



CONTROLLER SETUP AND OPERATION MANUAL

**FOR: DX100 CONTROLLER
DX200 CONTROLLER**

Upon receipt of the product and prior to initial operation, read these instructions thoroughly, and retain for future reference.

YASKAWA INSTRUCTIONS

- CONTROLLER INSTRUCTIONS
- OPERATOR'S MANUAL
- MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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Be sure to use the appropriate manual.

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- This manual explains the error recovery function. Read this manual carefully and be sure to understand its contents before operation.
- General items related to safety are listed in Section 1: Safety, in the Controller Instructions. To ensure correct and safe operation, carefully read the Controller Instructions before reading this manual.
- For detailed instructions regarding additional equipment including controller, manipulator, or other components, refer to the specific equipment manuals included with your documentation package



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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

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Before using this product, read this manual and all the other related documents carefully to ensure knowledge about the product and safety, including all the cautions.

In this manual, the Notes for Safe Operation are classified as “WARNING”, “CAUTION”, “MANDATORY”, or “PROHIBITED”.



WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury to personnel.



CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury to personnel and damage to equipment. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.



MANDATORY

Always be sure to follow explicitly the items listed under this heading.



PROHIBITED

Must never be performed.

Even items described as “CAUTION” may result in a serious accident in some situations.

At any rate, be sure to follow these important items



To ensure safe and efficient operation at all times, be sure to follow all instructions, even if not designated as “CAUTION” and “WARNING”.



WARNING

- Before operating the manipulator, check that servo power is turned OFF pressing the [Emergency Stop] buttons on the front door of the controller and the programming pendant. When the servo power is turned OFF, the SERVO ON LED on the programming pendant is turned OFF.

Injury or damage to machinery may result if the emergency stop circuit cannot stop the manipulator during an emergency. The manipulator should not be used if the [Emergency Stop] buttons do not function.

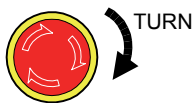
Figure 1: Emergency Stop Button



- Once the [Emergency Stop] button is released, clear the cell of all items which could interfere with the operation of the manipulator. Then turn the servo power ON.

Injury may result from unintentional or unexpected manipulator motion.

Figure 2: Release of Emergency Stop



- Observe the following precautions when performing teaching operations within the P-point maximum envelope of the manipulator:
 - View the manipulator from the front whenever possible.
 - Always follow the predetermined operating procedure.
 - Ensure that you have a safe place to retreat in case of emergency.

Improper or unintended manipulator operation may result in injury.

- Confirm that no person is present in the P-point maximum envelope of the manipulator and that you are in a safe location before:
 - Turning on the power for the controller.
 - Moving the manipulator with the programming pendant.
 - Running the system in the check mode.
 - Performing automatic operations.

Injury may result if anyone enters the P-point maximum envelope of the manipulator during operation. Always press an [Emergency Stop] button immediately if there is a problem.

The [Emergency Stop] buttons are located on the right of front door of the controller and the programming pendant.



CAUTION

- Perform the following inspection procedures prior to conducting manipulator teaching. If problems are found, repair them immediately, and be sure that all other necessary processing has been performed.
 - Check for problems in manipulator movement.
 - Check for damage to insulation and sheathing of external wires.
- Always return the programming pendant to the hook on the cabinet of the controller after use.

The programming pendant can be damaged if it is left in the manipulator's work area, on the floor, or near fixtures.

- Read and understand the Explanation of Warning Labels in the Controller Instructions before operating the manipulator:

Notation for Menus and Buttons

Descriptions of the programming pendant, buttons, and displays are shown as follows:

Item	Manual Designation
Menu	The menus displayed on screen are denoted with { }. ex. {TOOL}.
Button	The buttons, check boxes, radio buttons displayed on screen are denoted with []. ex. [Close]; [Sync] check box; [Fast] radio button.

Description of the Operation Procedure

In the explanation of the operation procedure, the expression “Select •••” means the following operations:

- To move the cursor to the object item and left-click on it with the mouse.
- To pick out the object item by the tab key and press the Enter key.

(In case of selecting a menu, use arrow keys instead of the tab key to pick out the object item, then press the Enter key.)

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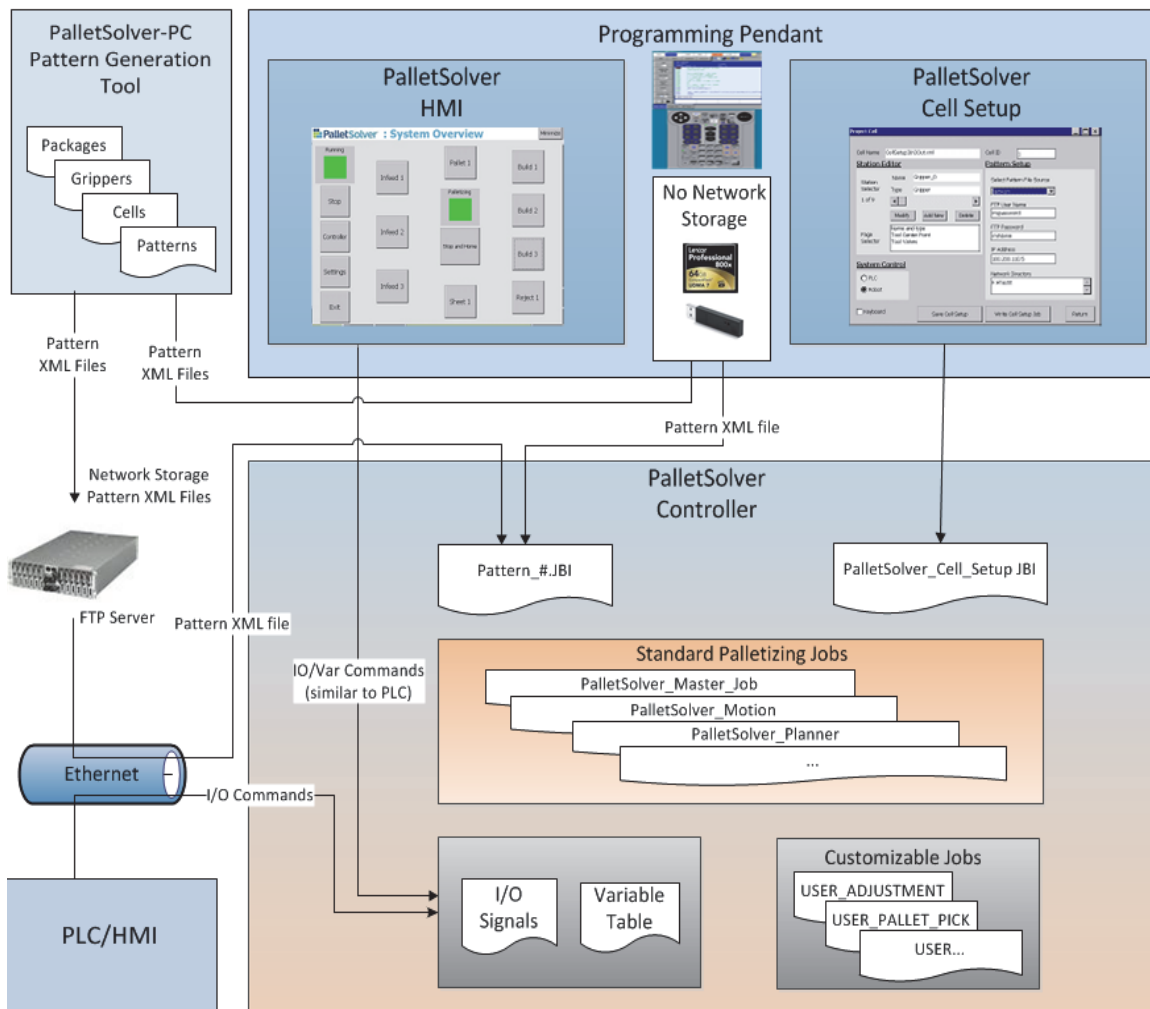
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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The PalletSoler Software Suite provides a turn-key, easy to use system for integrators to develop a palletizing system faster and with ease. This suite also allows the end user to create new palletizing patterns and add new products with ease on a PC and then to quickly transfer the generated pattern to the system controller.

Fig. 1-1: Overview of the Easy Pallet Software Suite



1.1.1 Operation Areas

There are two main operational areas of the PalletSolver Software Suite and they are:

- **PC Windows Application:** The PC component consist of a Pattern Generation tool that will run on a Windows base PC. This applications purpose is to generate patterns.



Though this application takes into account physical restrictions of a system (physical interferences, gripper dimensions), it is basically independent of the specifics of the system (robot type, cell layout, I/O configuration.)

- **Controller Application:** The controller components consist of the controller jobs, Concurrent I/O program, pendant applications, and MotoPlus applications which are executing in the controller without the need of an external PC. An external PLC I/O interface is available monitor and control the system. The Online components will provide the following major functions:
 - *System Initial Setup* - cell layout, I/O mapping, user-frame definition...
 - *System Monitor and Controller* - system status, build status, pattern selection...
 - *Pattern File Import* - import information from pattern file generated by the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool
 - *Run Time Execution* - job and concurrent jobs executing the pallet builds)
 - *PLC Interface* - enables an external PLC/HMI to Monitor and Control the system

1.1.2 Modules

Modules included with the Pallet Software Suite work to together through interface using the Pattern Files (Pattern XML Files), Controller Variables and I/O Tables, and Configuration Jobs (Palletizing Cell Project.JBI and Pattern.JBI). This suite is composed of the following modules:

- PalletSolver - Cell Setup Pendant Application
- PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Application
- Pattern File Importer MotoPlus Application
- Controller Job and Concurrent I/O Program
- Operator Monitor and Control Interface
- PalletSolver - HMI Pendant Application

1.2 Features

1.2.1 PalletSolver- PC Pattern Generation Tool

- Intuitive user interface with guided pallet recipe generation
- Interference constraints per station to ensure quick change over without halting production
- Import pallet patterns generated by TOPS or CAPE software
- Virtually unlimited SKUs supported
- Support for multiple-cells
- Dynamic gripper zone configuration to suit modular gripper design
- Support for the following grippers:
 - Vacuum Grippers
 - Clamp Grippers
 - Fork Grippers
 - Bag Grippers

1.2.2 PalletSolver-Controller

- System Configuration - Maximum: 8 infeed x 8 build stations, 2 pallet dispensing stations, 2 slipsheet dispensing stations
- Dynamic robot path adjustment to ensure optimum production rate
- Pre-Mapped I/O to communicate with PLC/supervisory control for status and monitoring
- PLC- Robot Messaging interface for operations control
- Intuitive guided setup and configuration using robot pendant HMI
- PLC-less operation in the case where the robot controller is the only controller in the system
- Network enabled for importing of Pattern (recipe) files generated by PalletSolver- PC
- Granular control over Palletizing operations
 - Controlling infeed pick sequence (Round robin, priority, relative ratio, PLC controlled)
 - Automatic reject of parts
 - Conveyor/Pallet lock-out for maintenance or failures
 - End of production handling
 - Adjusting pick-place depth as package changes due to environmental conditions
 - Integration Customization Library: customize applications for unique gripper handling, error handling or customizing pick-place handling

1.3 System Requirements

1.3.1 PalletSolver PC Minimum Requirements

- Compatible with Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 2.0 and Microsoft Windows 7
- Microsoft.NET Framework 3.5
- 400 megahertz (MHz), *Recommended 1 gigahertz (GHz)*
- 128 megabytes (MB), *Recommended 256 megabytes (MB)*
- 30 MB Hard Disk Space
- Monitor Resolution of 1280 x 1024 dots per inch (dpi)
- Hardware Key provided with the Pallet Software Suite

1.3.2 Controller Requirements

- Controller
 - DX100 controller with DS3.91 - 14 or later Controller Software with MotoPlus support.
 - DX200 controller with DN1.54 or later Controller Software.
- Programming Pendant
- Industrial Grade Memory Compact Flash Card (CF Flash) or a USB Flash Drive with 256 MB of available space or more

1.4 About this Document

This manual is intended as an introduction and overview for personnel who are familiar with the operation of their YASKAWA Motoman robot model and Microsoft® Windows®/PC usage.

This manual provides an overview of the YASKAWA Motoman PalletSolver system.

This manual contains the following sections:

- *Chapter 1 "Introduction"*
- *Chapter 2 "PalletSolver System Definitions"*
- *Chapter 3 "Flow of Operations"*
- *Chapter 4 "Controller PalletSolver Setup Application"*
- *Chapter 5 "PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Tool"*
- *Chapter 6 "Controller Jobs and Concurrent I/O Program"*
- *Chapter 7 "DX100 & DX200 Operation Monitor and Control Interface"*
- *Chapter 8 "Operation Monitor and Control Pendant Application"*
- *Appendix A*

1.5 Learning PalletSolver

YASKAWA has created this product with keeping with our proven track record of delivering industry leading quality, innovation and customer satisfaction. With that said if training is still needed a variety of options are available to help you learn the PalletSolver, including training and technical support. For more information on available training classes for the PalletSolver Suite, please contact our training department at: training@motoman.com or visit our website at: www.motoman.com.

Also be sure to try the Online training course at:
<http://info.motoman.com/palletsolver-download>

This course allows you to download and practice creating pallet patterns with the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool.

1.6 Reference to Other Documentation

For additional information refer to the following:

- YASKAWA Controller Manual
- YASKAWA Maintenance Manual
- YASKAWA Operator's Manual for General
- YASKAWA Operator's Manual for Handling
- YASKAWA Concurrent I/O Parameter Manual
- YASKAWA INFORM User's Manual
- YASKAWA Inform Extension Function Structured Program Language Manual
- YASKAWA PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Tool Manual
- YASKAWA Search Function Manual
- YASKAWA Speed Override Function Manual
- YASKAWA TCP Function Manual
- YASKAWA Standard I/O Signal Assignment Manual
- Vendor manuals for system components not manufactured by YASKAWA

1.7 Customer Support Information

If you need assistance with any aspect of your PalletSolver system, please contact YASKAWA Customer Support at our 24-hour telephone number:

(937) 847-3200

For **routine** technical inquiries, you can also contact YASKAWA Customer Support at the following e-mail address:

techsupport@motoman.com

When using e-mail to contact YASKAWA Customer Support, please provide a detailed description of your issue, along with complete contact information. Please allow approximately 24 to 36 hours for a response to your inquiry.



Please use e-mail for **routine** inquiries only. If an urgent or emergency need for service, replacement parts, or information, contact YASKAWA Customer Support at the telephone number shown above.

Please have the following information ready before calling:

System	PalletSolver
Robots	
Software Version	Access this information on the Programming Pendant's LCD display screen by selecting {MAIN MENU} - {SYSTEM INFO} - {VERSION}
Robot Serial Number	Located on the robot data plate
Robot Sales Order Number	Located on the controller data plate

2 PalletSolver System Definitions

The system definition establishes conventions to identify and define components in both the controller and windows software. These conventions must be followed on both sides in order for the system to operate properly. This definition only needs to be done once during the initial setup of a new cell.

2.1 Cell Identification

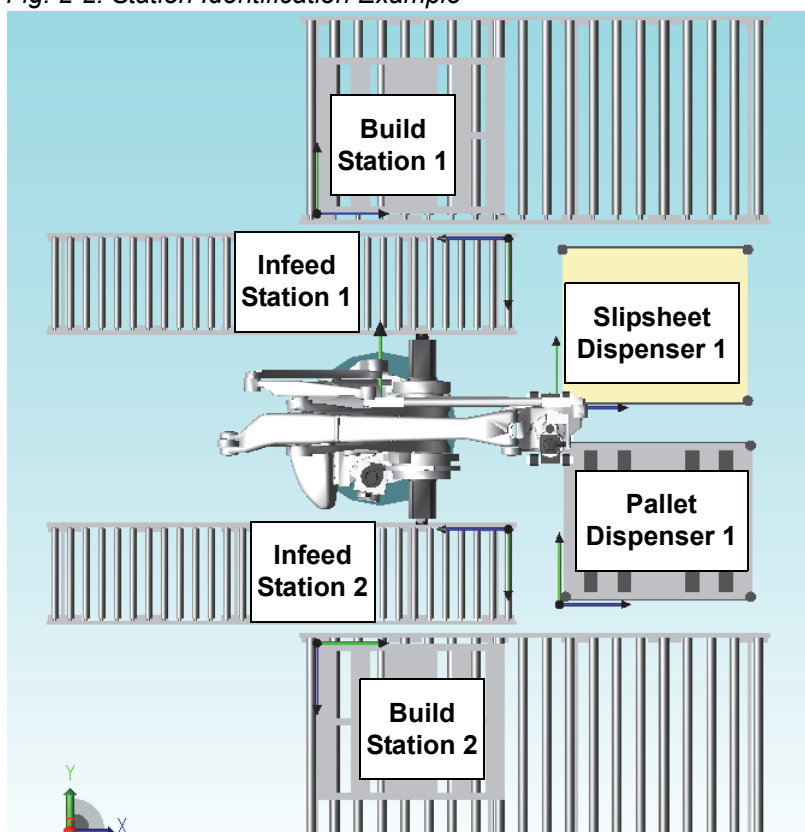
Each cell is identified by a unique user-defined number, the cell ID. This number is entered in both the PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Tool application and the controller PalletSolver Cell Setup pendant application. During operation, when the XML pattern files generated in the PalletSolver PC the cell ID of the XML pattern file is checked against the cell ID of the controller system to confirm the Offline validation (gripper, interference zone....) of the pattern was done with the data corresponding to the proper physical cell.

2.2 Station and Gripper Identification

During the initial definition of the cell, it is important the components identified in PalletSolver PC application matches the physical identification of the controller system. Each station within a cell should be identified by type: infeed (conveyor), build station (outfeed conveyor), pallet dispenser, slipsheet dispenser; and an ID number starting at 1 to the number of stations of that type.

Grippers are also have a unique identification number (GripperID) identifying a physical gripper of a specific type, dimension and configuration. If multiple cells have identical grippers, they should share the same GripperID and data.

Fig. 2-2: Station Identification Example



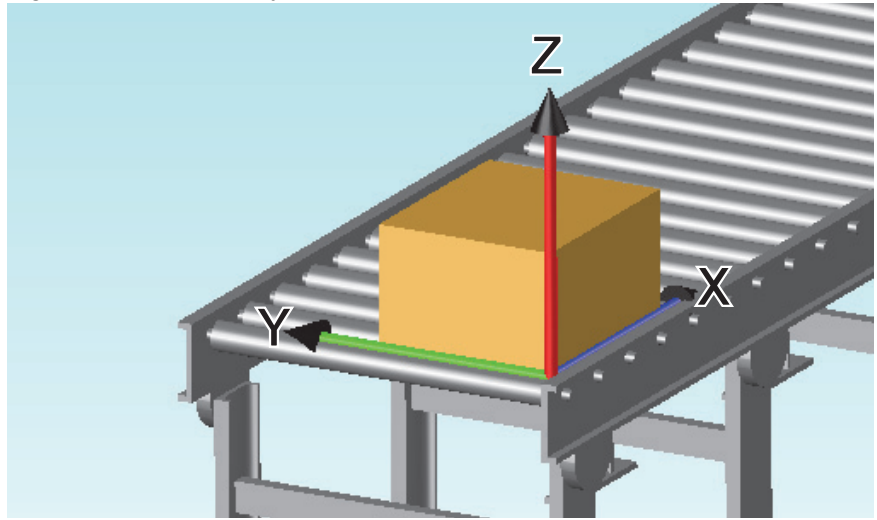
2.2.1 Station Definition

2.2.1.1 Station Frame

All frames (coordinate systems) used in the calculations follow the Right-Hand-Thumb rule for frames.

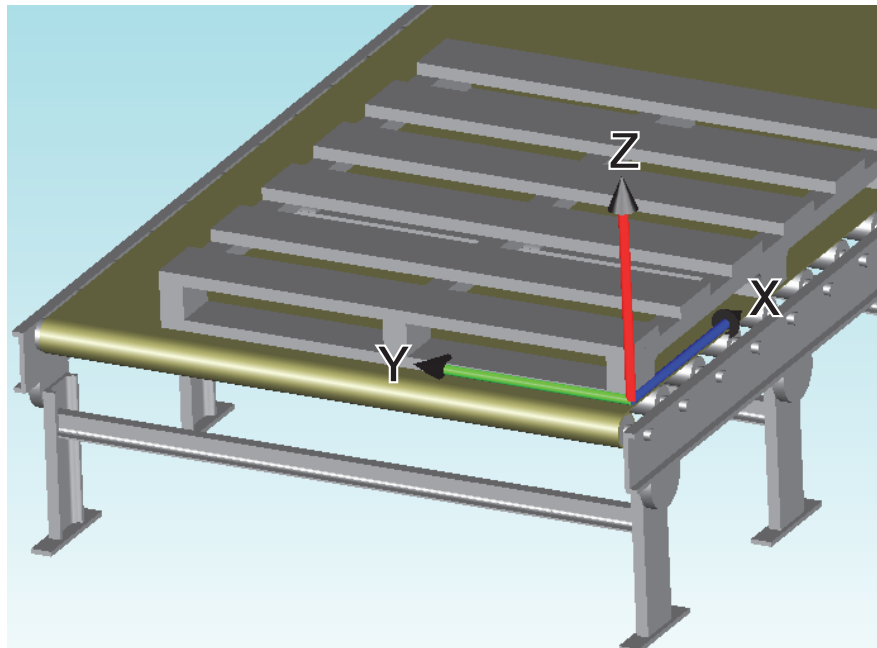
- *Infeed Conveyor Frame*: The origin of conveyor frame is at the right hand corner at the front of the conveyor such that X-axis of the frame is pointing against the flow of the conveyor. The X-axis is aligned with the right side of a right justified box and the Y-axis is aligned with the front the first box.

Fig. 2-3: Infeed Conveyor Frame



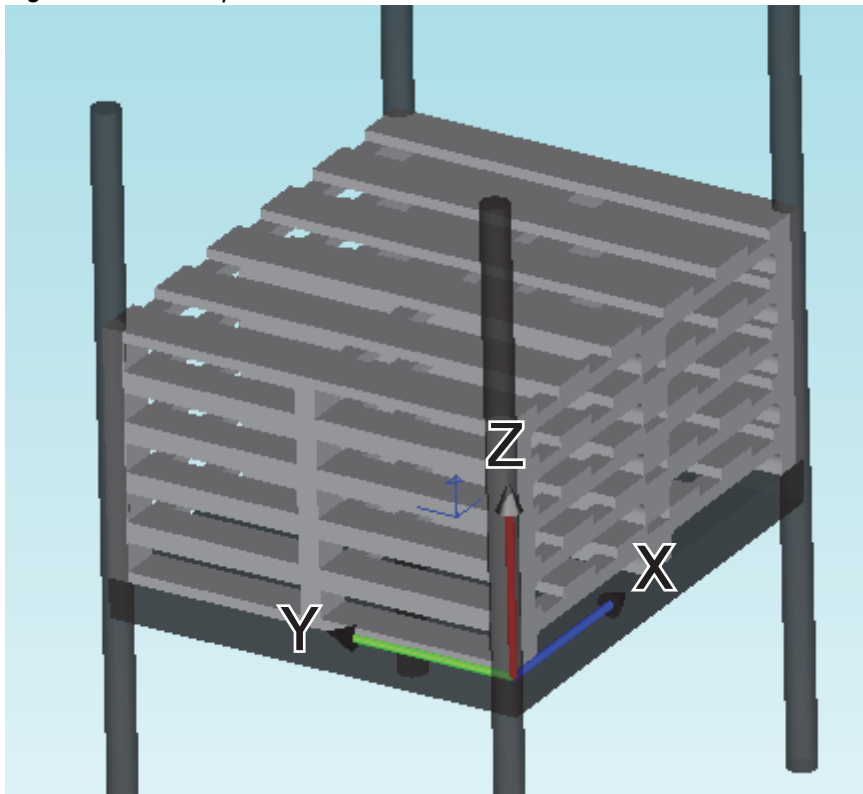
- *Build Station Frame (Pallet/Outfeed Frame)*: The origin of the pallet frame is at the right hand bottom corner of the pallet such that the entire pallet lies in the positive quadrant of X and Y axis. The Z-location of the origin is at the bottom of the pallet.

Fig. 2-4: Build Station Frame



- *Dispenser Frame*: The origin of the dispenser frame is at the right hand bottom corner of the pallet/shipsheet such that the entire pallet/shipsheet stack lies in the positive quadrant of X and Y axis. The Z- location of the origin is at the bottom of the pallet/shipsheet stack.

Fig. 2-5: Pallet Dispenser Frame



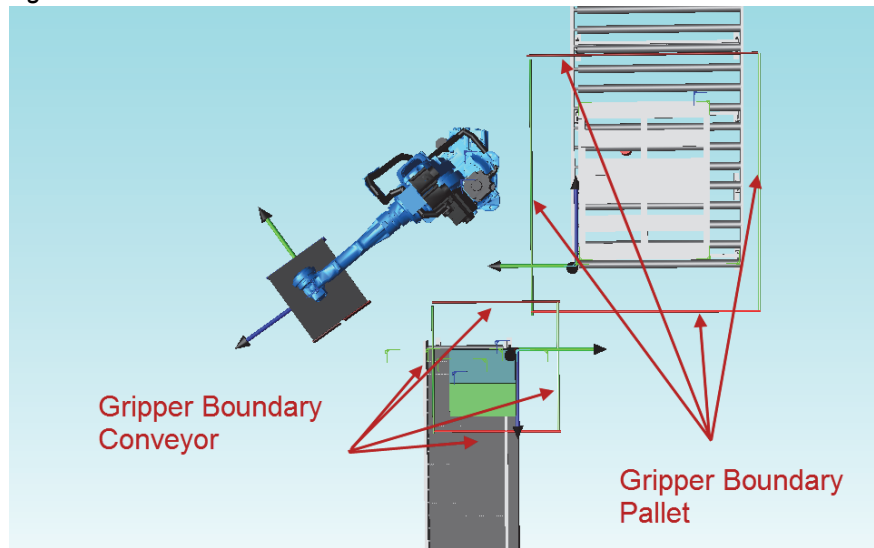
- *Reject Station Frame*: The origin of the reject frame may vary depending on the related user job customizing. In general, it should be at the lowest possible drop point. The only restriction is that the Z-axis must point upward.

2.2.1.2 Station Interference Boundary

Station interference boundaries are defined around the build station and infeed station. These interferences add constraints for picking or placing the products.

These constraints define the area where the robot can pick the product safely without the gripper interfering with other parts of the cell.

Fig. 2-6: Station Interference



The interference constraints are defined with respect to the origin of the infeed or build station and distances in the positive and negative direction of the frame orientation axes.

Fig. 2-7: Infeed Station Interference Boundary

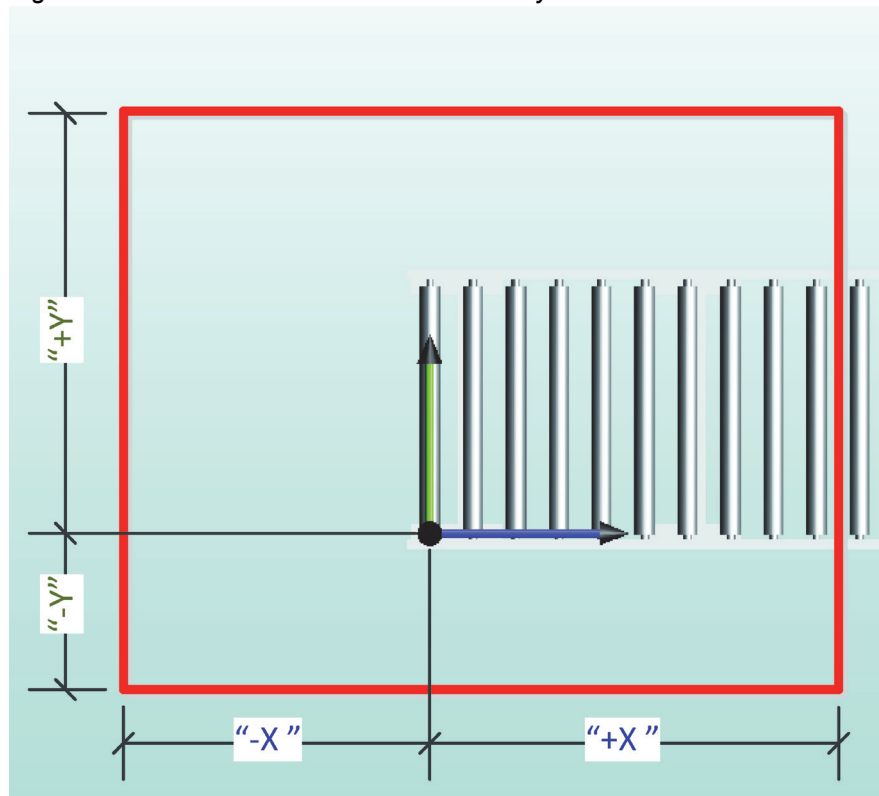
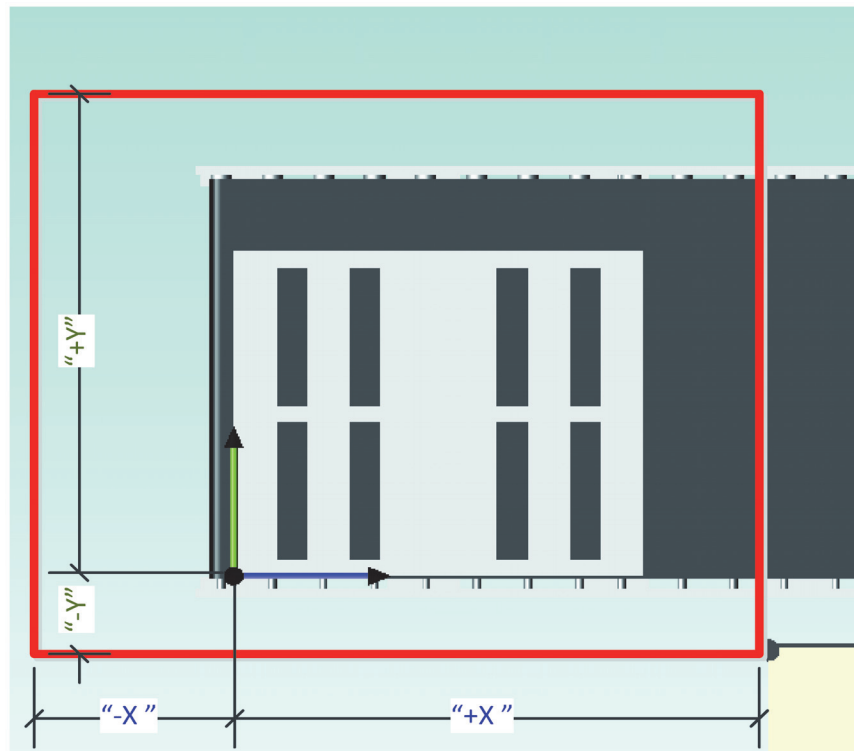


Fig. 2-8: Build Station Interference Boundary



2.3 Forkable Conveyors

Fork and bag grippers have to move between the conveyor roller and beneath the product during the pickup sequence. The PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool is responsible for ensuring the conveyor is forkable with each associated Fork Gripper.

Fig. 2-9(a): Moving Between Rollers and Under Product

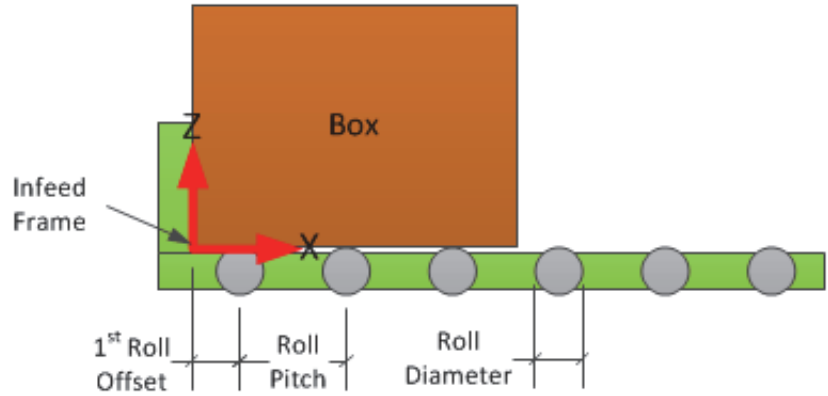
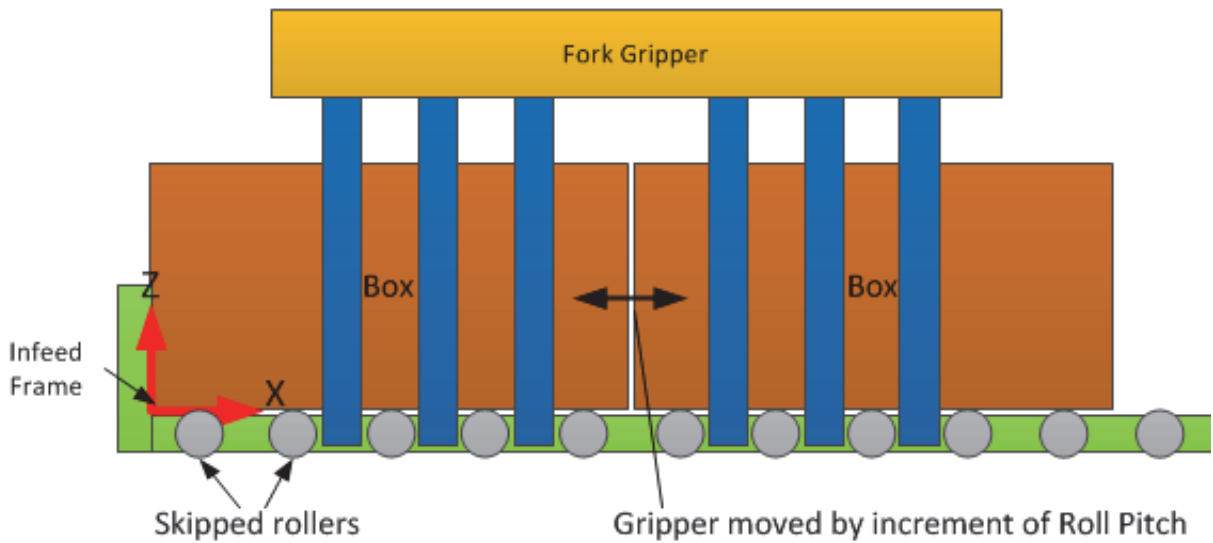


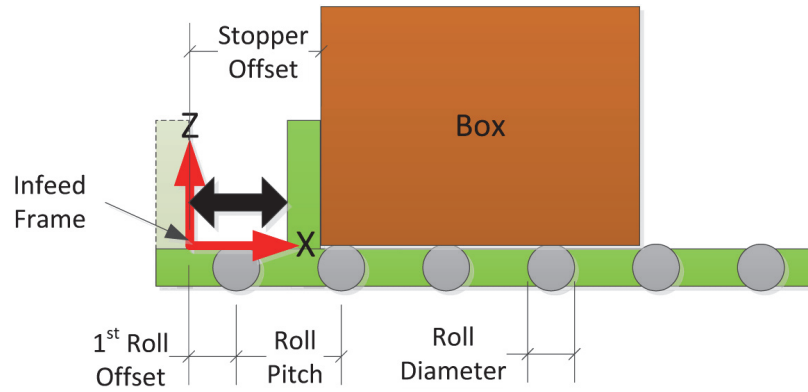
Fig. 2-9(b): Balancing Loads on Grippers



2.4 Conveyor End Stops

Infeed Conveyors can be equipped with optional End stops. These stops are mainly used with Fork style grippers. They are typically used to help center the products on the fork gripper. Each time the product size changes this stop might need adjusting. This information is set in PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool.

Fig. 2-10: Conveyor End Stops



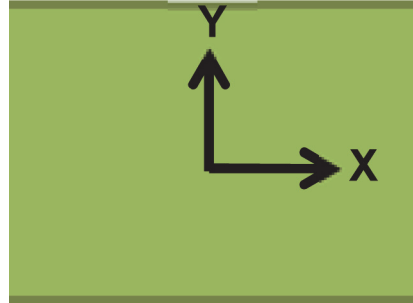
2.5 Package Definition

2.5.1 Package Frame and Dimensions

The package frame is in the middle of the top surface of the package.

Fig. 2-11: Package Frame

X: Length
Y: Width
Z: Height



2.5.2 Label Position

Labels can be defined on one or more sides of a box package relative to the package frame.

2.5.3 Package Coordinates

The package X and Y coordinates define the position and orientation of the center in relation to conveyor/pallet frame and are defined in the pattern files.

The orientation is the Z rotation angle of the box X-axis relative to the conveyor/pallet frame.

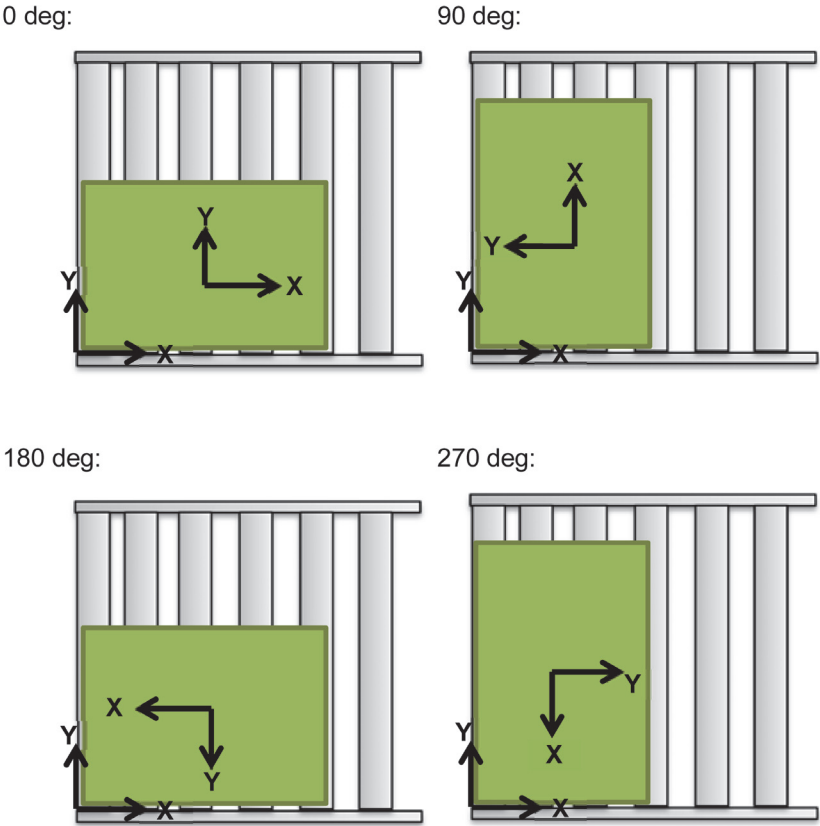


The package coordinates do not directly correspond to the robot coordinates. The robot coordinates are based on the gripper coordinates.

2.5.3.1 Package Orientation on the Infeed

The package orientation is defined relative to the infeed conveyor frame.

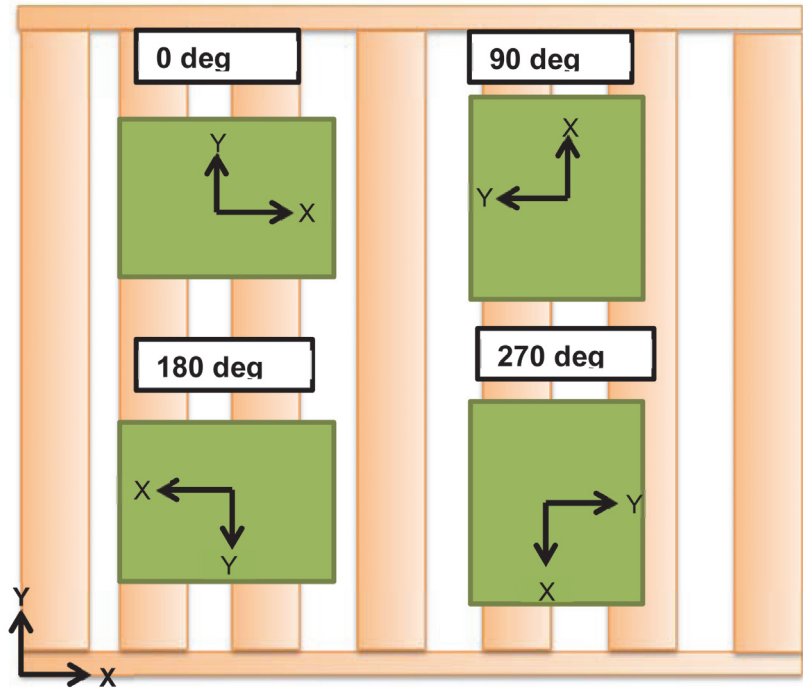
Fig. 2-12: Package Orientation on Infeed



2.5.3.2 Package Orientation on the Build Station

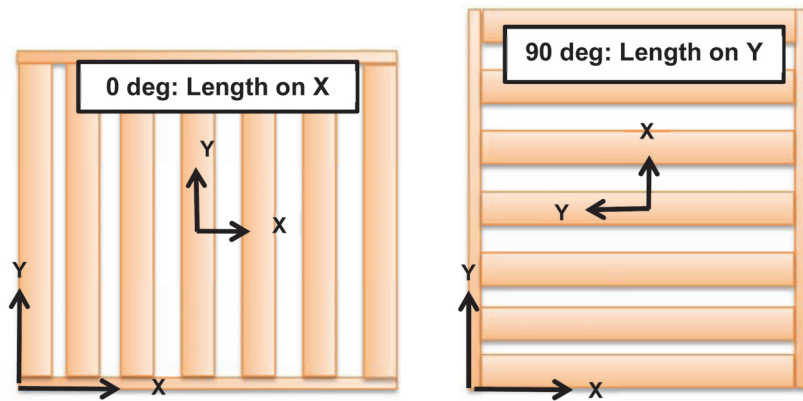
The package orientation is defined relative to the build station (outfeed conveyor) frame.

Fig. 2-13: Package Orientation on Build Station



The pallet itself is considered as a package and has an orientation relative to the build station frame. The pallet can be defined as "Length on X" or "Length on Y".

Fig. 2-14: Pallet Orientation



2.6 Gripper Definition

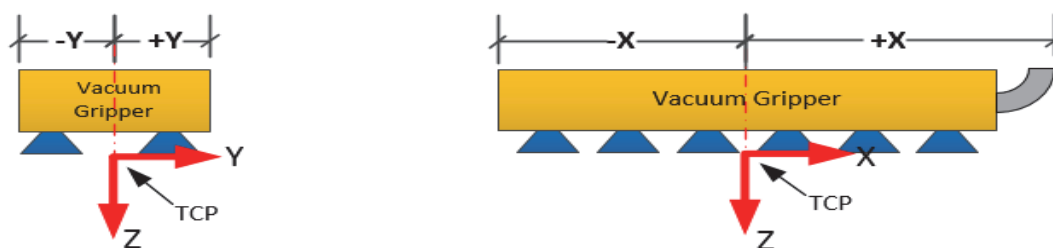
The tool control point (TCP) defined on the robot controller must match the gripper frame that defines the position of the gripper relative to the station frame in the PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Tool. To do so, conventions are based on the gripper type.

2.6.1 Vacuum Gripper

The vacuum gripper or suction cup gripper frame is usually defined in the center of suction cups at the bottom of the suction cups. There is some flexibility on the X, and Y positioning of the TCP. For the Z position, it MUST be at the bottom of the cups where a box would be before applying vacuum to grip it. The X axis is along the length of the gripper and the Z axis toward the bottom of the gripper. The Y axis is perpendicular to the other two axes following the right-hand rule.

The gripper interference (body) constraints are defined with respect to the frame (TCP) and distances in the positive and negative direction of the frame orientation axes.

Fig. 2-15: Gripper Tool Definition



2.6.2 Clamp Grippers

Clamp grippers are classified by the number of moving clamps as defined below:

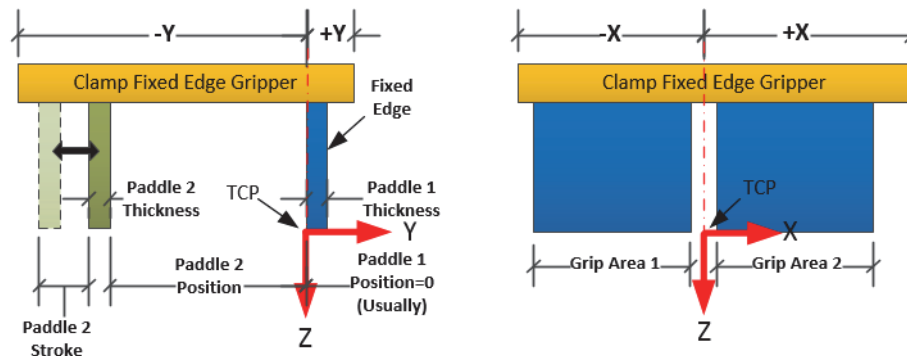
- Clamp Fixed Edge
- Camp Moving Edge

2.6.2.1 Clamp Fixed Edge

These grippers have one fixed edge and one moving edge. See the Fixed Edge Clamp Gripper picture below. The TCP in this type of gripper is defined at the bottom inside edge of the fixed clamp or paddle with the (+Y) axis pointing away from the gripper and the (-Y) axis pointing towards the movable clamp. The Z axis points down, away from the end of the paddle.

The X axis origin can be in the center or the end of the fixed clamp edge. The X axis is pointing along the edge of the clamp.

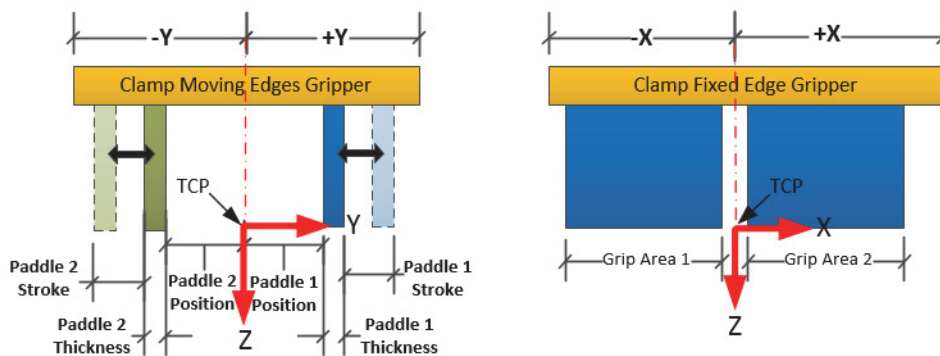
Fig. 2-16: Fixed Edge Clamp Gripper



2.6.2.2 Clamp Moving Edge

TCPs are similar to the Fixed Edge clamp TCPs but with the Y axis origin in the middle of the two moving paddles. See the figure below.

Fig. 2-17: Moving Edge Clamp Gripper



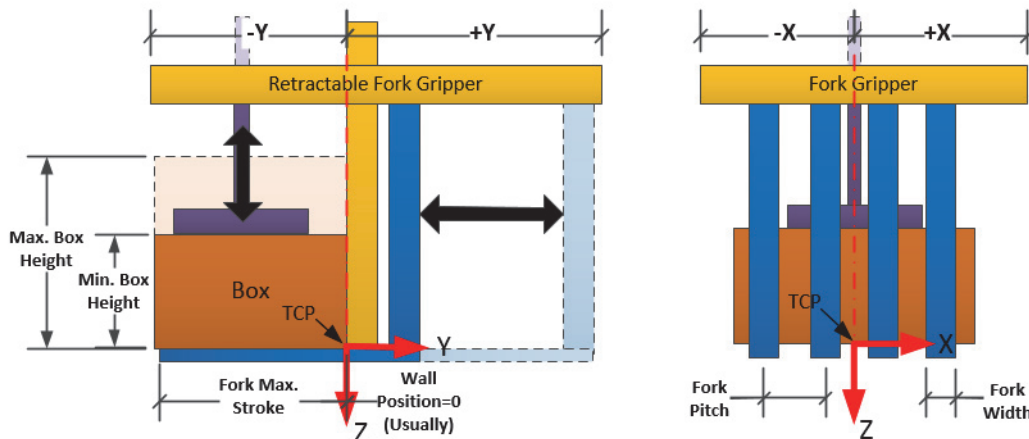
2.6.3 Fork grippers

Fork grippers come in two types called:

- Retractable Fork Grippers
- Variable Stroke Fork Grippers

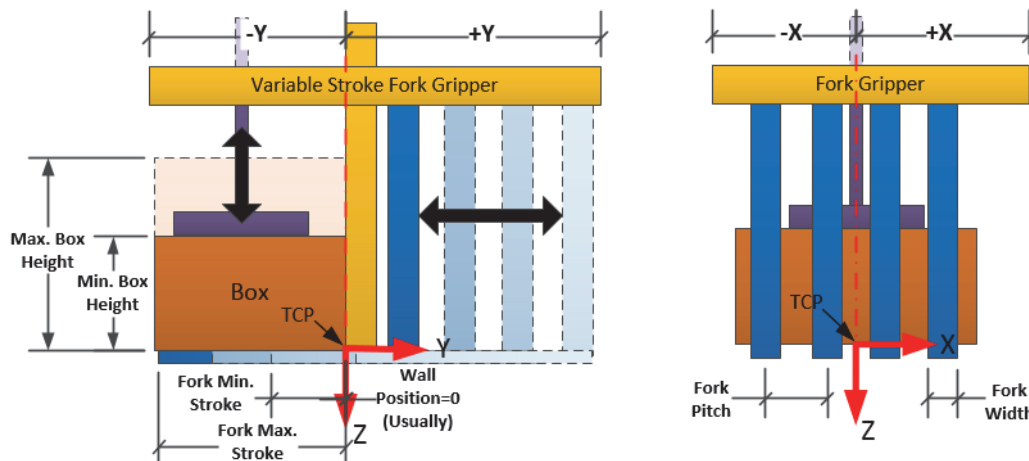
Retractable Fork Grippers have only two fork positions: fully open and fully closed.

Fig. 2-18: Retractable Fork Grippers



Variable stroke grippers can close and open a set number of distances between the fully open and fully closed position.

Fig. 2-19: Variable Stroke Fork Grippers

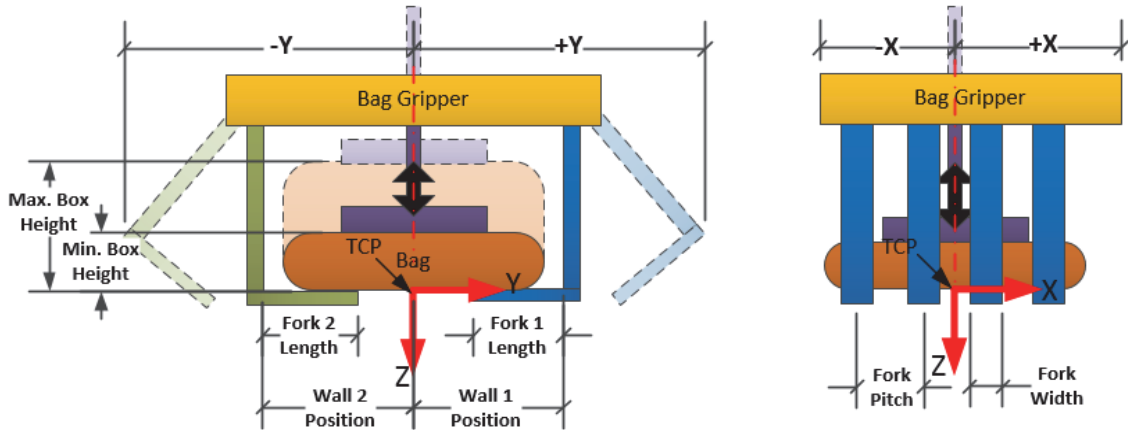


The TCPs setup is the same for all fork grippers. The origin of the TCP is usually set at the inside edge of the fixed wall. The (+Y) axis is pointing towards the retracted fork. The origin of the Z axis is at the top surface of the fork. The (+Z) axis must be pointing towards the bottom of the gripper fork. The (-Y) axis is pointing in the direction that the fork moves when it is closing. The X axis is pointing towards the fork tines, with the origin usually in the center of the tines or at the edge of the first tine.

2.6.4 Bag Grippers

The bag gripper frame is defined on the surface formed by the fork tines in the closed position. The Z axis points down. The X-Y origin is usually at the center of the gripper. The X axis is pointing to the other fork tines and the Y axis in the fork open and close motion. *Fig.2-20 "Bag Gripper"* shows the frame of a bag gripper.

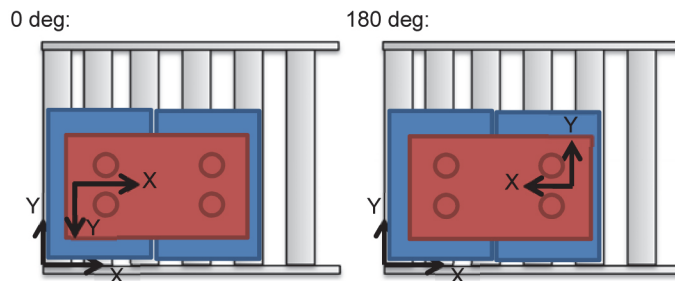
Fig. 2-20: Bag Gripper



2.6.5 Gripper Orientation on Infeed Conveyor

The gripper orientation is defined relative to the infeed conveyor frame. Only two orientations are supported:

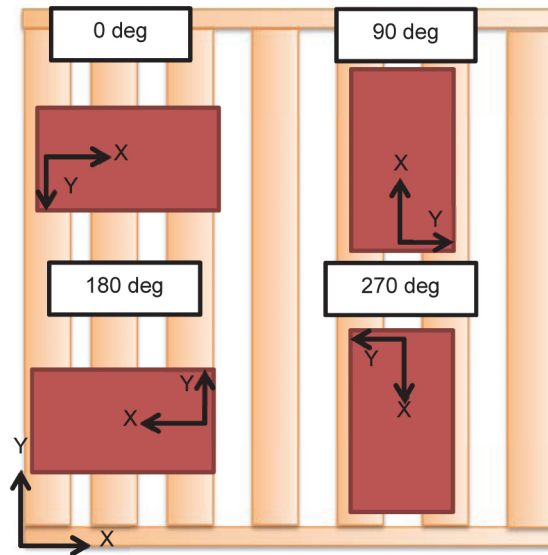
Fig. 2-21: Gripper Orientation on Infeed Conveyor



2.6.6 Gripper Orientation on Build Station

The gripper orientation is defined relative to the build station frame.

Fig. 2-22: Gripper Orientation on Build Station



2.6.7 Physical Gripping and Sensing Areas

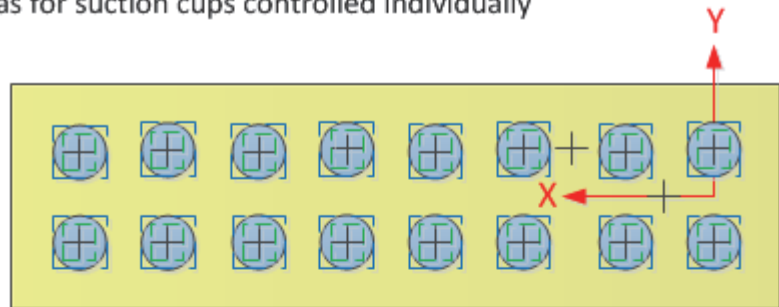
The physical gripping and sensing zones define the center location (X, Y) and dimension (Length_X and Width_Y) of the effective area of each GripAreaID or SensorID. Each GripAreaID or SensorID should have its own set of I/O signals on the Online side. There is a maximum of 32 GripAreaID and 32 Sensor ID.

A GripAreaID identify one or more suction cups or actuators that will always be activated together. For example, there would a single GripAreaID, if a single vacuum generator is connected to four suction cups and the effective area would cover all four suction cups. In the case of vacuum, the effective area should be the minimum area that needs to be completely covered by the packages in order for the vacuum to be made.

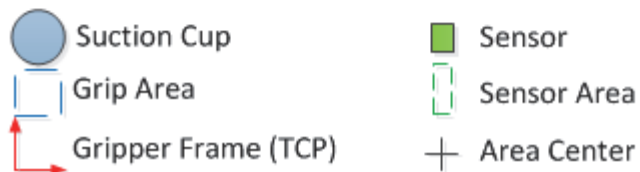
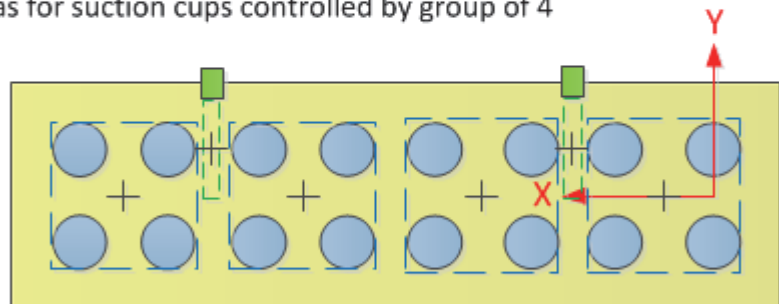
Fig.2-16 Gripping and Sensing Area Examples shows two examples. In the first, each suction cup is independently controller and has its own sensor (vacuum confirmation). In the second, the vacuum gripper has four gripping areas (composed of four suction cups physically connected together) and two sensor areas.

Fig. 2-23: Gripping and Sensing Area Examples

Areas for suction cups controlled individually



Areas for suction cups controlled by group of 4



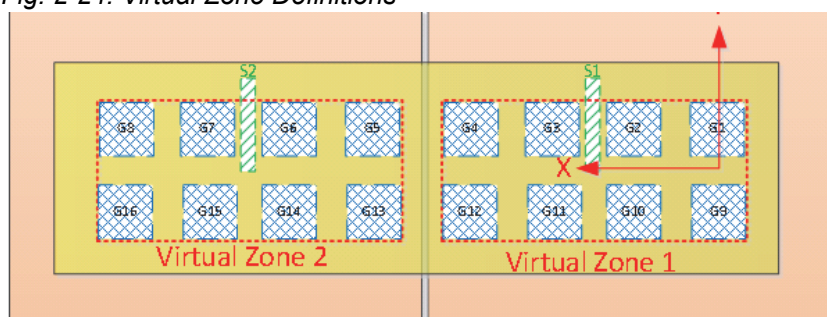
A SensorID identifies the sensing area of a single sensor. The effective area is defined as the area where the sensor will turn on if a package is partially in the area.

2.6.8 Virtual Gripper

A physical gripper may have multiple virtual grippers define as needed based on the package size by the person making the palletizing pattern. The purpose is to combine gripping areas and sensor areas together into a logical zone that matches the package size to facilitate the pattern building process on the PC side. This is particularly useful for flexible vacuum grippers that can accommodate various box sizes by having individual control for each suction cup. Using virtual grippers the operator doesn't have to activate a large number of individual grip area to pick-up a single large box, he can define virtual zone that groups the smaller physical areas into larger zones.

For example in the following figure a virtual gripper with two zones is defined to pick-up larger boxes. Zone 1 is composed of grip area 1 to 4 and 9 to 12 plus the sensor area 1, and Zone 2 of grip area 5 to 8 and 13 to 16 plus the sensor zone 2.

Fig. 2-24: Virtual Zone Definitions




The use of virtual gripper and gripping and sensing areas also allows abstracting from the PC Pattern Generation Tool application the details of the I/O signals required to grip or release boxes and detected their presence.

2.6.9 Gripper I/O Signal Mapping

On the controller side, there is a maximum of 32 GripAreaIDs (grip areas) and 32 Sensor IDs (sensor areas) available. Each GripAreaID and SensorID have assigned auxiliary relays that need to be mapped to external signal. Please refer to *Section 6.3 "Concurrent I/O"* on page 6-17 for details for mapping the gripper I/Os.

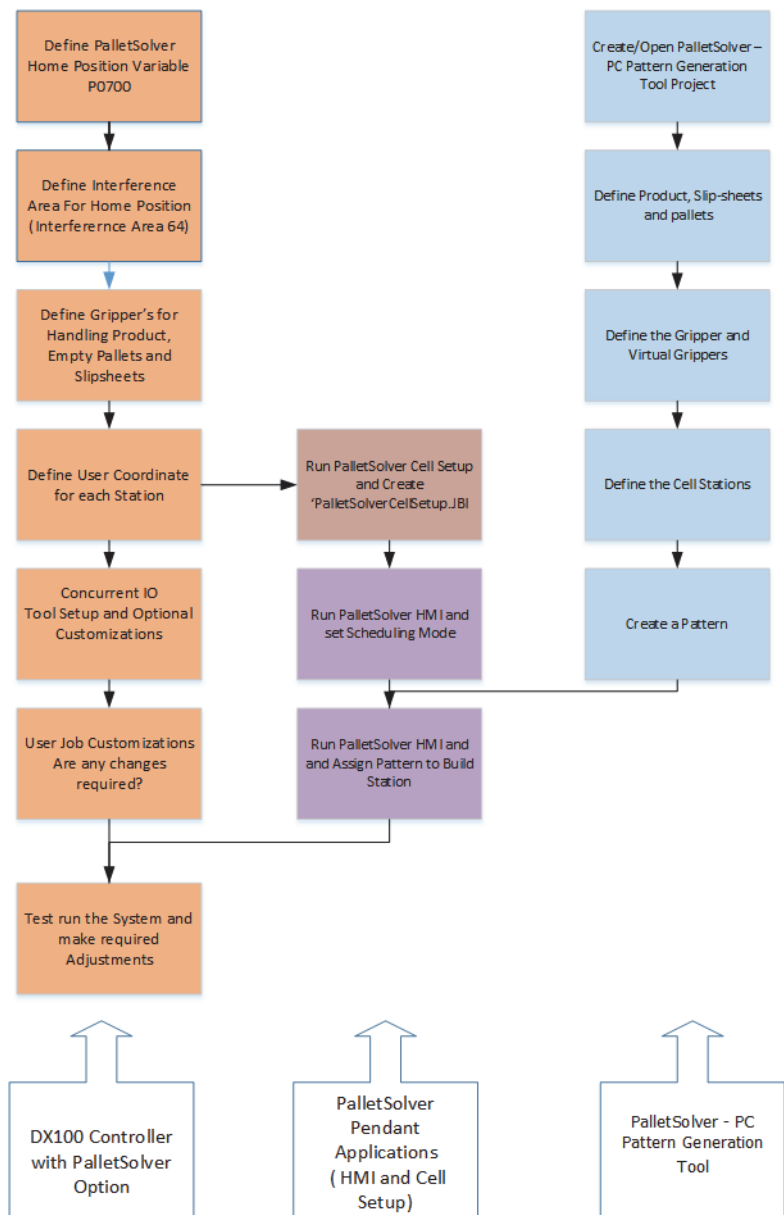
3 Flow of Operations

While installation of the software is performed by a YASKAWA technician, on the controller there are other procedures that must be complete, before you can use the palletizing system.


CAUTION

The customer is responsible for providing trained operators to run the equipment. The customer is also responsible for making sure that all equipment is operated in accordance with the ANSI/RIA R15.06-2012 Robot Safety standard, as well as any other required standards.

Fig. 3-1: PalletSolver Setup Flow Chart



3.1 Setup

The setup process is described in the following paragraphs.

The PalletSolver Cell Setup Pendant Tool is a Wizard type interface to help guide the user in the initial definition and setup of the system. It will generate a palletizing cell project file that can be store on the local storage device (USB Drive or CF Card) of the controller pendant and also generate a corresponding Cell Configuration Job that sets the appropriate variables defining the system on the controller. This job file is called before starting operation to make sure that system is always reset to its proper definition before starting.

The PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Application runs on a PC and generates pattern files in XML format that is stored on a storage device. The storage device is used to store multiple pattern files for various products, patterns and build stations. It can be a Network storage location or a local storage device (USB Drive or CF Card) on the pendant.

When a pattern change command is issued, the Pattern File Importer MotoPlus Application will retrieve the requested pattern file for a build station from the network or local storage device and convert it to a job format.

During operation, the controller's standard software runs a set of standard palletizing jobs and the Concurrent I/O program written for the PalletSolver system. A master job calls subroutines take care of resetting the system, control the sequence, pick and place package, etc. The job makes reference to various variables and I/O signals to control the various aspect of the operation. The patterns generated by the PalletSolver PC and imported in jobs are called at each cycle to populate variables defining required information for the next pick and place cycle of the pattern. The monitoring and controller operation can be done by reading and writing to the various variables and I/O signals.

The monitoring and control of the palletizing operation can be done through the PalletSolver HMI Application. This application can read variables and I/O to get the status of the system or write to them to modify the behavior of the system. It will also enable the operator to assign pattern to build station.

In a similar fashion as the pendant application, the Monitor and Control Interface can be used to make a user customized interface with a PLC/HMI. A set range of I/O is dedicated to allow a PLC/HMI to send commands and retrieve information.

4 Controller PalletSolver Setup Application

This application is used to define the robotic palletizing cell. The cell is defined by setting various gripper parameters and the palletizing station types and key variables that are used in the robot cell.

The setup definition is stored in a Setup *.xml file and in a robot controller job called 'PalletSolver_Cell_Setup.JBI. The setup job is called by the main PalletSolver master job.

The setup job must be created and loaded into the controller before the cell can properly operate.

PalletSolver Setup allows gripper and station types listed below:

- Gripper 1
 - Gripper Types
 - Vacuum Gripper
 - Clamp Gripper
 - Fork Gripper
 - Bag Gripper
 - Infeed Stations 1 to 8
 - Build Station 1 to 8
 - Slipsheet Dispenser 0 to 2
 - Pallet Dispenser 0 to 2
 - Reject Station 0 to 1

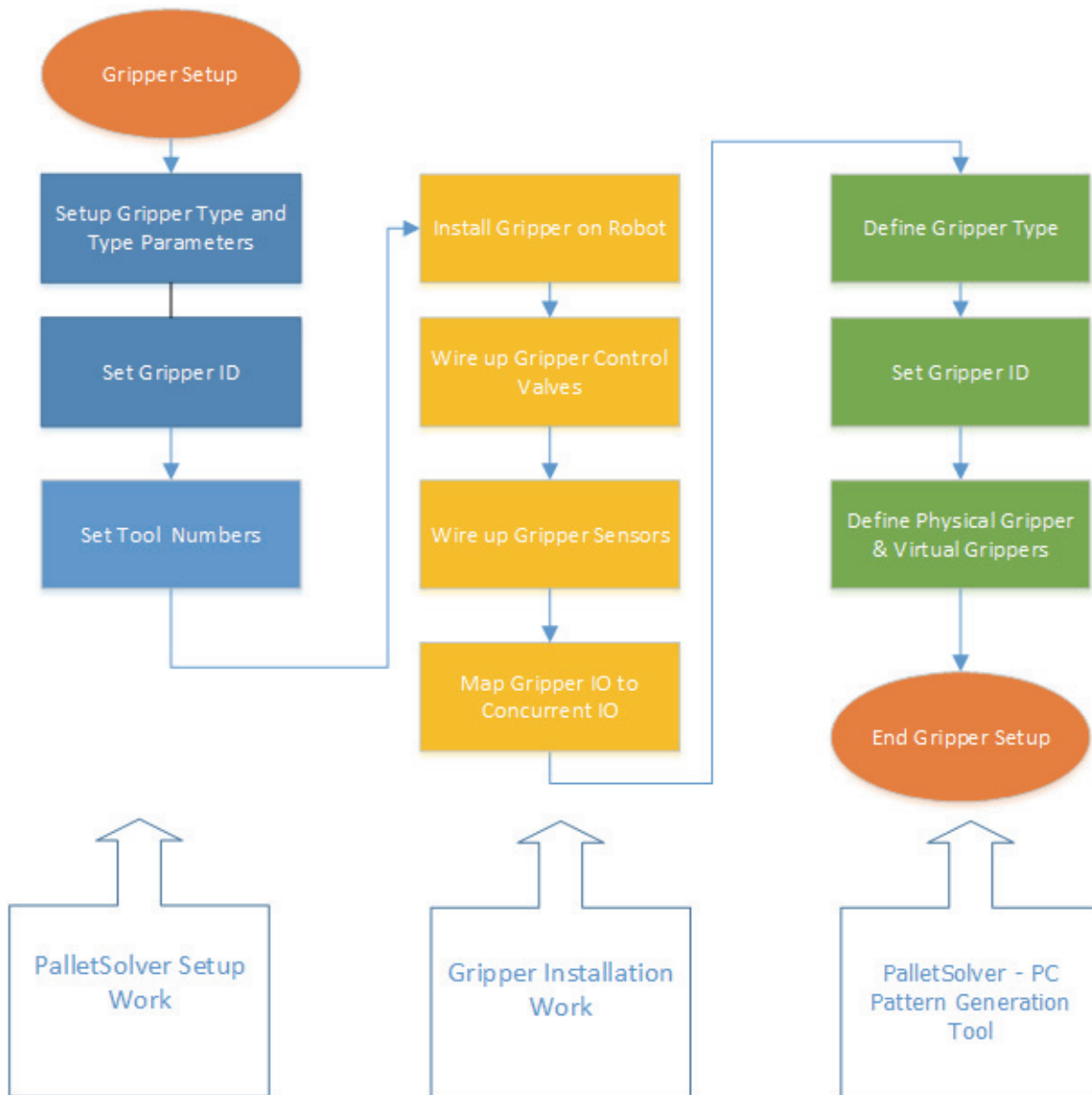
4.1 Cell Setup Operational Sequence

PalletSolver cell setup works with and supplements the partial setup information that is captured in the PC based application. While the PC information focuses more on general setup data, some information between the two systems overlaps. The main purpose of this application is to define the robot specific variables required for the gripper and each station to operate.

For example, when defining a gripper, the PC system defines the basic gripper type and functional use (how many boxes will be moved and in what orientation.) While the gripper type and gripper ID numbers are defined in both systems, the pendant application is more concerned with very specific gripper issues such as wiring, number, type of control points and IO required to make the gripper function.

Additionally, the cell setup can be an iterative process that is performed a number of times as the system definition is modified and goes from initial design to actual operation. The Setup application is designed to accommodate this process and allows stations to be modified, deleted, or added as needed. Each time the cell changes the user can recreate the cell setup job.

Fig. 4-1: Gripper Installation Flow



4.1.1 Robot Controller/ Gripper Interfaces

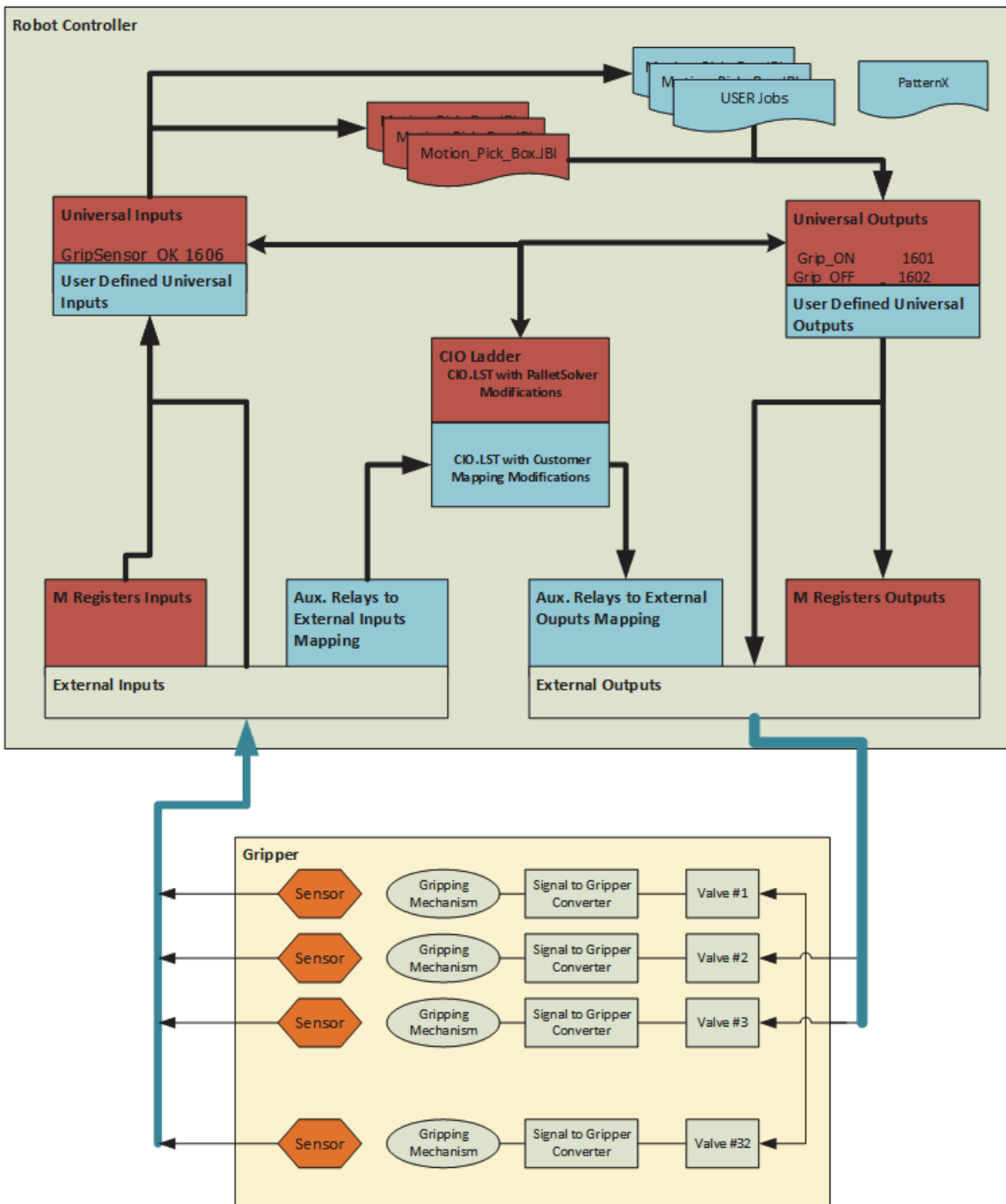
4.1.1.1 Background

All Grippers are controlled by a combination of robot variables, universal inputs and outputs, M Registers, and external Inputs and Outputs. Robot/ Gripper control requires both PalletSolver pre-engineered controller jobs, customized User modified jobs, pre-engineered CIO ladder and user customized CIO ladder additions.

Fig.4-2 "Gripper I/O Mapping Flowchart" is a simplified view of this process. This drawing shows the robot controller as a large green block and the gripper as a yellow block. In this drawing the objects shown in brown are pre-engineered and are provided as part of the PalletSolver system. The objects in light blue are tasks that must be completed by the user. They include:

- Mapping Auxiliary Relays to External Input and outputs
- Modifying CIO ladder with these custom mappings
- Modifying User jobs
- Wiring the Gripper to the External Inputs and Outputs
- Gripper Testing

Fig. 4-2: Gripper I/O Mapping Flowchart



Depending upon the gripper type and options, the user may also have to Map some Universal outputs and inputs into external inputs and outputs. These modifications are required when a gripper function must be controlled in the User Jobs.

4.1.1.2 Overview

This section will trace through the process of picking and placing product at a very high level.

The process starts off line in the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool. Here a pattern is defined in a robotic cell, with desired product pattern and gripper models. The PatternX.XML file is read into the robot controller where it is converted to a job (Pattern_X.JBIs.)

The Pattern_X.JBI defines the virtual gripper states required for each pick and place operation. (See *section 2.6.7 "Physical Gripping and Sensing Areas" on page 2-17* for an explanation of Virtual Grippers and sensing areas.)

When the pattern is read into the controller, these states are mapped to a variables. When the robot is picking and placing the next product set for that pattern, the appropriate values are past as argument to the gripper related user jobs.

During box picking, the 32 grippers on/off states are transferred from two I variables (GripArea1-16 and GripArea17-32) to M registers M110 and M111. When the Universal output Grip_ON is set to true or "on", the M110 and M111 are simultaneously transferred to external outputs via the User defined Auxiliary Relay to External Output Mapping and with the User modified CIO ladder.

When product is picked up, it may be verified with a number of sensors. These sensors include part present sensors and gripper state sensors such as gripper on/fork close/clamp close.

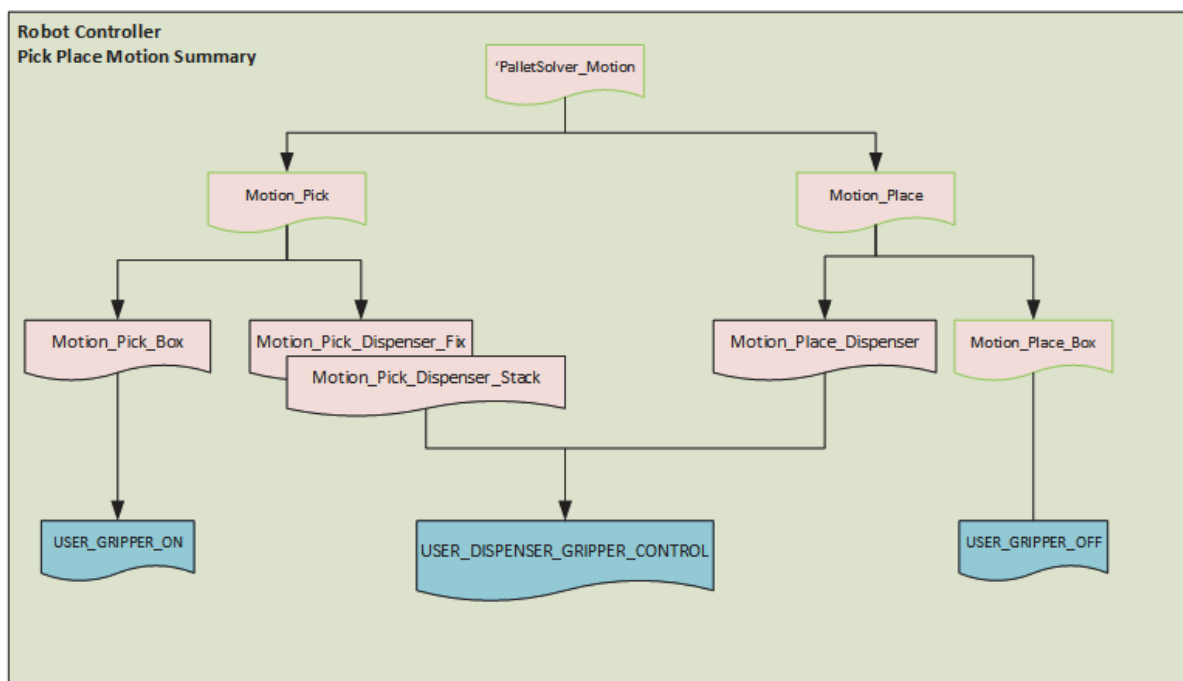
The feedback sensors require the user defined External Inputs to Auxiliary Relay and user modified CIO ladder functions.

Product placement is similar to product pickups. Here the Grip Off/Clamp Open/Fork retract and possibly the Blow Off signals are used.

The following figure shows the PalletSolver major motion jobs. The jobs filled with pink are pre-engineered. The USER_GRIPPER_ON.JBI, USER_GRIPPER_OFF.JBI and USER_DISPENSER_GRIPPER_CONTROL.JBI may need to be modified by the user. These jobs are shown in light blue.

As *Fig. 4-3* shows, gripper control for product picking is done in the USER_GRIPPER_ON.JBI job, and gripper control for product placing is done in the USER_GRIPPER_OFF.JBI job. However gripper control for both pallet and slipsheet dispensers and for both picking and placing is done in one job: USER_DISPENSER_GRIPPER_CONTROL.JBI.

Fig. 4-3: Pick Place Motion Flowchart



4.1.1.3 Pre-engineered Universal Outputs

The following outputs are ready to use in any User Modified Jobs. The signal names and definitions are show in the tables below. The gripper can be controlled with standard inform I/O commands such as;

- PULSE OT#(Grip_ON)
- DOUT OT#(Grip_ON) OFF

Table 4-1: Pre-engineered Universal Outputs

Universal Output	Conc. I/O Address	Name	Description
OT#(1593)	#12000	Griper_HasPart	Indicate that the gripper is carrying parts. NOTE: This signal is based on pick/place sequence tracking and not on sensor feedback.
OT#(1596)	#12003	DispGripSensIgn	Temporarily turn ON to disregard (turn ON) the dispenser part present of the gripper.
OT#(1601)	#12010	Grip_ON	Turn on the GripOn Relays (and turns off the GripOff relays) specified by the registers M110 and M111.
OT#(1602)	#12011	Grip_OFF	Turn off the GripOn Relays (and turns on the GripOff relays) specified by the registers M112 and M113. Also, turn on the corresponding BlowOff relays for the amount of time specified by register M122.
OT#(1605)	#12014	PartSensor_ON	Add the PartSensor Relays specified by the registers M114 and M115 to the verification list.
OT#(1606)	#12015	PartSensor_OFF	Remove the PartSensor Relays specified by the registers M116 and M117 to the verification list.

4.1.1.4 Pre-engineered Universal Inputs

The following inputs are ready to use in any User modified Jobs. The signal names and definitions are show in the table below. The gripper can be controlled with standard inform I/O commands such as WAIT IN#(GripOpened_OK!)=ON.

Table 4-2: Pre-engineered Universal Inputs

Universal Input	Conc. I/O Address	Name	Description
IN#(1597)	#02004	Pal1_Grip_Sens	Indicate that the gripper is carrying parts. Note that this signal is based on pick/place sequence tracking and not on sensor feedback.
IN#(1598)	#02005	Pal2_Grip_Sens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting a pallet from dispenser 2 is ON
IN#(1599)	#02006	Slp1_Grip_Sens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting a slipsheet from dispenser 1 is ON
IN#(1600)	#02007	Slp2_Grip_Sens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting a slipsheet from dispenser 2 is ON
IN#(1606)	#02015	GripSensors_OK!	Confirms that the part sensors enabled for part present verification are all ON
IN#(1607)	#02016	GripOpened_OK!	Confirms that the sensors verifying that a grip area is open are ON for all the grip areas that are currently OFF.
IN#(1608)	#02017	GripClosed_OK!	Confirms that the sensors verifying that a grip area is closed are ON for all the grip areas that are currently ON.
IN#(1609)	#02020	Pal1_HiSrchSens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting the top of pallet dispenser 1 stack is ON
IN#(1610)	#02021	Pal2_HiSrchSens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting the top of pallet dispenser 2 stack is ON
IN#(1611)	#02022	Slp1_HiSrchSens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting the top of slipsheet dispenser 1 stack is ON
IN#(1612)	#02023	Slp2_HiSrchSens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting the top of slipsheet dispenser 2 stack is ON
IN#(1613)	#02024	Pal1_LoSrchSens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting the top of pallet dispenser 1 stack is ON
IN#(1614)	#02025	Pal2_LoSrchSens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting the top of pallet dispenser 2 stack is ON
IN#(1615)	#02026	Slp1_LoSrchSens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting the top of slipsheet dispenser 1 stack is ON
IN#(1616)	#02027	Slp2_LoSrchSens	Confirms that the gripper sensor(s) detecting the top of slipsheet dispenser 2 stack is ON

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4.1 Cell Setup Operational Sequence

In the PalletSolver application, control of the gripper is programmed in the concurrent I/O using Registers and Auxiliary relays. A Double variable is decomposed into two Integer variables that are then used to set two Registers. A universal output is then pulsed to apply the change to the auxiliary relays.

Table 4-3: 4 Sets of Outputs

Output Set	Auxiliary Relays	Description
GripOn	71030 to 71067	GripOn outputs are the main actuator to grip a package and should always be used.
GripOff	71070 to 71107	The GripOff outputs are to be used when a secondary signals is required to ungrasp a package. They are always the opposite of the GripOn signal.
BlowOff	71110 to 71147	The BlowOff outputs are automatically triggered to match GripOn signals that are being turned off. The signal is held for the amount time set in register M122.
VariableStroke	71310 to 71327	The VariableStroke outputs correspond to the binary representation of the value set in the VariableStroke register M109. The combination the GripOn signals and the VariableStroke signals can be combined to control the actuators of a grip area into intermediate position based on the package width.

Table 4-4: 5 Set of Inputs

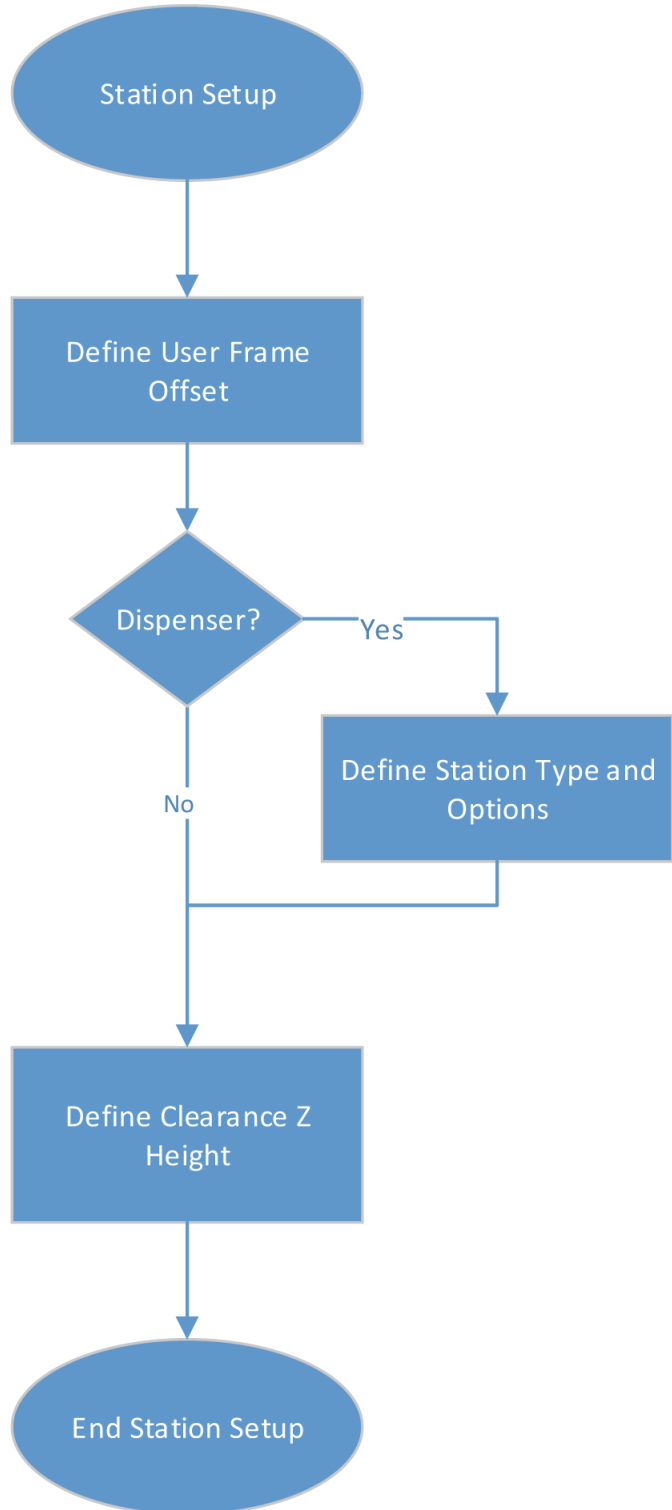
Input Set	Auxiliary Relays	Description
Part Present Sensor	71150 to 71187	Signals from the gripper sensors
Gripper Open Sensor	71190 to 71227	Signals from the gripper actuators confirming that the grip areas that are OFF are fully open.
Gripper Close Sensor	71230 to 71267	Signals from the gripper actuators confirming that the grip areas that are ON are closed.
Dispenser Part Present Sensor	71280 to 71284	Signals from the gripper sensor when a pallet or slip-sheet is present in the gripper
Dispenser Part Search Sensor	71290 to 71297	Signals from the gripper sensor used when searching for the top pallet or slip-sheet of a stack. Each dispenser has a high speed and low speed search sensor. (See Gripper Handling of Dispenser Part for details)

The specific external inputs and outputs of the gripper will need to be mapped in the concurrent I/O to these auxiliary relays in the Concurrent I/O for each specific system. The signals are resolved and generated for all 32 bits of each set but only the required signals need to be mapped to the external inputs and outputs.

4.2 Station Setup

All stations have two variables, User Frame Offset and Clearance Height. Pallet and Slip-Sheet Dispensers also have Station Types that must be defined.

Fig. 4-4: Station Setup Flowchart



4.2.1 User Frames

The robot knows the location of each station via a user frame. *Section 2.2 “Station and Gripper Identification” on page 2-2* defines how the station numbers are assigned.

4.2.1.1 User Frame Locations

Section 2.2.1 “Station and Gripper Identification” on page 2-3 shows user frame location for the various station types.

4.2.1.2 Required User Frames Number

PalletSolver User frames numbers are fixed and cannot be changed. The table below shows the Stations and their required User Frame Numbers.

Table 4-5: User Frame #

Station	Required User Frame
Build Station 1	1
Build Station 2	2
Build Station 3	3
Build Station 4	4
Build Station 5	5
Build Station 6	6
Build Station 7	7
Build Station 8	8
Infeed Station 1	11
Infeed Station 2	12
Infeed Station 3	13
Infeed Station 4	14
Infeed Station 5	15
Infeed Station 6	16
Infeed Station 7	17
Infeed Station 8	18
Pallet Dispenser 1	21
Pallet Dispenser 2	22
Slipsheet Dispenser 1	31
Slipsheet Dispenser 2	32
Reject Station 1	41
Pick Station ^{a)}	62
Place Station ^{a)}	63

a) The Pick Station and Place Station user frames are dynamically recalculated each cycle by combining the currently selected pick and place station user frame and their associated frame offsets (see *Section 4.2.1.3 “User Frame Offsets”*).

4.2.1.3 User Frame Offsets

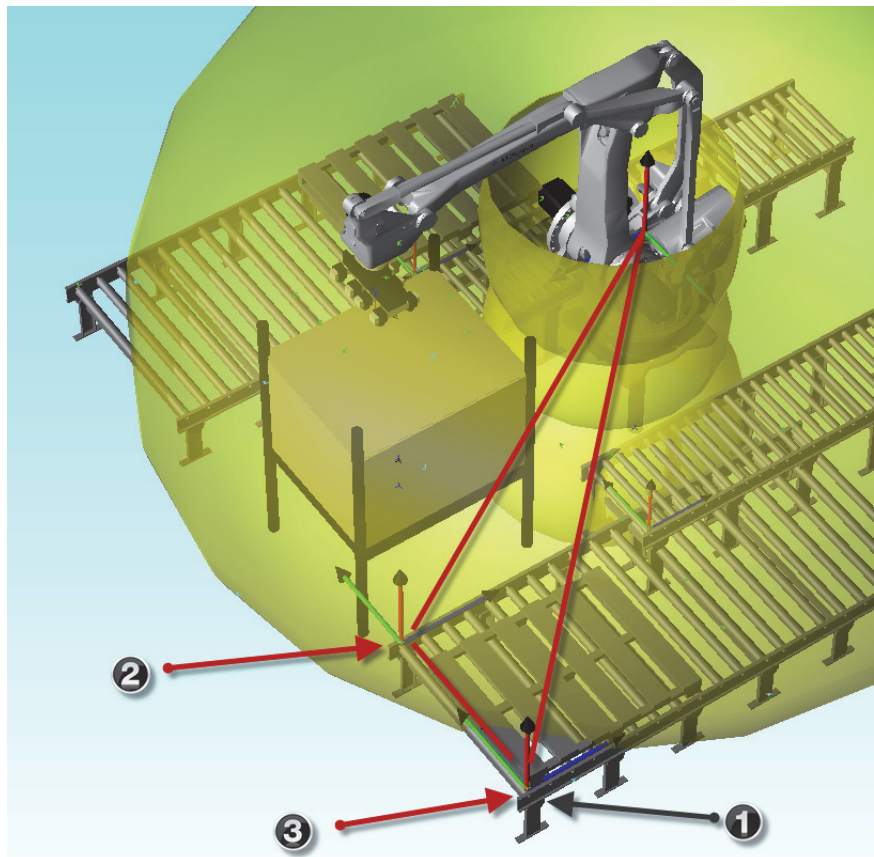
Sometimes the robot cannot reach the required user frame location on all stations. (See *Fig. 4-5*) In this figure the robot reach is shown in yellow. Location (1) is the desired user frame location. However the robot cannot reach this point.

In these cases, the user can set the station user frame to a known location such as the front left edge of the outfeed conveyor or position (2). A measurable offset such as the width of the outfeed conveyor (3) can be added to position (2).

Position (2) becomes the user frame. Position (3) is the offset from Position (2).

When possible, the user frame should be set directly on the station, position (1) and the offset (x,y, and z) should be set to 0.0

Fig. 4-5: Offset Reach

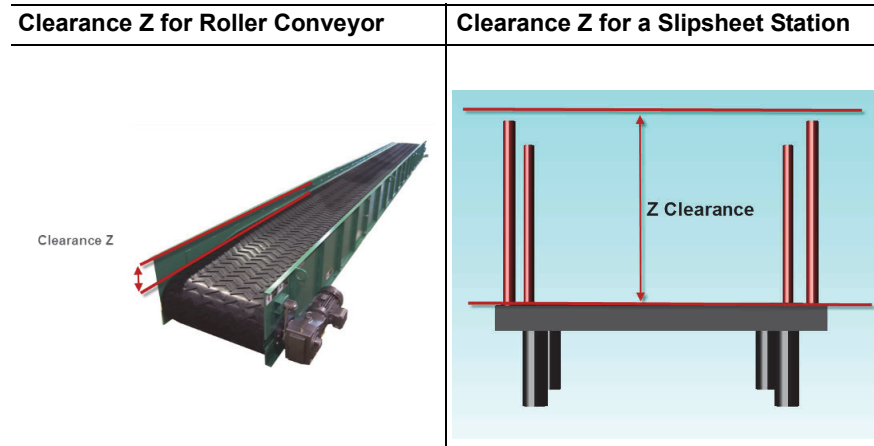


4.2.2 Clearance Z

Each Station has a clearance height called Clearance Z. Clearance Z is the height about the station user frame that will allow the robot to safely transition over it. Clearance Z does not take into consideration product on the station.

Some stations, such as Slipsheet stations, have a clearance height that is larger than the station plus it's associated product stack height. Other stations such as some infeed conveyors have a clearance height that is lower than the conveyor with typical product on it.

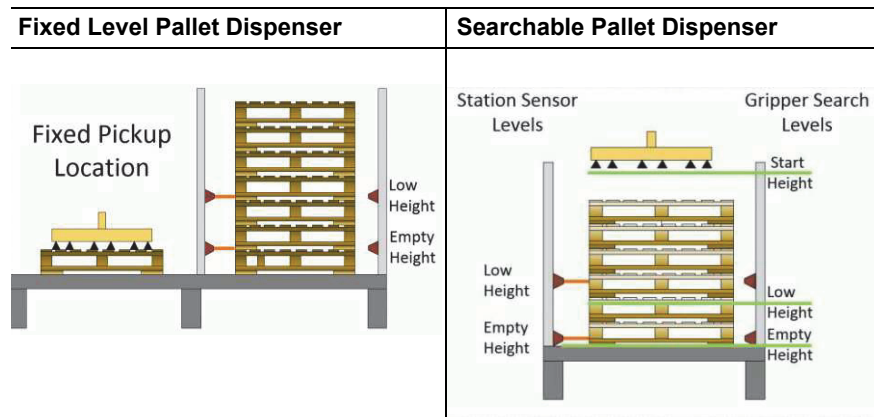
Fig. 4-6: Clearance Z



4.2.3 Dispenser Types

Dispensers hold a stack of Pallets or Slip-sheets. They can be Fixed Level (the bottom product is pushed to a set pickup location) or Searchable (varying stack height whose top of stack is determined by robot gripper). Optional Station Level sensors can also be set to determine when the stacks are low or empty.

Fig. 4-7: Pallet Dispensers



4.3 Cell Setup Applications' Use of External Memory Devices

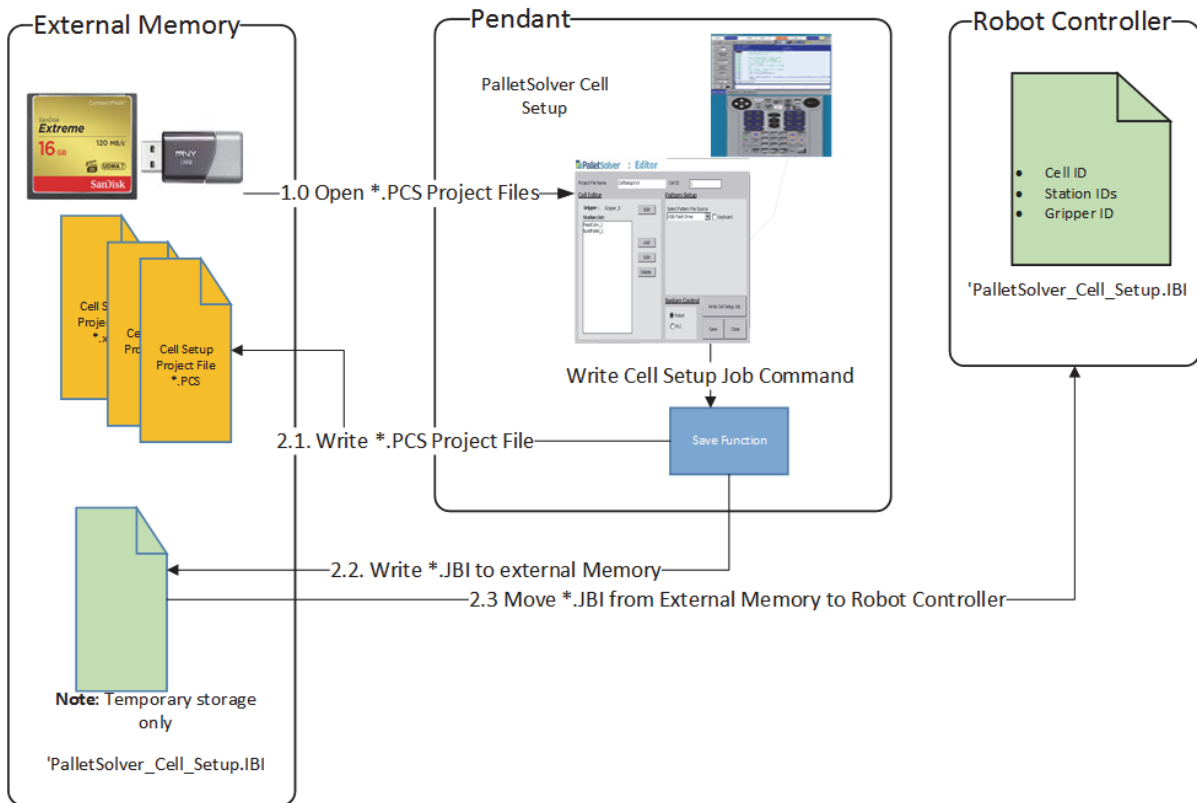
As described earlier in the chapter, the Setup application reads and writes project files (*.pcs). These files are used for permanent storage of cell setup information. It also writes a 'PalletSolver_Cell_Setup.JBI that captures the same setup options in a job or *.jbi format. It is called from the PalletSolver master job and the system will not run without a valid setup job loaded on the controller.

The Cell Setup Application uses external memory (CF or USB format) as described below:

- 1.0 Open Project File Command -- Reads the *.pcs project file from CF/USB Memory
- 2.0 Write Cell Setup Job command
 - 2.1 Writes *.pcs file to external CF/USB memory
 - 2.2 Writes 'PalletSolver_Cell_Setup.JBI to CF/USB memory
 - 2.3 Automatically moves the 'PalletSolver_Cell_Setup.JBI from CF/USB memory to robot controller memory

The figure below shows this process graphically.

Fig. 4-8: Cell Setup using External Memory Device



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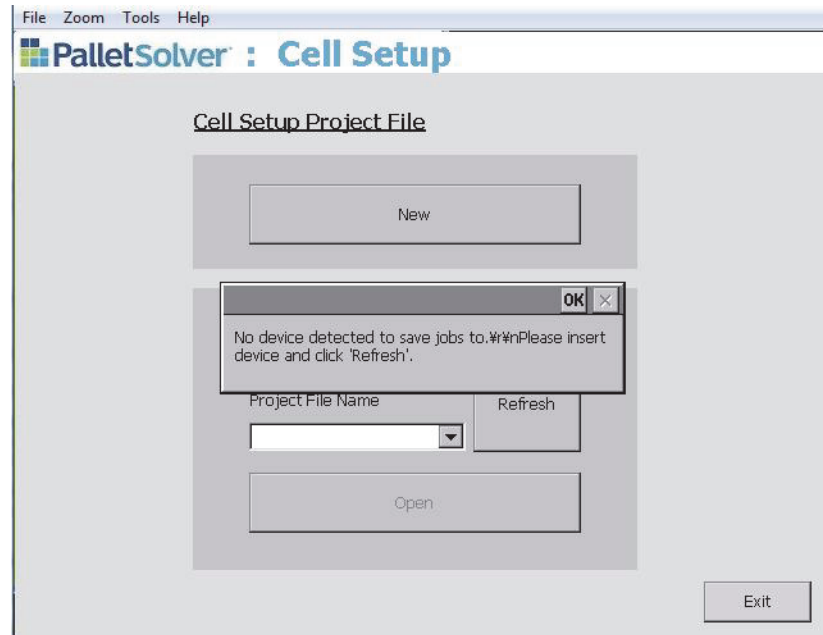
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1. Failure to have a CF/USB memory device will cause errors during read and write operations,
2. You can have multiple *.pcs project files
(For example you may create a project file that has only one infeed and build station during initial setup or testing and then later create a project with three infeeds and three build stations as your system become or complete.)
3. You can only have one setup file named 'PalletSolver_Cell_Setup.JBI. Each time the Write Cell Setup command is executed, it creates and overwrites the old one.
4. Both the *.pcs files and the 'PalletSolver_Cell_Setup.JBI are stored in the base directory of the USB/CF memory device.



If the application is started without the CF Card or USB Flash Drive that contains the correct support files, the Setup application will display a message box, as shown in *Fig. 4-9*:

Fig. 4-9: No Storage Device Available Message Box



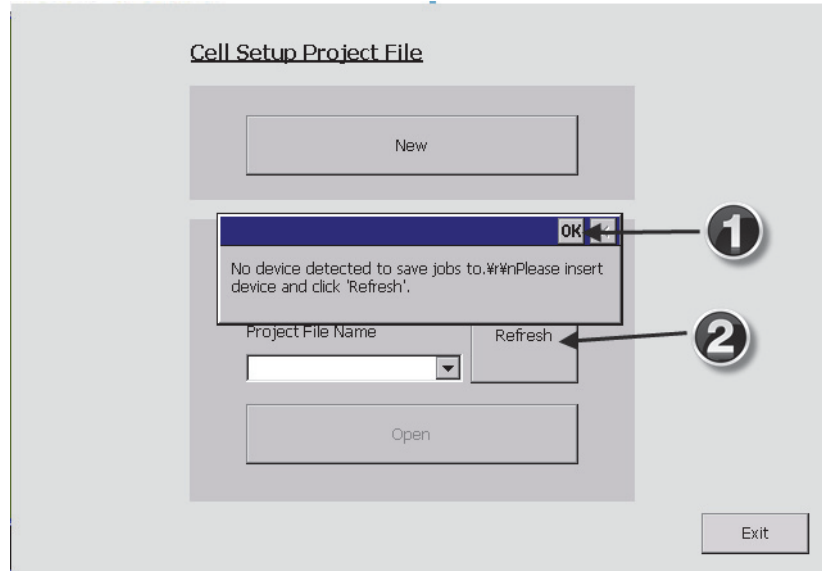
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4.3 Cell Setup Applications' Use of External Memory Devices

To open an existing project, the user must insert a CF Card or USB Flash Drive with a valid project file.

Alternatively, create a new project file without an external memory, but a CF/USB memory is required before saving.

Fig. 4-10: Correcting No Storage Device Available Message Box



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4.4.1 Start PalletSolver Setup Application

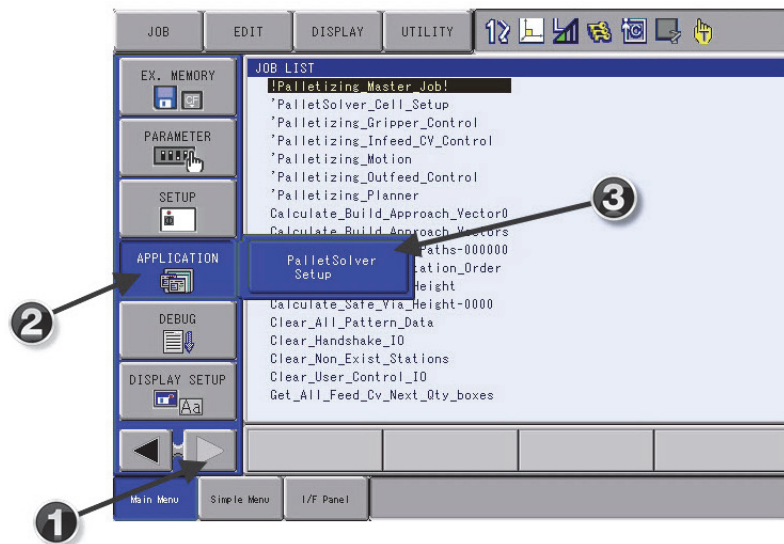
With the Pendant Key, place the Controller in the Teach Mode. Set the security level to Management.



The controller must be in Teach Mode and Management Mode to display the PalletSolver Setup pendant button.

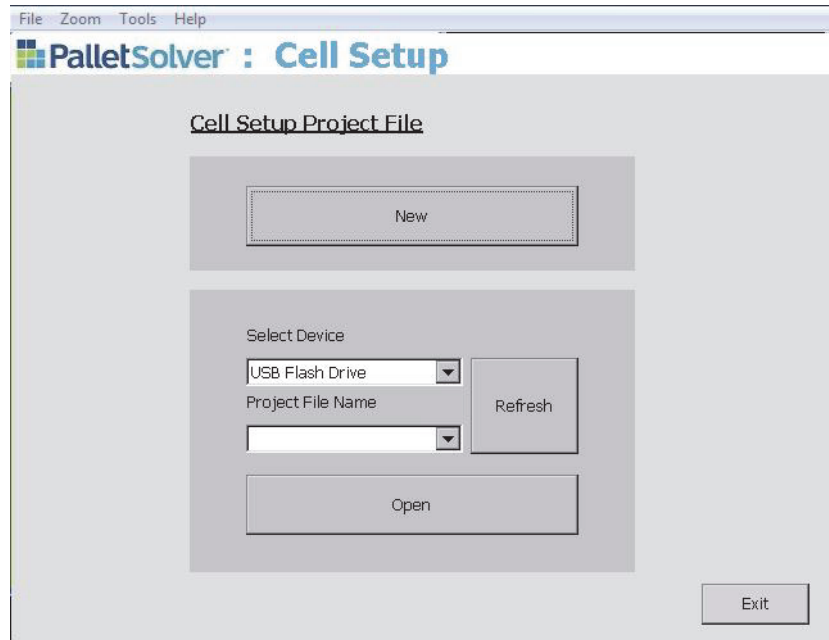
Below the {Main Menu} (1) press the right [▶] button. Press the (2) [APPLICATION] button and then select the (3) [PalletSolver Setup].

Fig. 4-11: Starting PalletSolver Setup Application Actions



The PalletSolver Setup Screen appears see *Fig. 4-12*

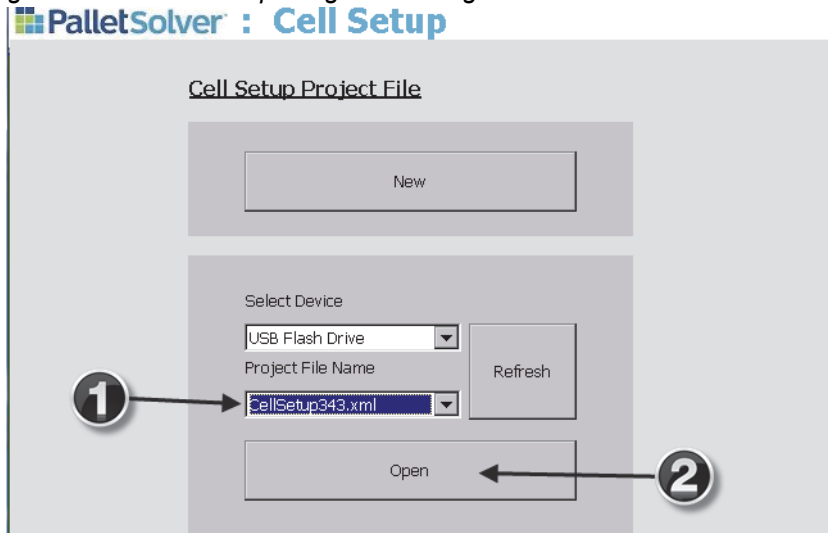
Fig. 4-12: PalletSolver Setup Screen



4.4.2 Open an Existing Setup File

To open an existing Setup File, the user needs to select the desired Setup File (1) and press the (2) [Open] button. The file will be read in and the Setup Application will automatically open the Setup Editing form.

Fig. 4-13: Process of Opening an Existing File



4.4.3 Defining a New Cell

To define a new cell, (1) press the New Button. The screen will be replaced with a large Keyboard. (2) Type in the desired cell and (3) press “Enter.”

Fig. 4-14(a): Process of Defining a New Cell

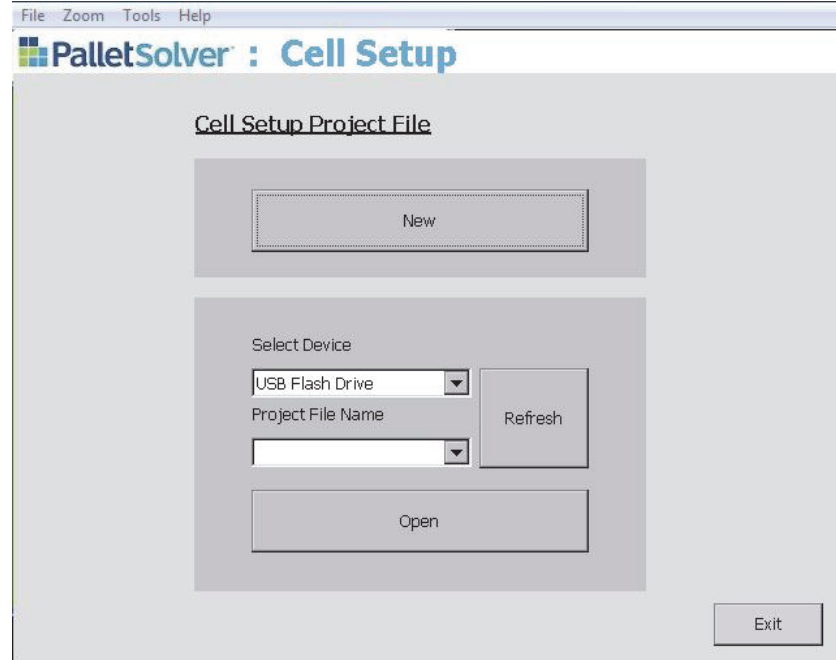
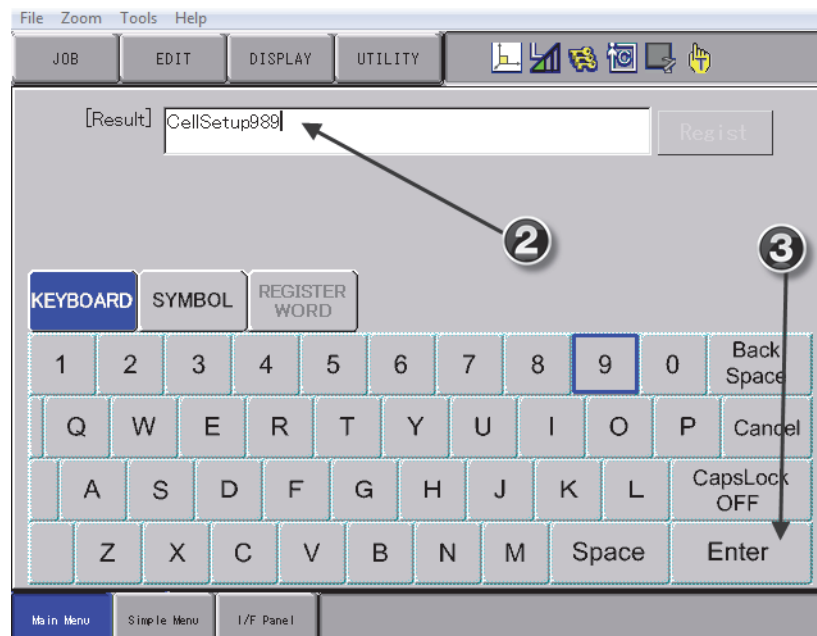


Fig. 4-14(b): Process of Defining a New Cell



When a new cell is created, the application automatically defines a minimum cell of one gripper, one infeed, and one build station. The three elements are created with default values. Actual values should be entered to replace the default data.

4.4.4 PalletSolver Editor

This is the page where most work is done. This page:

- Uses the station editor to add, delete and modify gripper and palletizing stations
- Sets the control mode to PLC or Robot (local control)
- Defines the source of the XML Pattern files
- Writes the robot setup job: PalletSolverCellSetup.JBI

Fig. 4-15: PalletSolver Editor Screen

4.4.5 Cell Editor

The editor allows you to add new stations, and to delete and edit existing stations and the gripper tool.

The Gripper is shown at the top of the cell editor window and all of the stations are shown below the gripper in the list box named Station List.

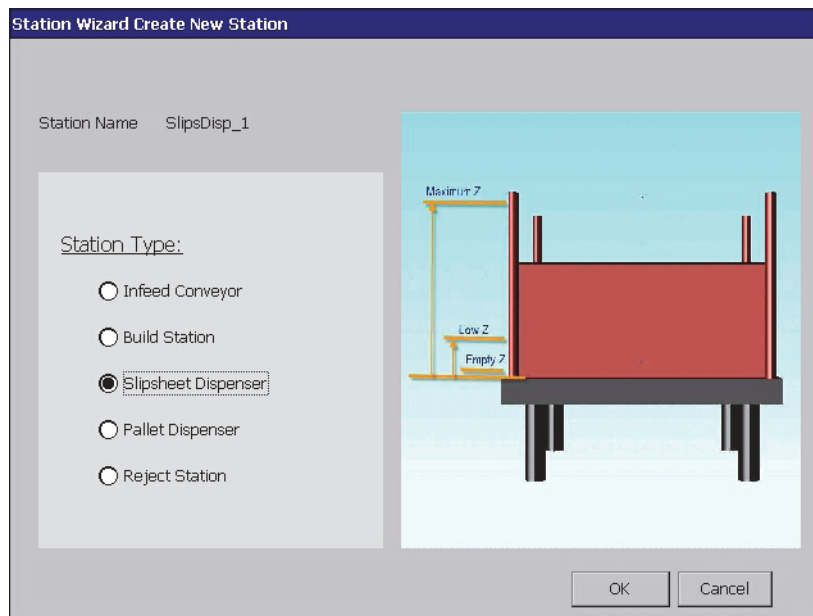
4.4.5.1 Station Selection

To select a station highlight the desired station in the Station List using the mouse and then press the [Done] button.

4.4.5.2 Add New Stations

To add a new station, the user presses the [Add] button see *Fig. 4-15*. A form similar to *Fig. 4-16* displays. Chose the type of station (1) by selecting the Station Type and (2) press the [OK] button.

Fig. 4-16: Adding a New Station

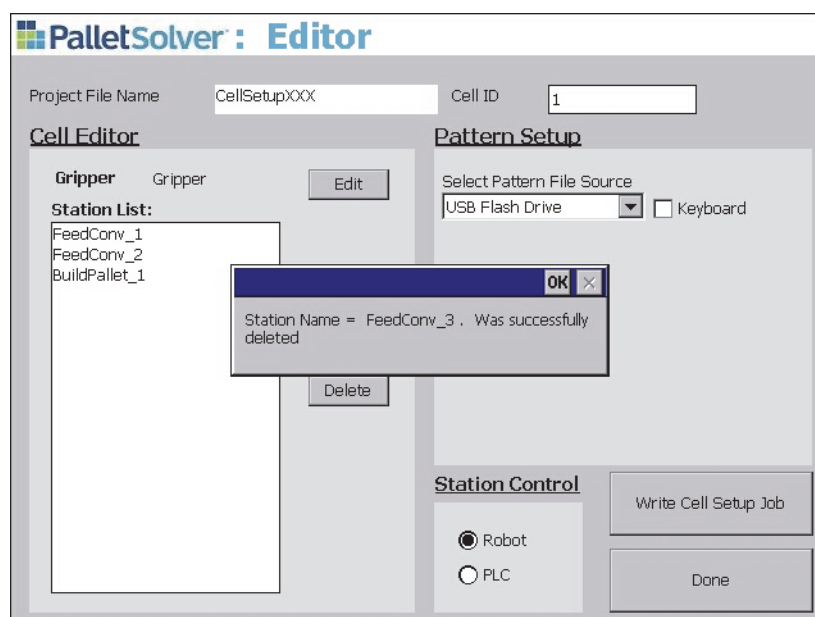


The user will be lead through a series of wizard forms that guide them through the setup options for each station type. Once all options have been entered, the Editor form (*Fig. 4-15*) will reappear with the new station type selected in the Station List.

4.4.5.3 Delete Station

To delete a station, select the last station of its type and press the [Delete] button. If the station is deleted successfully a message box displays (*Fig. 4-17*).

Fig. 4-17: Delete Message Box



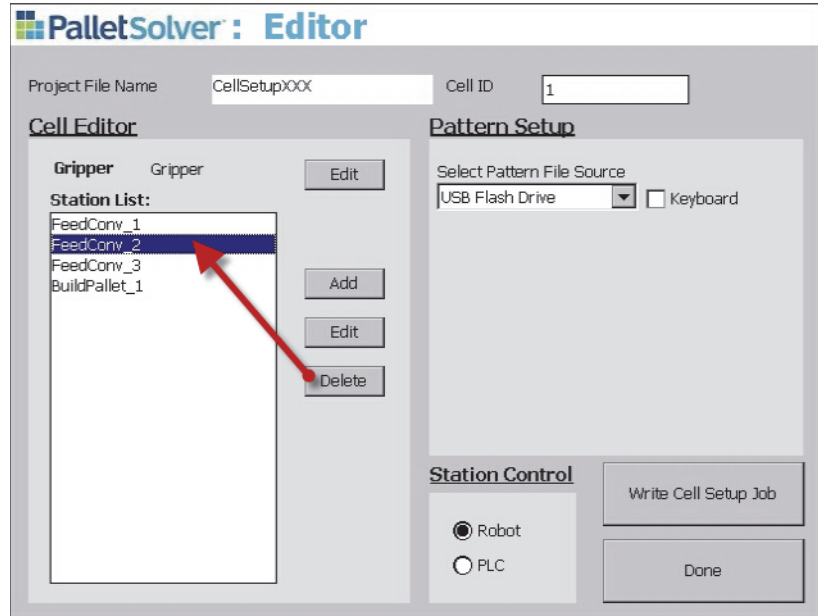
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If you attempt to delete a station that is not the last of its type, a delete error will occur.

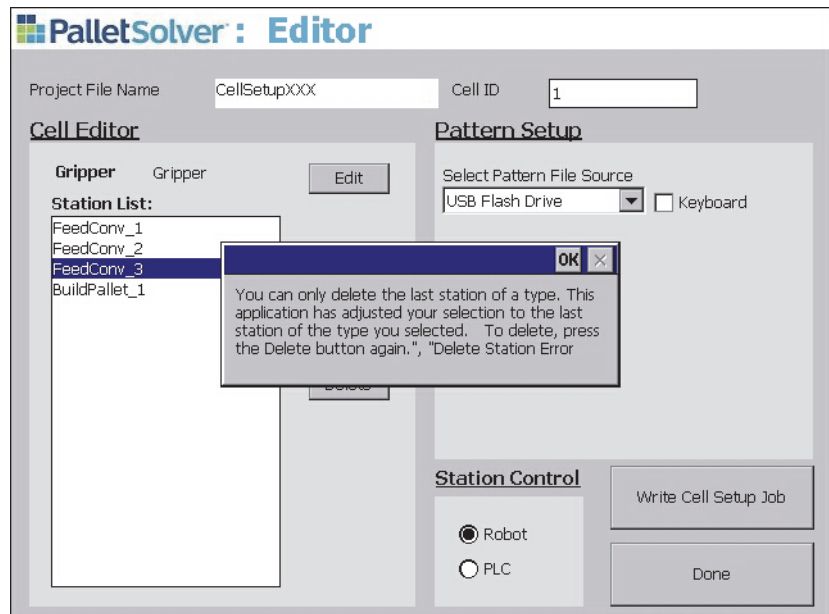
In the following example, the user has selected Feed Conveyor 2 to be deleted.

Fig. 4-18: Example of Selecting Feed Conveyor 2 for Deletion.



When pressing the [Delete] button, the message screen in *Fig. 4-19* displays and the last station of its type is highlighted.

Fig. 4-19: Delete Station Error



Do to FeedConv_3 being the last station of a type it is highlighted automatically and can be deleted successfully.

4.4.5.4 Edit Station

To edit a station, select it and press the [Edit] button. Each Station Wizard Page displays and can be edited as explained in the following sections.

4.4.6 Gripper Definition

The major steps, required to define a gripper, are shown below.

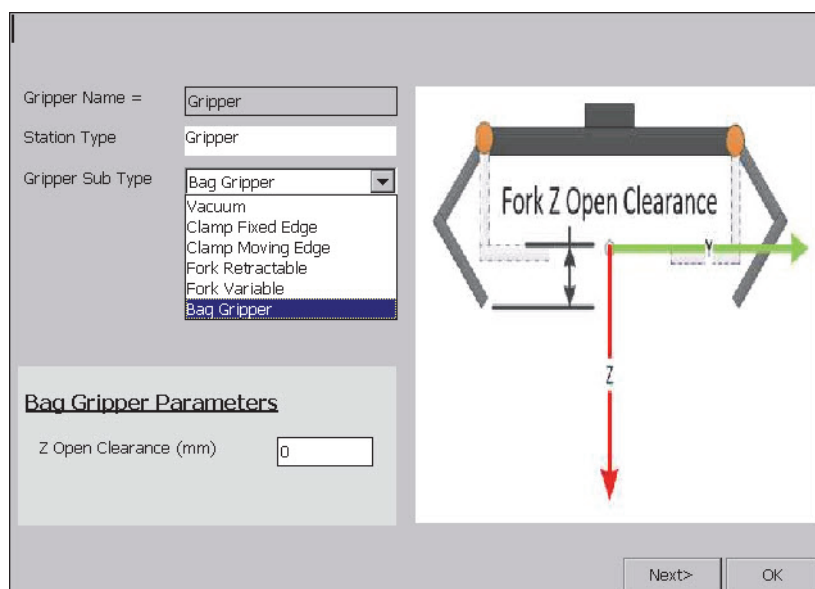
4.4.6.1 Define Gripper Types

This release supports the following types of grippers:

- Vacuum
- Clamp
- Fork
- Bag

To select the desired gripper type from the {Gripper Sub Type} Menu shown below:

Fig. 4-20: Defining Gripper Type



■ Vacuum Grippers

Vacuum Grippers use suction to hold the boxes on the robot gripper. They attach to the product tops and are generally the most flexible grippers to work with. They are the most flexible and support the most number of pallet patterns.

■ Clamp Grippers

These grippers attach to a product's sides. They carry the product by closing the paddles until they apply sufficient force to securely hold it. Clamp Grippers come with a variety of gripper paddles, paddle covering and paddle lengths.

These grippers are further divided by the number of paddles that move as explained below:

- **Clamp Fixed Edge**

This gripper has one fixed paddle and one moving paddle.

- **Clamp Moving Edge**

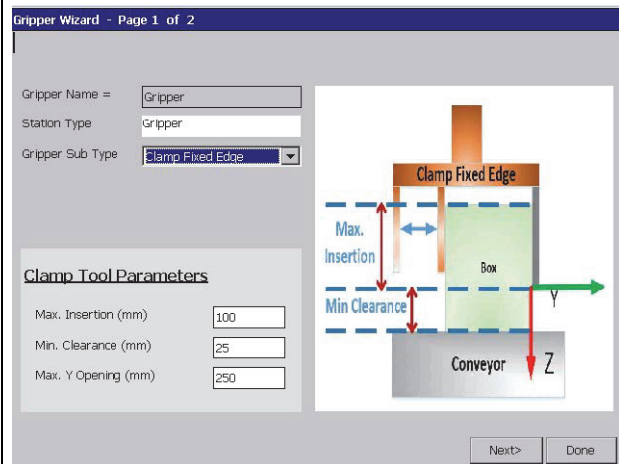
It has two moving paddles.

- **Clamp Tool Parameters**

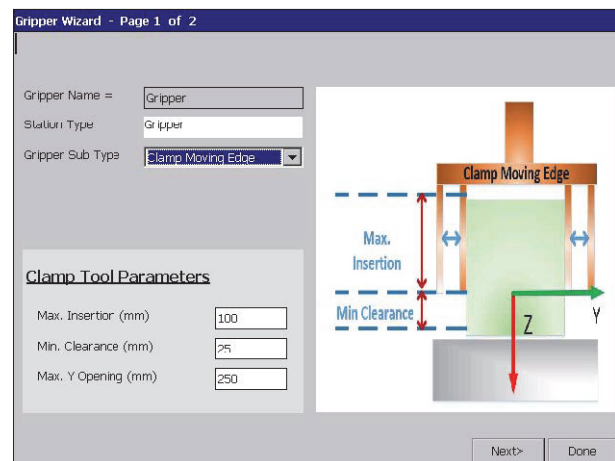
- **Max. Insertion** - This is the maximum amount that the product should be inserted into the clamp paddle. This distance must be less than the gripper clamp paddle length. This parameter is entered in millimeters.
- **Min. Clearance** - This defines a minimum distance between the end of the clamp paddle and the conveyor or pickup surface. It is entered in millimeters.
- **Max. Y Opening** - This the size of the clamp gripper when all clamp paddles are open. The product width must be smaller than this. It is entered in millimeters.

Fig. 4-21: Determining Clamp Gripper Type

Clamp Fixed Edge



Clamp Moving Edge



■ Fork Retractable

Fork Grippers carry the product on top of the gripper fork. They pick up the product by going beneath the product (generally by having the fork tine's go between the conveyor rollers) and then moving upward. They release the product by retracting the gripper fork when the product is in the desired location.

They are very reliable and are able to carry heavy products whose cases cannot be gripped from the top or sides.

• Fork Gripper Retractable Zones

Fork grippers are further divided by the number of retractable fork lengths. Fork grippers with more than one retractable length are called "Fork Variable" grippers while fork grippers with only one retractable length are called "Fork Retractable". PalletSolver supports fork grippers with 1 to 3 retractable lengths or zones.

• Fork Gripper Parameters

- **Fork Thickness** - User must measure and enter the thickness of the fork tines.
- **Fork Length** - Distance from the tip of the fork tine when fully extended to the side wall against which the box rests. This is the area that is available for the product to ride on.

Fig. 4-22: Determining Fork Type

<p>Fork Retractable</p>	
<p>Fork Variable</p>	

■ Bag Gripper

Bag Grippers are used to move bag products. They operate like a claim shell, having two closeable forks. The open forks pass between the conveyor's rollers and go beneath and around the ends of the bag product. The forks close and the robot moves the gripper up with the gripper supporting the bag product from underneath.

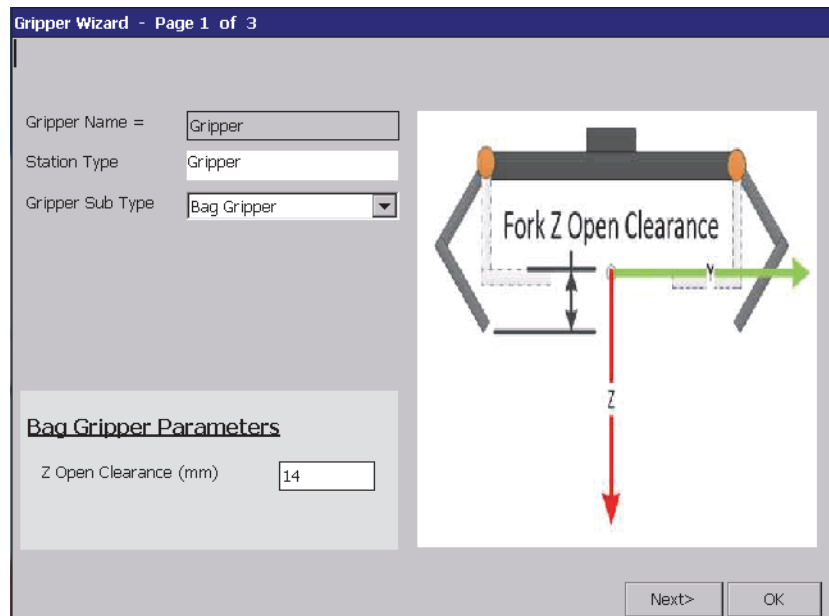
Bag Grippers generally hold one product at a time. Bag palletizing is performed very quickly. Many times the grippers forks are opening and closing during robot motions and gives the appearance that the robot is tossing the product onto the pallet.

• Z Open Clearance

This is the Z distance between the tip of the open fork and the top of the closed fork surface where the bag product is held. This value is required for proper gripper pick and place operation.

The figure below show the Z Open Clearance value that must be entered.

Fig. 4-23: Bag Gripper Parameters for Z Open Clearance



4.4.6.2 Set Gripper ID

The gripper ID is set in this application and in the PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Tool. These IDs are how the system determines the same gripper is being referenced for both systems.

4.4.6.3 Set Tool Center Point Number (TCP)

This form sets the tool number for use with:

- standard robot box pick and place operations
- empty pallet pick and place operations from a Pallet Dispenser Station
- slipsheet pick and place operations from a Slip Sheet Dispenser Station

Each tool number can be set to a value between 0 and 63.

4.4.6.4 Grip Areas

This section only applies to Clamp, Fork, and Bag grippers. It will not be visible when vacuum grippers are selected.

For Clamp and Fork Grippers, please check the following boxes if the clamp/fork devices have sensors that are set when the clamp/fork is set to the commanded position:

- Grip Areas have Close Sensors
- Grip Areas have Open Sensors

The number of grip areas must also be entered. For example the gripper below has 3 grip areas.

Fig. 4-24: 3 Grip Area Clamp Gripper

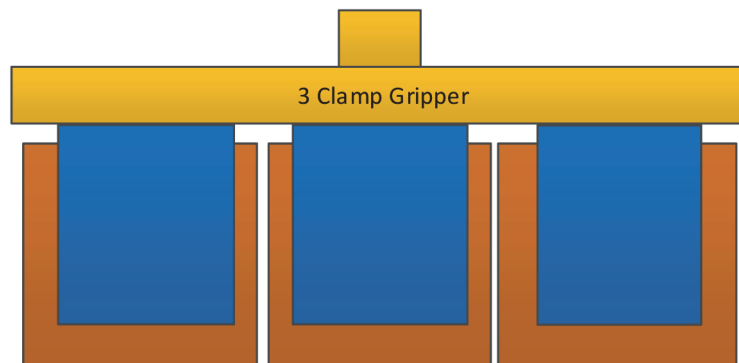
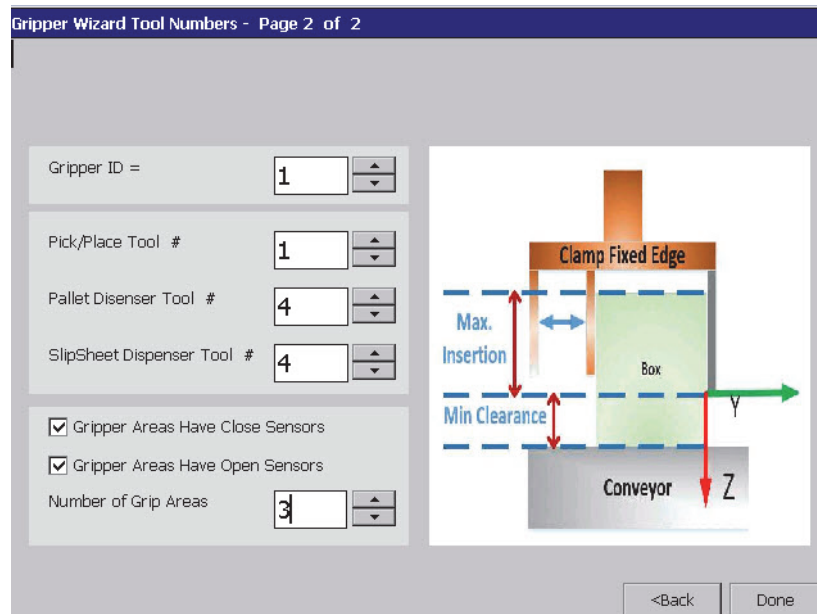


Fig. 4-25: Wizard TCP Screen



4.4.6.5 Gripper Motion Setup

Some grippers have motion related setup variables. The figures show these the parameters required for each gripper type. In the figures below, the relative motion is shown via blue vectors.

■ Fork Gripper Motion Parameters

This gripper has three motion related parameters.

• Y Approach

Clears the side of the product as the gripper is moving down into position. After the gripper is at the correct height, the gripper moves in the Y direction until the stationary gripper product support moves so that it touches the product side. The Y approach is typically in the 50 to 100 mm range.

• Z Below Approach

Moves the top of the forks below the box by a small distance (generally between 10 and 50 mm.) If this value is set too low or too high, the gripper could collide with parts of the infeed conveyor. Once reaching this position, the gripper forks extend beneath the product.

• Z Check Height

Moves the gripper up so that it clears the infeed conveyor surface and that the gripper top clamp (not shown below) is closed. Gripper securely holds the product at this point. This parameter is generally in the 50 to 100 mm range.

■ Bag Gripper Motion Parameters

This gripper has two motion related parameters.

• Z Below Approach

Moves the top of the fork below the bag by a small distance (generally between 10 and 50 mm.) If this value is set too low or too high, the gripper could collide with parts of the infeed conveyor or the bag. Once reaching this position, the gripper forks close beneath the product.

• Z Check Height

Moves the gripper up so that it clears the infeed conveyor surface and that the gripper top clamp (not shown below) is closed. The gripper holds the product securely at this point. This parameter is generally in the 50 to 100 mm range.

■ Other Gripper Motion Parameters

Other grippers (Clamp and Vacuum Grippers) do not have any motion parameters included in the Cell Setup application. When these gripper types are selected a "No Motion Parameters Required for This Gripper Type" message displays.

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Fig. 4-26: Gripper Motion Parameters

<p>Fork Gripper Motion Parameters</p>	
<p>Bag Gripper Motion Parameters</p>	
<p>Other Grippers Not Requiring Motion Parameters</p>	

4.4.6.6 Gripper Operation

Gripper operation is controlled via CIO Ladder modifications. See *section 4.1.1 "Robot Controller/ Gripper Interfaces" on page 4-3* and *section 6.3.2 "Gripper Setup Introduction" on page 6-17* for more details.

To setup the Gripper Sensor and to robot input mapping:

- (1) Select the starting input number. It is recommended to set it to 73 (see *section 4.1.1 "Robot Controller/ Gripper Interfaces" on page 4-3* and *section 6.3.2 "Gripper Setup Introduction" on page 6-17*.)

4.4.7 Station Definition

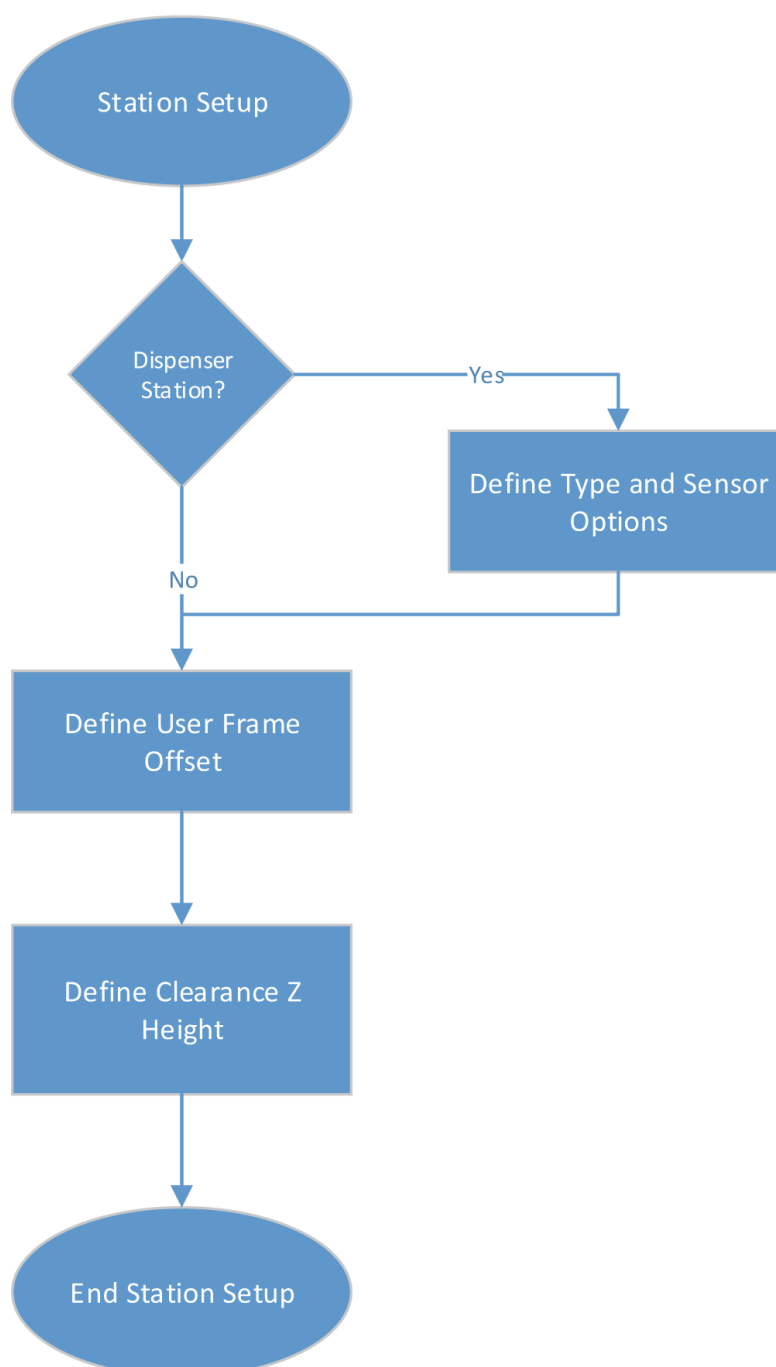
Pallet Solver stations consist of:

- Build Stations
- Infeed Stations
- Reject Station
- Pallet Dispenser
- Slip-Sheet Dispenser

Station Setup consists of defining the following parameters for all stations:

- User Frame Offsets
- Clearance Z Heights

Fig. 4-27: Defining Station Flowchart



4.4.7.1 Dispenser Stations Types

Dispenser stations also have subtypes as described below.

Two types of dispenser stations are supported. These include stations that dispense product to a set location and are referred to as “Fixed Level” dispensers, and searchable dispensers called “Searching Stack” dispensers. Searching Stack dispensers use the gripper and it’s sensors to define the current stack height. These station types are shown below:

Fig. 4-28: Selecting Type of Dispenser

<p>Fixed Level Dispenser</p>	
<p>Searchable Dispenser</p>	

4.4.7.2 Optional Station Sensors

Station Sensors may also be added to each dispenser station. These sensors constantly monitor the height of the dispenser stack and can give a warning when the stack goes below a desired level (Low Height Sensor) or an alarm when the stack is empty. These sensors can be used on both Fixed Level and Searchable Stations as seen below.

Fig. 4-29: Selecting Optional Level Sensors

<p>Fixed Level Dispenser with Optional Station Level Sensors</p>	
<p>Searchable Dispenser with Optional Station Level Sensors</p>	

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The following forms are the same for each of the station types. The only thing that changes is the picture of the station type.

Fig. 4-30: Station Wizard

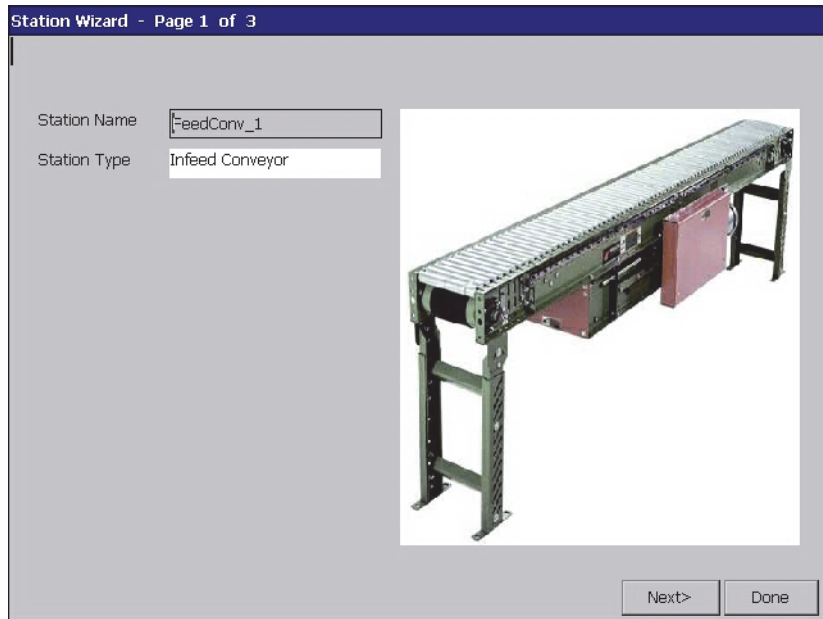


Fig. 4-31: User Frame Wizard

Enter any user frame offsets in the X, Y, and Z boxes below. User Frame Offsets are defined earlier in this section.

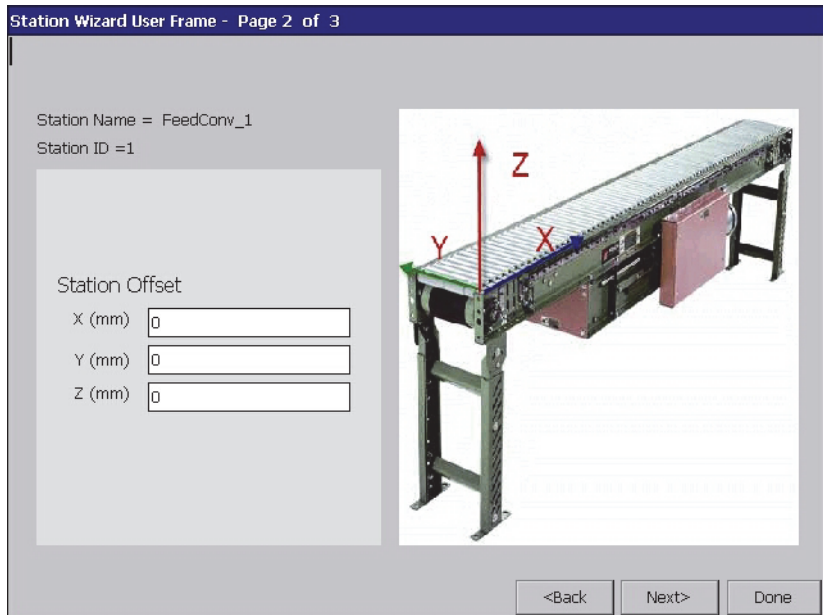



Fig. 4-32: Clearance Z Wizard

Enter the clearance Z value in the form below. Remember that the Clearance Z is the safe transition height over the empty station.

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Station Name = FeedConvv_1
Station ID = 1

Clearance
Z (mm)



<Back Done

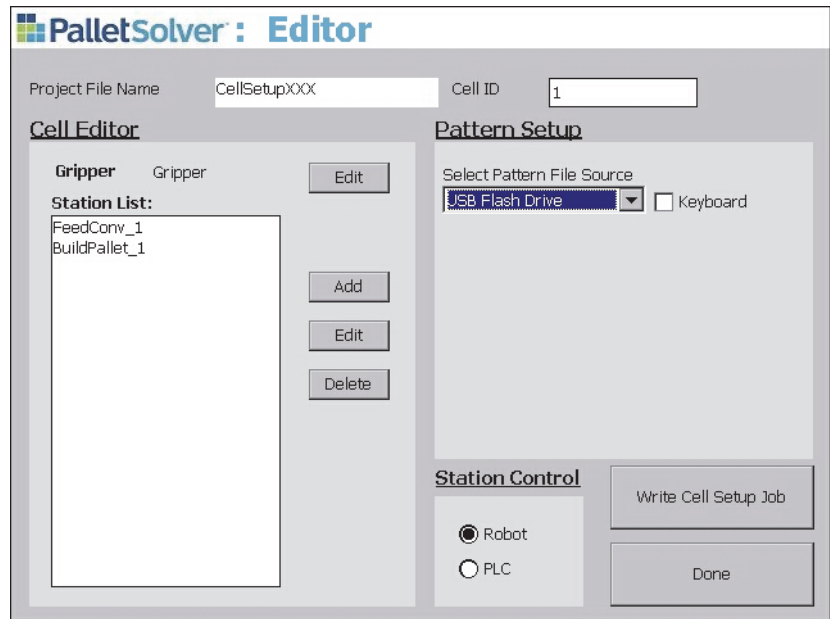
4.4.8 Pattern Setup

The PalletSolver PC creates one pattern file for each pallet solution. These pattern files can be opened from one of three possible sources:

- Compact Flash Card
- USB Flash Drive
- Via Network (Ethernet)

The Pattern Setup section allows the user to select and store this information in the Setup files (XML and Job formats.) This source of the pattern files is chosen from the “Select Pattern File Source” drop down box.

Fig. 4-33: Pattern Setup from USB or CF Card



4.4.9 Network Option

The Network option allows the controller to retrieve pattern files by accessing a FTP Server on an Ethernet network.

As *Fig. 4-34* shows, when the “Network” option is chosen, additional information must be entered. This information includes:

- FTP User Name
- FTP Password
- IP Address and
- Network Directory

The FTP User Name and/or Password may be left blank. These options maybe required for FTP Anonymous operation.

Fig. 4-34: Setting Network

The screenshot displays the 'PalletSolver: Editor' application window. At the top, the 'Project File Name' is 'CellSetupXXX' and the 'Cell ID' is '1'. The main interface is divided into two primary sections: 'Cell Editor' and 'Pattern Setup'.

Cell Editor: This section contains a 'Station List' with two entries: 'FeedConv_1' and 'BuildPallet_1'. To the right of the list are buttons for 'Add', 'Edit', and 'Delete'. Above the list, there are labels for 'Gripper' and 'Gripper' with an 'Edit' button.

Pattern Setup: This section is for configuring the file source. It includes a dropdown menu for 'Select Pattern File Source' set to 'Network', and an unchecked checkbox for 'Keyboard'. Below this are input fields for 'FTP User Name', 'FTP Password', and 'IP Address' (containing '192.168.255.100'). A 'Network Directory' field contains '/Pattern/Library'. At the bottom of this section, there are radio buttons for 'Station Control' with 'Robot' selected and 'PLC' unselected.

At the bottom right of the window, there are two buttons: 'Write Cell Setup Job' and 'Done'.

4.4.9.1 Pattern File Naming Convention

Pattern files are created with the following naming convention:

<ProductID>,<PatternID>,<CellID>,<StnID>.xml

The following example shows a number of pattern file names and their meanings:

- 111,1,1,1.xml - Where
 - ProductID = 111
 - PatternID = 1
 - CellID = 1
 - StnID (Build Station ID) = 1
- 123,2,2,3.xml = where
 - Product ID = 123
 - Pattern ID = 2
 - Cell ID = 2
 - Stn ID (Build Station ID) = 3

4.4.9.2 Network Folder Usage

FTP Servers may set their Home directory to essentially any directory they prefer. All external references refer to subdirectories under the Home directory. The Network Directory must be setup this way and is further explained below:

```
<FTP Server Home Dir.>/<Network_Dir.>/Cell#/filename.xml
```

At the deepest folder level, the .xml pattern file must be in a subdirectory titled "Cell#" where # is the Cell ID number. This corresponds to the folder structure enforced by the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool when creating the pattern files.

The Network_Dir should always be specified with a leading "/" character. This corresponds to the "Home Directory" or root of the FTP Server.

The following table gives six example pattern files names and directories. It shows three possible FTP Server Home Dir. Settings and the correct or required Network Directory settings.

Table 4-6: Pattern File and directory on FTP Server

Pattern File and directory on FTP Server	Example FTP Server Home Dir. Setting	Required Network_Dir Setting
C:\Data\PatternLibrary\Cell1\ 111,1,1,1.xml	C:\	"/Data/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data	"/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data\PatternLibrary	"" or (blank)
C:\Data\PatternLibrary\Cell1\123,2,1,1.xml	C:\	"/Data/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data	"/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data\PatternLibrary	"" or (blank)
C:\Data\PatternLibrary\Cell1\199,2,1,2.xml	C:\	"/Data/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data	"/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data\PatternLibrary	"" or (blank)
C:\Data\PatternLibrary\Cell2\ 111,1,2,1.xml	C:\	"/Data/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data	"/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data\PatternLibrary	"" or (blank)
C:\Data\PatternLibrary\Cell2\ 123,1,2,1.xml	C:\	"/Data/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data	"/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data\PatternLibrary	"" or (blank)
C:\Data\PatternLibrary\Cell2\ 199,1,2,1.xml	C:\	"/Data/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data	"/PatternLibrary
	C:\Data\PatternLibrary	"" or (blank)

4.4.10 System Control

The PalletSolver can run with or without a PLC. If the Robot is controlling the system then the user would select Robot option of System Control. If a PLC is controlling the system simply set the PLC Radio button.

NOTE

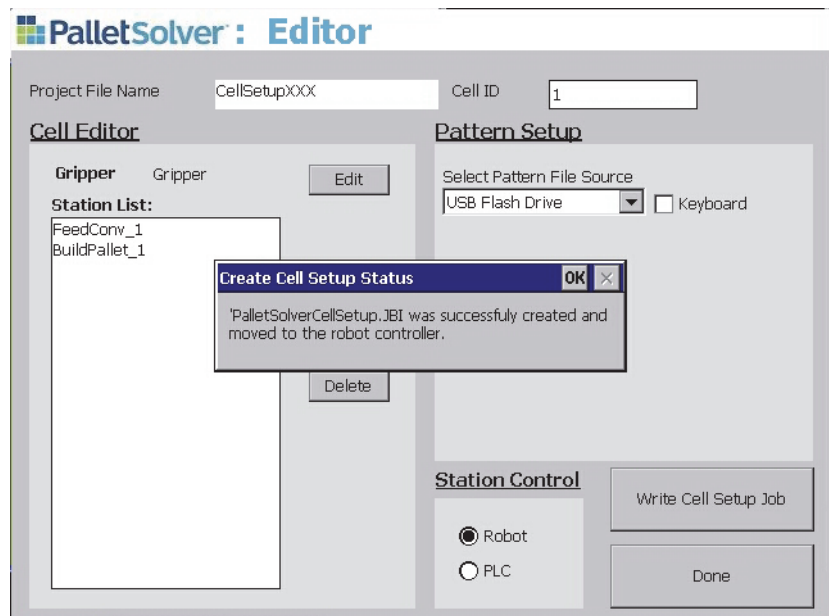
- The PLC control and monitor signals are covered in *Chapter 7 "DX100 & DX200 Operation Monitor and Control Interface"*. Appendix A has a list of pre-mapped robot controller inputs and outputs that can be used by the PLC to control the robotic palletizing system.
- During PLC control, the Monitor and Control Pendant Application is limited to Monitoring only. See *section 8.3.1 "System Overview Screen" on page 8-3* for more details.

4.4.11 Write Cell Setup Job

Pressing this button will attempt to write both the cell setup *.xml project file and the 'PalletSolver_Cell_Setup.JBI as described in detail in *Section 4.3 "Cell Setup Applications' Use of External Memory Devices"*.

When the tasks are successfully completed, a Message box is displayed (see *Fig. 4-35.*)

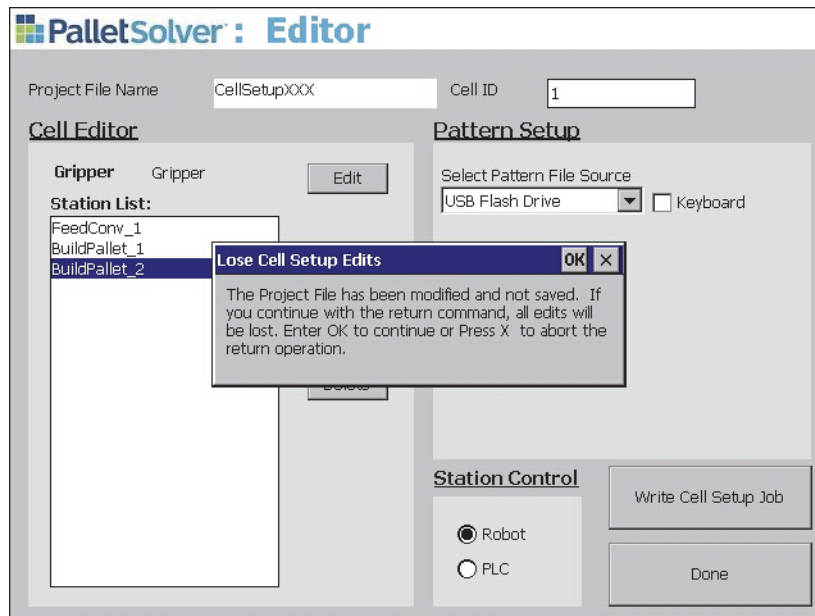
Fig. 4-35: Setup Job Successfully Written Message Box



4.4.12 Close Button

If edits have been made and the user presses the [Close] button, a Message Box is displayed. It warns the user that the edits made will be lost if the file is not saved.

Fig. 4-36: Project File Modified Message Box



5 PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Tool

PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Tool optimizes the time required to create pallet build patterns by allowing the user to develop the build pattern on a PC without requiring the physical system. Each Pallet Build Pattern is exported from the PC application as a single XML file. See the PalletSolver PC Pattern Generation Tool Manual for specific information on the pallet build pattern work flow.

5.1 Build Pattern Files

These XML- formatted build patterns can be imported from one of three storage devices:

- USB Flash Drive
- CF Card
- Connecting the robot controller to an Ethernet FTP site.

For details on setting the XML Build Pattern source, refer to *Section 4.4.8 "PalletSolver Setup Application"* on page 4-35 for more details.

5.1.1 MotoPlus Pattern File Importer Application

When changing build patterns, the MotoPlus Pattern File Importer Application retrieves the XML formatted build pattern file, from the specified source, and converts the file to a robot controller job or *.jbi.

The MotoPlus application:

- is started automatically when the robot controller is powered up,
- is always running and ready to convert a build pattern into a robot job,
- has little or no direct user interface,
- can only assign one build pattern to each build station
- can unassign a build pattern and thus make the build station offline or in a locked state,
- checks the build station's state to ensure that the build pattern can be changed.

5.1.2 Initiating Build Pattern Conversion

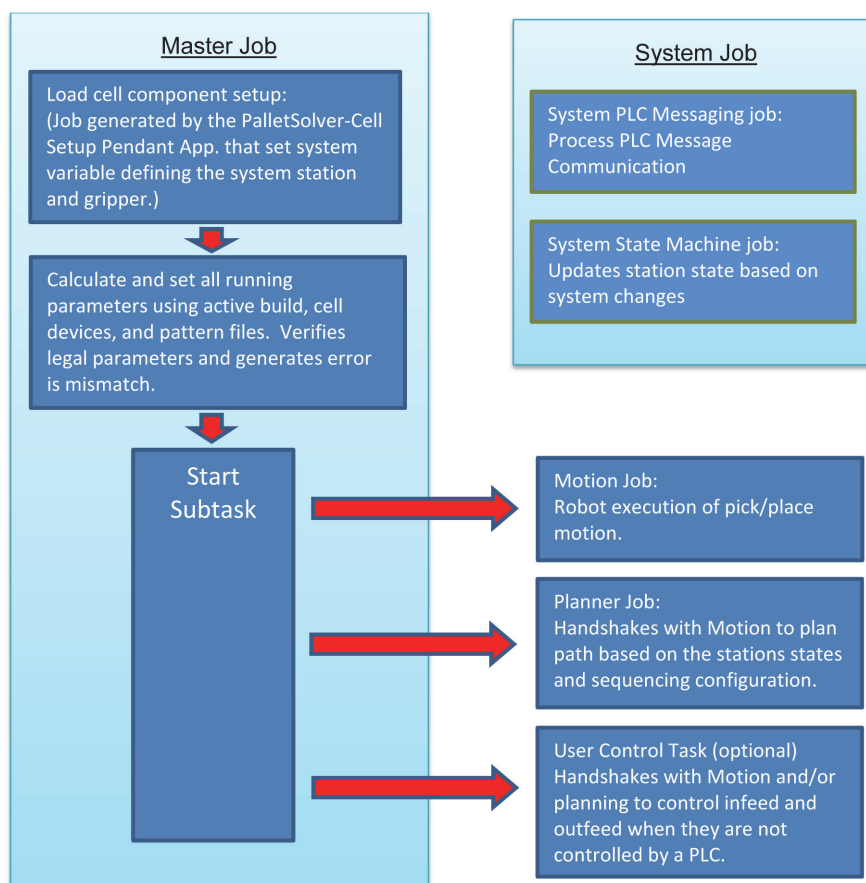
While the MotoPlus application does the actual XML to robot job conversion, the conversion process can be initiated by using the Build Station Assign/Unassign command describe in *Section 7.3 "Interface: Message Communication"* on page 7-15.

An operator can also assign and unassign patterns using the "Build Station Screen" of the PalletSolver - HMI pendant application described in *Chapter 8 "Operation Monitor and Control Pendant Application"*.

6 Controller Jobs and Concurrent I/O Program

During operation, the controller's standard software will playback a set of standard palletizing jobs and run the Concurrent I/O program written for this palletizing system. A master job will call subroutines that will take care of resetting the system, controller the sequence, pick and place package, etc.

6.1 Structure



6.2 Jobs



CAUTION

Only use signals and variables for the purpose that they are intended. The PalletSolver jobs interface is done using fixed assignment of variables and I/O signals. Those variables and I/O signals are pre-assigned and labeled in the system.

Modifying the signals and variables to purpose other than they are intended may cause damage to equipment.

The jobs are the robot controller programs or scripts that run the palletizing system. In PalletSolver, the jobs are divided into three categories: System Jobs, Standard Job and User Jobs.

6.2.1 System Jobs



CAUTION

Do not edit these jobs. If modifications are required, contact your YASKAWA representative for assistance

Editing these jobs can cause damage to equipment.

System jobs are jobs that are automatically started once the controller completes its boot sequence. They run in the background even when the controller is not playing back the jobs. They are not accessible to the user under normal circumstances.

6.2.1.1 System_PLC_Messaging

The system PLC messaging job allows the controller to maintain message communication with the PLC even if the MasterJob is not running. This allows the PLC to send command message and get reply back from the controller as long as the controller is powered up. Note that for some commands, the data may not be up to date if the Master Job is not running.

6.2.1.2 System_Machine_State

The system machine state job keeps some of the I/O and variables representing the state of each station up to date base on changing input or command received.

6.2.2 Standard Jobs**CAUTION**

Do not edit jobs. If modifications are required, contact your YASKAWA representative for assistance.

Editing jobs can cause damage to equipment.

The job structure breaks down the job functions into main jobs that run as separate tasks. Those main jobs may then call on several sub jobs. Some variables and I/O signals are used to handshake between the tasks running in parallel and synchronize them when necessary.

6.2.2.1 PalletSolver_Master_Job

Initialize the system and start the other tasks. The main initialization steps are:

- Call the USER_ADJUSTMENT job
(*section 6.2.3.1 "USER_ADJUSTMENTS"*)
- Safely move the robot back to the home position
- Clear required I/O signals and variables
- Load the cell setup generated by the PalletSolver-Cell Setup pendant application
- Set the Gripper mapping
- Calculate the stations position around the robot
- Start task:
 - PalletSolver_Planner
(*section 6.2.2.2 "PalletSolver_Planner:"*)
 - PalletSolver_Motion:
(*section 6.2.2.3 "PalletSolver_Motion"*)
 - USER_CONTROL_TASK
(*section 6.2.3.2 "USER_CONTROL_TASK"*)

6.2.2.2 PalletSolver_Planner:

Based on the sequencing mode and the station current state, this task selects the next build pattern and then set the required information for its next pick and place cycle. This task handshakes with the PalletSolver_Motion task to coordinate the timing at which the planning is ready for the motion and when the next cycle planning can be started.

6.2.2.3 PalletSolver_Motion

This is the only task that moves the robot. It moves the robot through the path determined by the palletizing planner. The product's pick and place sequence are executed by this standard job. For dispensers and reject station, customizable user jobs are called so that they can be adapted to the various devices and setups. See *section 6.2.3 "User Jobs" on page 6-4* for details.

6.2.2.4 PalletSolver_Cell_Setup

The "PalletSolver - Cell Setup" pendant application generates a job that will set system definition variables when it is executed at the beginning of the master job. This ensures that the system is reset properly every time the system restarts.

6.2.2.5 PATTERN_#

The "XML Pattern File Importer" MotoPlus Application also converts the XML pattern file generated by the "PalletSolver-PC: Pattern Generation Tool" application to job files that will set pattern definition variables for the appropriate build station. Note that pattern file information is usually too large to be completely loaded into variable memory. So, after the initial load of the general information (used stations, virtual gripper definitions...), the pattern job is repeatedly called at each pick/place cycle to set the variables related to the pick/place with the current cycle data.

6.2.3 User Jobs

User jobs are jobs that are intended to be modified as needed to adapt the PalletSolver system to the user specific needs and devices. The default template job supplied with the system should provide a good starting point for most systems. Most of the changes should be minimal for example setting some I/O points address or adjusting a key position. User jobs have a capitalized name starting with "USER_".

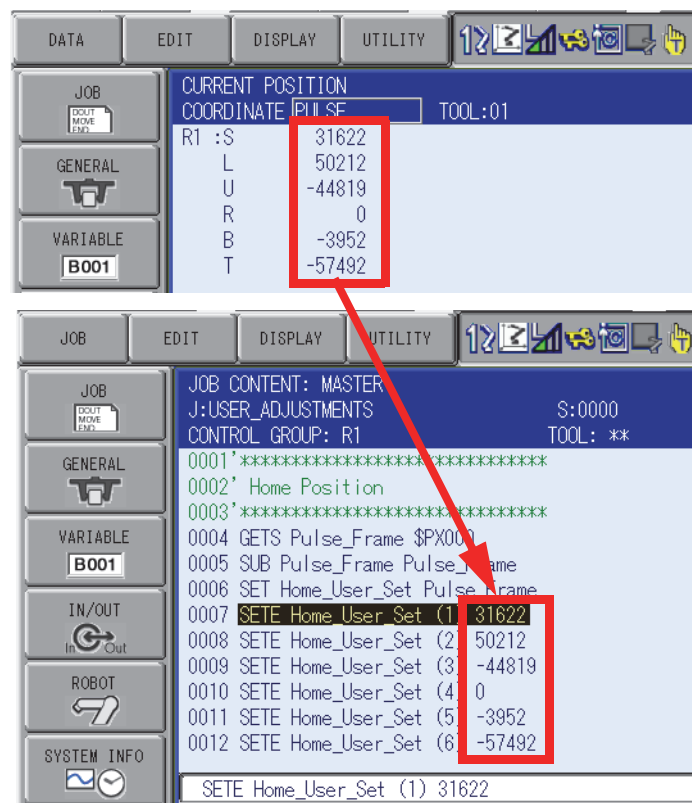
6.2.3.1 USER_ADJUSTMENTS

The “USER_ADJUSTMENTS” job contains variables such as clearance heights, search heights, timers etc. that can be adjusted by the user to fit their system specific needs. Please refer to the comments in the job for details on each adjustment.

■ **Home Position**

The Home_User_Set variable (P700) is the position where the robot returns to when the system is not palletizing. This position is defined in pulse coordinates so that it is not affected by tool changes. To prevent an accidental change of this position, the position is set in the USER_ADJUSTMENTS job. To set the values, the operator can move the robot to the desired position and display the robot current position and write down the values, then enter those values as the last argument of the SETE instruction.

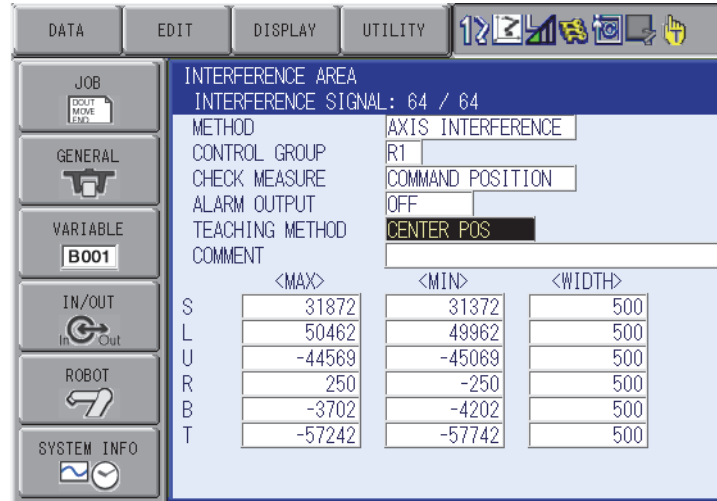
Fig. 6-1: Setting Home Position in USER-ADJUSTMENTS JOB



Whenever the system is reset the robot will move directly up to clear all stations, move backward or forward to be on the same radius as the Home position, and then swivel around to the Home position. Pay attention when defining the Home position so that it is on a radius that allows moving around the whole cell without hitting any obstacles or fences.

Once the home position is determined, the Interference Area 64 should be defined in Axis Interference method (pulses) so the Home Position is inside the Interference Area 64. Please refer to the Controller Instructions Manual for further detail on defining the Interference Areas.

Fig. 6-2: Defining Interface Area 64



■ Ready Position

The Ready_Position variable (P743) is the position where the robot returns to when the system is idle because no stations are ready. It is recommended to place the Ready position close to the infeeds to improve cycle time.

To use this position, set the output #248 Ready_Exists to ON in the USER_ADJUSTMENT job. The usrIdleTimeLimit (R756) can be set to adjust the time in second to wait in idle before sending the robot to the Ready Position.

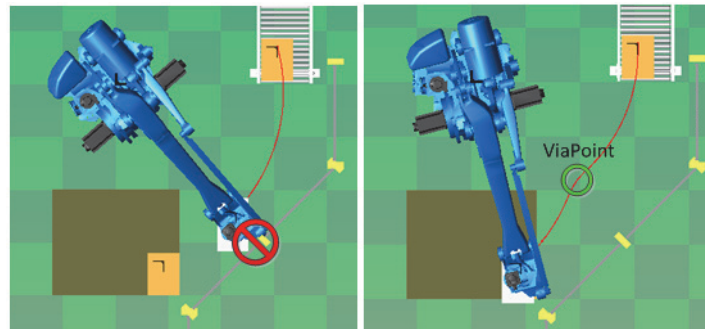
In the same way as the Home position, the Ready position is defined in pulse coordinates so that it is not affected by tool changes. To prevent an accidental change of this position, the position is set in the USER_ADJUSTMENTS job. To set the values, the operator can move the robot to the desired position and display the robot current position and write down the values, then enter those values as the last argument of the SETE instruction.

Once the Ready Position is determined, the Interference Area 1 should be defined in either Cubic or Axis Interference method so that the Ready is inside the Interference Area 1. Please refer to the Controller Instructions Manual for further detail on defining Interference Areas.

■ **Via-Points**

The standard robot motion between stations consist of radial motion. In some irregular shaped cell layout, this may cause collision with fencing or some other components in the cell. Via-points can be define to modify the path of the robot between stations.

Fig. 6-3(a): Via-point Example

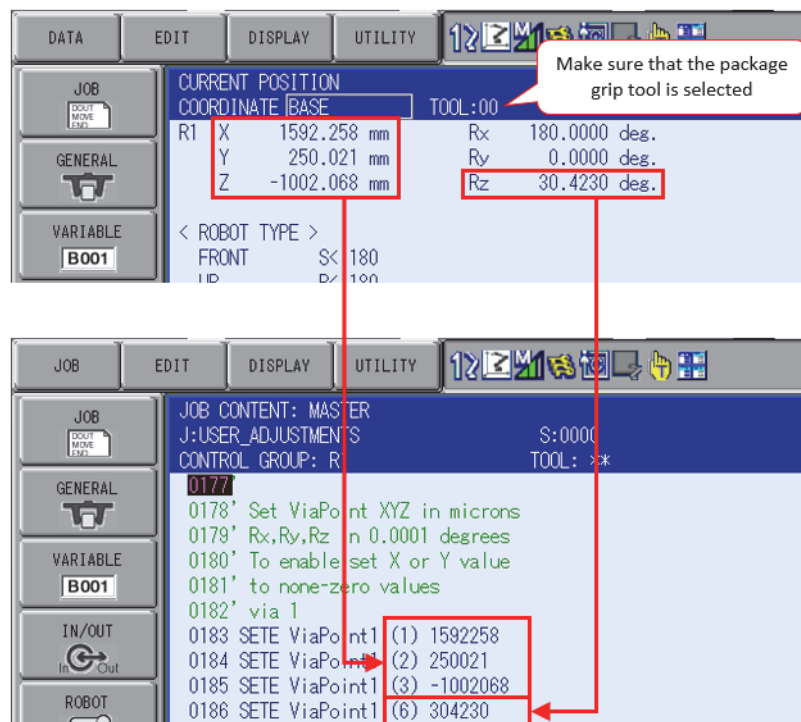


When a via-point is define between stations, the robot path will be modified so that the package Grip TCP of the gripper passes by the via-point X, Y coordinates with the set Rz rotation. The Z coordinate will be the same or above the define via-point.

Up to 6 via-points can be defined in the USER_ADJUSTMENT job. Via-points are considered defined when the X or Y value of a via-point is non-zero. Via points define the robot base frame (X, Y, Z, Rz) using the package Grip TCP.

To set the appropriate values, set the current tool to the package grip TCP and move the robot in the desired position. Display the robot current position in the Base frame and record the values. Then go to the USER_ADJUSTMENT job and modify the values set for the via point to those recorded. All the digits should be entered but without the decimal points because the values of the SETE instructions are in microns (0.001 mm) or 0.0001 degrees.

Fig. 6-3(b): Setting Via-point in USER_ADJUSTMENT job



■ T-axis Motion Control (DX100 only)

For the DX100, the T_PulseMax (D757) and T_PulseMin (D758) variables are used to define the range within which the T-axis can move while preventing the gripper cables from winding around the T-axis and getting pulled too tightly. Move the gripper by pressing the T+ key until the desired maximum (leaving some of play in the cables) is reach. Look at the T-axis current position in pulses and enter the value on the SET T_PulseMax instruction. Repeat the same process in pressing the T- key and enter the value for the SET T_PulseMin instruction.



- If the standard T-axis software limits are made too restrictive, conversion errors may occur during playback. In such case, open up the standard software limits. The T_PulseMax (D757) and T_PulseMin (D758) variables will take care of controlling the T-axis proper motion during normal playback of PalletSolver jobs.
- For the DX200, the T-axis motion is controlled by setting parameter S2C430 to 4 and adjusting the soft limits to the desired range of motion.

■ Minimum Clearance Height

The All_Clear_By_um variable (D759) is the minimum clearance to have between the package in the gripper and the stations clearance when moving above stations. The minimum value is 25 mm. Adjust this value to take into account motion cornering and to keep a comfortable distance between the gripper and the top of stations.

■ Look Ahead

The LookAheadOn variable (D757) enable the planning of an extra cycle ahead of time. When set to 1, it will populate extra information about the infeed next cycle required quantity. This information can be retrieved by using the "Get Infeed Lookahead Row Data" message (see *Table 7-26 "Get Infeed Lookahead Row Data" on page 7-38* for details). Note that enabling Lookahead variable will slightly increase the cycle planning time.

■ Smart Conveyor Mode

The smart conveyor mode can be enable for a single row, UsrSmartOneRow (B758) or multiple row conveyor configuration, UsrSmartMultirow (B759). When the Smart Conveyor mode is enable, orientation of the box on a row is added to the quantity of boxes.

Bits 0-5 contains the quantity 1-63 and bits 6-7 the orientation:

Table 6-1: Byte Locations

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Usage	Orientation		Number of boxes 1-63					

Table 6-2: Bits 6 and 7 Sets The Orientation

Orientation	Bit 7	Bit 6
0 degrees	0	0
90 degrees	0	1
180 degrees	1	0
270 degrees	1	1

For multiple row conveyor, this information can be retrieved by using the "Get Infeed Row Data" message (see Table 7-25 "Set Station Maximum Layer" on page 7-37 for details).

■ Approach Vector

The approach vector variables are set globally for all build stations. There are two options:

- Set vector magnitude as a (%) relative to the height of the box.
- Set an absolute value in mm.

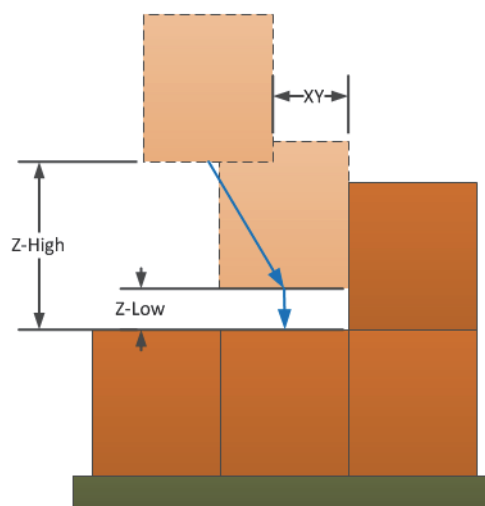


For absolute values to be considered the relative % value must be set to 0%.

Table 6-3: Approach Vector Variables

Station	Relative % of box height		Absolute value in mm	
	Name	Variable	Name	Variable
XY Approach	Usr_XY_vect_%	I750	Usr_XY_vect_mm	I753
Z-High Approach	Usr_Z_Hi_vect_%	I751	Usr_Z_Hi_vect_mm	I754
Z-Low Approach	Usr_Z_Lo_vect_%	I752	Usr_Z_Lo_vect_mm	I755

Fig. 6-4: Approach Vector Diagram



During the pattern generation on the PC, the pattern is validated for a Maximum Approach Vector. If the set approach vector exceed the pattern Maximum Approach Vector, the build station will lock and job warning 36 will be generated.

■ Motion Speed

The motion speed variables set the default speed and acceleration. Different values can be set when the gripper is empty and when it is holding boxes (loaded), a pallet or a slipsheet. The Air Motion Velocity % is the speed value that will be used for MOVJ VJ=<Air Motion Velocity %>. The Approach Motion Velocity % will be multiplied by the robot maximum linear velocity (usually 1500 mm/s) and used for MOVL V=<Approach Motion Velocity %> x <Robot Maximum Linear Velocity>. The acceleration is used with motion argument ACCEL=<Acceleration %> and DECEL=<Acceleration %>. All these percentages need to be between 1% and 100%. Note that the loaded values will also be multiplied by a product specific speed and acceleration ratio as define in the pattern file generated by the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool.

Table 6-4(a): Motion Speed Variables for Empty Gripper and Loaded with Boxes

	Empty Gripper		Loaded with Boxes	
	Name	Variable	Name	Variable
Air Motion Velocity %	UsrEmptyAirVel%	B750	UsrLoadedAirVel%	B753
Approach Motion Velocity %	UsrEmptyApprVel%	B751	UsrLoadApprVel%	B754
Acceleration and Deceleration %	UsrEmptyAcc%	B752	UsrLoadedAcc%	B755

Table 6-4(b): Motion Speed Variables for Loaded with Pallets and Loaded with Slipsheet

	Loaded with Pallet		Loaded with Slipsheet	
	Name	Variable	Name	Variable
Air Motion Velocity %	UsrPalletAirVel%	B774	UsrSlipAirVel%	B777
Approach Motion Velocity %	UsrPaletApprVel%	B775	UsrSlipApprVel%	B778
Acceleration and Deceleration %	UsrPalletAcc%	B776	UsrSlipAcc%	B779

• **Stack Dispenser Motion**

For pallet and slipsheet dispensers where the robot picks from a stack, the main settings are available through the pendant Cell Setup application, but extra adjustments are also available as USER ADJUSTMENT for finer control. The figures below show the various settings and whether they can be adjusted in the Cell Setup application or the USER_ADJUSTMENT job.

Fig. 6-5: Stack Dispenser Downward Motion

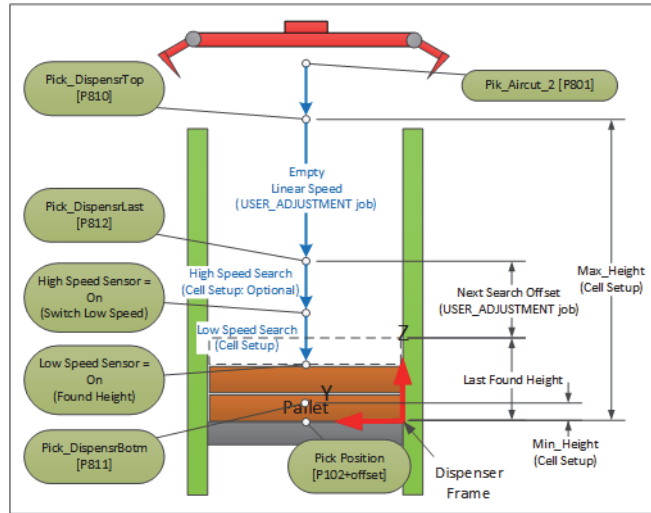
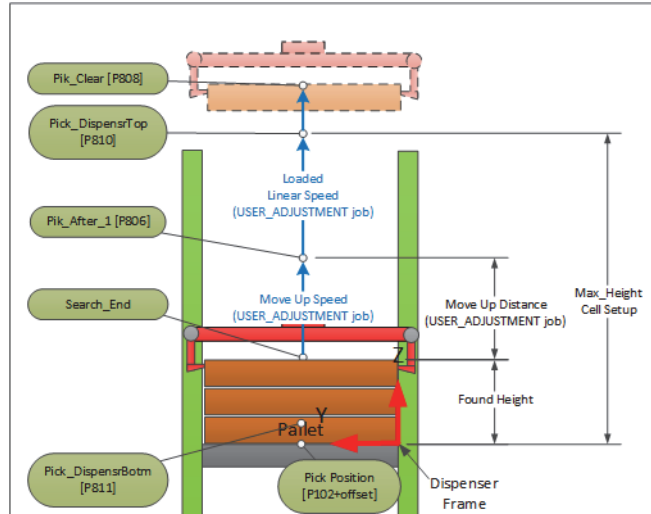


Fig. 6-6: Stack Dispenser Upward Motion



After a first search has been done, the starting point of the next search is set to the position where the last product was found. If cases where the product is fairly thin (slipsheet), this might take the robot at fairly high speed to close to the product before the search is initiated. The Next Search Offset value is added to the last found position (height) and can be adjusted to start the next search from a higher point.

Table 6-4(c): Pallet and Slipsheet Next Search Offset Variables

Station	Name	Variable
Pallet Dispenser 1	pd1NxtSrchOffset	I605
Pallet Dispenser 2	pd2NxtSrchOffset	I630
Slipsheet Dispenser 1	sd1NxtSrchOffset	I655
Slipsheet Dispenser 2	sd2NxtSrchOffset	I680

Speed and distance can be specified for the upward motion after picking from the stack. This is useful to make adjustment to allow proper separation between stacked slipsheets (or pallets). The speed value is specified in mm/s. If the speed is not specified (set to 0) then normal approach linear motion is used. The distance is specified in mm from the pick point. The upward motion is capped so that it does not exceed the defined stack maximum start search height.

Table 6-4(d): Pallet and Slipsheet Dispenser Variables For Upward Motion

Station	Name	Variable
Pallet Dispenser 1	pd1MoveUpDist	D607
	pd1MovUpSpeed	D608
Pallet Dispenser 2	pd2MoveUpDist	D632
	pd2MovUpSpeed	D633
Slipsheet Dispenser 1	sd1MoveUpDist	D657
	sd1MovUpSpeed	D658
Slipsheet Dispenser 2	sd2MoveUpDist	D682
	sd2MovUpSpeed	D683

■ Pick/Place Timer

The Pick/Place timer variables are time delay after the gripper I/O has been signal and before the next motion starts. The value is in units of 0.01 second. So a value of 50 is equivalent to 0.50 second. They are defined for each station:

Table 6-5: Pick/Place Timer Variables

Station	Pick		Place	
	Name	Variable	Name	Variable
Infeed Conveyor 1	fd1Pick_Time	I121	fdPlace_Time	I122
Infeed Conveyor 2	fd2Pick_Time	I146	fd2Place_Time	I147
Infeed Conveyor 3	fd3Pick_Time	I171	fd3Place_Time	I172
Infeed Conveyor 4	fd4Pick_Time	I196	fd4Place_Time	I197
Infeed Conveyor 5	fd5Pick_Time	I221	fd5Place_Time	I222
Infeed Conveyor 6	fd6Pick_Time	I246	fd6Place_Time	I247
Infeed Conveyor 7	fd7Pick_Time	I271	fd7Place_Time	I272
Infeed Conveyor 8	fd8Pick_Time	I296	fd8Place_Time	I297
Pallet Dispenser 1	pd1Pick_Time	I601	pdPlace_Time	I602
Pallet Dispenser 2	pd2Pick_Time	I626	pd2Place_Time	I627
Slipsheet Dispenser 1	sd1Pick_Time	I651	sdPlace_Time	I652
Slipsheet Dispenser 2	sd2Pick_Time	I676	sd2Place_Time	I677

■ Blow Off Timer

The `UsrBlowOffTimer` (I759) variable is used with vacuum gripper to set the duration of the blow off. The value is in units of 0.01 second. So a value of 50 is equivalent to 0.50 second.

■ Network Delay

The setting "Network_Delay" is the delay in milliseconds that the robot controller will wait before retrying to re-read a packet of data when an error occurs retrieving a pattern file from a network. The default value is 50 milliseconds, but results may be fine-tuned on a particular network. If there are many errors occurring when trying to retrieve a pattern file across the network, try increasing this value.

6.2.3.2 USER_CONTROL_TASK

This job runs as an independent task that only starts if the system control is set as "Robot" in the PalletSolver Setup pendant application and is mainly for when the robot controller is controlling the number of box on the infeed conveyor and the removal of the pallet on the build station.

If the infeed conveyors control signals are wired directly to the robot controller rather than a PLC, then the System Integrator will need to modify job to evaluate the quantity needed, control the conveyor to obtain that quantity, and send back a ready signal.

For pallet removal, jobs are customizable by removing a pallet by interacting with a conveyor or an operator doing a manual removal.

The default "USER_CONTROL_TASK" only contains a loop with a timer inside. The user code should be inserted inside the loop.



CAUTION

The timer inside the loop of the "USER_CONTROL_TASK" must not be removed otherwise this task will use too much system resources and affect the system overall performance.

The job programming can be done to complete handshake that would normally be done by a PLC. To this end, the outputs and inputs intended for the PLC have been also been mapped to a block of user I/O that can be used by user job to emulate PLC logic in a job. To emulate the inputs that would normally be coming from a PLC, the output signals starting at 993 have been combined with an OR instruction with the PLC and Network signals to trigger input starting at IN#193. So any input from IN#193 to IN#480 can be triggered by changing the state of the output corresponding to the input number plus 800. For example, to turn ON input #254, turn ON output #1054 (254 + 800). In a similar way, controller output signals intended for the PLC which start at OT#193 can be checked by looking at signals starting at input IN#993.



To avoid conflicts between multiple points of control, the user job outputs and Pendant HMI Network signals are only considered when the system is defined as ROBOT controlled. The PLC outputs are only considered when the system is defined as PLC controlled.

Refer to *Chapter 7 "DX100 & DX200 Operation Monitor and Control Interface"* for details about the various I/O handshake.

6.2.3.3 USER_MOVE_REJECT

This job is called whenever the system aborted a sequence and needs to safely drop off any package held by the gripper before continuing with the next cycle. The user should program a path clear of any potential collision from the "Home" position to the reject position and then back to the home position. Interaction can be programmed at the drop position using the reject station I/O signals: "Force Gripper Release", "At Reject Drop", "Reject Drop Acknowledge".

For more elaborate reject sequence where the exact product in the gripper need to be considered, the package in the gripper can be identified by looking up the source if the package which is stored in variables Grip_PickStnType (B840) and Grip_PickStnID (B841). User should consider if the system can reject pallet or slipsheet. For example the following code segment would enable the user to get the package height to adjust the drop height:

...

```

    Get the package height
    and handling speed for
    package in gripper
IFTHEN Grip_PickStnType=2
    Infeed Conveyor
    SET Variable_Offset EXPRESS ( Grip_PickStnID - 1 ) * 25
    SET PackHeight_adr EXPRESS 123 + Variable_Offset
    SET GripPackHeight D[PackHeight_adr]
ELSEIF Grip_PickStnType=3 ORIF Grip_PickStnType=4
    Pallet or Slipsheet Dispenser
    SET Variable_Offset EXPRESS ( Grip_PickStnType - 3 ) * 50 + (
    Grip_PickStnID - 1 ) * 25
    SET PackHeight_adr EXPRESS 603 + Variable_Offset
    SET GripPackHeight D[PackHeight_adr]
ELSE
    SETUALM 8007 "INVALID PICK STATION TYPE" Grip_PickStnType
    Unknown source of package
    currently in gripper
    PAUSE
ENDIF

```

...

Please refer to comments in the template job and *Chapter 7 "DX100 & DX200 Operation Monitor and Control Interface"* for details about the reject station signals.

6.2.3.4 USER_GRIPPER_ON

The “USER_GRIPPER_ON” job is called to grab boxes on one of the infeed by turning on vacuum, closing clamps, extending forks. There four arguments passed to this job: Grip 1 to 16, Grip17 to 32, Sensor 1 to 16 and Sensor 17 to 32, which are the values defined by the Pattern file to grab the boxes in the required gripper zone.

The default “USER_GRIPPER_ON” job assigns those values to the proper registers and pulses the corresponding output to apply the command to the gripper. Modification of the job should only be required if secondary actuators need to be activated after the primary actuator is turned on. For example on a fork gripper, if clamp down mechanism needs to be activated after the forks are extended.

For further details on gripper operation and examples, please refer to the Gripper Control section.

6.2.3.5 USER_GRIPPER_OFF

The “USER_GRIPPER_OFF” job is called to release boxes by turning off vacuum, opening clamps, retracting forks. There four arguments passed to this job: Grip 1 to 16, Grip 17 to 32, Sensor 1 to 16 and Sensor 17 to 32, which are the values defined by the Pattern file to release the boxes in the required gripper zone.

The default “USER_GRIPPER_OFF” job assigns those values to the proper registers and pulses the corresponding output to apply the command to the gripper. Modification of the job should only be required if secondary actuators need to be activated after the primary actuator is turned on. For example on a fork gripper, if clamp down mechanism needs to be raised before the forks are retracted.

For further details on gripper operation and examples, please refer to the Gripper Control section.

6.2.3.6 USER_DISPENSER_GRIPPER_CONTROL

This jobs is used to control the robot gripper during the handling of pallets and slip-sheets.

It is called from the following jobs:

- Motion_Pick_Dispenser_Fix.JBI,
- Motion_Pick_Dispenser_Stack.JBI, and the
- Motion_Place_Dispenser.JBIs

The jobs is supplied with 3 major inputs which are:

- Station Type (Pallet or Slipsheet Dispenser)
- Station ID and
- Action
 - PREPICK
 - ON or CLOSE
 - OFF or OPEN
 - POSTPLACE

The PREPICK and POSTPLACE commands are optional. They can be used to prepare the gripper for picking pallets and/ or slip-sheets or for restoring the gripper after the product has been placed. One example of how a PREPICK command could be used would be to lower vacuum cups on a fork or clamp gripper. The POSTPLACE would then be used to restore the vacuum cups to their normal location after the placement is complete.

The Following example shows how the user would turn on the first 3 grip areas and the first 3 sensor areas during a pallet or slip-sheet Pick up operation.

```
IF Action="ON" OR IF Action="CLOSE"
    ' Turn on grip area 1,2,3
    ' Binairy value of 7
    SETREG MREG#(110) 7
    ' zones 17 to 32 not used
    SETREG MREG#(111) 0
    PULSE OT#(Grip_ON)
    ' turn on Sensors
    ' Set sensor feedback
    SETREG MREG#(114) 7
    SETREG MREG#(115) 0
    PULSE OT#(Sensor_ON)
ENDIF
```

For further details on gripper operation and examples, please refer to the Gripper Control section.

It is also possible to include checks in this routine to confirm proper grasping of pallet or slipsheet. Error handling routine can be customized and calls to the MOTION_PICK_PLACE_ERROR routine made to generate Job Warning and get recovery response such as ignore/retry/abort. On a successful dispenser operation, the USER_DISPERSER_GRIPPER_CONTROL job should return 0, on a failure returning a value of -1 will cause the calling routine to abort the sequence.

6.2.3.7 USER_CLEAR_IO

This job is call whenever the system is restarted from the Top of the Master Job. It allows the user to reset the user control output (OG#125 to 160 or OT#993 to 1280). The default "USER_CLEAR_IO" resets all the user control output back to the OFF state except for the "Speed Override" output group (OG#132).

6.2.3.8 USER_AUTO_DISPENSE

This job signals an external device to dispense a product to a build station and wait until completion to increment the next layer.

It is used to complete signaling when control mode is robot and when the robot is not handling the empty pallets from the pallet dispenser.

6.3 Concurrent I/O

6.3.1 Overview



CAUTION

PalletSolver concurrent I/O program modifications may cause damage to equipment.

Only make gripper control modifications to the concurrent I/O.

The PalletSolver Interface between the operator/PLC is done through I/O signals. The controller concurrent I/O program maps the jobs universal I/O and other system I/O to external and network I/O that can be accessed by PLC and Pendant Applications to monitor and control the system. The concurrent I/O also controls the gripper operation.

PalletSolver uses a modified concurrent I/O program in the controller. These modifications are essential for proper and safe operation of the system.

Only Concurrent I/O changes to allow for gripper control are allowed. Making other changes to the concurrent I/O ladder are not allowed and could cause unpredictable behavior of the system.

6.3.2 Gripper Setup Introduction

Section 4.2.2 "Robot Controller/ Gripper Interfaces" on page 4-3 gives a general overview of the communications between the robot controller and the Gripper. Please see this section for background information.

This section gives detailed instructions for the users on how to setup various types of grippers to work in the PalletSolver system. In general, the vast majority of gripper setup work is generic and does not have to be changed.

The following functions must be completed by the user:

- **Mapping External Outputs** - Mapping concurrent I/O auxiliary relays outputs to robot controller external outputs (mappings go into the concurrent IO file) for:
 - Grip On/ Clamp Close/ Fork Close
 - Grip Off/ Clamp Open / Fork Open
 - Blow Off
 - Variable Stroke
- **Mapping External Inputs** - Mapping concurrent I/O auxiliary relay inputs to robot controller external inputs for:
 - Gripper Part Present Sensor Inputs
 - Gripper Open Sensor Inputs
 - Gripper Closed Sensor Inputs
 - Gripper Pallet part present (from Pallet dispenser #1 and #2)
 - Gripper Slipsheet part present (from Slipsheet dispenser #1 and #2)

- **Mapping Universal Outputs to User External Outputs**

- This mapping only applies in the case that the user has extra signals that are not covered by the PalletSolver pre-engineered signals.
- These are outputs that are controlled in jobs via DOUT instructions
- Requires both CIO edits and User Job modification to turn the signals on and off

- **Mapping User External Inputs to Universal Inputs**

- This mapping only applies in the case that the user has extra signals that are not covered by the PalletSolver pre-engineered signals.
- These are inputs that can be used in jobs via WAIT, IF instructions.
- Requires both CIO edits and User Job modification to check the signals on and off state

- **Update Concurrent IO (CIO.LST)**

- **Update User Jobs** as required

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- **Available Robot Outputs and Inputs**

**CAUTION**

Modifications of Universal Inputs or Outputs and External Inputs or Outputs used by PalletSolver may cause unpredictable behavior and damage to the equipment!

Please use the recommended I/O range listed below for user needs. Do not modify the I/O range listed below.

Robot Controller	Recommended Range for User	PalletSolver Range (Do Not Use)
Universal Input	0010 to 00237	00250 to 00787
		01250 to 01607
		01990 to 02207
Universal Output	10010 to 10237	10250 to 10787
		11250 to 11607
		11990 to 12207
External Input	20030 to 20257	20270 to 20807
External Output	30030 to 30257	30270 to 30807

- **Robot Controller Auxiliary Relay Output to External Output Mapping**
PalletSolver supports 32 outputs for each of the following gripper valve (or control) types listed below.

- **Vacuum On or Clamp Close**

- Auxiliary Relay to External Output Mapping
- Maximum of 32 outputs
- Vacuum Grippers have control valves that turn on vacuum to an area of the gripper.
- Clamp Grippers use this digital control to close the clamp until it squeezes the product with sufficient force that it may be moved by the robot and gripper system.
- Simple Fork grippers (Fork Retractable system grippers) have a close command that causes the fork to be completely extended.
- More complicated fork grippers (Fork Variable style grippers) have the ability to close to a number of different distances. Generally one to three distances are defined. These are used for narrow, medium and wide boxes.

- **Vacuum Off or Clamp Open**

- Auxiliary Relay to External Output Mapping
- Maximum of 32 outputs
- Required if a separate valve is required to un-grip (vacuum off, clamp open or fork retract) and release the product.

- **Blow Off**

- Auxiliary Relay to External Output Mapping
- Maximum of 32 outputs
- Used by Vacuum Grippers to help blow off or brake the seal between the vacuum cups and the product.

- **Variable Stroke**

- Auxiliary Relay to External Output Mapping
- Maximum of 16 outputs
- Used by Fork Grippers to move the fork in or out.

Table 6-6 "Auxiliary Relay to External Outputs Mapping Work Sheet" can be copied and used when wiring in your gripper to the PalletSolver system.

The concurrent I/O already has auxiliary relays assigned to each of the defined control above. These auxiliary relays **should not be used** for any other purpose. **Do not modify** existing rungs that uses these auxiliary relays.

Robot Controller Aux. Relay to External Output Mapping Procedure

1. Determine the number of Gripper On or Gripper Close Valves
 - a) # of Gripper On/Close Valves = _____
2. Determine if separate grip Off Valves are required by the Gripper
 - a) If Yes then number of grip off valves = number of grip On Valves
 - b) If No, then number of grip off valves = 0
 - c) # of Grip Off Valves = _____
3. Determine if the gripper has Blow Off Valves
 - a) If Yes then number of Blow off valves = number of grip On Valves
 - b) If No, then number of Blow off valves = 0
 - c) # of Blow Off Valves = _____
4. Complete *Table 6-6 "Auxiliary Relay to External Outputs Mapping Work Sheet"*
 - This step is used to determine how to wire up the robot controller outputs to the gripper inputs for the Grip On/ Grip Close, Grip Off/ Grip Open and Blow Off control signals.
 - a) Assign a CIO Auxiliary relay output to each of the grip On, grip Off and Blow off valves
 - Example CIO instructions
 - i) Example - Assign 1 bit
 - STR #71030
 - OUT #30030
 - ii) Example - Assign 8 consecutive bits to 8 consecutive outputs
 - GSTR #71030
 - GOUT #30030
 - b) Record each gripper Aux. Relay to robot External Output assignment in the worksheet
 - c) Wire each gripper valve to the robot External Output in the worksheet
 - d) Use available outputs between 30030 and 30257
 - e) Any wiring order is okay as long as it matches the physical gripper wiring

Table 6-6: Auxiliary Relay to External Outputs Mapping Work Sheet

Control Valve #	Gripper On		Gripper Off		Blow Off		Variable Stroke	
	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #
1	71030		71070		71110		71310	
2	71031		71071		71111		71311	
3	71032		71072		71112		71312	
4	71033		71073		71113		71313	
5	71034		71074		71114		71314	
6	71035		71075		71115		71315	
7	71036		71076		71116		71316	
8	71037		71077		71117		71317	
9	71040		71080		71120		71320	
10	71040		71081		71121		71321	
11	71041		71082		71122		71322	
12	71042		71083		71123		71323	
13	71043		71084		71124		71324	
14	71044		71085		71125		71325	
15	71046		71086		71126		71326	
16	71047		71087		71127		71327	
17	71050		71090		71130			
18	71049		71091		71131			
19	71050		71092		71132			
20	71052		71093		71133			
21	71053		71094		71134			
22	71054		71095		71135			
23	71055		71096		71136			
24	71056		71097		71137			
25	71057		71100		71140			
26	71060		71101		71141			
27	71061		71102		71142			
28	71062		71103		71143			
29	71063		71104		71144			
30	71064		71105		71145			
31	71066		71106		71146			
32	71067		71107		71147			

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5. If you need signals that must be controlled in a user job, then map it to an available Universal Output.
 - a) Complete *Table 6-7 "Universal Outputs to External Outputs Work Sheet"*
 - b) Assign a Universal output to each required External Output
 - Example CIO instructions
 - i) Example - Assign 1 bit
 - STR #10010
 - OUT #30030
 - c) Record each Universal output to robot External Output assignment in the worksheet
 - d) Wire each gripper valve to the robot External Output in the worksheet
 - e) Use available outputs between 30030 and 30257
 - f) Any wiring order is okay as long as it matches the physical gripper wiring
 - g) Modify the required USER Job
 - i) Add DOUT instructions as required

Table 6-7: Universal Outputs to External Outputs Work Sheet

Universal Output #		External Output #	Name	Job Usage Example
JBI #	Internal Controller #			
1	10010			DOUT OT#(1) ON
2	10011			DOUT OT#(2) ON
3	10012			DOUT OT#(3) ON
4	10013			DOUT OT#(4) ON
5	10014			DOUT OT#(5) ON
6	10015			DOUT OT#(6) ON
7	10016			DOUT OT#(7) ON
8	10017			DOUT OT#(8) ON

■ Robot Controller External Input Overview

PalletSolver supports the following types of external inputs from the gripper:

- **Part Present Sensors** (maximum of 32 Inputs)
 - Part Present Sensors, generally one per grip area or zone
 - Used to confirm that a product is held in the associated sensor area
- **Dispenser Part Present Sensors** (1 for each dispenser station to - 4 maximum)
 - Used to determine if a dispenser pallet or slipsheet is held by the gripper
 - May have up to one Dispenser Part Present Sensor for each dispenser station
 - Generally the same sensor will be used for all dispenser stations or for dispensers of the same type (Pallet or Slipsheet)
 - May use one of the 32 standard product part sensors listed above
- **Dispenser Part Search - High Speed** (1 per dispenser station -4 maximum)
 - Used when the gripper is performing a high speed search for the top of the dispenser stack and rapid input are not used.
 - Generally the same sensor will be used for all dispenser stations or for dispensers of the same type (Pallet or Slipsheet)
 - If the same external sensor is used for multiple stations or for both low and high speed searches, map each one of the auxiliary input with the same external input.
 - Required setup for Normal IO Searches only - Rapid Input setup is performed in Cell Setup, see *section 4.4.7 "Station Definition" on page 4-30*
- **Dispenser Part Search - Low Speed** (1 per dispenser station - 4 maximum)
 - Used when the gripper is performing a low speed search for the top of the dispenser stack and rapid input are not used.
 - Generally the same sensor will be used for all dispenser stations or for dispensers of the same type (Pallet or Slip-Sheet)
 - If the same external sensor is used for multiple stations or for both low and high speed searches, map each one of the auxiliary input with the same external input.
 - Required setup for Normal IO Search only - Rapid Input setup is performed in Cell Setup, see *section 4.4.7 "Station Definition" on page 4-30*
- **Gripper Open Sensors** (maximum of 32 inputs)
 - Signals form the gripper confirming that the associated grip area that have been turned OFF, are either OFF (vacuum gripper) or are fully open (clamp and fork gripper)
 - Used as feedback to determine that the gripper is in the commanded state

- **Gripper Closed Sensors** (maximum of 32 robot inputs)
 - Signals from the gripper confirming that the associated grip area that have been turned ON, are either ON (vacuum gripper) or are fully closed (clamp and fork gripper)
 - Used as feedback to determine that the gripper is in the commanded state

The concurrent I/O already has auxiliary relays assigned to each of the defined control above. These auxiliary relays should not be used for any other purpose. Do not modify existing rungs that uses these auxiliary relays.

Table 6-8 "Robot Controller External Input Mapping Worksheet" can be copied and used when wiring in your gripper to the PalletSolver system.

Robot Controller External Inputs (From Gripper) Mapping Procedure

1. Determine the number of part present sensors.
 - a) # of part present sensors= _____
2. Determine the number of Gripper Open External Inputs
 - a) # of Gripper Open Inputs= _____
3. Determine the number of Gripper Closed External Inputs
 - a) # of Gripper Closed External Inputs= _____
4. Complete *Table 6-8 "Robot Controller External Input Mapping Worksheet"*.
 - This step is used to determine how to wire up the robot controller external inputs to the gripper outputs of part present, gripper open and gripper close signals.
 - a) Assign a CIO Auxiliary relay input to each of the of the controls
 - b) Record each gripper CIO valve to robot external input assignment in the worksheet
 - c) Wire each gripper sensor to the robot External Input in the worksheet
 - d) Use available external inputs between 20030 to 20257
 - e) Any wiring order is okay as long as it matches the physical gripper wiring

Table 6-8: Robot Controller External Input Mapping Worksheet

Control Valve #	Part Present Inputs		Gripper Open Inputs		Gripper Closed Inputs	
	External Input #	Auxiliary Input #	External Input #	Auxiliary Input #	External Input #	Auxiliary Input #
1		71150		71190		71230
2		71151		71191		71231
3		71152		71192		71232
4		71153		71193		71233
5		71154		71194		71234
6		71155		71195		71235
7		71156		71196		71236
8		71157		71197		71237
9		71160		71200		71240
10		71161		71201		71241
11		71162		71202		71242
12		71163		71203		71243
13		71164		71204		71244
14		71165		71205		71245
15		71166		71206		71246
16		71167		71207		71247
17		71170		71210		71250
18		71171		71211		71251
19		71172		71212		71252
20		71173		71213		71253
21		71174		71214		71254
22		71175		71215		71255
23		71176		71216		71256
24		71177		71217		71257
25		71180		71220		71260
26		71181		71221		71261
27		71182		71222		71262
28		71183		71223		71263
29		71184		71224		71264
30		71185		71225		71265
31		71186		71226		71266
32		71187		71227		71267

5. Dispenser Part Present Mapping

In this procedure we will determine how to wire the robot controller to gripper dispenser part present sensors. The following flowchart and table serves as guides during this process.

The light blue boxes, in the flow chart shows the 4 different choices for wiring the Pallet Present Sensors and the Slipsheet present sensors. These choices are:

- a) No mapping required - no dispenser part present sensors are being used

This is usually the case when the pallets or slipsheets are not being handled by the robot.

- b) Map both slipsheet/pallet dispenser part present sensors to one standard part present sensor. One that is tied to part present sensor # X where X is 1 to 32.

This is the most likely scenario since the gripper cannot simultaneously hold product, pallets and slip sheets. Here a standard part present sensor is used for dispenser and part presence.

In this case use the same external input # for all four table entries.

- c) Map both slipsheet/pallet dispenser part present sensors to the same external input

In this case one or more new (do not use a part present sensor) external Inputs must be used.

- Use the same input # if all dispenser stations are using the same dispenser part present
- Use a different input number for pallet and slipsheet dispenser stations when the two types of dispensers require a different part present sensors

Fig. 6-7: Dispensing Part Present Flowchart

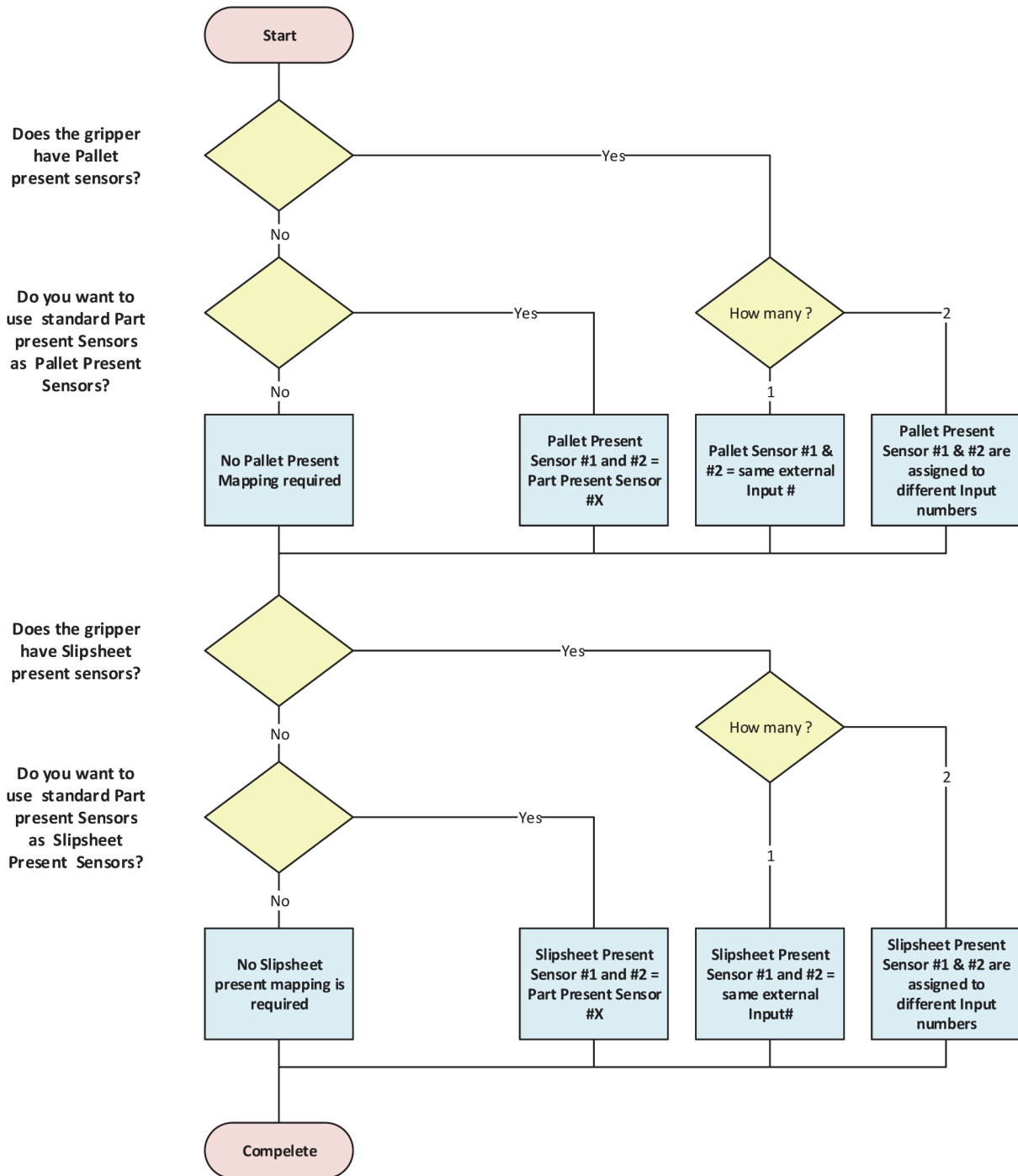


Table 6-9: Dispenser Part Present - External Inputs Mapping Work Sheet

Dispenser Type	Dispenser Index	External Input #	Auxiliary Relay Input #
Pallet	1		71280
Pallet	2		71281
Slipsheet	1		71282
Slipsheet	2		71283

6. Dispenser Stack Search Mapping

The gripper is used to search to find the current dispenser stack height or top of stack. PalletSolver supports both a low speed and a high speed sensor for each dispenser station or a total of eight dispenser search sensors are shown in the table below.

In cases where there are no dispenser stations or where the dispenser types are fixed height, no dispenser search sensors are required and no wiring is required.

In most cases only one high speed and one low speed search sensor is required since the same sensors can be used on all dispenser stations. In this case the high speed sensor would be mapped to all four high speed external inputs in the table. Similarly, one low speed search sensor (one external input) is mapped to all four low speed sensor entries in the table.

Sometimes users may want to use a different high speed and low speed sensor for slipsheet dispensers and pallet dispensers. When this is the case the table would have a unique input for all eight search sensors.

Table 6-10: Gripper Search for Dispenser Top of Stack - External Inputs to Auxiliary Relay Mapping Worksheet

Dispenser Type	Dispenser Index	Sensor Type	External Input #	Auxiliary Relay Input #
Pallet	1	High Speed		71290
Pallet	2	High Speed		71291
Slipsheet	1	High Speed		71292
Slipsheet	2	High Speed		71293
Pallet	1	Low Speed		71294
Pallet	2	Low Speed		71295
Slipsheet	1	Low Speed		71296
Slipsheet	2	Low Speed		71297

- **CIO Editing**

Each external input or output that is mapped into CIO auxiliary relays, must be identified in the CIO.LST file.

- Adding an External Output to the CIO Ladder

```
STR 7XXXX
OUT 30YYY  where 7XXXX is the auxiliary relay #
              30YYY is the external output
```

- Adding an External Input to the CIO Ladder

```
STR 20XXX
OUT 7YYYY  where 20XXX is the external Input #
              7YYYYY is the auxiliary relay #
```

6.3.3 Gripper Setup Examples

6.3.3.1 Vacuum Gripper

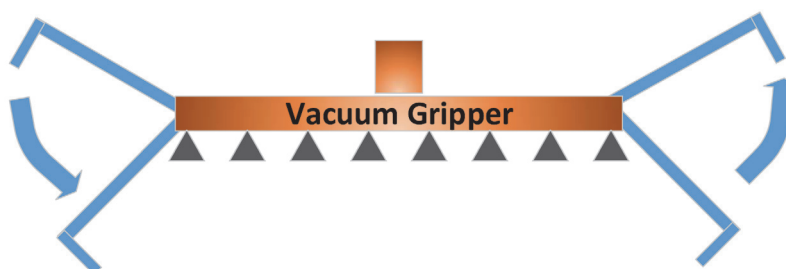
Fig.6-7 "Dispensing Part Present Flowchart" is an example of the vacuum gripper is composed of eight suction cups controlled individually with vacuum. This gripper uses eight blow off valves but does not use a separate gripper off signals.

All eight vacuum cups have sensor feedbacks to determine if a part is present.

The gripper has a set of mechanical jaws to grip and convey the empty pallets among stations. These jaws are controlled in the PalletSolver User modified jobs with a Universal Output.

The pallet dispenser is a searchable stack height type of dispenser. The gripper will use both a high and low speed sensor when finding the stack top.

Fig. 6-8: Example Vacuum Gripper with Pallet Clamp



1. Map Grip On and BlowOff Signals

- The first step is to assign external outputs to the Gripper On and BlowOff On signals. The tables below shows these assignments.

Table 6-11: External Output Assignments

Valve #	Gripper On		Name
	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #	
1	71030	30010	Vacuum 1 On
2	71031	30011	Vacuum 2 On
3	71032	30012	Vacuum 3 On
4	71033	30013	Vacuum 4 On
5	71034	30014	Vacuum 5 On
6	71035	30015	Vacuum 6 On
7	71036	30016	Vacuum 7 On
8	71037	30017	Vacuum 8 On

Control Valve #	Blow Off		Name
	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #	
1	71110	30020	BlowOff 1 On
2	71111	30021	BlowOff 2 On
3	71112	30022	BlowOff 3 On
4	71113	30023	BlowOff 4 On
5	71114	30024	BlowOff 5 On
6	71115	30025	BlowOff 6 On
7	71116	30026	BlowOff 7 On
8	71117	30027	BlowOff 8 On

2. Add Grip ON and BlowOff Signals to CIO

- The next two lines connect the Auxiliary relay 71030 to 70137 to the group of external outputs 30010 to 30017 (Vacuum on signals.) Lines three and four do the same functions for the BlowOff signals.

```
GSTR #71030 // Auxiliary Relay Grip On
GOUT #30010 // to External Grip On outputs
GSTR #71110 // Auxiliary Relay Blow Off On to
GOUT #30020 // to External BlowOff On outputs
```

3. Map Clamp Open and Clamp Close Signals

- The pallet clamps are independently controlled by two valves (Clamp Open and Clamp Close). These controls must be accessed in the USER_DISPENSER_GRIPPER_CONTROL job. Therefore we need to assign the Clamp Open and Clamp Close to External Outputs and then to Universal outputs. In the following table Clamp Open is assigned to external output 30030. It is also mapped to universal output 10010 (or OT#(1)). It can be set and cleared in PalletSolver jobs by the DOUT Inform instruction.

Table 6-12: Universal to External Output Mapping

Universal Output	External Output #	Name	CIO Modification	Example Use in Job	
1	10010	30030	Clamp Open	STR #10010 // Univ. output 1	DOUT OT#(1) ON
				OUT #30030 // Open Clamp	DOUT OT#(1) OFF
2	10011	30031	Clamp Close	STR #10011 // Univ. output 1	DOUT OT#(2) ON
				OUT #30031 // Clamp Close	DOUT OT#(2) OFF
3	10012				
4	10013				
5	10014				
6	10015				
7	10016				
8	10017				

4. Add Clamp Open and Clamp Close Signals to CIO

```
STR #10010 // Universal output 1
OUT #30030 // Open Clamp
STR #10011 // Universal output 2
OUT #30031 // Close Clamp
```

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6.3 Concurrent I/O

5. Map Part Present Inputs to External Inputs

Table 6-13: Robot Controller External Input Mapping

Control Valve #	Part Present Inputs		
	Name	External	Auxiliary Input #
1	Vacuum 1 Sensor	20010	71150
2	Vacuum 2 Sensor	20011	71151
3	Vacuum 3 Sensor	20012	71152
4	Vacuum 4 Sensor	20013	71153
5	Vacuum 5 Sensor	20014	71154
6	Vacuum 6 Sensor	20015	71155
7	Vacuum 7 Sensor	20016	71156
8	Vacuum 8 Sensor	20017	71157

6. Add Part Present Inputs to CIO

- GSTR and GOUT store 8 bits in one operation

GSTR #20010 // External Vacuum Sensor
 GOUT #71150 // Auxiliary Part Present Sensor

7. Map Gripper High and Low speed External Inputs

Table 6-14: Dispenser Search Sensor Inputs

Dispenser Type	Dispenser Index	Sensor Type	External Input #	Auxiliary Relay #
Pallet	1	High Speed	20032	71290
Pallet	1	Low Speed	20033	71294

8. Add Gripper Search Inputs to CIO

STR #20032 // Long Range Sensor
 OUT #71290 // Pallet 1 High Speed Search Sensor
 STR #20033 // Short Range Sensor
 OUT #71294 // Pallet 1 Low Speed Search Sensor

9. Modification for picking boxes:

The vacuum sensors are used to detect the part present. Each suction cup has a signal to turn on the vacuum and one to control blow off.

Job Modification:
 In "USER_ADJUSTMENT.JBI"
 Timer for the duration of the
 blowoff (0.01s)
 SET UstrBlowOffTimer 50

10. Modification for picking a pallet with independent clamp mechanism:

- The pallet presence is confirmed when the clamp is closed but the actuator close sensor is not reached (because the pallet is blocking the way). The pallet search is done using two sensors: a long range sensor for faster search and a short range sensor for slower search.

```
STR-NOT #30030 // Signal to Open Clamp is Off
AND #30031 // Signal to Close Clamp is On
AND-NOT #20030 // Clamp Open Sensor Off
AND-NOT #20031 // Clamp Close Sensor Off
```

11. Job Modification For pallet picking with independent clamp mechanism:

```
In "USER_DISPENSER_GRIPPER_CONTROL.JBI"
```

```
...
```

```
-----
Pallet Handling
-----
```

```
IFTHEN StationType=3
```

```
IFTHEN Action="PREPICK"
```

```
Called before going down
for the pallet pick.
```

```
Open the gripper
DOUT OT#(1) ON
DOUT OT#(2) OFF
WAIT IN#(1)=ON
```

```
ELSEIF Action="ON" ORIF Action="CLOSE"
```

```
Called to grap pallet
Close the gripper
output #30030
DOUT OT#(1) OFF
```

```
DOUT OT#(2) ON
WAIT IN#(1)=OFF
TIMER T=1.0
```

```
ELSEIF Action="OFF" ORIF Action="OPEN"
```

```
Called to release pallet
Open the gripper
DOUT OT#(1) ON
DOUT OT#(2) OFF
WAIT IN#(1)=ON
```

```
ELSEIF Action="POSTPLACE"
```

```
Called after releasing
pallet and moving up
No Action
```

```
ELSE
```

```
SETUALM 8005 "UNHANDLED GRIPPER ACTION TYPE" 0
PAUSE
RET -1
```

```
ENDIF
```

12. In "USER_ADJUSTMENT.JBI"

```

...
and Place timers
for handling the products
of each dispenser.
unit of 0.01 s
SET pd1Place_Time 25
SET pd1Pick_Time 25

Search speed for dispenser
stack search in 0.1 mm/s
SET pd1Srch_HiSpeed 500
SET pd1Srch_LoSpeed 500
...

```

The modification is done for Pallet Dispenser 1 and should be repeated if a second pallet dispenser is available.

13. Modification for picking a slipsheet with vacuum:

- Since the vacuum control is already maps for the box handling, we can map the pick box signals back to the slipsheet signals and manually control the vacuum through the USER_DISPENSER_GRIPPER_CONTROL.JBI.

– Concurrent I/O Modification:

```

STR #02015 // Grip Sensor OK
OUT #02006 // SlipSheet 1 Presence in Gripper
STR #02015 // Grip Sensor OK
OUT #02022 // SlipSheet 1 High Speed Search Sensor
STR #02015 // Grip Sensor OK
OUT #02026 // SlipSheet 1 Low Speed Search Sensor

```

– Job Modification:

In "USER_DISPENSER_GRIPPER_CONTROL.JBI"

```

...

```

```

-----
Handling
-----

```

```

ELSEIF StationType=4

```

```

If different I/O control
is required between stations
use StationID to create
separate cases

```

IFTHEN Action="PREPICK"

Called before going down
for the slipsheet pick.
Set Gripper I/O

Example Vacuum on to Search
turn on vacuum before starting
search.

Turn on grip area 1,2,3,4

Binary value of 15

SETREG MREG#(110) 15

SETREG MREG#(111) 0

PULSE OT#(Grip_ON)

Set sensor feedback

SETREG MREG#(114) 15

SETREG MREG#(115) 0

PULSE OT#(Sensor_ON)

ELSEIF Action="ON" ORIF Action="CLOSE"

Called to grasp slipsheet

Example Turn On

Turn on grip area 1,2,3,4

Binary value of 15

SETREG MREG#(110) 15

SETREG MREG#(111) 0

PULSE OT#(Grip_ON)

Set sensor feedback

SETREG MREG#(114) 15

SETREG MREG#(115) 0

PULSE OT#(Sensor_ON)

ELSEIF Action="OFF" ORIF Action="OPEN"

Called to release slipsheet

Example turn off vacuum

Turn off grip and sensor

area 1,2,3,4 equivalent to

binary value of 15

Disable sensor check

SETREG MREG#(116) 15

SETREG MREG#(117) 0

PULSE OT#(Sensor_OFF)

Release vacuum

SETREG MREG#(112) 15

SETREG MREG#(113) 0

PULSE OT#(Grip_OFF)

Timer

TIMER T=0.1

```

ELSEIF Action="POSTPLACE"
    ' Called after releasing
    ' slipsheet and moving up
    '
    ' Example: No Action
    '

ELSE
    SETUALM 8005 "UNHANDLED GRIPPER ACTION TYPE" 0
    PAUSE
    RET -1

ENDIF
'-----
...

```

In "USER_ADJUSTMENT.JBI"

```

...
' Set Pick and Place timers
' for handling the products
' of each dispenser.
' unit of 0.01 s
    SET sd1Place_Time 25
    SET sd1Pick_Time 25

' Search speed for dispenser
' stack search in 0.1 mm/s
    SET sd1Srch_HiSpeed 500
    SET sd1Srch_LoSpeed 500

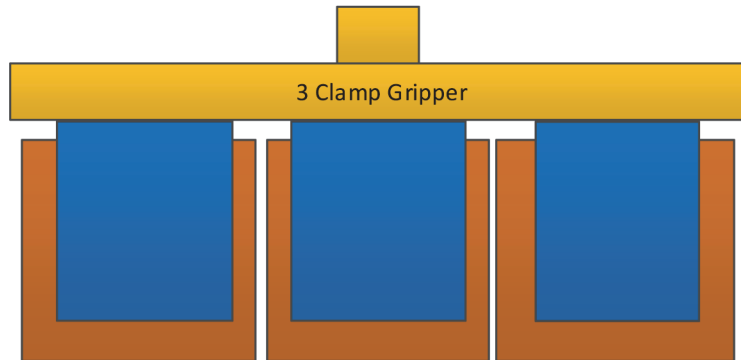
```


6.3.3.2 Zone Clamp Gripper

Fig.6-8 "Example Vacuum Gripper with Pallet Clamp" is a standard three zone clamp gripper. The open and close signals can be mapped directly to the corresponding Clamp Close and Clamp Open signals.

If there are no separate part present sensors, the open and close signals can be used instead. The part is considered present when the clamp is closed but the actuator close sensor is not reached (because the box is preventing reaching the end of the stroke).

Fig. 6-9: Zone Clamp Gripper



1. Map Clamp Close and Clamp Open Signals

Table 6-15: Gripper On / Clamp Close / Fork Close

Valve #	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #	Name
1	71030	30011	Clamp 1 Close
2	71031	30013	Clamp 2 Close
3	71032	30015	Clamp 3 Close

Table 6-16: Gripper Off / Clamp Open / Fork Retract

Control Valve #	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #	Name
1	71070	30010	Clamp 1 Open
2	71071	30012	Clamp 2 Open
3	71072	30014	Clamp 3 Open

2. Map Clamp Close and Clamp Open Signals to the CIO file

```

STR #71030 // GripOn1
OUT#30011 // Close Clamp 1
STR #71031 // GripOn2
OUT#30013 // Close Clamp 2
STR #71032 // GripOn3
OUT#30015 // Close Clamp 3

STR #71070 // GripOff1
OUT#30010 // Open Clamp 1
STR #71071 // GripOff2
OUT#30012 // Open Clamp 2
STR #71072 // GripOff3
OUT#30014 // Close Clamp 3

```

3. Map Part Present Inputs to External Inputs

Table 6-17: Robot Controller External Input Mapping

Control Valve #	Gripper/Clamp Open Inputs			Gripper/Clamp Close Inputs		
	Name	External Input #	Auxiliary Input #	Name	External Input #	Auxiliary Input #
1	Clamp Open Sensor	20010	71190	Clamp 1 Close Sensor	20011	71230
2	Clamp Open Sensor	20012	71791	Clamp 2 Close Sensor	20013	71231
3	Clamp Close Sensor	20014	71792	Clamp 3 Close Sensor	20015	71232

4. Add Part Present Inputs to CIO

```

STR #20010      // Clamp 1 Open Sensor
OUT #71190     // OpenSensor1 Auxiliary Relay
STR #20012     // Clamp 2 Open Sensor
OUT #71191     // OpenSensor2 Auxiliary Relay
STR #20014     // Clamp 3 Open Sensor
OUT #71192     // OpenSensor3 Auxiliary Relay
STR #20011     // Clamp 1 Close Sensor
OUT #71230     // CloseSensor1 Auxiliary Relay
STR #20013     // Clamp 2 Close Sensor
OUT #71231     // CloseSensor2 Auxiliary Relay
STR #20015     // Clamp 3 Close Sensor
OUT #71232     // CloseSensor3 Auxiliary Relay

```

The following is special CIO logic to allow the clamp open and close feedback to also be used as part present feedback.

```

STR-NOT #30010 // Signal to Open Clamp 1 is off
AND #30031    // Signal to Close Clamp 1 is on
AND-NOT #20010 // Clamp 1 Open Sensor Off
AND-NOT #20011 // Clamp 1 Close Sensor Off
OUT #71150    // Clamp 1 Part Presence Auxiliary Relay
STR-NOT #30012 // Signal to Open Clamp 2 is off
AND #30033    // Signal to Close Clamp 2 is on
AND-NOT #20012 // Clamp 2 Open Sensor Off
AND-NOT #20013 // Clamp 2 Close Sensor Off
OUT #71151    // Clamp 2 Part Presence Auxiliary Relay
STR-NOT #30014 // Signal to Open Clamp 3 is off
AND #30035    // Signal to Close Clamp 3 is on
AND-NOT #20014 // Clamp 3 Open Sensor Off
AND-NOT #20015 // Clamp 3 Close Sensor Off
OUT #71152    // Clamp 3 Part Presence Auxiliary Relay

```

6.3.3.3 Variable Stroke Fork Gripper

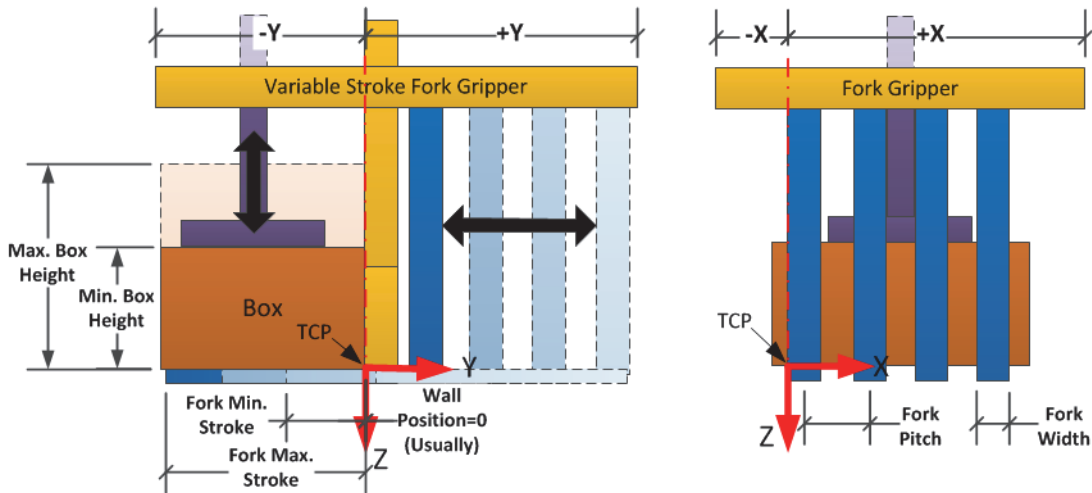
Fig.6-10 "Example with Variable Stroke Fork Gripper" is an example for a variable stroke fork gripper with a single grip area and a top clamp that can move down to hold the part while moving.

The forks are moved by a short and a long actuator placed in series so that four positions (retracted, short, medium and long) can be obtained. This is required so that the fork gripper can be used to move products of different widths. The variable closing distances allows the fork tip to stay under the product and keeps it from damaging products that are already on the pallet.

There are sensors mounted on the fork slide to confirm each position.

This gripper does not have any dispenser search sensors and will not be used to carry empty pallet or slipsheets between stations.

Fig. 6-10: Example with Variable Stroke Fork Gripper



1. Map Output Signals

Table 6-18: Gripper Output Signals

Valve #	Auxiliary Relay #	External Output #	Name
1	71070 (GripOff1) OR NOT 71310 (VarStroke1)	30010	Short Actuator Retract
2	71030 (GripOn1) AND 71310 (VarStroke1)	30011	Short Actuator Extend
3	71070 (GripOff1) OR NOT 71311 (VarStroke2)	30012	Long Actuator Retract
4	71030 (GripOn1) AND 71311 (VarStroke2)	30013	Long Actuator Extend
5	71090 (GripOffAux1)	30014	Clamp Actuator Retract
6	71050 (GripOnAux1)	30015	Clamp Actuator Extend

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2. Gripper CIO modifications for Fork and Clamp open and close signals

```

STR #71070    // GripOff1
OR-NOT #71310 // Variable Stroke 1
OUT #30010    // Short Actuator Retract

STR #71030    // GripOn1
AND #71310    // Variable Stroke 1
OUT#30011     // Short Actuator Extend

STR #71070    // GripOff1
OR-NOT #71311 // Variable Stroke 2
OUT #30012    // Long Actuator Retract

STR #71030    // GripOn1
AND #71311    // Variable Stroke 2
OUT#30013     // Long Actuator Extend

STR #71090    // GripOffAux1 (GripOff17)
OUT#30014     // Clamp Retract (Up)

STR #71050    // GripOnAux1 (GripOn17)
OUT#30015     // Clamp Extend (Down)

```

3. Map Sensors

In this example, sensors mount directly on the fork rail to confirm the fork position. The variable stroke outputs combined with the fork position sensors confirm the “close” position. For the clamp sensor, the “close” position does not have a sensor because in most cases, the close position will vary based on the product height therefore we simply check that the “open” sensor turns off.

Table 6-19: Gripper Inputs

Signal #	Name	External Ouput #	Auxiliary Relay #
1	Fork Retracted Sensor	20010	71190 (Open Sensor 1)
2	Fork Short Stroke Sensor	20011	71230 (Close Sensor)
3	Fork Medium Stroke Sensor	20012	
4	Fork Long Stroke Sensor	20013	
5	Clamp Up Sensor	20014	71210 (Open Aux1 Sensor)

4. Add Part Present Inputs to CIO

```
STR #20010    // Fork Retracted Sensor
OUT #71190    // Fork Open Sensor

STR #20011    // Fork Short Stroke Sensor
AND #71310    // Variable Stroke 1 ON
AND-NOT #71311 // Variable Stroke 2 OFF
STR #20012    // Fork Medium Stroke Sensor
AND-NOT #71310 // Variable Stroke 1 OFF
AND #71311    // Variable Stroke 2 ON
STR #20013    // Fork Long Stroke Sensor
AND #71310    // Variable Stroke 1 ON
AND #71311    // Variable Stroke 2 ON
OR-STR
OUT #71230    // Close Sensor

STR #20014    // Clamp Open Sensor
OUT #71210    // Open Sensor 17
STR-NOT #20014 // Clamp Close Sensor
OUT #71250    // Close Sensor 17
```

Modify User Job

In the case of the fork gripper, the "USER_GRIPPER_ON" job is called twice. The first time, the Grip1to16 argument is set and should be used to extend the forks. Based in the product width, the M109 register is set to set the variable stroke value.

The second time, the Grip17to32 and the Sensor1to16 is set and should be used to activate the clamp down of the product and enable the part present sensor.

By default the CellSetup application doesn't account for grip area 17 to 32 being used for auxiliary actuators. So the use of open and close sensors for auxiliary actuators need to be manually set. Those sensors check can be added by setting the registers M119: Open Sensor Used and M121 Close Sensor User for grip areas 17 to 32. These values are bitwise values, bit 1 being for grip area 17 (auxiliary actuator 1), bit 2 for grip area 18 (auxiliary actuator 2) and so forth. So in our particular example, we should set M119 and M121 to 1 in the USER_GRIPPER jobs.

In "USER_GRIPPER_ON.JBI":

```

NOP
GETARG Grip1to16 IARG#(1)
GETARG Grip17to32 IARG#(2)
GETARG Sensor1to16 IARG#(3)
GETARG Sensor17to32 IARG#(4)
'
' Set use of open/close sensor
' for GripArea17 (Aux Actuator 1)
SETREG MREG#(119) 1
SETREG MREG#(121) 1
'
' Set Fork Variable Stroke
' based on product width ' in microns.
SET ProdWidth_adr EXPRESS 120 + ( Pik_PickStnID - 1 ) * 25
IFTHEN D[ProdWidth_adr]>450000
SETREG MREG#(109) 3
ELSEIF D[ProdWidth_adr]>300000
  SETREG MREG#(109) 2
ELSE
  SETREG MREG#(109) 1
ENDIF
'
' Extend forks
' Set grip area to turn ON
SETREG MREG#(110) Grip1to16
SETREG MREG#(111) Grip17to32
PULSE OT#(Grip_ON)
'
' Set part present feedback
' based on clamp down feedback
SETREG MREG#(114) Sensor1to16
SETREG MREG#(115) 0
'
PULSE OT#(Sensor_ON)
'
DOUT OT#(Griper_HasParts) ON
END

```

```
In "USER_GRIPPER_OFF.JBI":  
NOP  
GETARG Grip1to16 IARG#(1)  
GETARG Grip17to32 IARG#(2)  
GETARG Sensor1to16 IARG#(3)  
GETARG Sensor17to32 IARG#(4)  
,  
' Set use of open/close sensor  
' for GripArea17 (Aux Actuator 1)  
SETREG MREG#(119) 1  
SETREG MREG#(121) 1  
,  
' Set Grip Area  
SETREG MREG#(112) Grip1to16  
SETREG MREG#(113) Grip17to32  
,  
' Set Sensor Area  
SETREG MREG#(116) Sensor1to16  
SETREG MREG#(117) Sensor17to32  
,  
' Apply new settings  
PULSE OT#(Sensor_OFF)  
PULSE OT#(Grip_OFF)  
,  
END
```

6.3.3.4 Gripper Testing

After the gripper integration with the robot controller is complete, the basic gripper functionality can be tested with the Gripper HMI application. See *section 6.3.2.1 "Gripper Setup"* for details on gripper test capabilities in the PalletSolver HMI application.

7 DX100 & DX200 Operation Monitor and Control Interface

7.1 Functions

The PalletSolver system is design to offer a flexible user interface to monitor and control the system. All the functions describes in this section are I/O based and can be access through various user interface such as a pendant application, a PLC with an HMI, a PC-HMI... It is up to the integrator or end-user to define the desired user interface and required functionality.

The functionality is accessible through a 54 byte I/O block. The block is split in two sections. The bytes 0 through 35 are direct I/O signals which are explicitly mapped to specific signals. The bytes 36 through 53 are I/O used to implement Message Communication which allows reusing the same block of I/O to exchange various information through messages. This will allow to expand functionality as needed in the future.

For a PLC, an I/O block is mapped between the controller and the PLC through a standard communication board such as: DeviceNet, EtherNet/IP, Profibus... On the controller side, the PLC I/O block is 54 bytes long. It is mapped to the external I/O signal starting the address 20270 for inputs and 30270 for outputs.

For Pendant Application or other applications using standard YASKAWA protocol such as Motocom or High-Speed Ethernet Server, Network addresses can be used to write Inputs. Outputs can be accessed directly. The ladder has Network address 25270 (DX100 Controller) or 27270 (DX200 Controller) combined with 20270 by an OR operation to generate the Universal Input.

It is also possible to control some of the peripheral devices such as infeeds and outfeeds through user defined jobs when a PLC is not included in the system. In such case, User Control Job signals are mapped between the controller job input and output. (Refer to *Section 6.2.3 "User Jobs" on page 6-4* for more details.)

Refer to *Chapter 8 "Operation Monitor and Control Pendant Application"* for an example of the Monitor and Control interface usage.



To avoid conflicts between multiple points of control, the user job outputs and Pendant HMI Network signals are only considered when the system is defined as ROBOT controlled. The PLC outputs are only considered when the system is defined as PLC controlled.

7.2 Interface: Direct I/O Signals

The Direct I/O signals are the first 36 bytes of the Monitor and Control I/O block. They are signals that are explicitly mapped in the controller.

For the complete listing of the direct I/O mapping and their corresponding PLC, Network, and User signals, refer to *Appendix A*.

7.2.1 System Signals

7.2.1.1 System Start/Stop

Start and stop controller playback using standard signals such as: Select MasterJob, Ext. Servo On, Ext. Start, Ext. Hold, etc. For further details on the standard signal, please refer to the Controller Concurrent I/O manual.

■ The pre-start sequence:

- Check that “Operating” is OFF; if ON abort the sequence the system is already started.
- Check that “Remote Selected” is ON; if OFF, display message to user.
- Check that “In Hold” is OFF; if ON, you may attempt to turn it off by turning OFF the “External Hold” signal. If it doesn’t turn OFF, the hold is from another source, display message to user.
- Check that “E-Stop External”, “E-Stop Pendant”, and Safety Gate” are ON; if OFF, display message to user.
- Check that “In Warning” is OFF; if ON, you may attempt to reset it by turning ON the “Warning Reset” signal until the “In Warning” signal turns OFF. If it doesn’t turn OFF, display message to user.
- Check that “Play Selected” is ON; if OFF, you may attempt to select it by turning ON the “Play Mode Select” signal until the “Play Selected” is ON. If it doesn’t turn ON, display message to user.
- Check that “Servo On” is ON; if OFF, you may attempt to turn them on by turning ON the “Servo On Request” signal until the “Servo On” signal turns ON. If it doesn’t turn ON, display message to user.
- Turn ON either the “Home Request”, if the system is to return (or stay at) “Home” or the “Build Request” signal to start palletizing.

■ Start-Resume sequence:

- Check that the “Resume Allowed” signal is ON. If OFF, it isn’t safe to resume, the system should be restarted from the top of the Master Job (see the following sequence).
- Turn ON the “External Start” signal until the “Operating” signal turns ON to confirm that the system started.

■ Start-Master Job sequence:

- Turn ON the “Call Master Job” signal until the “Top of Master Job” signal turns ON.
- Turn ON the “External Start” signal until the “Operating” signal turns “ON” to confirm that the system started.

■ **Stop sequence:**

- Turn ON the “External Hold” signal until the “Operating” signal turns OFF. Note that for a normal stop of the system, it is recommended to stop palletizing before stopping the system (see *Section 7.2.1.2 “Palletizing Stop/Start” on page 7-3*).

7.2.1.2 Palletizing Stop/Start

Signal to stop/start palletizing. On a stop, the robot completes the current pick/place cycle and then the robot returns back to home position and waits. This shouldn't stop the execution of other tasks that handles concurrent I/O and PLC communication. On a start, the robot resumes palletizing with the next pick/place cycle.

■ **Handshaking:**

- Signal “Home_Request” should be held ON until acknowledged by signal “At_Home”. Signal “In_Home_Cube” should also be checked to verify the robot is at the home position.
- Signal “Build_Request” must be held ON to enable any motion cycle other than going home. If the job is running properly, even if not actively moving, “Build_Request” will be acknowledged by “Building”.

7.2.1.3 PLC Controlled System

The “PLC Controlled System” signal indicates if the system was setup by the “PalletSolver Cell Setup” pendant application to operate with the PLC. Slight modifications on the system behavior are based on this signal. For example, the “Fieldbus Heartbeat” check is only enabled when the system is “PLC Controlled”. So if a PLC is used, the PLC should check that this signal is ON.

7.2.1.4 Fieldbus Heartbeat

The “Fieldbus Heartbeat” signal is used to determined health of the network from the controller perspective. The controller will shut down via a user Warning, if the robot is operating and does not see a transition of this signal. The following PLC modification is required for functionality:

■ **Sequence:**

The PLC input must turn on the PLC output.

If this rung is not created the controller will cause a warning and not run in play mode.



The “Fieldbus Heartbeat” is only enabled when the system is setup for “PLC Controlled” in the “PalletSolver Cell Setup” pendant application.

7.2.1.5 Set Next Infeed Pick

The “Next Infeed (bit 0 to 3)” signals represent a bitwise value that indicates the infeed station ID that should be picked from on the next cycle. The controller will go to that station regardless of the station “Pick Ready” signal, but will wait for the check for “Infeed# Pick Ready” over the infeed and initiate a “Infeed# Pick Error” event if not ON.



This setting is only valid when the sequencing mode is set to “PLC Mode”. (Refer to *Section 7.3.3.7 “Select Sequencing Mode”* on page 7-25 for details.)

■ **Handshake:**

- The “Next Infeed (bit 0 to 3)” value must be held ON until acknowledged by the signals “Next Infeed Echo (bit 0 to 3)” value matches the requested value.



The system is capable of planning one cycle ahead, so as soon as a pick cycle is initiated the next infeed can be set. So if the current cycle is aborted, both the current cycle and the next planned one are canceled.

7.2.1.6 Safety Speed

When the “Safety Speed Select” signal is on, the playback operating speed is limited by in-guard safe operation speed.

■ **Handshake:**

- The “Safety Speed Select” is turned ON and HELD to limit the maximum speed of the system.
- The “Safety Speed” signal can be monitored to confirm that the safety speed is enabled.

7.2.1.7 Speed Override

The “Speed Override % (bit 0 to 7)” signals represent a bitwise value that indicates a global speed override applied to all programmed speeds. The value must be set between 1 and 100%. A value of 0% disables the function and the system will run at a 100% of the programmed speeds.

7.2.1.8 Battery Warning

The “Battery Warning” signal is turned ON to indicate that batteries need replacement when voltage drops in the memory protection battery and the absolute encoder memory retention battery. Loss of data in memory due to a weak battery can cause significant damage.

7.2.1.9 Motion Sequence

The “Picking Sequence” signal turns ON to indicate that the robot is currently in the motion sequence to pick a package. This included moving from the current position to the pick station.

The “Placing Sequence” signal turns ON to indicate that the robot is currently in the motion sequence to place a package. This includes moving from the infeed or dispenser station to the build station.

The “Placing Boxes Sequence” signal turns ON to indicate that the robot started placing the boxes on the build station. The “Placing Sequence” signal remains ON while this signal is ON.

7.2.2 Warning and Error Handling

There are various types of Warning and errors that can be generated by the system.

- *Controller Errors and Warnings* are generated by the controller and are not specific to the PalletSolver system. When occurring, the system “In Warning” signal will turn ON and the Warning or error information will display on the controller pendant. Further details about those Warnings and errors can be found in the Controller Maintenance Manual.
- *PalletSolver Job Warnings* are generated by the PalletSolver jobs. These alarm details are in *Section 7.2.2.1 “PalletSolver Job Warning” on page 7-6* and in *Appendix A.2.2 “Job Warning List” on page A-18*.
- *PalletSolver Controller Alarms* - Controller alarms in the 8000 range are generated in the jobs with the instruction SETUALM. They are mostly introduced to detect job program errors such as trying to address a Pallet Build Station that does not exist.

Controller Alarms in the 9000 range are generated in the concurrent I/O ladder.

See *Appendix A.2.3 “Controller Error and Warning List” on page A-21* for a complete list of 8000 and 9000 errors.

- *Pick/Place Errors* are generated when there is a mismatch between the expected packages on the gripper and the gripper part present sensor feedback. Details are in *Section 7.2.2.2 “Pick/Place Error”* below and in *Section 7.2.3.4 “Station Pick/Place Error” on page 7-9*.
- *Message Communication Errors* are part of the reply message to a command send by the PLC. Details are in *Section 7.3 “Interface: Message Communication” on page 7-15* and in the *Appendix A.2.1 “Messaging Error List” on page A-16*.

7.2.2.1 PalletSolver Job Warning

The “Job Warning” signals are warnings generated when the PalletSolver job detects an unusual condition in the state of the system. In general, when such condition is detected, the related station will be locked and a Job Warning message is issued. Operation will continue for other stations. The condition should then be resolved before unlocking the station. The nature of the warning is indicated by a “Job Warning Code (bit 0 to 7)” and the “Job Warning Parameter (bit 0 to 7)”. For details on the Job Warning codes, please refer to *Appendix A.2.2 “Job Warning List” on page A-18*. The “Job Warning Param” meaning may vary based on the nature of the warning code but in most cases it should indicate the ID of the station on which the condition occurred.

■ **Handshake:**

- The signals “Job Warning Code (bit 0 to 7)” and “Job Warning Parameter (bit 0 to 7)” will be set.
- The “Job Warning” signal will be maintained until acknowledge by a matching “Job Warning Reset”.
- The PLC would then need to unlock the station after taking any corrective action needed to correct the condition causing the warning.



If a warning has already been issued and the PLC or HMI does not acknowledge and reset the warning within reasonable time, any new warning will be discarded. If a station is locked and the warning for it is has been discarded, unlocking the station should cause the sequence to repeat. The station will re-lock and the warning will be reissued.

7.2.2.2 Pick/Place Error

The Pick/Place Error signal indicates that an error was detected while picking (on infeed or dispenser) or placing (on a build station). The error is usually related to the gripper part present sensors not returning the expected signal. The system will signal the fault and then wait on an “Ignore”, “Retry” or “Abort” signal.

The same signal is also available on a per station base. See *Section 7.2.3.4 “Station Pick/Place Error” on page 7-9* for details.

■ **Error Response Signals**

The “Error Responses” signals work in conjunction with the stations “Pick/Place” errors.



Error Response signals can only be used when there is an active Pick/Place Error

- “*Error Response Ignore*” signal is used to ignore an error and proceed as if the error hadn't occurred. This might be used in the case where a pick error occurs because the part present sensor isn't detecting the package but the package was in fact pick-up and the operator want to proceed with the normal cycle.

- “*Error Response Retry*” signal is used to repeat a sequence that caused an error. This might be used in the case where the slipsheet wasn't picked up and the operator wants the system to retry picking it again.
- “*Error Response Abort*” signal is used to cancel a sequence. This might be used in the case where a box is drop between the pick and place sequence, so the place sequence should be canceled.



- When aborting, the station involved will automatically be locked. Proper verification that the station is in working order should be done before unlocking the station.
- In the case of a build station (place error), the “Verify Layer Request” signal will also be turned on. This signal will prevent accidentally unlocking the station until the “Layer Verified” signal has been sent.
- When aborting a sequence, if there are any chances of package being on the gripper, the robot will be sent to the reject station where the package can be drop or removed by the operator before resuming normal operation.

- When the abort is done during the Placing sequence, the abort mode can be specified by turning on one of the following signal before sending the “Error Response Abort” signal:
 - Abort and Repeat Cycle: The cycle that was aborted will be repeated.
 - Abort and Go to Next Cycle: The cycle that was aborted is considered completed and the build will continue with the next cycle.
 - Abort and Clear Layer: The current layer is considered to have been cleared and the build will restart at the first cycle of the current layer.
 - Abort and Go to Next Layer: The current layer is considered to have been completed and the build will restart at the first cycle of the next layer.
- If no mode is selected, the default abort mode are:
 - To repeat the cycle, if the place error occurred before starting to place boxes on the build station.
 - To clear the layer, if the place error occurred after starting to place boxes on the build station.

■ **Handshaking:**

The “Error Response” signal should be maintained until the corresponding “Error Response Acknowledge” comes on. The original Pick/Place Error signal to the PLC will be cleared after the “Error Response”/“Error Response Acknowledge” handshake is complete.

7.2.2.3 System Job Running

The “System Job Running” signal should always be ON. It confirms that system jobs that handle the PLC messaging and control the system state are actively running. If the “System Job Running” signal is OFF, the system should be stopped and the controller power should be cycled.

System Jobs could stop running following some controller alarm or if they were not setup properly to automatically start when the controller is powered on.

■ **Handshaking:**

If the “System Job Running” signal is OFF, stop operations and instruct operator to cycle power on the controller.

7.2.3 All Stations

7.2.3.1 Station Exists

The “Station Exists” signals to indicate that the station is defined in the cell. This can be useful to create a user interface that can be used on multiple cells and adapt itself to represent the proper number stations in the cell.

■ **Available “Station Exists” signals:**

Build# Exists, Infeed# Exists, Pallet Disp# Exists, Slipsheet Disp# Exists, Reject Exists (where the symbol # represents the station ID).

■ **Handshake:**

“Station Exists” is set from the Cell Setup Pendant application, and must be ON to use the station.

7.2.3.2 Station Active

The “Station Active” signal indicates that a station is currently being used in the current pick/place cycle. The build station active signal will be ON for the full duration of the Pick/Place cycle. For the other station, the active signal is ON only for the duration of the pick cycle.

■ **Available Station Active Signals**

Available “Station Active” signals: Build# Active, Infeed# Active, Pallet Disp# Active, Slipsheet Disp# Active, Reject Active (where the symbol # represents the station ID).

■ **Handshake:**

“Station Active” is ON if the current pick / place cycle is for the station.

7.2.3.3 Station Lock/Unlock

The station lock prevents any further pick or place to the station.

■ **Station Lock/Unlock Signals**

- “*Station Lock Request*” signal enables the operator/PLC to lock a station. If the station is currently active, the station will only be locked once the current pick/place cycle is completed.
- “*Station Unlock Request*” signal enables the operator/PLC to unlock a station.

- “*Station Locked*” signal reflects the current lock state of the station.



- When a build station is locked, it should prevent any pick to an associated station feeding it package.
- Palletizing job may also lock a station because of a pick or place error.

■ Available Station signals

- “*Station Lock Request*” signals: Build# Lock Request, Infeed# Lock Request, Pallet Disp# Lock Request, Slipsheet Disp# Lock Request, Reject Lock Request (where the symbol # represents the station ID).
- “*Station Unlock Request*” signals: Build# Unlock Request, Infeed# Unlock Request, Pallet Disp# Unlock Request, Slipsheet Disp# Unlock Request, Reject Unlock Request (where the symbol # represents the station ID).
- “*Station Locked*” signals: Build# Locked Request, Infeed# Locked Request, Pallet Disp# Locked Request, Slipsheet Disp# Locked Request, Reject Locked Request (where the symbol # represents the station ID).

■ Handshake:

The “*Station Lock Request*” or “*Station Unlock Request*” signals should be held ON until acknowledged by the state change of the corresponding “*Station Locked*” signal.

7.2.3.4 Station Pick/Place Error

The “*Station Pick/Place Error*” signal indicates that an error was detected while picking (on infeed or dispenser) or placing (on a build station). The error is usually related to the gripper part present sensors not returning the expected signal. The system will signal the fault and then wait on an “*Ignore*”, “*Retry*” or “*Abort*” signal (Refer to *Section 7.2.2 “Warning and Error Handling”* on page 7-5 for details).

The “*Error Response*” signal should help ON until the signal “*Station Pick/Place Error*” turns is OFF.

■ Available Station signals

“*Station Pick/Place Error*” signals: Build# Place Error, Infeed# Pick Error, Pallet Disp# Pick Error, Slipsheet Disp# Pick Error (where the symbol # represents the station ID).

■ Handshake:

The “*Station Pick/Place Error*” indicates that an error occurred during the pick/place cycle for this station and will suspend palletizing until it receives an “*Ignore, Retry or Abort Error Response*” signal.

7.2.4 Reject Station

The reject station is a defined location in the system where the robot should go to when it detects that packages are in the gripper when it shouldn't. This usually occurs following when a pick/place cycle is aborted. The reject station could take various shapes, from a simple maintenance location that give the operator easy access to the gripper to an outfeed conveyor. The exact sequence can be customized through a user job.

7.2.4.1 At Reject Drop

The "At Reject Drop" indicates that the robot has stopped at the reject drop point. Depending on the reject user job structure, this could be before or after the gripper releases the package. The reject sequence will resume when the "Reject Drop Acknowledge" signal turns ON.

■ **Handshake:**

- "At Reject Drop" indicates that the robot has reached the product drop position and must be acknowledged by "Reject Drop Acknowledge" before the robot will continue.
- "Reject Drop Acknowledge" should be turned OFF once the "At Reject Drop" signal turns OFF.

7.2.4.2 Reject Full

The "Reject Full" signal is intended to relay a sensor signal that would indicate that packages are already present at the reject station.

- "Reject_Full" indicates that the Reject station is full and cannot be used at this time.

■ **Handshake:**

- If "Reject Full" is ON, the robot should stop and wait for the signal to turn OFF before going to the final drop position.

7.2.4.3 Gripper Package Release

The "Need Gripper Clear" signal indicates that the robot is in a position where packages on the gripper can be release safely. When ON, it enables the "Force Gripper Release" function that allows the release of all the package on the gripper when the "Force Gripper Release" signal is turned ON.

■ **Handshake:**

- "Need Gripper Clear" indicates that the packages a ready to be released at reject station.
- Turn ON the "Force Gripper Release" to release the packages until the "Need Gripper Clear" signal turns OFF.

7.2.4.4 Goto Reject Station

The “Reject Goto Request” signal indicates that the operator is requesting for the robot to go to the reject station. This signal essentially calls the “USER_MOVE_REJECT” job where the user can program custom path to send to the robot to reject or maintenance position.

- **Handshake:**

- Pulse the “Goto Reject Request” to latch the signal and send the robot to the reject sequence after completing the next cycle.
- The “Goto Reject Request” turns OFF when the “Reject Active” signal turns ON.

7.2.5 Build Stations

The following functions are specific to the build station. The corresponding I/O signals are repeated for each station.

7.2.5.1 Build Pattern Assigned

The “Build# Pattern Assigned” signal indicates that a valid pattern is assigned to the build station. To assign or unassign patterns the Message Communication is used, refer to section “Build Station Assign/Unassign Pattern”.

- **Handshaking:**

“Build# Pattern Assigned” indicates that the build station has a Pattern assigned to it. This signal must be ON in order to use the station.

7.2.5.2 Build Pallet Present

The “Build# Pallet Present” is a signal to send a Pallet Present sensor to the robot. For any cycle other than the robot placing the first layer pallet, this signal must be ON to initiate the cycle.

- **Handshaking:**

“Build# Pallet Present” must be ON to initiate any cycle other than the robot placing the first layer pallet.

7.2.5.3 Normal Build Done and Eject

The “Build# Done” signal is turned on when the pattern was completed normally by reaching the total number of layer and place. At this point the PLC should eject the pallet and respond with “Build# Cleared” signal. Counters are reset and the build station is ready to start a new build using the same pattern. If the pallet removal is manual, the operator would generate the “Build# Cleared” input by pressing a button after removing the pallet.

If the pallet is automatically removed by conveyors controlled by a PLC, the PLC would generate the “Build# Cleared” input once the pallet is cleared of the build station.

If the pallet is automatically removed by conveyors controlled by a robot controller, the robot controller would turn on the “UserRdyNxt_Bld_#” output in the job once the pallet is cleared of the build station. That signal is internally then feedback to the “Build# Cleared” input.

- **Handshake:**

The “Build# Done” signal is held ON until acknowledged by signal “Build# Cleared”.

7.2.5.4 Build Station Forced Done and Eject

The “Build# Done Request” signal is used when the operator/PLC wants to stop the current build and eject the pallet before the build is completed. If a pick/place cycle is currently active on the station, the cycle completes normally before the build is stop and ejected. No further pick/place cycle will be performed on this build station until the pallet is removed and the build station is reset.

■ **Handshake:**

“The “Build# Done Request” signal should be held ON until acknowledged by signal “Build#_ Done”.

7.2.5.5 Build Station Lock after Build is Done

The “Build# Lock After Done” signal requests that the specified station be locked after the current pallet build on the station is completed. This allows an operator/PLC to lock a build station after the build is complete so that he may for example change the pattern before resuming operation.

Refer to the *Section 7.2.3.3 “Station Lock/Unlock” on page 7-8* for further details.

■ **Handshake:**

The “Build# Lock After Done” signal should be held ON until acknowledged by signals “Build# Done” and “Build# Locked”.

7.2.5.6 Build Station Verify Layer

The “Build# Verify Layer Request” signal indicates that before continuing the build, the packages on the current layer need to be verified and if necessary manually adjusted to match the current layer package count and positions defined by the completed cycles. This Verify Layer Request usually occurs when the number of boxes on the layer is unclear following a place error occurrence.

The “Build# Layer Verified Confirm” signal is used to confirm to the system that the packages of the current layer are matching the current build state and that the build can be resumed. The station still needs to be unlocked before the build actually continues.

7.2.6 Infeed Stations

The following functions are specific to the infeed conveyor station. The corresponding I/O signals are repeated for each station.

7.2.6.1 Infeed Package Request

The “Infeed#_BoxNeed” signals represent a bitwise value of the number of packages required on the infeed for the next pick cycle.

■ **Sequence:**

- *Normal:* The robot controller sets “Infeed# BoxNeeded” value to the quantity of boxes needed for the next pick, then turns ON “Infeed# Pick Request”. The signals will be held ON until the packages have been successfully picked from the conveyor. The robot will not plan a cycle to pick from the conveyor until the PLC (or User Job) sets the “Infeed# Pick Ready” to ON.
- The “Infeed# Pick Ready” should be held ON until the corresponding “Infeed# Pick Request” turns OFF.
- *Abnormal:* Certain conditions (aborted picks, ending a build early, cycle power, etc...) may cause the quantity requested value to be recalculated. In such condition, the “Infeed# Pick Request” will turn OFF. A new request will not be made until PLC turns off the “Infeed# Pick Ready” signal. It is possible that the new requested quantity differ from previous one, it is up to the user to program the logic to make sure that the quantity on the infeed matched the new “Infeed# BoxNeeded” value before turning ON the “Infeed# Pick Ready”.

7.2.6.2 Purge Infeed

The “Infeed# Purge” signal indicates that an infeed line is done receiving more product and that the robot should run one last pick-place cycle to this infeed even if the expected number of packages hasn't been reached. Package present sensors will be ignored during the cycle in order to complete the pick/place cycle without errors. Once the last cycle is complete, the associated build station pallet is mark as complete.

■ **Handshake:**

The “Infeed# Purge” signal should be held ON until acknowledged by signal “Infeed# Purge Request Acknowledge”.

7.2.7 Dispenser Stations

The following functions are specific to the both pallet and dispenser station. The pallet dispenser signals have the prefix “Pdisp” and the slipsheet dispensers “Sdisp”. The corresponding I/O signals are repeated for each station.

7.2.7.1 Dispenser Reset Search Height

The “Dispenser# Reset Search” signal of a dispenser invalidates this dispenser (pallet or slipsheet) previous search result. This forces the system to initiate a search from the top of the dispenser on the next pick cycle on this dispenser.



- This signal should be automatically set whenever a possible access to the dispenser to reload it is detected.
- This signal will reset the “Dispenser# Low Stack” and “Dispenser#_Empty” signals.

- **Handshake:**

The “Dispenser# Reset Search” should be held ON until acknowledged by signal “Dispenser# Reset Search Acknowledge”.

7.2.7.2 Dispenser Low Stack

The “Dispenser# Low Stack” signal indicates that a comparison of the height the last search end point and a variable setting in job “USER_ADJUSTMENTS” shows that the dispenser is low in pallets or slipsheets.

- **Handshake:**

The “Dispenser# Low Stack” will be held ON until reset by signal “Dispenser# Search Reset Acknowledge”.

- **Alternatives:**

A sensor may be used in place of the search height evaluation. In this case, copy the sensor signal to the robot at “Dispenser# Low Stack Sensor”. To eliminate the robot signal “Dispenser# Low Stack”, set the variable to a value below what would ever be reached.

7.2.7.3 Dispenser Empty

The “Dispenser#_Empty” or “Dispenser# Empty” signal indicates that a comparison of the height the last search end point and a variable setting in job “USER_ADJUSTMENTS” shows that the dispenser is out of pallets or slipsheets. When this signal is on, the station will automatically be locked and prevent further pick from it. Once the station is refilled, the operator/ PLC must unlock the station, and Reset the Search Height.

- **Handshake:**

The “Dispenser#_Empty” will be held ON until reset by signal “Dispenser# Search Reset Acknowledge”.

- **Alternatives:**

A sensor may be used in addition to the search height evaluation. In this case, copy the sensor signal to the robot at “Dispenser# Empty Sensor”. To eliminate the robot signal “Dispenser# Empty”, set the variable to a value below what would ever be reached. Either “Dispenser#_Empty” or “Dispenser# Empty Sensor” will keep the robot from attempting to pick at the station.

7.3 Interface: Message Communication

The other mode of communication is through a block of I/O signals that are reserved to send command with arguments and receive information in a reply block. The same I/O block can then be reused to send and retrieved various information between the PLC and controller.

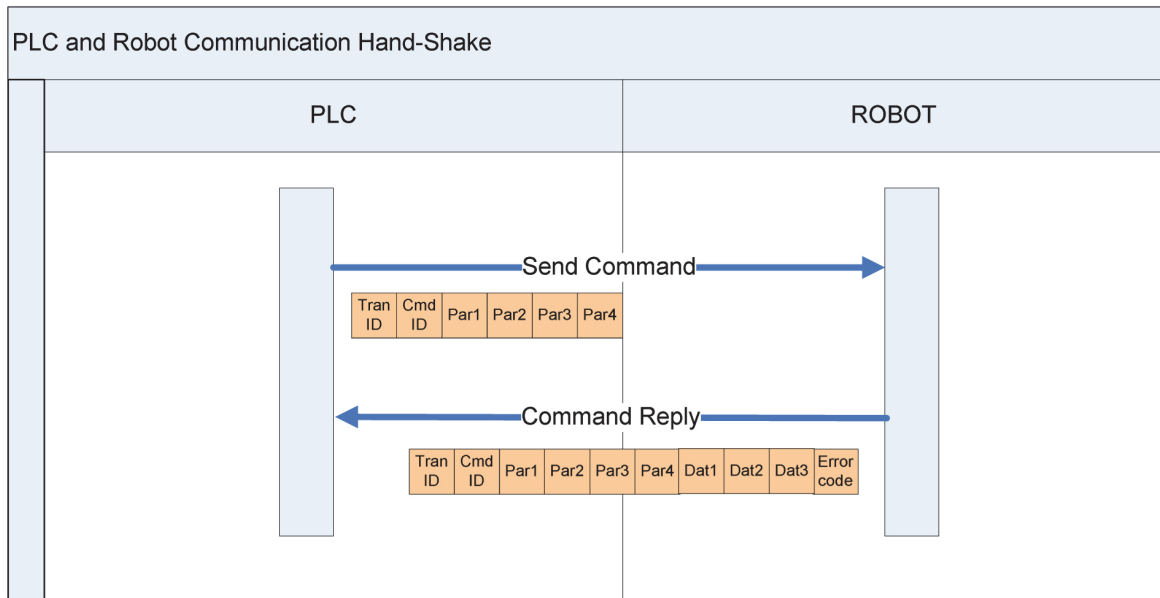
Proper code must be developed on both side to implement the protocol and process the command and reply. On the controller side, a PLC dedicated system job handles the PLC communication.



Some of the PLC/Controller communication requires the controller to be running the master job in order to update the system variables and return the proper values.

7.3.1 PLC to Robot Message Structure

Fig. 7-1: PLC and Controller Data Flow Diagram



When the PLC wants to command to robot to perform a task, the PLC generates a message to the robot through direct access of its memory. The memory locations (registers) vary by specific PLC manufacturer, but the communication structure remains the same.

The following table defines of all I/O locations of a message and their functions. Note that the PLC byte number identification is relative to the starting position of the I/O block.

Table 7-1: Command (PLC to Controller):

PLC Output	DX Input	Name	Value	Description
Byte 36	IG#61	TransactionID / Handshaking	Byte	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command (bit 1 to 7) Handshaking (bit 8)
Byte 37	IG#62	CommandID	Byte	See sections below for specific Command IDs and layouts
Byte 38	IG#63	Param1	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 39	IG#64			
Byte 40	IG#65	Param2	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 41	IG#66			
Byte 42	IG#67	Param3	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 43	IG#68			
Byte 44	IG#69	Param4	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 45	IG#70			

Table 7-2: Reply (Controller to PLC)

PLC Input	DX Output	Name	Value	Description
Byte 36	OG#61	Reply TransactionID / Handshaking	Byte	Cycles 1-99 to indicate the reply id which should match the command ID (bit 1 to 7). Handshaking (bit 8)
Byte 37	OG#62	CommandID (Echo)	Byte	See sections below for specific Command IDs and layouts
Byte 38	OG#63	Param1 (Echo)	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 39	OG#64			
Byte 40	OG#65	Param2 (Echo)	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 41	OG#66			
Byte 42	OG#67	Param3 (Echo)	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 43	OG#68			
Byte 44	OG#69	Param4 (Echo)	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 45	OG#70			
Byte 46	OG#71	Data1	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 47	OG#72			
Byte 48	OG#73	Data2	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 49	OG#74			
Byte 50	OG#75	Data3	Integer	Varies based on Command ID
Byte 51	OG#76			
Byte 52	OG#77	ErrorCode	Integer	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Byte 53	OG#78			

7.3.2 Handshaking

The handshaking will be done through the Transaction ID group. The transaction ID is a number between 1 and 99 that is used to confirm that the commands and reply don't get out of sync. For each transaction the transaction ID is incremented by 1 until it reaches 99 and then it is reset to 1. The transaction ID uses the first 7 bits of the Transaction ID byte. This leaves the 8th bit as an independent signal to indicate that a new transaction is ready. The sequence is as follows:

Table 7-3: PLC and Robot Controller Handshake

PLC (or PP App)	Robot Controller (JOB)
Increments the command transaction ID (first 7 bit of byte 36) leaving the handshaking bit (8 th bit of output byte 36). If the transaction ID reaches 100, reset to 1.	Wait for the command handshaking bit (8 th bit IG#61) to turn on.
Sets the command ID and parameters (1-4).	
Turn on the command handshaking bit (8 th bit of output byte 36)	
Wait for the reply handshaking bit (8 th bit input byte 36) to turn on.	Increments the reply transaction ID (first 7 bit of OG#61) leaving the handshaking bit (8 th bit of OG#61). If the transaction ID reaches 100, reset to 1. Check that it matches the command transaction ID.
	Process the command and set command echo and the reply data (1-3) and error blocks.
	Turn on the reply handshaking bit (8 th bit of OG#61)
Check that the reply transaction ID (first 7 bit of input byte 36) matches the command transaction ID	Wait for the command handshaking bit (8 th bit IG#61) to turn off.
Check the echo fields matches the command fields (optional)	
Process the reply	
Turn off the command handshaking bit (8 th bit of output byte 36)	
Wait for the reply handshaking bit (8 th bit input byte 36) to turn off.	Turn off the reply handshaking bit (8 th bit of OG#61)

In the case the transaction ID between the command and the reply transaction ID are out of sync. The robot controller returns the appropriate error code and doesn't process the command.

To reset the transaction ID and resync the PLC and controller transaction ID together, the transaction ID should be set to 0 and the command ID to 0 for no command. If a valid command ID is send with a Transaction ID set to 0, it will processed normally. So if an integrator doesn't want to implement transaction ID verification, the transaction ID could always be kept at zero.

An example of the PLC program for the messaging handling can be found in the appendix.

7.3.3 Functions

The functions described in this section are predefined functions included in the standard system. However the objective of the message communication is to allow the capability to expanded functionality as needed. So it is possible to add functions based on the customer requests.

7.3.3.1 Reset Message Transaction ID

The “Reset Message Transaction ID” is used to initialize the message communication or to reset a Transaction ID mismatch error.

Table 7-4: Reset Message Transaction ID

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	0	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	0	Assign Build Pattern
Parameter 1	0	Unused
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	0	Unused
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	0	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	0	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.2 Build Station Assign/Unassign Pattern

The “Assign Pallet Pattern” command is used to assign a new combination of ProductID and PatternID to the specified build station. This command may only be executed if the robot is at the Home Position (In_Home_Cube: PLC Input byte 2 bit 1 is ON) and not palletizing (Home Request: PLC Output byte 1 bit 0 is ON; or Build Request: PLC Output byte 2 bit 2 is OFF). To “Unassign Pallet Pattern” the same command is used but both ProductID and PatternID need to be set to 0. So a 0 value cannot be used as a valid ProductID or PatternID. It is not required to “Unassign” before making a new “Assignment”. If the station has either a partial build or a completed pallet when it is assigned or unassigned it will flag the station with “Bld#_Build_Done”, and force the clearing of the station.



Each build station has a signal “Bld#Patrn_Asignd” which indicates whether it has a pattern set (refer to *Section 7.2 “Interface: Direct I/O Signals”* on page 7-2 for details).

Table 7-5: Build Station Command

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	1	Assign Build Pattern
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1-Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	INT16	Product ID > 0
Parameter 3	INT16	Pattern ID > 0
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	0	Unused
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.3 Station Package Info

The “Request Station Package Info” command retrieves the package ID associated with the specified station. This can be used to confirm that the selection on the controller matches the one on the PLC.

In the case of a build station, the ProductID and PatternID are returned. The product ID is the ID of the product (box) being palletized.

Table 7-6: Station Package Information

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	4	Request Station PackageID
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1-4	Station Type: 1:Build, 2:Infeed 3:Pallet Dispenser, 4:SlipSheet Dispenser
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Package ID >= 0
Data 2	INT16	Pattern ID >= 0 (Build Station Only)
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.4 Build Station Request Pattern Info

The "Request Build Pattern Info" command request the ProductID, PatternID and Maximum Number of Layer currently assigned to the specified build station. This is to enable the PLC/HMI to confirm the current pattern selection and ProductID is assigned.

Table 7-7: Build Station Pattern Information

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	2	Request Build Pattern Info
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1-Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Product ID >= 0
Data 2	INT16	Pattern ID >= 0
Data 3	1-100	Maximum Number of Layers > 0
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.5 Build Station Request Build Status

The “Request Build Status” command retrieves information about the progress of the pattern being build at the specified station.

The “Request Build Status1” command retrieves the current layer, current pick/place cycle and maximum number of cycle on that layer.

The “Request Build Status 2” command retrieves the current box layer (excludes pallet and slipsheet layer), number of placed package and maximum number of package on the current layer.

Table 7-8: Build Station Build Status 1 (Layer and Cycles)

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		
CommandTransactionID	1-99	PLC --> Controller Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	13	Request Build Status 1
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1-Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		
Send Command	See above	Controller --> PLC Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	>=0	Current Layer
Data 2	>=0	Current Cycle
Data 3	>=0	Maximum number of cycle on current layer.
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

Table 7-9: Build Station Build Status 2 (Box Layer and Packages)

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	14	Request Build Status 2
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1-Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	>=0	Current layer of boxes
Data 2	>=0	Current number of package placed
Data 3	>=0	Maximum number of package on current layer.
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.6 Build Station Request Associated Stations

The “Request Build Pattern Associated Station Info” command is used to retrieve the station ID of the infeed and dispenser stations associated with a specific build station current pattern.

Table 7-10: Build Station Associated Stations

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	3	Request Build Pattern Associated Station Info
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1-Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2 – Low byte	2, 3, 4	Associated Station Type: 2:Infeed, 3:Pallet Dispenser, 4:SlipSheet Dispenser
Parameter 2 – High byte	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1 – Low byte	0, 2, 3, 4	Specified Station Type
Data 1 – High byte	0-8	Station ID
Data 2 – Low byte	0, 2, 3, 4	Specified Station Type
Data 2 – High byte	0-8	Station ID
Data 3 – Low byte	0, 2, 3, 4	Specified Station Type
Data 3 – High byte	0-8	Station ID
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.7 Select Sequencing Mode

The “Get/Set Sequencing Mode” command allows to monitor and control the algorithm to select which infeed/build station should be selected for the next pick/place cycle.

The possible modes are:

- Round Robin: Sequentially check which infeed is ready. When a ready infeed is found, the robot picks and place from it and then the search resumes with the following infeed.

- **Ratio:** A ratio is given to each infeed and the system will select pick to try to maintain that ratio. The system will only pick from infeed that have a ready signal, so the ratio are only met as long as the infeeds ready signal keep pace. The ratio represents the number of pick to that infeed relative to the overall number of pick. For example, if a 3 infeeds system has ratios set to 1, 2, 1 this gives an overall number of 4 picks (1+2+1), so infeed 1 and 3 will each be picked 25% (1/4) of the time and infeed 2 will be picked 50% (2/4) of the time.



Actual infeed ratios are calculated overtime and the algorithm tries to make them converge toward the set (desired) ratios. The actual ratios will be reset every time the sequencing mode or infeed ratio is set. So if an infeed is stopped for a long time, it might be necessary to reset the actual ratios, otherwise, once the infeed is back, the system will favor it in order to catch-up to the set ratio.

- **Priority (Highest Priority First):** At each cycle, the search starts with the infeed with the highest priority setting (1 being the highest). If it is not ready, then it goes to the next highest priority and so on until a ready infeed is found.
- **PLC Control:** PLC explicitly tells the robot to which infeed to go next, regardless if the infeed is ready or not. For details on selecting the next infeed pick please refer to *Section 7.2.1.5 "Set Next Infeed Pick"* on page 7-4.

Table 7-11: Get Sequencing Mode

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	5	Get Sequencing Mode
Parameter 1	0	Unused
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	1-4	Current Mode: 1-RoundRobin, 2-Ratio, 3-Priority, 4-PLC
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

Table 7-12: Set Sequencing Mode

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	6	Set Sequencing Mode
Parameter 1	1-4	Current Mode: 1-RoundRobin, 2-Ratio, 3-Priority, 4-PLC
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	1-4	Current Mode: 1-RoundRobin, 2-Ratio, 3-Priority, 4-PLC
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.8 Infeed Ratio

The “Set Infeed Ratio” command enables to set a picking ratio between the infeeds when multiple infeeds are ready for picking.

The “Get Infeed Ratio” command returns the priority level currently set for the specified infeed.

The ratio represents the number of pick to that infeed relative to the overall number of pick. For example, if a 3 infeeds system has ratios set to 1, 2, 1 this give an overall number of 4 picks (1+2+1), so infeed 1 and 3 will each be pick 25% (1/4) of the time and infeed 2 will be pick 50% (2/4) of the time.



This setting is only valid when the sequencing mode is set to “Ratio Mode”.

Table 7-13: Get Infeed Ratio:

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	15	Get Infeed Ratio
Parameter 1 – Low byte	2	Station Type: 2:Infeed
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Current Ratio > 0
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

Table 7-14: Set Infeed Ratio

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	16	Set Infeed Ratio
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1:Infeed
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	INT16	Requested Ratio > 0
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Current Ratio > 0
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.9 Infeed Priority

The “Set Infeed Priority” command enables to set a higher priority on picking certain infeeds over other ones when multiple infeeds are ready for picking.

The “Get Infeed Priority” command returns the priority level currently set for the specified infeed.

The highest priority is 1. The lowest priority is 8. The higher the number is, the lower the priority. In the event of multiple stations having the same priority, a round robin approach will be used to schedule the stations with identical priorities.



This setting is only valid when the sequencing mode is set to “Priority Mode”.

Table 7-15: Get Infeed Priority:

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	7	Get Infeed Priority
Parameter 1 – Low byte	2	Station Type: 2:Infeed
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Current Priority > 0
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

Table 7-16: Set Infeed Priority

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	8	Set Infeed Priority
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1:Infeed
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	INT16	Requested Priority > 0
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Current Priority > 0
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.10 Package Height Adjustment

The “Get/Set Package Height” allows the operator to make a small temporary adjustment to the height of a package associated on an infeed line to adjust the pick and place position for each infeed line and its associated build station. The adjustment is automatically reset after a pattern change.

Table 7-17: Get Package Height Adjustment:

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		
CommandTransactionID	1-99	PLC --> Controller Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	9	Get Package Height Adjustment
Parameter 1 – Low byte	2, 3, 4	Station Type: 2:Infeed, 3:Pallet Dispenser, 4:SlipSheet Dispenser
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		
Send Command	See above	Controller --> PLC Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Current Height Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

Table 7-18: Set Package Height Adjustment

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		
CommandTransactionID	1-99	PLC --> Controller Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	10	Set Package Height Adjustment
Parameter 1 – Low byte	2, 3, 4	Station Type: 2:Infeed, 3:Pallet Dispenser, 4:SlipSheet Dispenser
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	INT16	Requested Height Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		
Send Command	See above	Controller --> PLC Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Current Height Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Data 2	0	Unused
Data 3	0	Unused
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.11 Station Frame Adjustment

The “Get/Set Station Frame Adjustment” allows the operator to make small adjustments to the station reference frame. The adjustment only affects the specified station and is not reset after a pattern change.

Table 7-19: Get Station Frame Adjustment:

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		
CommandTransactionID	1-99	PLC --> Controller Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	11	Get Station Frame Adjustment
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1-4	Station Type: 1:Build, 2:Infeed 3:Pallet Dispenser, 4:SlipSheet Dispenser
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		
Send Command	See above	Controller --> PLC Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Current X Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Data 2	INT16	Current Y Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Data 3	INT16	Current Z Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

Table 7-20: Set Station Frame Adjustment

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	12	Set Station Maximum Layer
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1-4	Station Type: 1:Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	INT16	Requested X Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Parameter 3	INT16	Requested Y Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Parameter 4	INT16	Requested Z Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	INT16	Current X Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Data 2	INT16	Current Y Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Data 3	INT16	Current Z Adjustment in 0.1 mm; Range -250 to +250 (-25.0 to 25.0 mm)
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.12 Build Station Maximum Layer

The “Get/Set Station Maximum Layer” allows the operator to adjustments the number of box layers on a build station. For example a pattern with 6 layers of boxes could be temporarily reduce to 3 layers without having to use a different patterns. The maximum number of layers is automatically reset to the pattern maximum whenever a pattern is assigned to the station.

Table 7-21: Get Station Maximum Layer

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		
CommandTransactionID	1-99	PLC --> Controller Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	19	Set Station Maximum Layer
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1:Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		
Send Command	See above	Controller --> PLC Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	>0	Maximum number of box layers
Data 2	>0	Pattern Number of box layer
Data 3	>0	Pattern number of layer (including pallet and slipsheets.)
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

Table 7-22: Set Station Maximum Layer

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	20	Set Station Maximum Layer
Parameter 1 – Low byte	1	Station Type: 1:Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	>0	Maximum number of box layers
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1	>0	Maximum number of box layers
Data 2	>0	Pattern number of box layer
Data 3	>0	Pattern number of layer (including pallet and slipsheets.)
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

7.3.3.13 Infeed Station Row Data

The "Get Infeed Row Data" and "Get Infeed Lookahead Row Data" messages allow to retrieve the row information for the specified infeed station. The smart conveyor mode (B758 or B759) must be enabled for the data to be valid. In the case of the "Get Infeed Lookahead Row Data", the lookahead mode (B757) must also be enabled. Row data is encoded in a byte, so the information for two row is encoded in each word, one in the lower byte and one in the higher byte. Each byte contains the quantity of boxes in bit 0-5 (0 to 63 boxes) and the boxes orientation in bit 6-7.

Table 7-23: Byte Locations

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Usage	Orientation		Number of boxes 1-63					

Table 7-24: Bits 6 and 7 Sets The Orientation

Orientation	Bit 7	Bit 6
0 degrees	0	0
90 degrees	0	1
180 degrees	1	0
270 degrees	1	1

Table 7-25: Set Station Maximum Layer

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	21	Set Station Maximum Layer
Parameter 1 – Low byte	2	Station Type: 1:Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1 – Low Byte	>0	Row1 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 1 – High Byte	>=0	Row2 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 2 – Low Byte	>=0	Row3 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 2 – High Byte	>=0	Row4 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 3 – Low Byte	>=0	Row5 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 3 – High Byte	>=0	Row6 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

Table 7-26: Get Infeed Lookahead Row Data

Signal Name	Values	Purpose
Send Command:		PLC --> Controller
CommandTransactionID	1-99	Cycles 1-99 to indicate a new command
CommandID	22	Get Infeed Lookahead Row Data
Parameter 1 – Low byte	2	Station Type: 1:Build
Parameter 1 – High byte	1-8	Station ID
Parameter 2	0	Unused
Parameter 3	0	Unused
Parameter 4	0	Unused
Command Reply:		Controller --> PLC
Send Command	See above	Echo of the SendCommand
Data 1 – Low Byte	>0	Row1 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 1 – High Byte	>=0	Row2 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 2 – Low Byte	>=0	Row3 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 2 – High Byte	>=0	Row4 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 3 – Low Byte	>=0	Row5 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Data 3 – High Byte	>=0	Row6 Data: Bit 0-5 = Qty; Bit 6-7 = Orientation
Error Code – Low byte	Varies	0: Success; >0 Failure (see error code list)
Error Code – High byte	Varies	SubCode (see error code list)

8 Operation Monitor and Control Pendant Application

8.1 Function

The monitoring and control of the palletizing operation can be done through the Operator Monitor and Control Pendant Application. This application can read variables and I/O to get the status of the system or write to them to modify the behavior the system. It will also enable the operator to assign a pattern to a build station.

This pendant application accesses the data in a fashion similar to a PLC or HMI. It is intended as an HMI example of Operator Monitor and Control Interface and could potentially be used on a system that doesn't have a PLC/HMI interface.

8.2 Starting the PalletSolver HMI

To open the pendant application, either select the [PalletSolver HMI] button from the Application button on the left menu of the pendant display (Fig. 8-1 "[PalletSolver HMI] button"), or press the [PalletSolver] button in the lower right corner of the display (Fig. 8-2 "[PalletSolver] button").

Fig. 8-1: [PalletSolver HMI] button

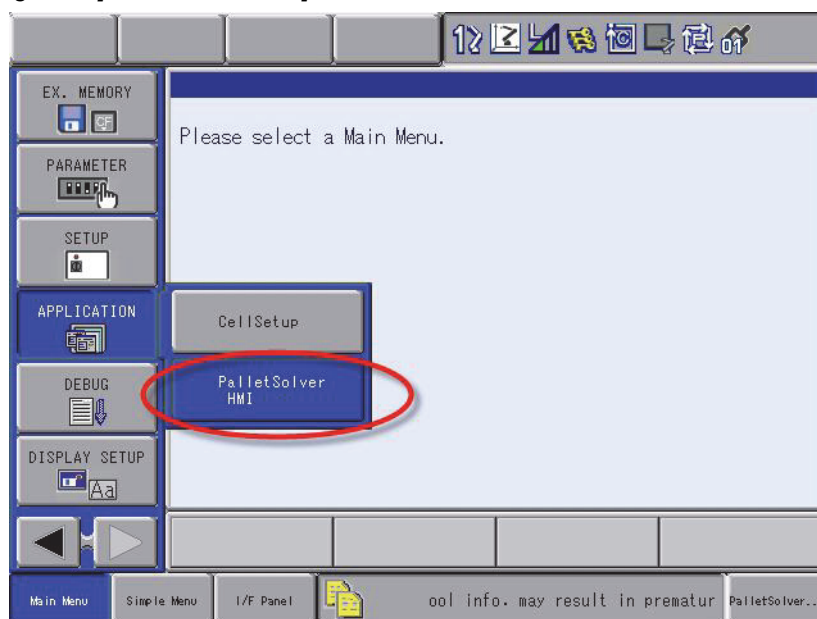
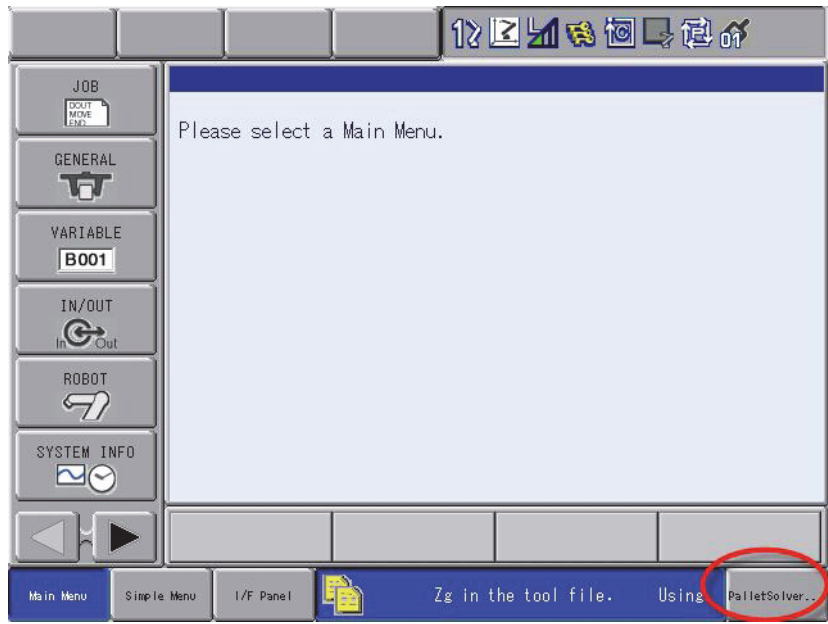


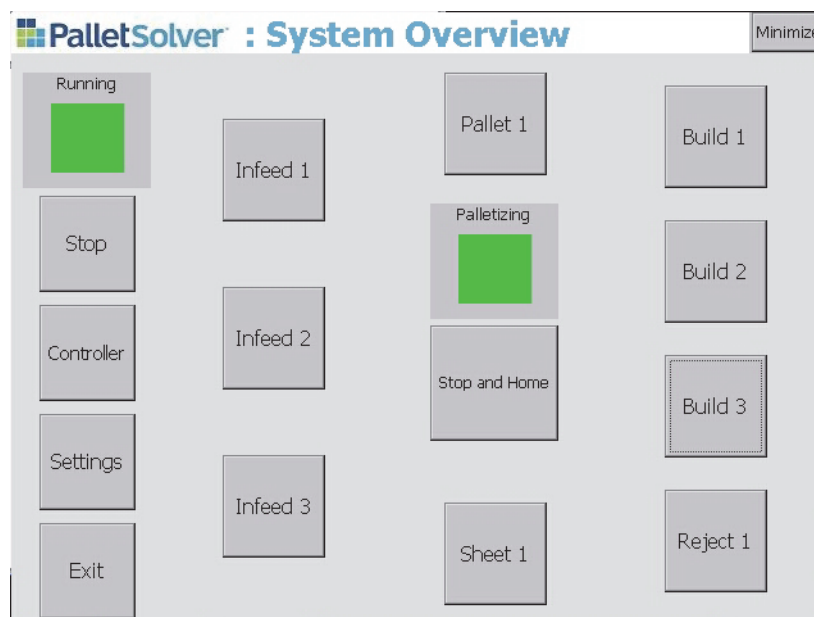
Fig. 8-2: [PalletSolver] button



8.3 Interface

8.3.1 System Overview Screen

Fig. 8-3: System Overview Screen of the System



The System Overview screen is the entry screen into the PalletSolver Monitor & Control application. Each station in the cell is represented with a button that shows the basic status of that station via its color, and when the button is pressed, it will open a more detailed monitor and control screen dedicated to that station.

One status indicator shows if the system is Running (jobs running). The other status indicator shows if the system is at Home, or actively Palletizing.

The [Controller] button will lead to a screen with a more detailed controller monitor and control functionality.

The [Settings] button will lead to other settings that may be user adjusted.

- Monitor System
 - Running
 - Palletizing
- Control System
 - Start/Stop System
 - Start/Stop Palletizing
- Palletizing Overview
 - Button for each station: Displays station details when pressed.
 - Station Status: Changes button background color: gray = ready; blue = active; yellow = requires attention.
- [Controller] button: Displays the Controller screen.
- [Settings] button: Displays the system settings and optimization screens.
- [Exit] button: Exits the application.

8.3.2 Monitor Mode Overview

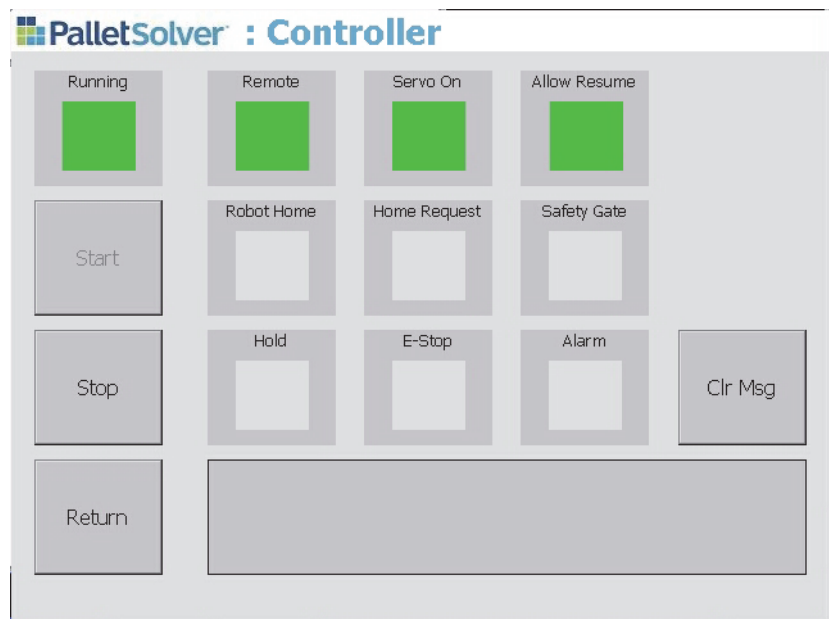
When the palletizing cell is in the PLC control Mode, the HMI will morph into a Monitor only interface so that the PLC can be the single point of control.

When the cell is controlled by the robot the HMI has both monitoring and control capabilities.

The following sections will presents all the screen and controls when operation in normal mode. In the Monitor mode, some of the controls will not be available and will be either disabled or hidden.

8.3.3 Controller Screen

Fig. 8-4: Controller Screen



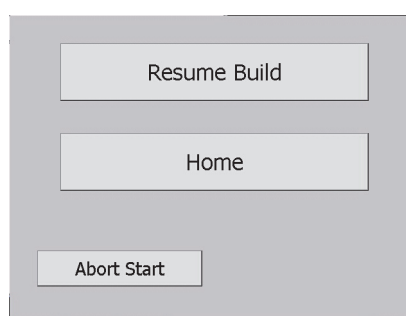
The Controller screen allows for a more detailed display of indicators describing the state of the system, including the status indicators listed below.

Additionally, the system may be Started or Stopped from this screen.

- Monitor System Indicators
 - *Running*: If green, indicates the system is running.
 - *Remote Mode*: If green, indicates the controller pendant key switch is in Remote mode, which is required.
 - *Servo On*: If green, indicates the controller servo is on.
 - *Allow Resume*: If green, indicates that the robot was not manipulated since it was stopped so that the system may resume from its present position without a requirement to move home first.
 - *Robot at Home*: This indicator is green when the robot is at the home position.

- *Home Requested*: When green, indicates that there is a request for the robot to be at home. This also means the robot is not actively palletizing at this time. If the system is palletizing (i.e. if the Palletizing indicator on the System Overview screen is green), the Home Requested indicator will be off.
 - *Safety Gate Open*: This indicator will turn red when the safety gate is open.
 - *Hold*: The Hold indicator will turn red when the system is in an active Hold state (while the physical [HOLD] button on the pendant is depressed).
 - *E-Stop*: The E-Stop indicator will turn red when the system is E-Stopped.
 - *Alarm*: The Alarm indicator will turn red when the system has an alarm
- [Start] button
 - Press the Start button to begin operation. Decide if to “Resume Build” or merely Home the robot.

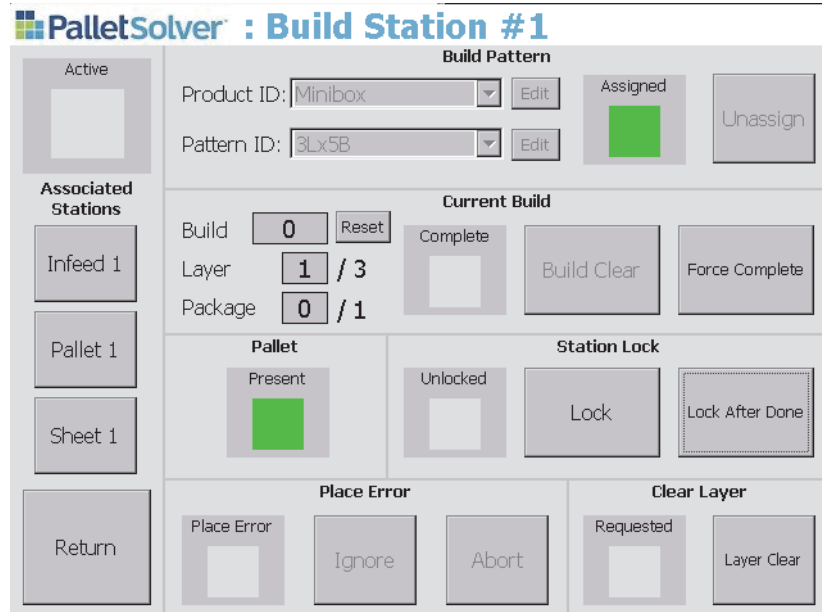
Fig. 8-5: Resume Build Screen



- [Stop] button
 - Stops execution of all jobs
- [Clear Msg] button
 - Clears any messages that may remain in the message area at the bottom of the Controller screen.
- [Return] button: Return to the “System Overview” screen.

8.3.4 Build Station Screen

Fig. 8-6: Build Station Screen



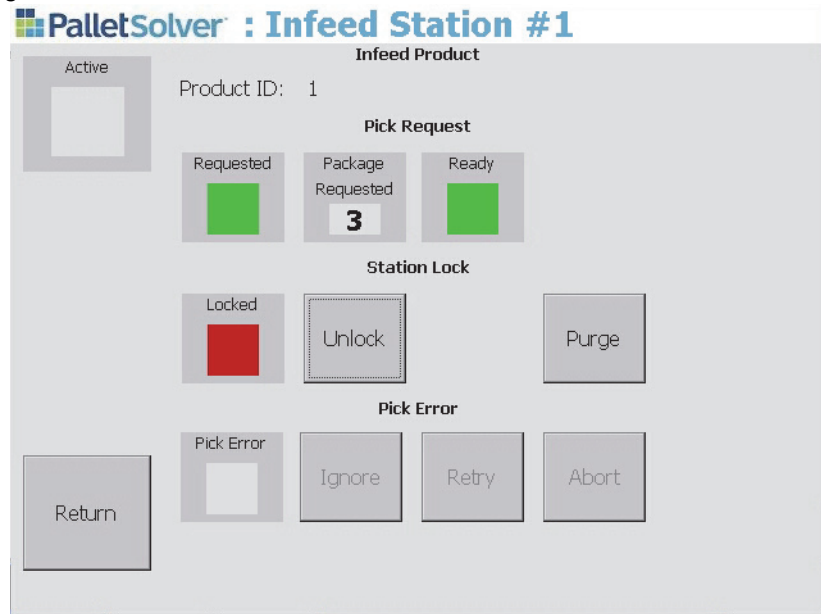
Each Build Station will have a screen dedicated to it to provide detailed monitoring information and user interaction. The Build Station screen may be reached by pressing the related [Build Station] button on the main System Overview screen. The various indicators and controls are described below:

- Active indicator: Turns blue when the build station is targeted for a placement
- Associated Stations buttons:
 - These serve as both indicators (that may turn yellow, indicating the associated station needs attention), and as links. Pushing a button will open the screen dedicated to that station, the same as it would if pressed from the main overview screen.
- Build Pattern:
 - *Product ID*: Desired or current build pattern
 - *Pattern ID*: Desired or current build pattern
 - *Assigned* indicator: Green if pattern is currently assigned
 - [*Assign/Unassign*] button: Used to change the pattern. If there is a pattern assigned the Product ID and Pattern ID fields will be disabled and display the IDs of the currently assigned pattern.
- To Change Pattern:
 - The station must be locked using the [Lock] button to enable the [Assign/Unassign] button will be enabled.
 - To Unassign the pattern, click the [Unassign] button. This will enable and blank the Product ID and Pattern ID fields.
 - To assign a pattern, enter the desired Product and Pattern IDs by typing in numeric value from keypad, or by pressing the [Edit] button to display the alphanumeric keyboard. When pattern files are stored on CF Card or USB drive, selection can be made from the drop-down list. After entering the desired IDs, click the [Assign] button to assign the pattern to the build station.

- Current Build Status:
 - *Build*: Number of builds complete since the last counter reset.
 - *Layer*: Current Layer number and maximum number of layers.
 - *Package*: Number of placed package and maximum number of package on the current layer
 - *Complete* indicator: When a build pattern completes, this indicator will turn yellow.
 - *[Force Complete]* button: Provides a way to force the station to a complete state prior to placing all layers and packages specified by the current pattern.
 - *[Build Clear]* button: Is enabled when a build is completed (and the complete indicator is yellow). The user should press this button after the completed build is physically removed from the cell to tell the system that the build area is clear and ready for the next build to proceed.
 - *Pallet Present* indicator: Turns green when the pallet present signal is on.
- Station Lock:
 - *Lock* indicator: Turns red when the station becomes locked (unavailable for building) either due to a place error, or through the user manually locking the station by pressing the *[Lock]* button.
 - *[Lock/Unlock]* button: When the station is locked press this button to unlock the station and make it available for building. Conversely, if the station is building and it is desired to stop or pause the build process, the station may be locked by pressing this button.
 - *[Lock After Done]* button: Pressing this button will force the station to become locked when the build completes.
- Place Error:
 - *Place Error* indicator: Turns red if there is an error when the robot attempts a placement. (The lock indicator will also turn red)
 - *[Ignore]* button: Press the *[Ignore]* button following a place error if it is determined it is safe and desirable to continue the build as if there were no error.
 - *[Abort]* button: Following a place error, press this button if it is determined the placement should not continue. When pressed, the robot will assume there are unplaced packages on the gripper, and will move safely to home, and then to the Reject Station where the packages will be dropped off.
 - *Clear Layer Requested* indicator: Following an aborted placement, the system will turn this indicator red, indicating that the current layer should be physically cleared by the user so that the robot can start the layer from the beginning.
 - *[Layer Clear]* button: Press this button following a Clear Layer Request to tell the system the layer has been physically cleared and it is safe to continue from the beginning of the layer.

8.3.5 Infeed Station Screen

Fig. 8-7: Infeed Station Screen



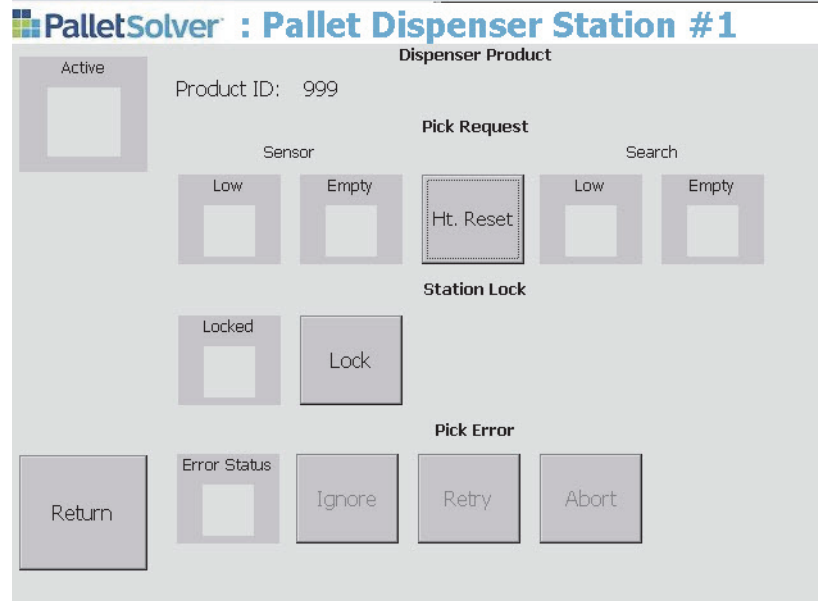
Each Conveyor Infeed Station has a screen dedicated to it to provide detailed monitoring information and user interaction. The Infeed Station screen may be reached by pressing the related [Infeed Station] button on either the main System Overview screen, or on the associated Build Station screen. The various indicators and controls are described below:

- **Active** indicator: turns blue when the infeed station is targeted for a pick
- **Pick Request:**
 - *Requested* indicator: Turns green when a pick is requested by the system.
 - *Package Requested* numeric indicator: Displays the number of packages requested when a pick is requested.
 - *Ready* indicator: Turns green when the infeed package sensor(s) is/are made and the requested number of packages are present.
 - *[Purge]* button: Press the [Purge] button to purge the remaining packages on the infeed conveyor... even if there are a different number of packages available on the conveyor than requested.
- **Station Lock:**
 - *Lock* indicator: Turns red when the station becomes locked (unavailable for building) either due to a pick error, or through the user manually locking the station by pressing the [Lock] button.
 - *[Lock/Unlock]* button: When the station is locked press this button to unlock the station and make it available for infeed. Conversely, if the station is in use and it is desired to stop or pause the pick process, the station may be locked by pressing this button.

- Pick Error:
 - *Pick Error* indicator: Turns red if there is an error when the robot attempts to pick. (The lock indicator will also turn red)
 - *[Ignore]* button: Press following a pick error if it is determined it is safe and desirable to continue the build as if there were no error.
 - *[Retry]* button Press this button following a pick error to allow the system to retry the pick.
 - *[Abort]* button: Following a pick error, press this button if it is determined the placement should not continue. When pressed, the robot will assume there are unplaced packages on the gripper, and will move safely to home, and then to the Reject Station where the packages will be dropped off.

8.3.6 Dispenser Station Screen:

Fig. 8-8: Dispenser Station Screen



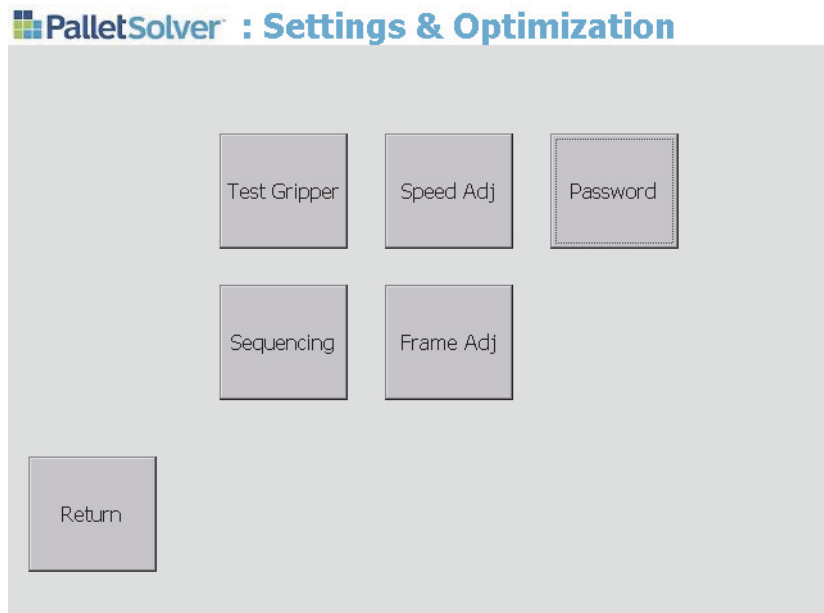
Each Dispenser station (both Pallet and Slipsheet dispenser(s)) will have a screen dedicated to it to provide detailed monitoring information and user interaction. The Dispenser screen may be reached by pressing the related [Dispenser Station] button on either the main System Overview screen, or on the associated Build Station screen. The various indicators and controls are described below:

- *Active* indicator turns blue when the dispenser station is targeted for a pick
- Dispenser Status:
 - *Low or Empty* indicators: Turns red when a dispenser is determined to be low or empty due to either a sensor indication, or a search height limit.
 - [*Ht Reset*] button: Press to reset the low or empty indicators after the dispenser has been refilled
- Station Lock:
 - *Lock* indicator: Turns red when the station becomes locked (unavailable for building) either due to a pick error, or through the user manually locking the station by pressing the [Lock] button.
 - [*Lock/Unlock*] button: When the station is locked press this button to unlock the station and make it available for dispensing. Conversely, if the station is in use and it is desired to stop or pause the pick process, the station may be locked by pressing this button.

- Pick Error:
 - *Pick Error* indicator: Turns red if there is an error when the robot attempts to pick. (The lock indicator will also turn red)
 - *[Ignore]* button: Press following a pick error if it is determined it is safe and desirable to continue the build as if there were no error.
 - *[Retry]* button: Press following a pick error to allow the system to retry the pick.
 - *[Abort]* button: Following a pick error, press this button if it is determined the pick should not continue. The system will lock the station.

8.3.7 Settings and Optimization Screen

Fig. 8-9: Settings and Optimization Screen

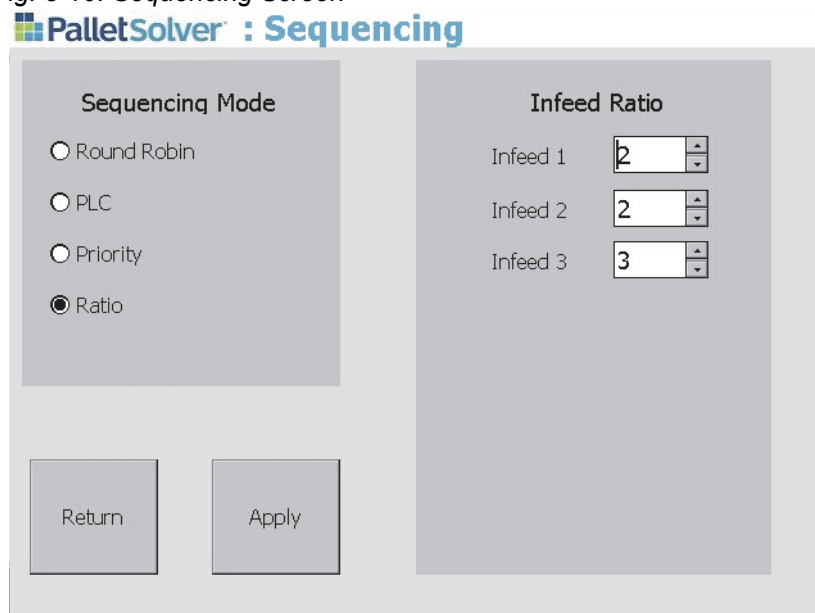


The Settings and Optimization Screen serves as a gateway to various other settings and optimization screens. Press the appropriate button as described here:

- *[Test Gripper]* button: Displays the Test Gripper screen.
- *[Speed Adj]* button: Displays the Speed Adjustment screen.
- *[Password]* button: Displays the Security Check screen
- *[Sequencing]* button: Displays the Sequencing screen
- *[Frame Adj]* button: Displays the Frame and Product Adjustment screen.

8.3.8 Sequencing Screen

Fig. 8-10: Sequencing Screen

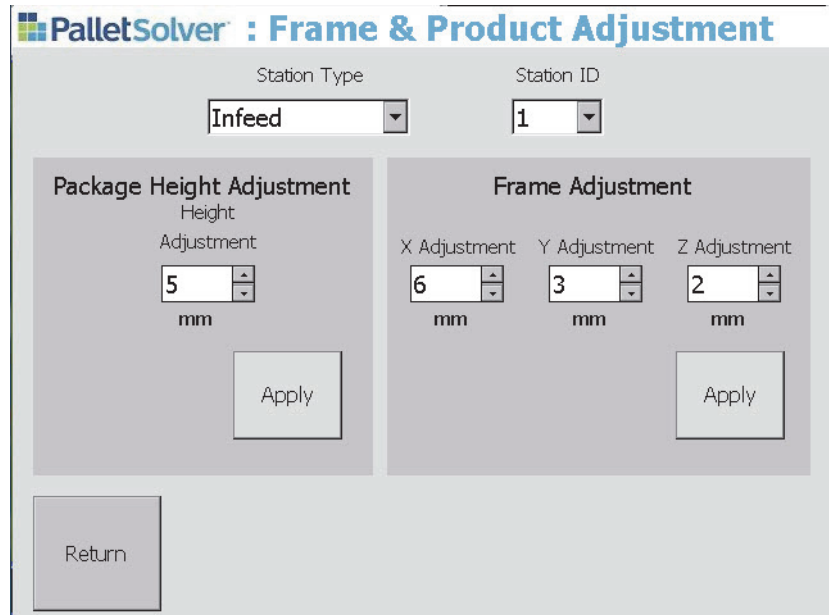


The Sequencing screen is dedicated to displaying the current sequencing mode and allowing it to be changed as described below:

- {Sequencing Mode} section:
 - *Radio*: Displays current setting as starting value
 - *RoundRobin*: Specifies that infeed stations are picked sequentially in order if they are ready. If not ready, they are skipped until next time around.
 - *Ratio*: Specifies that infeed stations will be picked according to the specified ratios. If a station is not ready, the system will skip to the station that is furthest behind its desired ratio.
 - *Priority*: Specifies that the system will pick from the highest priority (lowest priority numbered) station that is ready. If there are two or more highest priority stations ready with the same priority, the system will alternate between the two.
 - *PLC*: Specifies that the PLC will determine which infeed is the next to be picked from.
- *[Apply]* button:
 - If mode is Ratio, applies the selected ratios for each infeed.
 - If mode is Priority, applies the selected priority for each infeed.
 - Sets Round Robin or PLC as the sequencing mode if indicated.
- *[Return]* button: Go back to the Settings and Optimization screen.

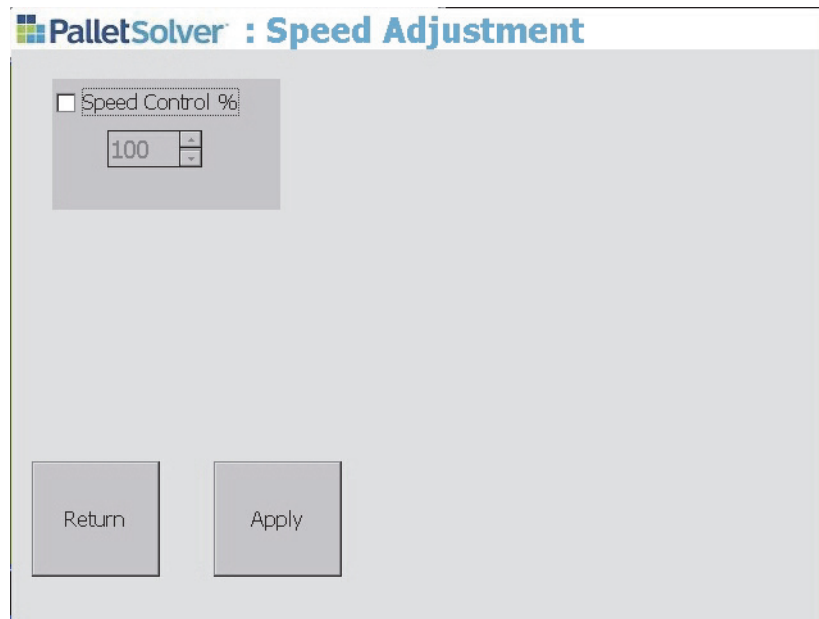
8.3.9 Frame and Product Adjustment Screen

Fig. 8-11: Frame and Product Adjustment Screen



The Frame & Product Adjustment screen displays and allows changing the Package Height Adjustment (in Z) and Frame Adjustments (in X, Y, Z) for all stations:

- Package Height Adjustment section:
 - a) Select desired Station Type and Station ID from the respective droplists. (It is not possible to adjust package height for Build Stations).
 - b) Set Height Adjustment spin button to desired value and click Apply.
- Frame Adjustment section:
 - a) Select desired Station Type and Station ID from the respective droplists.
 - b) Set X, Y, and/or Z Frame Adjustment spin button(s) to desired value(s) and click Apply.
- [Return] button: Go back to the Settings and Optimization screen

8.3.10 Speed Adjustment Screen*Fig. 8-12: Speed Adjustment Screen*

This screen will come up showing the current speed control. The default is 100% speed.

8.3.10.1 Adjusting the Speed

1. Check the Speed Control% check box.
2. Change the speed control value by increasing or decreasing the speed percentage.
3. Press the [Apply] button to apply the change, or press the [Return] button to leave the screen without saving any change.

8.3.11 Gripper Testing

Gripper testing may be performed by pressing the [Gripper Test] button on the Settings and Optimization screen.

The Test Gripper Signals screen is shown below: This screen can be used for testing the initial gripper operation and wiring. Additionally it can be used during crash recovery and during system resets to allow the user to manually grip or un-grip products.

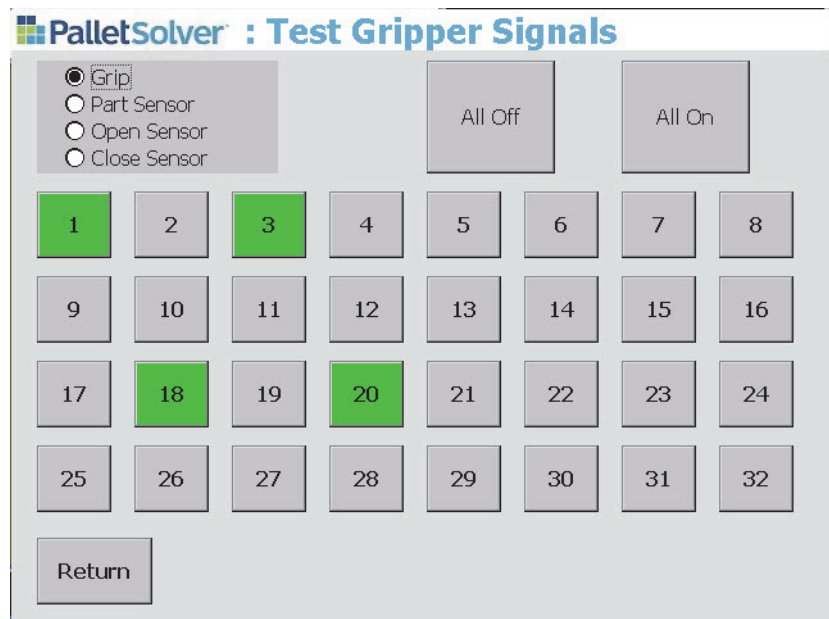
8.3.11.1 Grip Output Control

These signals control the Vacuum On/Off, Clamp in and out and Fork open and close signals. See *Chapter 6 "Controller Jobs and Concurrent I/O Program"* for details on wiring a gripper.

To turn the gripper on or off, select the "Grip" radio button and press the associated [All On] or [All Off] buttons.

To turn on or off individual gripper valves, select the "Grip" radio button followed by the valve number. It will toggle between the on (green) or off (red) states.

Fig. 8-13: Test Gripper Signal Screen

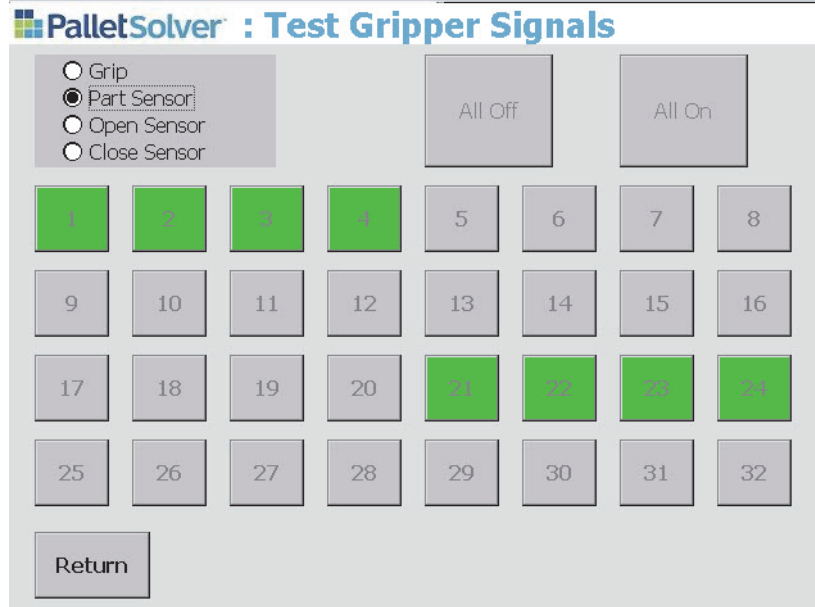


8.3.11.2 Gripper Part Sensors

Gripper Part Sensors inputs can be checked by pressing the Part Sensor radio button and the All On button.

If a part is on the gripper that input will be green. Sensors that have no parts will be red.

Fig. 8-14: Sensor Signal ON with a Sensor Error



8.3.11.3 Gripper Open and Close Sensors

For Gripper controls that have open and close states, such as Clamp or Fork Grippers, Open and Closed state Sensors can be wired into the controller and monitored.

The following screen captures show the open and closed state of each clamp or fork gripper. Closed Sensors are shown in green and open sensors are shown in red.

Also note that Closed and Open Sensors are complimentary.

Fig. 8-15(a): Test Gripper Open States

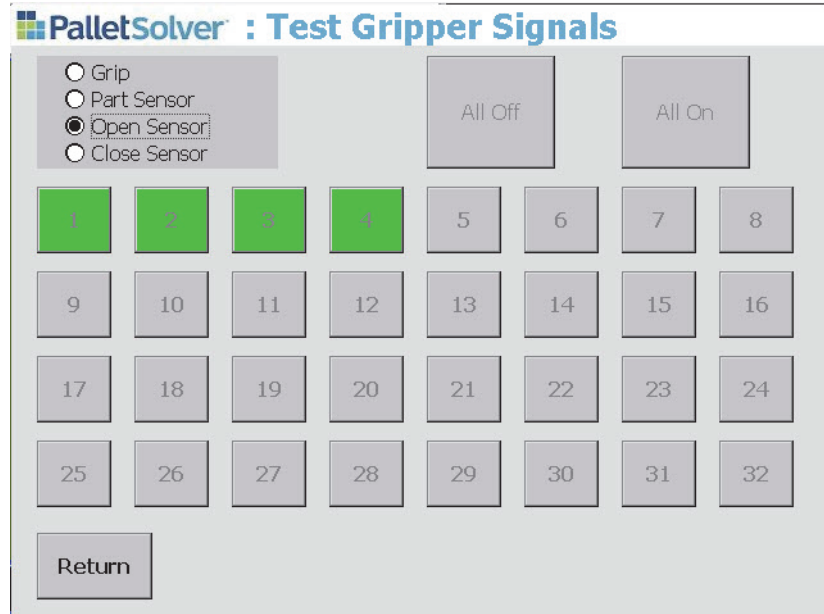
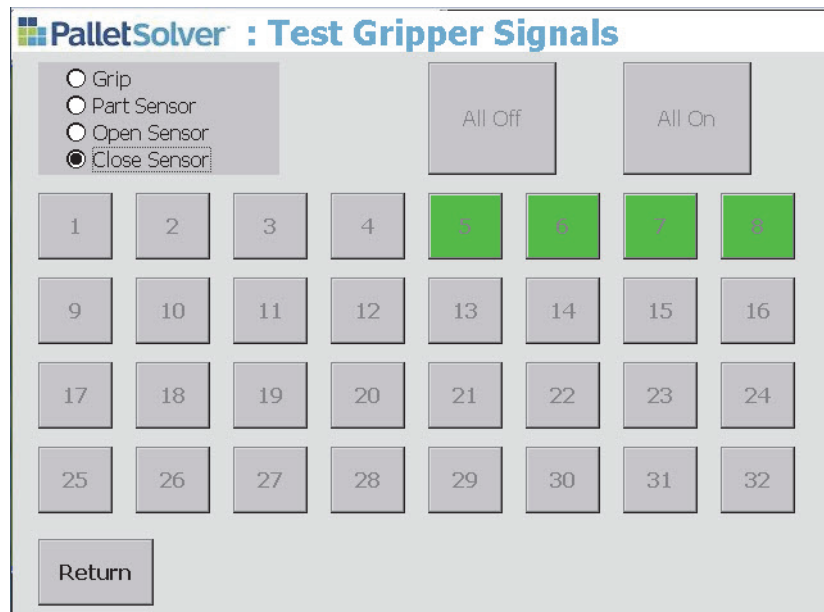


Fig. 8-15(b): Test Gripper Close Sensors



8.3.12 Security Check

The Security Check screen allows to limit access to certain screens by requiring a password to be entered.

Fig. 8-16: Password Management

PalletSolver : Security Check

Enabled Password Check

To change password, enter new security password and the press "Apply".

1234

Password required to access:

Exit PalletSolver

Settings

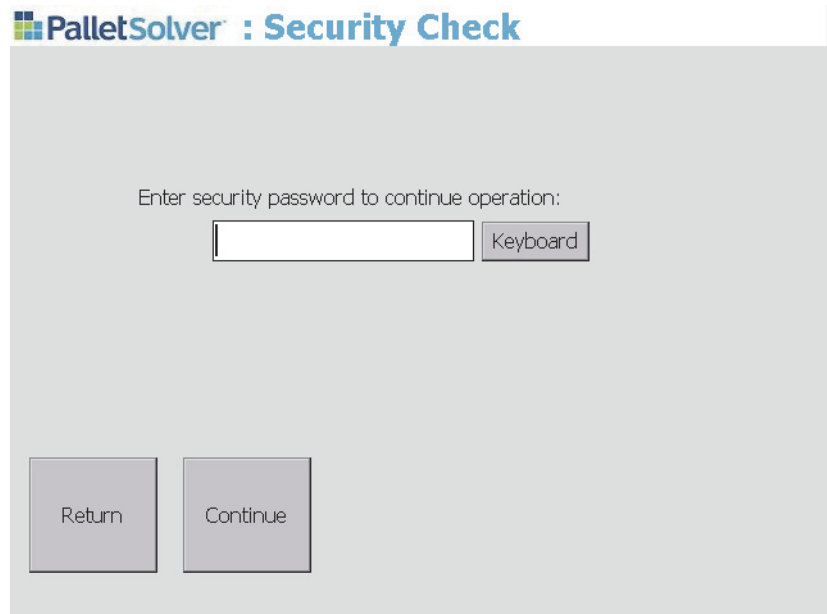
Test Gripper Speed Adj

Sequencing Frame Adj

- “Enabled Password Check” checkbox: The password check functionality is enable when checked. Other controls will be disabled if the unchecked.
- Password textbox: Displays the current password and allows to change the password. The Keyboard button next to the textbox can be press to display a keyboard and enter an alphanumeric password.
- Password required to access area: List all the buttons/screens that can be protected by the password. When pressed, checked buttons will be required the user to enter the password before being allowed to access the corresponding screen.
 - The "Exit PalletSolver" checkbox will require the user to enter the password in order to get out of PalletSolver and have access to the normal pendant interface.
 - Checking the "Settings" checkbox will automatically disable all the individual checkbox for the buttons underneath the "Settings" screen.
- [Apply] button: Save the password setting changes and return to the "Settings" screen.
- [Return] button: Cancel all changes and return the to "Settings" screen.

When the user is required to enter the Password, the follow screen appears.

Fig. 8-17: Password Screen

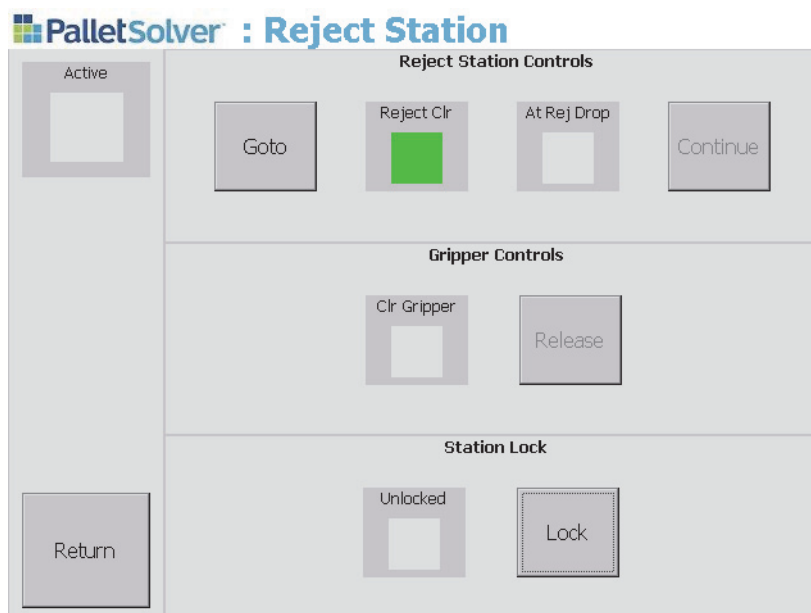


The operator can enter a numeric password on the pendant keypad and press [ENTER] or press the {Keyboard} button to display the on-screen keyboard to enter an alphanumeric password.

- [Return] button: Return the to previous screen
- [Continue] button: Continue to next screen if the valid password was entered.

8.3.13 Reject Station Screen

Fig. 8-18: Reject Station Screen



The Reject Station has a screen dedicated to it that provides basic feedback and control:

- *Active* indicator: Turns blue when the reject station is targeted for a place
- *[Return]* button: Go back to the previous screen

8.3.13.1 Reject Station Controls

- *[Goto]* button: Request the robot to goto to the reject station after completing the next cycle.
- *[Reject Clr]* indicator: The reject area is cleared of packages.
- *[At Rej Drop]* indicator: The robot is in position to drop packages.
- *[Continue]* button: Resumes the palletizing after being at drop position.

8.3.13.2 Gripper Controls

- *[Clr Gripper]* indicator: The gripper has packages that need to be removed.
- *[Release]* button: Release all packages from the gripper.

8.3.13.3 Station Lock

- *[Lock/Unlock]* indicator: Will turn red when the station becomes locked (unavailable for drop) through the user manually locking the station by pressing the *[Lock]* button.
- *[Lock/Unlock]* button: When the station is locked press this button to unlock the station and make it available for dropping package at reject station. Conversely, if the station is in use and it is desired to prevent going to the reject station, the station may be locked by pressing this button.

Appendix A

A.1 Monitor and Control Direct I/O Mapping

The following tables present the direct I/O mapping of the controller. The controller signals used in the jobs are identified above each signal (OUT# or IN#). The corresponding PLC signals are identified by combining the byte number of the row with the bit number of the column.

Network Signals are addresses that can be accessed by a Pendant Application or other application using standard YASKAWA protocol such as MotoCom or High-Speed Ethernet Server. The network address value is found by taking the address of the row and replacing the "x" of that address with the bit of the column.

A.1.1 Controller Outputs (PLC Inputs)
Table A-1: Controller Outputs (PLC Inputs)

PLC Input Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
0	#3027x	OUT#200	OUT#199	OUT#198	OUT#197	OUT#196	OUT#195	OUT#194	OUT#193	System
		Teach Selected	Play Selected	Remote Selected	In Warning	Top of Master Job	Servo Off	Servo On	Operating	
1	#3028x	OUT#208	OUT#207	OUT#206	OUT#205	OUT#204	OUT#203	OUT#202	OUT#201	System
		Fieldbus Heartbeat	Battery Warning	E-Stop Pendant	E-Stop External	Safety Gate Open	Safety Speed	In Hold	At Home	
2	#3029x	OUT#216	OUT#215	OUT#214	OUT#213	OUT#212	OUT#211	OUT#210	OUT#209	System
		Next Infeed Echo (bit 3)	Next Infeed Echo (bit 2)	Next Infeed Echo (bit 1)	Next Infeed Echo (bit 0)	PLC Controlled System	Building	In Home Cube	Resume Allowed	
3	#3030x	OUT#224	OUT#223	OUT#222	OUT#221	OUT#220	OUT#219	OUT#218	OUT#217	Error Handling
		Error Response Abort Acknowledge	Error Response Retry Acknowledge	Error Response Ignore Acknowledge	System Job Running	MotoPlus App Running	Pick/Place Error	JobComLock	Job Warning	
4	#3031x	OUT#232	OUT#231	OUT#230	OUT#229	OUT#228	OUT#227	OUT#226	OUT#225	Error Handling
		Job Warning Code (bit 7)	Job Warning Code (bit 6)	Job Warning Code (bit 5)	Job Warning Code (bit 4)	Job Warning Code (bit 3)	Job Warning Code (bit 2)	Job Warning Code (bit 1)	Job Warning Code (bit 0)	

PLC Input Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
5	#3032x	OUT#240	Job Warning Param (bit 6)	OUT#238	Job Warning Param (bit 4)	OUT#236	Job Warning Param (bit 2)	OUT#234	Job Warning Param (bit 0)	Error Handling
		OUT#241	Job Warning Param (bit 7)	OUT#239	Job Warning Param (bit 5)	OUT#237	Job Warning Param (bit 3)	OUT#235	Job Warning Param (bit 1)	
6	#3033x	OUT#248	Ready Exists	OUT#246	OUT#245	OUT#244	OUT#243	OUT#242	OUT#241	Other
			In Ready Cube				Placing Boxes Sequence	Placing Sequence	Picking Sequence	
7	#3034x	OUT#256	Reject Exists	OUT#254	OUT#253	OUT#252	OUT#251	OUT#250	OUT#249	Reject
						Reject Active	Reject Locked	At Reject Drop	Need Gripper Clear	
8	#3035x	OUT#264	Build1 Exists	OUT#262	OUT#261	OUT#260	OUT#259	OUT#258	OUT#257	Build
			Build1 Verify Layer Request		Build1 Place Error	Build1 Place Active	Build1 Locked	Build1 Pattern Assigned	Build1 Done	
9	#3036x	OUT#272	Build2 Exists	OUT#270	OUT#269	OUT#268	OUT#267	OUT#266	OUT#265	Build
			Build2 Verify Layer Request		Build2 Place Error	Build2 Place Active	Build2 Locked	Build2 Pattern Assigned	Build2 Done	
10	#3037x	OUT#280	Build3 Exists	OUT#278	OUT#277	OUT#276	OUT#275	OUT#274	OUT#273	Build
			Build3 Verify Layer Request		Build3 Place Error	Build3 Place Active	Build3 Locked	Build3 Pattern Assigned	Build3 Done	

PLC Input Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
11	#3038x	OUT#288	OUT#287	OUT#286	OUT#285	OUT#284	OUT#283	OUT#282	OUT#281	Build
		Build4 Exists	Build4 Verify Layer Request		Build4 Place Error	Build4 Place Active	Build4 Locked	Build4 Pattern Assigned	Build4 Done	
12	#3039x	OUT#296	OUT#295	OUT#294	OUT#293	OUT#292	OUT#291	OUT#290	OUT#289	Build
		Build5 Exists	Build5 Verify Layer Request		Build5 Place Error	Build5 Place Active	Build5 Locked	Build5 Pattern Assigned	Build5 Done	
13	#3040x	OUT#304	OUT#303	OUT#302	OUT#301	OUT#300	OUT#299	OUT#298	OUT#297	Build
		Build6 Exists	Build6 Verify Layer Request		Build6 Place Error	Build6 Place Active	Build6 Locked	Build6 Pattern Assigned	Build6 Done	
14	#3041x	OUT#312	OUT#311	OUT#310	OUT#309	OUT#308	OUT#307	OUT#306	OUT#305	Build
		Build7 Exists	Build7 Verify Layer Request		Build7 Place Error	Build7 Place Active	Build7 Locked	Build7 Pattern Assigned	Build7 Done	
15	#3042x	OUT#320	OUT#319	OUT#318	OUT#317	OUT#316	OUT#315	OUT#314	OUT#313	Build
		Build8 Exists	Build8 Verify Layer Request		Build8 Place Error	Build8 Place Active	Build8 Locked	Build8 Pattern Assigned	Build8 Done	
16	#3043x	OUT#328	OUT#327	OUT#326	OUT#325	OUT#324	OUT#323	OUT#322	OUT#321	Infeed
				Infeed1 Exists	Infeed1 Purge Request Acknowled	Infeed1 Pick Active	Infeed1 Locked	Infeed1 Pick Error	Infeed1 Pick Request	

PLC Input Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
17	#3044x	OUT#336	OUT#335	OUT#334	OUT#333	OUT#332	OUT#331	OUT#330	OUT#329	Infeed
		Infeed1 Box Needed (bit 7)	Infeed1 Box Needed (bit 6)	Infeed1 Box Needed (bit 5)	Infeed1 Box Needed (bit 4)	Infeed1 Box Needed (bit 3)	Infeed1 Box Needed (bit 2)	Infeed1 Box Needed (bit 1)	Infeed1 Box Needed (bit 0)	
18	#3045x	OUT#344	OUT#343	OUT#342	OUT#341	OUT#340	OUT#339	OUT#338	OUT#337	Infeed
				Infeed2 Exists	Infeed2 Purge Request Acknowledged	Infeed2 Pick Active	Infeed2 Locked	Infeed2 Pick Error	Infeed2 Pick Request	
19	#3046x	OUT#352	OUT#351	OUT#350	OUT#349	OUT#348	OUT#347	OUT#346	OUT#345	Infeed
		Infeed2 Box Needed (bit 7)	Infeed2 Box Needed (bit 6)	Infeed2 Box Needed (bit 5)	Infeed2 Box Needed (bit 4)	Infeed2 Box Needed (bit 3)	Infeed2 Box Needed (bit 2)	Infeed2 Box Needed (bit 1)	Infeed2 Box Needed (bit 0)	
20	#3047x	OUT#360	OUT#359	OUT#358	OUT#357	OUT#356	OUT#355	OUT#354	OUT#353	Infeed
				Infeed3 Exists	Infeed3 Purge Request Acknowledged	Infeed3 Pick Active	Infeed3 Locked	Infeed3 Pick Error	Infeed3 Pick Request	
21	#3048x	OUT#368	OUT#367	OUT#366	OUT#365	OUT#364	OUT#363	OUT#362	OUT#361	Infeed
		Infeed3 Box Needed (bit 7)	Infeed3 Box Needed (bit 6)	Infeed3 Box Needed (bit 5)	Infeed3 Box Needed (bit 4)	Infeed3 Box Needed (bit 3)	Infeed3 Box Needed (bit 2)	Infeed3 Box Needed (bit 1)	Infeed3 Box Needed (bit 0)	
22	#3049	OUT#376	OUT#375	OUT#374	OUT#373	OUT#372	OUT#371	OUT#370	OUT#369	Infeed
				Infeed4 Exists	Infeed4 Purge Request Acknowledged	Infeed4 Pick Active	Infeed4 Locked	Infeed4 Pick Error	Infeed4 Pick Request	

PLC Input Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
23	#3050x	OUT#384	OUT#383	OUT#382	OUT#381	OUT#380	OUT#379	OUT#378	OUT#377	Infeed
		Infeed4 Box Needed (bit 7)	Infeed4 Box Needed (bit 6)	Infeed4 Box Needed (bit 5)	Infeed4 Box Needed (bit 4)	Infeed4 Box Needed (bit 3)	Infeed4 Box Needed (bit 2)	Infeed4 Box Needed (bit 1)	Infeed4 Box Needed (bit 0)	
24	#3051x	OUT#392	OUT#391	OUT#390	OUT#389	OUT#388	OUT#387	OUT#386	OUT#385	Infeed
				Infeed5 Exists	Infeed5 Purge Request Acknowledged	Infeed5 Pick Active	Infeed5 Locked	Infeed5 Pick Error	Infeed5 Pick Request	
25	#3052x	OUT#400	OUT#399	OUT#398	OUT#397	OUT#396	OUT#395	OUT#394	OUT#393	Infeed
		Infeed5 Box Needed (bit 7)	Infeed5 Box Needed (bit 6)	Infeed5 Box Needed (bit 5)	Infeed5 Box Needed (bit 4)	Infeed5 Box Needed (bit 3)	Infeed5 Box Needed (bit 2)	Infeed5 Box Needed (bit 1)	Infeed5 Box Needed (bit 0)	
26	#3053x	OUT#408	OUT#407	OUT#406	OUT#405	OUT#404	OUT#403	OUT#402	OUT#401	Infeed
				Infeed6 Exists	Infeed6 Purge Request Acknowledged	Infeed6 Pick Active	Infeed6 Locked	Infeed6 Pick Error	Infeed6 Pick Request	
27	#3054x	OUT#416	OUT#415	OUT#414	OUT#413	OUT#412	OUT#411	OUT#410	OUT#409	Infeed
		Infeed6 Box Needed (bit 7)	Infeed6 Box Needed (bit 6)	Infeed6 Box Needed (bit 5)	Infeed6 Box Needed (bit 4)	Infeed6 Box Needed (bit 3)	Infeed6 Box Needed (bit 2)	Infeed6 Box Needed (bit 1)	Infeed6 Box Needed (bit 0)	
28	#3055x	OUT#424	OUT#423	OUT#422	OUT#421	OUT#420	OUT#419	OUT#418	OUT#417	Infeed
				Infeed7 Exists	Infeed7 Purge Request Acknowledged	Infeed7 Pick Active	Infeed7 Locked	Infeed7 Pick Error	Infeed7 Pick Request	

PLC Input Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
29	#3056x	OUT#4432	OUT#4431	OUT#4430	OUT#4429	OUT#4428	OUT#4427	OUT#4426	OUT#4425	Infeed
		Infeed7 Box Needed (bit 7)	Infeed7 Box Needed (bit 6)	Infeed7 Box Needed (bit 5)	Infeed7 Box Needed (bit 4)	Infeed7 Box Needed (bit 3)	Infeed7 Box Needed (bit 2)	Infeed7 Box Needed (bit 1)	Infeed7 Box Needed (bit 0)	
30	#3057x	OUT#4440	OUT#4439	OUT#4438	OUT#4437	OUT#4436	OUT#4435	OUT#4434	OUT#4433	Infeed
				Infeed8 Exists	Infeed8 Purge Request Acknowled	Infeed8 Pick Active	Infeed8 Locked	Infeed8 Pick Error	Infeed8 Pick Request	
31	#3058x	OUT#4448	OUT#4447	OUT#4446	OUT#4445	OUT#4444	OUT#4443	OUT#4442	OUT#4441	Infeed
		Infeed8 Box Needed (bit 7)	Infeed8 Box Needed (bit 6)	Infeed8 Box Needed (bit 5)	Infeed8 Box Needed (bit 4)	Infeed8 Box Needed (bit 3)	Infeed8 Box Needed (bit 2)	Infeed8 Box Needed (bit 1)	Infeed8 Box Needed (bit 0)	
32	#3059x	OUT#4456	OUT#4455	OUT#4454	OUT#4453	OUT#4452	OUT#4451	OUT#4450	OUT#4449	Pallet Dispenser
			Pallet Disp1 Exists	Pallet Disp1 Pick Error	Pallet Disp1 Empty	Pallet Disp1 Low Stack	Pallet Disp1 Pick Active	Pallet Disp1 Locked	Pallet Disp1 Search Reset Ack	
33	#3060x	OUT#4464	OUT#4463	OUT#4462	OUT#4461	OUT#4460	OUT#4459	OUT#4458	OUT#4457	Pallet Dispenser
			Pallet Disp2 Exists	Pallet Disp2 Pick Error	Pallet Disp2 Empty	Pallet Disp2 Low Stack	Pallet Disp2 Pick Active	Pallet Disp2 Locked	Pallet Disp2 Search Reset Ack	
34	#3061x	OUT#4472	OUT#4471	OUT#4470	OUT#4469	OUT#4468	OUT#4467	OUT#4466	OUT#4465	Slipsheet Dispenser
			Slipsheet Disp1 Exists	Slipsheet Disp1 Pick Error	Slipsheet Disp1 Empty	Slipsheet Disp1 Low Stack	Slipsheet Disp1 Pick Active	Slipsheet Disp1 Locked	Slipsheet Disp1 Search Reset Ack	

PLC Input Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
35	#3062x	OUT#480	OUT#479	OUT#478	OUT#477	OUT#476	OUT#475	OUT#474	OUT#473	Slipsheet Dispenser
			Slipsheet Disp2 Exists	Slipsheet Disp2 Pick Error	Slipsheet Disp2 Empty	Slipsheet Disp2 Low Stack	Slipsheet Disp2 Pick Active	Slipsheet Disp2 Locked	Slipsheet Disp2 Search Reset Ack	

A.1.2 Controller Inputs (PLC Outputs)

Table A-2: Controller Inputs (PLC Outputs)

PLC Output Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
0	DX100: #2527x	IN#200	IN#199	IN#198	IN#197	IN#196	IN#195	IN#194	IN#193	System
	DX200: #2727x	Teach Mode Select	Play Mode Select		Warning Reset	Call Master Job	Request Servo Off	Request Servo On	External Start	
1	DX100: #2528x	IN#208	IN#207	IN#206	IN#205	IN#204	IN#203	IN#202	IN#201	System
	DX200: #2728x	Fieldbus Heart					Safe Speed Select	External Hold	Home Request	
2	DX100: #2529x	IN#216	IN#215	IN#214	IN#213	IN#212	IN#211	IN#210	IN#209	System
	DX200: #2729x	Next Infeed (bit 3)	Next Infeed (bit 2)	Next Infeed (bit 1)	Next Infeed (bit 0)		Build Request			
3	DX100: #2530x	IN#224	IN#223	IN#222	IN#221	IN#220	IN#219	IN#218	IN#217	Error Handling
	DX200: #2730x	Error Response Abort	Error Response Retry	Error Response Ignore				Job Warning Reset		
4	DX100: #2531x	IN#232	IN#231	IN#230	IN#229	IN#228	IN#227	IN#226	IN#225	Error Handling
	DX200: #2731x					Abort Next Layer	Abort Clear Cycle	Abort Next Cycle	Abort Repeat Cycle	

PLC Output Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
5	DX100: #2532x DX200: #2732x	IN#240	IN#239	IN#238	IN#237	IN#236	IN#235	IN#234	IN#233	Not Used
6	DX100: #2533x DX200: #2733x	IN#248	IN#247	IN#246	IN#245	IN#244	IN#243	IN#242	IN#241	System
		Speed Override% (bit 7)	Speed Override% (bit 6)	Speed Override% (bit 5)	Speed Override% (bit 4)	Speed Override% (bit 3)	Speed Override% (bit 2)	Speed Override% (bit 1)	Speed Override% (bit 0)	
7	DX100: #2534x DX200: #2734x	IN#256	IN#255	IN#254	IN#253	IN#252	IN#251	IN#250	IN#249	Reject
				Reject Goto Request	Reject Full	Reject Unlock Request	Reject Lock Request	Reject Drop Acknowledge	Force Gripper Release	
8	DX100: #2535x DX200: #2735x	IN#264	IN#263	IN#262	IN#261	IN#260	IN#259	IN#258	IN#257	Build
			Build1 Layer Verified Confirm	Build1 Pallet Present	Build1 Cleared	Build1 Unlock Request	Build1 Lock Request	Build1 Lock After Done	Build1 Done Request	
9	DX100: #2536x DX200: #2736x	IN#272	IN#271	IN#270	IN#269	IN#268	IN#267	IN#266	IN#265	Build
			Build2 Layer Verified Confirm	Build2 Pallet Present	Build2 Cleared	Build2 Unlock Request	Build2 Lock Request	Build2 Lock After Done	Build2 Done Request	

PLC Output Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
10	DX100: #2537x DX200: #2737x	IN#280	IN#279	IN#278	IN#277	IN#276	IN#275	IN#274	IN#273	Build
			Build3 Layer Verified Confirm	Build3 Pallet Present	Build3 Cleared	Build3 Unlock Request	Build3 Lock Request	Build3 Lock After Done	Build3 Done Request	
11	DX100: #2538x DX200: #2738x	IN#288	IN#287	IN#286	IN#285	IN#284	IN#283	IN#282	IN#281	Build
			Build4 Layer Verified Confirm	Build4 Pallet Present	Build4 Cleared	Build4 Unlock Request	Build4 Lock Request	Build4 Lock After Done	Build4 Done Request	
12	DX100: #2539x DX200: #2739x	IN#296	IN#295	IN#294	IN#293	IN#292	IN#291	IN#290	IN#289	Build
			Build5 Layer Verified Confirm	Build5 Pallet Present	Build5 Cleared	Build5 Unlock Request	Build5 Lock Request	Build5 Lock After Done	Build5 Done Request	
13	DX100: #2540x DX200: #2740x	IN#304	IN#303	IN#302	IN#301	IN#300	IN#299	IN#298	IN#297	Build
			Build6 Layer Verified Confirm	Build6 Pallet Present	Build6 Cleared	Build6 Unlock Request	Build6 Lock Request	Build6 Lock After Done	Build6 Done Request	
14	DX100: #2541x DX200: #2741x	IN#312	IN#311	IN#310	IN#309	IN#308	IN#307	IN#306	IN#305	Build
			Build7 Layer Verified Confirm	Build7 Pallet Present	Build7 Cleared	Build7 Unlock Request	Build7 Lock Request	Build7 Lock After Done	Build7 Done Request	

PLC Output Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
15	DX100: #2542x DX200: #2742x	IN#320	IN#319	IN#318	IN#317	IN#316	IN#315	IN#314	IN#313	Build
			Build8 Layer Verified Confirm	Build8 Pallet Present	Build8 Cleared	Build8 Unlock Request	Build8 Lock Request	Build8 Lock After Done	Build8 Done Request	
16	DX100: #2543x DX200: #2743x	IN#328	IN#327	IN#326	IN#325	IN#324	IN#323	IN#322	IN#321	Infeed
						Infeed1 Unlock Request	Infeed1 Lock Request	Infeed1 Purge	Infeed1 Pick Ready	
17	DX100: #2544x DX200: #2744x	IN#336	IN#335	IN#334	IN#333	IN#332	IN#331	IN#330	IN#329	Infeed
18	DX100: #2545x DX200: #2745x	IN#344	IN#343	IN#342	IN#341	IN#340	IN#339	IN#338	IN#337	Infeed
						Infeed2 Unlock Request	Infeed2 Lock Request	Infeed2 Purge	Infeed2 Pick Ready	
19	DX100: #2546x DX200: #2746x	IN#352	IN#351	IN#350	IN#349	IN#348	IN#347	IN#346	IN#345	Infeed

PLC Output Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
20	DX100: #2547x DX200: #2747x	IN#360	IN#359	IN#358	IN#357	IN#356	IN#355	IN#354	IN#353	Infeed
						Infeed3 Unlock Request	Infeed3 Lock Request	Infeed3 Purge	Infeed3 Pick Ready	
21	DX100: #2548x DX200: #2748x	IN#368	IN#367	IN#366	IN#365	IN#364	IN#363	IN#362	IN#361	Infeed
22	DX100: #2549 DX200: #2749x	IN#376	IN#375	IN#374	IN#373	IN#372	IN#371	IN#370	IN#369	Infeed
						Infeed4 Unlock Request	Infeed4 Lock Request	Infeed4 Purge	Infeed4 Pick Ready	
23	DX100: #2550x DX200: #2750x	IN#384	IN#383	IN#382	IN#381	IN#380	IN#379	IN#378	IN#377	Infeed
24	DX100: #2551x DX200: #2751x	IN#392	IN#391	IN#390	IN#389	IN#388	IN#387	IN#386	IN#385	Infeed
						Infeed5 Unlock Request	Infeed5 Lock Request	Infeed5 Purge	Infeed5 Pick Ready	

PLC Output Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
25	DX100: #2552x DX200: #2752x	IN#400	IN#399	IN#398	IN#397	IN#396	IN#395	IN#394	IN#393	Infeed
26	DX100: #2553x DX200: #2753x	IN#408	IN#407	IN#406	IN#405	IN#404	IN#403	IN#402	IN#401	Infeed
						Infeed6 Unlock Request	Infeed6 Lock Request	Infeed6 Purge	Infeed6 Pick Ready	
27	DX100: #2554x DX200: #2754x	IN#416	IN#415	IN#414	IN#413	IN#412	IN#411	IN#410	IN#409	Infeed
28	DX100: #2555x DX200: #2755x	IN#424	IN#423	IN#422	IN#421	IN#420	IN#419	IN#418	IN#417	Infeed
						Infeed7 Unlock Request	Infeed7 Lock Request	Infeed7 Purge	Infeed7 Pick Ready	
29	DX100: #2556x DX200: #2756x	IN#432	IN#431	IN#430	IN#429	IN#428	IN#427	IN#426	IN#425	Infeed

PLC Output Byte	Network Signal Address	Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0	Section
30	DX100: #2557x	IN#440	IN#439	IN#438	IN#437	IN#436	IN#435	IN#434	IN#433	Infeed
	DX200: #2757x					Infeed8 Unlock Request	Infeed8 Lock Request	Infeed8 Purge	Infeed8 Pick Ready	
31	DX100: #2558x	IN#448	IN#447	IN#446	IN#445	IN#444	IN#443	IN#442	IN#441	Infeed
	DX200: #2758x									
32	DX100: #2559x	IN#456	IN#455	IN#454	IN#453	IN#452	IN#451	IN#450	IN#449	Pallet Dispenser
	DX200: #2759x				Pallet Disp1 Empty Sensor	Pallet Disp1 Low Stack Sensor	Pallet Disp1 Unlock Request	Pallet Disp1 Lock Request	Pallet Disp1 Search Reset	
33	DX100: #2560x	IN#464	IN#463	IN#462	IN#461	IN#460	IN#459	IN#458	IN#457	Pallet Dispenser
	DX200: #2760x				Pallet Disp2 Empty Sensor	Pallet Disp2 Low Stack Sensor	Pallet Disp2 Unlock Request	Pallet Disp2 Lock Request	Pallet Disp2 Search Reset	
34	DX100: #2561x	IN#472	IN#471	IN#470	IN#469	IN#468	IN#467	IN#466	IN#465	Slipsheet Dispenser
	DX200: #2761x				Slipsheet Disp1 Empty Sensor	Slipsheet Disp1 Low Stack Sensor	Slipsheet Disp1 Unlock Request	Slipsheet Disp1 Lock Request	Slipsheet Disp1 Search Reset	
35	DX100: #2562x	IN#480	IN#479	IN#478	IN#477	IN#476	IN#475	IN#474	IN#473	Slipsheet Dispenser
	DX200: #2762x				Slipsheet Disp2 Empty Sensor	Slipsheet Disp2 Low Stack Sensor	Slipsheet Disp2 Unlock Request	Slipsheet Disp2 Lock Request	Slipsheet Disp2 Search Reset	

A.2 Error and Warning Lists**A.2.1 Messaging Error List**

Table A-3: Main Code

Error Code	Meaning
0	Successful
1	Transaction ID out of sync.
2	Command ID unknown
3	Command Parameter Invalid
	Subcode: Parameter #
4	Value Out-Of-Range
	Subcode: Parameter #
5	Pattern Assign Error
	Subcode: MotoPlus Application Error Code

Table A-4: Error 5: Pattern Assign Error Subcodes

Subcode	Meaning
1	ROBOT_NOT_IN_ASSIGNMENT_STATE
10	NO_PATTERN_INFORMATION_ELEMENT
11	CELLID_IN_PATTERNFILE_DOES_NOT_MATCH_CELL
12	PATTERNFILE_DOES_NOT_HAVE_ONE_STATIONS_INFORMATION
13	PATTERNFILE_NO_NUMBEROFSTATIONS
14	PATTERNFILE_INVALID_NUMBEROFSTATIONS
15	INFEED_IN_PATTERNFILE_DOES_NOT_MATCH_CELL
16	BUILDSTATION_IN_PATTERNFILE_DOES_NOT_MATCH_CELL
17	NO_INFEED_IN_PATTERNFILE
18	NO_BUILDSTATION_IN_PATTERNFILE
19	PALLETDISPENSER_IN_PATTERNFILE_DOES_NOT_MATCH_CELL
20	SLIPSHEETDISPENSER_IN_PATTERNFILE_DOES_NOT_MATCH_CELL
21	PATTERNFILE_CONTAINS_STATION_WITH_UNDEFINED_TYPE
22	ILLEGAL_PALLETDISPENSER_ID_IN_PATTERNFILE
23	ILLEGAL_SLIPSHEETDISPENSER_ID_IN_PATTERNFILE
24	INVALID_CELLID_IN_PATTERNFILE
25	PATTERNFILE_INVALID_GRIPPER
26	GRIPPERID_IN_PATTERNFILE_DOES_NOT_MATCH_CELL
27	PATTERNFILE_NOT_FOUND_OR_ILLEGAL_FORMAT
28	PATTERNFILE_HAS_ILLEGAL_FORMAT
29	PATTERNFILE_CANNOT_FIND_NUMBEROFVIRTUALGRIPPERS
30	PATTERNFILE_NUMBEROFVIRTUALGRIPPERS_IS_WRONG
31	NOT_ENOUGH_MEMORY_FOR_VGRIPPERS
32	PATTERNFILE_HAS_BAD_VIRTUALGRIPPER
33	PATTERNFILE_CONTAINS_NON_ZONE_SUBELEMENT_OF_ZONES
34	PATTERNFILE_BAD_NUMBER_OF_ZONES
35	PATTERNFILE_BAD_NUMBER_OF_GRIPAREA_IDS
36	PATTERNFILE_CONTAINS_NON_ID_SUBELEMENT_OF_GRIPAREAS

Subcode	Meaning
37	PATTERNFILE_CONTAINS_NON_ID_SUBELEMENT_OF_PARTPRESENTSENORS
38	NUMBEROFLAYERS_NOT_FOUND
39	INCORRECT_NUMBER_OF_LAYER_ELEMENTS
40	PATTERNFILE_CONTAINS_NON_LAYER_SUBELEMENT_OF_LAYERS
41	PATTERNFILE_LAYER_MUST_HAVE_TWO_SUBELEMENTS
42	PATTERNFILE_BAD_SUBELEMENT_OF_LAYER
43	NUMBEROFLAYERSTYLES_NOT_FOUND
44	INCORRECT_NUMBER_OF_LAYERSTYLE_ELEMENTS
45	PATTERNFILE_CONTAINS_NON_LAYERSTYLE_SUBELEMENT_OF_LAYERSTYLES
46	PATTERNFILE_LAYERSTYLE_MUST_HAVE_FIVE_SUBELEMENTS
47	PATTERNFILE_BAD_SUBELEMENT_OF_LAYERSTYLE
48	PATTERNFILE_CYCLE_MUST_HAVE_FOUR_SUBELEMENTS
49	PATTERNFILE_BAD_NUMBER_OF_CYCLE_ELEMENTS
50	PATTERNFILE_BAD_NUMBEROFCYCLES_ELEMENT
51	MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED
52	PATTERNFILE_PICKINFORMATION_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
53	PATTERNFILE_BAD_NUMBER_OF_PACKAGES
54	PATTERNFILE_PICKCOORDS_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
55	PATTERNFILE_PACKAGES_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
56	PATTERNFILE_PACKAGES_CONTAINS_NON_PACKAGE_SUBELEMENT
57	PATTERNFILE_PACKAGE_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
58	PATTERNFILE_PACKAGECOORDS_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
59	PATTERNFILE_PLACEMENTINFO_MUST_HAVE_TWO_SUBELEMENTS
60	PATTERNFILE_INVALID_NUMBEROFPLACEMENTS
61	PATTERNFILE_PLACEMENTS_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
62	PATTERNFILE_NONPLACEMENT_SUBELEMENT_OF_PLACEMENTS
63	PATTERNFILE_PLACEMENT_MUST_HAVE_FIVE_SUBELEMENTS
64	PATTERNFILE_PLACEMENTCOORDS_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
65	PATTERNFILE_APPROACHVECTOR_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
66	PATTERNFILE_BAD_BUILDSTATIONID_VALUE
67	INCORRECT_NUMBER_OF_PACKAGESINFORMATION_ELEMENTS
68	PATTERNFILE_NO_NUMBEROFPACKAGES
69	PATTERNFILE_INVALID_NUMBEROFPACKAGES
70	PATTERNFILE_CANT_FIND_VGRIPPER
71	PROBLEM_WRITING_TO_JBI_FILE
72	BAD_SYSTEM_TIME
73	UNABLE_TO_GET_MAXLINEARSPEED
74	UNABLE_TO_GET_XMLFILE_INFO
75	UNABLE_TO_DELETE_JBI_FILE
76	UNABLE_TO_WRITE_STATIC_PART_OF_JBI_FILE
77	UNABLE_TO_WRITE_1ST_PART_OF_JBI_FILE
78	UNABLE_TO_WRITE_2ND_PART_OF_JBI_FILE
79	UNABLE_TO_WRITE_3RD_PART_OF_JBI_FILE
80	UNABLE_TO_WRITE_4TH_PART_OF_JBI_FILE
81	UNABLE_TO_WRITE_5TH_PART_OF_JBI_FILE
82	UNABLE_TO_WRITE_END_PART_OF_JBI_FILE

Subcode	Meaning
83	UNABLE_TO_READ_PATTERNFILE
84	UNABLE_TO_GET_REMOTE_PATTERNFILE_SIZE
85	PATTERNFILE_NOT_ENOUGH_MEMORY
86	BUILD_NOT_DONE
87	BUILD_NOT_LOCKED
88	NON_ORTHOGONAL_PACKAGE_ORIENTATION
89	PATTERNFILE_CANT_FIND_PACKAGE_LAYERSTYLE
90	UNABLE_TO_CREATE_JOB_FILE
91	INFEEDSTATIONID_IS_ALREADY_IN_USE
92	UNABLE_TO_LOAD_JOB_FILE
93	PATTERNFILE_BAD_NUMBER_OF_ROWS
94	PATTERNFILE_ROWS_CONTAINS_NON_ROW_SUBELEMENT
95	PATTERNFILE_ROW_BAD_NUMBER_OF_SUBELEMENTS
96	PATTERNFILE_BAD_ROWPACKAGEINDEX
100	UNABLE_TO_READ_VARIABLE_FROM_CONTROLLER
101	UNABLE_TO_READ_IO_FROM_CONTROLLER

A.2.2 Job Warning List

Table A-5: Job Warning List

Warning Code	Warning Parameter	Meaning	Remedy
0	0	No Warning	
1	Infeed Station ID	Requested Pick Quantity Mismatch: The number of boxes set on the infeed doesn't match the number of boxes requested by the system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove the boxes from the infeed and then clear the box count echo. - Unlock the station after correcting the issue.
2	Build Station ID	Pallet Present signal is missing: The system is attempting to place packages on a build station that doesn't have a pallet in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check that a pallet is on the build station. - Check that the pallet present sensor is operating properly. - Unlock the station after correcting the issue.
3	Build Station ID	Pallet is already present: The system is attempting to place the bottom pallet on a build station but the pallet present signal is indicating that a pallet is already present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Removethepalletonthebuildstation. - Check that the pallet present sensor is operating properly. - Unlock the station after correcting the issue.
4	Infeed Station ID	Infeed Station Not Ready: The planner sent the robot at the infeed but once the robot got to the infeed the station is not ready for the pick.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set the Pick Ready signal for the Infeed. - Select to Ignore (Error Response Ignore), Retry (Error Response Retry) or Abort (Error Response Abort).
5	0	Home Position Is Not In Home Cube: The robot moved to the home position but the I/O signal indicating that the robot is in the Home Cube didn't turn on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verify Home Position - Verify Home Cube (64) Definition
6	Build Station ID	Motion vs Planning Mismatch: The planned <u>pick</u> cycle doesn't match the build station current state.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This situation will automatically be recovered by resetting the motion and planner. - This warning should not occur under normal operations. If it does, please report it to YASKAWA technical support.

Warning Code	Warning Parameter	Meaning	Remedy
7	Build Station ID	Motion vs Planning Mismatch: The planned <u>place</u> cycle doesn't match the build station current state.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This situation will automatically be recovered by resetting the motion and planner. - This warning should not occur under normal operations. If it does, please report it to YASKAWA technical support.
8	Build Station ID	Zero Height Layer: The pattern is adding a layer that no handled by the robot and has a height of zero.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the system is not using pallets and a virtual pallet of height 0 is used only to define the palletizing area, then remove this check from the USER_AUTO_DISPENSER job. - Check the product definition in the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool and make sure that the proper height has been entered.
9	Build Station ID	"Layer Verified Confirmed" Signal is already ON before the "Verify Layer Request" has been set.	Turn off the "Layer Verified Confirmed" signal of the specified build station.
10	0	Ready Position Is Not In Ready Cube: The robot moved to the ready position but the I/O signal indicating that the robot is in the Ready Cube didn't turn on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verify Ready Position - Verify Ready Cube (1) Definition
11	0	No Schedule Mode Selected: A valid schedule mode hasn't been assigned.	Select a valid schedule mode.
12	Infeed Station ID	No Ratio Set: In Ratio sequencing mode, none of the station have a ratio assigned to it.	Assign a ratio to at least one of the station.
13	Infeed Station ID	PLC Selected Station Doesn't Exist: In PLC sequencing mode, the PLC is requesting a station that doesn't exist for the next pick cycle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verify PLC sequencing program. - Verify PLC sequence handshaking I/O signals. - Verify cell setup station configuration.
14	Infeed Station ID	PLC Selected Station is Locked: In PLC sequencing mode, the PLC is requesting a station that is currently locked for the next pick cycle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unlock the requested station if conditions permit. - Have the PLC select a different station - Verify PLC sequencing program.
15	Infeed Station ID	PLC Selected Station is Not Ready: In PLC sequencing mode, the PLC is requesting an infeed station associated with a build station that isn't ready.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check infeed associated build station status. - Have the PLC select a different station - Verify PLC sequencing program.
16	Infeed Station ID	PLC Selected Station is Invalid: In PLC sequencing mode, the PLC is requesting a station number that isn't valid. Station number should be between 0 and 8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verify PLC sequencing program. - Verify PLC sequence handshaking I/O signals.
17	Infeed Station ID	Can't set PLC Selected Station because next box request is not set.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verify that the Pick Ready signal when the Pick Request turns off. - Verify PLC sequencing program. - Verify PLC sequence handshaking I/O signals
20	Build Station ID	PatternFile Build Station ID Mismatch: The build station ID in the pattern file doesn't match assigned build station ID.	Use the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool to generate the Pattern for the correct build station.
21	Build Station ID	Pattern File Infeed Station Already Assigned: The pattern file is defining two infeeds for the same build station.	Use the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool to generate the Pattern using a single infeed station.
22	Build Station ID	Pattern File Infeed Station Already In Use: The infeed station identified in the pattern file is already being used by another build station.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unassign the other build station currently using the desired infeed. - Assign a different pattern file that uses an infeed currently available.

Warning Code	Warning Parameter	Meaning	Remedy
23	Build Station ID	Pattern File Too Many Dispenser: The pattern file is defining more than two pallet dispensers or two slipsheet dispensers.	Use the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool to generate the Pattern using a maximum of two dispensers of each type.
24	Build Station ID	Pattern File Invalid Station Type: The pattern file is defining a station type that is not supported by this system.	Use the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool to generate the Pattern using supported station types.
25	Build Station ID	Pattern File Undefined Infeed Station: The pattern file is not defining the infeed station.	Use the PalletSolver - PC Pattern Generation Tool to generate the Pattern using one infeed station.
26	Build Station ID	Invalid Pallet Height: The define pallet height for the auto dispensing has a height of 0 or smaller.	- Verify the Pallet height defined in the PalletSolver - PC application.
30	Sensor ID	Pick/Place Error: The specified sensor ID did not detect the package presence.	- Confirm product present or put product in position. - Select to Ignore (Error Response Ignore), Retry (Error Response Retry) or Abort (Error Response Abort).
31	Infeed Station ID	Package Too Larger for Clamp Gripper: The package width on the infeed is larger than the clamp gripper maximum opening.	- Verify product selection. - Verify gripper definition in Setup application. - Change product.
32	Infeed Station ID	Pick/Place Error: Waiting for gripper open confirmation	- Check the gripper open sensor signal - Verify gripper mapping in Concurrent I/O program.
33	Infeed Station ID	Pick/Place Error: Waiting for gripper close confirmation	- Check the gripper close sensor signal - Verify gripper mapping in Concurrent I/O program.
34	Pallet Dispenser Station ID	Pick/Place Error: The pallet present sensor on the gripper did not detect the pallet presence.	- Confirm product present or put product in position. - Select to Ignore (Error Response Ignore), Retry (Error Response Retry) or Abort (Error Response Abort).
35	Slipsheet Dispenser Station ID	Pick/Place Error: The slipsheet present sensor on the gripper didn't detect the slipsheet presence.	- Confirm product present or put product in position. - Select to Ignore (Error Response Ignore), Retry (Error Response Retry) or Abort (Error Response Abort).
36	Build Station ID	XY Approach Above Maximum: XY Approach Vector is larger than the validated maximum approach vector defined by the pattern file.	- Reduce approach vector setting in the USER_ADJUSTMENT job. - Increase the maximum approach vector of the pattern using the PalletSolver-PC Pattern Generation Tool software.
37	0	Gripper has packages that need to be removed but the reject station is locked.	- Unlock the reject station - Manually remove the package from the gripper
38	Build Station ID	Pick/Place Error: Place cycle was interrupted before completing.	Send Abort signal for the specified build station.
39	Build Station ID	Pick/Place Error: Error cannot be ignored or retried.	Send Abort signal for the specified build station.

A.2.3 Controller Error and Warning List

Table A-6: Controller User Warning List

Job Warning Code	Meaning
9064	FIELD BUS HEARTBEAT FAILURE: Communication between the controller and the PLC was lost.
9065	SYSTEM STATE JOB HEARTBEAT FAILURE: The PalletSolver SYSTEM_STATE_MACHINE system jobs is either not set to run automatically on start-up or an alarm caused it to stop. Check proper setting and cycle power to restart the system jobs. NOTE: Setting the job cycle mode to "STEP" will stop the continuous execution of the system jobs. To resume execution, return to normal "CYCLE" mode and restart the system job manually or by cycling power to the controller.
9066	MOTOPLUS IMPORT APP. FAILURE: The MotoPlus application that is used to import and assign pattern files is either not installed or has stopped running. Check proper setting and cycle power to restart the application.
9067	SYSTEM PLC JOB HEARTBEAT FAIL: The PalletSolver SYSTEM_PLC_MESSAGING system job is either not set to run automatically on start-up or an alarm caused it to stop. Check proper setting and cycle power to restart the system jobs. NOTE: Setting the job cycle mode to "STEP" will stop the continuous execution of the system jobs. To resume execution, return to normal "CYCLE" mode and restart the system job manually or by cycling power to the controller.



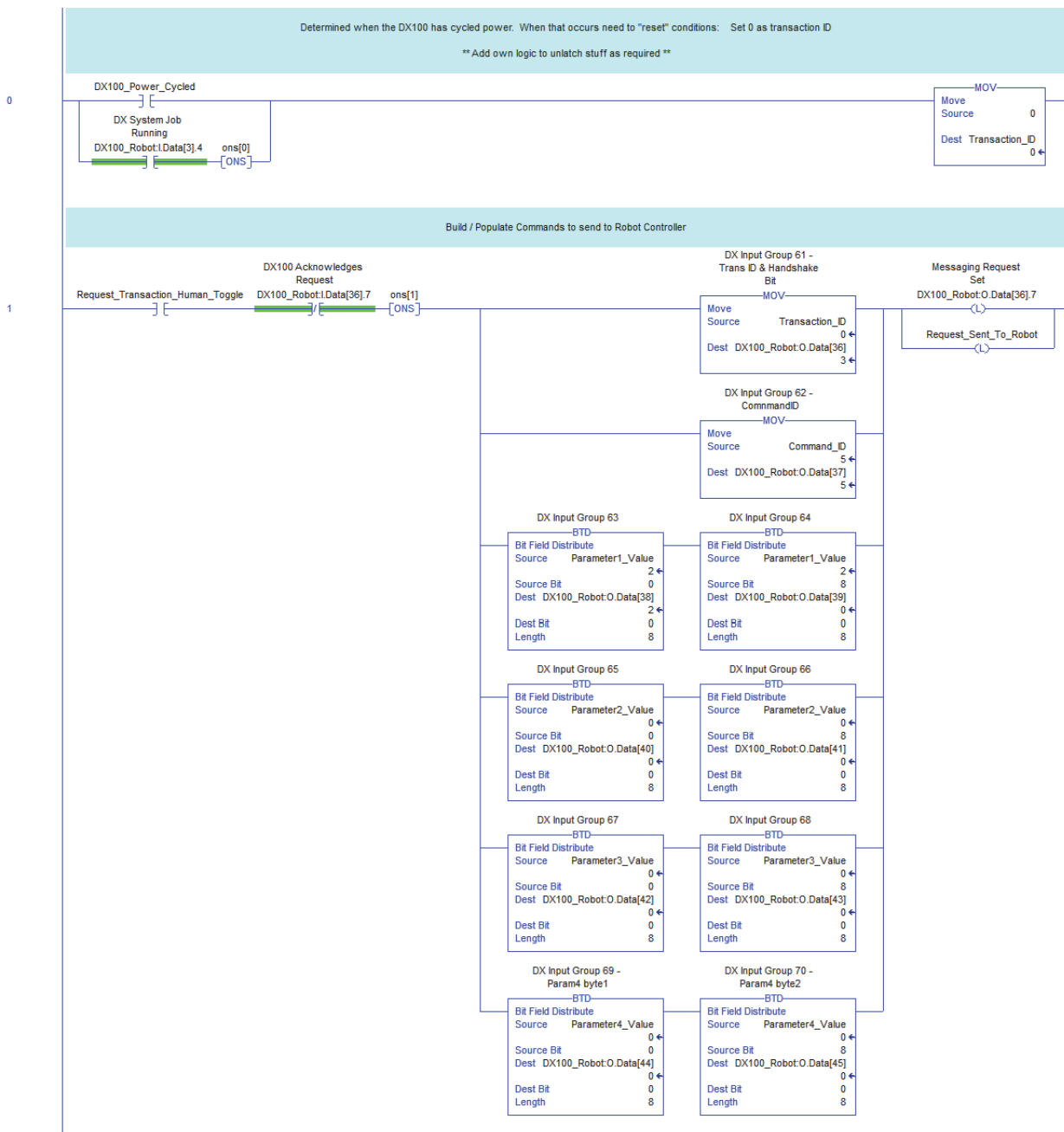
For the complete list of the controller standard error and Job Warning lists please refer to the appropriate Controller Maintenance Manual.

A.3 PLC Messaging Example

There are various message communication formats described earlier in section 7.3 of this manual. This section shows two examples of how to create or implement the ladder logic within the Rockwell software environment. The approach can easily be ported to other PLC manufacturers. The two examples below is not intended to capture all available messaging formats.

A.3.1 Example: Get Sequencing Mode (Command 5)

This approach uses four 16-bit data types to hold the data, prior to sending it to the robot controller over EtherNet/IP. The data received from the robot controller is also stored in three, 16-bit data types.



Appendix A
A.3 PLC Messaging Example

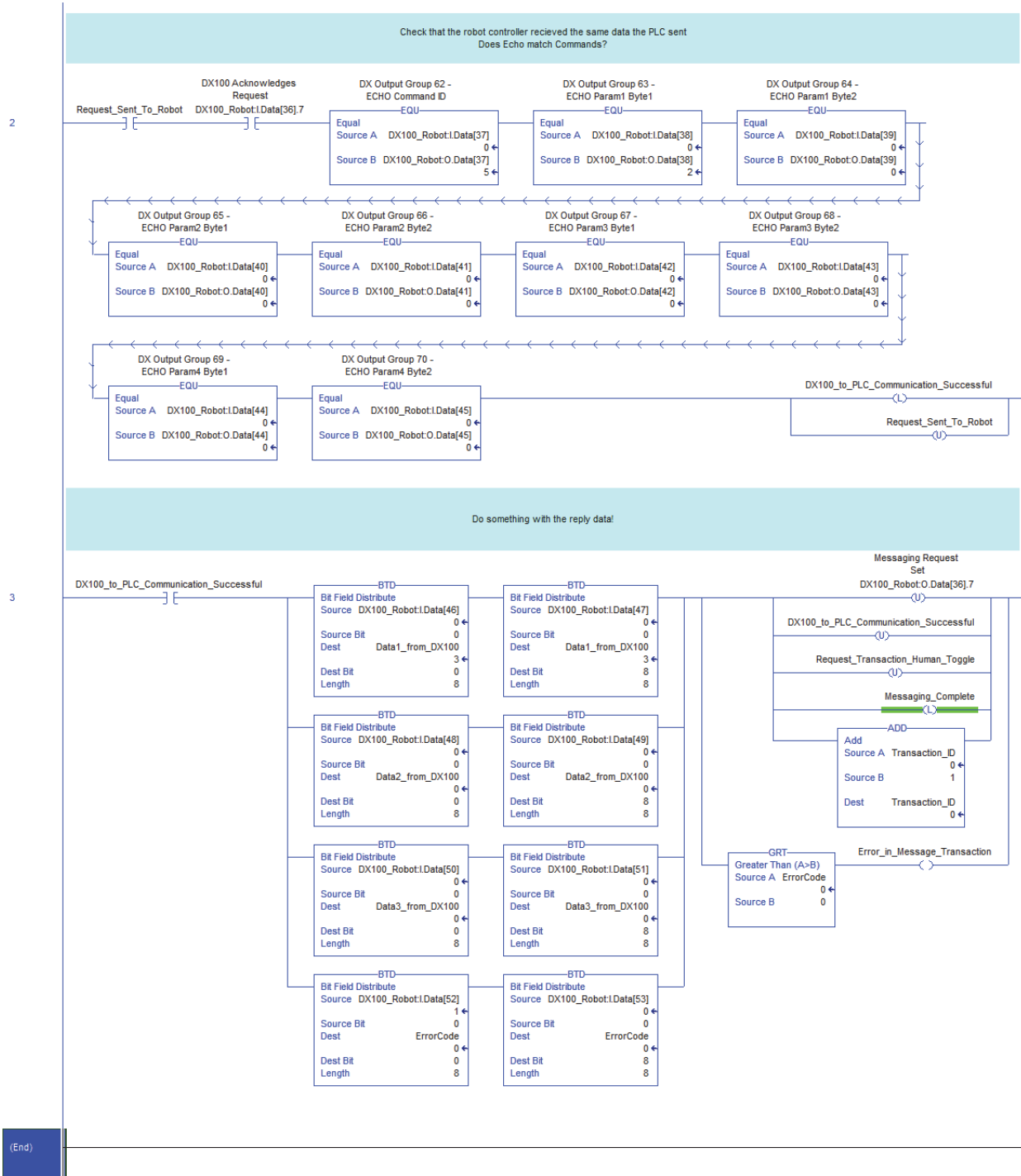
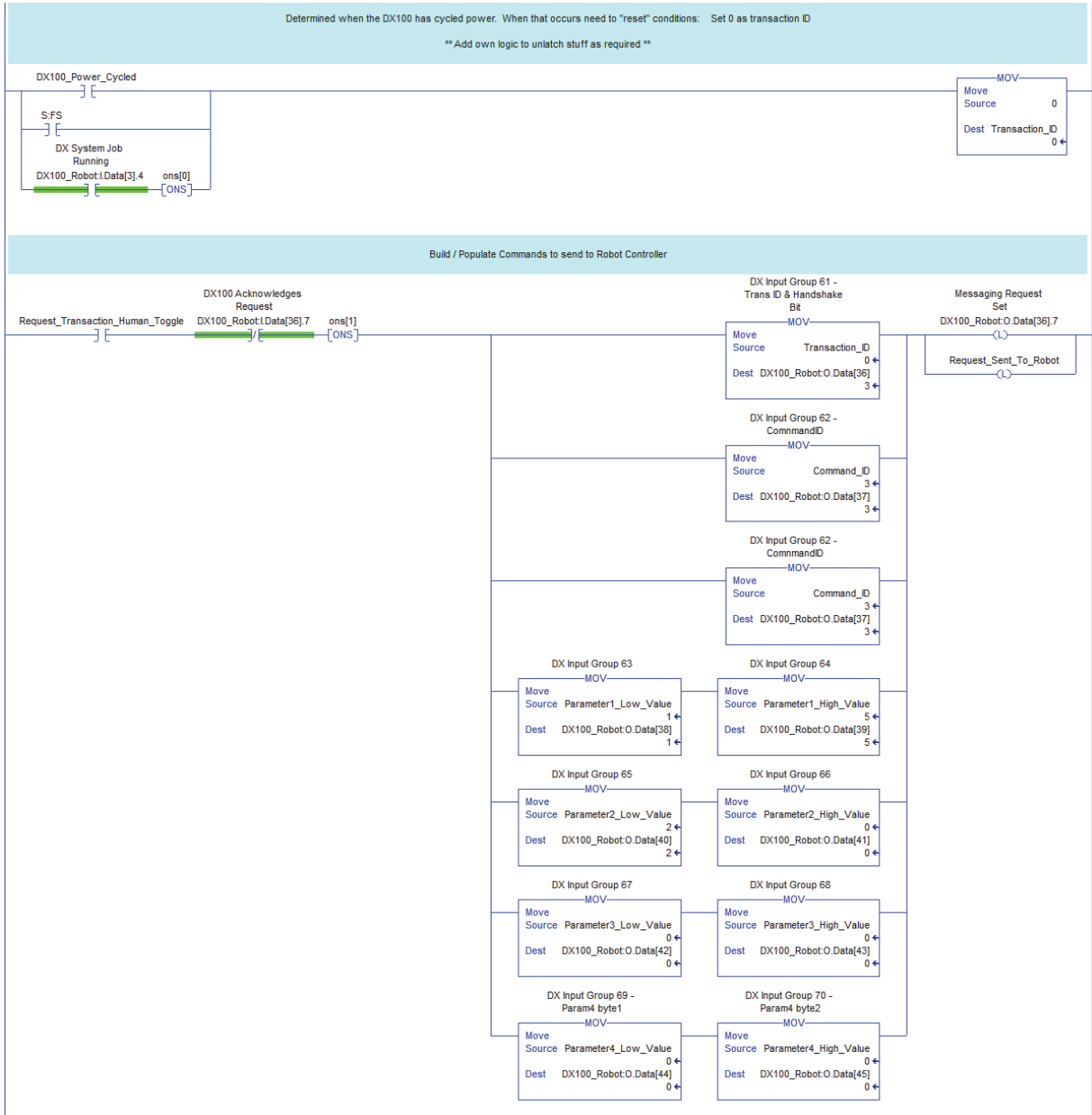


Table A-7: Variable / Type Definition for Ladder Segment Above

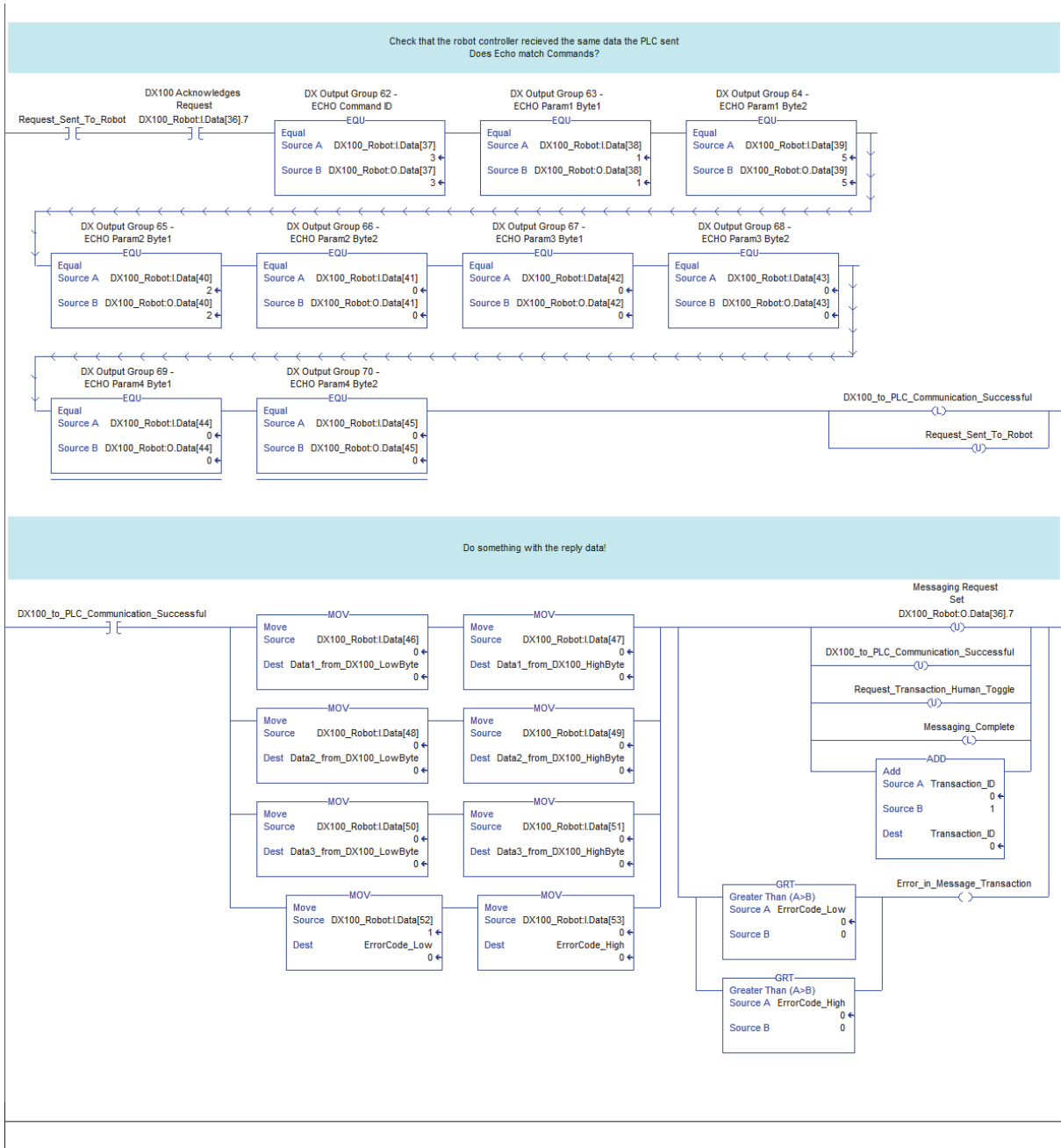
Variable Name	Data Type	Bit
Transaction_ID	SINT	(8 bit)
Command_ID	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter1_Value	INT	(16 bit)
Parameter2_Value	INT	(16 bit)
Parameter3_Value	INT	(16 bit)
Parameter4_Value	INT	(16 bit)
Data1_from_DX100	INT	(16 bit)
Data2_from_DX100	INT	(16 bit)
Data3_from_DX100	INT	(16 bit)
ErrorCode	INT	(16 bit)

A.3.2 Example: Request Build Pattern Associated Station Info (Command 3)

This approach uses eight 8-bit data types to hold the data, prior to sending it to the robot controller over EtherNet/IP. The data received from the robot controller is also stored in six, 8-bit data types. In this approach, the Error Code data is also broken up into 2 variables for easier analysis.



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Table A-8: Variable / Type Definition for Ladder Segment

Variable Name	Data Type	Bit
Transaction_ID	SINT	(8 bit)
Command_ID	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter1_Low_Value	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter1_High_Value	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter2_Low_Value	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter2_High_Value	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter3_Low_Value	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter3_High_Value	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter4_Low_Value	SINT	(8 bit)
Parameter4_High_Value	SINT	(8 bit)
Data1_from_DX100_LowByte	SINT	(8 bit)
Data1_from_DX100_HighByte	SINT	(8 bit)
Data2_from_DX100_LowByte	SINT	(8 bit)
Data2_from_DX100_HighByte	SINT	(8 bit)
Data3_from_DX100_LowByte	SINT	(8 bit)
Data3_from_DX100_HighByte	SINT	(8 bit)
ErrorCode_Low	SINT	(8 bit)
ErrorCode_High	SINT	(8 bit)



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