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How To Choose The Ideal Linear Guide For Your Application



Thomson offers six unique profile rail product families.

Profile rails provide **increased rigidity and stiffness** over round-rail products, while offering **high load capacities in a small package**. These rails can differ significantly in rigidity, load capacities, travel accuracy, smoothness of operation and speed, and they come in various sizes and mounting configurations.

In a recent article, Drives & Controls magazine compares the most common profile architectures for linear guides and explores the **performance trade-offs you need to consider**.

As poor profile rail installations can affect stiffness, capacity and smoothness, a **handful of tips are provided** for prepping surfaces, mounting, and **choosing the ideal size and materials**.

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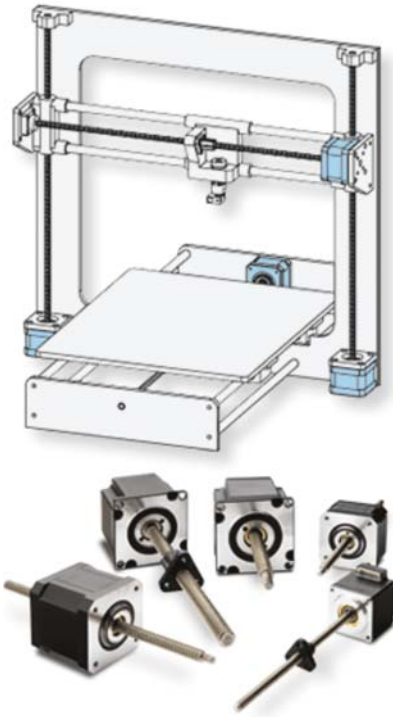
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