



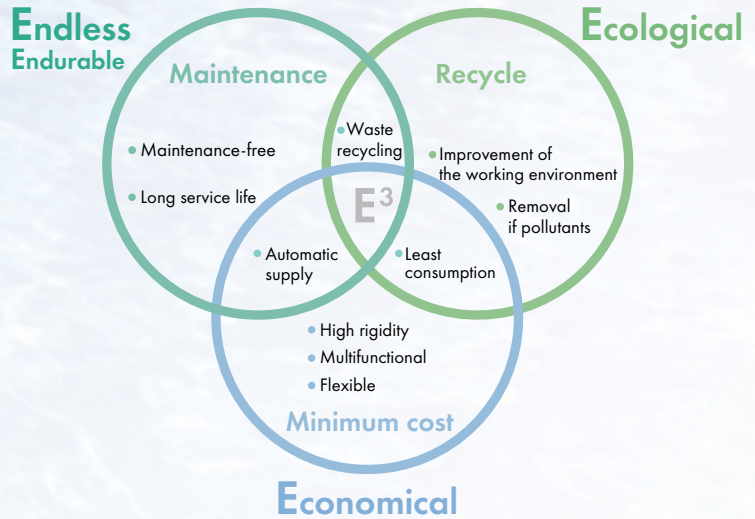
ISO 14001 Certificate

The THK Group regards care for the global environment as an important management issue. We fully recognize that our responsibility to society entails specific environmental protection actions. For this reason, we have set environmental targets, covering all aspects of our operations, enabling us to accurately grasp the impact our products and services have on the environment. We also have established Group-wide environmental standards to step up our compliance system and work for environmental management. We place ongoing emphasis on saving resources and recycling, with particular focus on cutting and

reusing waste on the manufacturing side. Practically four out of our five facilities have obtained ISO 14001 certificate for environmental management systems. One plant in Gifu prefecture of Japan is applying for it, too. Together with our business partners and other companies, we are promoting harmonious coexistence with local communities. In unison with our communities, we are working to foster a stronger environmental awareness. Going forward, we will improve information-sharing throughout the Group and appropriately disclose information in an effort to better protect the environment.

Against rising concern over global environmental problems, the needs of processing machinery to be further energy saving and long-term maintenance-free are increasing at manufacturing premises. THK provides “Liner guides friendly environment” concept, called “E<sup>3</sup> (Cubic E)”, for these demands.

“E<sup>3</sup>” refers to “Ecological” (Human and earth friendly technologies), “Economical” (High performance at a low cost), and “Endless” (Long service life).



This environmental concept was symbolized in “LM Guide with Caged Ball™ Technology” commercialized in 1996. Our Caged Ball™ LM Guides feature low noise and low vibration and high resistance to ash and dust, which contribute to improve the work environment. Moreover, the high-speed performance requires no maintenance for long periods of time, and the materials used in the products and manufacturing process less damaging to the environment, which are highly esteemed by our users.



LM Guide with Caged Ball™ Technology