

Theoretical Study of Contact Angles of a Linear Guideway

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Summary

The contact angle affects the life and accuracy of a linear guideway. In this study, the factors which effect the angle of contact angle of linear guideway includes contact deformation of balls and grooves, downward load, ball diameter, number of load-carrying balls, number of load-carrying rows and conformity. A theoretical approach for finding the contact angle changed of linear guideway is proposed by using Hertzian theory and Lundberg/Palmgren approach. The results are useful for modification of loading capability of linear guideway under load and different preload setting.

