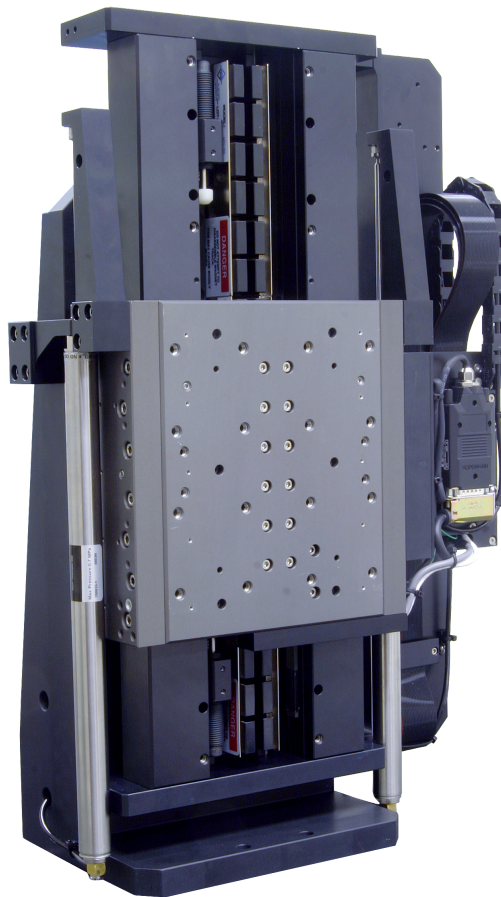




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Safety Procedures and Warnings

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 ABL1500Z 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.
6. **PINCH POINT!** Keep Hands Clear while the stage is in motion.



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 ABL1500Z stage must be mounted securely. Improper mounting can result in injury and damage to the equipment.
5. Use care when moving the ABL1500Z stage. Lifting or transporting the ABL1500Z stage improperly can result in injury or damage to the ABL1500Z.
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. The stage forcer temperature may exceed 75°C.
9. Operators must be trained before operating this equipment.
10. All service and maintenance must be performed by qualified personnel.
11. Eye protection must be worn when in the proximity of compressed air components.

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ABL1500Z Stage

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:

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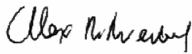
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Chapter 1: Overview

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.

Table 1-1: Model Numbers and Ordering Options

ABL1500Z Series Linear Air-Bearing Stage	
-050	50 mm travel
-100	100 mm travel
-150	150 mm travel
-200	200 mm travel
Feedback (Required)	
-E1	Incremental linear encoder, 1 Vpp amplified sine output
-E2	Incremental linear encoder, 0.1 μ m TTL line driver output
-E3	High-accuracy incremental linear encoder, 1 Vpp amplified sine output
Cable Management (Required)	
-CMS1	Single axis cable management system
-CMS2	Cable management system for ZT assembly
Metrology (Required)	
-PL1	Metrology, uncalibrated with performance plots
-PL2	Metrology, calibrated (HALAR) with performance plots
Accessories (to be ordered as separate line item)	
ALIGN-NPA	Non-precision XY assembly
ALIGN-PA10	XY assembly; 10 arc sec orthogonality. Alignment to within 7 microns orthogonality for short travel stages.
ALIGN-PA5	XY assembly; 5 arc sec orthogonality. Alignment to within 3 microns orthogonality for short travel stages.
ABF	Air-bearing filtration kit

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: 16° to 25° C (61° to 77° F) The optimal operating temperature is 20° C \pm 2° C (68° F \pm 4° F). If at any time the operating temperature deviates from 20° C degradation in performance could occur.
	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 stage 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	ABL1500Z stages are not suited for dusty or wet environments. This equates to an ingress protection rating of IP00.
Use	Indoor use only

1.2. Accuracy and Temperature Effects

Due to the small clearances in the air bearing design, extreme temperature environments could cause a decrease in performance or permanent damage to the stage. Standard Aerotech air-bearing stages are designed for and built in a 20°C (68°F) environment. The environmental temperature must be controlled to within 0.25°C per 24 hours to ensure that the ABL1500Z specifications are repeatable over an extended period of time. The severity of temperature effects on all specifications depends on many different environmental conditions, including how the ABL1500Z is mounted. Contact the factory for more details.

The -E1 and -E2 encoder scale in the ABL1500Z stage has a coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) of $3.25 \times 10^{-6} / ^\circ\text{C}$. The -E3 encoder scale has a CTE of $7.5 \times 10^{-6} / ^\circ\text{C}$. As the stage deviates from 20°C, travel of the stage as seen by the encoder will change per the appropriate thermal expansion rate.

1.3. Basic Specifications

Table 1-3: ABL1500Z Series Specifications

Basic Model			ABL15005Z-050	ABL15010Z-100	ABL15015Z-150	ABL15020Z-200
Travel			50 mm	100 mm	150 mm	200 mm
Accuracy ⁽¹⁾	-E1	Calibrated	±0.3 µm	±0.3 µm	±0.4 µm	±0.5 µm
		Standard	±2.0 µm	±3.0 µm	±5.0 µm	±8.0 µm
	-E3	Calibrated	±0.2 µm	±0.2 µm	±0.3 µm	±0.5 µm
		Standard	±1.5 µm	±2.5 µm	±4.0 µm	±6.0 µm
Repeatability (Bi-Directional) ⁽¹⁾	-E1		±0.1 µm	±0.1 µm	±0.15 µm	±0.2 µm
	-E3		±0.1 µm	±0.1 µm	±0.15 µm	±0.2 µm
Straightness ⁽¹⁾			±0.4 µm	±0.6 µm	±0.8 µm	±1.0 µm
Flatness ⁽¹⁾			±0.4 µm	±0.6 µm	±0.8 µm	±1.0 µm
Pitch			±1 arc sec	±1.5 arc sec	±2 arc sec	±2.5 arc sec
Roll			±1 arc sec	±1.5 arc sec	±2 arc sec	±2.5 arc sec
Yaw			±1 arc sec	±1.5 arc sec	±2 arc sec	±2.5 arc sec
Maximum Speed			300 mm/s			
Maximum Acceleration			2 g (no load)			
Maximum Force (Continuous)			93.6 N			
Load Capacity ⁽²⁾			15.0 kg			
Operating Pressure ⁽³⁾			80 psi ±5 psig			
Air Consumption ⁽⁴⁾			Stage: 24 - 30 SLPM @ 551 kPa; Counterbalance: 60 SLPM max			
Moving Mass (no load)			5.9 kg			
Stage Mass			23.8 kg	26.6 kg	28.5 kg	30.5 kg
Material			Aluminum			
Mean Time Between Failure			20,000 Hours			
(1) Certified with each stage.						
(2) Axis orientation for on-axis loading is listed (refer to Section 2.4 , for offset loading behavior).						
(3) To protect air bearing against under-pressure, an in-line pressure switch tied to the motion controller/amplifier E-Stop is recommended.						
(4) Air supply must be clean, dry to 0° F dew point and filtered to 0.25 µm or better. Recommend nitrogen at 99.9% purity.						
NOTES:						
• Specifications are for single-axis systems measured 25 mm above the tabletop; performance of multi-axis system is payload and workpoint dependent. Consult the Aerotech factory for multi-axis or non-standard applications.						

1.4. Air Requirements

The quality of the air that you supply to the stage is important to the operation of the stage. Aerotech recommends that you connect the air supply to the air inlet with a polyurethane air hose.

Table 1-4: Air Specifications

		Description
Air Quality	Nitrogen ⁽¹⁾	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 99.99% pure filtered⁽²⁾ to 0.25 microns
	Compressed Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> filtered⁽²⁾ to 0.25 microns dry to 0° F dew point oil free
Operating Air Pressure		80 psi \pm 5 psi (517 to 551 kPa)
Air Consumption	Stage	24 - 30 SLPM
	Counterbalance	60 SLPM maximum
Air Inlet Fitting ⁽³⁾		4 mm or 5/32" OD Hose
(1) Recommended (2) The filtration requirement is to prevent particles from clogging the air bearing openings. (3) Aerotech recommends using a polyurethane air hose.		

Aerotech also recommends that you install a pressure switch (P/N: MCA03094) tied to the motion controller's emergency stop (ESTOP) that will remove power to the air bearing if pressure drops below 40 psi (a drop in pressure could result in contact between bearing surfaces which could cause damage to the surfaces). For easier air-supply setup, you can purchase pneumatic kits and filter/filter-dryer kits from Aerotech. Aerotech's ABF Air Filtration Unit incorporates air filtration plus a pressure monitoring switch.

The pneumatic counterbalance pressure supply is determined by the amount of payload carried by the stage ([Figure 1-1](#) and [Figure 1-2](#); for setup, refer to [Section 2.5](#)).

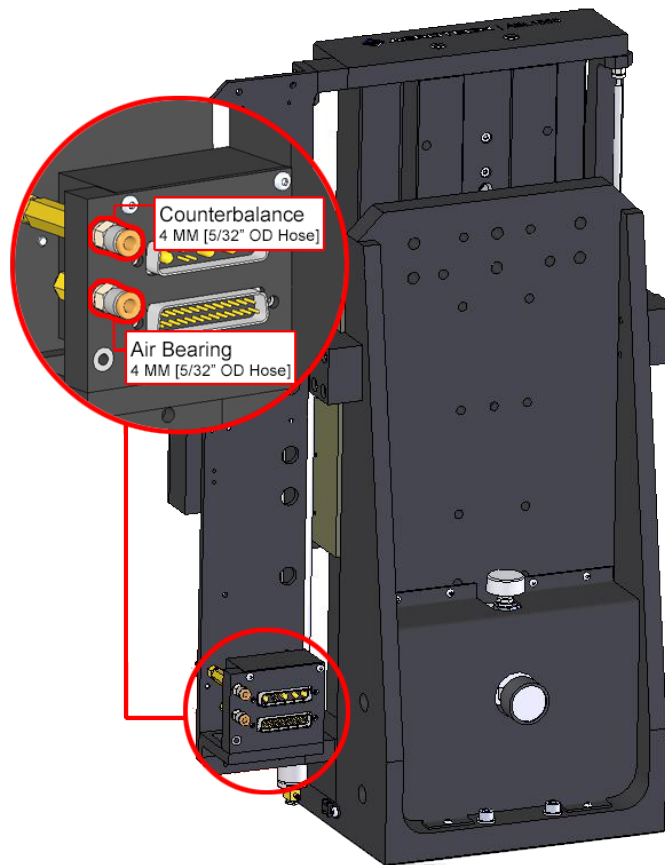


Figure 1-1: Air Fitting Locations for Air Bearing

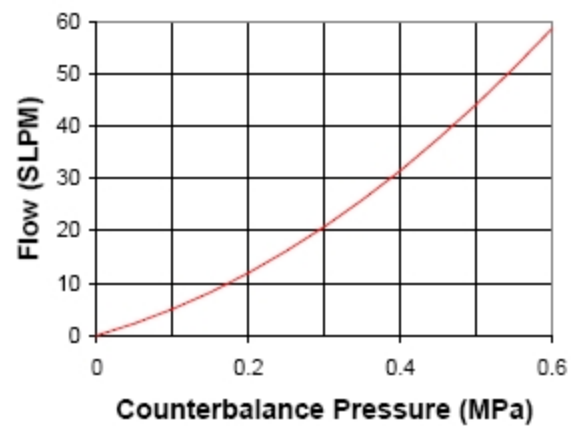


Figure 1-2: Counterbalance Air Flow vs. Counterbalance Pressure

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Chapter 2: Installation



WARNING: ABL1500Z 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 Stage



DANGER/HEAVY: Do not attempt to manually lift the ABL1500Z. Refer to for stage mass specifications.

- Lift only with the supplied lifting hardware and lifting straps.
- Use the eyebolts in conjunction with lifting straps.
- The lifting straps should be configured to pull on the eyebolts in the vertical direction only.
- Do not use the tabletop or cable as lifting points.



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

- Make sure that all moving parts are secure before moving the ABL1500Z. Unsecured moving parts may shift and cause bodily injury.
- Improper handling could adversely affect the performance of the ABL1500Z. Use care when moving the ABL1500Z.

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

Carefully remove the ABL1500Z from its protective shipping container. Use the lifting equipment to gently set the ABL1500Z on a smooth, flat, and clean surface.

Before operating the ABL1500Z, 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.

Lifting Hardware

ABL1500Z stages come equipped with lifting bars and eyebolts attached to the stage as shown in [Figure 2-1](#). For multi-axis assemblies, always lift the system by the lower axis. Lifting by the upper axis may disturb precision alignments on the system.

Each ABL1500Z 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 Clamps

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 ABL1500Z can be operated. Retain the brackets and hardware for future use.



WARNING: Do not attempt to move the carriage (or table top) of the ABL1500Z until the shipping brackets have been removed. Moving the carriage with the shipping brackets installed can cause permanent damage to the ABL1500Z.

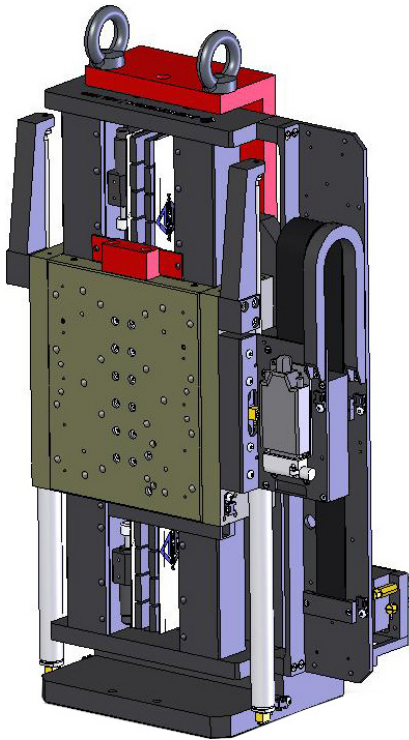


Figure 2-1: Lifting Features and Shipping Clamps

NOTE : After removing the lifting features or shipping brackets, retain them for future use. Do not transport or ship the ABL1500Z without the lifting features or shipping brackets attached.

2.2. Dimensions

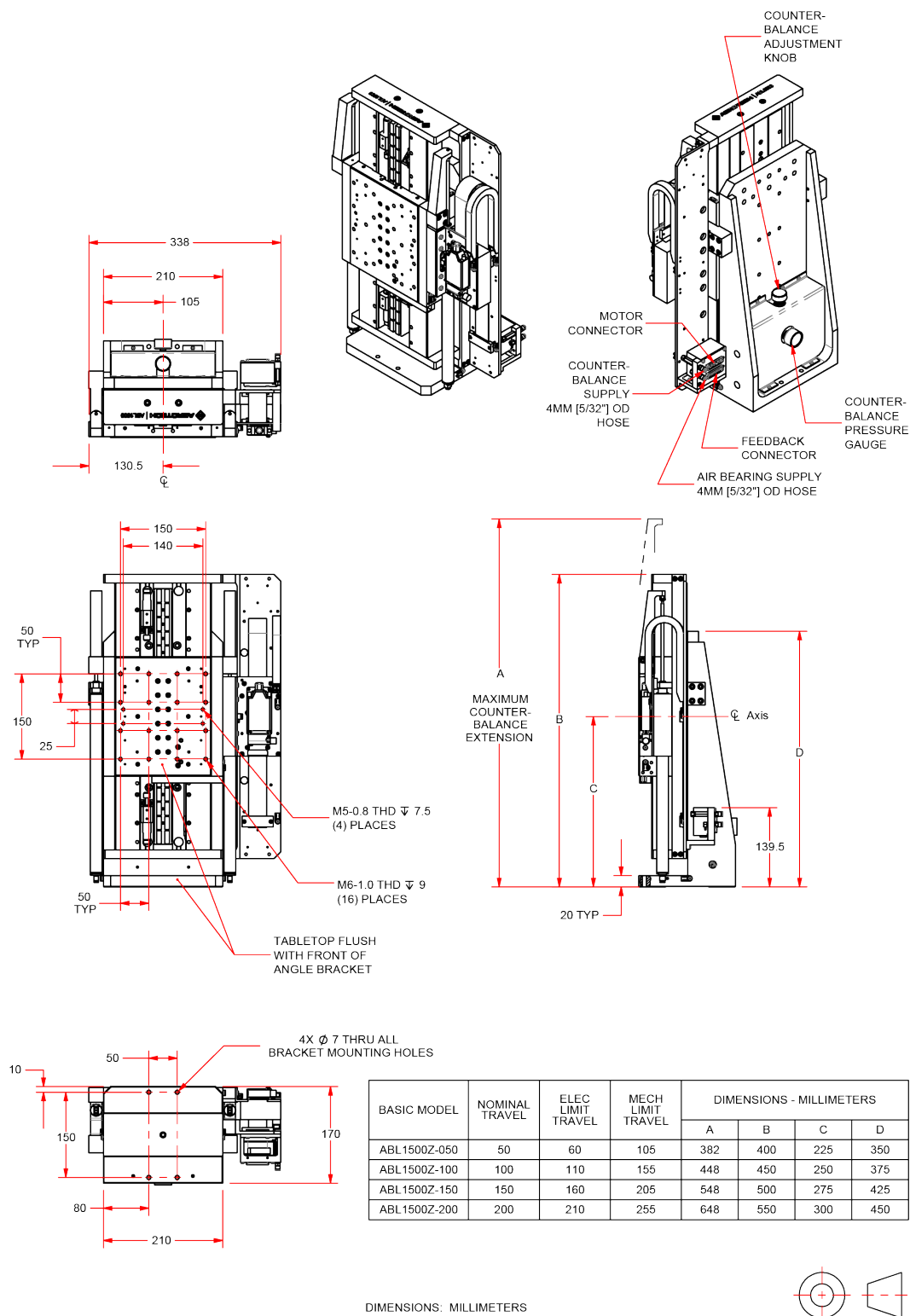


Figure 2-2: ABL1500Z Dimensions

2.3. Securing the Stage to the Mounting Surface

The mounting surface must be flat and have adequate stiffness in order to achieve the maximum performance from the ABL1500Z 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.



WARNING: Make sure that all moving parts are secure before moving the ABL1500Z. Unsecured moving parts may shift and cause bodily injury.



DANGER: Strong rare-earth magnets are present in the linear motor magnet track. Loose metal objects (tools, watches, keys, etc.) may cause personal injury and/or damage to the equipment.



WARNING: The ABL1500Z must be mounted securely. Improper mounting can result in injury and damage to the equipment.

NOTE: To maintain accuracy, the mounting surface must be flat to within 2.5 μm .

NOTE: The stage base (or Z-Axis angle bracket) is precision machined and verified for flatness prior to stage assembly at the factory. If machining is required to achieve the desired flatness, it should be performed on the mounting surface rather than the stage base. Shimming should be avoided if possible. If shimming is required, it should be minimized to improve the rigidity of the system.

Procedure for ABL1500Z mounting:



WARNING: Do not attempt to move the carriage of the ABL1500Z until the air supply, detailed in [Section 1.4.](#), has been installed. Moving the stage table without air supplied can cause permanent damage to the stage.

1. Prepare the mounting surface and bottom mounting pads of the angle bracket with precision flatstones to remove any burrs or high spots.
2. Clean the mounting surface and bottom of the angle bracket with the appropriate cleaners (acetone or isopropyl alcohol for the angle bracket).
3. Place the stage on the mounting surface
4. Tighten the four mounting screws (Figure [Figure 2-3](#)). The typical torque value for M6 socket head cap screws is 7 N-m.
5. Remove the lifting bracket from the back of the stage assembly (if shipped as a single axis). The lifting bracket is mounted to the stage with M8-1.25x20mm socket head cap screws.

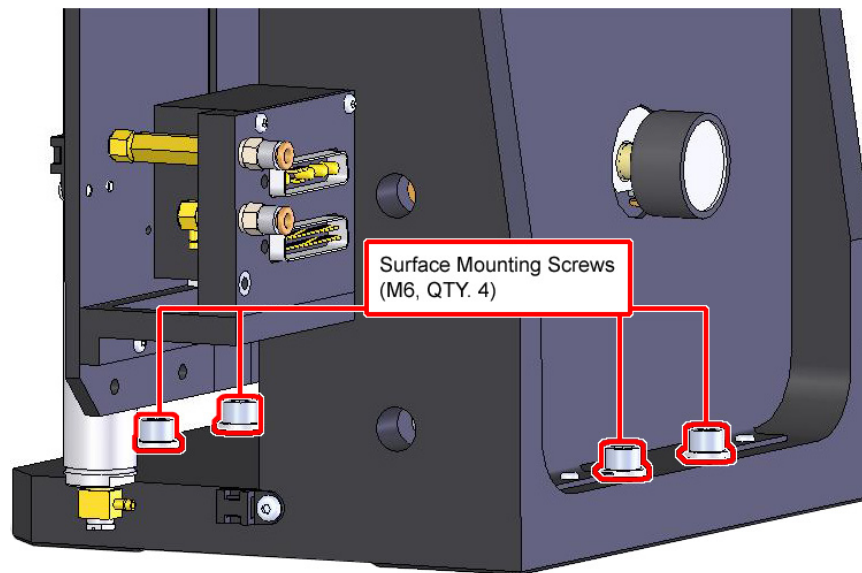


Figure 2-3: Surface Mounting Screws

2.4. Attaching the Payload to the Stage

To prevent damage to the payload or stage, test the operation of the stage before the payload is attached. 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 (including setting up the pneumatic counterbalance) 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.

NOTE: If your ABL1500Z was purchased with Aerotech controls, it might have been tuned with a representative payload based on the information provided at the time of order. If the ABL1500Z is started up without a payload, the servo gains provided by Aerotech with the shipment may not be appropriate and servo instability can occur. Refer to the controller help file for tuning assistance.

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 2.5 μm .

Load Capability

Applied loads should be symmetrically distributed whenever possible (i.e., the payload should be centered on the stage table and the entire stage should be centered on the support structure).

If cantilevered loads are applied, refer to [Figure 1-7](#) and [Figure 1-8](#) to find the maximum allowable load. [Figure 1-9](#) shows the orientation of “pitch” and “yaw” loading.

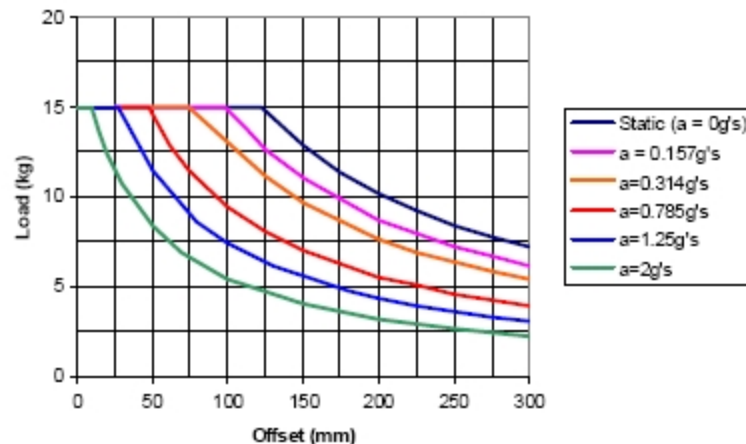


Figure 2-4: Cantilevered Load Capability (Pitch) for Various Peak Accelerations

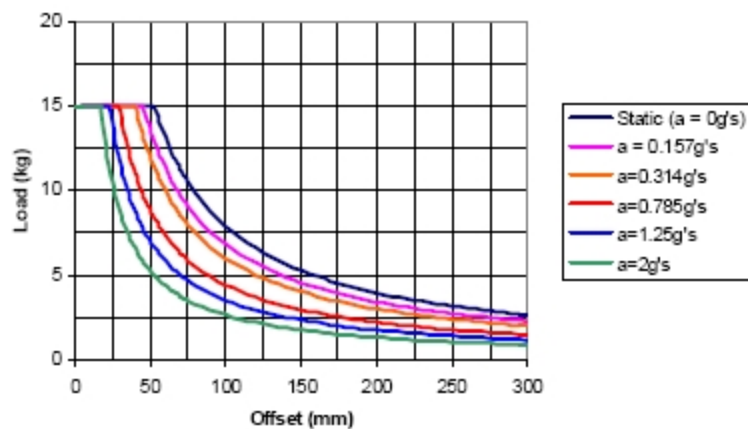


Figure 2-5: Offset Load Capability (Yaw) for Various Peak Applications

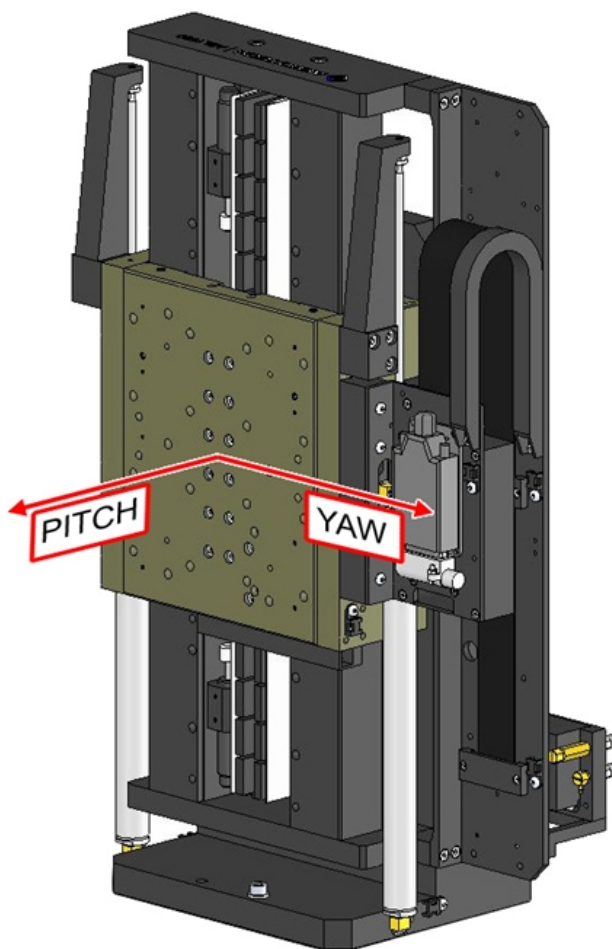


Figure 2-6: Cantilever and Offset Loading Diagram

2.5. Setting Up the Pneumatic Counterbalance



WARNING: Failure to adjust the counterbalance per the following instructions could result in bodily injury as well as stage and payload damage.



WARNING: Sudden loss of pressure to the pneumatic counterbalance will cause the carriage to drop rapidly. This could result in bodily injury as well as stage and payload damage.

By default, the ABL1500Z pneumatic counterbalances are factory set to operate in the as-shipped condition. For stages that ship without a payload, the counterbalance is set for the mass of the carriage only. For stages that ship with payloads or other axes attached, the counterbalance is set for the mass of the carriage plus the additional mass. If there is an adjustment to the mass that is carried by the counterbalance cylinders, either adding or subtracting payload, there also needs to be an adjustment to the counterbalance pressure supplied to the pneumatic cylinders.

Standard ABL1500Z stages have two counterbalance cylinders with a combined piston area of $3.79 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$. The moving mass of a standard ABL1500Z carriage assembly is 5.9 kg (13.1 lb). An estimate of the counterbalance pressure required to support additional load is given by the following:

$$P_c = ((m_p + 5.9) * 9.81) / (3.79 \times 10^{-4}) / 1 \times 10^6 \text{ {MPa}}$$

where

P_c = Required counterbalance pressure in MPa (maximum 0.6 MPa allowed)

m_p = mass of external payload in kg.

This relationship is shown graphically in [Figure 2-7](#).

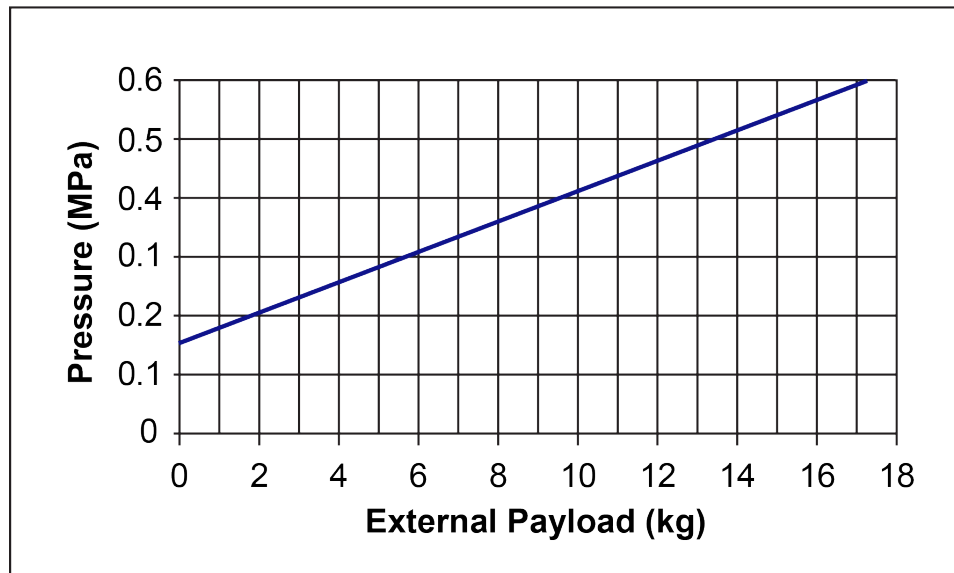


Figure 2-7: Counterbalance Pressure vs. External Payload

Initial pneumatic counterbalance setup:

1. Before you remove the shipping bracket, connect the air lines to the air bearing and pneumatic counterbalance stage fittings ([Figure 2-8](#)).

NOTE: Refer to [Section 1.4](#) for air requirements. Make sure that the air supply meets specifications before you continue.

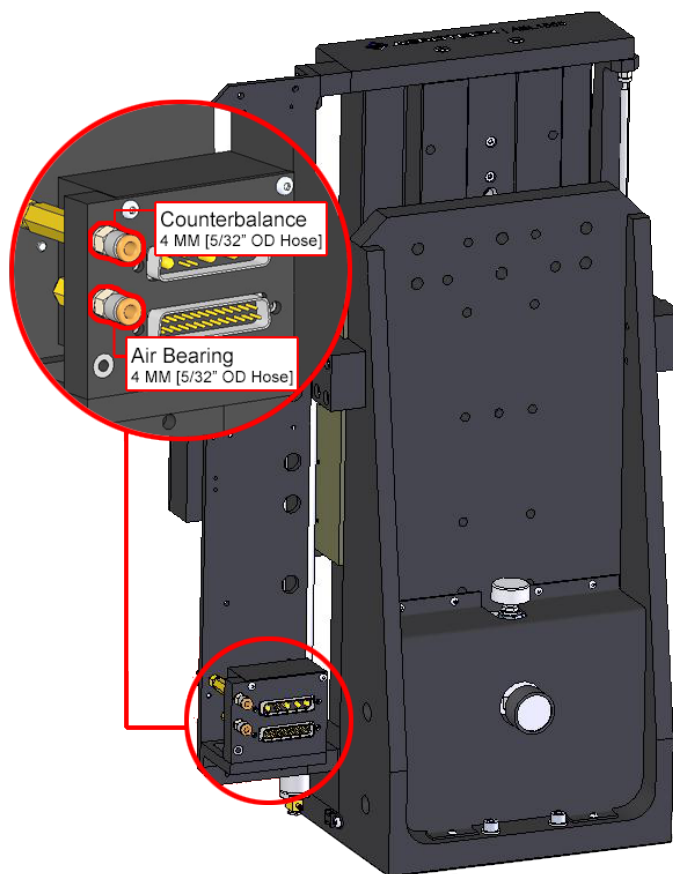


Figure 2-8: Connections for Air Bearing and Counterbalance

2. Turn on the air supply to both the air bearing stage and the pneumatic counterbalance. The pressure supply to the counterbalance fitting must exceed the pressure determined by [Figure 2-7](#).
3. Loosen, but do not remove, the two M5-0.8x25mm socket head cap screws mounting the shipping bracket to the end of the carriage ([Figure 2-9](#)). Loosen the screws by two to three turns (1.6 mm to 2.4 mm).

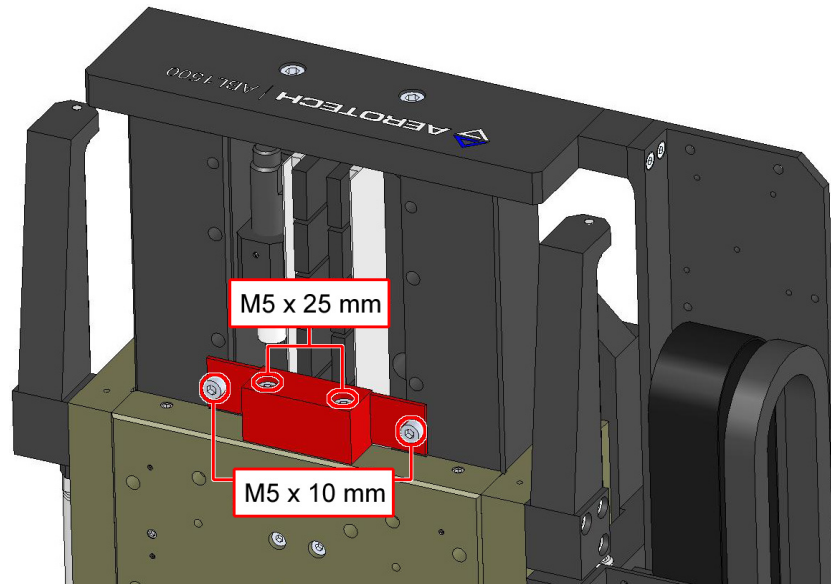


Figure 2-9: Shipping Bracket

4. By hand, gently move the carriage up and down. The carriage should move with little effort within the play of the loosened screws. If the counterbalance pressure is not high enough, the carriage will hang from the shipping bracket screws and will be hard to lift. If the counterbalance pressure is too high, the carriage will push up against the shipping bracket and will be hard to pull down.
 - a. If the counterbalance pressure seems to low, check the supply pressure to the input fitting prior to adjusting the factory setting of the regulator. Increase the supply pressure to the fitting until the pressure gauge on the back of the stage does not show a corresponding increase in pressure. Check the counterbalance of the carriage again.
 - b. To adjust the pressure to the cylinders, place one hand on the carriage with the shipping brackets still loose and slowly turn the regulator knob. Clockwise rotation increases pressure, and counterclockwise rotation decreases pressure. Adjust the pressure until the carriage mass is balanced by the cylinders.
5. Once the cylinders are balanced, remove the M5x25mm shipping bracket screws from the end of the carriage.
6. Remove the shipping bracket from the base (M5x10mm socket head cap screws). Retain the shipping bracket for future use.

To turn off the air supply to the stage after the shipping brackets are removed:

1. Make sure the stage is not under servo control.
2. Gently push the carriage down to the bottom of travel until the mechanical shock engages.
3. Gently push the stage down through the shock stroke until the shock bottoms out and hold the carriage in this position.
4. Turn off the counterbalance pressure. Once the counterbalance pressure has completely bled out, release the hand pressure on the carriage.
5. Turn off the air bearing supply.

To change the payload on the stage (add or remove mass):

1. Follow the steps above to turn off the air to the stage.
2. Turn the regulator knob counterclockwise until it bottoms out (prevents any pressure from reaching the cylinders).
3. Change the payload as required. See [Section 2.4.](#) for payload flatness requirement and for loading charts.
4. Estimate the pressure required to lift the payload using [Figure 2-7.](#)
5. Turn on the air supply to the air bearing.
6. Turn on the air supply to the counterbalance input.
7. Gradually increase the pressure to the cylinders with the precision regulator. Make fine adjustments when approaching the estimated pressure required for counterbalance. Adjust until the payload does not rise or fall when put into a position by hand.

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Chapter 3: Electrical Specifications and Installation



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

Aerotech motion control systems are adjusted at the factory for optimum performance. When the ABL1500Z is part of a complete Aerotech motion control system, setup usually involves connecting the ABL1500Z 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.

The stage and its carriage are protected from dangerous faults by an integral safety ground through the stage's motor power cable. In addition, a spot faced safety ground connection point (shown in [Figure 3-1](#)) is provided on the stage endplate for customer use.



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.

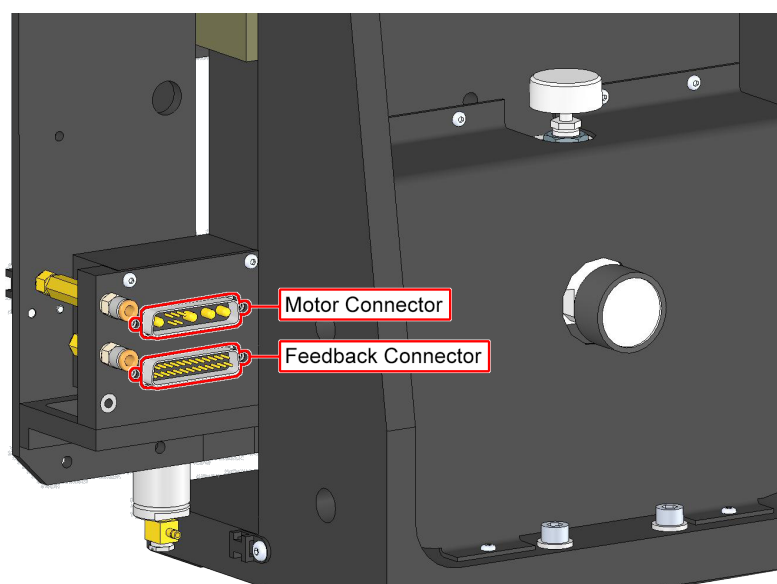


Figure 3-1: Connector Locations

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.

The protective ground connection of the ABL1500Z 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.

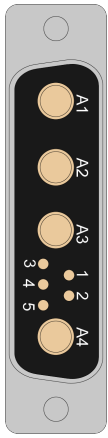


WARNING: Operator access to the base and tabletop must be restricted while connected to a power source. Failure to do so may cause electric shock.



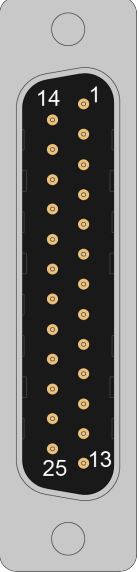
CAUTION: The stage controller must provide over-current and over-speed protection. Failure to do so may result in permanent damage to the motor and stage components.

Table 3-1: Motor Connector Pinouts

Pin	Description	Connector
A1	Motor Phase A	
A2	Motor Phase B	
A3	Motor Phase C	
1	Reserved	
2	Reserved	
3	Reserved	
4	Reserved	
5	Reserved	
A4	Frame ground (motor protective ground)	

Mating Connector	Aerotech P/N	Third Party P/N
Backshell	ECK00656	Amphenol #17E-1726-2
Sockets [QTY. 4]	ECK00659	ITT Cannon #DM53744-6
Connector	ECK00657	ITT Cannon #DBM9W4SA197

Table 3-2: Feedback Connector Pinouts

Pin	Description	Connector
1	Signal shield connection	
2	Over-Temperature Thermistor sensor	
3	+5 V power supply	
4	Reserved	
5	Hall Effect sensor, phase B	
6	Marker-N	
7	Marker	
8	Reserved	
9	Reserved	
10	Hall Effect sensor, phase A	
11	Hall Effect sensor, phase C	
12	Signal indicating maximum travel produced by positive/CW stage direction.	
13	Reserved	
14	Cosine	
15	Cosine-N	
16	+5 V power supply	
17	Sine	
18	Sine-N	
19	Reserved	
20	Limit Common	
21	Encoder Common	
22	Reserved	
23	Reserved	
24	Signal indicating maximum travel produced by negative/CCW stage direction	
25	Reserved	
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
1. Available with -Y-CMS option		

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.

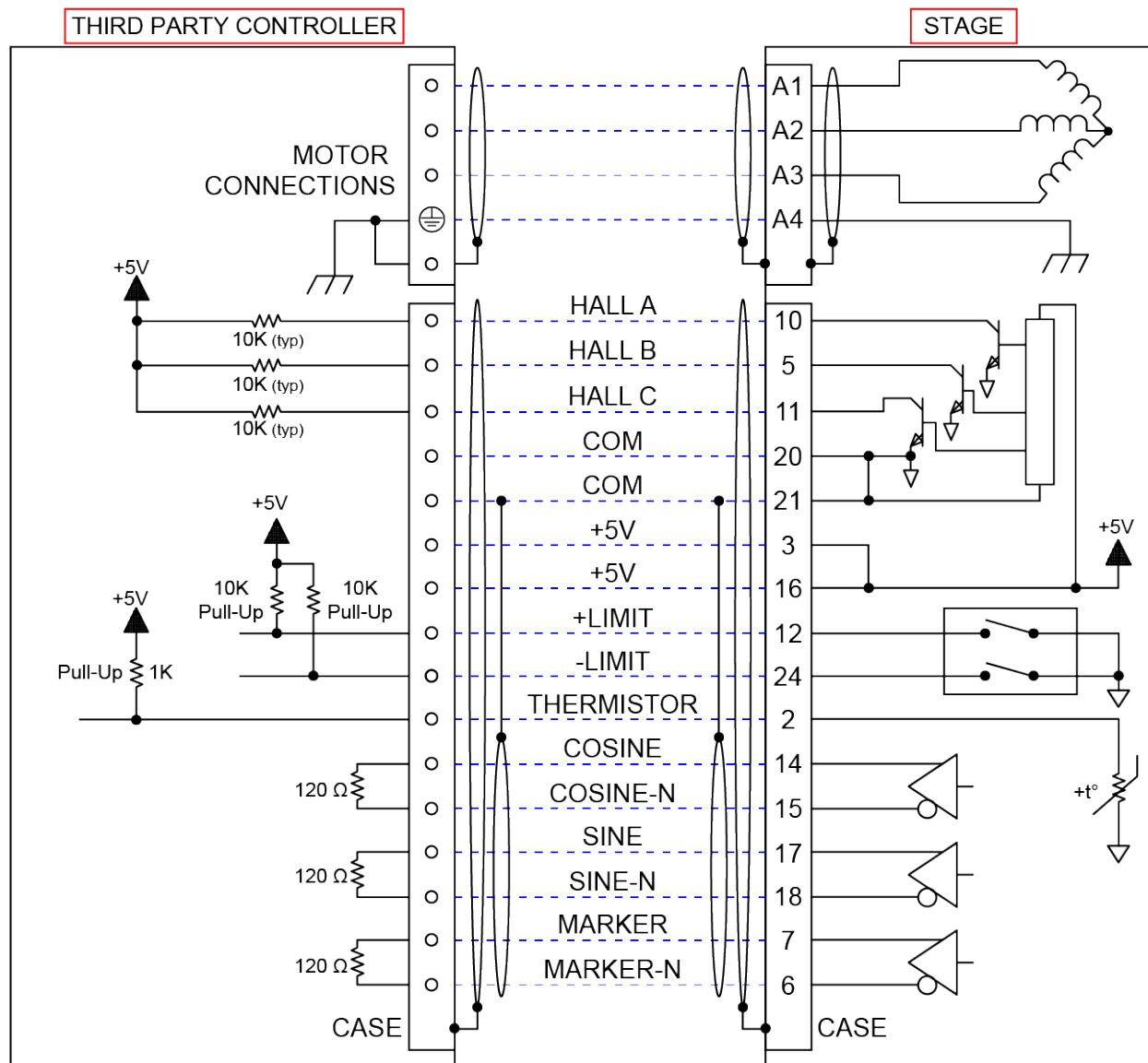


Figure 3-2: Motor and Feedback Wiring

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	$\sim 100 \Omega$
Hot Resistance	$\sim 10 \text{ K}$
Note: 1K pull-up to +5V recommended.	

Encoder Specifications	
Supply Voltage	5 V \pm 5%
Supply Current	250 mA (typical)
Output Signals	Sinusoidal Type (Incremental Encoder): 1 V _{pk-pk} into 120 Ω Load (differential signals SIN+, SIN-, COS+, COS- are .5 V _{pk-pk} relative to ground.)
	Digital Output (Incremental Encoder): RS422/485 compatible

Limit Switch Specifications	
Supply Voltage	5 V (from encoder)
Supply Current	250 mA (typical)
Output Type	Open Collector
Output Voltage	24 VDC max, through pull-up resistor
Output Current	20 mA max (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)

Table 3-4: Encoder Specifications

Model	Fundamental Signal Period	Digital Resolution	Maximum Speed ⁽²⁾
-E1	20 μm	--	2000 mm/sec
-E1 with x4000 Interpolation		5 nm	
-E1 with x16000 Interpolation		1.25 nm	
-E2 ⁽¹⁾		100 nm	100 mm/sec
-E3	4 μm	--	1200 mm/sec
-E3 with x4000 Interpolation		1 nm	1200 mm/sec
-E3 with x16000 Interpolation		0.25 nm	1200 mm/sec
1. Quadrature decoding included in interpolated resolution calculations			
2. Maximum speed of encoder option listed; system data rate limitations may also apply.			

Table 3-5: BLMC-192 Motor Specifications

		BLMC-192
Performance Specifications⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		
Continuous Force	N (lb)	106.7 (24.0)
Peak Force ⁽³⁾	N (lb)	618.8 (139.1)
Electrical Specifications⁽²⁾		
Winding Designation	A / B	-A
BEMF Constant (line-line, max)	V/(m/s) (V/(in/s))	30.66 (0.78)
Continuous Current	A_{pk} (A_{rms})	4.00 (2.83)
Peak Current, Stall ⁽³⁾	A_{pk} (A_{rms})	23.20 (16.40)
Force Constant, Sine Drive ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	N/A_{pk} (lb/ A_{pk})	26.67 (6.00)
	N/A_{rms} (lb/ A_{rms})	37.72 (8.48)
Motor Constant ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁶⁾	N/\sqrt{W} (lb/ \sqrt{W})	10.29 (2.31)
Resistance, 25°C (line-line)	Ω	6.4
Inductance (line-line)	mH	1.90
Thermal Resistance, No Forced Cooling	°C/W	0.93
Maximum Bus Voltage	V_{DC}	80 ⁽⁷⁾
Magnetic Pole Pitch	mm (in)	25 (0.98)
1. Performance is dependent upon heat sink configuration, system cooling conditions, and ambient temperature		
2. All performance and electrical specifications $\pm 10\%$		
3. Peak force assumes correct rms current; consult Aerotech.		
4. Force constant and motor constant specified at stall		
5. All Aerotech amplifiers are rated A_{pk} ; use force constant in N·m/ A_{pk} when sizing.		
6. Values shown @ 100°C rise above a 25°C ambient temperature, with motor mounted to the specified aluminum heat sink.		
7. Bus voltage limitation is due to stage cabling, not the motor.		

3.4. Limits, Marker, and 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 ABL1500Z stages.

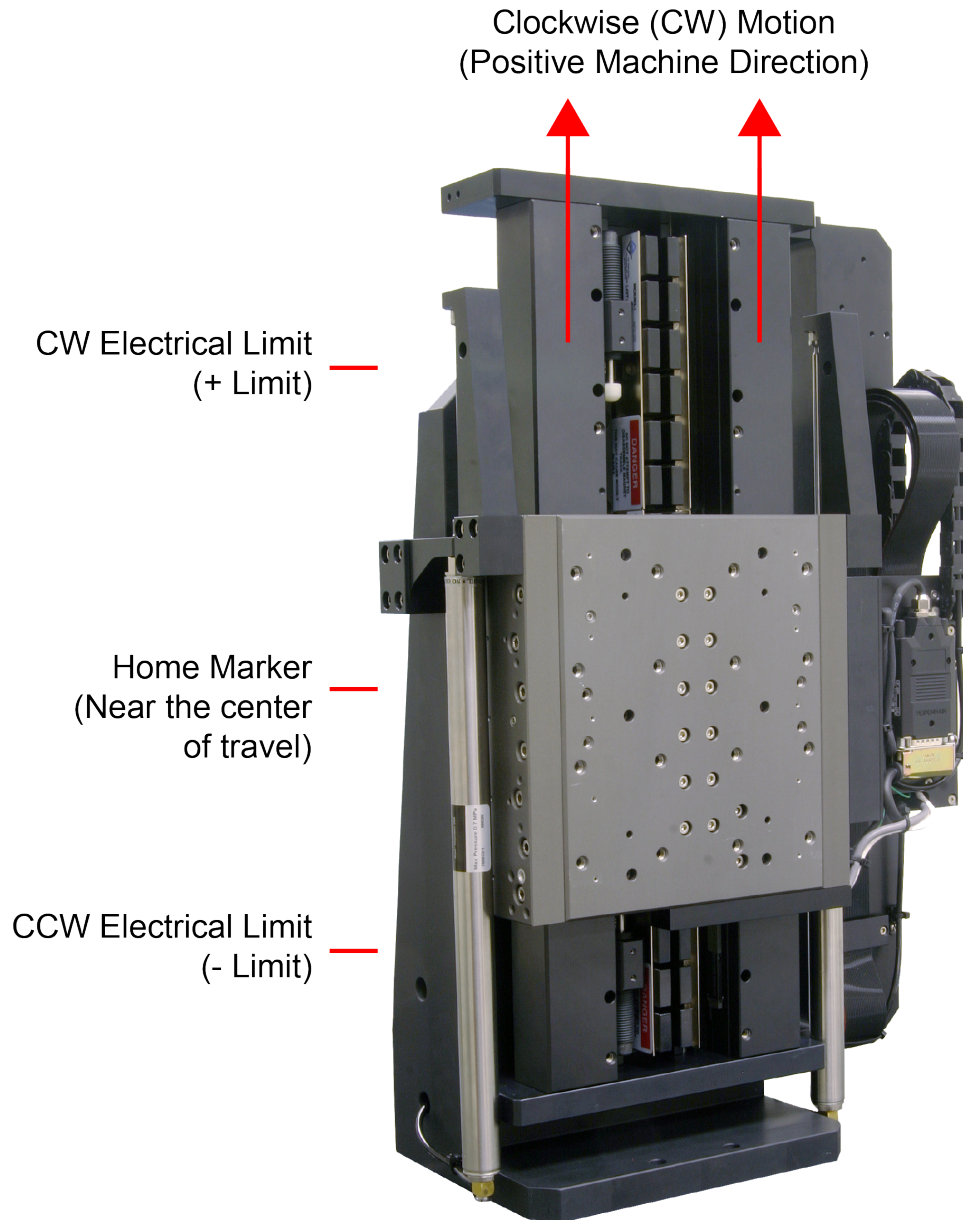


Figure 3-3: Machine Direction

3.5. Motor and Feedback Phasing

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

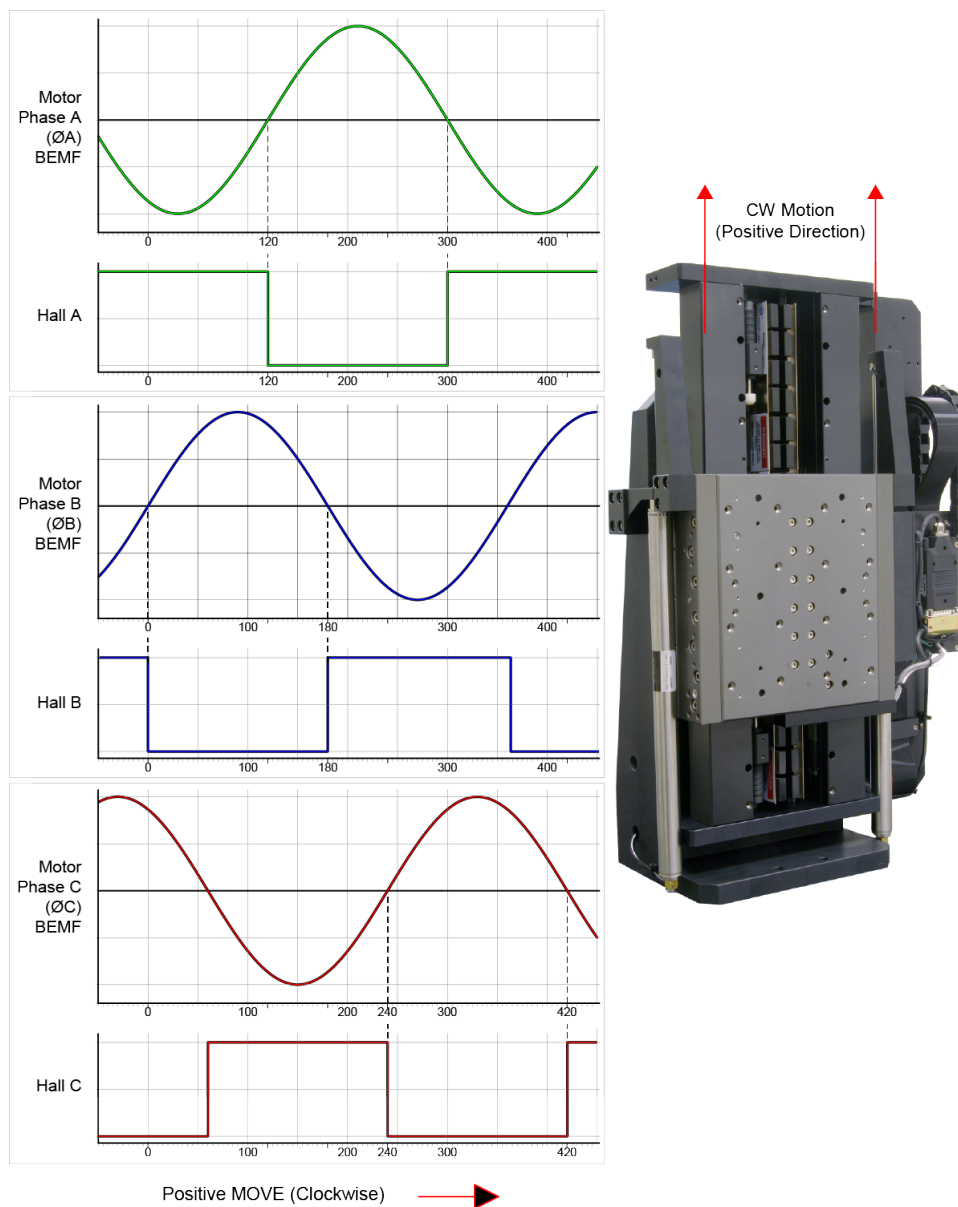


Figure 3-4: Hall Phasing

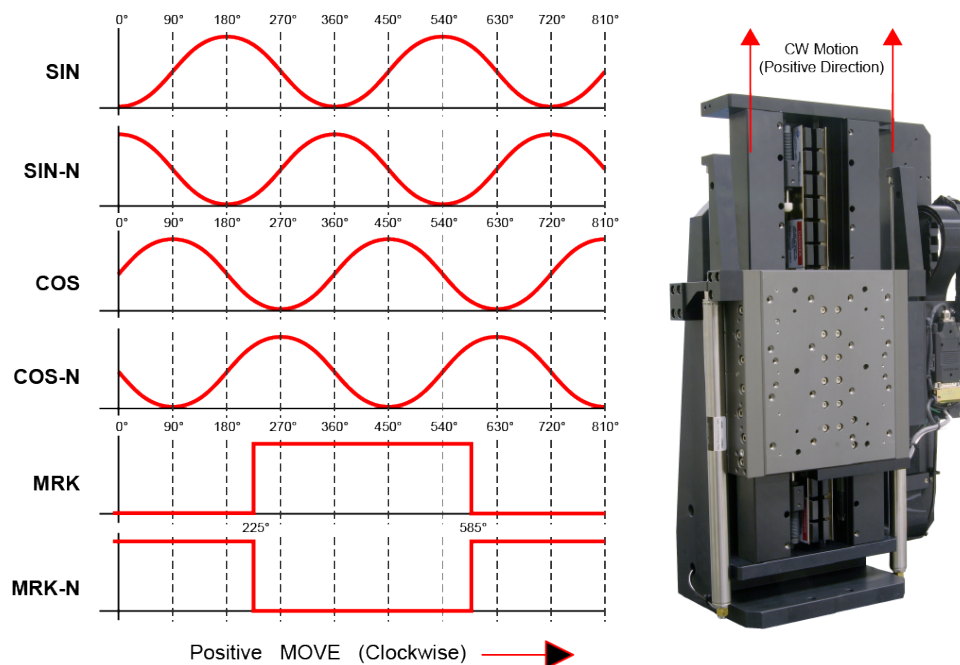


Figure 3-5: Analog Encoder Phasing Reference Diagram

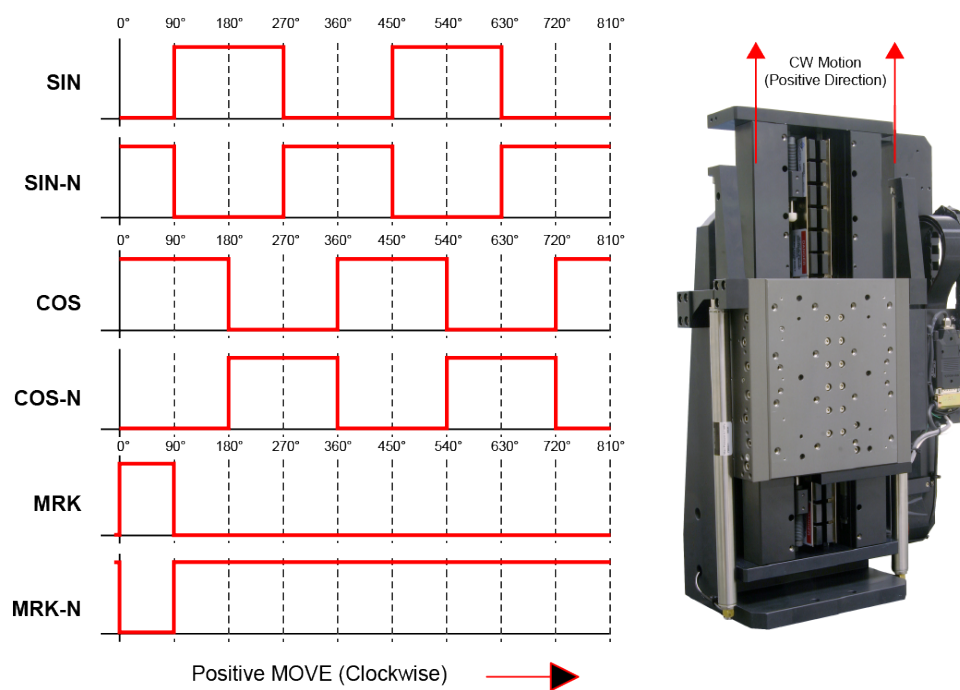


Figure 3-6: Encoder Phasing Reference Diagram (Standard)

Chapter 4: Maintenance

The ABL1500Z series stages are designed to require minimum maintenance. Due to the non-contact air bearing design, there are no friction surfaces or dynamic seals to wear or require lubrication. However, it is important to clean the bearing surfaces and encoder strips to maintain the accuracy of the stage. This chapter will detail the cleaning and lubrication process and specify recommended cleaning solvents.

NOTE: The bearing area must be kept free of foreign matter and moisture; otherwise, the performance and life expectancy of the stage will be reduced.



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.

4.1. Service and Inspection Schedule

Inspect the ABL1500Z at least 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:

- Visually inspect the stage and cables.
- Re-tighten loose connectors.
- Replace or repair damaged cables.
- Clean the ABL1500Z and any components and cables as needed.
- Repair any damage before operating the ABL1500Z.
- Inspect and perform an operational check on all safeguards and protective devices.

4.2. Cleaning and Lubrication

There are no elements on ABL1500Z stages that require lubrication.

Clean all air-bearing surfaces and encoder scales to prevent damage to the stage or decreased performance. Prevent dust build-up from accumulating in the linear motors, encoders, and air-bearing surfaces by blowing clean, dry, compressed air over the entire stage. Due to the non-contact design, these surfaces operate very close together, allowing dust to buildup and cause damage.

All encoder surfaces and magnet tracks should be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. Aluminum hard-coated metal surface may be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol or acetone. Acetone should not be used on magnet tracks because it could break down the epoxy that holds the magnets in place.

Table 4-1: Recommended Cleaning Solvents

Item	Recommended Cleaner
Encoders, Magnets	Isopropyl Alcohol
Hard-Coated Aluminum	Acetone
Granite	Surface plate cleaner ⁽¹⁾
1. Surface plate cleaner is available from precision granite manufacturers.	

4.2.1. Cleaning Process

To clean all of the air bearing surfaces and encoder scales, it is necessary to move the stage.



DANGER: Strong rare-earth magnets are present in the linear motor magnet track. Loose metal objects (tools, watches, keys, etc.) may cause personal injury and/or damage to the equipment.



WARNING: Do not attempt to move the carriage of the ABL1500Z until the air supply, detailed in [Section 1.4.](#), has been installed. Moving the stage table without air supplied can cause permanent damage to the stage.

1. Blow off the stage with clean, dry, compressed air, and remove any visible debris on the outside of the stage. Move the stage to one end of travel and remove power.



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.

2. Clean all of the surfaces that you can access. Make sure to use the correct solvent on each surface (refer to [Section 4.2.](#)). When the surface is fully dry, move the stage by hand to the opposite end of travel.



WARNING: Make sure that all solvent has completely evaporated before attempting to move the stage. Even the slightest amount of solvent could cause damage to the air bearing surfaces, clog the air ducts, or damage the electronics of the stage.

3. This should expose all previously covered surfaces. Repeat the cleaning process. Restore power to the stage after all solvents are fully dry.

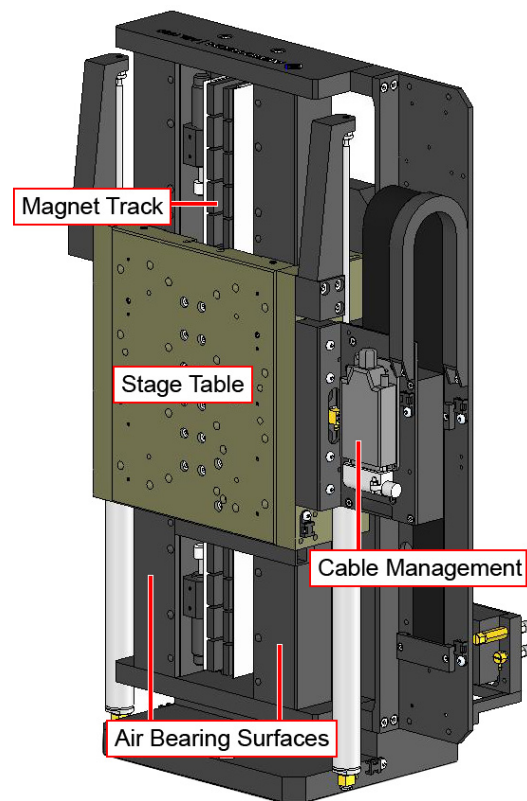


Figure 4-1: Air Bearing Surfaces and Encoder Scales Require Periodic Cleaning

4.3. Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause and Solution
Stage will not move	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shipping restraints still installed. Remove the red anodized shipping brackets.• In Limit condition. Check limits (refer to Chapter 3) and refer to the Controller documentation for polarity and compatibility requirements (Example: voltage requirements).• Controller trap or fault (refer to the Controller documentation).• Emergency stop fault. The system is configured to operate with an air pressure safety switch, and either the air pressure is too low or the switch is not present. Check the air supply and the switch. Air pressure switches are typically configured to trip if the supply pressure to the bearing drops below 40 psi.• Counterbalance supply pressure is not correct. Follow the counterbalance set up procedure in Section 2.5.
Stage moves uncontrollably	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encoder (sine and cosine) signal connections (refer to Chapter 3 and Controller documentation).• Motor Connections (refer to Chapter 3 and the Controller documentation).
Stage oscillates or squeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gains misadjusted (refer to the Controller documentation).• Encoder signals (refer to the Controller documentation).

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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Return Products Procedure

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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.

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Have your customer order number ready before calling.

Appendix B: Revision History

Revision	Description
1.03.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety information updated• General revision
1.02.00	Limit operation section added
1.01.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Declaration of Incorporation section added• Environmental Specifications section added• Updated ordering information:• Added safety information and warnings• Updated stage specifications• Added motor specifications• Added note about motor wire current and voltage requirements• Corrected mechanical stop warning
1.00.00	New manual

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