

# LSM Series User's Manual

Miniature motorized linear stages



## Disclaimer

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## Precautions

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Zaber's autodetect peripheral axes are designed to be used effortlessly with Zaber's line of autodetect controllers. The LSM includes onboard memory that allows Zaber's controllers to autodetect the model and set reasonable parameters. See the [Protocol Manual](#) for more information on how to modify the settings. Damage to the axis may result if the settings are not correct. To use your Zaber peripheral with a third-party controller, review the motor, sensor, and encoder specifications and pin-outs carefully.

Zaber's motion control devices are precision instruments and must be handled with care. In particular, moving parts must be treated with care. Avoid axial loads in excess of the rated thrust load, axial and radial impact, dust and other contaminants and damage to the lead screw thread. These will reduce the performance of the device below stated specifications.

## Conventions used throughout this document

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- Fixed width type indicates communication to and from a device. The ↵ symbol indicates a carriage return, which can be achieved by pressing enter when using a terminal program.
- An [ASCII command](#) followed by (T:xx) indicates a legacy T-Series [Binary Protocol](#) command that achieves the same result. For example,  
`move abs 10000 (T:20:10000)` shows that a move abs ASCII command can also be achieved with Binary command number 20.  
Not all ASCII commands have an equivalent Binary counterpart.

## Device Overview

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### AutoDetect

Your LSM peripheral is equipped with AutoDetect, a feature that allows a Zaber controller to automatically configure its settings for the peripheral when it is connected.



**Important:** The controller should always be powered down before disconnecting or connecting your LSM peripheral.

To connect the peripheral to a controller:



- 1. Power off the controller.
- 2. Connect the LSM peripheral.
- 3. Power on the controller.
- 4. The controller will activate the peripheral shortly after it is powered on.

Connectors

Recommended controller(s) for your LSM peripheral are provided in the product specifications. Zaber's controllers and peripherals are designed for ease of use when used together. Optimal settings for each peripheral are automatically detected by Zaber's controllers when the device is connected.

For reference, the pinout for the peripheral cable connectors is shown below:

Pinout for D-sub 15 Connectors (peripherals)

T3A Peripheral (male)		
T4A Peripheral (male)		
Pin #	Function	
1	+5V for Limits & Encoder	
2	AutoDetect Data	
3	<i>reserved</i>	
4	Away Sensor	
5	Home Sensor	
6	Ground	

7	Motor B1
8	Motor A1
9	AutoDetect Clock
10	Encoder A
11	Encoder B
12	Encoder Index
13	Ground
14	Motor B2
15	Motor A2

*Not all pins are used for all models*

## Alternate Controllers

The LSM can be controlled by any 2-phase stepper motor controller with limit sensor input. **We do not recommend using your own controller unless you are familiar with how to control a stepper motor with hall sensor limit switches.** Damage to the stage due to incorrect wiring is not covered by warranty.

### Motors

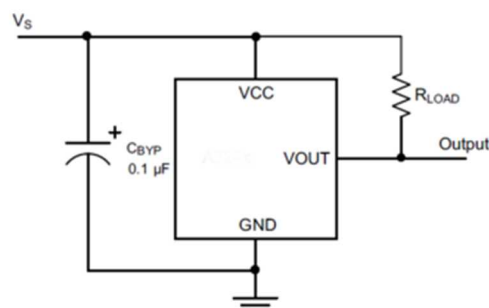
For motor information see the [LSM product page](#)

### Limit Sensors

Hall effect sensors are used in the LSM as home sensors. The Hall sensors used are part number A1120LLHLT-T made by Allegro. [Click here for data sheet](#). Your controller should be configured so the stage stops immediately (quick deceleration) when the sensors are triggered.

- PCB wire colour code:
  - 3.6-24 Vdc input - red
  - Home signal - yellow
  - Away signal - white
  - Ground - black

The Hall sensor has an open-collector output. The default output is high impedance when the Hall sensor is not active. When the sensor detects a magnet, the Hall sensor pulls the output low to ground.



If you are not using a Zaber controller, ensure that your controller has a pull-up resistor on the output line of each Hall sensor as shown in the diagram. The bypass capacitor is optional, but may help to eliminate false triggering

in noisy environments. The typical value for the pull-up resistor ( $R_{LOAD}$ ) is 10 k $\Omega$  and for the bypass capacitor is 0.1  $\mu$ F to 1  $\mu$ F. The larger the capacitance, the better the noise filtering but the slower the response time.

## Installation

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### Mounting

There are several options available for mounting Zaber stages. Use the mounting holes in the bottom to mount to a surface or to another stage. You might have to move the carriage to access the bottom mounting holes. Some stages have mounting holes in the end plates for mounting vertically. Mounting screws are included with most stages.

**Caution:** Some stages have threaded through-holes in the top mounting plate of the carriage. Be sure not to install mounting screws too deep, causing them to interfere with inside parts of the stage.

LSM stages can be mounted to a standard metric or imperial breadboard with our [AP101 adaptor plates](#).

## Warranty and Repair

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For Zaber's policies on warranty and repair, please refer to the [Ordering Policies](#).

### Standard products

Standard products are any part numbers that do not contain the suffix ENG followed by a 4 digit number. Most, but not all, standard products are listed for sale on our website. All standard Zaber products are backed by a one-month satisfaction guarantee. If you are not satisfied with your purchase, we will refund your payment minus any shipping charges. Goods must be in brand new saleable condition with no marks. Zaber products are guaranteed for one year. During this period Zaber will repair any products with faults due to manufacturing defects, free of charge.

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Custom products are any part numbers containing the suffix ENG followed by a 4 digit number. Each of these products has been designed for a custom application for a particular customer. Custom products are guaranteed for one year, unless explicitly stated otherwise. During this period Zaber will repair any products with faults due to manufacturing defects, free of charge.

### How to return products

Customers with devices in need of return or repair should contact Zaber to obtain an RMA form which must be filled out and sent back to us to receive an RMA number. The RMA form contains instructions for packing and returning the device. The specified RMA number must be included on the shipment to ensure timely processing.

# Email Updates

If you would like to receive our periodic email newsletter including product updates and promotions, please sign up online at [www.zaber.com](http://www.zaber.com) (news section). Newsletters typically include a promotional offer worth at least \$100.

# Contact Information

Contact Zaber Technologies Inc by any of the following methods:

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Web	<a href="http://www.zaber.com">www.zaber.com</a>
Email	Please visit our website for up to date email contact information.

The original instructions for this product are available at <https://www.zaber.com/manuals/LSM>.

# Appendix A: Default Settings

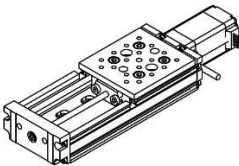
Please see [the Zaber Support Page](#) for default settings for this device.

# Product Drawing

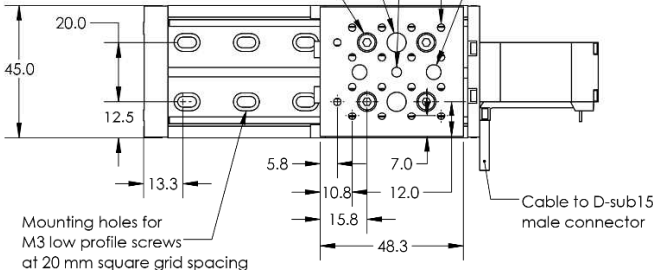


Model Number*	Travel	A	B
LSM025	25.4	128.0	75.8
LSM050	50.8	153.4	101.2
LSM100	101.6	204.2	152.0
LSM150	152.4	255.0	202.8
LSM200	203.2	305.8	253.6

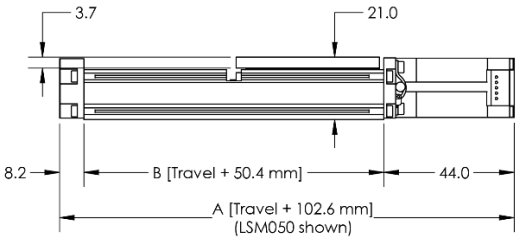
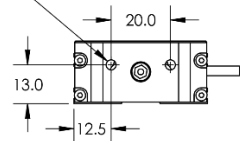
\*See product page for complete list of available models at [www.zaber.com](http://www.zaber.com)



- 2X Ø6.5 access holes to mounting slots in base
- 4X M3 at 20 mm square grid spacing  
Removable top plate for low profile  
Reinstall only in orientation shown
- M4X0.7 3.5 centre hole
- 18X M3X0.5 at 10 mm square grid spacing
- 2X M6 at 25 mm spacing



Mounting hole for M3 screw  
Access from inside for vertical mounting



# Specifications

Specification	Value	Alternate Unit
<a href="#">Built-in Controller</a>	No	
<a href="#">Recommended Controller</a>	<a href="#">X-MCC</a> (48 V) Recommended	
<a href="#">AutoDetect</a>	Yes	
<a href="#">Encoder Type</a>	None	
<a href="#">Maximum Continuous Thrust</a>	25 N	5.6 lb
<a href="#">Maximum Centered Load</a>	100 N	22.4 lb
<a href="#">Maximum Cantilever Load</a>	300 N · cm	424.8 oz · in
<a href="#">Guide Type</a>	Needle roller bearing	
<a href="#">Stiffness in Pitch</a>	55 N · m/°	317 μrad/N · m
<a href="#">Stiffness in Roll</a>	52.5 N · m/°	332 μrad/N · m
<a href="#">Stiffness in Yaw</a>	85 N · m/°	205 μrad/N · m
<a href="#">Motor Steps Per Rev</a>	200	
<a href="#">Motor Type</a>	Stepper (2 phase)	
<a href="#">Motor Rated Current</a>	600 mA/phase	
<a href="#">Motor Winding Resistance</a>	6.5 ohms/phase	
<a href="#">Inductance</a>	3.5 mH/phase	
<a href="#">Motor Rated Power</a>	6.9 Watts	
<a href="#">Motor Rotor Inertia</a>	2.9 g · cm²	
<a href="#">Motor Connection</a>	D-sub 15	
<a href="#">Default Resolution</a>	1/64 of a step	
<a href="#">Motor Frame Size</a>	NEMA 08	
<a href="#">Mechanical Drive System</a>	Precision lead screw	
<a href="#">Limit or Home Sensing</a>	Magnetic hall sensor	
<a href="#">Axes of Motion</a>	1	
<a href="#">Mounting Interface</a>	M3 and M6 threaded holes and M4 threaded center hole	
<a href="#">Operating Temperature Range</a>	0 to 50 ° C	
<a href="#">Vacuum Compatible</a>	No	
<a href="#">RoHS Compliant</a>	Yes	
<a href="#">Stage Parallelism</a>	< 25 μm	< 0.000984"
<a href="#">CE Compliant</a>	Yes	

## Comparison

Part Number	<a href="#">Microstep Size</a> (Default Resolution)	<a href="#">Travel Range</a>	<a href="#">Accuracy</a> (unidirectional)	<a href="#">Repeatability</a>
LSM025A-T4A	0.047625 μm	25.4 mm (1.000")	15 μm (0.000591")	< 3 μm (< 0.000118")
LSM025B-T4A	0.1905 μm	25.4 mm (1.000")	15 μm (0.000591")	< 6 μm (< 0.000236")
LSM050A-T4A	0.047625 μm	50.8 mm (2.000")	20 μm (0.000787")	< 3 μm (< 0.000118")
LSM050B-T4A	0.1905 μm	50.8 mm (2.000")	25 μm (0.000984")	< 6 μm (< 0.000236")
LSM100A-T4A	0.047625 μm	101.6 mm (4.000")	35 μm (0.001378")	< 3 μm (< 0.000118")

Part Number	<a href="#">Microstep Size (Default Resolution)</a>	<a href="#">Travel Range</a>	<a href="#">Accuracy (unidirectional)</a>	<a href="#">Repeatability</a>
LSM100B-T4A	0.1905 $\mu\text{m}$	101.6 mm (4.000")	45 $\mu\text{m}$ (0.001772")	< 6 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000236")
LSM150A-T4A	0.047625 $\mu\text{m}$	152.4 mm (6.000")	50 $\mu\text{m}$ (0.001968")	< 3 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000118")
LSM150B-T4A	0.1905 $\mu\text{m}$	152.4 mm (6.000")	65 $\mu\text{m}$ (0.002559")	< 6 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000236")
LSM200A-T4A	0.047625 $\mu\text{m}$	203.2 mm (8.000")	60 $\mu\text{m}$ (0.002362")	< 3 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000118")
LSM200B-T4A	0.1905 $\mu\text{m}$	203.2 mm (8.000")	85 $\mu\text{m}$ (0.003346")	< 6 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000236")
Part Number	<a href="#">Backlash</a>	<a href="#">Maximum Speed</a>	<a href="#">Minimum Speed</a>	<a href="#">Speed Resolution</a>
LSM025A-T4A	< 12 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000472")	26 mm/s (1.024"/s)	0.000029 mm/s (0.000001"/s)	0.000029 mm/s (0.000001"/s)
LSM025B-T4A	< 16 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000630")	104 mm/s (4.094"/s)	0.000116 mm/s (0.000005"/s)	0.000116 mm/s (0.000005"/s)
LSM050A-T4A	< 12 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000472")	26 mm/s (1.024"/s)	0.000029 mm/s (0.000001"/s)	0.000029 mm/s (0.000001"/s)
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LSM150A-T4A	< 12 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000472")	26 mm/s (1.024"/s)	0.000029 mm/s (0.000001"/s)	0.000029 mm/s (0.000001"/s)
LSM150B-T4A	< 16 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000630")	104 mm/s (4.094"/s)	0.000116 mm/s (0.000005"/s)	0.000116 mm/s (0.000005"/s)
LSM200A-T4A	< 12 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000472")	26 mm/s (1.024"/s)	0.000029 mm/s (0.000001"/s)	0.000029 mm/s (0.000001"/s)
LSM200B-T4A	< 16 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000630")	104 mm/s (4.094"/s)	0.000116 mm/s (0.000005"/s)	0.000116 mm/s (0.000005"/s)
Part Number	<a href="#">Peak Thrust</a>	<a href="#">Vertical Runout</a>	<a href="#">Horizontal Runout</a>	<a href="#">Pitch</a>
LSM025A-T4A	55 N (12.3 lb)	< 8 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000315")	< 12 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000472")	0.02° (0.349 mrad)
LSM025B-T4A	25 N (5.6 lb)	< 8 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000315")	< 12 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000472")	0.02° (0.349 mrad)
LSM050A-T4A	55 N (12.3 lb)	< 11 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000433")	< 14 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000551")	0.03° (0.523 mrad)
LSM050B-T4A	25 N (5.6 lb)	< 11 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000433")	< 14 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000551")	0.03° (0.523 mrad)
LSM100A-T4A	55 N (12.3 lb)	< 18 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000709")	< 18 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000709")	0.04° (0.698 mrad)
LSM100B-T4A	25 N (5.6 lb)	< 18 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000709")	< 18 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000709")	0.04° (0.698 mrad)
LSM150A-T4A	55 N (12.3 lb)	< 25 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000984")	< 23 $\mu\text{m}$ (< 0.000906")	0.04° (0.698 mrad)

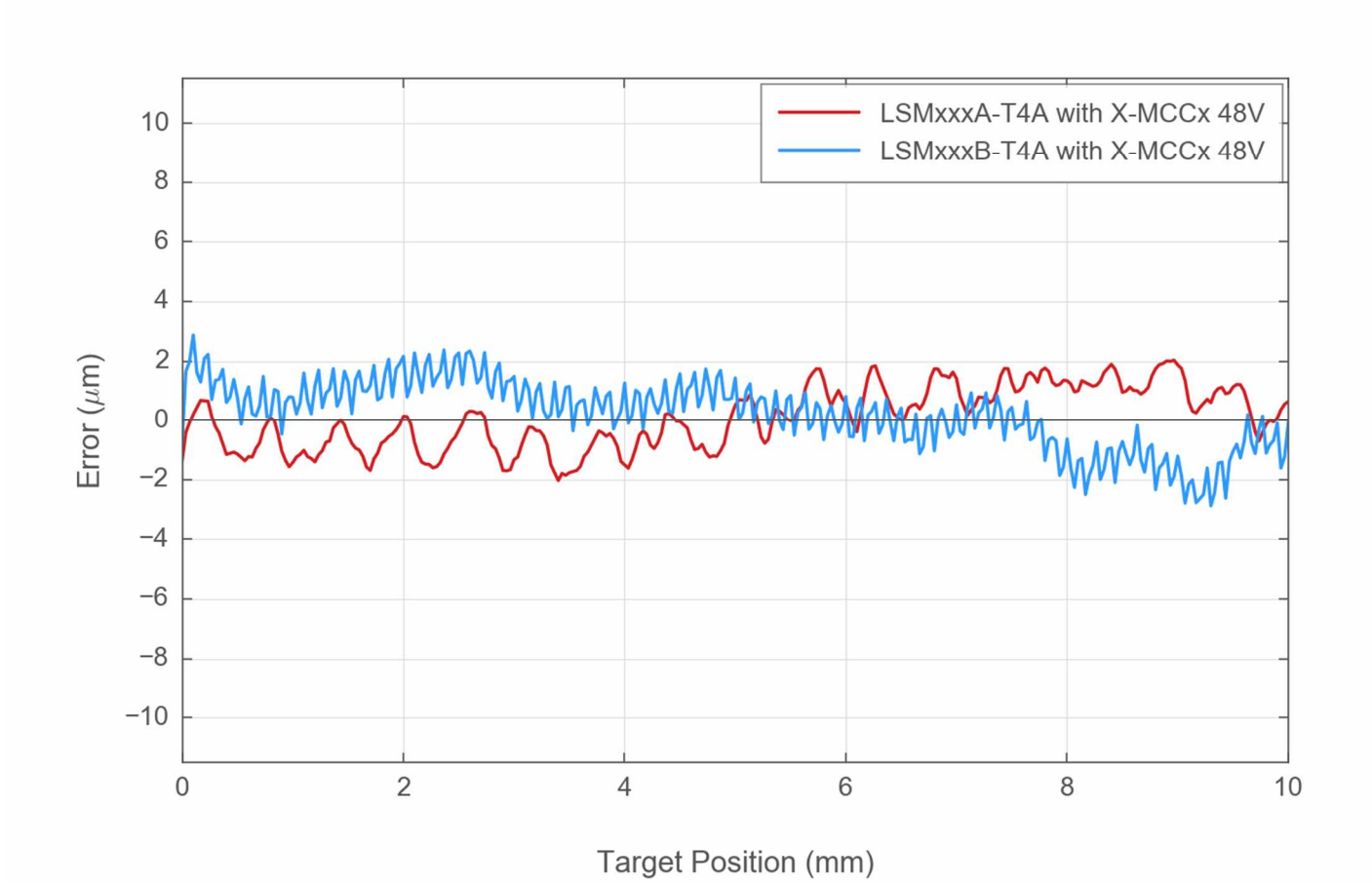
Part Number	<a href="#">Peak Thrust</a>	<a href="#">Vertical Runout</a>	<a href="#">Horizontal Runout</a>	<a href="#">Pitch</a>
LSM150B-T4A	25 N (5.6 lb)	< 25 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $< 0.000984''$ )	< 23 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $< 0.000906''$ )	0.04° (0.698 mrad)
LSM200A-T4A	55 N (12.3 lb)	< 32 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $< 0.001260''$ )	< 27 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $< 0.001063''$ )	0.04° (0.698 mrad)
LSM200B-T4A	25 N (5.6 lb)	< 32 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $< 0.001260''$ )	< 27 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $< 0.001063''$ )	0.04° (0.698 mrad)

Part Number	<a href="#">Roll</a>	<a href="#">Yaw</a>	<a href="#">Linear Motion Per Motor Rev</a>	<a href="#">Weight</a>
LSM025A-T4A	0.02° (0.349 mrad)	0.03° (0.523 mrad)	0.6096 mm (0.024")	0.2 kg (0.441 lb)
LSM025B-T4A	0.02° (0.349 mrad)	0.03° (0.523 mrad)	2.4384 mm (0.096")	0.2 kg (0.441 lb)
LSM050A-T4A	0.03° (0.523 mrad)	0.03° (0.523 mrad)	0.6096 mm (0.024")	0.21 kg (0.463 lb)
LSM050B-T4A	0.03° (0.523 mrad)	0.03° (0.523 mrad)	2.4384 mm (0.096")	0.21 kg (0.463 lb)
LSM100A-T4A	0.04° (0.698 mrad)	0.04° (0.698 mrad)	0.6096 mm (0.024")	0.24 kg (0.529 lb)
LSM100B-T4A	0.04° (0.698 mrad)	0.04° (0.698 mrad)	2.4384 mm (0.096")	0.24 kg (0.529 lb)
LSM150A-T4A	0.05° (0.873 mrad)	0.05° (0.873 mrad)	0.6096 mm (0.024")	0.28 kg (0.617 lb)
LSM150B-T4A	0.05° (0.873 mrad)	0.05° (0.873 mrad)	2.4384 mm (0.096")	0.28 kg (0.617 lb)
LSM200A-T4A	0.05° (0.873 mrad)	0.05° (0.873 mrad)	0.6096 mm (0.024")	0.31 kg (0.683 lb)
LSM200B-T4A	0.05° (0.873 mrad)	0.05° (0.873 mrad)	2.4384 mm (0.096")	0.31 kg (0.683 lb)

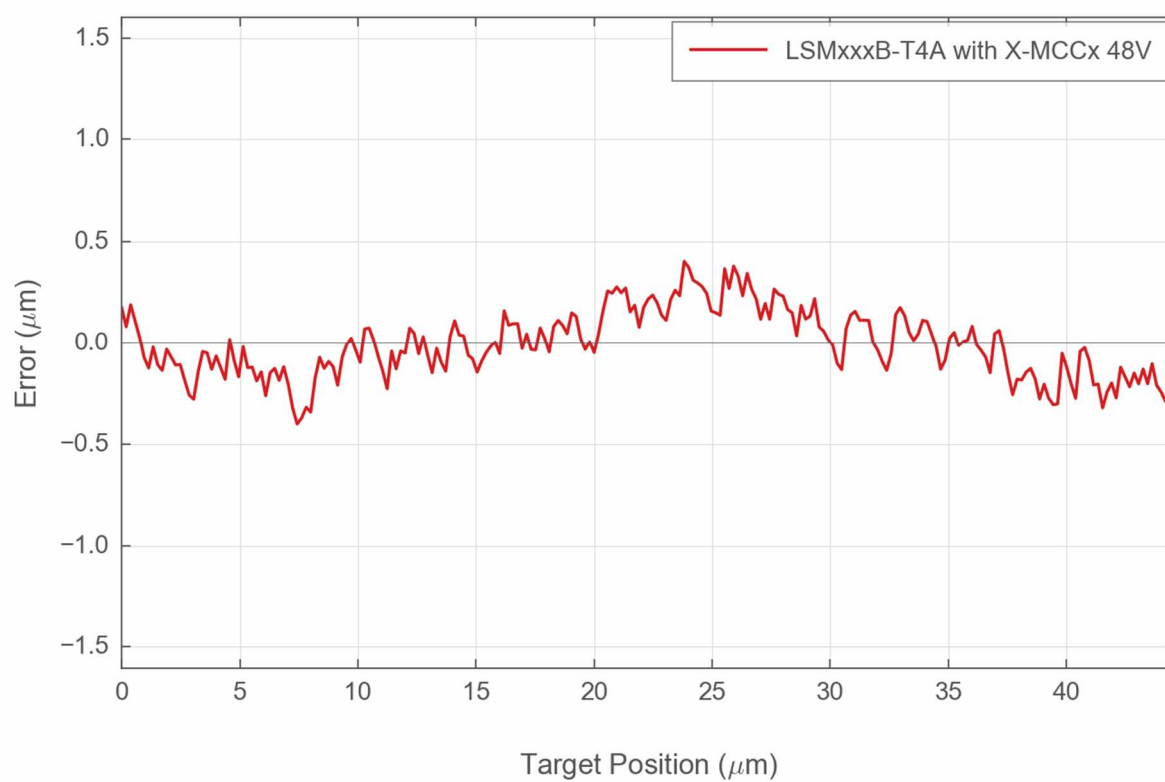
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Typical Accuracy

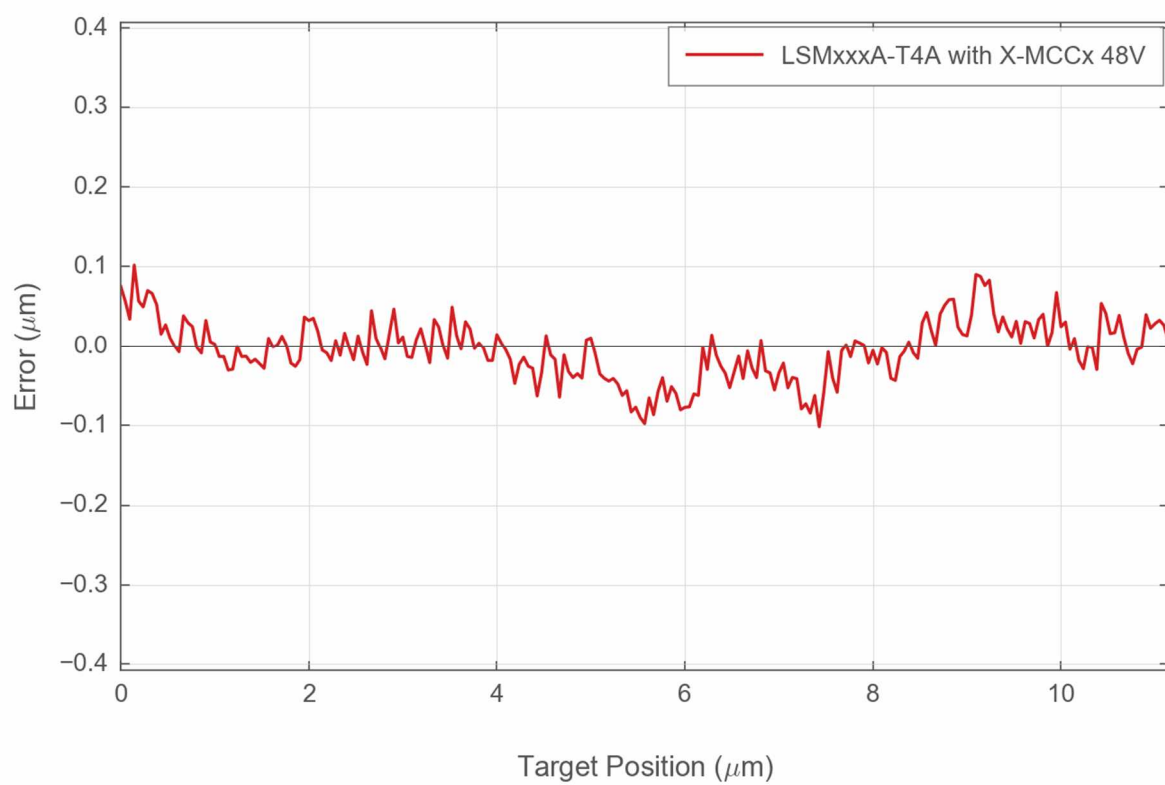




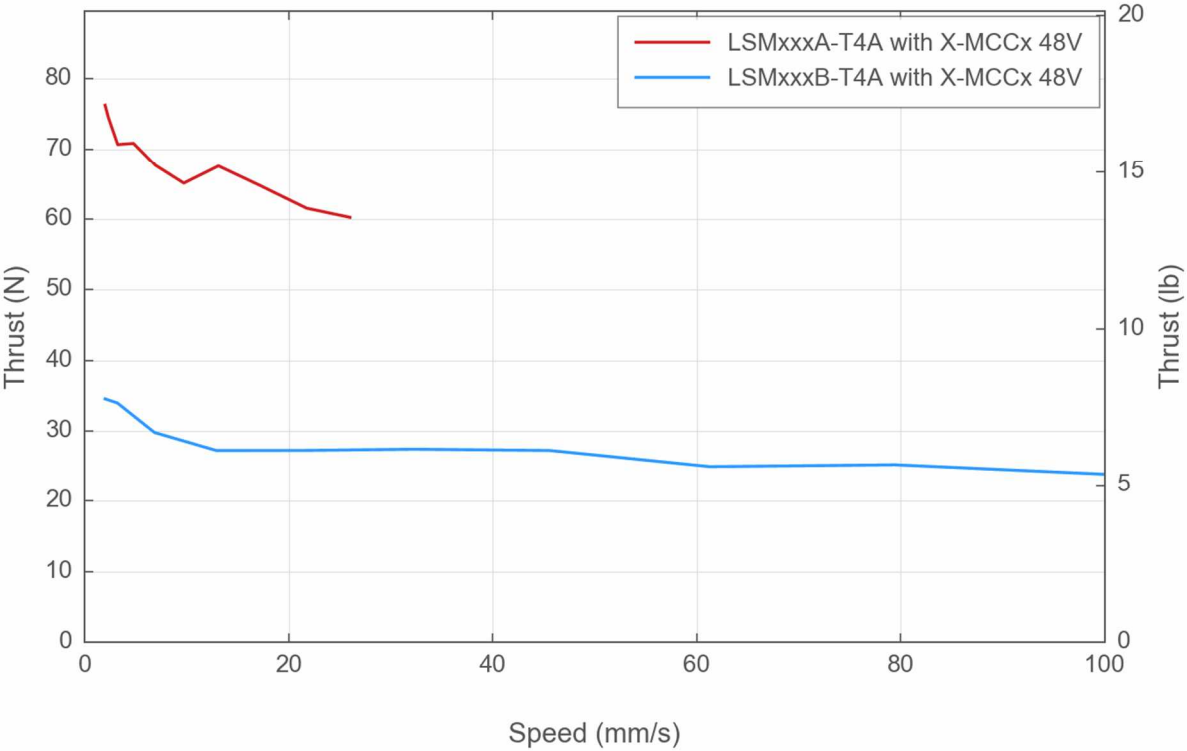
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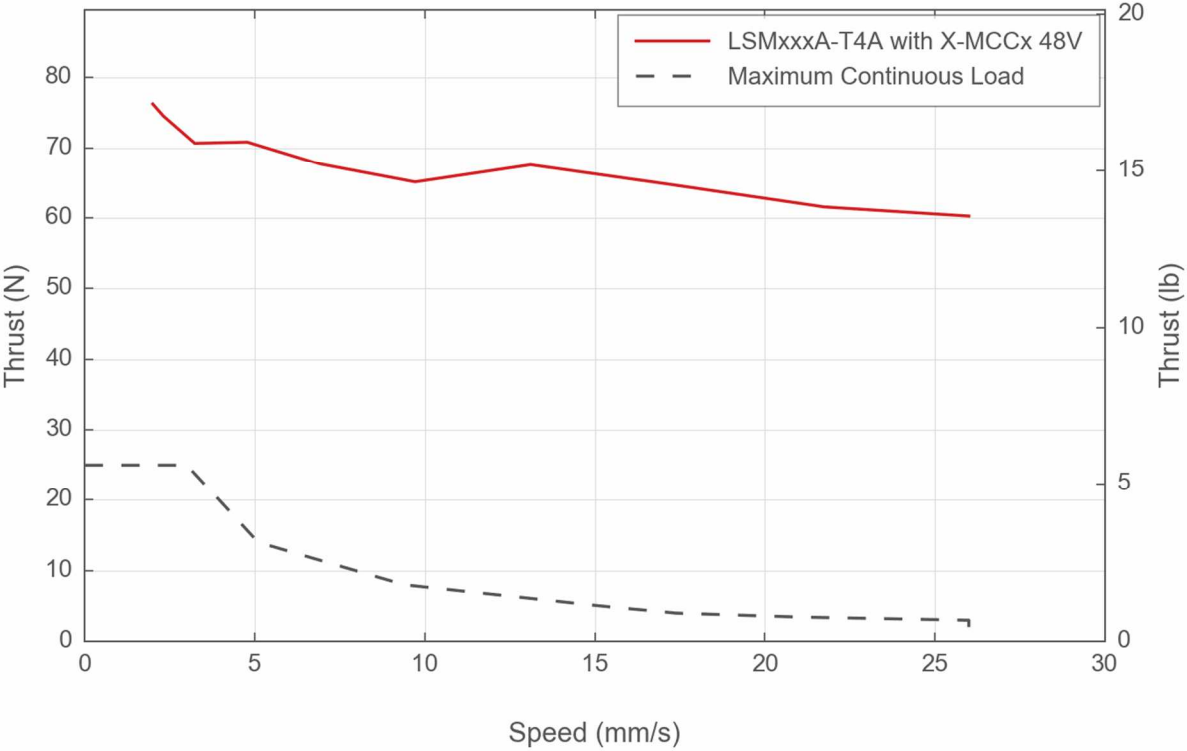
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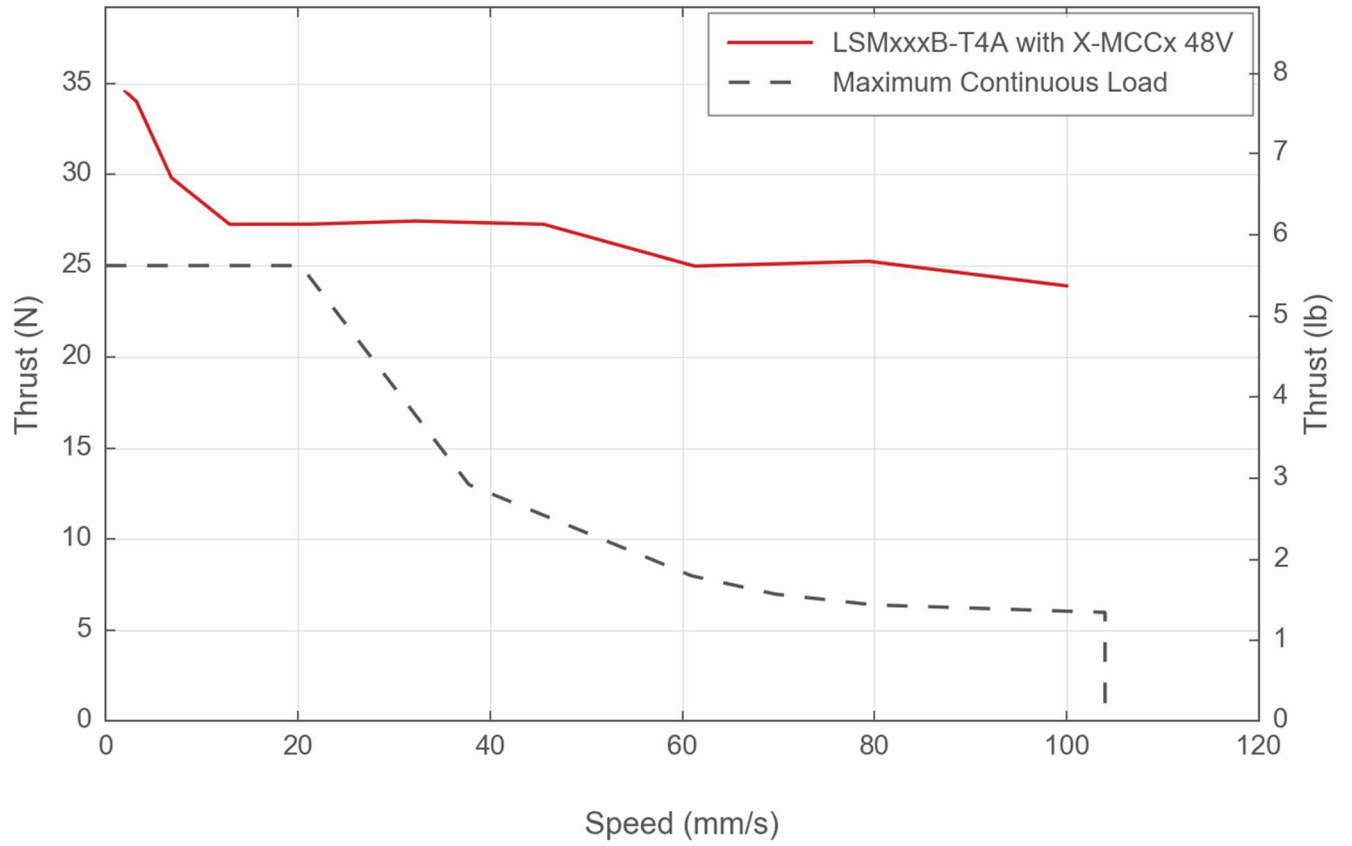
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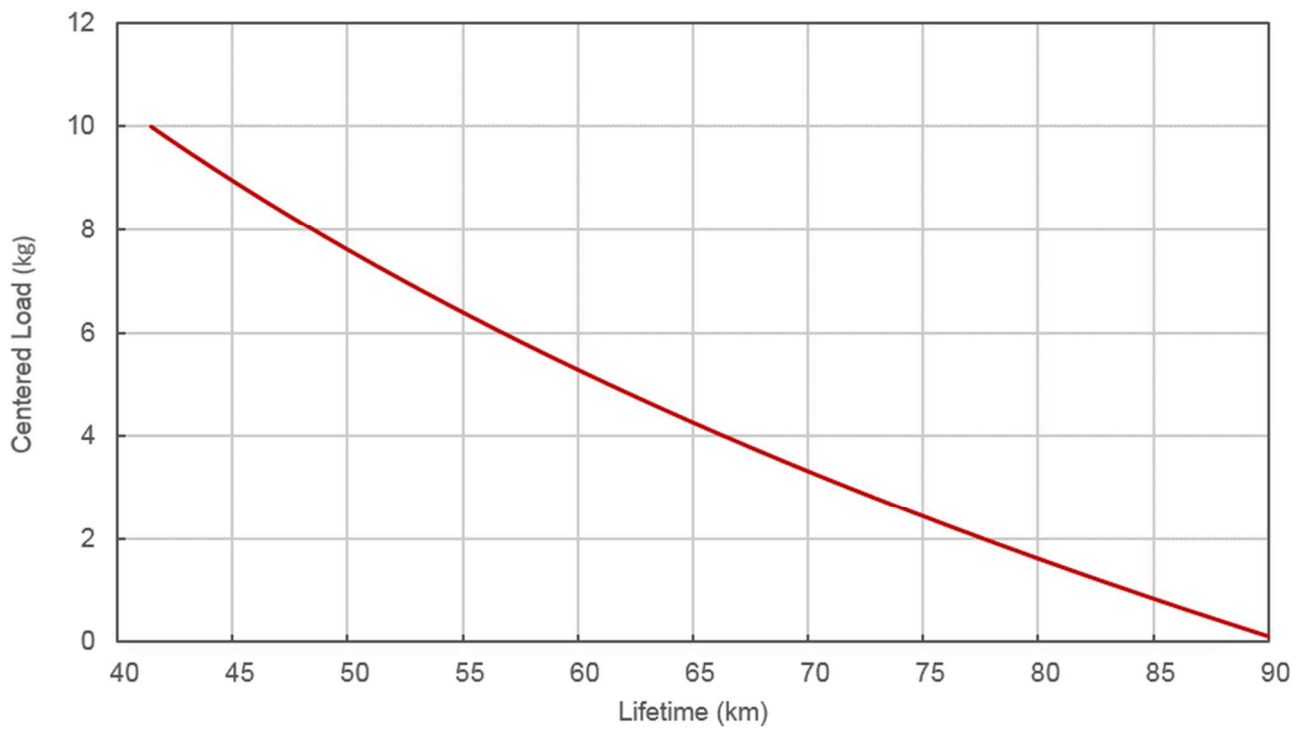
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## Thrust Speed Performance



## LSM Linear Bearing Lifetime



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