



Alignment Devices

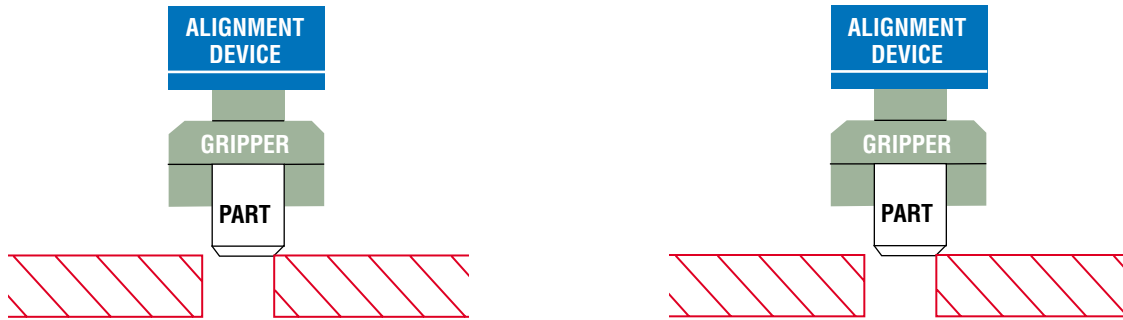
Spring Loaded and Pneumatic

Operating Principle

The Alignment Device provides lateral and rotational motion resulting from externally applied forces. It utilizes a series of bearings which ride on hardened ground rings offering long life and wear resistance to the unit. Mechanical springs or pneumatic pistons provide the means of resistance.

Features

- Available in three basic spring model sizes and four pneumatic model sizes ranging from 3" to 8" in diameter.
- Compensates for both lateral and rotary misalignments between parts.
- Utilizes springs or pneumatic pistons as the means of force resistance which offer greater durability than elastomers.
- Provides no compression making it ideal for applications requiring moderate insertion forces through the center line of unit.
- Positive stops protect against overload in all directions.
- Heavy-duty bearings on hardened surfaces minimize wear.
- Offers ± 5 degrees of rotation and ± 0.10 " lateral movement for misalignments.
- The pneumatic version alignment device may be used without air for smooth compliance with little resistance. Air may then be supplied to self-center and provide rigidity for repositioning.
- Completely field repairable for minimum downtime.
- Constructed of anodized aluminum and hardened steel for high strength and light weight.
- Due to the reduction of parts wedging, downtime and machine wear are reduced and assembly speed is increased.
- Adapter plates are available for any robot model or end effector.



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- Inserting caps into compressor housings – RAD’s pneumatic Alignment Device mounted to a 3-Jaw chuck offers lateral compliance during manual insertion of large bearing caps. The reduced cycle time has generated significant cost savings.
- Reduced set up time in automated Plastic Injection Molding lines. – RAD’s Alignment Devices mounted to gantry style robots (pickers) reduced down time. The need to accurately repeat the rotational position of molds was eliminated. Several hours of scheduled down time were saved per week.
- Compensating for irregularities in material removal – RAD’s Alignment Device mounted to a 40-KG 6-Axis robot compensates for burr irregularity and belt wear in the grinding and deburring of motor cycle windshields. Set up and cycle times were improved while material costs were reduced.
- Light insertion of components during assembly of appliances – RAD’s pneumatic Alignment Device is used to locate, then lightly press dials onto consumer goods in a fixed automation process. Cycle times and scrap were reduced.

Ordering Information:

To size the unit, you will need to provide system payload, additional loads (i.e. insertion forces), maximum acceleration or deceleration of robot, center of gravity of part and tooling in the x, y and z axis. Using the sizing information on the following pages, select the model number you need based on your application requirements.

2D Drawings and 3D Models of all the Alignment Devices are available on our website: www.robotic-accessories.com.

Not sure if this unit is what you need? Try an Alignment Device on Consignment. Contact Robotic Accessories Sales Team for details.