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Safety Procedures and Warnings

Read this manual in its entirety before installing, operating, or servicing this product. If you do not understand the information contained herein, contact an Aerotech representative before proceeding. Strictly adhere to the statements given in this section and other handling, use, and operational information given throughout the manual to avoid injury to you and damage to the equipment.

The following statements apply wherever the Warning or Danger symbol appears within this manual. Failure to observe these precautions could result in serious injury to those individuals performing the procedures and/or damage to the equipment.



DANGER: This product contains potentially lethal voltages. To reduce the possibility of electrical shock, bodily injury, or death the following precautions must be followed.

1. Access to the HEX300-230HL and component parts must be restricted while connected to a power source.
2. Do not connect or disconnect any electrical components or connecting cables while connected to a power source.
3. Disconnect electrical power before servicing equipment.
4. All components must be properly grounded in accordance with local electrical safety requirements.
5. Operator safeguarding requirements must be addressed during final integration of the product.



WARNING: To minimize the possibility of electrical shock, bodily injury or death the following precautions must be followed.

1. Moving parts can cause crushing or shearing injuries. Access to all stage and motor parts must be restricted while connected to a power source.
2. Cables can pose a tripping hazard. Securely mount and position all system cables to avoid potential hazards.
3. Do not expose this product to environments or conditions outside of the listed specifications. Exceeding environmental or operating specifications can cause damage to the equipment.
4. The HEX300-230HL must be mounted securely. Improper mounting can result in injury and damage to the equipment.
5. Use care when moving the HEX300-230HL. Lifting or transporting the HEX300-230HL improperly can result in injury or damage to the HEX300-230HL.
6. This product is intended for light industrial manufacturing or laboratory use. Use of this product for unintended applications can result in injury and damage to the equipment.
7. If the product is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the product can be impaired and result in damage, shock, injury, or death.
8. Operators must be trained before operating this equipment.
9. All service and maintenance must be performed by qualified personnel.

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EU Declaration of Incorporation

Manufacturer: Aerotech, Inc.
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herewith declares that the product:

HEX300-230HL

is intended to be incorporated into machinery to constitute machinery covered by the Directive 2006/42/EC as amended;

and that the following harmonized European standards have been applied:

EN ISO 12100:2010

Safety of machinery - Basic concepts, general principles for design

EN 60204-1:2010

Safety of machinery - Electrical equipment of machines - Part 1: General requirements

and further more declares that

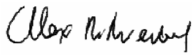
it is not allowed to put the equipment into service until the machinery into which it is to be incorporated or of which it is to be a component has been found and declared to be in conformity with the provisions of the Directive 2006/42/EC and with national implementing legislation, i.e., as a whole, including the equipment referred to in this Declaration.

This is to certify that the aforementioned product is in accordance with the applicable requirements of the following Directive(s):

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Chapter 1: Overview

NOTE: Aerotech continually improves its product offerings; listed options may be superseded at any time. All drawings and illustrations are for reference only and were complete and accurate as of this manual’s release. Refer to www.aerotech.com for the most up-to-date information.

The **base** of a hexapod has a flat mounting surface on the bottom and holds electronics for the hexapod. The base should be mounted to a flat, rigid mounting surface (refer to [Section 2.3.](#)). The **base joints** allow the attached strut to pivot from the base.

The **platform** is the moving plate of a hexapod. The threaded holes on the top surface are designed to hold customer equipment (refer to [Section 2.4.](#)). The **platform joints** allow the attached strut to pivot from the platform.

The six **struts** of a hexapod change length in order to control the position of the platform. The struts attach only to the joints of the base and platform.

The **cables** exit out of the back of the base. These six cables connect the hexapod to the controller (refer to the [Section 3.2.](#)).

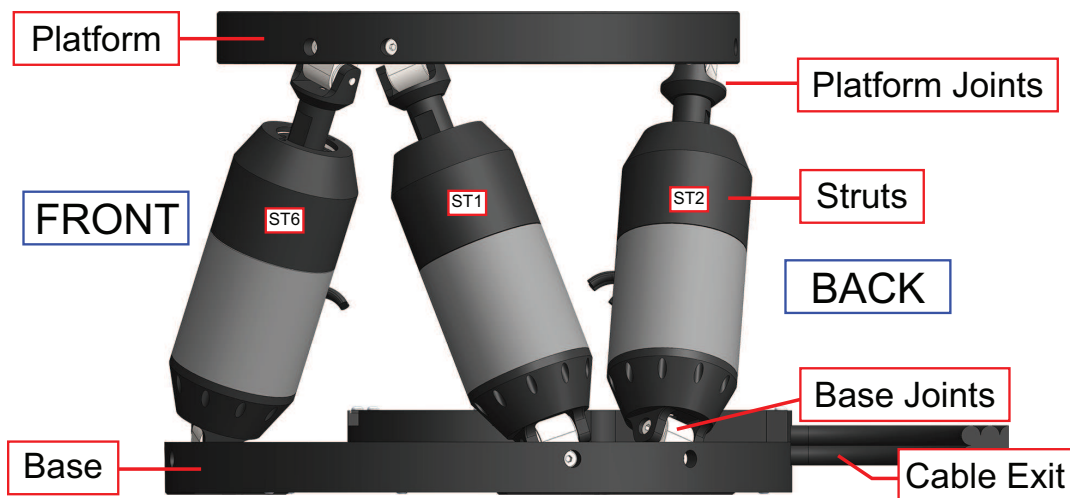


Figure 1-1: HEX300-230HL Callouts

Table 1-1: Model Options

HexGen® HEX300-230HL Hexapod 6-DOF Positioning System	
HEX300-230HL	Six degree-of-freedom hexapod positioning system; 300 mm diameter base; 230 mm height at mid-travel; high-load capacity version
Feedback (Required)	
-E1	Incremental encoders
-E2	Absolute encoders
Performance Grade (Optional)	
-PL3	Base performance
-PL4	Ultra high-accuracy performance
Customization	
Additional customization may be available (Vacuum preparation, custom geometry, etc.). Contact Aerotech for details.	

1.1. Environmental Specifications



WARNING: Do not expose this product to environments or conditions outside of the listed specifications. Exceeding environmental or operating specifications can cause damage to the equipment.

Table 1-2: Environmental Specifications

Ambient Temperature	Operating: 10° to 35° C (50° to 95° F) Deviation in temperature can result in performance degradation.
	Storage: 0° to 40° C (32° to 104° F) in original shipping packaging
Humidity	Operating: 20% to 60% RH
	Storage: 10% to 70% RH, non-condensing in original packaging. The machine should be packaged with desiccant if it is to be stored for an extended time.
Altitude	Operating: 0 m to 2,000 m (0 ft to 6,562 ft) above sea level Contact Aerotech if your specific application involves use above 2,000 m or below sea level.
Vibration	Use the system in a low vibration environment. Excessive floor or acoustical vibration can affect system performance. Contact Aerotech for information regarding your specific application.
Protection Rating	HexGen [®] hexapods have limited protection against particles. This equates to an Ingress Protection rating of IP30.
Use	Indoor use only

1.1.1. Accuracy and Temperature Effects

Aerotech products are designed for and built in a 20°C environment. Moderate temperature changes will affect the accuracy while extreme temperature changes could cause damage to the machine. At a minimum, the environmental temperature must be controlled to within 1°C per hour to ensure the safety of the hexapod. The severity of temperature effects on all specifications depends on many different environmental conditions, including how the hexapod is mounted. Contact the factory for more details.

1.2. Basic Specifications

Table 1-3: HEX300-230HL Series Specifications

			X	Y	Z	A (θx)	B (θy)	C (θz)
Travel ⁽¹⁾			55 mm	60 mm	25 mm	15°	15°	30°
Axis Positioning Accuracy ^(2,3)	Full Travel	Standard (-PL3)	±4 μm	±4 μm	±3 μm	±50 μrad (±10.3 arc-sec)	±50 μrad (±10.3 arc-sec)	±25 μrad (±5.2 arc-sec)
		ULTRA (-PL4)	±1 μm	±1 μm	±0.75 μm	±10 μrad (±2.1 arc-sec)	±10 μrad (±2.1 arc-sec)	±5 μrad (±1.0 arc-sec)
	Limited Travel ⁽⁷⁾	Standard (-PL3)	±1.25 μm			±12.5 μrad (±2.6 arc-sec)	±12.5 μrad (±2.6 arc-sec)	±7.5 μrad (±1.5 arc-sec)
		ULTRA (-PL4)	±0.75 μm	±0.75 μm	±0.5 μm	±5 μrad (±1.0 arc-sec)	±5 μrad (±1.0 arc-sec)	±2.5 μrad (±0.5 arc-sec)
Resolution (Minimum Incremental Motion)			20 nm			0.2 μrad (0.04 arc sec)		
Bidirectional Repeatability, pk-pk ⁽³⁾			±0.75 μm	±0.75 μm	±0.35 μm	±2 μrad (±0.2 arc sec)		
Unidirectional Repeatability, pk-pk			±0.35 μm	±0.35 μm	±0.15 μm	±1 μrad (±0.1 arc sec)		
Maximum Speed ⁽⁴⁾			50 mm/s	50 mm/s	25 mm/s	15 °/s	15 °/s	30 °/s
Load Capacity, All Positions ⁽⁵⁾	Vertical	45 kg (Push); 40 kg (Pull)						
	Horizontal	21 kg						
Holding Capacity, De-Energized ⁽⁶⁾			14 kg					
Stage Mass			12 kg					
Material			Anodized Aluminum Platform and Base;					
1. Travels are mutually-exclusive. Consult the HexGen® Hexapod Sizer on the Aerotech website for detailed workspace sizing. 2. Measured with single-axis moves at a height of 50 mm above the moving platform. Results can be payload and workpoint dependent. 3. X, Y, Z performance certified as standard. X, Y, Z, A, B, C performance certified with ULTRA. 4. Requires the selection of an appropriate amplifier with sufficient voltage and current. 5. Centered loading (refer to Section 2.4.). 6. Horizontal base plate, centered loading (refer to Section 2.4.). 7. Over any 10 mm (X, Y, Z) or 3° (A, B, C)								

1.3. Understanding Basic HEX300-230HL Operation

1.3.1. Hexapod Axes

The hexapod platform can be actuated in six degrees of freedom by changing the lengths of the six struts that connect the platform to the base. Since the axes of motion are not obvious from the mechanics of the hexapod, the axis convention is outlined below. These axes can be used to orient the hexapod in the global workspace. Refer to the HexGen[®] Programming Guide for more information about controlling hexapod motion. To get a copy of this guide, go to the Manuals, Help files, & Cable Drawings section of www.aerotech.com. Select the **Controllers** tab. Then download **User Guide for Hexapod Programming**.

The six axes include 3 translational axes, X, Y, and Z, and 3 rotational axes, A, B, and C. As shown in the overview, the cables exit out of the back of the base. The positive direction of the X axis goes to the right when looking at the front of the hexapod, and the Z axis goes up vertically. The Y axis goes toward the back of the hexapod. Rotational axes are oriented in the same direction as the translational axes, and positive rotation is clockwise when looking in the direction of the axis. The A axis rotates about the X axis, B rotates about the Y axis, and C rotates about Z. The control software enables the user to customize the coordinate system with certain restrictions. Please refer to the HexGen Programming guide for details regarding coordinate system manipulation.

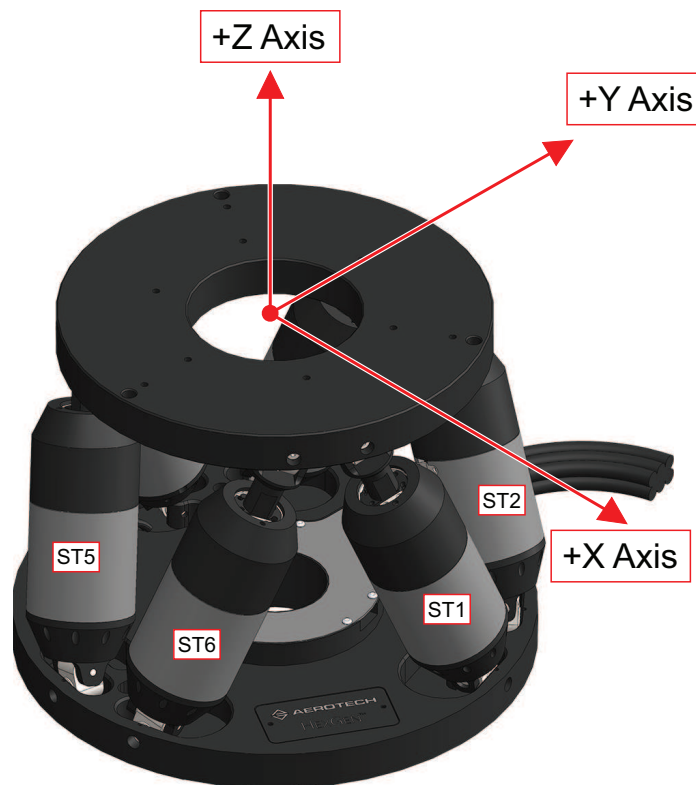


Figure 1-2: Axis Orientation

1.3.2. Strut Limits and Hexapod Range

Limits on the strut keep the strut within the useable travel range. When any strut has reached the end of travel in either direction, an error will occur in the controller. Because the ranges of the hexapod axes are interdependent, the limits of the hexapod axes are not constant, and the range of motion of a hexapod cannot be concisely described. Refer to [Section 1.2.](#) for the independent travel of each hexapod axis and the strut travel. If a strut limit is triggered, the hexapod is out of range. In this case, follow the directions of the controller to return the hexapod to a position within the range of motion. Refer to the HexGen[®] Programming Guide for more information.

1.3.3. Homing

When the incremental encoder option (-E1) is ordered, the struts must each be homed in order for the hexapod to be controlled. Knowledge of the initial condition is necessary for the inverse kinematic calculations to be accurate. The home sequence involves moving each strut to its shortest position and then returning to the center of travel. Be sure that there are no crash conditions before homing. Refer to the HexGen[®] Programming Guide for more information about initializing a hexapod.

If the absolute encoder option (-E2) has been ordered, there is no need to home the hexapod.

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Chapter 2: Mechanical Specifications and Installation



WARNING: HEX300-230HL installation must be in accordance to instructions provided by this manual and any accompanying documentation. Failure to follow these instructions could result in injury or damage to the equipment.

2.1. Unpacking and Handling the Hexapod



WARNING: It is the customer's responsibility to safely and carefully lift the stage.

- Lift only by the lifting handle, platform, or base. NEVER lift by the struts or joints.
- Make sure that all moving parts are secure before moving the HEX300-230HL. Unsecured moving parts may shift and cause bodily injury.
- Improper handling could adversely affect the HEX300-230HL's performance. Use care when moving the HEX300-230HL.

NOTE: If any damage has occurred during shipping, report it immediately.

Carefully remove the HEX300-230HL from its protective shipping container. Gently set the HEX300-230HL on a smooth, flat, and clean surface.

Before operating the HEX300-230HL, it is important to let it stabilize at room temperature for at least 12 hours. Allowing it to stabilize to room temperature will ensure that all of the alignments, preloads, and tolerances are the same as they were when tested at Aerotech. Use compressed nitrogen or clean, dry, oil-less air to remove any dust or debris that has collected during shipping.

Each HEX300-230HL has a label listing the system part number and serial number. These numbers contain information necessary for maintaining or updating system hardware and software. Locate this label and record the information for later reference.

Shipping Brackets

Red, anodized aluminum shipping brackets have been installed to prevent unwanted motion and potential damage from occurring during shipment. The brackets must be removed before the HEX300-230HL can be operated. Retain the brackets and hardware for future use.

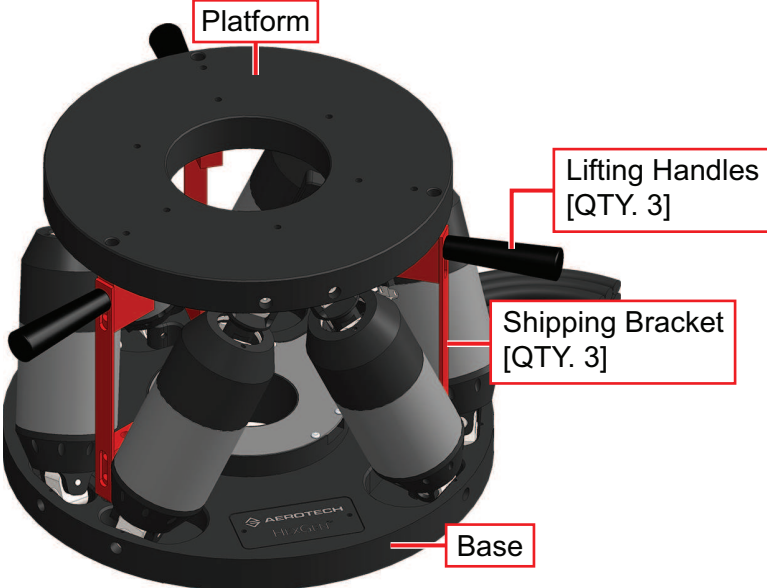


Figure 2-1: Lifting and Shipping Brackets

2.2. Dimensions

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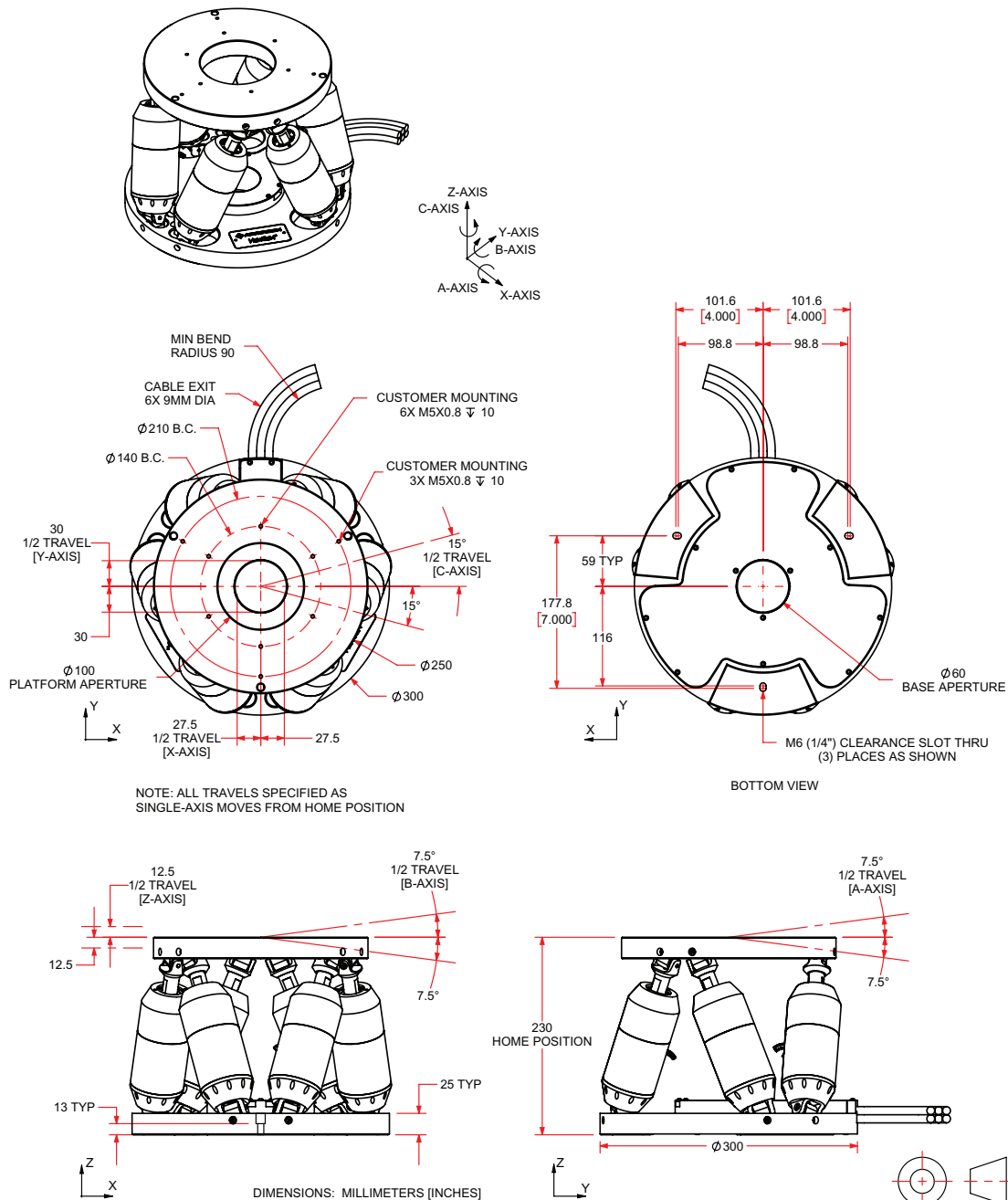


Figure 2-2: HEX300-230HL Dimensions

2.3. Securing the HEX300-230HL to the Mounting Surface



WARNING: The HEX300-230HL must be mounted securely. Improper mounting can result in injury and damage to the equipment.



WARNING: Make sure that all moving parts are secure before moving the HEX300-230HL. Unsecured moving parts may shift and cause bodily injury.

The mounting surface must be flat and have adequate stiffness in order to achieve the maximum performance from the HEX300-230HL stage. When it is mounted to a non-flat surface, the stage can be distorted as the mounting screws are tightened. This distortion will decrease overall accuracy. Adjustments to the mounting surface must be done before the stage is secured.

Inspect the mounting surface for dirt or unwanted residue and clean if necessary. Use precision flatstones on the mounting surface to remove any burrs or high spots. Clean the mounting surface with a lint-free cloth and acetone or isopropyl alcohol and allow the cleaning solvent to completely dry. Gently place the stage on the mounting surface.

NOTE: To maintain accuracy, the mounting surface must be flat to within 10 μm per 100 mm.

NOTE: The HEX300-230HL is precision machined and verified for flatness prior to product assembly at the factory. If machining is required to achieve the desired flatness, it should be performed on the mounting surface rather than the HEX300-230HL. Shimming should be avoided if possible. If shimming is required, it should be minimized to retain maximum rigidity of the system.

A minimum of three M6 or 1/4-20 mounting screws are required to mount the hexapod to the mounting surface. Refer to [Figure 2-3](#) or [Section 2.2. Dimensions](#) for mounting locations and [Table 2-1](#) for tightening torque values.

Tightening torque values for the mounting hardware are dependent on the properties of the surface to which the stage is being mounted. Values provided in [Table 2-1](#) are typical values and may not be accurate for your mounting surface. Refer to [Section 2.2](#) for specific model mounting locations and dimensions.

Table 2-1: Stage to Mounting Surface Hardware

Mounting Hardware	Typical Screw Torque
M6 or 1/4-20 SHCS (3 places)	7 N·m

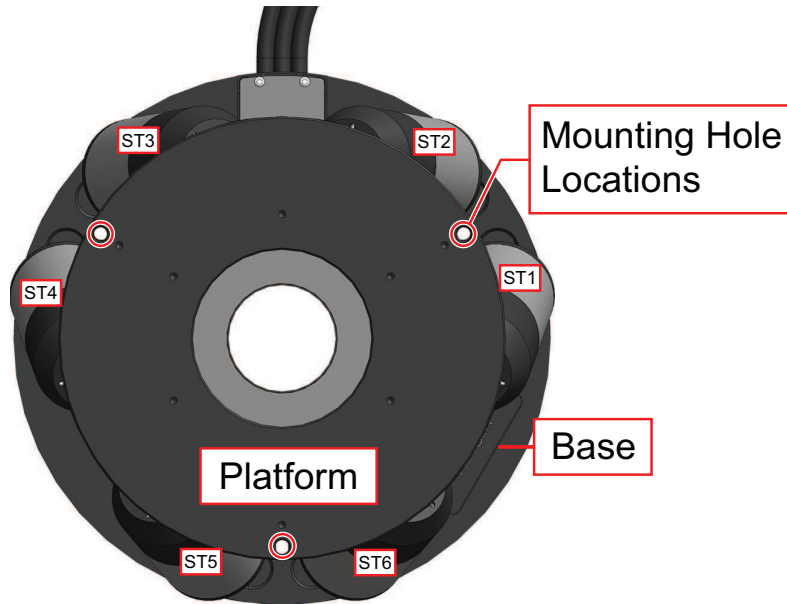


Figure 2-3: Mounting Hole Locations

2.4. Attaching the Payload to the HEX300-230HL

Inspect the mounting surface for dirt or unwanted residue and clean if necessary. Clean the mounting surface with a lint free cloth and isopropyl alcohol and allow the cleaning solvent to completely dry.

Aerotech recommends that customers use a representative payload during start-up to prevent accidental damage to the stage and the payload. Proceed with the electrical installation and test the motion control system in accordance with the system documentation. Document all results for future reference. For information on electrical installation refer to [Chapter 3](#) and the documentation delivered with the stage.

The payload must be flat, rigid, and comparable to the stage in quality to maintain optimum performance.

NOTE: For valid system performance, the mounting interface should be flat within 10 μm over the contact area.

Loads should be mounted close to the center of the hexapod, if possible, to reduce offset loading. The maximum load is based on the distance from the payload’s center of mass to the center of the platform’s mounting surface. External forces to the payload or hexapod platform should be considered when determining the maximum payload. Add process forces to the mass of the payload when determining the total applied force.

HexGen[®] hexapods can be mounted to a horizontal surface or a vertical surface. The orientation will also be critical in determining the load capacity. A horizontal mounting surface is recommended for maximum payload capabilities. Refer to the load curves ([Figure 2-4](#) through [Figure 2-6](#)) for allowable loading as a function of orientation and load offset.

NOTE: HexGen[®] hexapods can backdrive under some vertical loads. These limits are described in [Figure 2-4](#).

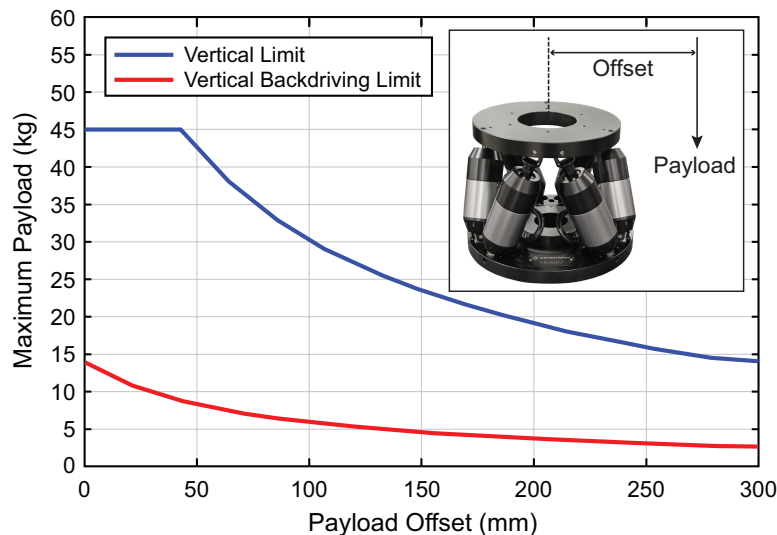


Figure 2-4: HEX300-230HL Vertical Load Capabilities

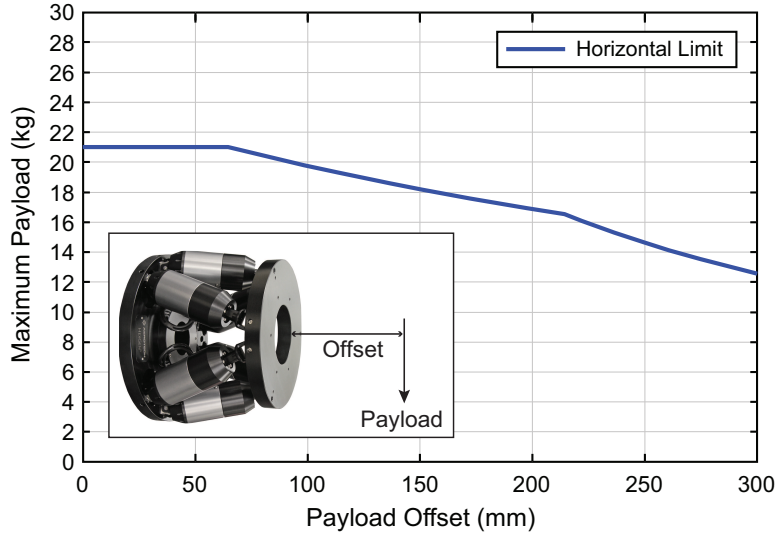


Figure 2-5: HEX300-230HL Horizontal Load Capabilities

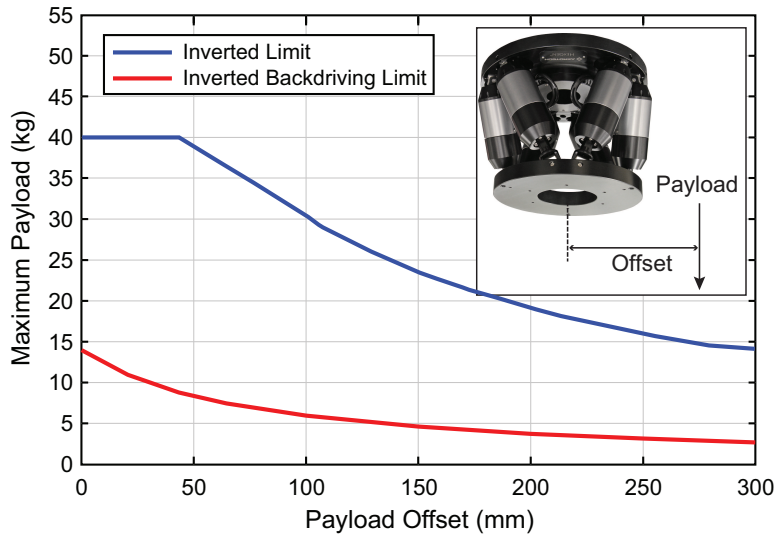


Figure 2-6: HEX300-230HL Inverted Load Capabilities

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Chapter 3: Electrical Specifications and Installation



WARNING: Electrical installation must be performed by properly qualified personnel.

Electrical installation requirements will vary depending on product options. Installation instructions in this section are for HEX300-230HL stages equipped with standard Aerotech motors intended for use with an Aerotech motion control system. Contact Aerotech for further information regarding products that are otherwise configured.

Aerotech motion control systems are adjusted at the factory for optimum performance. When the HEX300-230HL is part of a complete Aerotech motion control system, setup usually involves connecting the HEX300-230HL to the appropriate drive chassis with the cables provided. Labels on the system components usually indicate the appropriate connections.

If system level integration was purchased, an electrical drawing showing system interconnects has been supplied with the system (separate from this documentation).

The electrical wiring from the motor and encoder are integrated at the factory. Refer to the sections that follow for standard motor wiring and connector pinouts.



WARNING: Applications requiring access to the stage while it is energized will require additional grounding and safeguards. The System Integrator or qualified installer is responsible for determining and meeting all safety and compliance requirements necessary for the integration of this stage into the final application.



DANGER: Remove power before connecting or disconnecting electrical components or cables. Failure to do so may cause electric shock or damage to the equipment.



WARNING: Operator access to the base and tabletop must be restricted while connected to a power source. Failure to do so may cause electric shock.

3.1. Motor and Feedback Connectors

Stages equipped with standard motors and encoders come from the factory completely wired and assembled.

NOTE: Refer to the other documentation accompanying your Aerotech equipment. Call your Aerotech representative if there are any questions on system configuration.

NOTE: If using standard Aerotech motors and cables, motor and encoder connection adjustments are not required.

The protective ground connection of the HEX300-230HL provides motor frame ground protection only. Additional grounding and safety precautions are required for applications requiring access to the stage while it is energized. The System Integrator or qualified installer is responsible for determining and meeting all safety and compliance requirements necessary for the integration of this stage into the final application.



DANGER: Remove power before connecting or disconnecting electrical components or cables. Failure to do so may cause electric shock or damage to the equipment.



WARNING: The protective ground connection must be properly installed to minimize the possibility of electric shock.

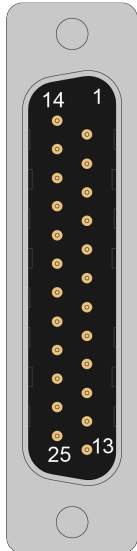


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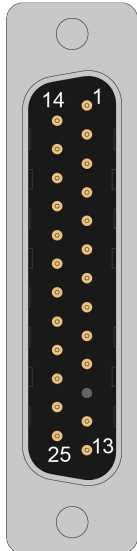
CAUTION: The stage controller must provide over-current and over-speed protection. Failure to do so may result in permanent damage to the motor and stage components.

Table 3-1: -E1 Option Motor and Feedback Pin Assignments

Pin	Description	Connector
1	Key (Ensures that correct cable is plugged into the correct jack)	
2	Cosine-N	
3	Sine-N	
4	Marker-N	
5	Common ground	
6	Common ground	
7	Negative (CCW) hardware limit	
8	Hall Effect sensor, phase A	
9	Hall Effect sensor, phase C	
10	Frame ground	
11	Motor Phase A	
12	Motor Phase B	
13	Motor Phase C	
14	Cosine	
15	Sine	
16	Marker	
17	+5 V supply input for feedback devices	
18	Reserved	
19	Positive (CW) hardware limit	
20	Motor Thermistor	
21	Hall Effect sensor, phase B	
22	Frame	
23	Motor Phase A	
24	Motor Phase B	
25	Motor Phase C	
Case	Signal shield connection (to case)	

Mating Connector	Aerotech P/N	Third Party P/N
Backshell	ECK00656	Amphenol 17E-1726-2
Connector	ECK00300	FCI DB25S064TLF

Table 3-2: -E2 Option Motor and Feedback Pin Assignments

Pin	Description	Connector
1	Over-Temperature Thermistor sensor	
2	Cosine-N	
3	Sine-N	
4	Absolute Clock-	
5	Common	
6	Common	
7	Absolute Data-	
8	Reserved	
9	Reserved	
10	Hall Effect sensor, phase C	
11	Key	
12	Motor Phase A	
13	Motor Phase B	
14	Cosine	
15	Sine	
16	Absolute Clock+	
17	Encoder +5 V	
18	Stage ID	
19	Absolute Data+	
20	Reserved	
21	Reserved	
22	Hall Effect sensor, phase A	
23	Hall Effect sensor, phase B	
24	Frame/Safety Ground	
25	Motor Phase C	
Case	Signal shield connection (to case)	

Mating Connector	Aerotech P/N	Third Party P/N
Backshell	ECK00656	Amphenol 17E-1726-2
Connector	ECK00300	FCI DB25S064TLF

3.2. Motor and Feedback Wiring

All motor and controller manufacturers have their own designations for motor phases A/B/C and Hall signals A/B/C (refer to Section 3.5. for motor phasing). Shielded cables are required for the motor and feedback connections.

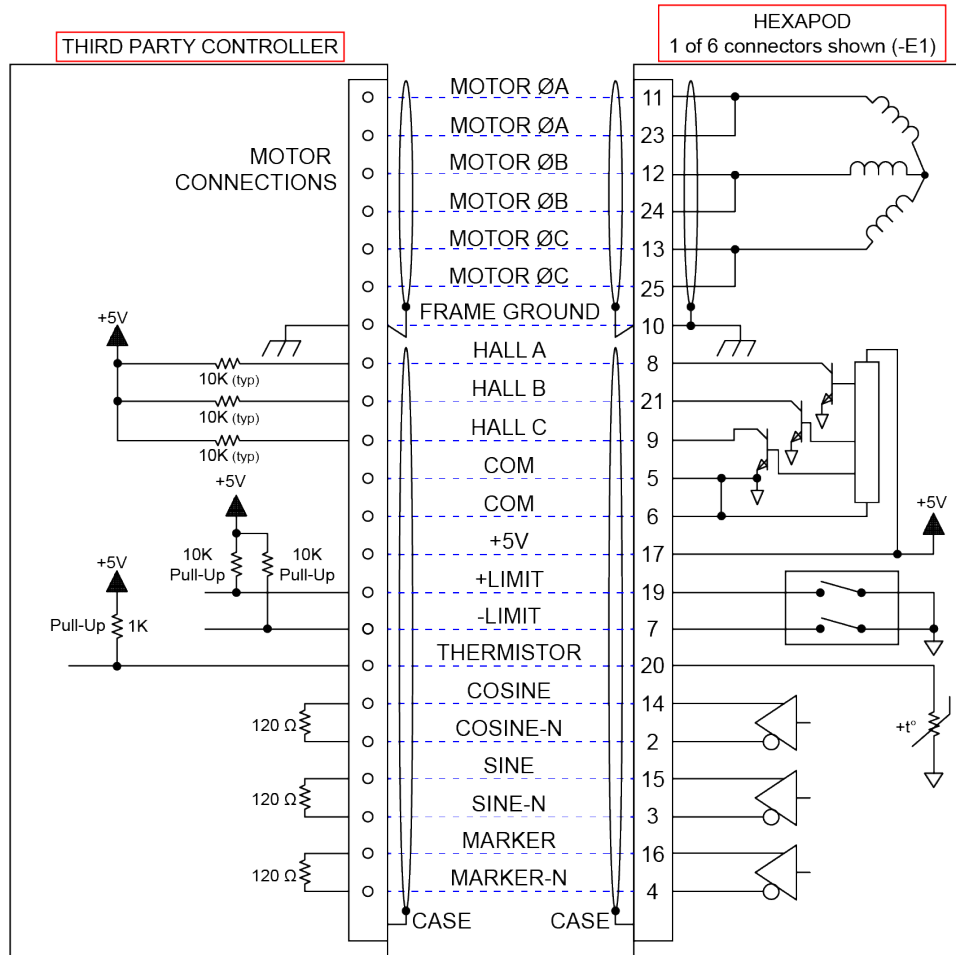


Figure 3-1: Motor and Feedback Wiring (-E1 Connector)

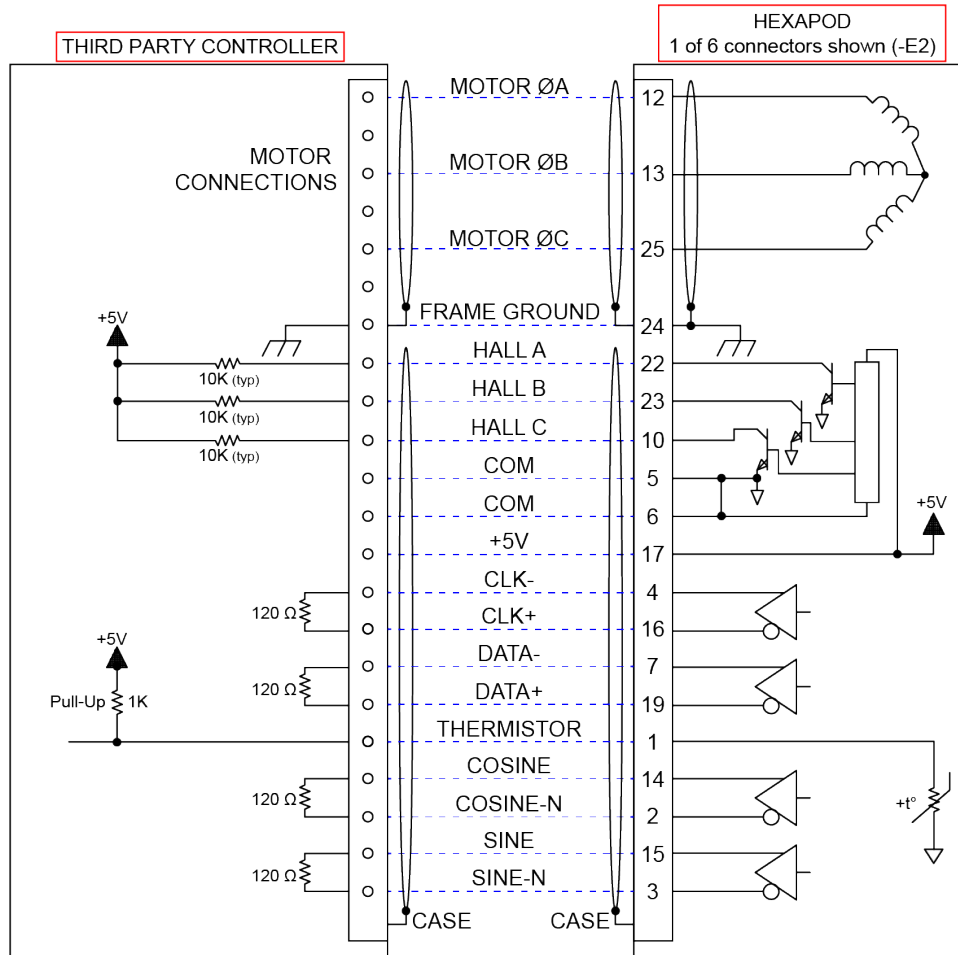


Figure 3-2: Motor and Feedback Wiring (-E2 Connector)

3.3. Motor and Feedback Specifications

Table 3-3: Feedback Specifications

Hall-Effect Sensors Specifications	
Supply Voltage	5 V \pm 5%
Supply Current	50 mA
Output Type	Open Collector
Output Voltage	24 V max (pull up)
Output Current	5 mA (sinking)

Thermistor Specifications	
Polarity	Logic "0" (no fault)
	Logic "1" (over-temperature fault)
Cold Resistance	\sim 100 Ω
Hot Resistance	\sim 10 K

Note: 1K pull-up to +5V recommended.

Encoder Specifications for -E1 (rotary encoder) and -E2 (-E1 plus a linear encoder)		
Supply Voltage		5 V \pm 10%
Supply Current	-E1	175 mA
	-E2	425 mA
Output Signals	-E1	Line Driver Type (Incremental Rotary Encoder): into 120 Ω load (differential signals SIN+, SIN-, COS+, and COS-)
	-E2	Line Driver Type (Incremental Rotary Encoder): into 120 Ω load (differential signals SIN+, SIN-, COS+, and COS-) Serial Output (Absolute Linear Encoder): Biss C (unidirectional)

Limit Switch Specifications	
Supply Voltage	5 V
Supply Current	25 mA
Output Type	Open Collector
Output Voltage	5 V
Output Current	10 mA (sinking)
Output Polarity	Normally Closed (NC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sinks current to ground (Logic "0") when not in limit High impedance (Logic "1") when in limit Requires external pull-up to +5 V (10 kΩ recommended)

Notes:

- If the HEX300-230HL is driven beyond the electrical limit, it will encounter a mechanical stop. Impacting the mechanical stop could cause damage to the stage even at low speeds.

Table 3-4: HEX300-230HL Motor Specifications

		S-50-39	
Performance Specifications (1,5)			
Winding Designation		A	B
Stall Torque, Cont. (2)	N·m	0.20	
Peak Torque (3)	N·m	0.82	
Electrical Specifications (5)			
Winding Designation		A	B
BEMF Const., line-line, Max	$V_{pk}/krpm$	10.3	3.4
Continuous Current, Stall (2)	A_{pk}	2.4	7.2
	A_{rms}	1.7	5.1
Peak Current, Stall (2)	A_{pk}	9.6	28.8
Torque Constant (4, 9)	$N·m/A_{pk}$	0.09	0.03
	$N·m/A_{rms}$	0.12	0.04
Motor Constant (2, 4)	$N·m/\sqrt{W}$	0.034	
Resistance, 25°C, line-line	Ω	6.6	0.7
Inductance, line-line	mH	1.50	0.17
Maximum Bus Voltage	V_{DC}	80	
Thermal Resistance	°C/W	2.02	2.02
Number of Poles	--	8	
1. Performance is dependent upon heat sink configuration, system cooling conditions, and ambient temperature 2. Values shown @ 75°C rise above a 25 °C ambient temperature, with housed motor mounted to a 250 mm x 250 mm x 6 mm aluminum heat sink 3. Peak force assumes correct rms current; consult Aerotech. 4. Torque constant and motor constant specified at stall 5. All performance and electrical specifications $\pm 10\%$ 6. Specifications given are for the motor only. When integrated into a housing with bearings additional losses should be considered. 7. Maximum winding temperature is 100 °C (thermistor trips at 100 °C) 8. Ambient operating temperature range 0 °C - 25 °C; consult Aerotech for performance in elevated ambient temperatures 9. All Aerotech amplifiers are rated A_{pk} ; use torque constant in $N·m/A_{pk}$ when sizing			

Table 3-5: HEX300-230HL Rotary Encoder Specifications

	Fundamental Signal Period
Fundamental Resolution	1250 Lines/Rev

Table 3-6: HEX300-230HL Linear Encoder Specifications (-E2 Option)

	Fundamental Signal Period
Fundamental Resolution	1 nm

3.4. Machine Direction

Aerotech stages are configured to have positive and negative "machine" directions. The machine direction defines the phasing of the feedback and motor signals and is dictated by the stage wiring (refer to [Section 3.5](#) for Motor and Feedback phasing information). Programming direction of a stage is set by the controller that is used to move the stage. Programming direction is typically selectable in the controller, while machine direction is hardwired in the stage. [Figure 3-3](#) shows the machine direction of HEX300-230HL stages.

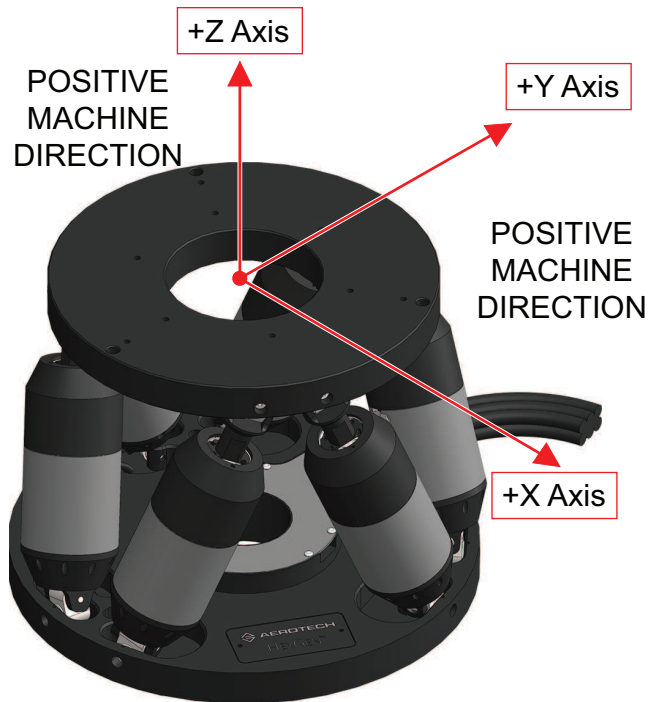


Figure 3-3: Machine Direction

3.5. Motor and Feedback Phasing

Motor phase voltage is measured relative to the virtual wye common point.

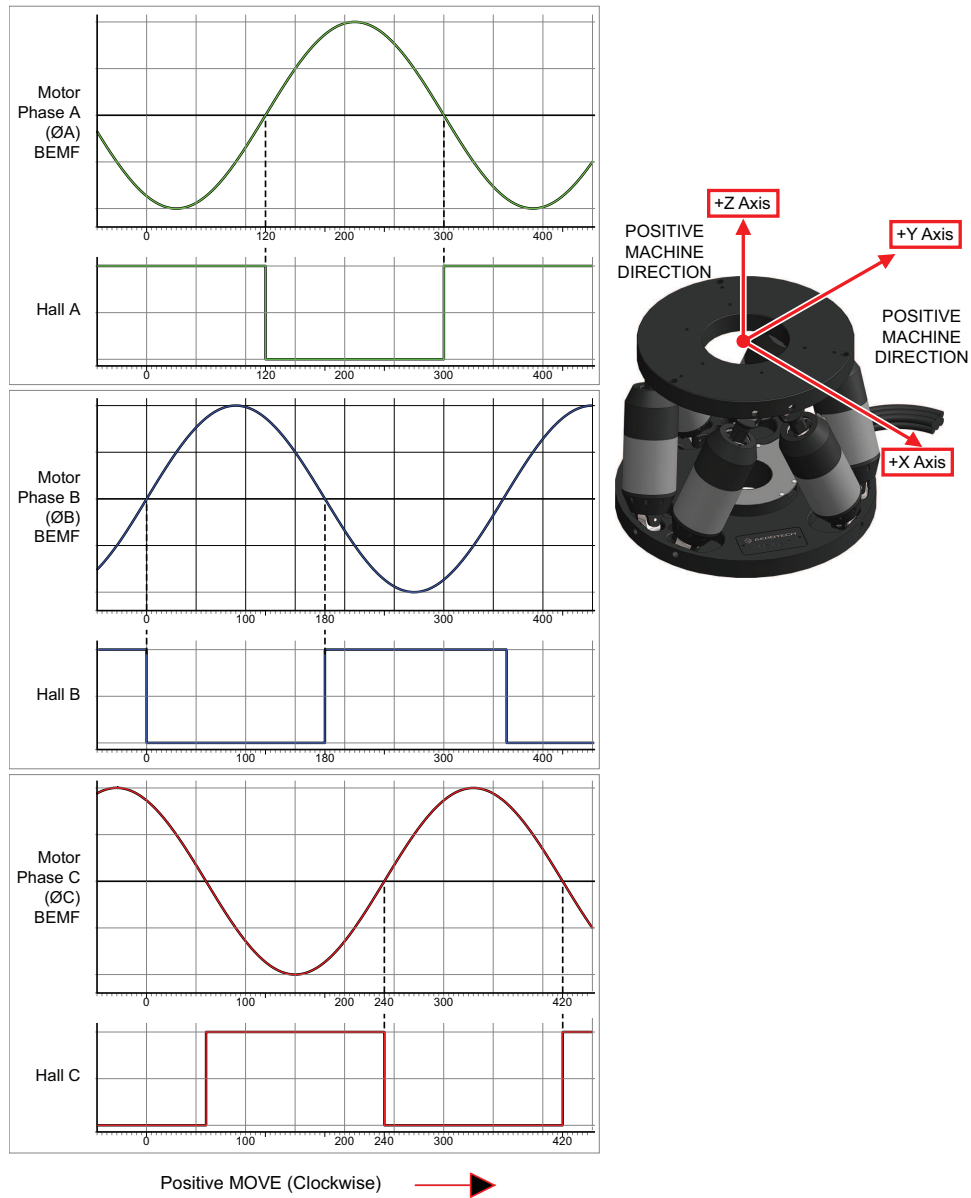


Figure 3-4: Hall Phasing

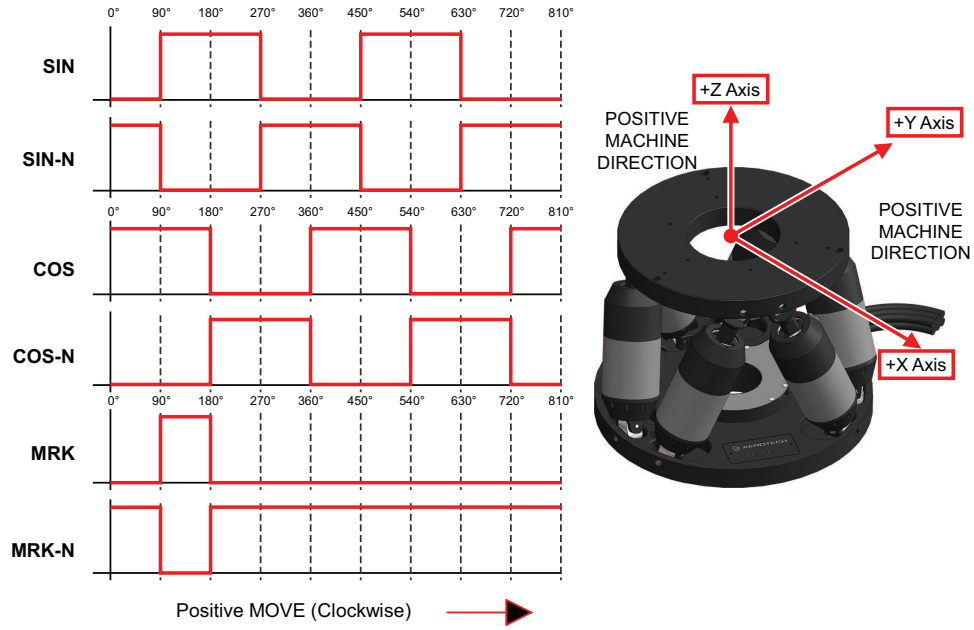


Figure 3-5: Encoder Phasing Reference Diagram (Standard)

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Chapter 4: Maintenance



DANGER: To minimize the possibility of bodily injury or death, disconnect all electrical power prior to performing any maintenance or making adjustments to the equipment.



DANGER: PINCH POINT! Keep Hands Clear while the stage is in motion.

4.1. Service and Inspection Schedule

Inspect and clean the HEX300-230HL once per month. A longer or shorter inspection interval may be required depending on the specific application, and conditions such as the duty cycle, speed, and environment.

Monthly inspections should include but not be limited to:

- Re-tighten loose connectors.
- Replace or repair damaged cables.
- Clean the HEX300-230HL and any components and cables as needed.
- Repair any damage before operating the HEX300-230HL.

4.2. Cleaning and Lubrication



DANGER: To minimize the possibility of bodily injury or death, disconnect all electrical power prior to performing any maintenance or making adjustments to the equipment.



WARNING: Be careful not to scratch any bearing surfaces when cleaning or lubricating the hexapod.

Cleaning

Before using a cleaning solvent on any part of the HEX300-230HL, blow away small particles and dust with nitrogen or, less preferably, clean, dry, compressed air.

Any external metal surface of the HEX300-230HL can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol on a lint-free cloth.

Lubrication

Only use the grease specified in table as other greases may be incompatible.

Table 4-1: Grease Specifications

Location	Grease
Ballscrew	NSK LG2
Linear Rail	THK AFF
Angular Contact Bearings	Kluberplex BEM 34-132

If the application process uses only a small portion of travel for most of the duty cycle, periodically drive the stage through full travel to redistribute the lubrication in the bearings.

4.3. Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Causes and Solutions
Strut will not move	A Cable is Disconnected: Check the cables for connections and damage.
	Limit or Controller Fault: Check the controller for faults. Refer to the controller and software documentation.
Strut moves uncontrollably	Encoder Signal Connection or the Motor Signal Connection: Check to make sure that the cable connections are secure. Refer to the Section 3.2. Motor and Feedback Wiring
Axes are unstable or squeal	Incorrect Gains: Refer to controller documentation

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Appendix A: Warranty and Field Service

Aerotech, Inc. warrants its products to be free from harmful defects caused by faulty materials or poor workmanship for a minimum period of one year from date of shipment from Aerotech. Aerotech's liability is limited to replacing, repairing or issuing credit, at its option, for any products that are returned by the original purchaser during the warranty period. Aerotech makes no warranty that its products are fit for the use or purpose to which they may be put by the buyer, whether or not such use or purpose has been disclosed to Aerotech in specifications or drawings previously or subsequently provided, or whether or not Aerotech's products are specifically designed and/or manufactured for buyer's use or purpose. Aerotech's liability on any claim for loss or damage arising out of the sale, resale, or use of any of its products shall in no event exceed the selling price of the unit.

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Claims for shipment damage (evident or concealed) must be filed with the carrier by the buyer. Aerotech must be notified within thirty (30) days of shipment of incorrect material. No product may be returned, whether in warranty or out of warranty, without first obtaining approval from Aerotech. No credit will be given nor repairs made for products returned without such approval. A "Return Materials Authorization (RMA)" number must accompany any returned product(s). The RMA number may be obtained by calling an Aerotech service center or by submitting the appropriate request available on our website (www.aerotech.com). Products must be returned, prepaid, to an Aerotech service center (no C.O.D. or Collect Freight accepted). The status of any product returned later than thirty (30) days after the issuance of a return authorization number will be subject to review.

Visit <https://www.aerotech.com/global-technical-support.aspx> for the location of your nearest Aerotech Service center.

Returned Product Warranty Determination

After Aerotech's examination, warranty or out-of-warranty status will be determined. If upon Aerotech's examination a warranted defect exists, then the product(s) will be repaired at no charge and shipped, prepaid, back to the buyer. If the buyer desires an expedited method of return, the product(s) will be shipped collect. Warranty repairs do not extend the original warranty period.

Fixed Fee Repairs - Products having fixed-fee pricing will require a valid purchase order or credit card particulars before any service work can begin.

All Other Repairs - After Aerotech's evaluation, the buyer shall be notified of the repair cost. At such time the buyer must issue a valid purchase order to cover the cost of the repair and freight, or authorize the product(s) to be shipped back as is, at the buyer's expense. Failure to obtain a purchase order number or approval within thirty (30) days of notification will result in the product(s) being returned as is, at the buyer's expense.

Repair work is warranted for ninety (90) days from date of shipment. Replacement components are warranted for one year from date of shipment.

Rush Service

At times, the buyer may desire to expedite a repair. Regardless of warranty or out-of-warranty status, the buyer must issue a valid purchase order to cover the added rush service cost. Rush service is subject to Aerotech's approval.

On-site Warranty Repair

If an Aerotech product cannot be made functional by telephone assistance or by sending and having the customer install replacement parts, and cannot be returned to the Aerotech service center for repair, and if Aerotech determines the problem could be warranty-related, then the following policy applies:

Aerotech will provide an on-site Field Service Representative in a reasonable amount of time, provided that the customer issues a valid purchase order to Aerotech covering all transportation and subsistence costs. For warranty field repairs, the customer will not be charged for the cost of labor and material. If service is rendered at times other than normal work periods, then special rates apply.

If during the on-site repair it is determined the problem is not warranty related, then the terms and conditions stated in the following "On-Site Non-Warranty Repair" section apply.

On-site Non-Warranty Repair

If any Aerotech product cannot be made functional by telephone assistance or purchased replacement parts, and cannot be returned to the Aerotech service center for repair, then the following field service policy applies:

Aerotech will provide an on-site Field Service Representative in a reasonable amount of time, provided that the customer issues a valid purchase order to Aerotech covering all transportation and subsistence costs and the prevailing labor cost, including travel time, necessary to complete the repair.

Service Locations

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Have your customer order number ready before calling.

Appendix B: Revision History

Revision	Description
1.01.00	Updated dimension drawing: Section 2.2.
1.00.00	New manual

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