

## **Rail Brake**

**RB15, RB20, RB25, RB30, RB35, and RB45**

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**Read this manual carefully before installation and operation.**

**Follow Nexen's instructions and integrate this unit into your system with care.**

**This unit should be installed, operated and maintained by qualified personnel ONLY.**

**Improper installation can damage your system or cause injury or death.**

**Comply with all applicable codes.**

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## INSTALLATION

### REQUIRED TOOLS

- Clean, pressurized air
- Mounting bolts and appropriate wrench  
(See Table 1)

### Accessories

- 4 mm [5/32 inch] soft air tubing
- Air valve
- Quick exhaust valve (optional)

### AIR PREPARATION

**NOTE:** Nexen's Rail Brake units require clean, pressure-regulated air to maintain product function. Lubricated air may be used, but it is not required. The seals in all Nexen Rail Brakes are lubricated at the factory to ensure optimal performance and a long product life.



### WARNING

While the lubricated air will keep the seals well lubricated, it may wash away the factory applied lubrication over time. For this reason, once lubricated air is used with a Nexen Rail Brake, it must always be used. Discontinuing use of lubricated air may cause seal failure.

The most effective and economical way to lubricate Nexen Rail Brakes is with an Air Line Lubricator, which injects oil into the pressurized air, forcing an oil mist into the air chamber.

Synthetic lubricants are not recommended.

### AIR CONNECTIONS



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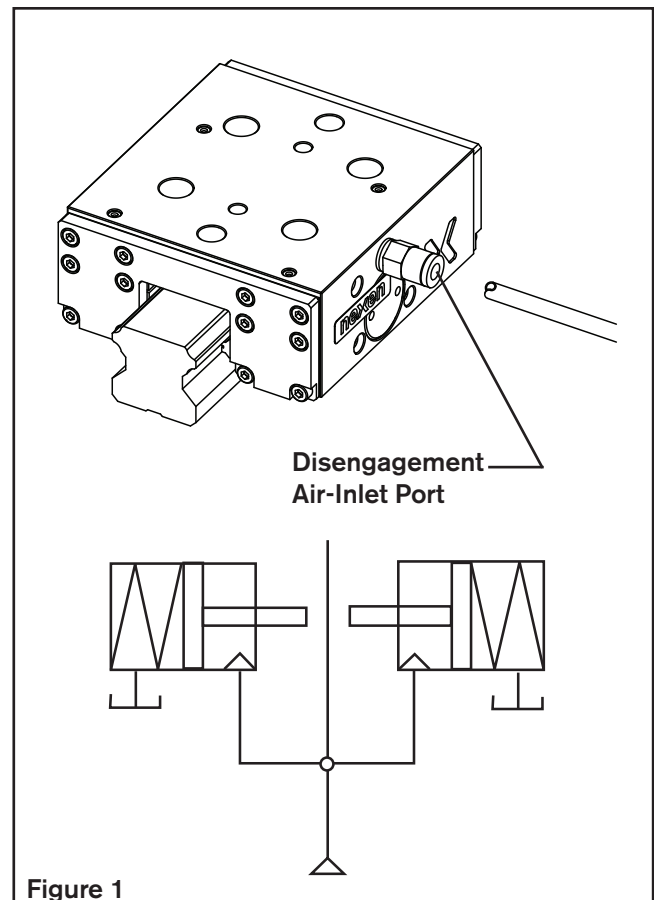
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The Rail Brake is equipped with one air inlet port used to disengage the brake (Refer to Figure 1 for location).

**NOTE:** Clean air is important for proper Rail Brake functioning. Debris inside the Rail Brake may inhibit performance and/or decrease product life.

1. Route clean air to the Rail Brake using soft lines. Supply adequate air pressure to ensure complete disengagement.

**NOTE:** For faster engagement and disengagement, install the valve close to the Rail Brake. Increasing air pressures will also speed the disengagement time, but do not exceed 6.9 bar [100 psi] air pressure.



## MOUNTING ON A RAIL

**IMPORTANT!**  
CAREFULLY FOLLOW STEPS 1 - 4 TO ENSURE A  
SUCCESSFUL RAIL BRAKE INSTALLATION.

1. **SPRING-ENGAGED MODELS ONLY.** Apply air pressure to disengage the Rail Brake.

**NOTE:** Rail Brake must be disengaged with a minimum of 80 psi before mounting on a rail. (Refer to AIR CONNECTIONS for details).

2. **AIR-ENGAGED AND SPRING-ENGAGED RAIL BRAKES.** Slide the Rail Brake onto the end of the rail, "X"-end first. Orient the air inlet opposite of the rail mounting shoulder. Position the Rail Brake close to its final mounting position (Refer to Figure 2).

**IMPORTANT!**  
The Rail Brake does not have internal bearings, so it must be tied into a linear bearing system.

**IMPORTANT!**  
Align both the Rail Brake and linear bearing to the same reference edge on the mounting plate to ensure accurate positioning of the brake to the rail. Positioning is critical to ensure a brake facing to rail clearance of 0.002 - 0.003 inches. Use the linear rail manufacturer's mounting procedures for rail guide systems to produce the accuracy necessary for optimum performance.

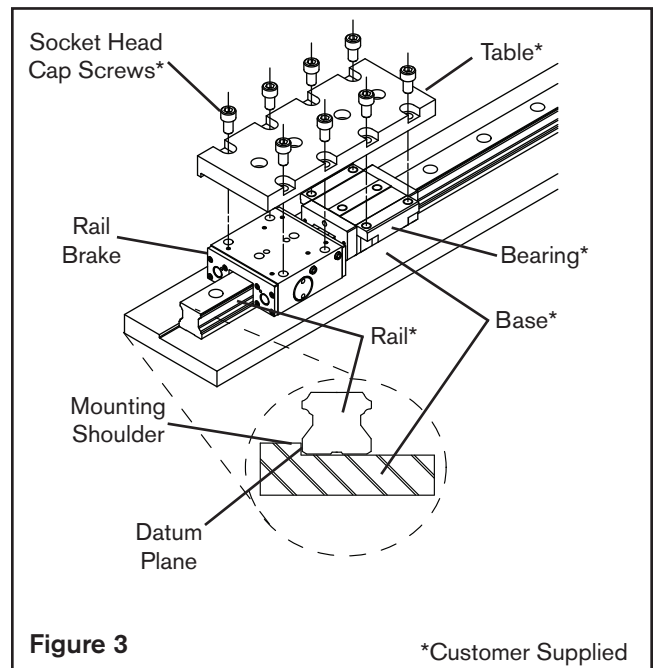
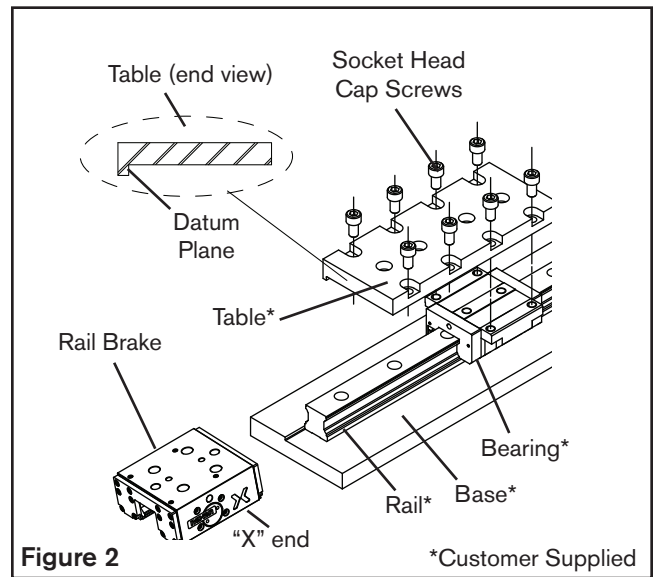
3. Engage the rail brake to the rail.

- **AIR-ENGAGED BRAKES:** Install an even amount of shims between the rail and the brake facing, and apply 80 psi air pressure to the air inlet. The shim stock will be in the 0.002 - 0.004 inch range.

- **SPRING-ENGAGED BRAKES:** Release the air pressure to engage the brake on the rail.

4. Fasten the customer supplied mounting (transition) plate to the rail brake and the linear bearing using customer standard socket head cap screws. (Refer to Table 1 for cap screw sizes) (Refer to Figure 3 for mounting configuration).

**IMPORTANT!**  
The rail brake must be engaged on the rail during the installation of the mounting plate.



**Table 1**

Model	Socket Head Cap Screw <sup>1</sup> Size
RB15	M5 x 0.8
RB20	M6 x 1.0
RB25	M8 x 1.25
RB30	M10 x 1.5
RB35	M10 x 1.5
RB45	M12 x 1.75

<sup>1</sup>Important: Do not use flat-head screws for this installation.

## FRICTION FACING GAP ADJUSTMENT

Friction Facing Gap Adjustment may not be necessary in all instances. Gap is factory set to accommodate standard rail sizes. Before adjusting the gap, try sliding the Rail Brake onto the rail, "X" end first. If the fit is too tight, follow the adjustment steps below.

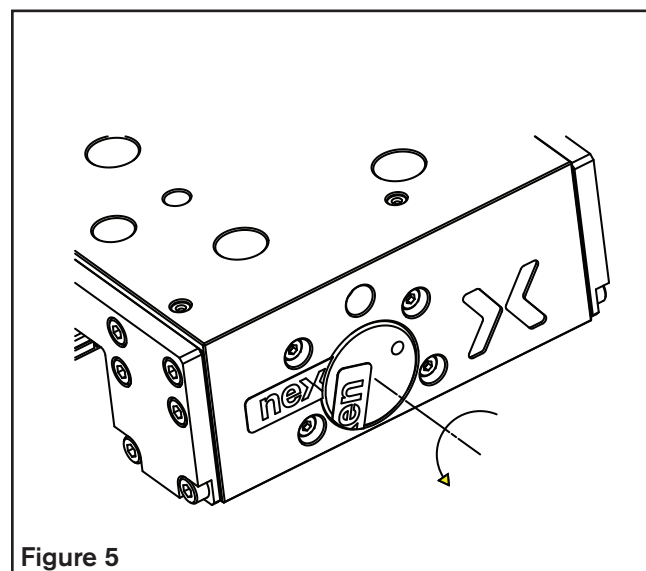
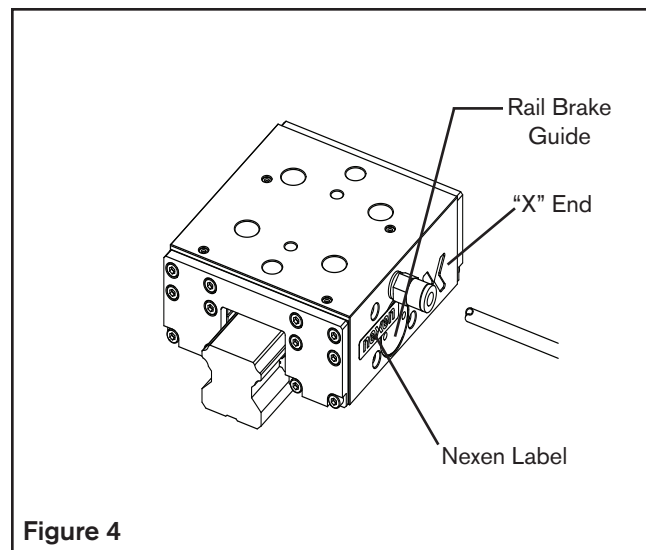
**NOTE: To achieve its high force, the Rail Brake must maintain a close fit with the sides of the rail (0.002"-0.003"). The Rail Brake should have a sliding fit with the rail. A small amount of drag should be expected.**

Rail Brake Guides are threaded into the Housing and are restricted from rotating by a Nexen label that goes between the Housing and the Guide (Refer to Figure 4).

1. Apply air pressure to disengage the Rail Brake.
2. Cut the label between the Housing and the Guide using a straight edge. Leave the label in place so it can act as a reference to the original position of the Guide.
3. Adjust the position of the facing by turning the Guides on each side of the Housing counterclockwise to back the Guides out of the Housing (Refer to Figure 5).

A quarter turn should be sufficient to widen the friction facing gap enough for the Rail Brake to side onto the rail.

4. Slide the Rail Brake onto the rail. Position the Rail Brake close to its final mounting position (Refer to Figure 2).
5. Release the air pressure to center the brake on the rail.
6. Using customer supplied bolts, fasten the customer supplied mounting plate to the Rail Brake and rail bearing (Refer to Table 1 for Bolt Sizes) (Refer to Figure 3).
7. Apply 80 psi air pressure to the brake.
8. Turn the Guides on each side of the Housing to achieve a .002" to .003" clearance between the rail and the brake facing.



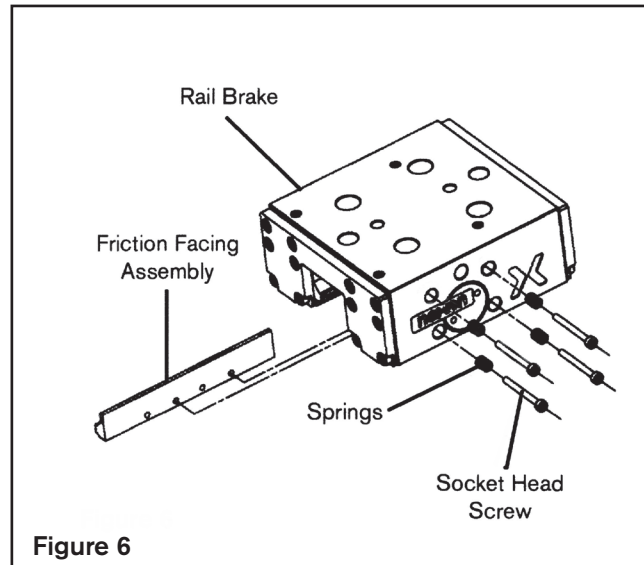
## FRICION FACING REPLACEMENT



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**Support the load before disengaging the Rail Brake. Failure to support the load may result in serious injury or death.**

1. With the load supported, remove the customer supplied socket head cap screws from the Rail Brake to free it from the plate/bearing assembly.
2. Apply air pressure to disengage the Rail Brake.
3. Slide the Rail Brake off the rail.
4. Using an Allen wrench, remove the socket head screws and springs that fasten each Friction Facing to the Rail Brake and discard the old Friction Facing (Refer to Figure 6).
5. Apply a thread locking compound to the socket head screws.
6. Position the new Friction Facings on the Rail Brake and hand-tighten the socket screws.
7. Follow the instructions in the INSTALLATION section to reinstall the Rail Brake.



**Figure 6**

## SERVICE RESTRICTIONS

**NOTE:** The Rail Brake assembly is designed for extended service life. Due to this long product life, stored spring energy, and the complexity of the internal components, Nexen recommends that all service be performed by trained personnel.

**Do not attempt to remove or dismantle any part of the Rail Brake assembly. This product is spring loaded and under pressure. If the product malfunctions, replace the unit or contact Nexen.**

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