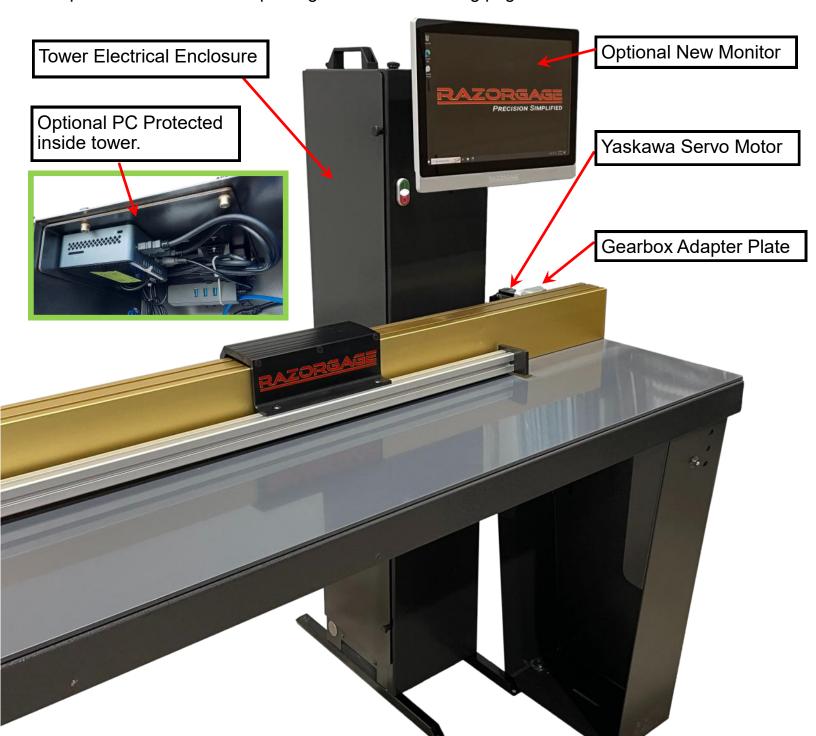


MDrive to RG3 Upgrade 03/31/2025

Because MDrive availability continues to be unreliable, we have redesigned the RazorGage to use a Yaskawa servo with completely rewritten Windows software. We're calling this new update the RG3. The RG3 is an order of magnitude better than the MDrive system, being faster, more powerful, the software more intuitive even while being more capable. Yaskawa servo drives are widely considered to be the most reliable in the world and the company has assured us that they place a premium on making new drives backward compatible so that, as their products improve, they will still work in older applications. We have developed the MDrive to RG3 Upgrade package to give our customers the opportunity to upgrade their MDrive based machines to the new technology. The picture below shows the basic components included in the package. See the following pages for more detail.



NO MORE HOMING! The RG3 servo motor has an absolute encoder so once you've homed it for the first time, you don't ever have to home it again as long as the motor cables are not unplugged. Also we no longer home to the marker pulse so indexing is also a thing of the past.

The Tower Enclosure included in the upgrade package will have a swivel knuckel for mounting your monitor or tablet or you can purchase a new monitor with the upgrade.



If your PC looks like this or if it's a Windows Tablet it can be used in the new system.

The Tower Enclosure houses the PC, servo drive, and all electrical components. Compressed foam cable entry closure prevents ingress of contamination, increasing the life of the valuable components inside.



Gearboxes like this use the RGX02682 gearbox adapter.

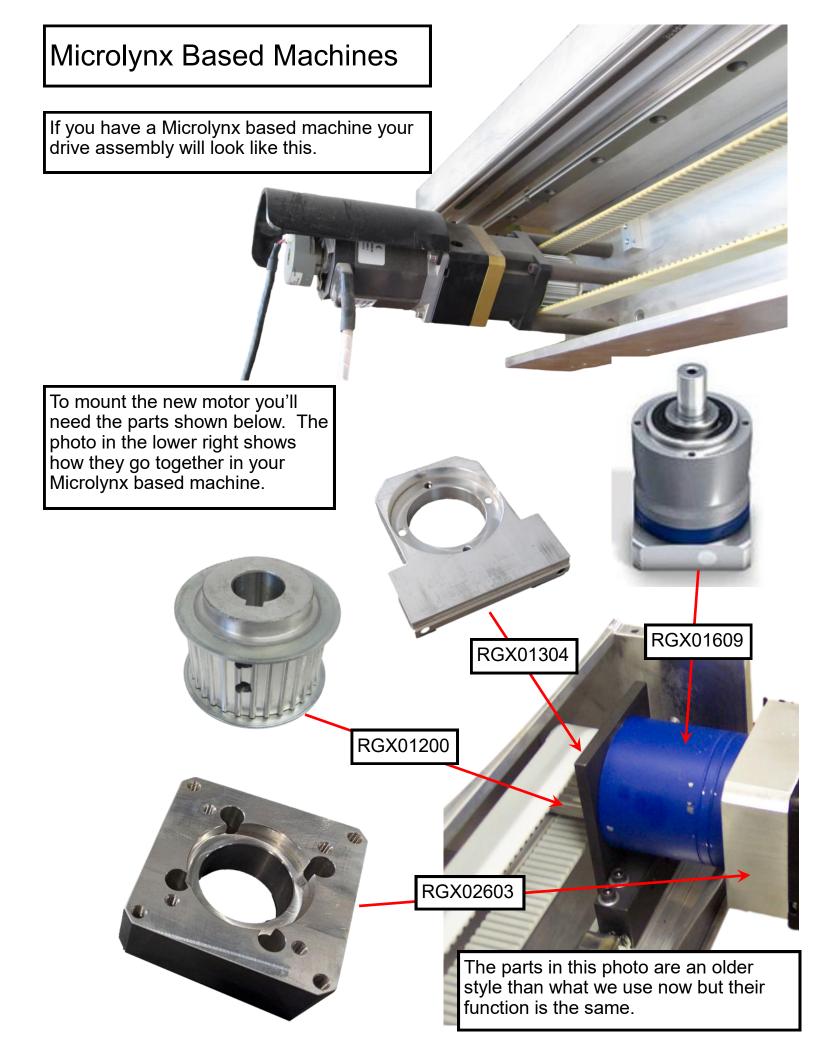
Gearboxes like those shown above, use the RGX02603 gearbox adapter.



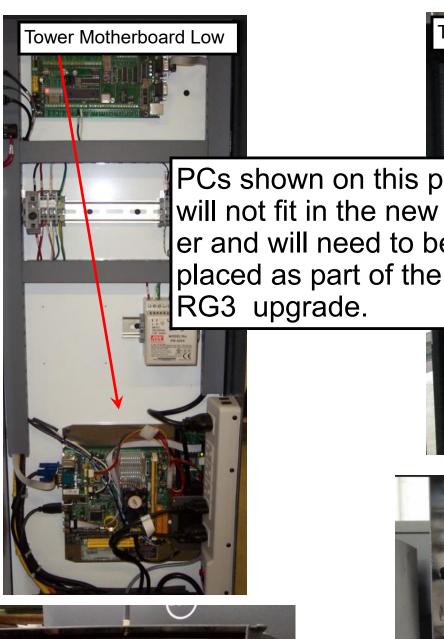
SPG gearboxes like the one shown below, use the RGX02659 gearbox adapter.

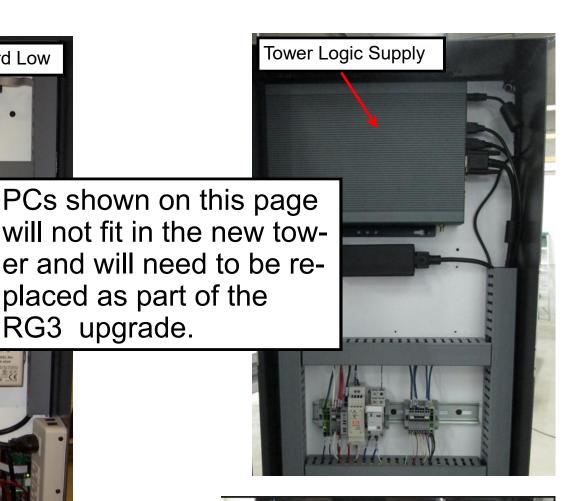


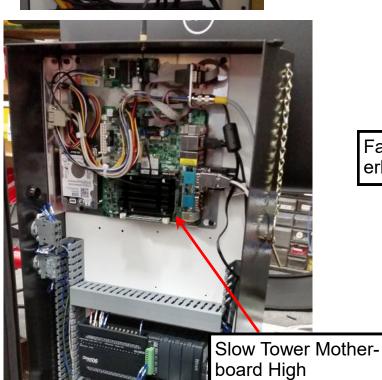


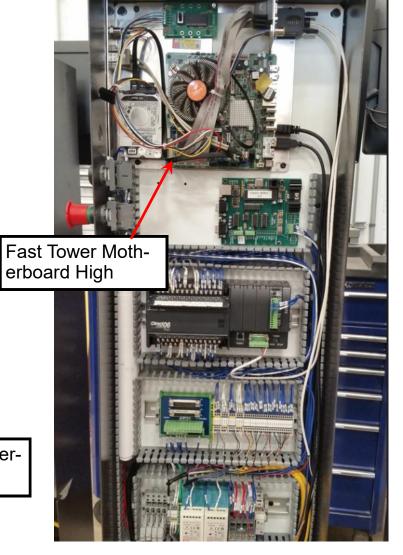




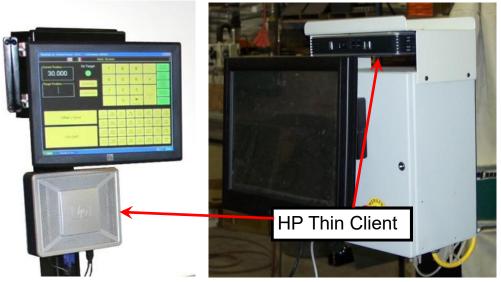




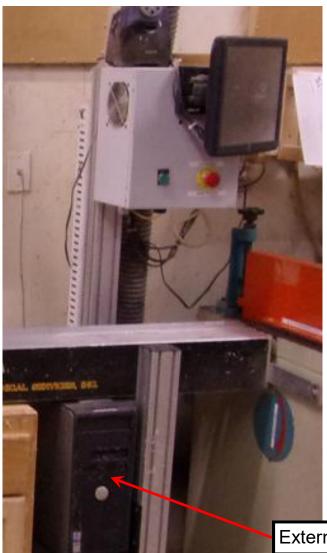


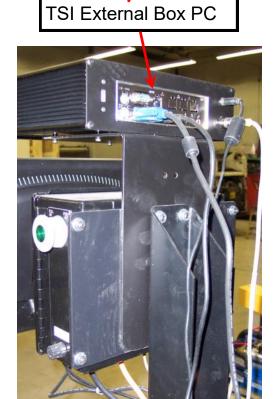


PCs shown on this page will not fit in the new tower and will need to be replaced as part of the RG3 upgrade.









External Desktop Tower

MDrive to RG3 Upgrade Instructions

Step 1

Remove the MDrive from the gearbox.

M-Drive removal from Gearhead used on Razorgage through April 1, 2018

Remove Access Hole Plug. Push the RazorGage Carriage <u>VERY</u> slowly until you see the set screw through the hole. Use a 4mm allen wrench (DO NOT USE A BALL DRIVE) to loosen the set screw

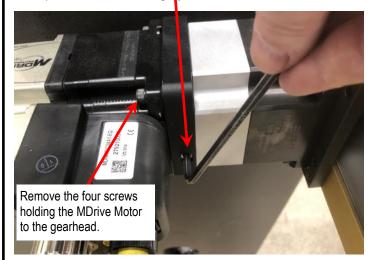


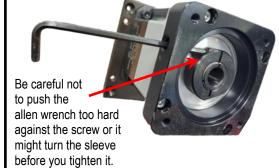


After removing the MDrive, look inside the gearhead to make sure the sleeve is in place and that the slot in the sleeve is not lined up with the set screw you loosened in step one. If it is, rotate it inside the bore so that the slot is not aligned with the set screw.

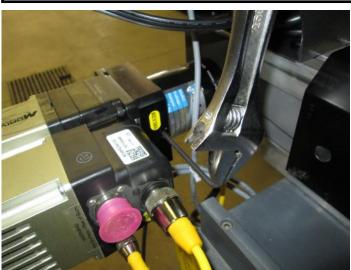
M-Drive removal from Gearhead used on Razorgage after April 1, 2018.

Use a 5mm allen wrench to remove the Plug from the access hole. Push the RazorGage Carriage <u>VERY</u> slowly until you see the screw through the hole. Use a 4mm allen wrench (DO NOT USE A BALL DRIVE) to loosen the screw slightly.





After removing the MDrive, look inside the gearhead to make sure the sleeve is in place and that the screw lines up with the access hole.



The photos to the right and left show ways to loosen and tighten the gearbox coupling screw.



MDrive to RG3 Upgrade Instructions

Remove the MDrive mount flange from your existing gearbox and replace it with the new Yaskawa mounting flange included with your upgrade package.

Step 3 Install the Yaskawa motor using the 4 screws provided. Tighten the gearbox input clamp as referenced in step 1.

The motor power & encoder cables come from the bottom of the tower enclosure.

Install them on the motor as shown.

DO NOT PLUG CABLES INTO MOTOR UNDER POWER

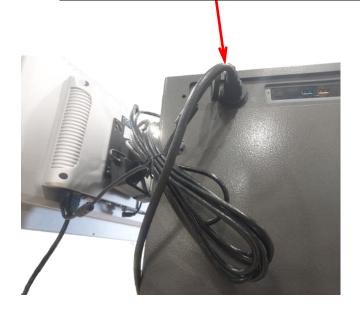
CABLES MUST BE ORIENTED AS SHOWN

Move the Tower Enclosure behind the RazorGage as shown and mount the swivel knuckle and monitor to the front of the tower and plug in the monitor cables.

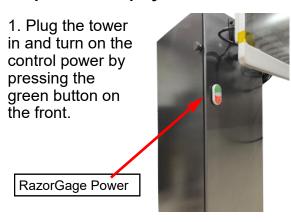




Plug the power cable coming from the Tower Enclosure into the power receptacle in the monitor. Plug USB and HDMI cables into the connectors on the right side of the Tower Enclosure.



Next, power up your RazorGage.



2. Turn on the PC by pressing the PC power button on the side.



Starting the Software



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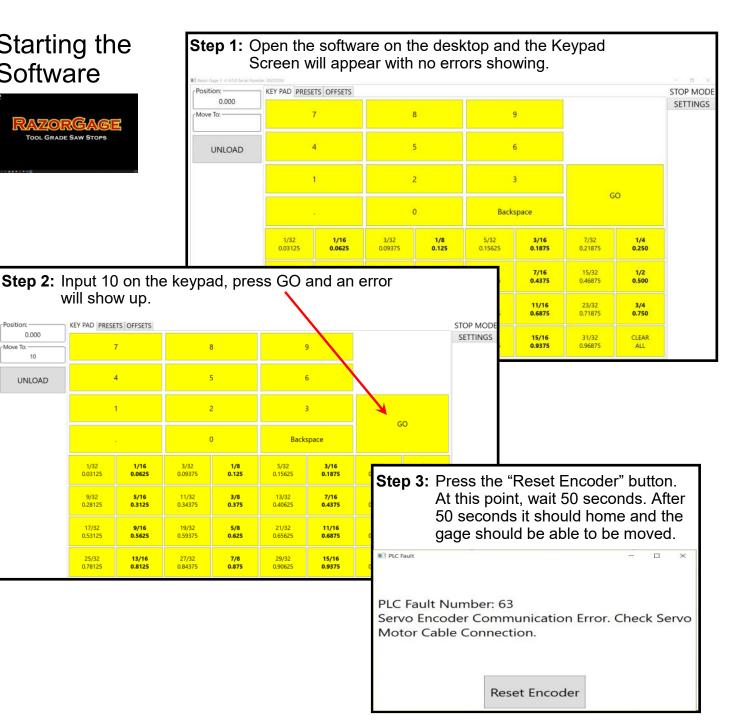
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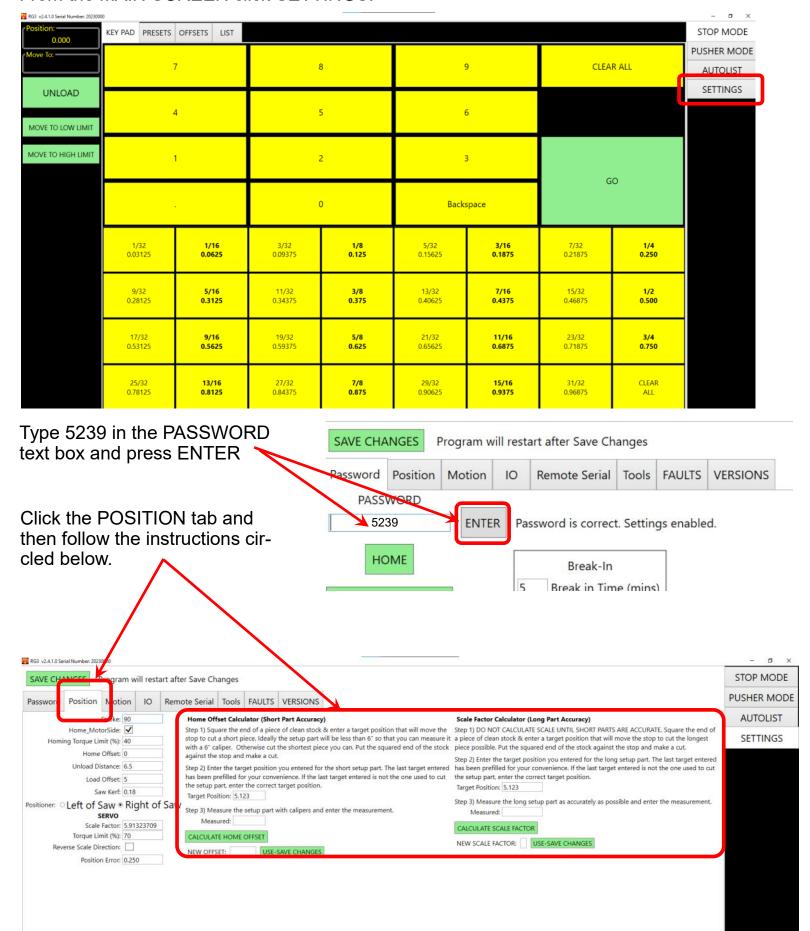
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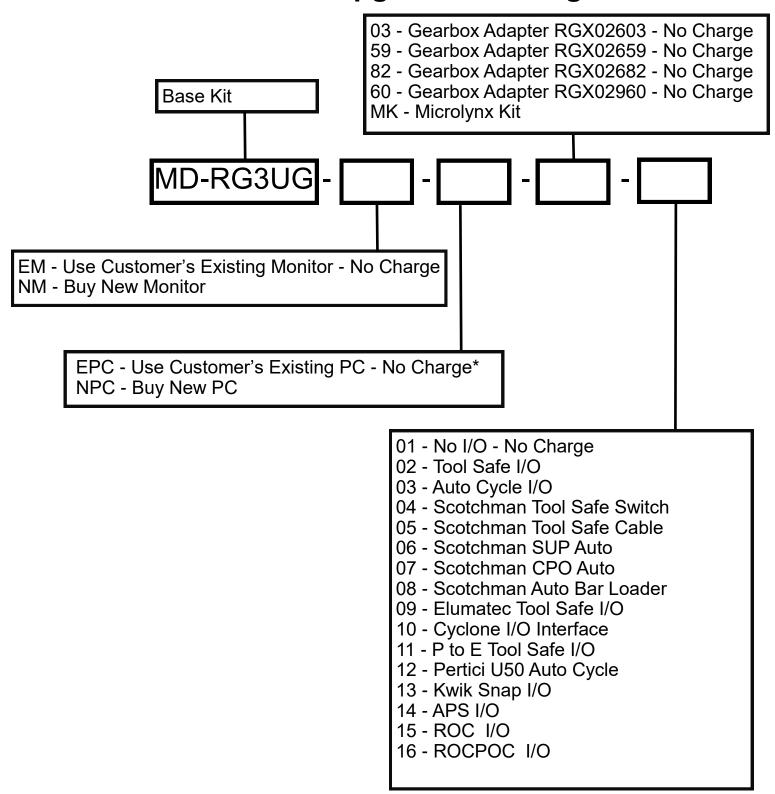


Calibration

From the MAIN SCREEN click SETTINGS.



MDrive to RG3 Upgrade Ordering Guide



To order, construct the part number using the template above and email us at support@razorgage.com and we'll send you a quote with more instructions.

^{*}Only when your existing PC is a NUC can it be used with the upgrade.