

M-231 DC-Mike Precision Linear Actuator With Limit Switches, Suitable for Fiber Alignment



M-231.17 high-resolution DC-Mike actuator, 17 mm travel range

Ordering Information

M-231.17
High-Resolution DC-Mike Linear Actuator, 17 mm, Limit Switches

- Travel Range 17 mm
- Min. Incremental Motion to 0.1 μm
- Max. Velocity 2.5 mm/s
- Closed-Loop DC-Motors
- Non-Contact Limit and Reference Switches
- Fits M-105 Fiber Aligners
- MTBF >5.000 h

The M-231 is an ultra-high-resolution linear actuator providing linear motion up to 17 mm with sub-micron resolution in a compact package. It consists of a leadscrew which is driven by a closed-loop DC-motor/gearhead combination with motor-shaft-mounted, high-resolution encoder (2048 counts/rev.).

Upgrade for Manual Aligners

The M-231 was especially designed to fit existing manual translation stages (e.g. M-105, see p. 4-50 ff) as a direct replacement for a manual micrometer.

Limit and Reference Switches

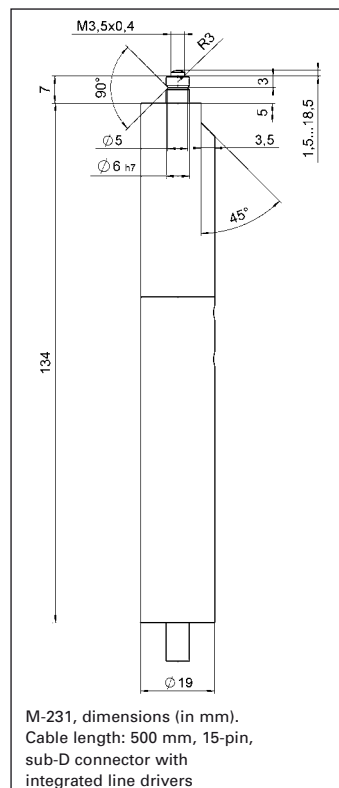
For the protection of your equipment, non-contact Hall-effect limit and reference switches are installed. The reference switch supports advanced automation applications with high precision.

Application Examples

- Fiber positioning
- Metrology
- Photonics packaging
- Quality assurance testing
- Testing equipment

Integrated Line Drivers

All actuators include an integral 0.5 m cable with 15-pin sub-D connector and come with a 3 m extension cable. On the DC servo versions, the connector features integrated line drivers for cable lengths up to 10 meters between actuator and controller.



For higher loads and travel ranges, refer to the M-230 (see p. 1-46), M-235 (see p. 1-50) and M-238 (see p. 1-52).



M-231 mounted on M-105 XYZ positioning systems

Technical Data

Model	M-231.17	Units
Active axes	X	
Motion and positioning		
Travel range	17	mm
Integrated sensor	Rotary encoder	
Sensor resolution	2,048	Cts./rev.
Design resolution	0.007	μm
Min. incremental motion	0.1	μm
Backlash	2	μm
Unidirectional repeatability	0.2	μm
Max. velocity	1.5	mm/s
Reference switch repeatability	1	μm
Mechanical properties		
Spindle	Leadscrew	
Spindle pitch	0.4	mm
Gear ratio	28.44444:1	
Max. push/pull force	40	N
Drive properties		
Motor type	DC-motor, gearhead	
Operating voltage	0 to ± 12	V
Electrical power	2	W
Limit and reference switches	Hall-effect	
Miscellaneous		
Operating temperature range	-20 to +65	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Material	Al (anodized), steel	
Mass	0.17	kg
Recommended controller/driver	C-863 single-axis (p. 4-114) C-843 PCI board, for up to 4 axes (p. 4-120)	