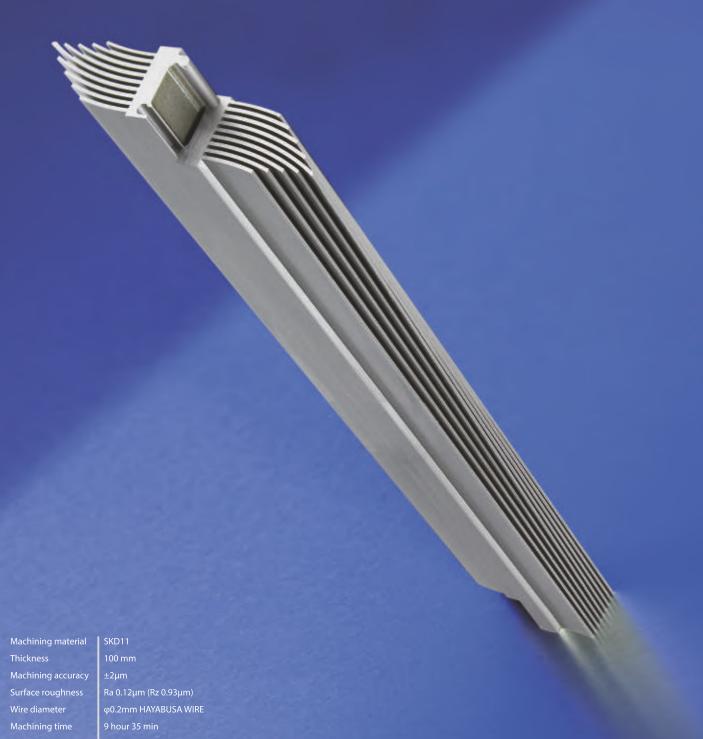
Cemented carbide Ra 0.04 $\mu$ m (Rz 0.34 $\mu$ m) Thickness 15 mm

Steel Ra 0.09µm (Rz 0.91µm)

Thickness 15 mm

Cemented carbide Ra 0.04 $\mu$ m (Rz 0.31 $\mu$ m) Thickness 100 mm





Fin shaped high precision mating parts in a hydro-regulator A high quality finish of the 5  $^{\circ}$  angles on the end with a 0.4 mm width

can be achieved across a 100mm thickness. (P type, G type)

World's First! Wire-cut EDMs equipped with linear motor drive

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2004

2008

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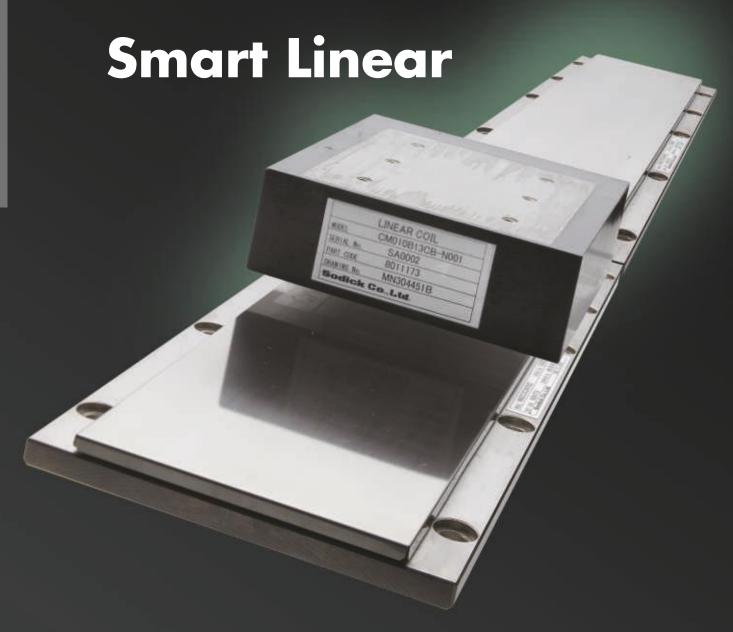
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### 2016

### Total shipments of more than 36,000 machines



A total of more than 36,000 machines have been shipped for this product group equipped the linear motor drive method, which has accumulated a track record of more than 17 years since its adoption prior to the industry in 1999, are used in the global market today.

Maintains the initial machine accuracy semi-permanently without deterioration of the accuracy throughout the life of the machine (17 years or more)





# Standardly Equipped with X, Y, U and V Axis Linear Motors

The standardly equipped 4 axis (XYUV) linear motor drive method has been realized by adopting the best technology, such as the full-closed loop control "K-SMC (M4-LINK)" with highly rigid guides and new motion technology, including an absolute linear scale, and Sodick's latest motion controller.

Sodick's linear motor drive is standardly equipped with an absolute linear scale made by Heidenhain with a resolution of 0.01  $\mu m$  .

Maintains excellent position detection and stability over a long period.

### **Linear Motor**

### Sodick's Motion Controller

Although backlash accompanying reverse occurs in the axis movement by a ball screw drive system, a smooth drive is possible with a linear motor without a ball screw as there is no mechanical contact. Since the linear motor consists of a maintenance free non-contact simple structure, the initial accuracy is maintained for a long period without wear and deterioration.

Sodick performed research and development of "Sodick's Motion Controller (K-SMC)" which accurately controls the movement of the high-speed and high accuracy linear motor based on commands from the NC unit, which brought technological innovation to electric discharge machining. Reliably controls the high-speed, high acceleration and accurate positioning.

# **Core Technology**

# All component technology is developed and manufactured in-house

### **NC Unit**

# Discharge Power Supply Unit

### Ceramics

Sodick developed and manufactures the NC unit which can be operated easily by anyone, and demonstrates the performance of the machining to the utmost. In order to realize high precision machining, the drive system K-SMC and the electrical discharge power supply wire running system are accurately controlled by computer with artificial intelligence equipped with the latest electric discharge machining theories.

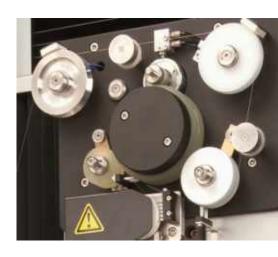
This unit is equipped with numerous circuits which optimally control the electric discharge energy. The rapidity which is focused on in rough machining, and the quality required in finish machining, are controlled by an optimal discharge pulse, which realizes excellent surface finishing and shape accuracy. The discharge power supply unit equipped with these circuits consists of an energy saving design, which minimizes the loss of energy.

Since the thermal displacement of ceramic is extremely low, this material is ideal for wire-cut EDMs. The ceramic material has electrical insulation which is important for wire-cut EDMs, as well as being hard, lightweight, resistant to heat and abrasion resistant. Using this material in the main parts of the machine naturally allows for high quality machining surfaces in fine areas with out dedicated tools.



### **New Wire Tension Servo Function**

This machine is equipped with the "New Wire Tension Servo Function" which optimally controls the strength of the wire tension. The high performance tension detection realizes highspeed and high accuracy machining.



# Improved Operability

# **Operability**

The stand base made of ceramic is standardly equipped with a "square shaped" work table. The setup time indispensable for high precision machining can be reduced with the mechanism (Automatic Liquid Level Control) where the liquid level is automatically adjusted with the Z-axis, and the "Intermediate Liquid Level Control Function" which adjusts the temperature conditions during machining and setup.

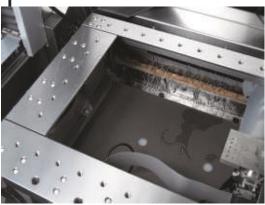
### **Triple Filtration System**

This system is designed in consideration of maintainability. The external appearance differs by model.



### "Square Shaped" Work Table

The inside of the machining tank can be used spaciously with the square shaped table.



### Slide Plate

This plate is equipped with a self-cleaning function which prevents adhesion of sludge on the seal.

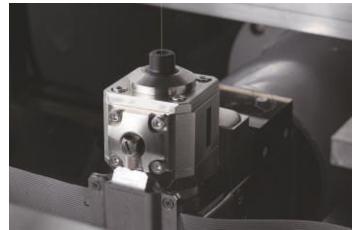




The up/down guide is equipped with a power feed contact, which makes it easy to change the location where it is used and the positioning.

### Standardly Equipped with Round Diamond Guides

The standardly equipped round diamond dies with a narrow clearance improves the repeatability and stability of high precision machining. The maintainability was improved with a new mechanism that makes disassembly and cleaning easy.





# Samples

The synergetic effect of the latest electric discharge control technology by "Smart Pulse" and the linear motor drive system, greatly improved the machining performance of the Wire-cut EDM in all areas.

### 14 ° Tapered Angle Block

Improves the surface roughness in machining with large tapered angles, and corner shape accuracy. (P type, G type)



### Mating at 10 ° inclination















# Samples

- \*The surface roughness unit Rz is used based on JIS B0601:2001 and ISO4287:1997/ISO1302:2002.

  \*The data indicated in this catalog is based on Sodick's measurement stan-
- dards in our machining environment.

# Core Pin 2 Step Machining Stable and high precision machining is realized even in core pin shapes where the thickness changes from 0.3 mm to 1.0 mm. 33 pins in 2 layers; Pitch: 0.6 mm Machining material SKD11 Thickness 0.3 mm to 1.0 mm Machining accuracy ± ±2μm Surface roughness Ra 0.24μm (Rz 2.05μm) Wire diameter 0.1 mm HAYABUSA WIRE Machining time 3 hour 48 min





# Operability

The new NC unit "SPW Power Supply" equipped with a high-speed Dual Core processor has evolved further in the AL Series. The adoption of the easy on the eyes and easy to use large horizontal 19-inch LCD touch panel screen in consideration of ergonomics, improves the operability, such as simple operation of the multi-touch LCD monitoring system, various graphic functions, and intelligible design by icons, etc.



### Screen Structure

The screen consists of four parts, including the main screen, machining conditions, machine operation, and gadget screen.



### (1) Main screen



### (2) Gadget screen

Displays the Operation Manual, message descriptions and code descriptions
Displays the dry switching, single stop ON/OFF, image taken by camera (Option)
Displays the MDI screen

### (3) Machining conditions

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### (4) Machine operation

Calculator

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### **Machining Conditions Search Function**

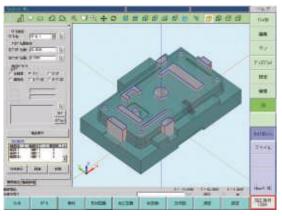
The machining conditions can be set by simple operation, just by selecting and entering the wire diameter, workpiece material, and thickness, etc.



### Intelligent Q3vic EDW (Standard)

3D solid models can be acquired directly. Since the operator can recognize detailed machined shapes by a solid model, consistent and highly efficient manufacturing flows can be established. Existing data (DXF, ASC) can be utilized effectively, as drawings and contour drawings of 2D shape data can easily be created in 2D models.

\* Please contact Sodick if verification and instruction are required.



### **Expanded Pitch Compensation Function**

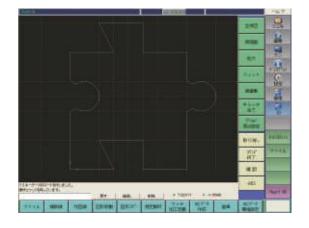
Straightness compensation was added, in addition to the conventional pitch compensation and plane pitch compensation. The combined use of these functions improves the geometric accuracy. A function which feeds back the pitch machining results to compensate the machining position was also added. This function enables higher accuracy pitch machining than ever before.

\* Please contact a sales representative for each function.



### Heart NC (Standard)

Automatic programs can be created easily by drawing shapes, such as varying top and bottom shapes, involute gears, coreless shapes, and free form curves, etc. Data created in other CAD/CAM can also be read in DXF format to output the optimal machining program.



Machine	AL400P/AL400G	AL600P/AL600G
Machining tank inner dimensions (W x D)	850×610 mm	1050×710 mm
X axis stroke	400 mm	600 mm
Y axis stroke	300 mm	400 mm
Z axis stroke	250 mm	350 mm
U x V axis stroke	150×150 mm	150×150 mm
Max. taper angle	± 25° (Thickness: 130 mm)	± 25° (Thickness: 130 mm)
Max. workpiece size (W x D x H)	600x470x240 (Flush machining) mm	800x570x340 (Flush machining) mm
Max. Workpiece Size (W X D X H)	600x470x230 (Immersion machining) mm	800x570x280 (Immersion machining) mm
Max. weight of workpiece	500 (Flush machining) kg	1000 kg
Max. Weight of Workpiece	350 (Immersion machining) kg	1000 kg
Wire diameter	ø 0.05 to ø 0.3 mm *1	ø 0.05 to ø 0.3 mm <sup>*1</sup>
Wire tension	3 to 23 N	3 to 23 N
Wire feed rate	Max. 420 mm/sec	Max. 420 mm/sec
Distance from floor to table upper surface	995 mm	995 mm
Machine dimensions (W x D x H)	2,115×2,500×2,230 mm	2,495×2,895×2,345 mm
Machine installation dimensions (W x D)	3,350×3,850 mm	3,780×4,245 mm
Machine weight (Power supply & service	3,400 kg	4,600 kg
tank included)	5,400 kg	4,000 kg
Air supply	0.5 MPa 30 NL/min	0.5 MPa 30 NL/min
Total electric capacity	3-phase 50/60 Hz 13 kVA *2	3-phase 50/60 Hz 13 kVA *2
	*1 ø 0.05 mm, ø 0.05 mm and ø0.07mm are optional. *2 E	Electric capacity when ø 0.2 mm wire is used.

Service Tank	AL400P	AL400G	AL600P	AL600G
Service tank capacity	675 Liter	600 Liter	850 Liter	800 Liter
Machining fluid filtration method	Paper filter replacement type (3 cylinder inner pressure type)			placement type er pressure type)
Demineralizer	lon exchange resin	(18 L specification)	Ion exchange resi	n (18 L specification)

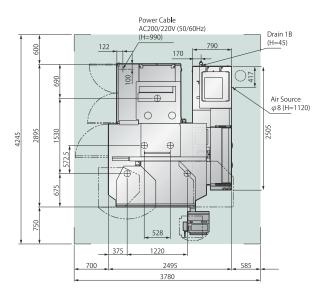
CNC Power Supply Unit SPW	
	40 A (COA-Omtion)
Max. machining current	40 A (60A:Option)
Power supply input specification	AC200V 50/60 Hz
NC unit	Multi-tasking OS, K-SMC-LINK method (M4-LINK)
User memory capacity	Editing space: 100,000 blocks, Saving space: 30 M bytes
Memory device	SSD, External memory
Input method	External memory, multi-touch panel, screen keyboard, LAN
Display method	19-inch TFT-LCD
Printable characters	Kanji (JIS Level 1 Kanji characters), alphabet, numerical characters, etc.
Keyboard	Standard 101 keyboard, function key
Position command method	Incremental / absolute in combination
Input range	±999999.999/±99999.9999/±9999.999999 (Changeable)
Electric discharge machining condition registration function	10,000 conditions can be registered (C0000 to C9999)
Offset function	10,000 conditions can be registered (H0000 to H9999)
Program sequence number specification	Setting from N000000000 to N999999999
Coordinate value	60
Number of simultaneously controlled axes	4 axes max (SPW-E: 8 axes max *4)
Min. command unit	0.001µm
Min. drive unit	0.01 μm (X, Y, U, V axes)
Max. feed speed	X, Y-axis: Max. 3 m/min, Z-axis: 2 m/min
Position detection method	Full closed loop (Linear scale)
Drive system	Linear motor (X, Y, U, V axes)
Various compensation	Pitch error, plane pitch error, torque and torsion compensation for each axis Workpiece inclination and workpiece distortion compensation
Graphics function	XY, YZ and ZX planes, drawing while machining, drawing while 3-dimensional machining, zoom in, zoom out, rotation  Background drawing
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\*4 SPW-E: 8 axis specification compatible with AL400P/AL600P, AL400G/AL600G, and ALN400G/ALN600G.

### AL400P / AL400G

### Power Cable AC200/220V(50/60Hz) (H=875) Drain 1B (H=45) 700 <u>Deionizer</u> 122 Air Source φ8 (H=1140) 0 Ф 484.5 595 650 3350 Drawing unit: mm

### AL600P / AL600G



Machine	ALN400G	ALN600G	
Machining tank inner dimensions (W x D)	850×610 mm	1050×710 mm	
X axis stroke	400 mm	600 mm	
Y axis stroke	300 mm	400 mm	
Z axis stroke	250 mm	350 mm	
U x V axis stroke	150×150 mm	150×150 mm	
Max. taper angle	± 25° (Thickness: 130 mm)	± 25° (Thickness: 130 mm)	
Max. workpiece size (W x D x H)	600x470x240 (Flush machining) mm	800x570x340 (Flush machining) mm	
Max. Workpiece Size (W X D X H)	600x470x230 (Immersion machining) mm	800x570x280 (Immersion machining) mm	
Max. weight of workpiece	500 (Flush machining) kg	1000 kg	
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Wire diameter	ø 0.05 to ø 0.3 mm *1	ø 0.05 to ø 0.3 mm <sup>*1</sup>	
Wire tension	3 to 23 N	3 to 23 N	
Wire feed rate	Max. 420 mm/sec	Max. 420 mm/sec	
Distance from floor to table upper surface	995 mm	995 mm	
Machine dimensions (W x D x H)	2,115×2,335×2,185 mm	2,445×2,685×2,296mm	
Machine installation dimensions (W x D)	3,365×3,660 mm	3,695×4,060 mm	
Machine weight (Power supply & service	3,200 kg	4,300 kg	
tank included)	5,200 kg	4,500 kg	
Air supply	0.5 MPa 30 NL/min	0.5 MPa 30 NL/min	
Total electric capacity	3-phase 50/60 Hz 13 kVA *2	3-phase 50/60 Hz 13 kVA *2	

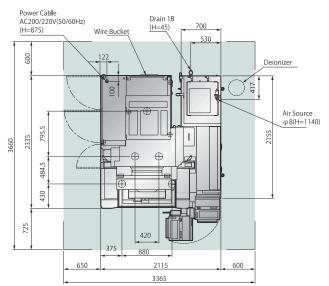
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Service Tank	ALN400G	ALN600G	
Service tank capacity	675 Liter	850 Liter	
Machining fluid filtration method	Paper filter replacement type (3 cylinder inner pressure type)		
Demineralizer	lon exchange resir	n (18 L specification)	

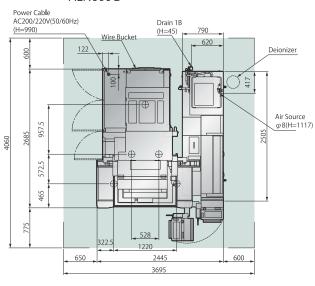
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### ALN400G



### ALN600G



### **AL** series



### **SEIKAnet**

Sodick's network system uses standard network protocols

▶ NC programs can be transferred between the machine and a PC, or between machines



- Machine status can be understood from a PC via a network
- ⇒ Machine information can be understood from locations away from the machine Commands can be sent to a machine from locations away from the machine



### MTconnect compliant

The AL Series complies with the communication standards based on the XML released by AMT (The Association for Manufacturing Technology). The following information can be acquired.

- Program name
- Halt, error information
- Mechanical coordinates value
- Offset
- Overall machining length
- Resistivity, voltage, float, ST
- Dry, single, upper/lower dice, etc.

### Miemmerce

Software which inspects each NC unit at a fixed interval to collect data

- ► Operating status of registered NC units can be centrally managed
- ⇒ Centralized management of machine operating status improves the machine operation rate



### LQ e-mail

Software which transfers errors and stop information of registered NC units by e-mail

- ▶ Up to 4 machines can be registered
- ► Three e-mail addresses can be registered per machine
- ⇒ Notification of unexpected errors and stoppage of machines can be received at locations other than the machining site



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