1. The programming unit was used to move each robot axis and save its position. When running the program the robot would assume each position in the very same order that they were recorded.

Yasnac RB and MOTOMAN-L10

MOTOMAN-L10
Introduced in 1977
Five axes
Maximum workload 10 kg (including gripper)
Weight 470 kg

Control system RB
Programming capacity 250 positions, extendable to 600 and 350 instructions
16 input signals and 15 output signals
99 robot jobs in magnetic memory
63 welding parameters
Dimension 1600x650x700 mm
Weight 350 kg

The very first Motoman robot
Motoman L10 was the first robot which Yaskawa introduced on the market. Its control system was equipped with a separate programming pendant used to record the robot’s position one by one. The control system had a magnetic memory which did not require a backup.

New positions, points, could be added or moved, but it was impossible to erase any of them in the recorded program. Four finished programs could be accessed from separate keys on the programming unit.

Using a few points to calculate a straight line or a circle (so called interpolation) was not possible. Consequently it was necessary to record quite a lot of points in order to complete a welding line.

2. RB control cabinet.
Yasnc RG and MOTOMAN-L10W

**MOTOMAN-L10W**
- Introduced in 1982
- Five axes
- Maximum workload 10 kg
- Weight 280 kg

**MOTOMAN-L10WA**
- Introduced in 1983
- Six axes
- Maximum workload 5 kg
- Weight 280 kg

**Control system RG**
- Introduced in 1980
- Controls up to six axes
- Programming capacity 1000 pos (600 instructions)
- 99 robot jobs in magnetic memory (external memory on tapes)
- 22 input signals and 21 output signals
- 127 welding parameters
- Linear and circular interpolation possible
- Dimensions 1600x650x700 mm
- Weight 350 kg

**Many improvements to robot and controller**

The work area in the new Motoman L10W was increased by 80% and the robot wrist is more narrow. The robot was made of a light aluminum alloy which helped reduce the size of its motors.

The model L10WA, with its extra wrist axis called A, was the world's first six axes robot. The control system RG could handle either this robot model, or the ordinary L10W and an external axis. However, the L10W-models were almost exclusively used with the next generation controller RX.

The later versions of RG control system enabled circular and linear interpolation, three dimensional shifting of a robot job and pendular motion. It was even possible to control it from an external computer, but that was not put to much practical use.
Yasnc RX and MOTOMAN L-series

MOTOMAN-L106
Introduced in 1985
Six axes
Maximum workload 10 kg
Weight 350 kg

Control system RX
Introduced in 1983
Controls up to eight axes (the robot’s six plus two external axes)
Programming capacity 2,200 pos and 1,200 instructions (extendable to 5,000 pos)
249 robot jobs in memory
48 input signals, 24 output signals plus 2 analogue outlets
127 welding parameters
Dimensions 700x1100x580 mm
Weight 200 kg

Other models in the series
L15, L30, L60 and L120

Introducing a whole robot series
This meant several robot models that could be operated with the same type of control system. The L-series included robots able to handle workload up to 120 kg. There was direct drive on the three wrist axes RBT.

The later versions of the RX controller were equipped with “modern” functions like COM-ARC (seam tracking), multi layer, 3D-shift, parallel shift etc. In order to synchronise robot welding with a rotating manipulator the TRT function was developed.

Operator safety features included automatic low speed during programming and a teach-lock mechanism which prohibits operation through other equipment than the programming unit.
Yasnac ERC and MOTOMAN K-series

**MOTOMAN-K10S**
Introduced in 1988
Six axes
Maximum workload 10 kg
Weight 300 kg

**Control system ERC**
Controls up to 12 axes
Programming capacity 2,200 pos and 1,200 instructions, extendable to 10,000 pos and 5,000 instructions.
55 input signals and 35 output signals (extendable to 96/44)
Dimensions 700x1140x580 mm

**Other robots in the series**
K3S, K6SB, K30WSB, K60S and K100S

**Advanced functions**
The K-series of robots had a direct drive on all six axes. This meant that the power was transferred to the axes directly and not through long chain transmissions or link-arms.

The ERC control system was able to control more axes than any other controller at the time. It had a lot of improved features like electronic seam tracking (ComarcII) and Multi Layer functions which meant that external sensors and seam tracking devices were no longer necessary. Other smart features were user coordinates, a step by step position control (forwards and backward,) fine adjustment of speed etc.

The programming pendant weighted only 0.9 kg and was equipped with a small display (12 characters) and a three positions dead-mans handle.
Yasnac MRC and MOTOMAN SK-series

MOTOMAN-SK16
Introduced in 1994
Six axes
Maximum workload 16 kg
Weight 280 kg

Control system MRC
Controls up to 21 axes
Synchronised patented control of two robots
Programming capacity 2,200 pos (extendable to 60,000 pos)
48 input and 48 output signals (extendable to 144/144)
Dimensions 900x1600x650 mm
Weight 190 kg

Other robots in the series
SK6 C, SK16-6, SK45-30, SK120, SK300 and SK-16

Improved performance
With the introduction of the robots in the SK-series the maximum workload was increased by 300%. The system could control more axes as the previous one, and it could also synchronise the motions of two robots.

The MRC introduced some new functions well suited for machine handling and necessary when synchronising two robots: e.g. Multi tasking, servo float and S-move.

MRC also made it possible to edit robot jobs from an ordinary PC, so called offline programming. Although it had been possible to read robot jobs as text files before, it was only now possible to return changes made in the PC or even send completely new programs to the controller.
Motoman XRC and MOTOMAN UP-series

MOTOMAN-UP20
Introduced in 1998
Six axes
Maximum workload 20 kg
Weight 280 kg

Control system XRC
Controls up to 27 axes
Synchronised control of three (four) robots
Programming capacity 5,000 pos and 3,000 instructions, extendable to 60,000 pos and 20,000 instructions
40 input and 40 output signals (extendable to 256/256)
Dimensions 800x900x650 mm
Weight 190 kg

Other robots in the series
UP6C, UP20-6, UP20M, UP50, UP130, UP165, UP165-100, UP200 and UP350

Increased usability
The XRC control system has a Windows oriented interface with directories and folders. Several types of PC-software for job editing, file transfer or offline programming and simulation are available.

Some interesting new features introduced with XRC are Form Cutting (used in laser-, plasma or water cutting), shock sensor functions and the ability to have acceleration/retardation in any point.

12. Offline programming tools can help reduce cycle times and calculate the production cost.

13. The programming pendant received an award in 1998 for its user friendly design (Ministry of International Trade and Industry in Japan.)
NX100 and application dedicated robots

MOTOMAN-EA1400N  MOTOMAN-ES165N
Introduced in 2004  Introduced in 2004
Six axes  Six axes
Maximum workload 3 kg  Maximum workload 165 kg
Weight 130 kg  Weight 1100 kg

Control system NX100
Controls up to 36 axes
Synchronised control of four robots
Programming capacity 60,000 pos and 10,000 instructions
40 input and 40 output signals (extendable to 1024/1024)
Dimensions 800x1000x650 mm
Weight 170 kg

Other robot series
EA-series (arc welding)
EPL-series (palletizing)
ES-series (spot welding, general application)
HP (general application)
PX-series (painting)

Application dedicated robots
Each robot series is specially designed for its specific application, such as arc welding, palletizing or painting. In many of these models the supply cables are fitted into the upper robot arm, rather than hanging on the outside, which significantly increases the robot's freedom of movement.

In 2006 the brand new robot models: human sized single armed MOTOMAN-IA20 and dual armed MOTOMAN-DA20 are taking this concept one step further with all of the supply cables hidden in the robot arm.
16. The energy saving DX100 controller features faster processing speeds, advanced robot arm control and a robust PC architecture with built-in Ethernet.

17. All operator controls are located on the programming pendant, often reducing the need for separate PLC and HMI.

**DX100 and brand new robot types**

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**Control system DX100**

- Controls up to 72 axes
- Synchronised control of eight robots
- Programming capacity 200,000 pos, 10,000 instructions and 15,000 PLC steps
- 40 input and 40 output signals (extendable to 2048/2048)
- Dimensions 800x1000x650 mm
- Weight 250 kg

**Other robot series**

- MA-series (arc welding)
- MPL-series (palletizing)
- ES-series (spot welding, general application)
- MH and HP-series (general application)
- MPK, MPP and MYS (picking and packing)
- SIA (flexible single arm)

**Saving time and money**

DX100 offers improved user friendliness and system economy. Robots conserve power during idle time, providing up to 25% in energy savings, and the new features of the programming pendant reduces the need for separate equipment and thus the overall cost. Communication with business networks have been made easier, making it possible e.g. for robot technicians to supervise robots located elsewhere.
FS100 with Picking & Packing robots

MOTOMAN-MPP3
Introduced in 2011
4 axes
Maximum workload 3 kg
Weight 115 kg

Control system FS100
Controls up to 8 axes
Programming capacity 10,000 pos, 1,000 instructions and 1,500 PLC steps
28 inputs and 28 output signals (extendable to 1024/1024)
Dimensions 470x200x420 mm
Weight 20 kg

Other robot series
MH and HP-series (general application)
MPK (picking and packing)

Small, fast and open
Designed for packaging and small parts handling the FS100 has the performance required for high-speed operations. Its software architecture is open to enable machine builders and system integrators to develop their own customised solutions.

The streamlined and compact design requires little space for installation, thus saving valuable production space. As the FS100 uses the same teach-in programming as the high-performance DX100 controller, it is also possible to have both controller types in a production line without additional operator training.

18. The FS100 features an open software architecture which enables users to develop customised solutions. It also uses the same programming pendant as DX100.

19. The MPK2’s compact, slim arm design with internal cables allows reach into confined spaces.
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