

User Manual: NexBot Drives 642-002 Ceiling Or Wall Robot Mount

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1. Safety Information

READ ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE OPERATION. Failure to follow safety procedures may result in serious injury or equipment damage.

DANGER: Failure to use a mounting surface certified by a structural engineer can result in catastrophic failure of the mount, leading to falling equipment, severe injury, or death.

WARNING: The NexBot Drives 642-002 Ceiling Or Wall Robot Mount weighs 45.5 kg. Always use certified mechanical lifting equipment for handling and installation. Attempting to lift manually can cause serious personal injury.

WARNING: Never exceed the maximum payload capacity of the robot or the load rating of the mount. Dynamic forces during high-speed operation can significantly increase the effective load.

CAUTION: Use only manufacturer-specified, high-tensile strength bolts for securing the robot to the mount. Using incorrect hardware may lead to loosening and robot position failure over time.

NOTICE: The powder-coated finish is for corrosion resistance. If the coating is scratched or damaged, touch it up with a suitable industrial paint to prevent rust, especially in humid environments.

2. Product Overview

The NexBot Drives 642-002 Ceiling or Wall Robot Mount provides a robust and secure mounting solution for inverting or side-mounting compatible NexBot industrial robots, enabling greater automation flexibility in constrained environments. This mount is engineered to provide an unyielding foundation, ensuring that robot performance and repeatability are maintained even when operating at high speeds in non-standard orientations. Constructed from high-grade, powder-coated structural steel, the 642-002 mount offers exceptional rigidity and long-term resistance to corrosion and wear in demanding industrial settings. The design is optimized to safely support a total system weight—including the robot, end-of-arm tooling, and maximum payload—of up to 100 kg. This substantial capacity makes it suitable for a range of medium-payload articulated robots, allowing them to perform complex tasks without compromising stability. The precision-machined mounting interface features a hole pattern perfectly matched to compatible NexBot robot bases, which simplifies installation and eliminates the need for custom adapter plates. The main mounting plate has a thickness of 25 mm, providing a stiff, vibration-damping connection to the building structure. Key applications for this mount include overhead machine tending, where a robot can service multiple CNC machines or injection molding presses without obstructing floor access for operators or material transport. It is also ideal for arc welding, dispensing, and assembly tasks where the robot needs to approach the workpiece from above or the side. By freeing up valuable floor space, this mount allows for denser, more efficient workcell layouts. Installation requires secure anchoring to a suitable load-bearing structure, such as a steel I-beam or reinforced concrete ceiling, using the included high-tensile strength hardware. Always consult a qualified structural engineer and follow the detailed instructions in the NexBot installation manual to ensure a safe and compliant setup.

3. Getting Started

1. Product Overview

The NXB-MNT-642-002 is a heavy-duty mounting bracket designed to securely affix compatible NexBot robots to a ceiling or vertical wall. Its structural steel construction provides a rigid foundation, critical for maintaining robot accuracy and repeatability in non-standard orientations. This enables automation in space-constrained layouts where a floor mount is not feasible.

2. Intended Use

This product is intended for use in industrial manufacturing, logistics, and assembly environments. It is specifically engineered for static

mounting to structurally sound concrete or steel surfaces. Any use outside of these parameters, such as mounting to mobile platforms or temporary structures, is not supported and voids the warranty.

3. Compatibility Verification

Before installation, verify that your specific NexBot robot model is listed as compatible with the 642-002 mount. Check the robot's technical documentation for its weight and mounting bolt pattern, and confirm they align with this mount's specifications. Ensure the combined weight does not exceed the load capacity of the supporting structure.

4. Operation

Dynamic Load Considerations

While the mount is a static component, the robot's operation creates significant dynamic loads and moments of force. When programming robot paths, favor smooth accelerations and decelerations to minimize stress on the mount and the building structure. Abrupt, high-speed directional changes can amplify forces well beyond the robot's static weight.

Tip: Utilize robot software features for corner rounding or motion smoothing to reduce mechanical stress and vibration.

Robot Programming in Inverted/Wall Mount

When a robot is mounted non-standardly, its world coordinate frame must be correctly configured in the controller software. Failure to define the new orientation will result in incorrect and unpredictable movements. Always use the robot manufacturer's specific procedures for setting up ceiling or wall-mounted coordinate systems.

Environmental Factors

The mount's powder-coated structural steel construction is robust, but it is not intended for highly corrosive or outdoor environments without additional protective measures. Avoid direct exposure to caustic chemicals or saltwater spray. In high-vibration environments, more frequent checks of bolt torque are recommended.

Maintaining Clearance

Ensure that the robot's work envelope is free from obstructions. The inverted or wall-mounted position may create new potential collision points with personnel, equipment, or utility lines that did not exist with a floor mount. Re-evaluate and update all safety zones and hard limits after installation.

Tip: Use 3D simulation software to verify robot paths and clearances before running programs on the physical equipment.

5. Maintenance Schedule

Interval	Task	Notes
Weekly	Visually inspect the mount and all visible fasteners for any signs of damage, corrosion, or loosening. Check the surrounding mounting surface for any signs of stress, such as cracking in concrete.	This check can be performed during routine robot cell inspections.
Quarterly	Clean the mount of any accumulated dust, oil, or debris using a cloth with a mild, non-corrosive detergent. A clean surface makes visual inspections more effective.	Ensure robot is powered down (LOTO) before cleaning.
Annually	Perform a torque check on all structural anchor bolts and robot mounting bolts using a calibrated torque wrench. Re-torque to the originally specified values.	Schedule this during planned facility-wide maintenance shutdowns to minimize production impact.
Annually	Inspect the powder-coat finish for any deep scratches, chips, or areas of rust. Touch up any compromised areas with a suitable industrial-grade paint to prevent further corrosion.	Proper surface preparation is key for effective paint adhesion.
As Needed	If the robot is replaced or removed for service, thoroughly inspect the mount's interface plate for any signs of wear, fretting, or deformation before re-installing a robot.	Always use new, properly specified bolts when re-installing a robot.

6. Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
Increased robot vibration or audible chatter during operation.	One or more robot mounting bolts or structural anchor bolts have loosened over time due to operational vibrations.	Power down and LOTO the robot. Using a calibrated torque wrench, check and re-torque all mounting bolts and anchor bolts to their specified values.
Robot fails to return to the same point accurately (poor repeatability).	The mount has shifted slightly due to improperly torqued fasteners	Verify all fastener torques. Inspect the mounting surface (e.g., concrete) for cracks or spalling around the

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	or failure of the mounting surface.	anchors. If the surface is compromised, decommission the cell and consult a structural engineer.
Visible rust spots are appearing on the mount.	The powder-coat finish has been scratched or chipped, exposing the structural steel to moisture.	Clean the affected area to remove all rust, then apply a suitable rust-inhibiting primer and top-coat of industrial paint to reseal the surface.
A fine, dark powder is visible around the robot mounting bolts.	This indicates fretting corrosion, caused by micro-motion between the robot base and the mount plate, usually due to insufficient bolt tension.	Immediately stop operation. Remove, inspect, and replace the robot mounting bolts. Ensure the mounting surfaces are clean and re-torque the new bolts to the highest end of the manufacturer's specified range.
The mount is no longer perfectly level or plumb.	This is a serious condition that could indicate anchor pull-out, structural yielding of the mount, or failure of the building structure.	Immediately cease all operations and secure the area. Perform a full LOTO on the robot. Contact a qualified structural engineer to assess the integrity of the entire installation before resuming use.
Cracks are appearing in the wall or ceiling around the mount.	The structural member is not sufficient for the dynamic loads imposed by the robot, leading to fatigue and failure.	DANGER: Immediately evacuate the area and stop all robot operations. This indicates imminent failure. Do not re-enter the area until a structural engineer has certified it as safe.

7. Technical Specifications

Parameter	Value	Unit
Weight	45.5	kg
Material	Powder-Coated Structural Steel	
Country of Origin	CH	
Dimensions	500 x 500 x 250 mm	

