

Ball Bearing Positioners miniature and standard

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62-63	Overview
64-67	1.25" (31,8 mm) Wide or Less
68-73	1.75" (44,5 mm) Wide
74-79	2.62" (66,5 mm) Wide
80-83	5.00" (127,0 mm) Wide
84-86	6.00" (152,4 mm) Wide
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Miniature and Standard Size Ball Bearings Positioners



Ball Bearing Positioner Design Principles

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Three types of drive mechanisms are available: a fine screw, a micrometer, and a differential screw. The fine screw is used for fine resolution positioning. The micrometer is used whenever a position readout is required. The differential screw is used for applications requiring extremely fine resolution positioning. Ball bearing positioning stages are available in a straight stage/drive configuration as well as a side-drive configuration.

The linear positioner operates in a simple manner: a bracket which supports the drive screw is attached to the slide base. The end of the drive screw rests against the end of the moveable top. There are two extended springs "pulling" the slide top toward the screw so that the top will always be held firmly against the screw end. When the screw is turned clockwise, it advances and pushes the slide top along the linear axis. When turned counter clockwise, the screw retracts and the slide top follows because of the spring pressure holding the top against the screw end. The result is a very smooth linear motion, accurately controlled by rotation of the drive mechanism.

- Precision Quality
- Budget Friendly
- Largest Selection
- Easy multi-axis configuration
- No maintenance
- Vacuum preparation and custom options

Standard Features

Exacting manufacturing techniques, combined with demanding quality control standards, permit Parker Daedal to offer precision stages of unsurpassed quality. Selection can be made easily, based on required travel, load, and mounting surface requirements. Stages are available in single or multi-axis configurations (XY, XZ, and XYZ), and all have built-in quality features including:

- Aluminum top and base and stainless steel bearings
- Low friction linear adjustment with no backlash or side play
- Factory preloaded to provide dynamic stability and minimum runout
- Both top and bottom mounting surfaces are precision machined to provide flat mounting surfaces
- Locking screw to positively lock stage without affecting position (standard on most models)
- Straight line accuracy of 0.00008 in/in of travel
- Selectable drive mechanisms: Micrometer (Imperial or metric), Fine screw (64 pitch), Differential screw, Digital micrometers (Imperial and Metric)

Digital Micrometers

The 1.0" (25 mm) travel micrometer provides an LCD readout to 0.00005 in (0,001 mm) resolution and features incremental and/or absolute positioning modes and automatic shutdown to conserve the integral battery. The battery will power the unit for 500 hours of use. The 2.0" (51 mm) micrometer is accurate to ± 0.0001 in (± 2 microns) with a resolution and LCD reading to 0.00005 in (1 micron). The batteries will power the unit up to 500 hours.

How to Order

Use the overview chart on the following page to select the appropriate ball bearing positioner. Refer to the individual specifications page for complete performance and mechanical specifications. To order ball bearing positioners, use the model number corresponding to the specific size and travel length selected. A variety of modifications to standard models are available to meet custom requirements. Contact our application engineering department with your design specifications.





Selection

	Width	Travel No		Norma	al Load	Drive Orientation		Mour		
Series	in (mm)	in	(mm)	lbs	(kg)	Center	Side	Imperial	Metric	Page
MM-1	<1 OF	0.125	(3,2)	0.5	(0,25)	•		•		64-65
MM-3 3900	≤1.25 (≤31,8)	0.50	(12,7)	0.75 6	(0,34) (2,7)	•	•	•	•	64-65 66-67
4000 4100 4200 4300	1.75 (44,5)	0.50 or 1.00	(12,7 or 25,4)	25 30 42 55	(11) (13) (19) (25)	• • •	•	• • •	• • •	68-69,72 70-71, 73 70-71, 73 70-71, 73
4500 4600 4700 4800	2.62 (66,5)	1.00	(25,4)	62 88 106 123	(28) (40) (48) (56)	• • •	•	• • •	• • •	74-75, 78 76-77, 79 76-77, 79 76-77, 79
4400	5.0	1.0	(25,4)	105	(48)	•	•	•	•	80-83
4400	(127,0)	2.0	(50,8)	105	(48)	•	•	•	•	80-83
		1.0	(25,4)	100	(45)	•		•	•	84-85
		2.0	(50,8)	100	(45)	•		•	•	84-85
		4.0	(100,0)	100	(45)	•		•	•	86
4900	6.0 (152.4)	6.0	(150,0)	154	(70)	•		•	•	86
		8.0	(200,0)	205	(93)	•		•	•	86
		10.0	(250,0)	243	(110)	•		•	•	86
		12.0	(300,0)	294	(133)	•		•	•	86



4900/M4900 Series

Specifications	Imperial	Metric
Travel:	1.0 – 2.0 in	25 – 50 mm
Size: Width Length (mid-travel) Height	6.00 in 9.59 – 11.11 ir 2.00 in	152,4 mm 1243,6 – 282,2 mm 50,8 mm
Load: Normal Thrust T _a (Std. thimble) Thrust – Tb (Std. thimble) Thrust T _a (Std. thimble) Thrust – Tb (Std. thimble) Moment – Yaw, Pitch, Roll	100 lbs 30 lbs 3.0 lbs 50 lbs 3.0 lbs See page 88	45 kg 13,6 kg 1,36 kg 23,0 kg 1,36 kg See page 88
Straight line accuracy:	0.00008 in/in of travel	2 µm/25 mm of travel
Micrometer graduations: Standard thimble Large thimble	0.001 in 0.0001 in	0,01 mm 0,001 mm
Weight:	7 lbs/axis	1,4 kg/axis
Construction:	Aluminum top 440C stainless	and base/ steel bearings
Mounting surface:	Precision mach	nined
Finish:	Black anodize	
Dimensions in (mm) Tb		^T a Standard Thimble
Imperial Models – Metric Models – (5.00 125,0) -	A (mid-travel) 0.75 (19,0) 1.0



Large thimble (left) and standard thimble with optional position lock (right). To order the optional lock, add -L to the model number selected from the chart below.

Consult factory for critical dimension concerns.



			St	andard Thimble		Large Thimble
	Drive Mechanism	Travel	Model*	Dimension A – in (mm)	Model*	Dimension A – in (mm)
erial	Imperial Micrometer	1.0 in 2.0 in	4914 4915	3.59 5.11	4910 4911	4.44 5.94
<u>a</u> ml	Metric Micrometer	25 mm 50 mm	4916 4917	3.59 5.11	4912 4913	4.44 5.94
tric	Metric Micrometer	25 mm 50 mm	M4916 M4917	(91,2) (1289,8)	M4912 M4913	(112.8) (150,9)
Me	Imperial Micrometer	1.0 in 2.0 in	M4914 M4915	(91,2) (129,8)	M4910 M4911	(112.8) (150,9)
* Δ	dd -L to model number for	ontional position	lock			



4900-DM/M4900-DM Series

Specifications	Imperial	Metric	
Travel:	2.0 in	50 mm	The second se
Width Length (mid-travel) Height	6.00 in 13.93 in 2.00 in	152,4 mm 353,8 mm 50,8 mm	
Load: Normal Thrust T _a Thrust – T _b Moment – Yaw, Pitch, Roll	100 lbs 50 lbs 3.0 lbs See page 88	45 kg 23,0 kg 1,36 kg See page 88	En ter
Straight line accuracy:	0.00008 in/in of travel	2 µm/25 mm of travel	
Micrometer graduations: Large thimble	0.0001 in	0,001 mm	Digital micrometer positioner shown with optional positio
Weight:	7 lbs/axis	3,2 kg/axis	lock. To order the optional lock, add -L to the model
Z-Axis bracket options: (See page 124-127)	4990-04	M4990-04	number selected from the chart below.
Construction:	Aluminum top a 440C stainless	and base/ steel bearings	
Mounting surface:	Precision mach	ined	
Finish:	Black anodize		Consult factory for critical dimension concerns.
Dimensions in (mm) Imperial Mi Metric Moc	odels – 5.00 els – (125,0)	0.75 (19,0)	Cryst (201,4) Cty. (6) Mtg. Holes (Top) (mid-travel) Imperial Models – 1/4-20 Thd. Metric Models – M6 Thd.
6.00 (152,4)	Ctr'd ©		Imperial Models - 0.50 Metric Models - (13,7)
2.00 (50,8 Qty. (4) C'Bored Mtg. Holes (E Imperial Models – 1/4" S.H.C Metric Models – M6 S.H.C.S.	Imperia Aase) for: S.	6.00 (152,4)	1.69 (43,0) (43,



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4900/M4900 Series

	Imperial	Metric			-
Travel:	4.0 – 12.0 in	100,0 – 300,0 mm			
Size: Width Length Height	6.00 in 9.39 – in 2.00 in	152,4 mm mm 50,8 mm	1.1.1		Ł
Load: Normal Thrust T _a Thrust – T _b Moment – Yaw, Pitch, Rol	100 – 294 lbs 30 lbs 30 lbs II See page 88	45 – 133 kg 13,6 kg 13,6 kg See page 88	11 · · ·		
Straight line accuracy:	0.00008 in/in of travel	2 µm/25 mm of travel		Rate	
Readout graduations:	0.001 in	0,01 mm			
Weight:	4 – 12 lbs/axis	1,8 – 5,4 kg/axis			
Z-Axis bracket options: (See page 124-127)	4990-04/-12	M4990-04/-12	Leadscrew drive po	sitioner with readout (left); posi	tioner
Construction:	Aluminum top a 440C stainless	and base/ steel bearings	with no readout and order the optional lo	l optional position lock (right). T ock, add -L to the model numbe	0 er
Mounting surface:	Precision mac	hined	selected from the cl	nart Delow.	
Finish:	Black anodize		Consult fac	tory for critical dimension conce	erns.
Dimensions in (mm) T	Γb Ta Imperial Models – 2.50 Metric Models – (62,5)		With Readout Models: 4955, 4965 M4955, M4965	No Readout Models: 4945 M4945	
		D _ E	Oty. "F" Mtg. Holes (Top) Imperial Models – 1/4-20 Thd. Metric Models – M6 Thd. 4.00 x 0.0 (101,6 x 0, Relief Dep 0.97	1 25) th 00 .80 (152.3) 00 .80 (152.3) 00 .80 (152.3) 00 .80 (152.3) 00 .80 (152.3) 00 (152.3) 00 (152.3) 00 (152.3) 00 (152.3) 00 (152.3) 00 (152.5) 00 (
2.00 (50.8) Qty. "G" C'Bored Mtg. Holes (B Imperial Models – 1/4" S.H.C. Metric Models – M6 S.H.C.S.	B B Ctr'd Sase) for: S.			typ. 1.69 (43.0) (4	
2.00 (50.8)	Image: Control of the second system Image: Control of the second system Base) for: S. Metric Readout Travel Model* Model* 1065-04 4.0 1965-06 6.0 1965-08 8.0 1965-10	Load Weight Ibs (kg) Ibs (kg) 100 4.0 205 8.0 243 10.0	(48.3) 1.90 (48.3) A B 6.00 5.00 9.00 5.00 12.00 5.00 12.00 5.00 15.00 6.00	typ. Imperial Models – 5.00 Metric Models – (125,0) Sions – in (mm) C D E 1 1.50 1.50 – 1 3.00 2.50 – 1 4.00 2.50 2.00 1	ty Q = C 0 & E 0 & E 4 & E

* Add -L to model number for optional position lock.



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Ball Bearing Positioner Performance





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Accessories for linear and rotary positioners

Parker Daedal offers a complete line of Z-axis brackets to combine ball bearing and cross roller stages into three axis positioning systems. We also offer drive mechanisms in an assortment of standard and digital micrometer heads, fine adjustment screws, and differential screws. Optical components including beam directors, optical mounts, mirror mounts and optical cells are also available.

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Z-Axis Brackets





Dimensions – in (mm)											Thd.			
	Model	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	JJ	K	L	М	Ν
Ξ	3909	1.25	1.25	0.25	1.38	0.25	0.156	0.62	0.19	0.38	0.88	0.44	0.88	#4-40
eria	3959	1.25	1.25	0.25	1.38	0.25	0.156	0.62	0.19	0.04	0.88	0.44	0.88	#4-40
ď	4009	1.75	1.69	0.25	1.88	—	0.156	0.88	0.31	0.63	1.12	—	1.12	#6-32
-	4509	2.44	2.62	0.38	2.75	_	0.218	1.22	0.31	0.93	2.00	_	2.00	#10-32
	M3909	(31,8)	(31,8)	(6,4)	(35,1)	(6,4)	(4,0)	(15,7)	(5,9)	(9,7)	(20,0)	(10,0)	(20,0)	MЗ
trio	M3959	(31,8)	(31,8)	(6,4)	(35,1)	(6,4)	(4,0)	(15,7)	(5,9)	(1,0)	(20,0)	(10,0)	(20,0)	MЗ
М	M4009	(44,5)	(42,9)	(6,4)	(47,8)	—	(4,8)	(22,4)	(7,3)	(16,0)	(30,0)	—	(30,0)	M4
	M4509	(62,0)	(66,5)	(9,7)	(69,9)	_	(7,3)	(31,0)	(8,4)	(23,6)	(50,0)	_	(50,0)	M6

3910, 3960 M3910, M3960



	Dimensions – in (mm)							
	Model	Α	В	С	D	E	F	
Imperial	3910 3960	1.58 2.33	0.88	0.19	0.44	0.38	0.31	
Metric	M3910 M3960	(40,1) (59,2)	(20,0)	(5,9)	(12,3)	(7,1)	(6,4)	



		Dimensions – in (mm)						
	Model	Α	В	С				
Imperial	4010	1.12	0.31	1.12				
Metric	M4010	(30,0)	(7,1)	(30,0)				







Dimensions - in (mm)

С

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(4,8)

В

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С	D
0.38	0.16
(8,8)	(4,8)
	0.38 (8,8)



		Dimensions – in (mm)				
	Model	Α	В			
Imperial	4060	1.13	1.13			
Metric	M4060	(30,0)	(30,0)			



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1.12

(30,0)

Model

4059A

M4059A

Imperial

Metric

		Dimensions – in (mm)						
	Model	Α	В	C				
Imperial	4510	2.00	2.00	1.00				
Metric	M4510	(50,0)	(50,0)	(25,8)				





		Dimensions – in (mm)								
	Model	Α	В	С	D	E				
Imperial	4499	4.00	1.62	2.88	2.00	0.50				
Metric	M4499	(100,0)	(40,5)	(71,4)	(50,0)	(13,1)				





	Dimensions – in (mm)				
	Model	Α	В	С	D
Imperial	4559	2.00	0.81	0.44	0.22
Metric	M4559	(50,0)	(20,9)	(11,5)	(5,5)



Z-Axis Brackets



		Dimensions – in (mm)									
	Model	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	н	J	
	4990-02	6.00	1.50	-	4.00	2	5.50	1.00	4.00	1.00	
F	4990-04	8.12	2.62	-	5.00	2	6.50	1.00	5.00	1.00	
eri	4990-06	12.12	5.12	1.5	5.00	4	6.50	1.00	5.00	1.00	
đu	4990-08	17.12	8.62	3.0	5.00	4	6.75	1.25	5.00	1.50	
-	4990-10	20.50	10.00	4.0	6.00	4	6.75	1.25	5.00	1.50	
	4990-12	24.12	11.62	5.0	7.00	4	6.50	1.00	5.00	1.00	
	M4990-02	(152,4)	(38,9)	-	(100,0)	2	(139,7)	(26,2)	(100,0)	(25,4)	
	M4990-04	(206,2)	(67,6)	-	(125,0)	2	(165,1)	(26,4)	(125,0)	(25,4)	
tric	M4990-06	(307,8)	(131,2)	(37,5)	(125,0)	4	(165,1)	(26,4)	(125,0)	(25,4)	
Me	M4990-08	(434,8)	(220,0)	(75,0)	(125,0)	4	(171,5)	(32,8)	(125,0)	(38,1)	
	M4990-10	(520,7)	(255,2)	(100,0)	(150,0)	4	(171,5)	(32,8)	(125,0)	(38,1)	
	M4990-12	(612,6)	(296,6)	(125,0)	(175,0)	4	(171,5)	(32,8)	(125,0)	(38,1)	



9510-9530 Series Micrometer Heads

Parker Daedal micrometer heads are recommended for any application requiring micrometer accuracy in settings and adjustment. These units feature a hardened and ground spindle, easy-to-read graduations, and an attractive nonglare satin chrome finish.



9511E 9511M 0.14 (3,5) dia. 0.53 (13,5) dia. 0.31 (7,9) dia.

9512M, 9524M, 9526M Dia. D —

9512E, 9524E, 9526E



9531E, 9532E 9531M, 9532M



Figure A Mini Thimble MIcrometer Head

Figure B Standard Thimble MIcrometer Head

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9550 Series Digital Micrometer Heads

Model 9551

The 9551 precision electronic digital micrometer head provides an LCD readout to 0.00005 inch resolution. The micrometer features:

- Incremental and/or absolute positioning modes
- Zero set at any position, inch and millimeter readout (0.001 mm resolution), display hold, and automatic shutdown after two hours to conserve the integral battery
- 1.00 inch micrometer travel
- Battery powered for 500 hours of use



9560 Series Differential Screws

Model 9560: 0.75 in Range

The 9560 differential screw offers two linear adjustment ranges in one unit: a coarse adjustment range of 0.31 in (8 mm) with a 48-pitch thread and a fine adjustment range of 0.078 in (2 mm) with a pitch equal to 336 threads per inch. The 9560 is interchangeable with 9511 – 9532 series micrometer heads.



Model 9552

The 9552 precision electronic digital micrometer offers a 0 – 2 inch travel range with a 0.00005 inch resolution. Features include:

- 2 inch spindle
- Display face swivels for easy reading at various angles
- Non-rotating spindle
- Pre-set, zero, and inch/mm
- Carbide tipped measuring face
- Battery powered for 5,000 hours of use



9570 Series Fine Adjsutment Screws Model 9570: 0.75 in Range Model 9575: 0.50 in Range

These steel adjustment screws feature a 64-pitch thread, making them ideal for applications where finer resolution is required, but positional readout is not. These screws are easily interchanged with the 9511 – 9532 series micrometer heads.





Optical Mounts

Optical Cell Mounts

Model 2350: 6.0" Diameter Model 2355: 7.0" Diameter Model 2360: 8.0" Diameter Model 2365: 9.0" Diameter

Parker Daedal optical mounts are highly stable, adjustable mounts for optics up to 9" in diameter and 1.25" thick. These mounts feature precise kinematic ball pivot adjustment on two axes, with orthogonal three-point suspension.





Specifications	2350	2355	2360	2365			
Optic Size Opening – in (mm) Dimension "A" Dia. max.: Thickness:	6.03 (153,1) 1.00 (25,4)	7.06 (179,3) 1.25 (31,75)	8.06 (204,7) 1.25 (31,7)	9.06 (230,1) 1.25 (31,7)			
Optic Retention:	Threaded retainer	3 mounting clips	3 mounting clips	3 mounting clips			
Range:	5°	5°	5°	5°			
Resolution:	0.5 arc-sec	0.5 arc-sec	0.5 arc-sec	0.5 arc-sec			
Adjustment:	2 – 64-pitch screws	3 - 32-pitch screws	3 - 32-pitch screws	3 - 32-pitch screws			
Weight:	7.5 lb (16,5 kg)	20 lb (44 kg)	20 lb (44 kg)	20 lb (44 kg)			
Construction:		Aluminum/st	ainless steel				
Finish:	Black anodize						



Optical Cell Mounts

Model 2370/2371: 10.0" Diameter Model 2375/2376: 11.0" Diameter Model 2380/2381: 12.0" Diameter

Parker Daedal optical mounts are highly stable, adjustable mounts for optics up to 12" in diameter and 2.0" thick. These mounts feature precise kinematic ball pivot adjustment on two axes, with orthogonal three-point suspension. Solid back models are designed to support reflective optics.





	S	olid Back Mode	ls	Aperture Models			
Specifications	2370	2375	2380	2371	2376	2381	
Optic Size Opening – in (mm) Dimension "A" Dia. max.: Thickness:	10.02 (254,5) 2.00 (50,8)	11.02 (379,9) 2.00 (50,8)	12.02 (305,3) 2.00 (50,8)	10.06 (255,5) 2.00 (50,8	11.06 (280,9) 2.00 (50,8	12.06 (306,3) 2.00 (50,8	
Optic Retention:	3 mounting clips			3 mounting clips			
Range:	7°			7°			
Resolution:	0.5 arc-sec				0.5 arc-sec		
Adjustment:	3 – 32-pitch screws			3 – 32-pitch screws			
Weight:	45 lb (99 kg)			41 lb (90 kg)			
Construction:	Aluminum/stainless steel			Aluminum/stainless steel			
Finish:	Black anodize			Black anodize			
Adjustment: Weight: Construction: Finish:	3 Alur	 32-pitch screv 45 lb (99 kg) minum/stainless s Black anodize 	vs teel	3 – 32-pitch screws 41 lb (90 kg) Aluminum/stainless steel Black anodize			

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Accessories

Optical Mounts

Mirror Mounts

Model 5000/5100: 3.0" Square Mounting Surface Model 5300/5700: 4.5" Square Mounting Surface Model 5800/5900: 6.0" Square Mounting Surface

Parker Daedal mirror mounts are patterned with 1/4-20 holes on 0.5" or 1.0" centers to mount mirrors and other hardware. All models except the 5800 have two fine resolution 64-pitch adjustment screws to provide precise tilting of the mounting surface in two axes. The 5800 is equipped with three adjustment screws to provide precise tilting in two axes.



	An	gled Base Mod	els	Flat Base Models			
Specifications	5000	5300	5800	5100	5700	5900	
Mounting Surface Size (Square) – in (mm) Holes – (Qty. x Center)	3.0 (76,2) 21 x 0.50"	4.5 (114,3) 49 x 0.50"	6.0 (152,4) 25 x 1.0"	3.0 (76,2) 21 x 0.50"	4.5 (114,3) 49 x 0.50"	6.0 (152,4) 25 x 1.0"	
Range:	12°	8°	4°	12°	8°	4°	
Resolution:	1.0 arc-sec	0.75 arc-sec	0.5 arc-sec	1.0 arc-sec	0.75 arc-sec	0.5 arc-sec	
Weight – Ib (kg)	1 (2,2)	2 (4,4)	4.1 (9)	0.7 (1,5)	1.6 (3,5)	3 (6,6)	
Adjustment:	2 – 64-pitch screws (3 screws on 5800) 2 – 64-pitch screws					VS	
Construction:	Aluminum/stainless steel Aluminum/stainless steel					steel	
Finish:		Black anodize			Black anodize		



	Dimensions – in (mm)										
Model	Α	В	D	D	E	F	G				
5000	2.00 (50,8)	3.00 (76,2)	0.75 (19,1)	2.00 (50,8)	3.75 (95,3)	2.00 (50,8)	3.50 (88,9)				
5300	3.00 (76,2)	4.50 (114,3)	1.25 (31,8)	4.00 (101,6)	4.50 (114,3)	2.88 (73,2)	5.12 (130,1)				
5100	0.69 (17,5)	3.00 (76,2)	1.50 (38,1)	2.25 (57,2)	2.00 (50,8)	3.50 (88,9)	0.25 (6,4)				
5700	0.69 (17,5)	4.50 (114,3)	3.00 (76,2)	3.75 (95,3)	2.88 (73,2)	5.12 (130,1)	0.25 (6,4)				
5900	0.88 (2,4)	6.00 (152,4)	4.00 (101,6)	5.38 (136,7)	3.25 (82,6)	6.25 (158,8)	0.31 (7,9)				

Travel

The travel listed is the total travel of the positioner from hard stop to hard stop.

Bearing Load Capacity

Normal Load

This is the maximum downward (compression) load or force which can be applied to the positioner perpendicular to the mounting surface. The center of force or the C.G.

of the load must be located in the center of

the mounting surface. For loads which are offset from this position, refer to moment loads.

Inverted Load

Same as a normal load except in an upward (tension) direction.

Moment Load

This refers to forces which are offset (cantilevered) from the bearing centers and therefore producing uneven loading on the

bearings. This uneven loading means that some bearings are supporting more of the load

than others. For this reason it is very important to determine if the moment loading for a given positioner is within acceptable limits. These moment forces are categorized by the direction they act in Pitch, Roll or Yaw; see diagram at left. When loading results in moments acting in only one of the moment directions (pitch, roll or yaw) it is called a single direction moment. Examples of this type of loading are shown below. How to calculate the maximum allowable moment load is discussed on the following page.

Thrust Capacity

Thrust capacity is the maximum force or load which can be applied in the direction of travel without damage to positioning stage components.

T_a and T_b Thrust Capacity for Micrometer, Fine Screw and Differential Screw Drives

With these types of drives the mounting surface or stage carriage is pressed against the drive mechanism by means of a spring. Because of this the maximum thrust which the stage assembly can maintain is different when pressing toward the spring or away from it. When pressing toward the spring, the force is taken up by the drive mechanism (i.e. micrometer). While pulling away, the force is being held in place by the spring. Stages with this type of mechanism have two thrust capacity specifications (Ta and Tb). Ta refers to the load capacity against the micrometer and Tb is the spring load capacity. Refer to specific product drawings for load direction.

Screw Drive Thrust Capacity

Stages which use screw drive assemblies will only have one thrust capacity rating. This rating is for either direction of travel.

Straight Line and Flatness Accuracy

This is the amount of error a linear positioner deviates from an ideal straight line. The straight line accuracy is the error in the horizontal plane while flatness is the error in the vertical plane. Both the straight line and the flatness accuracy



are measured at the moving carriage surface center.





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Calculating Maximum Allowable Moment Loads on Linear Slides and Stages

To determine if a load or force is within acceptable moment load ranges follow the steps below:

- 1. Calculate maximum load and or force which will be applied to the positioner. Include brackets and other axes which are mounted to the positioner.
- 2. Locate the center of gravity of the load.
- 3. Determine if there is a single or compound moment.
- 4. Measure the distance from the center of force or C.G. to the center of the linear stage carriage. This is the moment arm length and is designated A_S for single direction moments and A_C for compound moments.
- 5. Locate the moment load graph for the positioner you are interested in (located in back of individual product section, esee example below). The X axis of the graph is the Force, the Y axis is the allowable moment arm A_S for single direction moments.
- 6. Locate the moment curve(s) which your load is acting in (pitch, roll or yaw).
- 7. Locate your load force on the X axis of the graph.
- 8. Draw a vertical line from the Force location on the X axis parallel with the Y axis.
- 9. Find the moment arm distance on the Y axis. Draw a horizontal line from this point parallel with the X axis until the vertical and horizontal lines intersect.
- 10. If the intersection point is below the moment curve in question then the stage is within acceptable limits. If the intersection point is above the moment curve, a positioner with a larger normal load capacity should be selected and the above steps repeated.







A 2 pound load is mounted to a single axis linear stage. The diagram shows the load's position in reference to the positioner carriage center. This shows that the load is offset 2 inches from the carriage center creating a roll moment.

The selected positioner is a 4502 ball stage. (The moment load curve for the 4502 is shown below.) First, find 2 pounds on the X axis and draw a vertical line. Next, draw a horizontal line starting at the 2 inches position on the A_S axis (single direction moment). Mark the intersection point.

In this example the intersection point is below the roll moment curve, indicating that the stage is acceptable for this application.



