



User's Manual

For DMD870 /DM870 Digital Stepper Drive

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Read this manual carefully before trying to install the stepper drive into your system. The person setup the stepper drive should have a better understanding on electronics and mechanics. Contact us if there is any question about the products or this manual.



- Make sure the power supply voltage does not exceed the drive's input range. Double check the connections and make sure the power lead polarity is correct.
 - Disconnect the motor from the load if you are not sure the move direction. Adjust the axis in the middle before trying to run the motor.
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- Do NOT set high current on small stepper motor as this may damage the motor.
- Never disconnect the motor wires when the power is on.

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1. INTRODUCTION, FEATURES AND APPLICATIONS

Introduction

Motion Control Products Ltd (MCP)'s digital stepper drive DMD870 (DM870) is a versatility fully digital stepper drive based on a DSP with advanced control algorithm. The DMD870 (DM870) is the next generation of digital stepper controls. It brings a unique level of system smoothness, providing optimum torque and nulls mid-range instability. Motor auto-identification and parameter auto-configuration technology offers optimum responses with different motors and easy-to-use. The driven motors can run with much smaller noise, lower heating, smoother movement than most of the Drives in the markets. Its unique features make the DMD870 (DM870) an ideal solution for applications that require low-speed smoothness.

Compared to the DMD432 (DM432C), broader input voltage and output current ranges make DMD870 (DM870) being able to drive much more motors from size NEMA 17 to NEMA 34. What's more, thanks to its higher performance DSP, driven motors can achieve much higher speed (above 3000RPM), offering servo-like performances. DMD870 (DM870) stepper drive is regarded as an improved model originally from DMD556, while supports broader input voltage range.

Features

- Anti-Resonance, provides optimum torque and nulls mid-range instability
- Motor auto-identification and parameter auto-configuration technology, offers optimum responses with different motors
- Multi-Stepping allows a low resolution step input to produce a higher microstep output for smooth system performance
- Output current programmable, from 0.5A to 7.0A
- Pulse input frequency up to 200 KHz
- TTL compatible and optically isolated input
- Automatic idle-current reduction
- Suitable for 2-phase and 4-phase motors
- Support PUL/DIR and CW/CCW modes
- Over-voltage, over-current, phase-error protections

Applications

It can be used in various kinds of machines, such as laser cutters, laser markers, high precision X-Y tables, labeling machines and so on. Its unique features make the DMD870 (DM870) an ideal solution for applications that require both low-speed smoothness and high speed performances.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

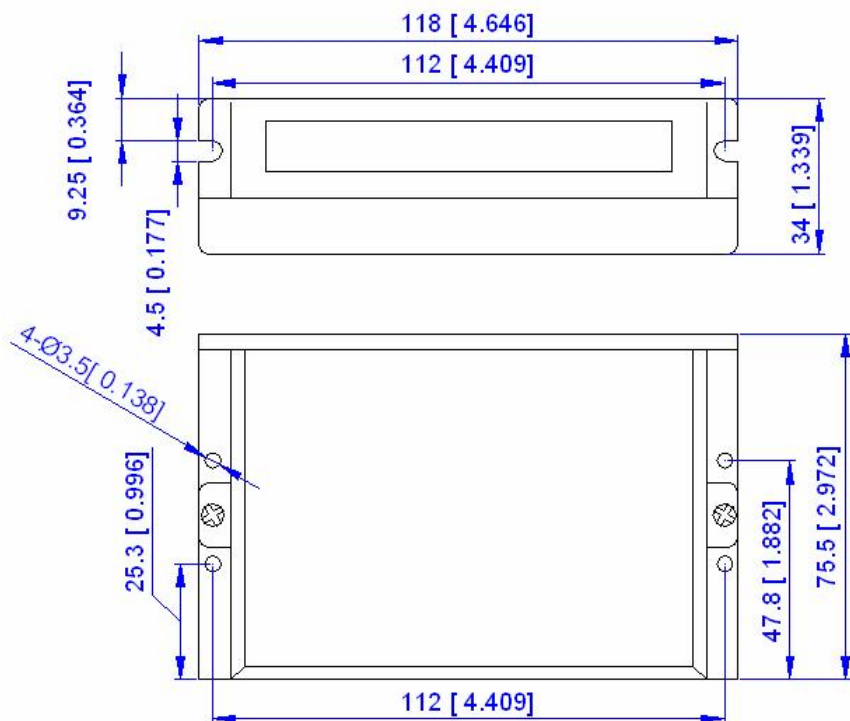
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Parameters	DMD870 (DM870)		
	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
Output current (A)	0.5	-	7.5 (5.0RMS)
Input voltage (VDC)	+ 24	+ 48	+72
Logic signal current (mA)	7	10	16
Pulse input frequency (kHz)	0	-	200
Isolation resistance (MΩ)	500	-	-

Operating Environment

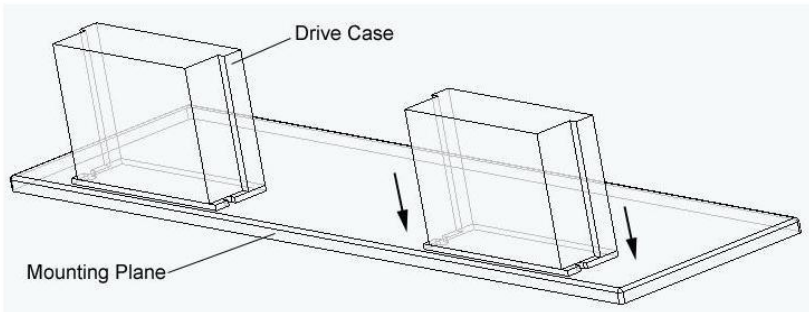
Cooling	Natural Cooling or Forced cooling	
Operating Environment	Environment	Avoid dust, oil fog and corrosive gases
	Ambient Temperature	0°C — 40°C (32°F — 104°F)
	Humidity	40%RH — 90%RH
	Operating Temperature	70°C (158°F) Max
	Vibration	5.9m/s ² Max
Storage Temperature	-20°C — 65°C (-4°F — 149°F)	
Weight	Approx. 280g (10 oz)	

Outline Dimensions (unit: mm [inch])



Elimination of Heat

- Drive's reliable working temperature (heat sink) should be <70°C (158°F), and motor working temperature (surface) should be <80°C (176°F);
- It is recommended to use automatic idle-current mode, namely current automatically reduce to 60% when motor stops, so as to reduce driver heating and motor heating;
- The drive must be mounted vertically to maximise heat sink area as shown in the following picture. Use forced cooling method to cool the system if necessary



Important NOTE: The drive must be mounted vertically onto a plate or a heat sinking to maximize heat sink area as shown in the above picture. Please use additional heat sinking or cool fan if necessary.

3. CONNECTORS AND PIN ASSIGNMENT

DMD870 (DM870) stepper drive has two connectors, connector P1 for control signals connections, and connector P2 for power and motor connections. The following tables are brief descriptions of the two connectors. More detailed descriptions of the pins and related issues are presented in section 4, 5, 9.

Connector P1 Configurations

Signal	Description
PUL+ / PUL-	<u>Pulse signal:</u> In single pulse (pulse/direction) mode, this input represents pulse signal, each rising or falling active edge (software configurable); 4-5V when PUL-HIGH, 0-0.5V when PUL-LOW. In double pulse mode (pulse/pulse), this input represents clockwise (CW) pulse, active both at high level and low level (software configurable). For reliable response, the pulse width should be longer than 2.5μs. Series connect resistors for current-limiting when +12V or +24V is used. The same as DIR and ENA signals.

DIR+ / DIR-	<p><u>DIR signal:</u> In single-pulse mode, this signal has low/high voltage levels, representing two directions of motor rotation; in double-pulse mode (software configurable), this signal is counter-clock (CCW) pulse, active both at high level and low level (software configurable). For reliable motion response, DIR signal should be ahead of PUL signal by at least 5μs. 4-5V when DIR-HIGH, 0-0.5V when DIR-LOW.</p> <p>Please note that rotation direction is also related to motor-Drive wiring match. Exchanging the connection of two wires for a coil to the Drive will reverse motion direction.</p>
ENA+ / ENA-	<p><u>Enable signal:</u> This signal is used for enabling/disabling the drive. High level for enabling drive (NPN control signal, PNP and Differential control signals are on the contrary, namely Low level for enabling.) and low level for disabling drive. Usually left UNCONNECTED (ENABLED).</p>

Selecting Active Pulse Edge and Control Signal Mode

DMD870 (DM870) stepper drive supports PUL/DIR and CW/CCW modes and pulse actives at rising or falling edge. See more information about these settings in Section 13. Default setting is PUL/DIR mode and rising edge active (NPN, and PNP control signal is on the contrary).

Connector P2 Configurations

Pin Function	Details
+Vdc	Power supply, 24~72 VDC, Including voltage fluctuation and EMF voltage.
GND	Power Ground.
A+, A-	Motor Phase A
B+, B-	Motor Phase B

4. CONTROL SIGNAL CONNECTOR (P1) INTERFACE

DMD870 (DM870) stepper drive accepts differential and single-ended inputs (including open-collector and PNP output). It has 3 optically isolated logic inputs, which are located on connector P1 to accept line Drive control signals. These inputs are isolated to minimize or eliminate electrical noises coupled onto the drive control signals. Recommend use line Drive control signals to increase noise immunity of the Drive in interference environments. In the following figures, connections to open-collector and PNP signals are illustrated.

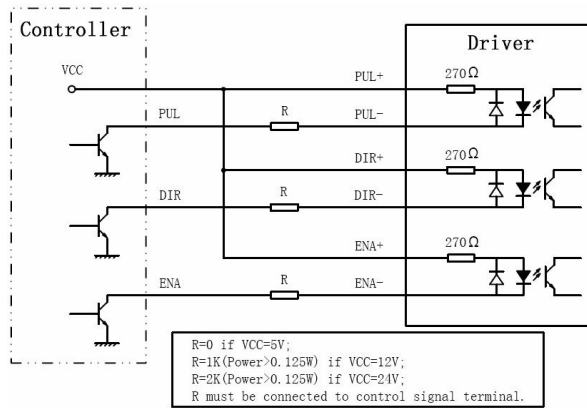


Figure 1: Connections to open-collector signal (common-anode)

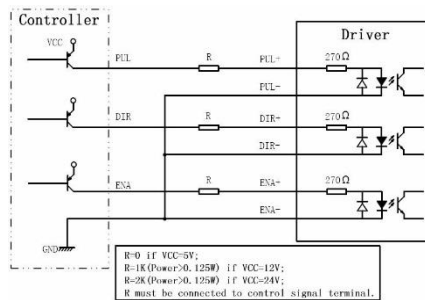


Figure 2: Connection to PNP signal (common-cathode)

5. CONNECTING THE MOTOR

The DMD870 (DM870) can drive any 2-phase and 4-phase hybrid stepping motors.

4-lead Motors Connections

4 lead motors are the least flexible but easiest to wire. Speed and torque will depend on winding inductance. In setting the Drive output current, multiply the specified phase current by 1.4 to determine the peak output current.

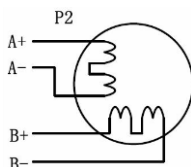


Figure 3: 4-lead Motor Connections

6-lead Motors Connections

Like 8-lead stepping motors, 6 lead motors have two configurations available for high speed or high torque operation. The higher speed configuration, or half coil, is so described because it uses one half of the motor's inductor windings. The higher torque configuration, or full coil, uses the full windings of the phases.

Half Coil Configurations

As previously stated, the half coil configuration uses 50% of the motor phase windings. This gives lower inductance, hence, lower torque output. Like the parallel connection of 8 lead motor, the torque output will be more stable at higher speeds. This configuration is also referred to as half chopper. In setting the Drive output current multiply the specified per phase (or unipolar) current rating by 1.4 to determine the peak output current.

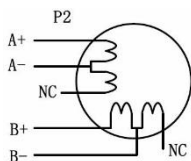


Figure 4: 6-lead motor half coil (higher speed) connections

Full Coil Configurations

The full coil configuration on a six lead motor should be used in applications where higher torque at lower speeds is desired. This configuration is also referred to as full copper. In full coil mode, the motors should be run at only 70% of their rated current to prevent overheating.

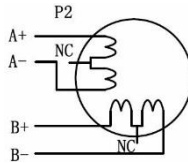


Figure 5: 6-lead motor full coil (higher torque) connections

8-lead Motors Connections

8 lead motors offer a high degree of flexibility to the system designer in that they may be connected in series or parallel, thus satisfying a wide range of applications.

Series Connections

A series motor configuration would typically be used in applications where a higher torque at lower speeds is required. Because this configuration has the most inductance, the performance will start to degrade at higher speeds. In series mode, the motors should also be run at only 70% of their rated current to prevent over heating.

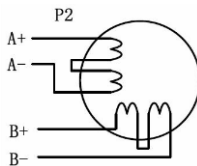


Figure 6: 8-lead motor series connections

Parallel Connections

An 8 lead motor in a parallel configuration offers a more stable, but lower torque at lower speeds. But because of the lower inductance, there will be higher torque at higher speeds. Multiply the per phase (or unipolar) current rating by 1.96, or the bipolar current rating by 1.4, to determine the peak output current.

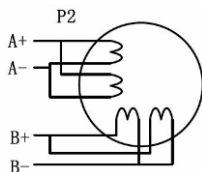


Figure 7: 8-lead motor parallel connections

NEVER disconnect or connect the motor while the power source is energised.

6. POWER SUPPLY CONNECTION

The DMD870 (DM870) can match medium and small size stepping motors (from frame size NEMA 17 to size NEMA 34) made by MCP or other motor manufactures around the world. To achieve good driving performances, it is important to select supply voltage and output current properly. Generally speaking, supply voltage determines the high speed performance of the motor, while output current determines the output torque of the driven motor (particularly at lower speed). Higher supply voltage will allow higher motor speed to be achieved, at the price of more noise and heating. If the motion speed requirement is low, it's better to use lower supply voltage to decrease noise, heating and improve reliability.

Note: **MEANWELL** DRP-240-24 (24VDC, 240Watt power supply) must be selected in order to make the whole system comply with UL standards for safety.

Regulated or Unregulated Power Supply

Both regulated and unregulated power supplies can be used to supply the Drive. However, unregulated power supplies are preferred due to their ability to withstand current surge. If regulated power supplies (such as most switching supplies.) are indeed used, it is important to have large current output rating to avoid problems like current clamp, for example using 4A supply for 3A motor-Drive operation. On the other hand, if unregulated supply is used, one may use a power supply of lower current rating than that of motor (typically 50% -70% of motor current). The reason is that the Drive draws current from the power supply capacitor of the unregulated supply only during the ON duration of the PWM cycle, but not

during the OFF duration. Therefore, the average current withdrawn from power supply is considerably less than motor current. For example, two 3A motors can be well supplied by one power supply of 4A rating.

Multiple Drives

It is recommended to have multiple Drives to share one power supply to reduce cost, if the supply has enough capacity. To avoid cross interference, **DO NOT** daisy-chain the power supply input pins of the Drives. Instead, please connect them to power supply separately.

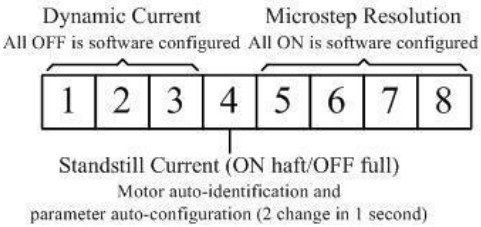
Selecting Supply Voltage

The power MOSFETS inside the DMD870 (DM870) can actually operate within +24 ~ +80VDC, including power input fluctuation and back EMF voltage generated by motor coils during motor shaft deceleration. Higher supply voltage can increase motor torque at higher speeds, thus helpful for avoiding losing steps. However, higher voltage may cause bigger motor vibration at lower speed, and it may also cause over-voltage protection or even the drive damage. Therefore, it is suggested to choose only sufficiently high supply voltage for intended applications, and it is suggested to use power supplies with theoretical output voltage of +24 ~ +72VDC, leaving room for power fluctuation and back-EMF.

7. MICROSTEP RESOLUTION & DRIVE OUTPUT CURRENT

Microstep resolutions and output current are programmable, the former can be set from full-step to 102,400 steps/rev and the latter can be set from 0.5A to 7.0A. See more information about **Microstep and Output Current Setting** in Section 13.

However, when it's not in software configured mode, this Drive uses an 8-bit DIP switch to set microstep resolution, and motor operating current, as shown below:



Microstep Resolution Selection

When it’s not in software configured mode, microstep resolution is set by SW5, 6, 7, 8 of the DIP switch as shown in the following table:

Microstep	Steps/rev. (for 1.8°motor)	SW5	SW6	SW7	SW8
1 to 512	Default/Software configured	ON	ON	ON	ON
2	400	OFF	ON	ON	ON
4	800	ON	OFF	ON	ON
8	1600	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
16	3200	ON	ON	OFF	ON
32	6400	OFF	ON	OFF	ON
64	12800	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
128	25600	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
5	1000	ON	ON	ON	OFF
10	2000	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
20	4000	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
25	5000	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF
40	8000	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
50	10000	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF
100	20000	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
125	25000	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF

Current Settings

For a given motor, higher Drive current will make the motor to output more torque, but at the same time causes more heating in the motor and Drive. Therefore, output current is generally set to be such that the motor will not overheat for long time operation. Since parallel and serial connections of motor coils will significantly change resulting inductance and resistance, it is therefore important to set Drive output current depending on motor phase current, motor leads and connection methods. Phase current rating supplied by motor manufacturer is important in selecting Drive current, however the selection also depends on leads and connections.

When it's not in software configured mode, the first three bits (SW1, 2, 3) of the DIP switch are used to set the dynamic current. Select a setting closest to your motor's required current.

Dynamic current setting

Peak Current	RMS Current	SW1	SW2	SW3
Default/Software configured (0.5 to 7.0A)		OFF	OFF	OFF
2.6A	1.8A	ON	OFF	OFF
3.4A	2.4A	OFF	ON	OFF
4.0A	2.8A	ON	ON	OFF
4.8A	3.4A	OFF	OFF	ON
5.4A	3.8A	ON	OFF	ON
6.1A	4.3A	OFF	ON	ON
7.0A	5.0A	ON	ON	ON

Notes: Due to motor inductance, the actual current in the coil may be smaller than the dynamic current setting, particularly under high speed condition.

Standstill current setting

SW4 is used for this purpose. OFF means that the standstill current is set to be half of the selected dynamic current, and ON means that standstill current is set to be the same as the selected dynamic current.

The current automatically reduced to 60% of the selected dynamic current one second after the last pulse. Theoretically, this will reduce motor heating to 36% (due to $P=I^2 \cdot R$) of the original value. If the application needs a different standstill current, please contact us.

8. WIRING NOTES

- In order to improve anti-interference performance of the Drive, it is recommended to use twisted pair shield cable.
- To prevent noise incurred in PUL/DIR signal, pulse/direction signal wires and motor wires should not be tied up together. It is better to separate them by at least 10 cm, otherwise the disturbing signals generated by motor will easily disturb pulse direction signals, causing motor position error, system instability and other failures.
- If a power supply serves several drives, separately connecting the drives is recommended instead of daisy-chaining.
- It is prohibited to pull and plug connector P2 while the Drive is powered ON, because there is high current flowing through motor coils (even when motor is at standstill). Pulling or plugging connector P2 with power on will cause extremely high back-EMF voltage surge, which may damage the Drive.

9. TYPICAL CONNECTION

A complete stepping system should include stepping motor, stepping Drive, power supply and controller (pulse generator). A typical connection is shown as figure 8.

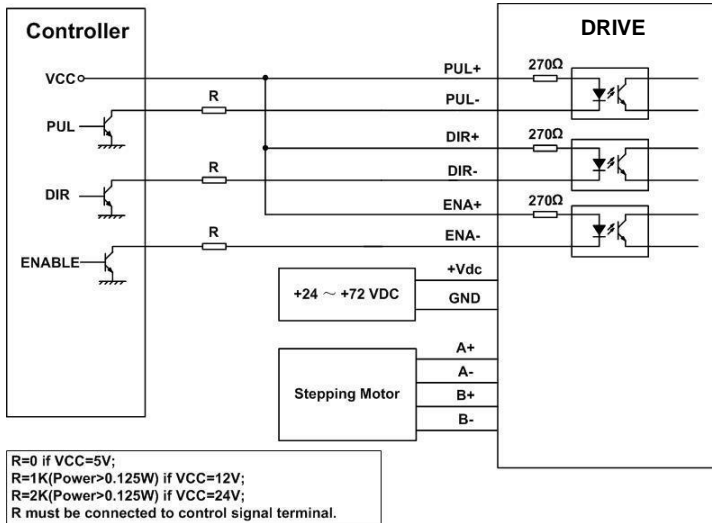


Figure 8: Typical connection

10. SEQUENCE CHART OF CONTROL SIGNALS

In order to avoid some fault operations and deviations, PUL, DIR and ENA should abide by some rules, shown as following diagram:

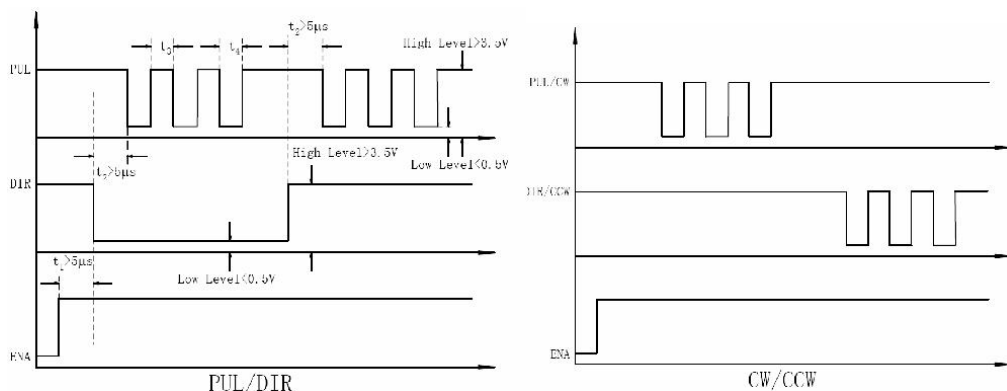


Figure 9: Sequence chart of control signals

Remark:

- ENA must be ahead of DIR by at least 5μs. Usually, ENA+ and ENA- are NC (not connected). See “Connector P1 Configurations” for more information.
- t2: DIR must be ahead of PUL active edge by 5μs to ensure correct direction;
- t3: Pulse width not less than 2.5μs;
- t4: Low level width not less than 2.5μs.

11. PROTECTION FUCTIONS

To improve reliability, the DMD870 (DM870) stepper drive incorporates some built-in protection functions. It uses one RED LED to indicate what protection has been activated. The periodic time of RED is 3 s (seconds), and how many times the RED turns on indicates what protection has been activated. Because only one protection can be displayed by RED LED, so the Drive will decide what error to display according to their priorities. See the following Protection Indications table for displaying priorities.

Over-current Protection

Over-current protection will be activated when continuous current exceeds 16A or in case of short circuit between motor coils or between motor coil and ground, and RED LED will turn on once within each periodic time (3s).

Over-voltage Protection




When power supply voltage exceeds 91 ± 1 VDC, protection will be activated and RED LED will turn on twice within each periodic time (3s).

Phase Error Protection

Motor power lines wrong & not connected will activate this protection. RED LED will turn on four times within each periodic time (3s).

Attention: When above protections are active, the motor shaft will be free or the LED will turn red. Reset the Drive by repowering it to make it function properly after removing above problems. Since there is no protection against power leads (+, -) reversal, it is critical to make sure that power supply leads correctly connected to Drive. Otherwise, the Drive will be damaged instantly.

Protection Indications

Priority	Time(s) of ON	Sequence wave of RED LED	Description
1st	1		Over-current protection
2nd	2		Over-voltage protection
3rd	4		Phase error protection

12. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In the event that your drive doesn’t operate properly, the first step is to identify whether the problem is electrical or mechanical in nature. The next step is to isolate the system component that is causing the problem. As part of this process you may have to disconnect the individual components that make up your system and verify that they operate independently. It is important to document each step in the troubleshooting process. You may need this documentation to refer back to at a later date, and these details will greatly assist our Technical Support staff in determining the problem should you need assistance.

Many of the problems that affect motion control systems can be traced to electrical noise, controller software errors, or mistakes in wiring.

Problem Symptoms and Possible Causes

Symptoms	Possible Problems
Motor is not rotating	No power
	Microstep resolution setting is wrong
	DIP switch current setting is wrong
	Fault condition exists
	The drive is disabled
Motor rotates in the wrong direction	Motor phases may be connected in reverse
The drive in fault	DIP switch current setting is wrong
	Motor coil problems/motor problem
Erratic motor motion	Control signal is too weak
	Control signal is interfered
	Wrong motor connection
	Motor coil problems
	Current setting is too small, losing steps
Motor stalls during acceleration	Current setting is too small
	Motor is undersized for the application
	Acceleration is set too high
	Power supply voltage too low
Excessive motor and drive heating	Inadequate heat sinking / cooling
	Automatic current reduction function not being utilised
	Current is set too high

13. TUNING SOFTWARE - PROTUNER

This section will provide an overview of connection and basic setup instructions for our digital stepping Drive DMD870 (DM870) using the **ProTuner** software. These instructions will take you through the following steps on how to set up your DMD870 (DM870) stepper drive and the motor with the software called **ProTuner**.

Introduction

The **ProTuner** is a Windows-based setup software for tuning all our DMD series digital drives includes stepper drive DMD870 (DM870). It can run in Windows systems, including Win95/Win98/WindowsNT/ Windows 2000/Windows XP. And the selected PC should have at least 1 serial port to communicate with the drive.

How to Install ProTuner:

Double click "ProTuner_All_Setup_V1.0.exe" to begin the **ProTuner**. Click **Next** to enter the "License Agreement" window. Choose "I agree to the terms of this license agreement" and click **Next** to continue the installation. The user can enter user's information in the relevant fields. After entering the user's information, click **Next** to select installation folder, where you would like to install the **ProTuner**. Set the "Shortcut Folder" as the next step and then click **Next**, an **Installation Successful** window will appear if the **ProTuner** is installed successfully.

Connections and Testing

Connect the stepping system according to the contents in previous sections and connect the PC to the Drive as the following figure.

RS232 Interface Connection

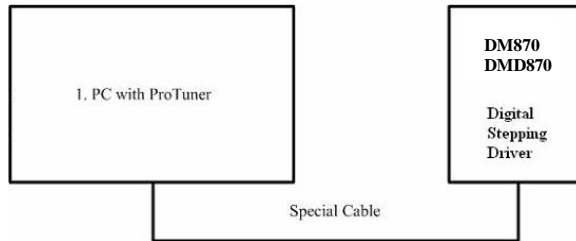
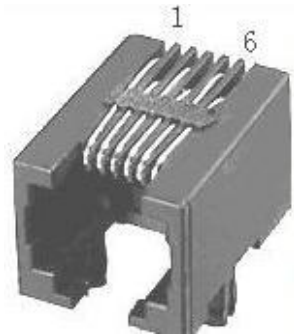


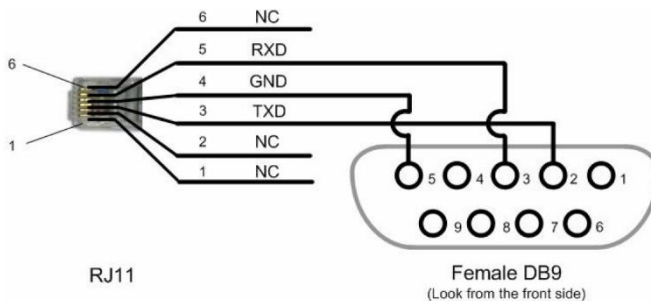
Figure 10: RS232 interface connection

RS232 Communication Connector			
Pin	Signal	Description	I/O
1	NC	Not connected	-
2	+5V	leave it unconnected when connect to a PC serial port +5V power only for STU	O
3	TxD	RS232 transmit	O
4	GND	Ground	GND
5	RxD	RS232 receive	I
6	NC	Not connected	-



RJ11 Connector

Below diagram is the cable connection to a PC serial port (Male DB9)



Testing the Stepper System

Turn on the power supply, the green (Power) LED will light. The DMD870 (DM870) has default parameters stored in the Drive. If the system has no hardware and wirings problem, the motor should be locked and the Drive should be ready.

If the red LED immediately turns on (flickers), then check power supply, the motor, motor wirings and try again. Open the tuning software **ProTuner** and check Drive status by clicking **Err_check**. If it's **Phase Error**, check the motor, motor wirings and try again. If it still doesn't work after you followed all of the previous steps, please contact our technical team enquiries@motioncontrolproducts.com for the support.

If the RED LED is off and the motor is normal, you can start to tune the drive and motor system with **ProTuner**. However, we recommend the users to read the following contents before starting tuning.

How to use the software

Option

The user can choose three drop-down menus by clicking "**Option**", including **Com Config**, **SaveToDrive** and **Exit**.

Com Config: Configure Com communication interface.

Save To Drive: Download the current parameter settings to the Drive.

Exit: Exit the **ProTuner**.

Com Config Window



Figure 11: RS232 communication configuration window

Serial Port: Select the serial communication port to which the Drive is connected. The factory default setting is COM1.

Baud Rate: Select the communication baud rate. The factory default setting is 38400.

Click **Open** button to establish a connection with the specified settings. When connecting, you can choose **SaveToDrive** to download the current parameter settings to the Drive, or to upload the stored Drive settings into the **ProTuner** by clicking **Tuning > Position Loop** on the menu bar.

Tuning

The user can choose one or two drop-down menu(s) by clicking **Tuning**, including **CurrentLoop** and **SystemConfig**.

CurrentLoop: In Current Tuning window, the user can tune the **Kp (Proportional Gain)** and **Ki (Integral Gain)** of Drive's current loop to optimise responses with different motors. Start/Restart a Step Response test to get an optimum response.

Kp: Proportional Gain. Proportional Gain determines the response of the Drive to current setting command. Low Proportional Gain provides a stable system (doesn't oscillate), has low stiffness, and large current error, causing poor performances in tracking current setting command in each step like Figure 13. Too large Proportional Gain values will cause oscillations and unstable systems.



Figure 12: Current Tuning window

Ki: Integral Gain. Integral Gain helps the Drive to overcome static current errors. A low or zero value for the Integral Gain may have current errors at rest. Increasing the Integral Gain can reduce the error. If the Integral Gain is too large, the systems may “hunt” (oscillate) about the desired position.

Start button: The user can start a Step Response test by clicking this button. Start/Restart a Step Response test to get an optimum response like Figure 12, and remember to save the settings to the Drive when finish tuning. See Figure 14.

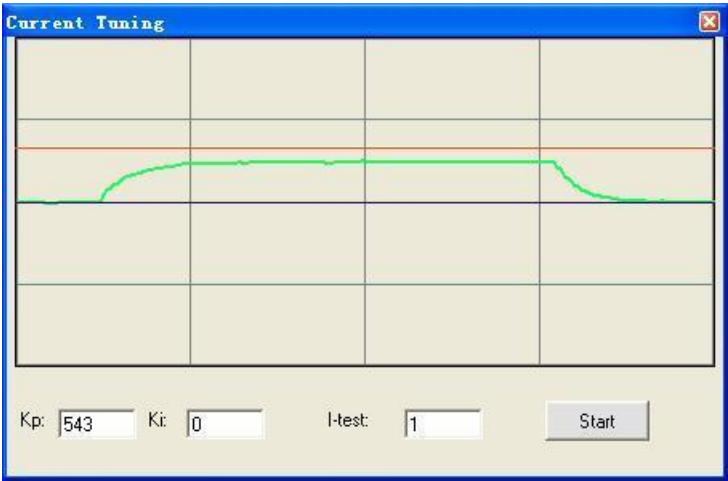


Figure 13: Kp=543, Ki=0 (poor performances)

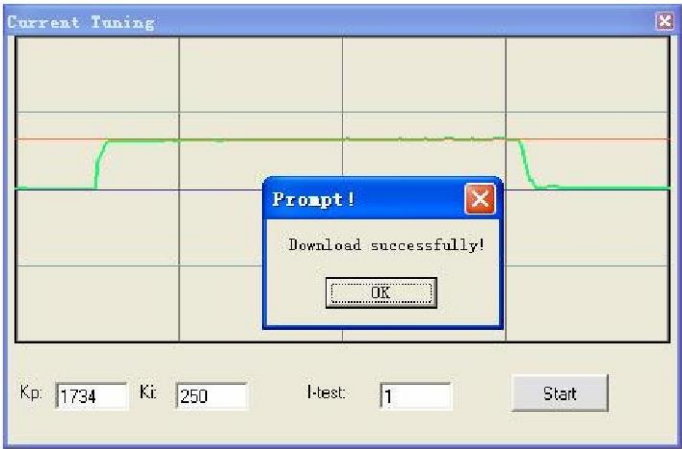


Figure 14: Finish tuning and save setting to the drive

Notes:

However, if the user does not want to tune the current loop after changing a different stepping motor, then **Motor auto-identification and parameter auto-configuration** technology of the DMD870 (DM870) can replace manually tuning the drive with **ProTuner**. Just change SW4 two times in 1 second, and then the drive will auto-identify the new motor and auto-configure related control parameters for optimum responses. **Recommend** to use this function after changing the driven motor.

SystemConfig

In **SystemConfig** window, the user can configure Peak Current, Microstep, Command Type, Active Edge, and eliminate motor resonance. A built-in pulse generator can be used for test during tuning. See Figure 15.

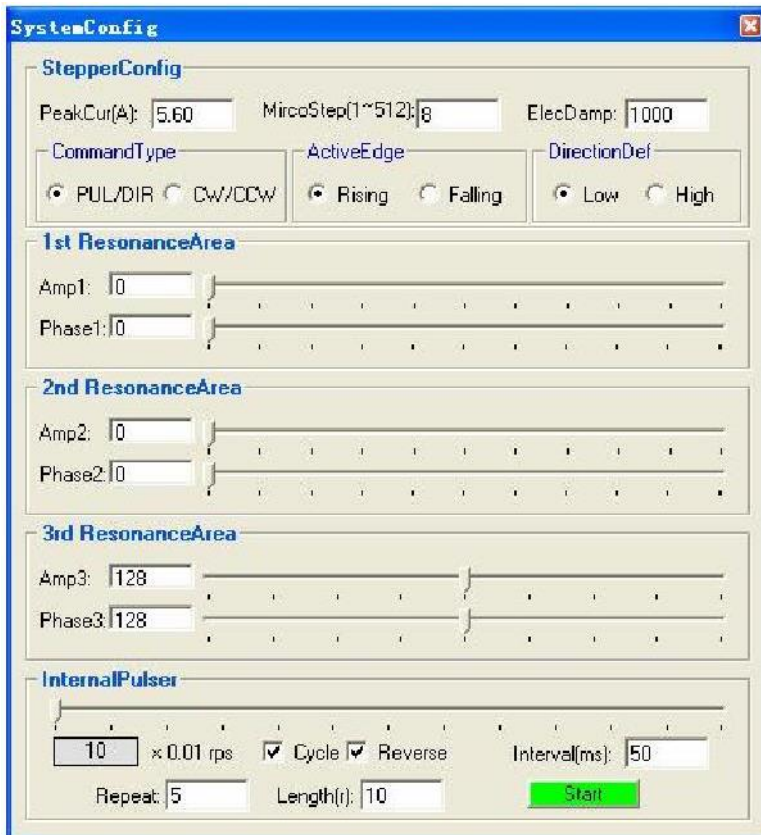


Figure 15: SystemConfig window

PeakCur: Peak Current. The value is the peak current to the selected motor and can be set from 0.5 to 5.6 A. The user can set the peak current with **ProTuner** or DIP switches, see more information about setting output current of the drive in **Section 5 “CONNECTING THE MOTOR”** and **Section 7 “MICROSTEP RESOLUTION AND DRIVE OUTPUT CURRENT”**.

MicroStep: Microstep Resolution. The value is Drive's microstep resolution setting and can be set from 1 to 512. The user can set the microstep with **ProTuner** or DIP switches, See more information about setting output current of the Drive in **Section 7 “MICROSTEP RESOLUTION AND DRIVE OUTPUT CURRENT”**.

ElecDamp: Electronic Damping Coefficient. The electronic damping restrain resonance of the system and prevent amplitude of the oscillation from increasing to the extend that it makes the motor out of control. The optimal value depends on the system, and the default value is 3000.

CommandType: Command Type of control signal, including PUL/DIR and CW/CCW. Set this parameter according to **Command Type** of motion controller.

ActiveEdge: Active Edge. The user can set the triggered edge of pulse command signal in this panel. When the Drive works in CW/CCW mode, no matter what level is at fixed level terminal, the Drive can works properly.

DirectionDef: Direction Definition. Relate the default running direction to a **HIGH** level input in DIR or **Low** level input in DIR. This panel is used for PUL/DIR command type only. Please note that the default direction is also related to motor coil connections.

Anti-Resonance Introduction

Stepper motors are highly resonant, which results in vibration and ringing. The ringing utilizes a large fraction of the motor's available torque - thereby wasting performance. Furthermore, at mid-range velocities, the resonance can become so severe that the motor loses synchronisation and stalls. The DMD870 (DM870) drive provides robust anti-resonance control to stop the vibrations and maintain equilibrium. This feature requires that the drive be configured with respect to the total inertia in the system. If set improperly, the effectiveness of the feature may be diminished.

The user can invoke or disable the feature by setting **Amp** and **Phase** values in **SystemConfig** window. **Amp** and **Phase** values all zero is to disable the feature, otherwise is to invoke the feature. It should be enabled unless the system configuration either does not need it or cannot tolerate it. A system with loose couplings or viscous loading generally does not need this feature. If a system has compliant (springy) coupling and is absent appreciably viscosity, it may not respond well to the active, anti-resonant loop in the drive. The anti-resonant feature is not designed to damp such a 4th order system. If the application of anti-resonance results in degradation or instability, it should be disabled.

1st Resonance Area: Parameters for 1st resonance area. Usually between 0.6rps and 1.2rps.

Amp1 is Amplitude adjustment for 1st resonance area.

Phase1 is Phase adjustment for 1st resonance area. The user can enter a value directly in the text box or move the slider bar back and forth to get an optimum value.

2nd Resonance Area: Parameters for 2nd resonance area. Usually between 1.2rps and 2.4rps. Default **Amp2** and **Phase2** values are zero.

3rd Resonance Area: Parameters for 3rd resonance area. Usually between 2.4rps and 4.8rps. Default

Amp3 and **Phase3** values are 128.

Interner Pulser: There is an internal pulse generator designed for Drive self-testing and anti-resonance tuning. You can issue a motion by this simple controller.

Cycle check box: The motion will repeat if this box is checked.

Reverse check box: The motor shaft will reverse direction if this box is checked. **Interval** edit box: The stop time between each cycle, unit is **millisecond**. **Repeat** edit box: Total motion cycles.

Length edit box: Move distance of each cycle, unit is **revolution**.

Start/Stop button: The user can Start/Stop a motion test by clicking this button.

Procedure for Achieving Optimum Performance

Step 1: Start the motion test by clicking **Start/Stop** button. Find a resonance speed by slightly moving the slider bar of internal pulse generator back and forth. See Figure 16.

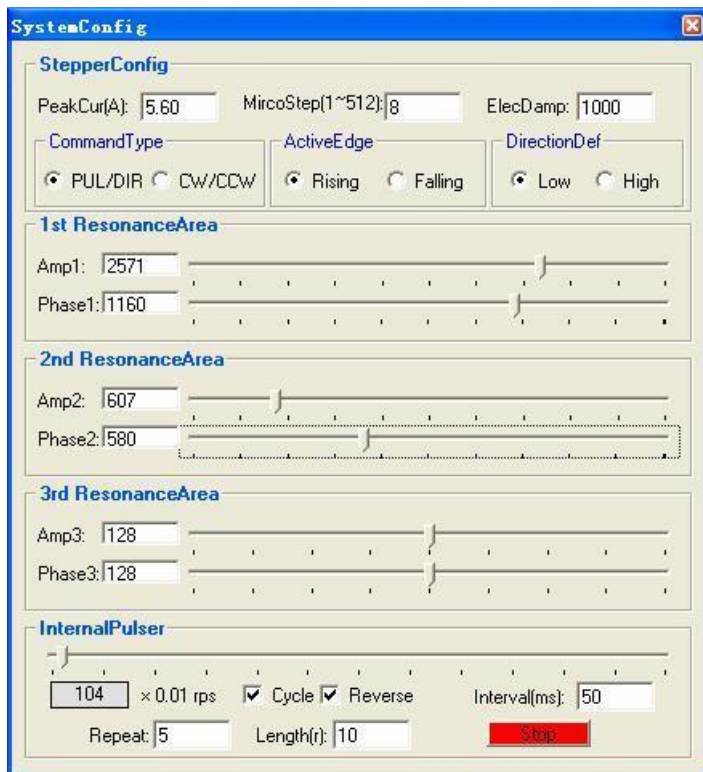


Figure 16: Anti-resonance tuning

Step 2: Run the motor at the resonance speed and verify the motor smoothness. You may find a better smoothing value by slightly moving the slider bars of **AMP(s)** and **Phase(s)** back and forth.

It is very important to make the **AMP(s)** and **Phase(s)** adjustments at the proper test speeds with an unloaded motor. Running at an incorrect test speed will not excite the motor at its peak resonance, making it more difficult to find proper adjustment values. Optimum **AMP(s)**

and **Phase(s)** values may be a little different between running the tests with an unloaded motor and a load motor.

Please remember to click **SavetoDrive** to download the final parameter settings to the Drive when finish tuning. See Figure 17.

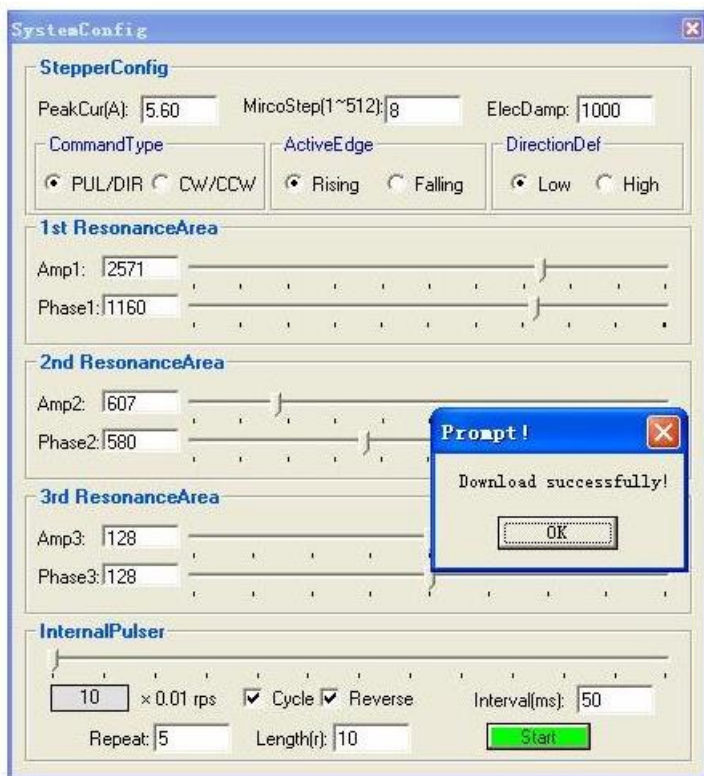


Figure 17: Finishing tuning and download parameter settings to the Drive

Err_check

Error Check: This window shows both the present status of each error event and their history. Current error event(s) can be reset by clicking **Erase Current Err!** button, and all error events can be reset by clicking **Erase All!** button. List of the last ten drive faults. #0 being the most recent, #9 is the oldest. See Figure 18.

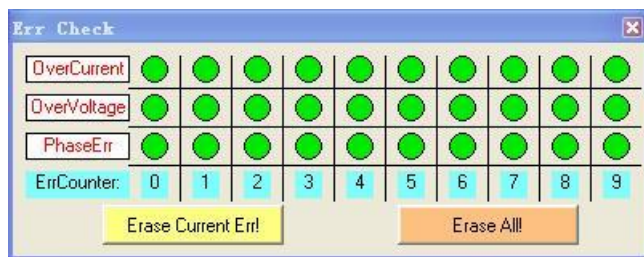


Figure 18: Error check window

OverCurrent: Over-current Protection. Protection will be activated when continuous current exceeds 16A.

OverVoltage: Over-voltage Protection. When power supply voltage exceeds 91 ± 1 VDC, protection will be activated.

PhaseErr: Phase Error Protection. Motor power lines wrong & not connected will activate this protection.

ErrCounter: Displays current error(s) and current error history.

Erase Current Err!: **Erase Current Err** button. The user can clear current error(s) by clicking this button.

Erase All!: **Erase All!** button. The user can clear all error(s) including error history by clicking this button.

About

The user can choose two drop-down menus by clicking **"About"**, including **Product Information** and **Contact Us**.

- ✓ **Product Information** window: Shows some product information about ProTuner.
- ✓ **Contact Us** window: Shows the contact information.

APPENDIX

Twelve Month Limited Warranty

Motion Control Products Ltd. warrants its products against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 12 months from the shipping date. During the warranty period, Motion Control Products will either, at its option, repair or replace products which are proved to be defective.

Exclusions

The above warranty shall not apply to defects resulting from: improper or inadequate handling by the customer; improper or inadequate customer wiring; unauthorised modification or misuse; or operation beyond the electrical specifications of the product and/or operation beyond environmental specifications for the product.

Shipping Failed Product & Obtaining Warranty Service

If your product should fail during the warranty and want to obtain warranty service, a RMA (returned material authorisation number) request form must be filled in on our website <http://www.motioncontrolproducts.com/pages/returns.php> before returning the product for service. Please include a written description of the problem along with contact name and address. Customer shall prepay shipping charges returned to Motion Control Products for warranty service, and Motion Control Products shall pay for return of products to the customer, providing the fault is not customer caused. Send the failed product to your distributor for your area or to **Motion Control Products Limited**, 11-15 Francis Avenue, Bournemouth, Dorset BH11 8NX, UK. Also enclose information regarding the circumstances prior to the product failure. For full terms and conditions of Warranty and Returns Policy, please refer to our website <http://www.motioncontrolproducts.com/pages/returns.php>

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