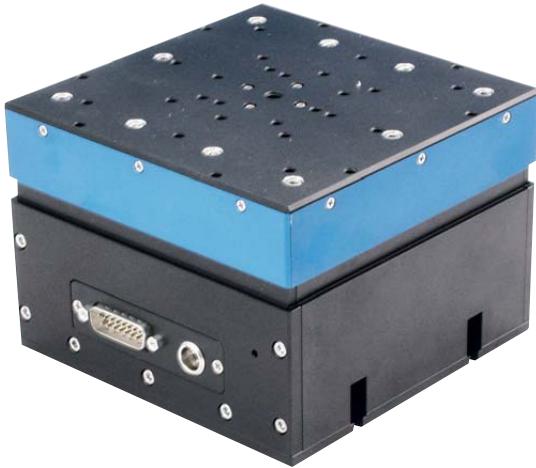


# M-501 Linear Z-Stage

## Precision Vertical Micropositioning Z-Stage



M-501.1PD vertical stage

- Travel Range 12.5 mm (1/2")
- Ultra-High-Resolution Encoder
- ActiveDrive™ Motor
- Zero-Backlash Recirculating Ballscrews
- Non-Contact Limit and Reference Switches
- Stress-Relieved Aluminum Base for Highest Stability
- MTBF >20,000 h
- Self Locking to 10 kg

The M-501 Z-stage is the latest family member of the M-500 series of translation stages. It is ideal for forming compact XYZ combinations together with the low-profile M-511, M-521 and M-531 translation stages. M-501 vertical stages feature a precision-machined base of high-density, stress-relieved aluminum for exceptional

stability and minimum weight. Precision-ground recirculating ball screws with preloaded nuts provide low-friction, maintenance-free and backlash-free positioning.

Two DC-motor drives are currently available:

### M-501.1PD with ActiveDrive™ for High Velocity

This model features an ultra-high-resolution ballscrew-mounted encoder (40 960 counts/rev!) and provides a minimum incremental motion of better than 100 nanometers (design resolution 24 nm).

For superior dynamic performance the ActiveDrive™ motor is integrated. The ActiveDrive™ design, developed by PI, fea-

tures a high-efficiency PWM (pulse width modulation) servo-amplifier mounted side-by-side with the DC motor and offers several advantages:

- Increased efficiency, by eliminating power losses between the amplifier and motor
- Reduced cost of ownership and improved reliability because no external driver is required
- Elimination of PWM amplifier noise radiation, by mounting the amplifier and motor together in a single, electrically shielded case

### M-501.1DG with Gearhead

These versions feature closed-loop DC motors with shaft-mounted position encoders and precision gearheads providing a minimum incremental motion to 0.1 μm and 5 nanometer encoder resolution.

The gearhead version can hold loads to 10 kg in power-off mode.

### Ordering Information

**M-501.1PD**  
Vertical Stage, 12.5 mm, ActiveDrive™ DC Motor (includes 24 V power supply)

**M-501.1DG**  
Vertical Stage, 12.5 mm, DC Motor Gearhead

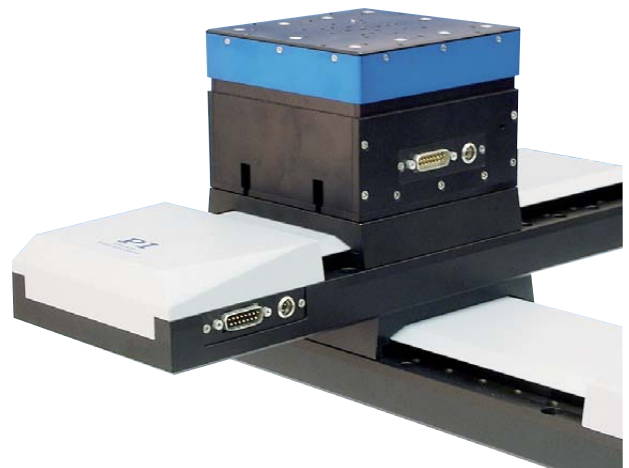
**Ask about custom designs!**

### Limit and Reference Switches

For the protection of your equipment, non-contact Hall-effect limit and reference switches are installed. The direction-sensing reference switch supports advanced automation applications with high precision.

### Notes

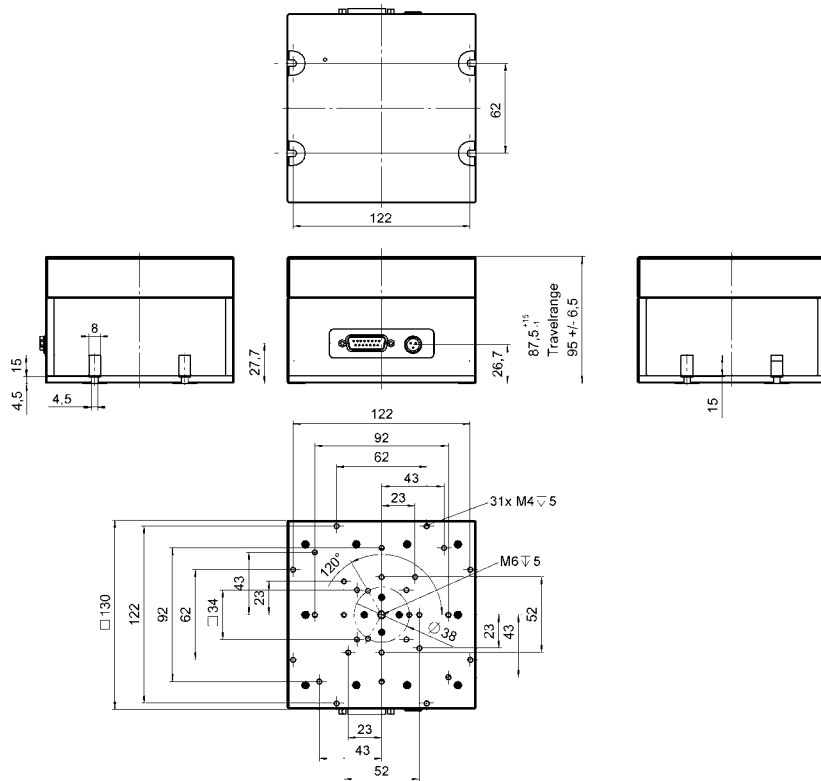
For adapters, bracket, etc.



XYZ combination of M-521.DD (204 mm), M-511.DD (102 mm) and M-501.1PD vertical stage

### Application Examples

- R&D
- Semiconductor testing
- Mass storage device testing
- Metrology
- Photonics packaging
- Quality assurance testing



M-501 precision elevation stage dimensions in mm.  
Sub-D connector 15-pin, 3 m cable

#### Technical Data

	M-501.1PD	M-501.1DG	Units
Active axes	Z	Z	
<b>Motion and positioning</b>			
Travel range	12.5	12.5	mm
Integrated sensor	Rotary encoder	Rotary encoder	
Sensor resolution	40,960	2048	Cts./rev.
Design resolution	0.024	0.005	μm
Min. incremental motion	<0.1	<0.1	μm
Unidirectional repeatability	0.1	0.1	μm
Pitch/Yaw	±15	±15	μrad
Max. velocity	3	1	mm/s
Origin repeatability	1	1	μm
<b>Mechanical properties</b>			
Spindle pitch	1	1	mm
Gear ratio	80/26 (belt drive)	80/26 (belt drive); (28/12):1 ~ 29,6:1 gearhead	
Max. Load	50	100	N
Max. Holding force	20	100	N
<b>Drive properties</b>			
Motor type	ActiveDrive™ DC Motor	DC Motor, gearhead	
Operating voltage	24 (PWM)	0 to ±12	V
Electrical power	17	4	W
Limit and reference switches	Hall-effect	Hall-effect	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Operating temperature range	-20 to +50	-20 to +50	°C
Material	Al (black anodized)	Al (black anodized)	
Recommended controller/driver	C-862 (single-axis), C-843 PCI board (up to 4 axes)	C-862 (single-axis), C-843 PCI board (up to 4 axes)	

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