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**S-331 Piezo Tip/Tilt Platform**  
**User Manual**

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**This document describes the following products:**

- **S-331.2SH**  
High-dynamics tip/tilt platform with high stiffness, 3 mrad tip/tilt angle, strain gauge sensor, D-sub 37 connector (m)
- **S-331.2SL**  
High-dynamics tip/tilt platform with high stiffness, 3 mrad tip/tilt angle, strain gauge sensor, LEMO connectors
- **S-331.5SH**  
High-dynamics tip/tilt platform with high stiffness, 5 mrad tip/tilt angle, strain gauge sensor, D-sub 37 connector (m)
- **S-331.5SL**  
High-dynamics tip/tilt platform with high stiffness, 5 mrad tip/tilt angle, strain gauge sensor, LEMO connectors



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## 1.1 Objective and Target Audience of this User Manual

This user manual contains the information required for using the S-331 as intended.

Basic knowledge of servo systems, drive technologies, and suitable safety measures is assumed.

## 1.2 Symbols and Typographic Conventions

The following symbols and typographic conventions are used in this user manual:

**CAUTION**



## Dangerous situation

Failure to comply could lead to minor injury.

- Precautionary measures for avoiding the risk.

## NOTICE





## Dangerous situation

Failure to comply could cause damage to equipment.

- Precautionary measures for avoiding the risk.

## INFORMATION

Information for easier handling, tricks, tips, etc.

Symbol/ Label	Meaning
1.	Action consisting of several steps with strict sequential order
2.	
➤	Action consisting of one or more steps without relevant sequential order.
▪	Bullet
p. 5	Cross-reference to page 5
RS-232	Label on the product indicating an operating element (example: RS-232 interface socket)
 	Warning signs attached to the product that refer to detailed information in this manual.

## 1.3 Figures

For better understandability, the colors, proportions, and degree of detail in illustrations can deviate from the actual circumstances. Photographic illustrations may also differ and must not be seen as guaranteed properties.

## 1.4 Other Applicable Documents

The devices and software tools from PI mentioned in this documentation are described in separate manuals.

Product	Document
E-727.3SD/E-727.3SDA digital multi-channel piezo controllers for SGS	E727T0005 Technical Note
E-509.S3 sensor/servo controller module	PZ77E User Manual
E-505.00 piezo amplifier module	PZ62E User Manual
E-505.00S offset voltage source for tip/tilt platforms	
E-500.00 19" chassis for modular piezo controller system, 1 to 3 channels	
E-518.I3 interface module	E518T0001 Technical note, PZ214E User Manual
S-330.X1 and S-330.X2 mirror centering aids for mirror mounting	S330T0024 Technical Note

The latest versions of the user manuals are available on our website for download (p. 3).

## 1.5 Downloading Manuals

### **INFORMATION**

If a manual is missing or problems occur with downloading:

- Contact our customer service department (p. 41).

1. Open the website **www.pi.ws**.
2. Search the website for the product number (e.g., P-882) or the product family (e.g., PICMA® bender).
3. Click the corresponding product to open the product detail page.
4. Click the **Downloads** tab.

The manuals are shown under **Documentation**. Software manuals are shown under **General Software Documentation**.

5. Click the desired manual and fill out the inquiry form.

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### 2.1 Intended Use

The S-331 is a laboratory device as defined by DIN EN 61010-1. It is intended for indoor use and use in an environment that is free of dirt, oil, and lubricants.

In accordance with its design, the S-331 is intended for the precise positioning and alignment of a mirror in two orthogonal axes with a common pivot point (parallel kinematics). The S-331 is suitable for highly dynamic applications and can be mounted in any orientation.

The S-331 is delivered without a mirror and is intended for the attachment of a suitable mirror (p. 25). The models of the S-331 are equipped with strain gauge sensors (SGS).

It is only possible to use the S-331 as intended in conjunction with suitable electronics (p. 13) available from PI. The electronics are not included in the scope of delivery of the S-331.

The electronics must provide the required operating voltages. To ensure proper performance of the servo control system, the electronics must also be able to read out and process the signals from the strain gauge sensors.

### 2.2 General Safety Instructions

The S-331 is built according to state-of-the-art technology and recognized safety standards. Improper use can result in personal injury and/or damage to the S-331.

- Use the S-331 for its intended purpose only, and only when it is in perfect technical condition.
- Read the user manual.
- Eliminate any malfunctions that may affect safety immediately.

The operator is responsible for the correct installation and operation of the S-331.

## 2.3 Organizational Measures

### User manual

- Always keep this user manual together with the S-331.  
The latest versions of the user manuals are available for download (p. 3) on our website.
- Add all information from the manufacturer to the user manual, for example supplements or technical notes.
- If you give the S-331 to a third party, include this user manual as well as other relevant information provided by the manufacturer.
- Do the work only if the user manual is complete. Missing information due to an incomplete user manual can result in minor injury and damage to equipment.
- Install and operate the S-331 only after you have read and understood this user manual.

### Personnel qualification

The S-331 may only be installed, started, operated, maintained, and cleaned by authorized and appropriately qualified personnel.

## 3 Product Description

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### 3.1 Model Overview

Four standard versions of the S-331 piezo tip/tilt platform are available.

Model	Description
S-331.2SH	High-dynamics tip/tilt platform with high stiffness, 3 mrad tip/tilt angle, strain gauge sensor, D-sub 37 connector (m)
S-331.2SL	High-dynamics tip/tilt platform with high stiffness, 3 mrad tip/tilt angle, strain gauge sensor, LEMO connectors
S-331.5SH	High-dynamics tip/tilt platform with high stiffness, 5 mrad tip/tilt angle, strain gauge sensor, D-sub 37 connector (m)
S-331.5SL	High-dynamics tip/tilt platform with high stiffness, 5 mrad tip/tilt angle, strain gauge sensor, LEMO connectors

➤ For further technical data, see the specifications (p. 43).

## 3.2 Product View



Figure 1: Product view of the S-331.2SH



Figure 2: Product view of the S-331.5SH

- 1 Protective earth connection
- 2 Housing
- 3 Motion platform with groove for gluing the mirror
- 4 M1.6 threaded hole for mounting a mirror holder
- 5 Cable exit

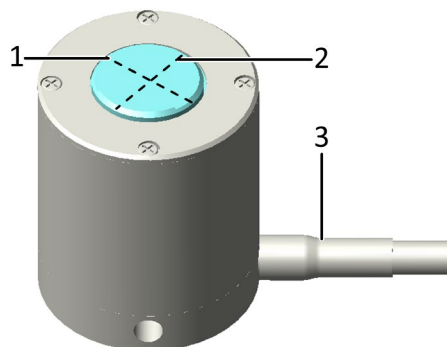


Figure 3: Schematic diagram of the axes of the S-331.2SH in relation to the cable exit, identical for further models of the S-331

- 1 Axis 1 (corresponds to axis 1 on the E-727.3SD/A controller)
- 2 Axis 2 (corresponds to axis 2 on the E-727.3SD/A controller)
- 3 Cable exit

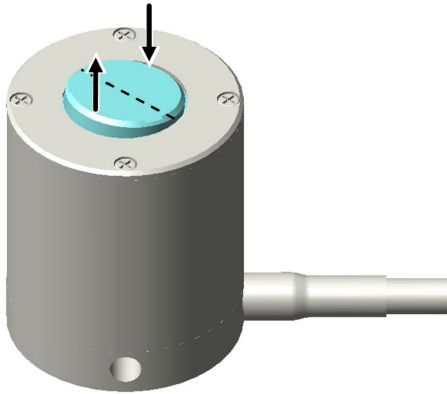


Figure 4: Maximum displacement in the positive direction of motion around axis 1. At the connected channel 1 of the amplifier, the output voltage  $U_{\text{Piezo}}$  is 100 V. The displacement shown is strongly exaggerated for better understanding.

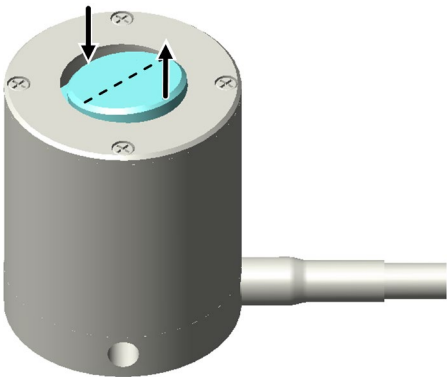





Figure 5: Maximum displacement in the positive direction of motion around axis 2. At the connected channel 2 of the amplifier, the output voltage  $U_{\text{Piezo}}$  is 100 V. The displacement shown is strongly exaggerated for better understanding.

### 3.3 Product Labeling

Labeling	Description
S-331.2SH	Product name (example), the characters following the period refer to the model
116010244	Serial number (example), individual for each S-331 Meaning of each position (from the left): 1 = internal information, 2 and 3 = year of manufacture, 4 to 9 = consecutive number
PI	Manufacturer's logo
Country of origin: Germany	Country of origin
	Warning sign "Pay attention to the manual!"
	Old equipment disposal (p. 53)
CE	CE conformity mark
WWW.PI.WS	Manufacturer's address (website)
	Symbol for the protective earth conductor, marks the protective earth connector of the S-331 (p. 29)

#### S-331.xSH: Labeling of the D-sub 37 (m) connector

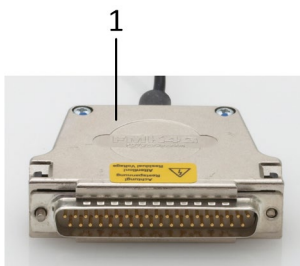


Figure 6: D-sub 37 (m) connector on the connection cable of the S-331.xSH

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Warning sign "Residual Voltage": Notice of risk of electric shock (p. 5)

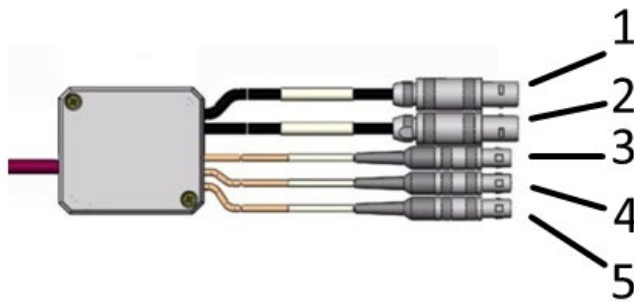
**S-331.xSL: Labeling of the LEMO connection cable**

Figure 7: Cable diagram for S-331.xSL

- 1 Sensor connection for axis 2, labeled **AXIS 2**
- 2 Sensor connection for axis 1, labeled **AXIS 1**
- 3 Piezo connection for 100 V fixed voltage, labeled **PZT 100V**
- 4 Piezo connection for axis 2, labeled **PZT2**
- 5 Piezo connection for axis 1, labeled **PZT1**

**3.4 Scope of Delivery**

Item number	Components
S-331	Tip/tilt platform according to order
000036450	M4 screw set for protective earth, consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 flat-head screw with cross recess, M4x8, ISO 7045</li> <li>▪ 2 safety washers</li> <li>▪ 2 flat washers</li> </ul>
PZ277EK	Printed short instructions for S-3xx piezo tip/tilt platforms

**3.5 Accessories**

Order number	Description
S-330.X1	Centering aid for mirror mounting, for the S-330 and S-331 tip/tilt platforms with 0.5" mirror (Ø 12.5 mm)
S-330.X2	Centering aid for mirror mounting, for the S-330 and S-331 tip/tilt platforms with 1.0" mirror (Ø 25.4 mm)

Order number	Description
Only S-331.xxL:	
E-518.I3	Interface module, 3 channels, TCP/IP, USB, and RS-232 interfaces
P-891.01	Extension cable for piezo voltage, LEMO connectors, 1 m
P-891.02	Extension cable for piezo voltage, LEMO connectors, 2 m
P-891.03	Extension cable for piezo voltage, LEMO connectors, 3 m
P-891.05	Extension cable for piezo voltage, LEMO connectors, 5 m
P-891.10	Extension cable for piezo voltage, LEMO connectors, 10 m
P-892.01	Extension cable, for strain gauge sensors, LEMO connectors, 1 m
P-892.02	Extension cable, for strain gauge sensors, LEMO connectors, 2 m
P-892.03	Extension cable, for strain gauge sensors, LEMO connectors, 3 m
P-892.05	Extension cable, for strain gauge sensors, LEMO connectors, 5 m
P-892.10	Extension cable, for strain gauge sensors, LEMO connectors, 10 m

➤ To order, contact our customer service department (p. 41).



### 3.6 Suitable Electronics

Model	Controller	Amplifier	Housing	Interfaces
S-331.xSH	E-727.3SD Digital multi-channel piezo controller, 3 axes, -30 to 130 V, strain gauge sensors, D-sub 37 socket		221 mm × 240.10 mm × 116.60 mm	-
	E-727.3SDA Digital multi-channel piezo controller, 3 axes, -30 to 130 V, strain gauge sensors, D-sub 37 socket, analog inputs		221 mm × 240.10 mm × 116.60 mm	-
S-331.xSL	E-509.S3 Sensor / servo controller module, strain gauge sensors, 3 channels	2 x E-505.00 Piezo amplifier module, 2 A, -30 to 130 V, 1 channel, 1 x E-505.00S Offset voltage source for tip/tilt platforms, 100 V fixed voltage	E-500.00 19" housing for modular piezo controller system, 1 to 3 channels	Optional: E-518.I3 Interface module, 3 channels, TCP/IP, USB, and RS-232 interfaces

### 3.7 Control

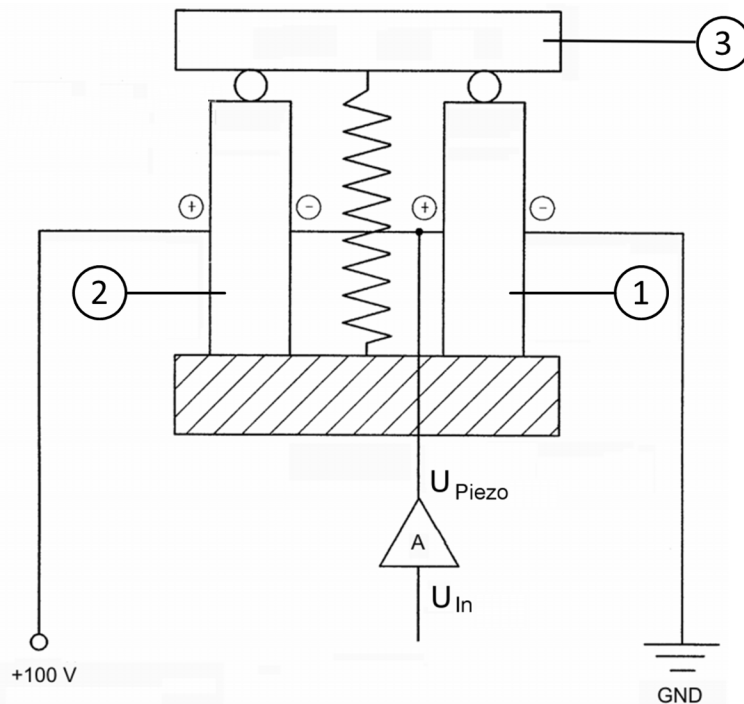


Figure 8: Differential drive of the tip/tilt platform, functional principle using the tilting of a single axis as an example

- 1 Piezo actuator 1 of the axis
- 2 Piezo actuator 2 of the axis
- 3 Platform

The S-331 is a tip/tilt platform with differential piezo drive. Four piezo actuators are interconnected in pairs to realize tip/tilt motion on two axes.

Both pairs of actuators are electrically switched so that when piezo voltage  $U_{Piezo}$  is changed, the voltage is increased to one actuator of a pair while the voltage to the other actuator is decreased by the same amount. The actuator with the increased voltage expands while the other actuator with the decreased voltage contracts. This produces the tip/tilt motion.

For a simplified representation of the functional principle, only one axis is shown in the figure above. The platform is shown rotated around  $0^\circ$ .

When the control input voltage  $U_{In}$  increases, piezo actuator 1 expands and piezo actuator 2 contracts. This produces a tilt in the positive direction.

Because of the way they are interconnected, both actuator pairs always move in opposite directions. It is therefore **impossible** to command linear motion in the Z axis.

The position of the Z axis can change with temperature fluctuations, however: Due to the symmetrical design of the tip/tilt platform, temperature fluctuations do not cause the platform to tilt but cause the length of the piezo actuators to change evenly in the direction of the Z axis.

Most applications are not very sensitive to such deviations as long as the tip/tilt angle does not change.

Each of the four piezo actuators of the S-331 is equipped with a strain gauge sensor. Therefore, in addition to the amplifier channel, a servo loop with a sensor channel must be available for each actuator pair.

### 3.8 ID Chip

An ID chip is located in the D-sub connector of the S-331. When the S-331 is calibrated at the factory with digital electronics, the calibration data is saved on the ID chip together with specific product information. During switch-on, the digital electronics read the data from the ID chip of the S-331 connected. A S-331 with an ID chip containing calibration data can therefore be connected to any suitable digital electronics without renewed calibration.

Refer to the manual for the controller for more information on the ID chip.

### 3.9 Dynamic Behavior

The maximum operating frequency of a piezo tip/tilt platform depends on the following factors:

- Bandwidth of amplifier, controller, and sensor
- Resonant frequency of the tip/tilt platform including mirror and where appropriate, mirror holder

The resonant frequency is estimated in two steps:

- a) Calculating the moments of inertia for mirror and mirror holder (p. 16)
- b) Calculating (p. 19) resonant frequency of the tip/tilt platform including mirror and mirror holder.

### 3.9.1 Calculating Moments of Inertia for Mirror and Mirror Holder

#### Calculating the distance from the axis through the center of gravity of the mirror to the rotational axis

Before the moment of inertia of the mirror is calculated, it is necessary to calculate the distance from the axis through the center of gravity of the mirror to the rotational axis of the platform. When a mirror holder is used, it must be included in the calculation.

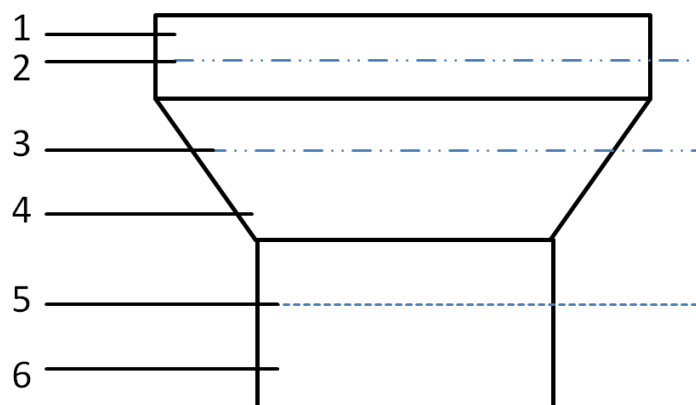


Figure 9: Example diagram: Platform with mirror holder and mirror

- 1 Mirror
- 2 Axis through the center of gravity of the mirror
- 3 Axis through the center of gravity of the mirror holder
- 4 Mirror holder (example of a geometry)
- 5 Axis through the pivot point of the platform of the S-331 ("rotational axis")
- 6 Platform

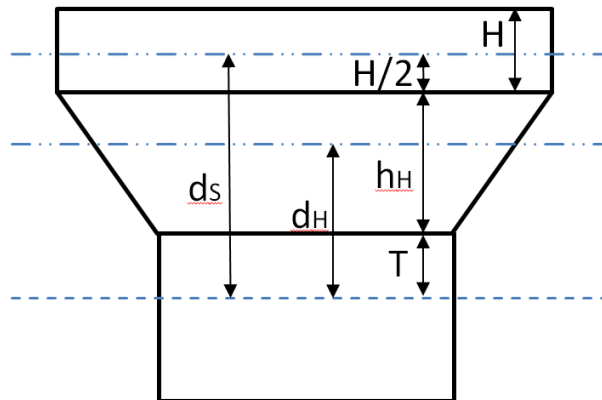


Figure 10: Example diagram: Platform with mirror holder and mirror; here with variables required for calculating the moments of inertia

- $d_S$  Distance from the axis through the center of gravity of the mirror to the rotational axis
- $d_H$  Distance from the axis through the center of gravity of the mirror holder to the rotational axis
- $H/2$  Half the mirror thickness
- $h_H$  Thickness of the mirror holder
- $T$  Distance from the rotational axis to the platform surface (see "Data Table" (p. 43))
- $H$  Mirror thickness

Formula for calculating the distance from the axis through the center of gravity of the mirror to the rotational axis of the platform:

When a mirror is attached **without** a mirror holder:

$$d_S = \frac{H}{2} + T$$

When a mirror is attached **with** a mirror holder:

$$d_S = \frac{H}{2} + h_H + T$$

with:

$d_S$  = Distance from the axis through the center of gravity of the mirror to the rotational axis [mm]

$H$  = Mirror thickness [mm]

$h_H$  = Thickness of the mirror holder [mm]

$T$  = Distance from the rotational axis to the platform surface [mm], see "Data Table" (p. 43)

**Calculating the moment of inertia of the mirror**

Formula for calculating the moment of inertia of a rotationally symmetric mirror:

$$I_{S,P} = m_S \left[ \frac{3R^2 + H^2}{12} + d_S^2 \right]$$

Formula for calculating the moment of inertia of a rectangular mirror:

$$I_{S,P} = m_S \left[ \frac{L^2 + H^2}{12} + d_S^2 \right]$$

with:

$I_{S,P}$  = Moment of inertia of the mirror, in relation to the rotational axis [ $\text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^2$ ]

$m_S$  = Mirror mass [g]

$R$  = Mirror radius [mm]

$L$  = Mirror length perpendicular to the rotational axis [mm]

$H$  = Mirror thickness [mm]

$d_S$  = Distance from the axis through the center of gravity of the mirror to the rotational axis [mm]; for calculation see separate formulas (p. 16)

**Calculating the moment of inertia of the mirror holder**

$$I_{H,P} = I_H + m_H * (d_H)^2$$

with:

$I_{H,P}$  = Moment of inertia of the mirror holder, in relation to the rotational axis [ $\text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^2$ ]

$I_H$  = Moment of inertia of the mirror holder, dependent on the geometry of the mirror holder [ $\text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^2$ ]

$m_H$  = Mass of the mirror holder [g]

$d_H$  = Distance from the axis through the center of gravity of the mirror holder to the rotational axis of the platform [mm], see above illustration (p. 16)

### 3.9.2 Calculating the Resonant Frequency of the Tip/Tilt Platform

#### Mirror without mirror holder

When the mirror is mounted without a mirror holder, the resonant frequency of the system is calculated with the following formula:

$$f' = \frac{f_0}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{I_{S,P}}{I_0}}}$$

with:

$f'$  = Resonant frequency of the S-331 with mirror [Hz]

$f_0$  = Resonant frequency of the unloaded S-331 [Hz]; see "Data Table" (p. 43)

$I_0$  = Moment of inertia of the platform of the S-331 [ $\text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^2$ ], see "Data Table" (p. 43)

$I_{S,P}$  = Moment of inertia of the mirror, in relation to the rotational axis, [ $\text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^2$ ]; calculation see separate formulas (p. 18)

#### Mirror with mirror holder

When the mirror is mounted with a mirror holder, the resonant frequency of the tip/tilt platform is calculated with the following formula:

$$f' = \frac{f_0}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(I_{S,P} + I_{H,P})}{I_0}}}$$

with:

$f'$  = Resonant frequency of the S-331 with mirror and mirror holder [Hz]

$f_0$  = Resonant frequency of the unloaded S-331 [Hz], see "Data Table" (p. 43)

$I_0$  = Moment of inertia of the platform of the S-331 [ $\text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^2$ ], see "Data Table" (p. 43)

$I_{S,P}$  = Moment of inertia of the mirror, in relation to the rotational axis, [ $\text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^2$ ]; for calculation see separate formulas (p. 18)

$I_{H,P}$  = Moment of inertia of the mirror holder, in relation to the rotational axis, [ $\text{g} \cdot \text{mm}^2$ ]; calculation see separate formula (p. 18)

Further information on dynamic or static operation can be found in the PI catalog (CAT 130), in the section "Fundamentals of Piezo Technology". The catalog can be downloaded from our website <http://www.pi.ws> under **Service > Downloads > Catalogs, Brochures & Certificates**.





## **4 Unpacking**

1. Unpack the S-331 with care.
2. Compare the contents with the scope of delivery according to the contract and the delivery note.
3. Inspect the contents for signs of damage. If any parts are damaged or missing, contact our customer service department (p. 41) immediately.
4. Keep all packaging materials in case the product needs to be returned.



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### 5.1 General Notes on Installation

#### CAUTION



#### **Dangerous voltage and residual charge in piezo actuators!**

The S-331 is driven by piezo actuators. Temperature changes and compressive stresses can induce charges in piezo actuators. Piezo actuators can remain charged for several hours after disconnecting the electronics. Touching or short-circuiting the contacts in the connector in the S-331 can lead to minor injuries from electric shock. The piezo actuators can be destroyed by an abrupt contraction.

- Do **not** open the S-331.
- Discharge the piezo actuators of the S-331 before installation:  
Connect the S-331 to the switched-off PI controller, which is equipped with an internal discharge resistor.
- Do **not** pull the connector out of the electronics during operation.



Touching the contacts in the connector can lead to an electric shock (max. 120 V DC) and minor injuries.

- Do **not** touch the contacts in the connector.
- Use the screws to secure the connector of the S-331 against being pulled out of the controller.

#### NOTICE



#### **Heating up of the S-331 during operation!**

The heat produced during operation of the S-331 can affect your application.

- Install the S-331 so that the application is not impaired by the dissipated heat.
- Ensure sufficient ventilation at the place of installation.
- Make sure that the entire bottom of the S-331 is in contact with the surface on which the S-331 is mounted.

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator due to electric flashovers!**

Using the S-331 in environments that increase the electrical conductivity can lead to the destruction of the piezo actuator by electric flashovers. Electric flashovers can be caused by moisture, high humidity, liquids, and conductive materials (e.g., metal dust). In addition, electric flashovers can also occur in certain air pressure ranges due to the increased conductivity of the air.

- Avoid operating the S-331 in environments that can increase the electric conductivity.
- Operate the S-331 only within the permissible ambient conditions and classifications (p. 45).

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator due to short-circuiting without a discharge resistor!**

When a charged piezo actuator is short-circuited without a discharge resistor, this can lead to a contraction shock and thus to the destruction of the piezo ceramic.

- Only discharge the S-331 according to the instructions in "Discharging the S-331" (p. 35).

**NOTICE****Warping the S-331 when mounting onto uneven surfaces!**

The S-331 could warp if mounted on an uneven surface. Warping reduces the accuracy.

- Mount the S-331 onto a flat surface. The recommended flatness of the surface is  $\leq 30 \mu\text{m}$ .
- For applications with large temperature changes:  
Mount the S-331 only onto surfaces that have the same or similar thermal expansion properties as the S-331.

**NOTICE****Damage due to unsuitable cables!**

Unsuitable cables can damage the S-331 and the electronics.

- Use cables provided by PI only to connect the S-331 to the electronics.

## 5.2 Mounting the Mirror on the S-331

You have the following options for mounting the mirror on the motion platform of the S-331:

- Gluing the mirror
- Screw the mirror holder in

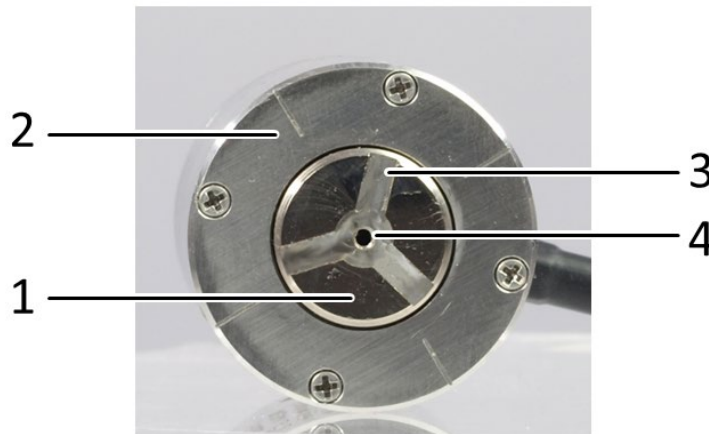


Figure 11: Top view of the S-331

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 | Motion platform  |
| 2 | Housing  |
| 3 | Groove for gluing  |
| 4 | M1.6 threaded hole with 3 mm depth for screwing a mirror holder in |

### NOTICE



#### **Impermissibly high forces and torques!**

Impermissibly high forces and torques that are applied to the motion platform can damage the S-331.

- Avoid high forces and torques on the motion platform when mounting the mirror.

**NOTICE****Reduced positioning accuracy due to improper mounting!**

Improper mounting can reduce the positioning accuracy of the piezo tip/tilt platform.

- Avoid overtightening the mirror:
  - To glue the mirror, choose an adhesive that hardens at room temperature and contracts as little as possible during drying and hardening. Recommendation: Two-component adhesive made of epoxy resin that hardens in 24 hours at a temperature above 25 °C and is resistant to shearing forces.
  - In the case of applications with large temperature changes:  
Make sure that the mirror and mirror holder have the same or similar thermal expansion properties as the motion platform of the S-331 (material of the platform: titanium).
- Make sure that there is no adhesive between the motion platform and the housing of the S-331 and in the hole in the middle of the platform; see figure above.

**INFORMATION**

If the mirror is to be interchangeable, it is recommended to mount it with a mirror holder.

- Take the moment of inertia of the mirror holder into account when calculating the resonant frequency of the piezo tip/tilt platform (p. 19).

**INFORMATION**

Recommended characteristics of the mirror:

- Diameter: 12.7 mm (0.5")
- Thickness: 3 mm
- Material: Glass, e.g., borosilicate crown glass (BK7), whose moment of inertia matches the application (details see "Dynamic Behavior" (p. 15)) and whose thermal expansion coefficient is almost the same as titanium.



Figure 12: The three-arm groove (colored white here) on the motion platform is used for punctiform application of the adhesive.

**INFORMATION**

For gluing the mirror, it is recommended to use a suitable centering aid; for an example, see below. Suitable centering aids are available as accessories (p. 11).

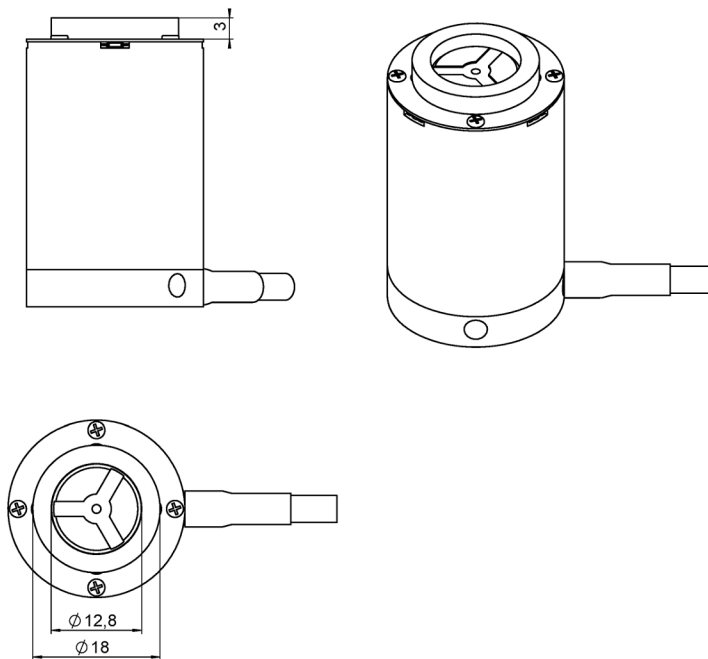


Figure 13: Example: S-331 with centering aid for a mirror with a thickness of 3 mm and  $\varnothing$  12.7 mm

**Requirements**

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 23).
- ✓ The S-331 is **not** connected to the electronics.

**Tools and accessories**

- Suitable mirror, see above and "Dynamic Behavior" (p. 15)
- When the mirror is glued to the platform:
  - Suitable adhesive, see above
  - Option: Suitable centering aid
  - Cotton swab
  - Isopropyl alcohol
- If the mirror is mounted with a mirror holder:
  - Suitable mirror holder with threaded pin or M1.6 screw
- Powder-free gloves

**Gluing the mirror to the S-331**

1. Option: Align the centering aid on the motion platform of the S-331 carefully and fix it appropriately.
2. Apply a small amount of adhesive to three points in the three-armed groove of the motion platform; see above figure. Only apply a pinhead-sized amount to each point
3. Carefully place the mirror into the centering aid on the motion platform. Avoid touching the mirror surface.
4. Carefully and briefly press the mirror onto the motion platform with a cotton swab.
5. If necessary, remove the adhesive residue with a cotton swab and isopropyl alcohol.
6. Allow the adhesive to harden according to the instructions of the adhesive manufacturer.
7. Remove the centering aid.

**Affix the mirror holder to the S-331**

- Mount the mirror holder via the M1.6 threaded hole on the motion platform.  
Maximum torque: 0.2 Nm  
Maximum screw-in depth: 3 mm
- Affix the mirror to the mirror holder appropriately.

### 5.3 Mounting the S-331

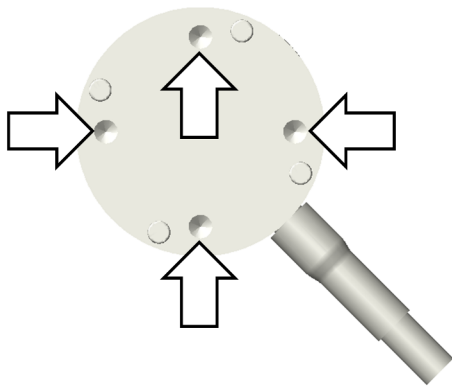


Figure 14: M3 holes of the S-331 for mounting on a surface

**Requirements**

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 23).
- ✓ The S-331 is **not** connected to the electronics.
- ✓ You have accounted for the space required to route cables without bending and according to regulations.



**Tools and accessories**

- For the dimensions of the S-331 and the position and depth of the M3 holes, see "Dimensions" (p. 47).
- You have provided a suitable surface:
  - Four through-holes for M3 screws are provided.
  - The evenness of the surface is  $\leq 30 \mu\text{m}$ .
- 4 M3 screws of suitable length (p. 47)
- Suitable tools

**Mounting the S-331 on a surface**


1. Align the S-331 on the surface so that the M3 holes in the S-331 and the surface overlap.
2. Insert the four screws through the holes in the surface into the base body of the S-331 from below.
3. Tighten the four screws.
  - Maximum screw-in depth: 4 mm
  - Maximum torque: 1.1 Nm
4. Check that the S-331 is affixed firmly.

**5.4 Connecting the S-331 to the Protective Earth Conductor****INFORMATION**

- Pay attention to the applicable standards for connecting the protective earth conductor.

**INFORMATION**

- If there is any vibration in your application, secure the screw connection for the protective earth conductor in a suitable manner (e.g., with liquid adhesive) to prevent it from unscrewing by itself.

The S-331 has an M4 hole for mounting the protective earth conductor. This hole is marked with the symbol for the protective earth conductor  (see "Dimensions" (p. 47)).

**Requirements**

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 23).
- ✓ The S-331 is **not** connected to the electronics.

**Tools and accessories**

- Suitable protective earth conductor: Cross-sectional area of the cable  $\geq 0.75 \text{ mm}^2$

- Supplied M4 protective earth screw set (p. 11) for connecting the protective earth conductor
- Suitable screwdriver

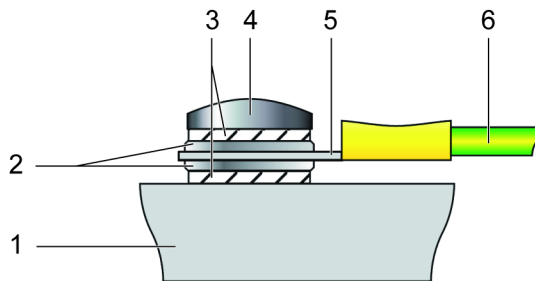


Figure 15: Connecting the protective earth conductor (profile view)

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | Base body of the S-331     |
| 2 | Flat washer                |
| 3 | Lock washer                |
| 4 | Screw                      |
| 5 | Cable lug                  |
| 6 | Protective earth conductor |

### Connecting the S-331 to the protective earth conductor

1. If necessary, attach a suitable cable lug to the protective earth conductor.
2. Use the M4 screw (together with the flat and lock washers) to attach the cable lug of the protective earth conductor to the threaded hole in the S-331 as shown in the profile view.
3. Tighten the M4 screw with a torque of 1.2 Nm to 1.5 Nm.
4. Make sure that the contact resistance at all connection points relevant for connecting the protective earth conductor is  $<0.1 \Omega$  at 25 A.

## 5.5 Connecting the S-331 to the Controller

### INFORMATION

Systems consisting of an S-331 and controller are calibrated at the factory to achieve optimum performance.

- Pay attention to the assignment of the axes to the controller channels as specified on the calibration label of the piezo servo controller.

### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 23).
- ✓ You have installed a suitable controller (p. 13).

- ✓ You have read and understood the user manual of the controller.
- ✓ The controller is switched off.

**Connecting the S-331.xSH to the E-727.3SD controller**

1. Plug the connector of the S-331.xSH into the corresponding socket of the controller (see user manual of the controller).
2. Use the integrated screws to secure the connection against accidental disconnection.

**Connecting the S-331.xSL to E-50x modules**

1. Connect the piezo connectors of the S-331.xSL with the piezo amplifier modules as follows.
  - **PZT1** to **PZT** of an E-505.00 module
  - **PZT2** to **PZT** of the second E-505.00 module
  - **PZT 100V** to **PZT** of the E-505.00S module
2. Connect the sensor connections of the S-331.xSL to the E-509.S3 servo controller module as follows:
  - **AXIS 1** to **SENSOR** for channel 1 (**SERVO 1**)
  - **AXIS 2** to **SENSOR** for channel 2 (**SERVO 2**)



## 6 Starting and Operating

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### 6.1 General Notes on Starting and Operating

#### CAUTION



##### **Risk of electric shock if the protective earth conductor is not connected!**

If a protective earth conductor is not or not properly connected, dangerous touch voltages can occur on the S-331 in the case of malfunction or failure of the system. If there are touch voltages, touching the S-331 can result in minor injuries from electric shock.

- Before startup, establish contact between the S-331 and the protective earth conductor (p. 29).
- Do **not** remove the protective earth conductor during operation.
- If the protective earth conductor has to be removed temporarily (e.g., for modification), reconnect the S-331 to the protective earth conductor before restarting.

#### NOTICE



##### **Destruction of the piezo actuator due to electric flashovers!**

Using the S-331 in environments that increase the electrical conductivity can lead to the destruction of the piezo actuator by electric flashovers. Electric flashovers can be caused by moisture, high humidity, liquids, and conductive materials (e.g., metal dust). In addition, electric flashovers can also occur in certain air pressure ranges due to the increased conductivity of the air.

- Avoid operating the S-331 in environments that can increase the electric conductivity.
- Operate the S-331 only within the permissible ambient conditions and classifications (p. 45).

#### NOTICE



##### **Decreased lifetime due to permanently high voltage!**

Applying a continuous high static voltage to piezo actuators reduces the lifetime of the piezo ceramic.

- When the S-331 is not used but the electronics remain switched on to ensure temperature stability, discharge the S-331 (p. 35).

**INFORMATION**

Systems consisting of an S-331 and controller are set at the factory so that optimum performance can be achieved when a mirror with the recommended characteristics is glued onto the S-331 (p. 25).

- Only adjust the notch filter and the servo control parameters of the controller when the moved mass and therefore the resonant frequency of the S-331 changes considerably.  
Possible reasons:
  - The mirror strongly deviates from the recommended characteristics (p. 25).
  - A mirror holder is used.

Only after replacing system components and only for models with LEMO connectors:

- Perform a recalibration of the axis displacement (see controller manual) or contact our customer service department (p. 41).
- Adjust the notch filter and servo control parameters of the controller (see controller manual).

**INFORMATION**

Depending on the amplitude and frequency of the piezo voltage, the S-331 heats up during operation.

- Select the amplitude and frequency of the piezo voltage so that the maximum permissible operating temperature of the S-331 is not exceeded. For details, see "Recommended Control Signals for Dynamic Operation" (p. 46).

**INFORMATION**

Sound and vibration (e.g., footfall, knocks) can be transmitted to the S-331 and can affect its performance with regard to position stability.

- Avoid sound and vibration while the S-331 is being operated.

**INFORMATION**

The expansion of the piezo actuators depends on the ambient temperature and can vary by up to 10 % in the given temperature ranges (p. 45).

## 6.2 Operating the S-331

### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on startup and operation (p. 33).
- ✓ You have read and understood the user manual of the controller.
- ✓ You have properly installed the S-331 (p. 23).
- ✓ The controller and the required PC software have been installed. All connections with the controller have been established (see user manual of the controller).

### Operating the S-331

- Follow the instructions in the manual for the electronics (p. 13) used for starting and operating the S-331.

## 6.3 Discharging the S-331

The S-331 must be discharged in the following cases:

- Before Installation
- When the S-331 is not in use but the electronics remain switched on to ensure temperature stability
- Before demounting (e.g., before cleaning and transporting the S-331 and for modifications)

The S-331 is discharged via the discharge resistor inside the electronics from PI.

### Discharging a positioner connected to the electronics

In closed-loop operation:

1. Switch off the servo mode on the controller.
2. Set the piezo voltage to 0 V on the controller.

In open-loop operation:

- Set the piezo voltage to 0 V on the electronics.

### Discharging a positioner not connected to the electronics

- Connect the positioner to the switched-off electronics from PI.





## 7 Maintenance

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### 7.1 General Notes on Maintenance

#### NOTICE



#### Misalignment due to loosening screws!

The S-331 is maintenance-free and achieves its positioning accuracy as a result of the optimal alignment of mechanical components and piezo actuators. Loosened screws cause a loss in positioning accuracy.

- Loosen screws only when instructed in this manual.
- Do **not** open the S-331.

### 7.2 Cleaning the S-331

#### Requirements

- ✓ You have discharged the piezo actuators of the S-331 (p. 35).
- ✓ You have disconnected the S-331 from the electronics.

#### Cleaning the S-331

- Clean the surfaces of the S-331 with a cloth dampened with a mild cleanser or disinfectant (e.g., isopropyl alcohol).
- Do **not** do any ultrasonic cleaning.



## 8 Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible causes	Solution
No or uncontrolled motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cable not connected correctly</li> <li>▪ Controller defective</li> <li>▪ Cable defective</li> <li>▪ Piezo ceramic defective after electric flashover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Check the cable connections (p. 30).</li> <li>➤ Contact our customer service department (p. 41).</li> </ul>
Reduced accuracy	Warped base body	Mount the S-331 onto surfaces with the following characteristics only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flatness of at least 30 µm</li> <li>▪ The thermal expansion properties are similar to those of the S-331 (e.g., surfaces made of steel)</li> </ul>
	Adhesive has run into the M1.6 threaded hole or between the platform and the housing of the S-331	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Contact our customer service department (p. 41).</li> </ul>
	S-331 or controller has been replaced	After the S-331 or controller has been replaced, it is necessary to recalibrate the axis displacement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Recalibrate the axis displacement (see controller manual) or contact our customer service department (p. 41).</li> </ul>
	Mirror with mirror holder have been replaced	The change of the mass to be moved by the S-331 influences dynamic characteristics such as the resonant frequency of the piezo tip/tilt platform. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Adjust the notch filter and servo control parameters of the controller; see controller manual.</li> </ul>
	Operating temperature outside of the permissible range (p. 43)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Contact our customer service department (p. 41).</li> </ul>

If the problem with your system is not listed in the table above or cannot be solved as described, contact our customer service department (p. 41).



## 9 Customer Service

For inquiries and orders, contact your PI sales engineer or send us an email ([service@pi.de](mailto:service@pi.de)).

- If you have any questions concerning your system, provide the following information:
  - Product and serial numbers of all products in the system
  - Firmware version of the controller (if applicable)
  - Version of the driver or the software (if applicable)
  - Operating system on the PC (if applicable)
- If possible: Take photographs or make videos of your system that can be sent to our customer service department if requested.

The latest versions of the user manuals are available for download (p. 3) on our website.



## 10 Technical Data

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### 10.1 Specifications

#### 10.1.1 Data Table

Motion	Unit	Tolerance	S-331.2SL / S-331.2SH	S-331.5SL / S-331.5SH
Active axes			$\theta X, \theta Y$	$\theta X, \theta Y$
Rotation range in $\theta X$	mrاد		3	5
Rotation range in $\theta Y$	mrاد		3	5
Rotation range in $\theta X$ , open loop	mrاد	$\pm 20\%$	4.2	7
Rotation range in $\theta Y$ , open loop	mrاد	$\pm 20\%$	4.2	7
Linearity error in $\theta X$	%	typ.	0.3 <sup>(1)</sup> 0.1 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.3 <sup>(1)</sup> 0.1 <sup>(2)</sup>
Linearity error in $\theta Y$	%	typ.	0.3 <sup>(1)</sup> 0.1 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.3 <sup>(1)</sup> 0.1 <sup>(2)</sup>

Positioning	Unit	Tolerance	S-331.2SL / S-331.2SH	S-331.5SL / S-331.5SH
Integrated sensor			SGS, indirect position measuring	SGS, indirect position measuring
Resolution in $\theta X$ , open loop	$\mu\text{rad}$	typ.	0.05	0.1
Resolution in $\theta Y$ , open loop	$\mu\text{rad}$	typ.	0.05	0.1
Bidirectional repeatability in $\theta X$	$\mu\text{rad}$	typ.	$\pm 1.5$	$\pm 2.5$
Bidirectional repeatability in $\theta Y$	$\mu\text{rad}$	typ.	$\pm 1.5$	$\pm 2.5$
Sensor resolution, rotational	$\mu\text{rad}$		0.1	0.25

Drive properties	Unit	Tolerance	S-331.2SL / S-331.2SH	S-331.5SL / S-331.5SH
Drive type			PICMA <sup>®</sup>	PICMA <sup>®</sup>
Nominal voltage	V		120	120

Drive properties	Unit	Tolerance	S-331.2SL / S-331.2SH	S-331.5SL / S-331.5SH
Electrical capacitance in $\theta X$	$\mu F$	$\pm 20 \%$	0.96	6.2
Electrical capacitance in $\theta Y$	$\mu F$	$\pm 20 \%$	0.96	6.2

Mechanical properties	Unit	Tolerance	S-331.2SL / S-331.2SH	S-331.5SL / S-331.5SH
Distance of pivot point to platform surface	mm	$\pm 0.1 \text{ mm}$	4	4
Guide			Flexure guide with lever amplification	Flexure guide with lever amplification
Resonant frequency in $\theta X$ , under load with glass mirror, ( $\varnothing 12.7 \text{ mm}$ ; thickness 3 mm)	Hz	$\pm 20 \%$	9020	2980
Resonant frequency in $\theta X$ , unloaded	Hz	$\pm 20 \%$	10050	2990
Resonant frequency in $\theta Y$ , under load with glass mirror, ( $\varnothing 12.7 \text{ mm}$ ; thickness 3 mm)	Hz	$\pm 20 \%$	9020	2980
Resonant frequency in $\theta Y$ , unloaded	Hz	$\pm 20 \%$	10050	2980
Moment of inertia in $\theta X$ , unloaded	$\text{g} \times \text{mm}^2$	$\pm 20 \%$	30	30
Moment of inertia in $\theta Y$ , unloaded	$\text{g} \times \text{mm}^2$	$\pm 20 \%$	30	30
Overall mass	g		130	280
Material			Steel, platform titanium	Steel, platform titanium

Miscellaneous	Unit	Tolerance	S-331.2SL / S-331.2SH	S-331.5SL / S-331.5SH
Connector			SH version: D-Sub 37-pin (m) SL version: LEMO LVPZT	SH version: D-Sub 37-pin (m) SL version: LEMO LVPZT
Sensor connector			SL version: LEMO for strain gauge sensors	SL version: LEMO for strain gauge sensors
Recommended controllers / drivers			SH version: E-509.S3 + E-505.00 (2 $\times$ ) + E-505.00S + E-500.00 SL version: E-727	SH version: E-509.S3 + E-505.00 (2 $\times$ ) + E-505.00S + E-500.00 SL version: E-727
Cable length	m		2	2
Operating temperature range			-20 to 80	-20 to 80

(1) S-331.xSL in conjunction with E-5xx analog controller modules.

(2) S-331.xSH in conjunction with digital controllers, unidirectional.




The resolution of the system is limited only by the noise of the amplifier and the measuring technology because PI piezo nanopositioning systems are free of friction.

All specifications based on room temperature (22 °C  $\pm$  3 °C).



### 10.1.2 Maximum Ratings

The models of the S-331 are designed for the following operating data:

Model	Maximum operating voltage	Maximum operating frequency <sup>1</sup> (without load, at 100 V <sub>pp</sub> )	Maximum power consumption <sup>2</sup>
			
S-331.2SH S-331.2SL	-20 to +120 V	1.75 kHz	21 W/axis
S-331.5SH S-331.5SL	-20 to +120 V	1.5 kHz	25 W/axis

<sup>1</sup> To ensure stable operation, the maximum operating frequency has been defined as around one third of the mechanical resonant frequency. To calculate the resonant frequency of the system of S-331 and mirror, see "Dynamic Behavior" (p. 15).

<sup>2</sup> The heat that is generated by the piezo actuator during dynamic operation limits the value for maximum power consumption.

Details can be found at the following website:

<https://www.physikinstrumente.com/en/technology/piezo-technology/properties-piezo-actuators/electrical-operation/>

### 10.1.3 Ambient Conditions and Classifications

Pay attention to the following ambient conditions and classifications for the S-331:

Area of application	For indoor use only
Maximum altitude	2000 m
Air pressure	1100 hPa to 0.1 hPa
Relative humidity	Highest relative humidity 80 % for temperatures up to 31 °C Decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40 °C
Storage temperature	–20 °C to 80 °C
Transport temperature	–25 °C to 85 °C
Overvoltage category	II
Protection class	I
Degree of pollution	1
Degree of protection according to IEC 60529	IP20

#### 10.1.4 Recommended Control Signals for Dynamic Operation

The maximum permissible operating temperature for the piezo actuators of the S-331 is 80 °C. During dynamic continuous operation of a single axis, this temperature value is achieved at an ambient temperature of approx. 20 °C for the following characteristics of a sinusoidal piezo voltage signal and then remains constant.

Model	Amplitude	Operating frequency
S-331.2SH	20 V <sub>pp</sub>	2500 Hz
S-331.2SL	50 V <sub>pp</sub>	2000 Hz
	100 V <sub>pp</sub>	500 Hz
S-331.5SH	20 V <sub>pp</sub>	2000 Hz
S-331.5SL	50 V <sub>pp</sub>	700 Hz
	100 V <sub>pp</sub>	150 Hz

At a higher ambient temperature and when both axes are operated, the maximum permissible operating temperature can already be achieved at a lower amplitude and/or lower operating frequency.

## 10.2 Dimensions

### 10.2.1 S-331

Dimensions in mm. Note that the decimal points are separated by a comma in the drawings.

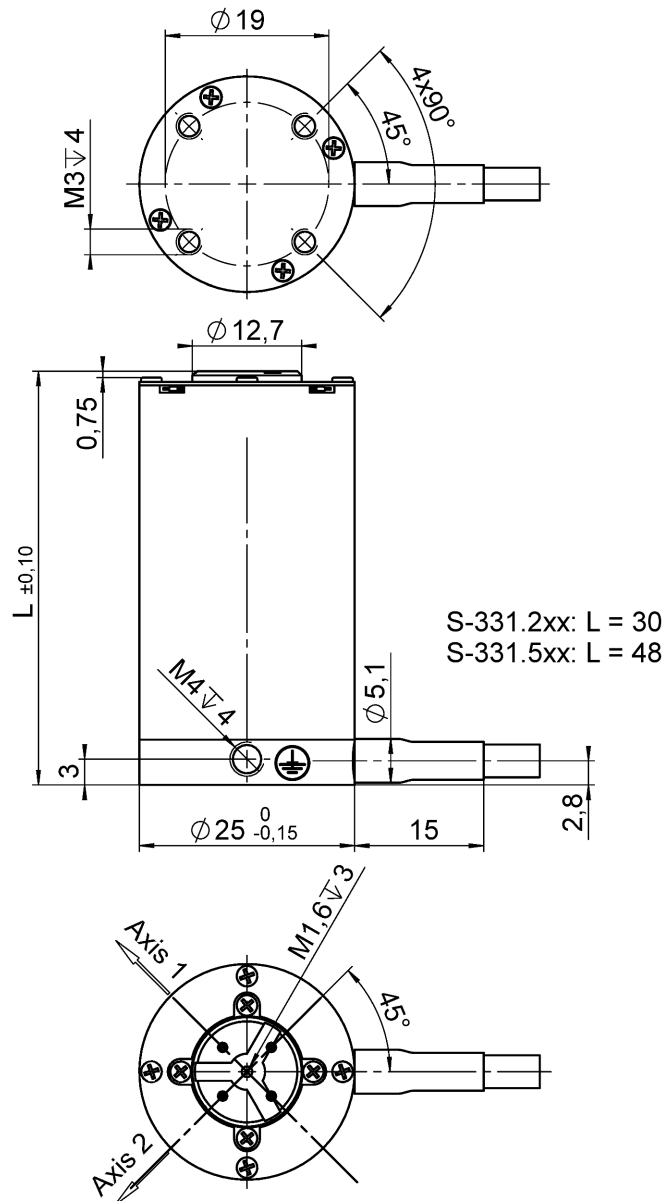


Figure 16: S-331.xSH

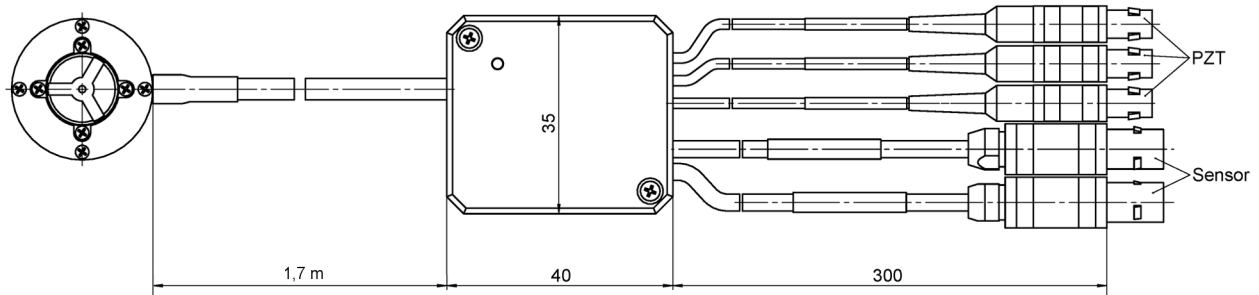


Figure 17: S-331.xSL: Position and dimensions of the cable splitter box

### 10.2.2 Optional Accessory: S-330.Xx Centering Aid

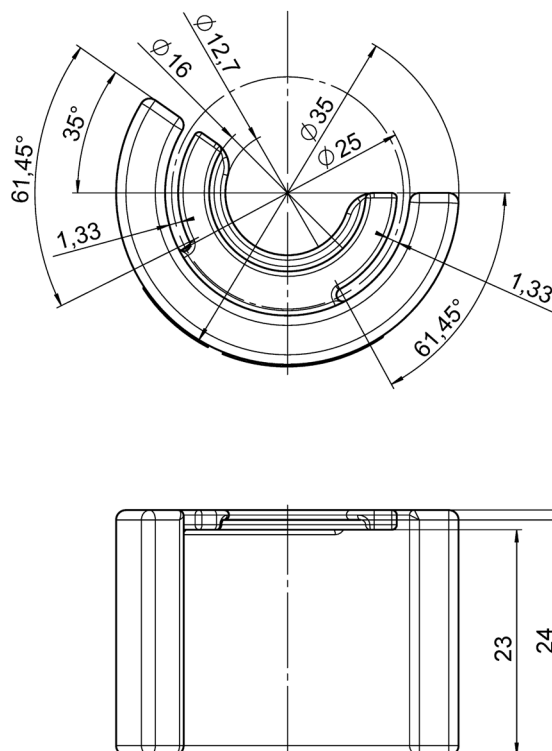


Figure 18: S-330.X1

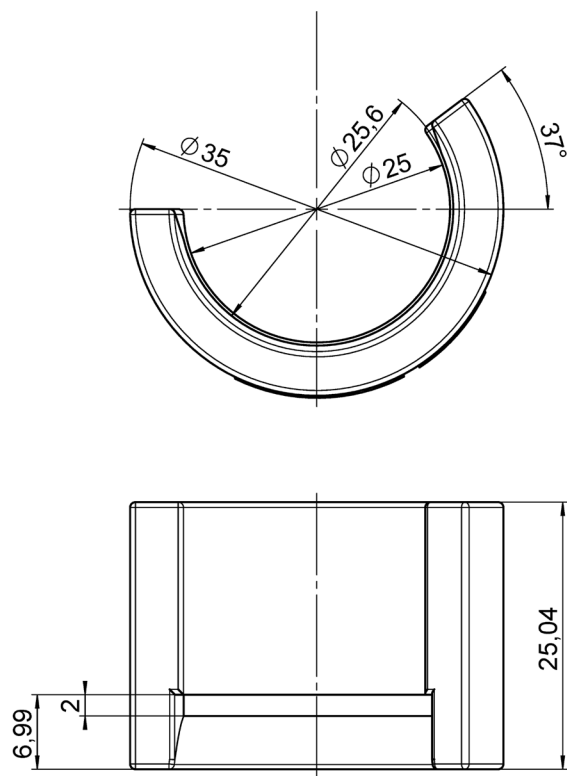


Figure 19: S-330.X2

## 10.3 Pin Assignment

### 10.3.1 S-331.xSH: D-sub 37 (m) Piezo and Sensor Connection

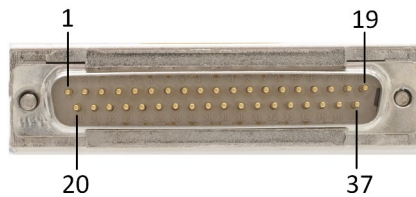


Figure 20: D-sub 37 (m) piezo and sensor connection

Pin	Signal*	Function
1	-	-
2	GND	Ground
3	ID chip CH2	Data, ID chip axis 2
4	-	-
5	ID chip GND	Ground, ID chip
6	-	-
7	GND	Ground
8	-	-
9	GND	Ground
10	SGS CH2+	SGS signal axis 2 (positive)
11	GND	Ground
12	CH1+ SGS	SGS signal axis 1 (positive)
13	GND	-
14	Reserved	Reserved
15	Reserved	Reserved
16	Piezo CH1+	Piezo voltage, axis 1 (positive)
17	Piezo CH2+	Piezo voltage, axis 2 (positive)
18	Piezo CH3+	100 V fixed voltage
19	-	-
20	-	-
21	ID chip CH1	Data, ID chip axis 1
22	ID chip GND	Ground, ID chip
23 to 27	-	-
28	SGS CH2-	SGS signal axis 2 (negative)
29	SGS CH2 Ref	SGS reference axis 2
30	SGS CH1-	SGS signal axis 1 (negative)

Pin	Signal*	Function
31	SGS CH1 Ref	SGS reference axis 1
32	Reserved	Reserved
33	Reserved	Reserved
34	Piezo CH1-	Piezo voltage, axis 1 (negative)
35	Piezo CH2-	Piezo voltage, axis 2 (negative)
36	Piezo CH3-	Ground 100 V fixed voltage
37	-	-

\* The "-" sign indicates that the corresponding pin has not been assigned.

### 10.3.2 S-331.xSL: LEMO Piezo and Sensor Connections



Figure 21: Sensor connector (SGS): LEMO FFA.0S.304.CLAC32Y connector, contact side

Pin	Signal	Function
1	SGS Ref	SGS reference
2	SGS-	SGS signal (negative)
3	SGS+	SGS signal (positive)
4	SGS GND	Ground SGS signal

**PZT**

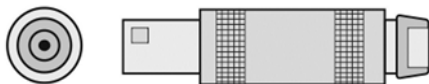


Figure 22: Piezo connector

Signal	Function	Connector shell
PZT	Piezo Voltage	Ground





## 11 Old Equipment Disposal

In accordance with EU law, electrical and electronic equipment may not be disposed of in EU member states via the municipal residual waste.

Dispose of your old equipment according to international, national, and local rules and regulations.

In order to fulfil its responsibility as the product manufacturer, Physik Instrumente (PI) GmbH & Co. KG undertakes environmentally correct disposal of all old PI equipment made available on the market after 13 August 2005 without charge.

Any old PI equipment can be sent free of charge to the following address:

Physik Instrumente (PI) GmbH & Co. KG  
Auf der Roemerstr. 1  
D-76228 Karlsruhe, Germany





## 12 European Declarations of Conformity

For the S-331, declarations of conformity were issued according to the following European statutory requirements:

Low Voltage Directive

EMC Directive

RoHS Directive

The applied standards certifying the conformity are listed below.

Safety (Low Voltage Directive): EN 61010-1

EMC: EN 61326-1

RoHS: EN IEC 63000

