Support for Heavy-Load / Floor Seismic Isolation

Seismic Isolation Module
Model TGS

To help ensure business continuity when earthquakes strike
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Seismic isolation is now available for the entire floor.
The TGS provides the support, recovery, and damping functions required for effective seismic isolation, delivered in a compact module: 500mm (w) x 500mm (d) x 100mm (h). Its lightweight die-cast aluminum frame enables high-precision motion.

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Seismic response analysis, which takes into account factors such as setup location, load weight, and anticipated seismic vibrations, makes it possible to deliver optimal seismic isolation with the TGS.

Seismic response analysis and shaking test results

Unbalanced-load test

Seismic wave used: Taft 1952 (EW), generated at 4:52 a.m., July 21, 1952. Magnitude 7.7. Standardized wave, based on 50cm per sec.

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The dimensions of TGS modules match those of standard 500mm x 500mm floor panels, making it easy to provide seismic isolation for flooring in server rooms, operation centers, and other locations housing vital equipment. Their low 100 mm height makes them suitable for use older in buildings with lower ceilings.

Core technology:

THK LM Guides, the Seismic Isolation Module’s core component, turn linear motion into rolling motion, reducing friction resistance and deftly deflecting earthquake tremors. Since its introduction in 1972, the LM Guide has radically improved the capabilities of mechatronics devices and is now employed around the world as the de facto standard for manufacturing equipment and machine tools.

Optimal seismic isolation

Resists twisting

Broad versatility
Seismic Isolation Module Model TGS
Technical Data

Structure

Frame
Made of die-cast aluminum for light weight and precision motion.

Pulley
The module’s motion is transmitted to the damper using a timing belt.

Disk damper
Seismic energy is damped by viscous material incorporated into the lower section of the pulley.

LM Guide
The incorporation of crossed LM Guides enables the module to glide back and forth and side to side, deflecting earthquake vibrations.

Tension spring
Returns the frame, which shifts in response to seismic vibrations, to its original position.

Module Types

Bearing module
- Supports the load.
- Recovery and damping functions can be adjusted to suit location and load weight.

Linking module
- Connects bearing modules.

Module Sample configuration
Easy to connect. Surface structure ensures high rigidity.

THK’s patented Model TGS Seismic Isolation Module

Test
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**Horizontal acceleration**

833 cm/s² → 150 cm/s² (about one-sixth of input)

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Scenarios for seismically isolated floors

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Seismic isolation just where it's needed

Seismically isolated server computers at fire department headquarters

- 9 pairs of TGS modules
- Steel plate mounted on steel frame (optional)

Complete setup

TGS modules

Server

Opening for wiring

Mortar used to balance the module on an uneven surface

1,550
2,050

Weight: 2 tons

TGS: 12-module configuration (3 x 4)
Seismically isolated semiconductor manufacturing equipment

TGS modules

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Safety precautions

Use of Seismic Isolation Modules
• Please read the instruction manual carefully before using the Seismic Isolation Module.
• Do not dismantle or attempt to modify the Seismic Isolation Module. Any such action could cause the product to malfunction.
• Seismic Isolation Modules are designed for indoor use only.

Setup
• To prevent the possibility of injury during an earthquake, make sure there are no objects within the product’s range of motion (the maximum displacement stated in the catalog) and that all personnel stay clear as well.
• To ensure proper performance, make sure the load is within the weight range stated in the catalog. Do not load the product with any object that has a high center of gravity or that would topple if pushed.
• For proper seismic isolation, the product must be placed on a level, even surface; placement on a slanted or uneven surface could cause misalignment, undue strain or irregular movement. When dealing with slanted or uneven surfaces, please obtain professional assistance or consult your local distributor.

In the event of an earthquake
• If a seismic tremor occurs, move away from Seismic Isolation Modules immediately to prevent any possibility of injury through accidental contact with a moving module.
• If an earthquake of intensity-level 6 or greater (on the Japanese scale) occurs, review the post-setup checklist in the instruction manual following the earthquake and follow the directions provided.

Warranty

(1) This product is designed to attenuate horizontal seismic motion; it is not intended to be effective against vertical seismic motion. This product will reduce the effect of tremors on an object loaded onto it, but there is no guarantee that the object will not move or topple.

(2) In the event of seismic motion stronger than this product is designed to absorb, the modules can be expected to strike the stopper, exerting an impact on any object atop the modules.

Warranty period
The warranty period is one year from the date of delivery.

Scope of warranty
This warranty covers repairs to or replacement of a Seismic Isolation Module. It does not cover accidental damage, loss of business profits, interruption of business activities, loss or alteration of data, or the like, arising from the use of this product or due to the product being out of service.

Disclaimer
THK is not liable for any Seismic Isolation Module malfunction arising from any of the following:
• Tsunami, lightning, flooding, fire, or another such accident or disaster.
• Damage to or collapse of a building due to an earthquake.
• Damage caused by the actions of a third party, intentional or unintentional misuse of the product by the customer, or use of the product under abnormal conditions.
• Loading of an object that is not within the load weight range stated in the product specifications.
• Seismic input exceeding the product capacity stated in the specifications or input exceeding the maximum displacement stated in the specifications.
• Damage to an object located within range of maximum displacement or caused by the presence of an object that obstructs the product’s movement.
• Loading of an object that does not conform to the stated restrictions concerning loads.
• Placement or setup of a Seismic Isolation Module other than in conformity with the instructions for correct placement and setup set forth in the instruction manual.

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