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**P-88x/P-08x Piezo Actuator**  
**User Manual**

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**This document describes the following products:**

- **P-882 – P-888**  
PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuators
- **P-080**  
PICMA® Stack multilayer ring actuators with inner hole
- **P-088**  
PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuators, round cross section



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### 1.1 Objective and Target Audience of this User Manual

This user manual contains the necessary information for the intended use of the P-88x/P-08x (x stands for the different models (p. 9)).

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

### 1.2 Validity for Custom Products

This user manual also applies to custom products from the PICMA® Stack piezo actuator and PICMA® Stack ring actuator product lines if nothing else is stated in their accompanying documentation.

The product line is stated on the delivery note of the custom product.

The properties of custom products may differ from those stated in this manual.

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

### 1.3 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 injuries or damage to equipment.



➤ 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**

General hazard symbol

- 1.
- 2.

Action consisting of several steps with strict sequential order



Action consisting of one or more steps without relevant sequential order



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**RS-232**

Operating element labeling on the product (example: Socket of the RS-232 interface)

## 1.4 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.

## 1.5 Other Applicable Documents

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

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Product	Document
E-503 piezo amplifier module	PZ62E user manual
E-504 piezo amplifier module	PZ62E user manual
E-505 piezo amplifier module	PZ62E user manual
E-506 piezo charge amplifier	PZ62E user manual

Product	Document
E-610 piezo amplifier / servo controller	PZ72E user manual
	PZ70E user manual
E-617 high-performance piezo amplifier	PZ201E user manual
E-618 high-performance piezo amplifier / servo controller	PZ221E user manual
E-663 piezo amplifier	PZ69E user manual
E-831 piezo amplifier module	PZ191E user manual
	PZ235E user manual
E-836 compact piezo amplifier / OEM module	PZ250E user manual

## 1.6 Downloading Manuals

### INFORMATION

If a manual is missing or problems occur with downloading:

- Contact our customer service department (p. 45).

### Downloading Manuals

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® Stack).
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**.

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The download link will then be sent to the email address entered.





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### 2.1 Intended Use

The P-88x/P-08x is intended to be used in an environment which is free of dirt, oil, and lubricants.

In accordance with its design, the P-88x/P-08x is intended for integration into a mechanical system and for the following applications:

- Positioning of loads
- Dynamic positioning
- Vibration damping
- Force generation

The operator is responsible for a standards-compliant integration of the P-88x/P-08x into the overall system.

The motion of the P-88x/P-08x takes place on one axis. When mounting the actuator without applying a preload, pay attention to the maximum tensile stress capacity (p. 51).

For operation of the P-88x/P-08x, suitable electronics that provide the required operating voltages are required. The electronics are not included in the scope of delivery of the P-88x/P-08x. We recommend the use of suitable electronics (p. 12) from PI.

### 2.2 General Safety Instructions

The P-88x/P-08x 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 P-88x/P-08x.

- Use the P-88x/P-08x 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 P-88x/P-08x.

Temperature changes and compressive stress can induce charges in the P-88x/P-08x piezo actuator. The piezo actuator can remain charged for several hours after disconnecting the electronics. Touching the live parts on the P-88x/P-08x can result in minor injury from electric shock.

- Do not touch the piezo actuator unless it is discharged (p. 39).
- When handling the piezo actuator, wear powder-free nitrile or latex gloves.
- Keep the piezo actuator short-circuited (p. 40) when it is not connected to the electronics.

The system into which the piezo actuator is integrated (e.g., housing or surrounding mechanical system) must be connected to a protective earth conductor. If the protective earth conductor is not or not properly connected, touching the system in which the piezo actuator was incorporated can lead to minor injury from electric shock in the case of a malfunction.

- Before startup, connect the overall system to a protective earth conductor in accordance with the applicable standards.
- Do **not** remove the protective earth conductor during operation.
- If the protective earth conductor has to be temporarily removed (e.g., for modifications), reconnect the overall system to the protective earth conductor before restarting.

During operation, the piezo actuator carries voltages of up to 120 V (P-88x models) or 100 V (P-08x models). Touching the piezo actuator can lead to minor injuries from electric shock.

- Do **not** touch the piezo actuator during operation.
- Before startup, insulate the piezo actuator electrically from the surrounding mechanics to prevent direct or indirect contact with live parts. Pay attention to the clearances and creepage distances required for the operating voltage as well as the standards applicable to your application.

Mechanical forces can damage the P-88x/P-08x.

- Avoid impacts that affect the P-88x/P-08x.
- Do **not** drop the P-88x/P-08x.
- Avoid torques and lateral forces on the P-88x/P-08x.
- Do **not** use metal tools during installation.
- Do **not** exceed the maximum permissible stress and load capacities according to the specifications (p. 47).
- Do **not** exceed the maximum compressive/tensile stress capacity (p. 51).

## 2.3 Organizational Measures

### User manual

- Always keep this user manual together with the P-88x/P-08x.  
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 P-88x/P-08x 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 P-88x/P-08x only after you have read and understood this user manual.

### Personnel qualification

The P-88x/P-08x may only be installed, started, operated, maintained, and cleaned by authorized and appropriately qualified personnel.



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### 3.1 Model Overview

#### PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuators

Model	Description
P-882.11	PICMA® piezo actuator, 6.5 µm travel range, 3 mm × 2 mm × 9 mm, stranded wires
P-882.31	PICMA® piezo actuator, 11 µm travel range, 3 mm × 2 mm × 13.5 mm, stranded wires
P-882.51	PICMA® piezo actuator, 15 µm travel range, 3 mm × 2 mm × 18 mm, stranded wires
P-883.11	PICMA® piezo actuator, 6.5 µm travel range, 3 mm × 3 mm × 9 mm, stranded wires
P-883.31	PICMA® piezo actuator, 11 µm travel range, 3 mm × 3 mm × 13.5 mm, stranded wires
P-883.51	PICMA® piezo actuator, 15 µm travel range, 3 mm × 3 mm × 18 mm, stranded wires
P-885.11	PICMA® piezo actuator, 6.5 µm travel range, 5 mm × 5 mm × 9 mm, stranded wires
P-885.31	PICMA® piezo actuator, 11 µm travel range, 5 mm × 5 mm × 13.5 mm, stranded wires
P-885.51	PICMA® piezo actuator, 15 µm travel range, 5 mm × 5 mm × 18 mm, stranded wires
P-885.91	PICMA® piezo actuator, 32 µm travel range, 5 mm × 5 mm × 36 mm, stranded wires
P-887.31	PICMA® piezo actuator, 11 µm travel range, 7 mm × 7 mm × 13.5 mm, stranded wires
P-887.51	PICMA® piezo actuator, 15 µm travel range, 7 mm × 7 mm × 18 mm, stranded wires

Model	Description
P-887.91	PICMA® piezo actuator, 32 µm travel range, 7 mm × 7 mm × 36 mm, stranded wires
P-888.31	PICMA® piezo actuator, 11 µm travel range, 10 mm × 10 mm × 13.5 mm, stranded wires
P-888.51	PICMA® piezo actuator, 15 µm travel range, 10 mm × 10 mm × 18 mm, stranded wires
P-888.91	PICMA® piezo actuator, 32 µm travel range, 10 mm × 10 mm × 36 mm, stranded wires

#### PICMA® Stack multilayer ring actuators with inner hole

Model	Description
P-080.311	PICMA® Stack multilayer ring actuator with inner hole, 5.5 µm travel range, OD 8 mm × ID 4.5 mm × L 8.5 mm, stranded wires
P-080.341	PICMA® Stack multilayer ring actuator with inner hole, 11 µm travel range, OD 8 mm × ID 4.5 mm × L 16 mm, stranded wires
P-080.391	PICMA® Stack multilayer ring actuator with inner hole, 25 µm travel range, OD 8 mm × ID 4.5 mm × L 36 mm, stranded wires

#### PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuators, round cross section

Model	Description
P-088.721	PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuator, round cross section, 14 µm travel range, OD 16 mm × L 16 mm, stranded wires
P-088.741	PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuator, round cross section, 32 µm travel range, OD 16 mm × L 36 mm, stranded wires
P-088.781	PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuator, round cross section, 70 µm travel range, OD 16 mm × L 77 mm, stranded wires

All models are optionally available with solderable contacts. The product numbers of the models with solderable contacts end with the number 0 (e.g., P-882.10).

3.2 Product View

The figure serves as an example and can differ from your model.

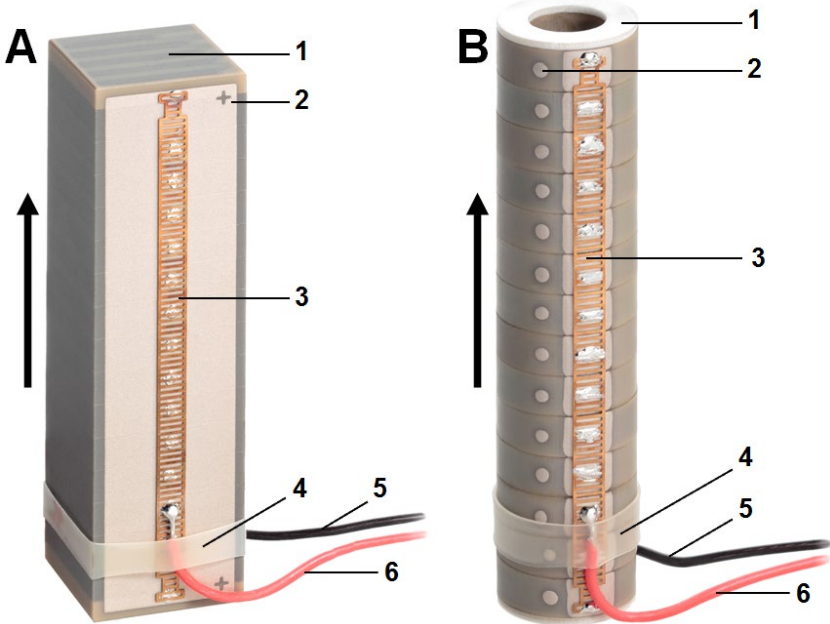


Figure 1: Example of product view: P-88x (A) and P-080 (B)


- 1 Ceramic end surface (passive PZT ceramic)
- 2 Marking for positive pole
- 3 Contact strip
- 4 Shrink tube (strain relief of the stranded wires)
- 5 Black stranded wire: Connection for ground (-)
- 6 Red stranded wire: Voltage connection (+)

The arrows in the figure indicate the expansion direction of the piezo actuator when a positive voltage is applied.

3.3 Product Labeling

Before delivery, each P-88x/P-08x is vacuum-packed in an ESD protection bag that prevents the piezo actuator from becoming charged during transport. Larger actuators are additionally packed in tubes to protect them against breakage.

Every ESD protection bag has a sticker with the following information:

Labeling	Description
	Data Matrix code (example; contains the abbreviated batch number and the product number)

Labeling	Description
P-885.51	Product number (example), the digits after the period refer to the model The product number of custom products consists of nine digits (without identification of the model).
16CEP0653128979	Batch number (example), individual for each P-88x/P-08x
<b>PI</b>	Manufacturer's logo
1 piece	Quantity
Country of origin: Germany	Country of origin
WWW.PICERAMIC.COM	Manufacturer's address (website)

### 3.4 Scope of Delivery

Product number	Description
P-88x/P-08x	Piezo actuator according to order (p. 9)
PZ264EK	Short instructions for PICMA® multilayer piezo actuators

### 3.5 Suitable Electronics

To operate a P-88x/P-08x, you need electronics. The device is selected depending on the type of application. The table below lists the suitable devices.

Product number	Description
E-503	Piezo amplifier module (for E-500 piezo controller system)
E-504	Piezo amplifier module (for E-500 piezo controller system)
E-505	Piezo amplifier module (for E-500 piezo controller system)
E-506	Piezo charge amplifier (for E-500 piezo controller system)
E-610	Piezo amplifier / servo controller
E-617	High-performance piezo amplifier
E-618	High-performance piezo amplifier / servo controller
E-663	Piezo amplifier
E-831	Piezo amplifier module
E-836	Compact piezo amplifier / OEM module

- To order, contact our customer service department (p. 45).
- Before selecting electronics, calculate the power requirements of your application (p. 38).



### 3.6 Accessories

Product number	Description
P-890.10	Cable for piezo voltage, LEMO connector/open end, 1 m
P-890.20	Cable for piezo voltage, LEMO connector/open end, 5 m
<p>The P-890.xx cable is for connecting the P-88x/P-08x to a low-voltage piezo amplifier. The cable is soldered on the actuator side.</p> <p>Connector: LEMO FFS.00.250.CTCE24, coaxial</p> <p>Cable: RG 178 (Teflon)</p>	

- To order, contact our customer service department (p. 45).

### 3.7 Technical Features

#### PICMA® piezo actuators

P-88x/P-08x are PICMA® multilayer piezo actuators for static and dynamic applications. PICMA® actuators have all-ceramic insulation and their performance and lifetime are therefore far superior to conventional actuators. The ceramic insulation layer protects the monolithic piezoceramic block against humidity and failure due to increased leakage current. In this way, an especially high reliability is achieved even under extreme ambient conditions.



## 4 Unpacking

### NOTICE

**Destruction of the piezo actuator due to contamination!**

Contamination on the surface of the P-88x/P-08x can result in the destruction of the piezo actuator by electric flashovers during operation.

- When handling the piezo actuator, wear powder-free nitrile or latex gloves.
- Prevent the piezo actuator from coming into contact with conductive liquids (e.g., finger sweat) and conductive materials (e.g., metal dust).
- If the piezo actuator has been accidentally contaminated, clean it in accordance with the instructions in "Cleaning the P-88x/P-08x" (p. 41).

1. Unpack the P-88x/P-08x 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. 45) immediately.
4. Keep all packaging materials in case the product needs to be returned.



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## 5.1 General Notes on Installing

**CAUTION**



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

Temperature changes and compressive stress can induce charges in the P-88x/P-08x piezo actuator. The piezo actuator can remain charged for several hours after disconnecting the electronics. Touching the live parts on the P-88x/P-08x can result in minor injury from electric shock.

- Do not touch the piezo actuator unless it is discharged (p. 39).
- When handling the piezo actuator, wear powder-free nitrile or latex gloves.
- Keep the piezo actuator short-circuited (p. 40) when it is not connected to the electronics.

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator due to rapid discharging!**

If the piezo actuator is not connected to the electronics, it must be short-circuited in order to prevent the piezo actuator from becoming charged during temperature changes and compressive stress. Unsuitable short-circuiting leads to an abrupt contraction of the piezo actuator due to excessively fast discharging. Abrupt contraction can destroy the piezo actuator.

- As soon as you have removed the piezo actuator from the conductive original packaging, short-circuit it as follows:
  - Models with stranded wires: Twist the stranded wires of the piezo actuator with each other.
  - Models without stranded wires: Affix a suitable, conductive aid on the piezo actuator that does not leave any scratches on the surface of the piezo actuator (e.g., conductive rubber).
- Only disconnect the short-circuit connection of the piezo actuator if this is necessary for installation or operation.
- If the piezo actuator is not short-circuited:
  - Ensure adequate protection against touching live parts.
  - Discharge the piezo actuator in a suitable way before short-circuiting again (p. 39).

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator due to excessively high loads!**

Excessive loads can destroy the P-88x/P-08x.

- Do **not** exceed the maximum compressive/tensile stress capacity (p. 51).

**NOTICE****Damage to the piezo actuator due to excessive preloading!**

Excessive preloading can mechanically depolarize the piezo actuator. Depolarization damages the piezo actuator.

- Only apply preloads that are just as high as necessary.
- Do **not** exceed the maximum preload (p. 51).

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator due to mechanical overload!**

Torques and lateral forces can destroy the piezo actuator.

- Avoid torques and lateral forces on the piezo actuator.
- Make sure that the center of load of the moving system is on the motion axis of the piezo actuator.
- Avoid an uneven load distribution by using suitable structures or guide elements (e.g., ball tips or flexure guides).
- Establish contact over as large an area as possible on the end surfaces of the piezo actuator, and select opposing surfaces with a flatness of only a few micrometers. Minor unevenness can be compensated by full-surface gluing, for example.

**NOTICE****Damage due to tensile stress on the stranded wires of the piezo actuators!**

Impermissible forces on the stranded wires (if applicable) can damage the piezo actuator.

- Avoid tensile stress on the stranded wires of the piezo actuator.

**NOTICE****Damage due to scratches on the surface of the piezo actuator!**

The surface of the piezo actuator is scratch-sensitive. Scratches on the surface can cause damage to the piezo actuator.

- Do not use metal tools to install the piezo actuator.
- Install the piezo actuator so that the ceramic insulation and the end surfaces of the piezo actuator are not scratched during installation and operation.

**NOTICE****Heating up of the P-88x/P-08x during operation!**

The heat produced during operation of the P-88x/P-08x can affect your application.

- Install the P-88x/P-08x so that your application is not affected by the dissipating heat.

**INFORMATION**

Ground loops can occur when the piezo actuator is installed in a housing that is grounded via the shield of the connecting cable of the piezo actuator as well as a separate protective earth conductor.

- If a ground loop occurs, contact our customer service department (p. 45).

### Avoiding mounting errors

Piezo actuators may only be loaded axially. Moreover, piezo actuators should be preloaded (p. 26) mechanically in order to avoid tensile stress. The following figures are to help you avoid mounting errors.

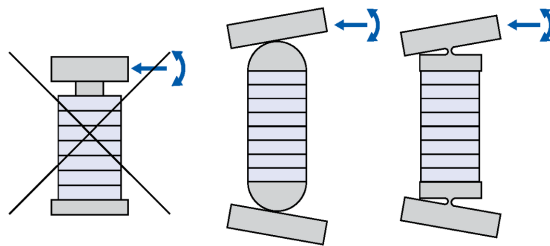


Figure 2: Prevention of lateral forces and torques

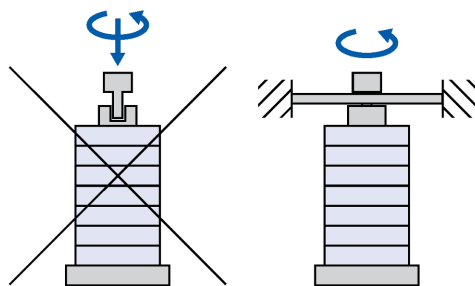


Figure 3: Prevention of torques

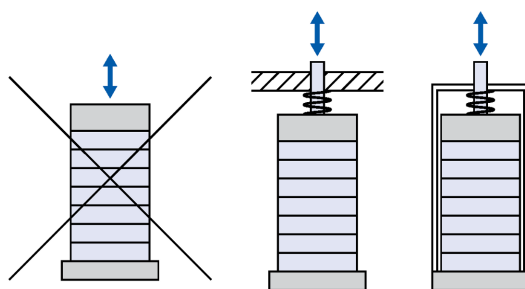


Figure 4: Prevention of tensile stresses by means of a mechanical preload

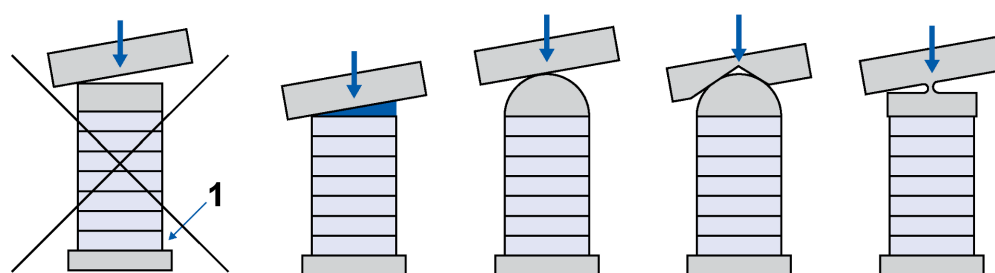


Figure 5: Prevention of an irregular load application (1: Tensile stresses)



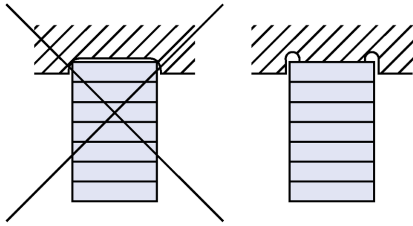


Figure 6: Full-area contact of the piezo actuator

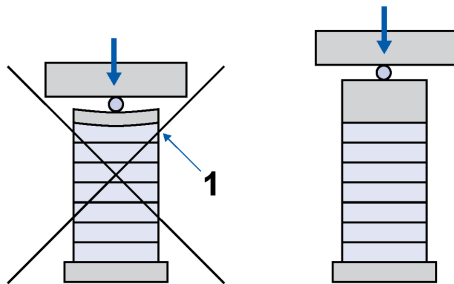


Figure 7: Proper dimensioning of the end pieces in the case of point contact (1: Tensile stresses)

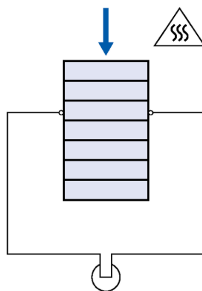


Figure 8: Mechanical or thermal loads electrically charge the piezo actuator.  
Mount only when short-circuited.

## 5.2 Soldering Stranded Wires to a Piezo Actuator (Models Without Stranded Wires Only)

This section describes how to solder stranded wires to the models without stranded wires. If your application permits it, we recommend using models that already have stranded wires.

### NOTICE



#### Destruction of the piezo actuator due to incorrect soldering!

Long and repeated soldering processes can dissolve the termination layer that creates the contact between the inner electrodes and the contact strips of the piezo actuator. The dissolution of the termination layer destroys the piezo actuator. In addition, the piezo ceramic can be damaged by depolarization when it is continuously heated above the Curie temperature.

- The soldering temperature should not be any higher than necessary (max. 350 °C).
- Make sure that the soldering time does **not** exceed 1 to 2 seconds.
- Use the respective soldering point only once to solder a stranded wire.

If you have to repeat the soldering process:

1. Allow the solder point to cool down.
2. Desolder the stranded wire from the soldering point.
3. Use a different (pre-tinned) soldering point to solder the stranded wire again.

### NOTICE



#### Damage from mechanical stress on the solder connection!

Mechanical stresses (e. g., shear forces) on the solder connection can damage the piezo actuator.

- Make sure that stranded wires that move are relieved of strain with shrink tubing.
- Solder the stranded wires so that the distance between the soldering point and the firmly clamped side of the piezo actuator is as small as possible. This reduces mechanical stresses especially during dynamic operation.

### Design and polarity of the electrodes



Figure 9: Standard electrodes (example view of the contact strips)

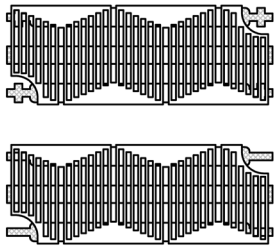


Figure 10: Special electrodes for high currents (example view of the contact strips)

The positive electrode is identified by a plus sign or a point next to the electrode.

- Use a red stranded wire for the voltage connection (+).
- Use a black stranded wire for ground (-).

### Contacting of the electrodes

Depending on the design, the electrodes are contacted via special soldering points or soldering strips.

### Contacting of standard electrodes

Except for the outer soldering points on the upper or lower ceramic end surface of the piezo actuator (p. 11), all pre-tinned soldering points of the positive and negative electrode can be used to solder stranded wires.

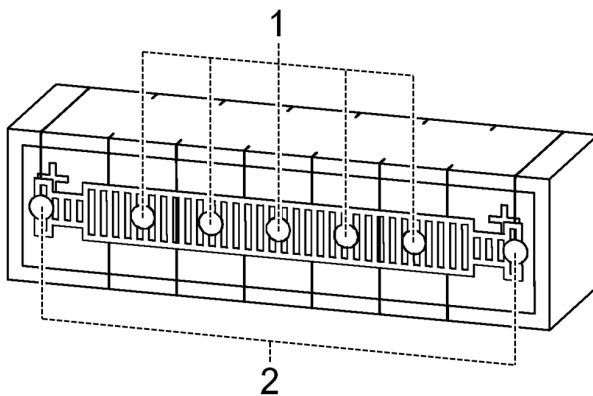


Figure 11: Pre-tinned soldering points of the positive electrode (example: P-885)

- 1 Soldering points of the electrode that are suitable for soldering stranded wires
- 2 Soldering points of the electrode that are **not** suitable for soldering stranded wires

### Contacting of special electrodes

The electrodes of certain special products are equipped with a soldering strip in the middle, to which stranded wires can be soldered.

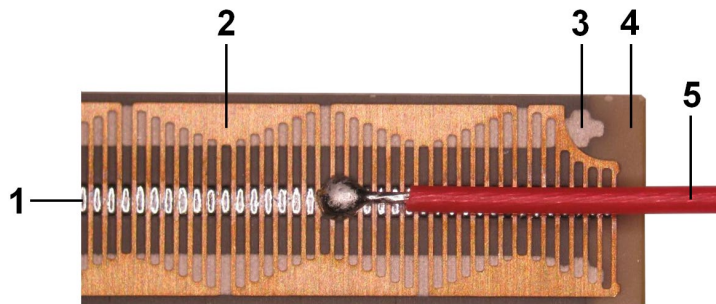


Figure 12: Example view of a special electrode (detail) with stranded wire soldered to soldering strip

- 1 Soldering strip
- 2 Contact strip
- 3 Termination layer
- 4 Ceramic
- 5 Stranded wire

### Strain relief of the stranded wires

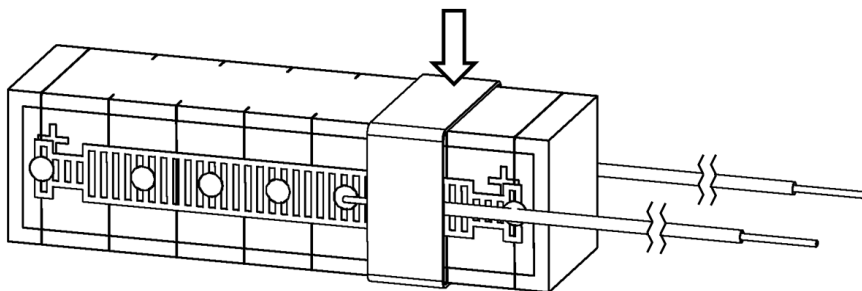


Figure 13: Shrink tubing (see arrow) as strain relief of the stranded wires (example: P-885)

### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 17).
- ✓ The P-88x/P-08x is discharged (p. 39) and short-circuited (p. 40).

### Tools and accessories

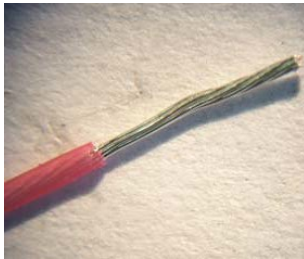
- Suitable stranded wires that meet the applicable standards for the conditions of use
- Suitable soldering iron
- Suitable solder: Sn 95.5, Ag 3.8, Cu 0.7

- Suitable flux according to one of the following standards:
  - DIN EN 29454, part 1, category 1.1.3 or 1.2.3
  - ANSI J-STD-004, flux type ROL0
- Suitable cable tools

**Soldering stranded wires to a piezo actuator (only models without stranded wires)**

1. Prepare the stranded wire according to the following illustrations:

**Twisting**



**Tinning**



**Shortening to 2 mm**



2. Apply the flux to the tinned end of the wire and the intended soldering point of the electrode.
3. Hold the stranded wire flat with the tinned end on the soldering point.
4. Coat the tip of the soldering iron with a small amount of solder.
5. Hold the tip of the soldering iron at the soldering point on the tinned end of the stranded wire for a maximum of 1 to 2 seconds so that the solder flows and a flat or point-shaped solder connection results after soldering.

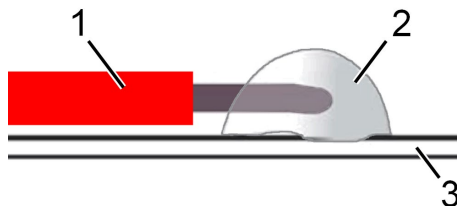


Figure 14: Solder connection [2] of stranded wire [1] and electrode [3]

6. Repeat steps 1 to 5 for the second stranded wire.
7. Remove flux residue according to the instructions in the section "Cleaning the P-88x/P-08x" (p. 41).
8. Place suitable shrink tubing on the solder connection to ensure strain relief of the stranded wires.

### 5.3 Mounting the P-88x/P-08x

P-88x/P-08x piezo actuators are glued to metal or ceramic surfaces.

#### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 17).
- ✓ The P-88x/P-08x is discharged (p. 39) and short-circuited (p. 40).
- ✓ You have read and understood the user information of the manufacturer of the adhesive.

#### Tools and accessories

- Level surface that is dry, dust-free, and grease-free
- Suitable adhesive (e.g., cold-hardening epoxy resin adhesive)

#### Mounting the P-88x/P-08x

1. Glue the piezo actuator to the surface:
  - Apply the thinnest possible layer of adhesive.
  - During the hardening process, maintain the operating temperature range (p. 52) specified for the piezo actuator.
  - Pay attention to the temperature expansion coefficients of the materials involved.
2. Press the piezo actuator until the adhesive has hardened.

### 5.4 Applying a Preload

The tensile stress capacity of piezo actuators is relatively low. It is therefore recommended to mechanically preload the piezo actuators in the application, either externally in the mechanical structure or internally in a housing.

#### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 17).
- ✓ The P-88x/P-08x is discharged (p. 39) and short-circuited (p. 40).

#### Tools and accessories

- When installing in a housing: Suitable housing
- Suitable guide elements
- When creating the preload with a spring:  
Suitable preload spring with the following characteristics:
  - The stiffness of the preload spring does not exceed 10 % of the stiffness (p. 47) of the piezo actuator. This is to minimize the displacement loss. If the stiffness of the preload spring is equal to that of the actuator, the free displacement drops by half.

- With highly dynamic applications:  
The resonant frequency (p. 47) of the preload spring exceeds that of the piezo actuator.

### Applying a preload

- Apply the preload near the axis within the core cross section of the piezo actuator.

## 5.5 Applying the Load

The P-88x/P-08x can be coupled to a load in various ways, depending on the application:

- Gluing the piezo actuator (p. 26) into the mechanical system to be moved or into a flexure
- Using a ball tip:
  - Gluing a hardened ball tip, which establishes a single-point contact to an even surface
  - Gluing a hardened ball tip, which establishes a ring-shaped contact to a calotte

### INFORMATION

Diagrams showing how to couple the P-88x/P-08x to a load can be found in "General Notes on Installation" (p. 20).

### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 17).
- ✓ The P-88x/P-08x is discharged (p. 39) and short-circuited (p. 40).

### Tools and accessories

- Suitable adhesive (e.g., cold-hardening epoxy resin adhesive)
- When using a ball tip: Suitable ball tip
- When using a flexure: Suitable flexure

### Applying the load

- Apply the load evenly.

If the piezo actuator is coupled in a milling pocket:

- Ensure that there is full-area contact at the end surface of the piezo actuator. For this purpose, choose the dimensions of the milling pocket correspondingly or make free cuts in the milling pocket.

If a point load is applied to the end piece of the piezo actuator:

- Dimension the end piece so that its thickness corresponds to half the cross-sectional dimension in order to prevent tensile stress on the piezo actuator.

## 5.6 Connecting the P-88x/P-08x to the Electronics

The P-88x/P-08x piezo actuator is connected to a LEMO socket, a terminal, or soldering pins, depending on the electronics.

This section describes how the P-88x/P-08x piezo actuator is connected with the P-890.xx coaxial cable to electronics with a LEMO coaxial socket.

- For connection to the electronics with other LEMO connectors, contact our customer service department (p. 45).
- If you use a self-made connecting cable instead of the P-890.xx coaxial cable, pay attention to the relevant standards as well as the assembly information of the manufacturer of the connector used.
- For connection to terminals or solder pins, refer to the manual of the respective electronics used (p. 2).

### INFORMATION

The models with stranded wires have color-coded wires:

- Red stranded wire: Voltage connection (+)
- Black stranded wire: Ground (-)

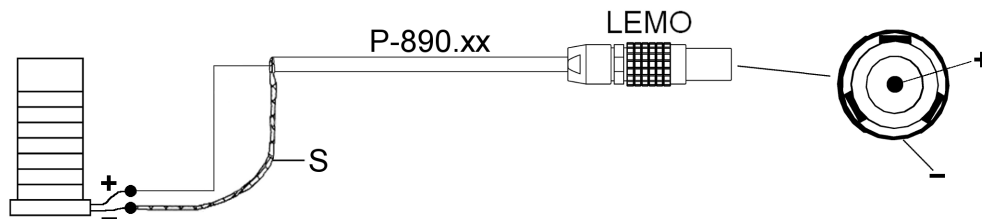


Figure 15: Connection of the P-88x/P-08x piezo actuator to the P-890.xx coaxial cable

+	On the piezo actuator (left): Red stranded wire for voltage connection On the LEMO connector (right): Inner contact for voltage connection
-	On the piezo actuator (left): Black stranded wire for ground On the LEMO connector (right): Connector housing
S	Cable shield
LEMO	LEMO FFS.00.250.CTCE24 coaxial connector

### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 17).
- ✓ You have read and understood the user manual of the electronics used.
- ✓ If the P-88x/P-08x is not short-circuited: The P-88x/P-08x is discharged (p. 39).
- ✓ The electronics are **switched off**.
- ✓ The electronics have a suitable LEMO socket for the connector on the P-890.xx coaxial cable.



- ✓ Models without stranded wires: You have soldered a red stranded wire to the positive electrode (+) and a black stranded wire to the negative electrode (-) of the P-88x/P-08x (p. 22).

**Tools and accessories**

- P-890.xx coaxial cable (p. 13), LEMO to open end (can be ordered separately)
- Suitable soldering iron
- Suitable solder
- Suitable cable tools

**Connecting the P-88x/P-08x to the electronics**

1. If necessary, shorten the wire and the cable shield of the coaxial cable to the correct length.
2. Make the stranded wires of the P-88x/P-08x accessible:
  - When the stranded wires of the P-88x/P-08x are short-circuited, disconnect the connection between the stranded wires.
  - Remove all aids and components that have been connected to the P-88x/P-08x for short-circuiting or discharging (e.g., conductive rubber or discharging resistor).
3. Solder the red stranded wire of the P-88x/P-08x to the wire of the coaxial cable connected to the inner contact of the LEMO connector.
4. Solder the black stranded wire of the P-88x/P-08x to the cable shield of the coaxial cable.
5. Insulate the soldered cable connections in a suitable manner.
6. Connect the connector of the P-88x/P-08x to the corresponding connection on the electronics.



## 6 Starting and Operating

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### 6.1 General Notes on Starting

#### CAUTION



##### **Dangerous voltage in piezo actuators during operation!**

During operation, the piezo actuator carries voltages of up to 120 V (P-88x models) or 100 V (P-08x models). Touching the piezo actuator can lead to minor injuries from electric shock.

- Do **not** touch the piezo actuator during operation.
- Before startup, insulate the piezo actuator electrically from the surrounding mechanics to prevent direct or indirect contact with live parts. Pay attention to the clearances and creepage distances required for the operating voltage as well as the standards applicable to your application.

#### CAUTION



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

The system into which the piezo actuator is integrated (e.g., housing or surrounding mechanical system) must be connected to a protective earth conductor. If the protective earth conductor is not or not properly connected, touching the system in which the piezo actuator was incorporated can lead to minor injury from electric shock in the case of a malfunction.

- Before startup, connect the overall system to a protective earth conductor in accordance with the applicable standards.
- Do **not** remove the protective earth conductor during operation.
- If the protective earth conductor has to be temporarily removed (e.g., for modifications), reconnect the overall system to the protective earth conductor before restarting.

**CAUTION****Burning from hot surface!**

The surface of the P-88x/P-08x and the surrounding area can heat up during operation. Touching the P-88x/P-08x and surrounding parts can result in minor injuries from burning.

- Cool the P-88x/P-08x so that the temperature of its surface and surrounding parts does **not** exceed 65 °C. Do **not** use liquids for cooling. If liquid cooling is to be used, contact our customer service department (p. 45).
- If sufficient cooling is not possible: Make sure that the hot P-88x/P-08x and its surrounding parts **cannot** be touched.
- If sufficient cooling and protection against contact are not possible: Mark the danger zone in accordance with the legal regulations.

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

Using the P-88x/P-08x 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).

- Avoid operating the P-88x/P-08x in environments that can increase the electrical conductivity.
- Only operate the P-88x/P-08x within the permissible ambient conditions and classifications (p. 52).
- Prevent the piezo actuator from coming into contact with liquids. If liquid cooling is to be used, contact our customer service department (p. 45).
- Protect the piezo actuator against moisture by means of hermetic sealing or the supply of dry air.
- If the P-88x/P-08x is to be operated in a special gas atmosphere, contact our customer service department (p. 45).

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator by dynamic forces!**

During dynamic operation, dynamic forces can occur that cancel the preload of the piezo actuator. Operation without a preload can destroy the actuator.

- Do **not** exceed the maximum compressive/tensile stress capacity (p. 51).
- Pay attention to the notes in "Determining the Operating Parameters" (p. 35).

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator due to excessive operating frequencies!**

An excessive operating frequency can cause thermal and mechanical overloading that destroys the piezo actuator.

- Select the operating frequency so that the following conditions are met:
  - The operating frequency of the piezo actuator does not exceed one third of the resonant frequency. The resonant frequency according to the data table (p. 47) applies to unclamped operation without load. In an arrangement with unilateral clamping, the value must be halved. For loaded piezo actuators that are clamped on one side, see "Calculating the Maximum Operating Frequency of the Loaded Piezo Actuator" (p. 37).
  - The dynamic forces occurring during operation do **not** exceed the maximum compressive/tensile stress capacity of the piezo actuator (see "Calculating the Forces that Occur During Dynamic Operation" (p. 38) and "Compressive/Tensile Stress Capacity and Preload" (p. 51)).
- Reduce the voltage at high operating frequencies to minimize the heating of the piezo actuator.
- If your application involves the operation of a piezo actuator which is not clamped on both sides, contact our customer service department (p. 45).

**NOTICE****Damage due to steep edges in the control signal!**

If the actuator does not have a preload, steep edges in the control signal can trigger strong dynamic forces which damage the piezo actuator. Steep edges can occur, for example, when digital wave generators are switched on.

- Avoid steep edges in the control signal on actuators with low preload.

**NOTICE****Damage after reconnecting due to a charged piezo actuator!**

The piezo actuator can remain charged when the connecting cable of the piezo actuator is pulled out of the electronics during operation. Reconnecting a charged piezo actuator to electronics during operation can cause a mechanical impulse that will damage the piezo actuator.

- Do **not** pull the connecting cable of the piezo actuator out of the electronics during operation.

If the connecting cable of the piezo actuator was accidentally pulled out of the electronics during operation:

- Discharge the piezo actuator accordingly before reconnecting (p. 39).
- Switch off the electronics before you reconnect the piezo actuator.

**NOTICE****Reduced lifetime due to permanently high voltage and high air humidity!**

Applying a continuous high static voltage to piezo actuators reduces the lifetime of the piezo ceramic. This applies in particular to operation in a humid environment.

- When the P-88x/P-08x is not in use but the electronics remain switched on to ensure temperature stability: Set the piezo voltage to 0 V on the electronics.
- If possible: Limit the maximum operating voltage during continuous operation.
- Reduce offset voltages to a minimum.
- Protect the piezo actuator against moisture by means of hermetic sealing or the supply of dry air.
- Make sure that the air humidity in the vicinity of the P-88x/P-08x does not exceed the relative humidity specified in "Ambient Conditions and Classifications" (p. 52).

**NOTICE****Operating voltage excessively high or incorrectly connected!**

Operating voltages that are too high or incorrectly connected can cause damage to the P-88x/P-08x.

- Do **not** exceed the operating voltage range (p. 50) for which the P-88x/P-08x is specified.
- Operate the P-88x/P-08x only when the operating voltage is properly connected; see "Connecting the P-88x/P-08x to the Electronics" (p. 28).
- If you have applied the operating voltage with the wrong polarity accidentally, contact our customer service department (p. 45).

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator due to overheating!**

During the operation of the piezo actuator, dielectric losses that are converted into heat energy occur in the piezo ceramic due to ferroelectric polarization processes. The resulting heat can overheat and destroy the piezo actuator, especially in dynamic operation.

- Adjust the operating voltage, operating frequency, and/or operating time so that the maximum operating temperature of the piezo actuator is not exceeded; see "Ambient Conditions and Classifications" (p. 52), "Maximum Ratings" (p. 50), and "Determining the Operating Parameters" (p. 35).
- Cool the piezo actuator. Do **not** use liquids for cooling. If liquid cooling is to be used, contact our customer service department (p. 45).

**NOTICE****Destruction of the piezo actuator due to rapid cooling or heating!**

Cooling down or heating up too quickly leads to a thermomechanical load that can destroy the piezo actuator.

- Allow the piezo actuator to cool down or warm up slowly.

**NOTICE****Uncontrolled oscillation!**

Oscillation can cause irreparable damage to the P-88x/P-08x. Oscillation is indicated by a humming noise and can be caused by the following:

- A change in the load and/or dynamics requires the servo control parameters to be adjusted.
- The P-88x/P-08x is operated near to its resonant frequency.

If you notice oscillation:

- In closed-loop operation, switch off the servo mode immediately.
- In open-loop operation, stop the P-88x/P-08x immediately.

**INFORMATION**

The positive direction of motion (p. 11) corresponds to the expansion direction of the piezo actuator when a positive voltage is applied.

## 6.2 Determining the Operating Parameters

**INFORMATION**

For determination of the the operating parameters, it is assumed that the piezo actuator is clamped on one side.

- If you require operating parameters for unclamped operation of the piezo actuator, contact our customer service department (p. 45).

### 6.2.1 Overview of Limiting Factors

Limiting factors for the operation of the piezo actuator:

**Resonant frequency:**

The resonant frequency of the piezo actuator serves as a basis for calculating the operating frequency, which must **not** exceed one third of the resonant frequency. The resonant frequency according to the data table (p. 47) applies to unclamped operation without load. In an arrangement with unilateral clamping, the value must be halved.

For **loaded** piezo actuators that are clamped on one side, see "Calculating the Maximum Operating Frequency of the Loaded Piezo Actuator" (p. 37).

**Maximum compressive/tensile stress capacity (p. 51):**

The mass of the load to be moved, the preload, and the operating frequency of the piezo actuator must be selected so that the dynamic forces occurring during operation do not exceed the maximum compressive/tensile stress capacity of the piezo actuator. See "Calculating the Forces that Occur During Dynamic Operation" (p. 38).

**Maximum permissible operating temperature of the piezo actuator (p. 52):**

The greater the operating frequency, the operating voltage (peak-to-peak), and the capacitance of the piezo actuator, the greater the thermal power generated in the piezo actuator. The operating frequency, operating voltage and operating time must be selected so that the maximum permissible operating temperature of the piezo actuator is **not** exceeded. For the maximum permissible operating frequency without cooling, see column B of the table in "Maximum Ratings" (p. 50).

When cooling measures are used, the limit values for the operating frequency, operating voltage and operating time increase.

**Peak and average output current of the electronics (p. 12) used:**

The electronics must be selected so that they fulfill the following requirements:

- The electronics can provide the required current. See "Calculating the Power Requirement for Sinusoidal Operation" (p. 38).
- The output current of the electronics does not exceed the maximum power consumption of the piezo actuator. See "Maximum Ratings" (p. 50).

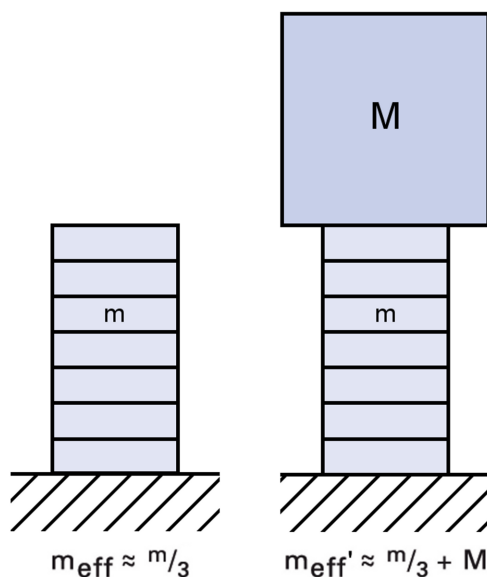
**6.2.2 Calculating the Effective Mass**

Figure 16: Calculation of the effective mass of a unilaterally clamped piezo stack actuator without load (left) and with additional load (right).



1. Determine the mass  $m$  of your piezo actuator.
2. Determine the additional load  $M$ .
3. Calculate the effective mass  $m_{\text{eff}}$  of the unloaded piezo actuator and  $m_{\text{eff}}'$  of the loaded piezo actuator using the formulas in the figure above.

### 6.2.3 Calculating the Maximum Operating Frequency of the Loaded Piezo Actuator

#### INFORMATION

In the following calculation, the maximum permissible operating temperature of the piezo actuator is **not** taken into account. During operation without cooling, the maximum operating temperature may already be exceeded when the operating frequency is still below the limit value calculated in the following.

- For the maximum permissible operating frequency without cooling, see column B of the table in "Maximum Ratings" (p. 50).

1. Calculate the resonant frequency of the loaded, unilaterally clamped piezo actuator using the following formula:

$$f_0' = f_0 \sqrt{\frac{m_{\text{eff}}}{m_{\text{eff}}'}}$$

$f_0'$  = Resonant frequency of the loaded piezo actuator [Hz]

$f_0$  = Resonant frequency of the unloaded piezo actuator [Hz]: The resonant frequency according to the data table (p. 47) applies to unclamped operation without load. In an arrangement with unilateral clamping, the value must be halved.

$m_{\text{eff}}$  = Effective mass; approx. 1/3 of the mass of the piezo actuator [kg]

$m_{\text{eff}}'$  = Effective mass  $m_{\text{eff}}$  + additional load  $M$  [kg]

See also "Calculating the Effective Mass" (p. 36).

2. Calculate the maximum operating frequency of the loaded, unilaterally clamped piezo actuator using the following formula:

$$f_{\text{max}} = f_0'/3$$

$f_{\text{max}}$  = Maximum operating frequency of the loaded piezo actuator [Hz]

$f_0'$  = Resonant frequency of the loaded piezo actuator [Hz]

### 6.2.4 Calculating the Forces that Occur During Dynamic Operation

- Calculate the dynamic forces acting on the unilaterally clamped piezo actuator during sinusoidal operation at the frequency  $f$  using the following formula:

$$F_{\text{dyn}} \approx \pm 4\pi^2 \cdot m_{\text{eff}}' \left( \frac{\Delta L}{2} \right) f^2$$

$F_{\text{dyn}}$  = Dynamic force [N]

$m_{\text{eff}}'$  = Effective mass  $m_{\text{eff}}$  (approx. 1/3 of the mass of the piezo actuator) + additional load  $M$  [kg], see also "Calculating the Effective Mass" (p. 36)

$\Delta L$  = Displacement in the application (peak-to-peak) [m]

$f$  = Frequency [Hz]

**Example:** The dynamic forces at 1000 Hz, 2  $\mu\text{m}$  displacement (peak-to-peak) and 1 kg effective mass are approximately  $\pm 40$  N.

### 6.2.5 Calculating the Power Requirement for Sinusoidal Operation

- Calculate the average current requirement for sinusoidal operation using the following formula:

$$I_a \approx f \cdot C \cdot U_{\text{p-p}}$$

- Calculate the peak current requirement for sinusoidal operation using the following formula:

$$I_{\text{max}} \approx f \cdot \pi \cdot C \cdot U_{\text{p-p}}$$

Variable	Description	Notes
$I_a$	Required average current of the amplifier (source / sink) [A]	It is essential that the power supply can supply enough current.
$I_{\text{max}}$	Required peak current of the amplifier (source / sink) [A]	The provided peak current depends on the internal storage capacity of the amplifier.
$f$	Operating frequency [Hz]	Details on the operating frequency see "Overview of Limiting Factors" (p. 35).
$C$	Capacitance of the piezo actuator [F (= As/V)]	See "Data Table" (p. 47) for the small-signal capacitance of the piezo actuator. For large-signal conditions, a safety factor of 70 % should be added to the small-signal capacitance.
$U_{\text{p-p}}$	Operating voltage (peak-to-peak) [V]	Voltage difference between positive and negative peak voltage

## 6.3 Operating the P-88x/P-08x

### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on starting and operating (p. 31).
- ✓ You have determined the operating parameters for your application (p. 35).
- ✓ You have installed (p. 17) the P-88x/P-08x correctly and connected it to the electronics (p. 28).
- ✓ You have provided suitable electronics that can supply the required currents (p. 38).
- ✓ You have read and understood the user manual of the electronics used.

### Operating the P-88x/P-08x

- For starting up and operating the P-88x/P-08x, follow the instructions in the manual for the electronics (p. 2) used.

## 6.4 Discharging the P-88x/P-08x

The P-88x/P-08x must be discharged in the following cases:

- If the P-88x/P-08x has become accidentally charged due to thermal or mechanical loading
- If a charged P-88x/P-08x is to be short-circuited (p. 40)
- If the connecting cable of the P-88x/P-08x is accidentally pulled out of the electronics during operation

### Requirements

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 17).

### Tools and accessories

If the P-88x/P-08x is not connected to the electronics:

- Only for P-88x/P-08x **without** connector (condition as supplied):
  - 10 kΩ discharge resistor (not included in scope of delivery); touchable parts must be adequately insulated for the operating voltage range (p. 50) of the actuator
- Only for P-88x/P-08x **with** connector (p. 28):
  - Electronics (p. 12) from PI

### Discharging a P-88x/P-08x connected to the electronics

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

**Discharging a P-88x/P-08x not connected to the electronics**

If the P-88x/P-08x does **not** have a connector:

1. If necessary, let the P-88x/P-08x cool down.
2. Ensure adequate protection against touching live parts.
3. Short-circuit the electrodes of the P-88x/P-08x for at least a few seconds using a **10 k $\Omega$  discharge resistor**.

If the P-88x/P-08x has a connector:

- Connect the voltage connection of the P-88x/P-08x to the **switched off** PI electronics, which has an internal discharge resistor, for at least a few seconds.

## 6.5 Short-Circuiting the P-88x/P-08x

The P-88x/P-08x must be discharged (p. 39) and short-circuited before demounting (e.g., before cleaning and transportation of the P-88x/P-08x) as well as for modifications.

**Requirements**

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 17).
- ✓ You have discharged the P-88x/P-08x and disconnected it from the electronics.

**Tools and accessories**

- If no open stranded wires are accessible on the piezo actuator: Suitable conductive aid for short-circuiting the piezo actuator that does not scratch the surface of the piezo actuator (e.g., conductive rubber)

**Short-circuiting the P-88x/P-08x**

- If bare stranded wires are accessible on the P-88x/P-08x:  
Twist the stranded wires of the **discharged** piezo actuator with each other.
- If no bare stranded wires are accessible on the P-88x/P-08x:
  - a) If necessary, let the P-88x/P-08x cool down.
  - b) Affix a suitable, conductive aid on the **discharged** piezo actuator that does not scratch the surface of the piezo actuator (e.g., conductive rubber).

## 7 Maintenance

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### 7.1 General Notes on Maintenance

The P-88x/P-08x is maintenance-free.

### 7.2 Cleaning the P-88x/P-08x

#### NOTICE



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

If it comes into contact with liquids, the piezo actuator can be destroyed by electric flashovers. Before cleaning the P-88x/P-08x:

- Ensure that the P-88x/P-08x is discharged (p. 39) and short-circuited (p. 40).

After cleaning the P-88x/P-08x:

- Dry the P-88x/P-08x completely in a drying cabinet (recommended duration: 30 minutes at 40 °C).

#### NOTICE



#### **Damage due to use of unsuitable cleaning agents!**

Some cleaning agents may cause damage to the P-88x/P-08x.

- Do **not** use acetone and do **not** use water for cleaning.

#### Requirements

- ✓ The P-88x/P-08x is discharged (p. 39) and short-circuited (p. 40).
- ✓ The P-88x/P-08x is disconnected from the electronics.

#### Cleaning the P-88x/P-08x

- Touch the piezo actuator only with powder-free nitrile or latex gloves.
- When necessary, clean the surfaces of the P-88x/P-08x with a lint-free cloth that is dampened with a mild cleanser (e.g., isopropyl alcohol or ethanol).

- When cleaning in an ultrasonic bath:
  - Reduce the energy input to the necessary minimum.
  - Use isopropyl alcohol or ethanol as cleaning fluid only.
  - Make sure that the cleaning time is 5 minutes.
- After cleaning, dry the P-88x/P-08x completely in a drying cabinet (recommended duration: 30 minutes at 40 °C).

## 8 Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible causes	Solution
No or limited motion	Cable not connected correctly	➤ Check the cable connections.
	Excessive load	➤ Do not exceed the maximum compressive/tensile stress capacity (p. 51).
	Piezo actuator is depolarized due to overheating or reverse polarity	➤ Contact our customer service department (p. 45).
Piezo actuator moves in the opposite direction to that specified when voltage increases	Reverse polarity of the piezo actuator	➤ Contact our customer service department (p. 45).

If the problem that occurred with your system is not listed in the table above or cannot be solved as described, contact our customer service department (p. 45).





## 9 Customer Service

You can contact PI Ceramic by telephone under +49 36604 882-0 or by email at the following address:

- For general questions or for orders:  
info@piceramic.com
- In the case of technical problems or faults:  
service@piceramic.com
  
- If you have any questions concerning your product, provide the following information:
  - Product and serial numbers of all products concerned
  - Firmware version of the electronics (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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Subject to change. You can find the latest product specifications on the product web page at [www.pi.ws](https://www.pi.ws) (<https://www.pi.ws>).

## 10.1 Specifications

### 10.1.1 Data Table

#### PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuators

	P-882.11	P-882.31	P-882.51	P-883.11	P-883.31	P-883.51	P-885.11	P-885.31	Unit
Dimensions A × B × L	3 × 2 × 9	3 × 2 × 13.5	3 × 2 × 18	3 × 3 × 9	3 × 3 × 13.5	3 × 3 × 18	5 × 5 × 9	5 × 5 × 13.5	mm
Nominal travel range	6.5	11	15*	6.5	11	15*	6.5	11	μm
Max. travel range	8	13	18*	8	13	18*	8	13	μm
Blocking force	190	210	210	290	310	310	800	870	N
Stiffness	24	16	12	36	24	18	100	67	N/μm
Electrical capacitance	0.15	0.27	0.31	0.21	0.35	0.48	0.6	1.1	μF
Resonant frequency	135	90	70	135	90	70	135	90	kHz
Recommended electronics	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	

	P-885.51	P-885.91	P-887.31	P-887.51	P-887.91	P-888.31	P-888.51	P-888.91	Unit
Dimensions A × B × L	5 × 5 × 18	5 × 5 × 36	7 × 7 × 13.5	7 × 7 × 18	7 × 7 × 36	10 × 10 × 13.5	10 × 10 × 18	10 × 10 × 36	mm
Nominal travel range	15*	32*	11	15*	32*	11	15*	32*	μm
Max. travel range	18*	38*	13	18*	38*	13	18*	38*	μm
Blocking force	900	950	1700	1750	1850	3500	3600	3800	N
Stiffness	50	25	130	100	50	267	200	100	N/μm
Electrical capacitance	1.5	3.1	2.2	3.1	6.4	4.3	6	13	μF
Resonant frequency	70	40	90	70	40	90	70	40	kHz
Recommended electronics	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	

Nominal travel range: At 0 to 100 V, tolerance ±20 %, \* ±10 %.

Maximum travel range: At 0 to 120 V, tolerance ±20 %, \* ±10 %.

Blocking force: At 0 to 120 V.

Electrical capacitance: Measured at 1 V<sub>pp</sub>, 1 kHz, RT, tolerance ±20 %.

Resonant frequency: Measured at 1 V<sub>pp</sub>, unloaded, unclamped. The value is halved for unilateral clamping, tolerance ±20 %.

Piezo ceramic type: PIC252.

Standard connections: P-882, P-883: PTFE-insulated stranded wires, UHV compatible, 100 mm, AWG 32, Ø 0.49 mm. P-885, P-887, P-888: PTFE-insulated stranded wires, UHV compatible, 100 mm, AWG 30, Ø 0.61 mm. For optional solderable contacts without stranded wires, change the last digit of the product number to 0 (e.g., P-882.10).

Operating voltage range: -20 to 120 V.

Operating temperature range: -40 to 150 °C.

Recommended preload for dynamic operation: 15 MPa.

Maximum preload for constant force: 30 MPa.

Custom designs or different specifications on request.

### PICMA® Stack multilayer ring actuators with inner hole

	P-080.311	P-080.341	P-080.391	Unit
Dimensions OD × ID × L	8 × 4.5 × 8.5	8 × 4.5 × 16	8 × 4.5 × 36	mm
Nominal travel range	5.5 ±20 %	11 ±20 %	25 ±10 %	μm
Blocking force	800	825	850	N
Stiffness	145	75	34	N/μm
Electrical capacitance	0.86	1.7	4.0	μF
Resonant frequency	135 ±20 %	85 ±20 %	40 ±20 %	kHz
Recommended electronics	E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	

All data at 0 to 100 V.

Axial resonant frequency: Measured at 1 V<sub>pp</sub>, unloaded, unclamped. The value is halved for unilateral clamping.

Electrical capacitance: Measured at 1 V<sub>pp</sub>, 1 kHz, RT, tolerance ±20 %.

Piezo ceramic type: PIC252. Ceramic end surfaces made of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Standard connections: PTFE-insulated stranded wires, UHV compatible, 100 mm, AWG 30, Ø 0.61 mm. For optional solderable contacts without stranded wires, change the last digit of the product number to 0 (e.g., P-080.310).

Operating voltage range: -20 to 100 V.

Operating temperature range: -40 to 150 °C.

Recommended preload for dynamic operation: 15 MPa.

Maximum preload for constant force: 30 MPa.

Ask about customized versions.

### PICMA® Stack multilayer piezo actuator, round cross section

	P-088.721	P-088.741	P-088.781	Unit	Tolerance
Dimensions OD × L	16 × 16	16 × 36	16 × 77	mm	
Nominal travel range	14	32	70	μm	-10 % / +20 %
Blocking force	7500	7500	7500	N	
Stiffness	535	235	105	N/μm	
Electrical capacitance	13	30	68	μF	±20 %
Resonant frequency	68	35	17	kHz	±20 %
Recommended electronics	E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836	E-610, E-617, E-831, E-836		

Nominal travel range, blocking force and stiffness at 0 to 100 V.

Axial resonant frequency: Measured at 1 V<sub>pp</sub>, unloaded, unclamped. The value is halved for unilateral clamping.

Electrical capacitance: Measured at 1 V<sub>pp</sub>, 1 kHz, RT.

Piezo ceramic type: PIC252. Ceramic end surfaces made of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Standard connections: PTFE-insulated stranded wires, UHV compatible, 100 mm, AWG 28, Ø 0.69 mm. For optional solderable contacts without stranded wires, change the last digit of the product number to 0 (e.g., P-088.720).

Operating voltage range: -20 to 100 V.

Operating temperature range: -40 to 150 °C.

Recommended preload for dynamic operation: 15 MPa.

Maximum preload for constant force: 30 MPa.

Ask about customized versions.

### 10.1.2 Maximum Ratings

P-88x/P-08x piezo actuators are designed for the operating data specified in the table below.

#### Additional information on the maximum ratings table

- Maximum operating frequency without load, without considering thermal aspects, column A:





The values apply to unilaterally clamped piezo actuators and are calculated as follows:  
A third of the resonant frequency of the unloaded piezo actuator (operation when not clamped on both sides) divided by two.





- Maximum operating frequency without load, considering thermal aspects, column B:

In order to prevent the maximum permissible operating temperature from being exceeded, the operating frequency of the unloaded, **uncooled** piezo actuator must not exceed the specified frequency when the operating voltage is **140 V peak-to-peak** (P-88x models) or **120 V peak-to-peak** (P-08x models). In the case of smaller amplitudes of the operating voltage and/or the use of cooling measures, higher operating frequencies are possible.

- Maximum power consumption:

Power consumption of the unloaded, uncooled piezo actuator that is operated at an operating voltage of **140 V peak-to-peak** (P-88x models) or **120 V peak-to-peak** (P-08x models) with the operating frequency from column B of this table.

Piezo actuator*	Maximum operating voltage range	Maximum operating frequency without load		Maximum power consumption
		A: Without considering thermal aspects	B: Considering thermal aspects	
				
P-882.1x	-20 V to 120 V	22.5 kHz	200 Hz	0.8 W
P-882.3x	-20 V to 120 V	15 kHz	190 Hz	1.1 W
P-882.5x	-20 V to 120 V	11.7 kHz	180 Hz	1.5 W
P-883.1x	-20 V to 120 V	22.5 kHz	170 Hz	0.9 W
P-883.3x	-20 V to 120 V	15 kHz	160 Hz	1.5 W
P-883.5x	-20 V to 120 V	11.7 kHz	150 Hz	1.9 W
P-885.1x	-20 V to 120 V	22.5 kHz	100 Hz	1.6 W
P-885.3x	-20 V to 120 V	15 kHz	90 Hz	2.6 W
P-885.5x	-20 V to 120 V	11.7 kHz	80 Hz	3.1 W
P-885.9x	-20 V to 120 V	6.7 kHz	75 Hz	6.1 W

Piezo actuator*	Maximum operating voltage range	Maximum operating frequency without load		Maximum power consumption
		A: Without considering thermal aspects	B: Considering thermal aspects	
				
P-887.3x	-20 V to 120 V	15 kHz	60 Hz	3.5 W
P-887.5x	-20 V to 120 V	11.7 kHz	55 Hz	4.5 W
P-887.9x	-20 V to 120 V	6.7 kHz	50 Hz	8.4 W
P-888.3x	-20 V to 120 V	15 kHz	40 Hz	4.5 W
P-888.5x	-20 V to 120 V	11.7 kHz	38 Hz	6.0 W
P-888.9x	-20 V to 120 V	6.7 kHz	35 Hz	11.9 W
P-080.31x	-20 V to 100 V	26.7 kHz	110 Hz	1.8 W
P-080.34x	-20 V to 100 V	14.2 kHz	105 Hz	3.4 W
P-080.39x	-20 V to 100 V	6.7 kHz	100 Hz	7.7 W
P-088.72x	-20 V to 100 V	11.4 kHz	30 Hz	8.3 W
P-088.74x	-20 V to 100 V	5.9 kHz	25 Hz	16.2 W
P-088.78x	-20 V to 100 V	2.9 kHz	25 Hz	34.6 W

\* The letter x in the product number of the piezo actuator stands for the model:

1: Models with stranded wires (e.g., P-882.11)

0: Models without stranded wires (e.g., P-882.10)

### 10.1.3 Compressive/Tensile Stress Capacity and Preload

Piezo ceramic withstands a pressure of up to 250 MPa but starts to depolarize at significantly lower compressive loads. Since stacked piezo actuators are also made of different materials (piezo ceramic, metallic electrodes), the mechanical load capacity does not depend solely on the strength of the ceramic material. Consideration must be given to additional parameters such as slenderness ratio, bending, tilt and homogeneity of the force application.

The tensile stress capacity of piezo actuators is just 5 to 10 % of the compressive load capacity. It is therefore recommended to mechanically preload the actuators. The preload should be chosen only as high as necessary.

**Compressive/tensile stress capacity and preload of the P-88x/P-08x**

Type of mechanical stress	P-88x/P-08x*
Maximum compressive load capacity	30 MPa
Maximum tensile stress capacity without preload	2 MPa**
Recommended preload for dynamic operation	15 MPa
Maximum preload for constant force	30 MPa

\* 1 MPa corresponds to a pressure of 1 N per square millimeter of the base area of the piezo actuator. Dimensions see data table (p. 47).

\*\* Depends on the strength of the glued connections (p. 26)

**10.1.4 Ambient Conditions and Classifications**

Pay attention to the following ambient conditions and classifications for the P-88x/P-08x:

Area of application	For indoor use only
Air pressure	500 hPa to 1500 hPa ➤ If you want to operate the P-88x/P-08x outside of the specified air pressure range, contact our customer service department (p. 45).
Relative humidity	Maximum relative humidity 55 % Continuous operation with high static voltage in humid environments significantly reduces piezo actuator lifetime. ➤ If you want to operate the P-88x/P-08x at a relative humidity of more than 55 %, contact our customer service department (p. 45). ➤ Pay attention to the information on service life, which can be found here: – "General Notes on Starting" (p. 31) section – Internet site of PI Ceramic ( <a href="http://www.piceramic.com/piezo-technologie/picma.html">www.piceramic.com/piezo-technologie/picma.html</a> )
Operating temperature	-40 °C to 150 °C
Storage temperature	-40 °C to 80 °C
Transport temperature	-40 °C to 80 °C
Overvoltage category	II
Degree of pollution	1

The P-88x/P-08x is intended for installation in devices that fulfill the following classifications:

Protection class	I
Degree of protection according to IEC 60529	IP20



## 10.2 Dimensions

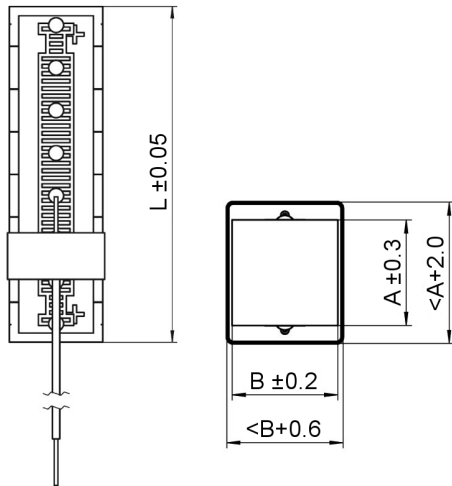


Figure 17: P-88x: Dimensions

Model	A	B	L	Unit
P-882.11	3	2	9	mm
P-882.31	3	2	13.5	mm
P-882.51	3	2	18	mm
P-883.11	3	3	9	mm
P-883.31	3	3	13.5	mm
P-883.51	3	3	18	mm
P-885.11	5	5	9	mm
P-885.31	5	5	13.5	mm
P-885.51	5	5	18	mm
P-885.91	5	5	36	mm
P-887.31	7	7	13.5	mm
P-887.51	7	7	18	mm
P-887.91	7	7	36	mm
P-888.31	10	10	13.5	mm
P-888.51	10	10	18	mm
P-888.91	10	10	36	mm

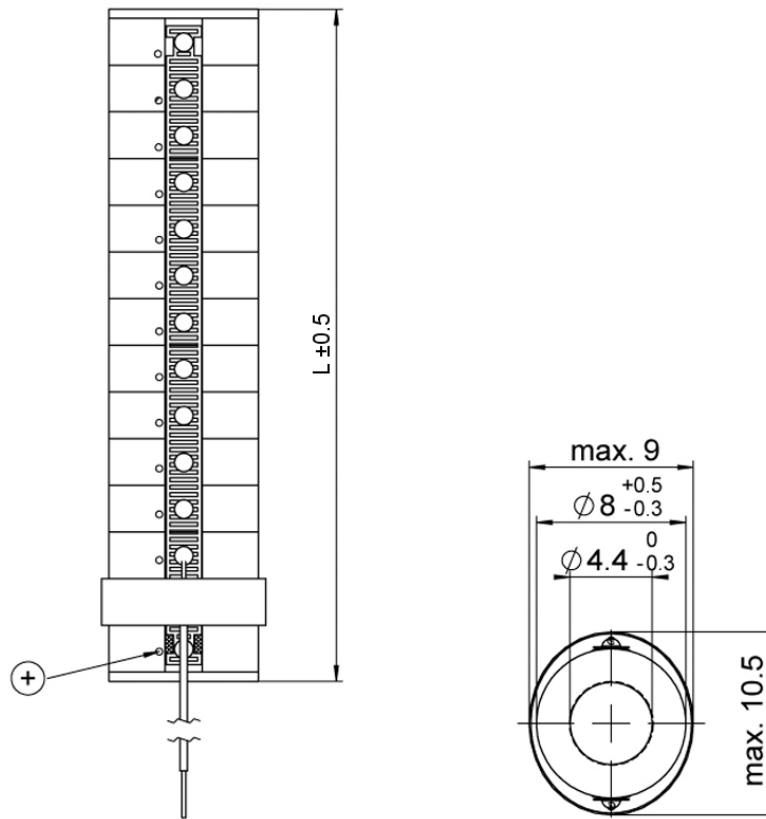


Figure 18: P-080: Dimensions

P-080.311 model:  $L = 8.5$  mm; P-080.341 model:  $L = 16$  mm; P-080.391 model:  $L = 36$  mm

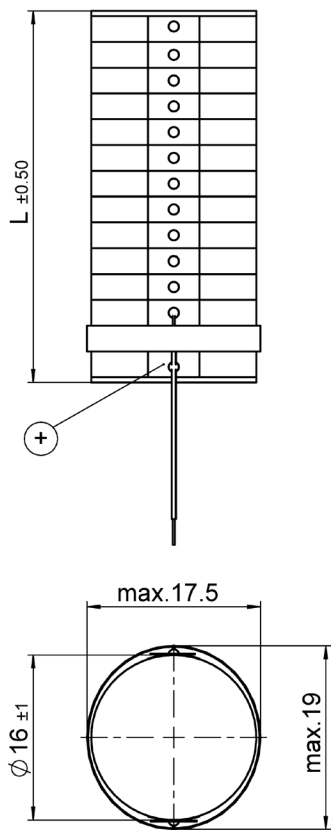


Figure 19: P-088: Dimensions

P-088.721 model: L = 16 mm; P-088.741 model: L = 36 mm; P-088.781 model: L = 77 mm



## 11 Disposal

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

For disposal, observe the international, national, and local rules and regulations.

In order to fulfil the responsibility as the product manufacturer, PI Ceramic GmbH offers the environmentally correct disposal of PI products made available on the market after August 13, 2005, without charge.

Any product from PI Ceramic that is to be disposed of can be sent free of shipping costs to the following address:

PI Ceramic GmbH  
Lindenstrasse  
D-07589 Lederhose, Germany





## 12 EU Declaration of Conformity

An EU Declaration of Conformity was issued for the P-88x/P-08x in accordance with the following European directives:

RoHS Directive

The applied standards certifying the conformity are listed below.

RoHS: EN 50581 or EN IEC 63000

If an electrical operating device is designed to be integrated into another electrical operating device: The operator is responsible for standards compliant integration of the electrical device into the overall system.

