

AirLift 115 Series Lift Stage

User's Manual

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Chapter 1: Overview

This manual describes Aerotech's AirLift 115 series of air bearing positioning stages. Figure 1-1 shows a typical AirLift 115 positioning stage.

This chapter introduces standard and optional features of the AirLift 115 stages and gives general safety precautions. The AirLift 115 is a single axis air-bearing lift stage, available in travels of 50 mm, 100 mm, and 150 mm.

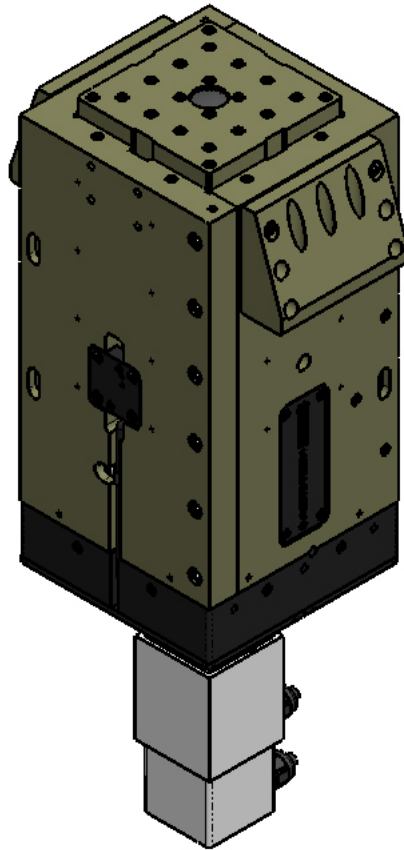


Figure 1-1: Typical AirLift 115 Series Positioning Stage

NOTE: Aerotech continually improves its product offerings, and listed options may be superseded at any time. Refer to the most recent edition of the Aerotech Motion Control Product Guide for the most current product information at www.aerotech.com.

1.1. Standard Features

The AirLift 115 series stages offer an ideal solution for applications that require stringent Z direction positioning while maintaining extremely tight angular performance over full travel. Applications include semiconductor wafer inspection and testing, non-contact metrology, optical inspection systems, and laser processing applications.

The AirLift 115 incorporates air-on-air preload in the lateral directions of motion. The opposing thin-film pressure maintains the bearing nominal gap tolerance. This design, in addition to the large air-bearing surfaces that distribute the load over a large surface area, results in a stage with outstanding stiffness.

Aerotech's BMS series of brushless rotary motors are included with the AirLift 115 series stages. This motor has all the advantages of a brushless motor: high acceleration, no brushes to wear, and lower heating, yet it has zero cogging for extremely smooth motion and accuracy. BMS motors for AirLift 115 are fitted with a fail-safe brake, which, coupled with the precision ground ballscrew drive, eliminates the need for the pneumatic counterbalance typically seen on vertical air bearing stages.

Limit switches and mechanical shock absorbers, which protect the carriage from over travel, are also standard.

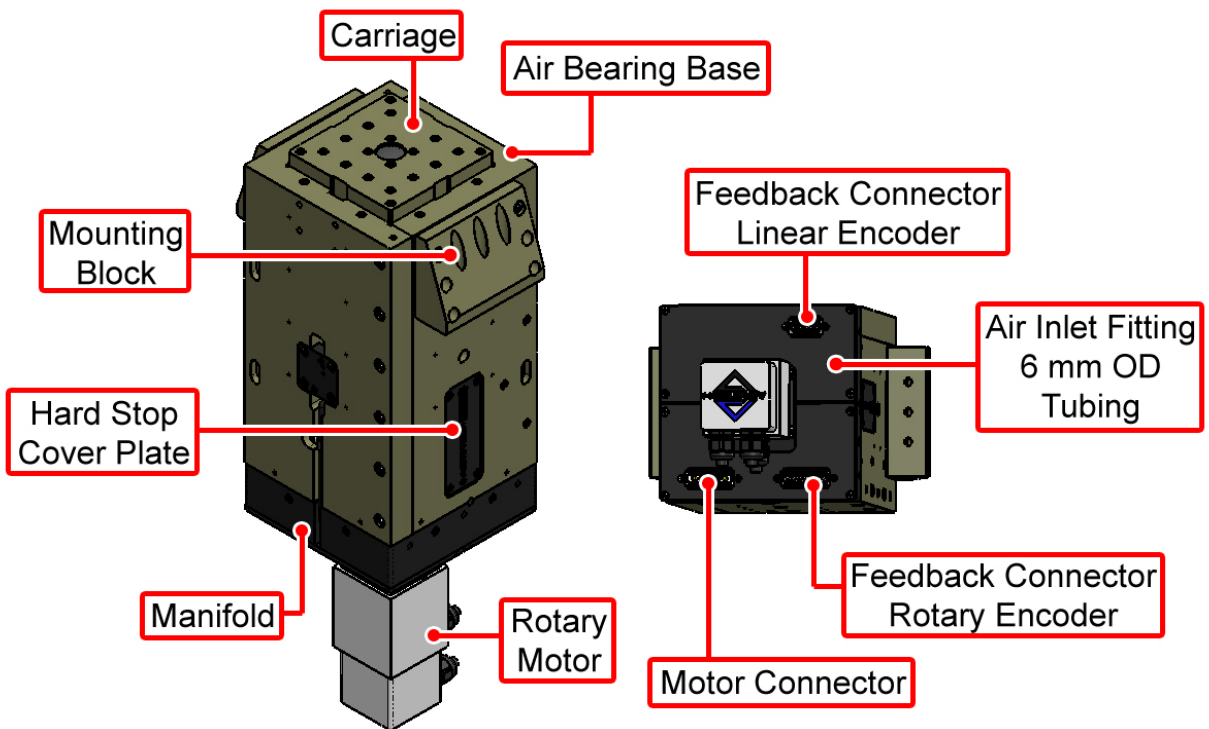


Figure 1-2: AirLift 115 Series Stage Components

1.1.1. Optional Features

Custom designed AirLift 115 stages can be ordered with features such as higher resolution, custom travel lengths, and custom mounting options. The standard options for the AirLift 115 are shown in Table 1-1. Contact the Aerotech factory for more details about custom designed stages.

Table 1-1: Model Numbering System

AirLift 115 Travel Options	
AirLift 115-050	50 mm travel
AirLift 115-100	100 mm travel
AirLift 115-150	150 mm travel
Encoder Options	
-LTX100	Linear encoder for AirLift 115; 0.05 micron line-driver output
Motor Options	
-BMS60-BRK	Brushless servomotor with connectors and brake
-BMS100-BRK	Brushless servomotor with connectors and brake
Mounting	
-MT1	Mounting configuration 1; mounting surface perpendicular to axis motion
-MT2-050	Mounting configuration 2; mounting surface parallel to axis motion; for 50 mm travel stage
-MT2-100	Mounting configuration 2; mounting surface parallel to axis motion; for 100 mm travel stage
-MT2-150	Mounting configuration 2; mounting surface parallel to axis motion; for 150 mm travel stage

1.2. Dimensions

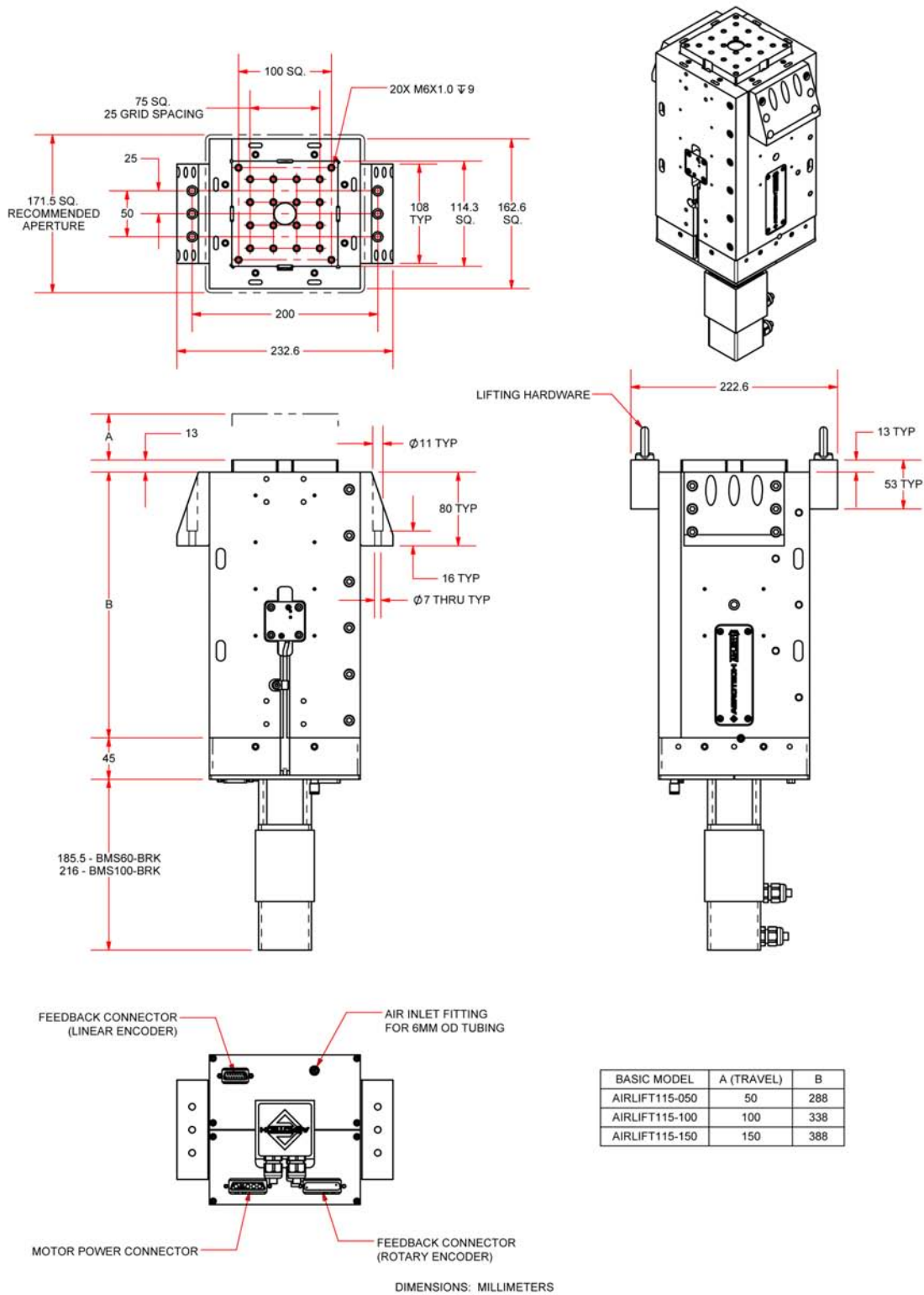


Figure 1-3: AirLift 115 Mounting Configuration 1 Dimensions

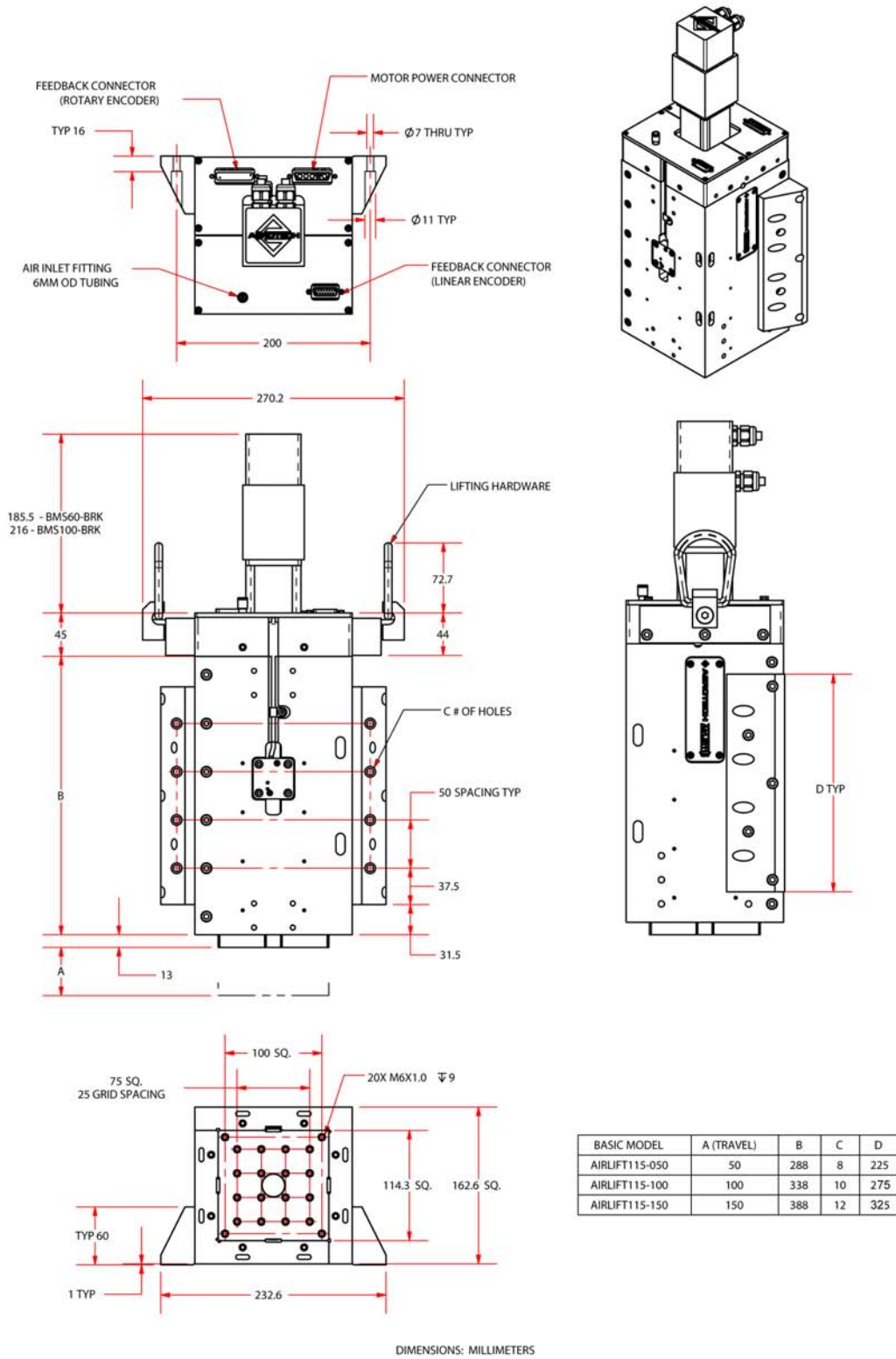


Figure 1-4: AirLift 115 Mounting Configuration 2 Dimensions

1.3. Safety Procedures and Warnings

The following statements apply throughout this manual. Failure to observe these precautions could result in serious injury to those performing the procedures and damage to the equipment.

This manual and any additional instructions included with the stage should be retained for the lifetime of the stage.



DANGER

To minimize the possibility of electrical shock and bodily injury or death, disconnect all electrical power prior to making any electrical connections.



DANGER

To minimize the possibility of electrical shock and bodily injury or death when any electrical circuit is in use, ensure that no person comes in contact with the circuitry when the stage is connected to a power source.



DANGER

To minimize the possibility of bodily injury or death, disconnect all electrical power prior to making any mechanical adjustments.



DANGER

Moving parts of the stage can cause crushing or shearing injuries. All personnel must remain clear of any moving parts.



WARNING

Improper use of the stage can cause damage, shock, injury, or death. Read and understand this manual before operating the stage.



WARNING

If the stage is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the stage can be impaired.



WARNING

Stage cables can pose a tripping hazard. Securely mount and position all stage cables to avoid potential hazards.



WARNING

Do not expose the stage to environments or conditions outside the specified range of operating environments. Operation in conditions other than those specified can cause damage to the equipment.



WARNING

The stage must be mounted securely. Improper mounting can result in injury and damage to the equipment.



WARNING

Use care when moving the stage. Manually lifting or transporting stages can result in injury.



WARNING

Only trained personnel should operate, inspect, and maintain the stage.



WARNING

This stage is intended for light industrial manufacturing or laboratory use. Use of the stage for unintended applications can result in injury and damage to the equipment.



WARNING

Before using this stage, perform an operator risk assessment to determine the needed safety requirements.

1.4. EC Declaration of Incorporation

Manufacturer: Aerotech, Inc.
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herewith declares that the product:

Aerotech, Inc. AirLift 115 Stage

is intended to be incorporated into machinery to constitute machinery covered by the Directive 2006/42/EC as amended;

does therefore not in every respect comply with the provisions of this directive;

and that the following harmonized European standards have been applied:

EN ISO 12100-1,-2:2003+A1:2009

Safety of machinery - Basic concepts, general principles for design

ISO 14121-1:2007

Safety of machinery - Risk assessment - Par 1: Principles

EN 60204-1:2005

Safety of machinery - Electrical equipment of machines - Part 1: General requirements

and further more declares that

it is not allowed to put the equipment into service until the machinery into which it is to be incorporated or of which it is to be a component has been found and declared to be in conformity with the provisions of the Directive 2006/42/EC and with national implementing legislation, i.e. as a whole, including the equipment referred to in this Declaration.

This is to certify that the aforementioned product is in accordance with the applicable requirements of the following Directive(s):

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Chapter 2: Installation

This chapter describes the installation procedure of the AirLift 115 stage, including handling the stage properly, the proper base for stage mounting, attaching the payload, and making the electrical and pneumatic connections.



Installation must follow the instructions in this chapter. Failure to follow these instructions could result in injury and damage to the equipment.

2.1. Unpacking and Handling the Stage

Each stage has a label listing the system part number and serial number. These numbers contain information necessary for maintaining or updating system hardware and software. Locate this label and record the information for later reference. If any damage has occurred during shipping, report it immediately.

Before operating the stage, it is important to let the stage stabilize to room temperature for at least 12 hours. Clean the stage by blowing it off with pressurized nitrogen or clean, oil-free air.

Remove all red anodized shipping brackets and lifting hardware before attempting to move the axis (see Figure 2-1).



Improper stage handling could adversely affect the stage's performance. Therefore, use care when moving the stage. Manually lifting or transporting the stage can result in injury.



Lift the stage only by the provided lifting hardware.



Do not attempt to move the stage until the air supply, detailed in Section 2.2, has been installed. Moving the stage table without air supplied can cause permanent damage to the stage.

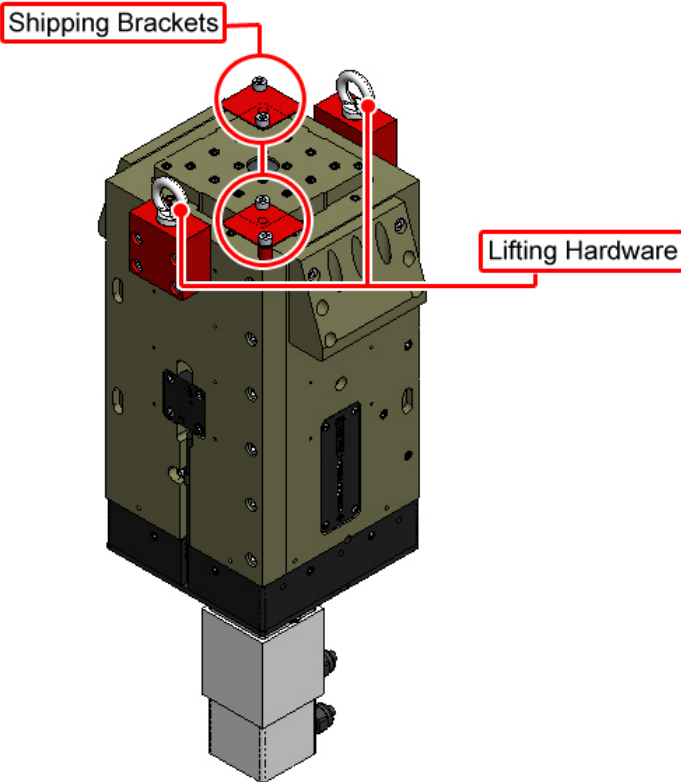


Figure 2-1: AirLift 115 With Lifting Hardware and Shipping Brackets Shown

2.2. Air Supply Requirements

The quality of the air supplied to the air bearing is important for the operation of the system. If compressed air is used, it must be filtered to 0.25 microns, dry to 0°F dew point, and oil free. If nitrogen is used, it must be 99.99% pure and filtered to 0.25 microns. The filtration requirement is to prevent particles from clogging the air bearing. Air pressure in the range of 517 kPa to 551 kPa (75 psi to 80 psi) is necessary for use. A standard airflow rate of 45 to 55 SLPM (standard liters per minute) at 551 kPa should be observed for the entire system.

To protect the air bearing against under pressure or loss of pressure, an inline pressure switch set at no lower than 40 psi and tied to the motion controller's E-stop is recommended.

2.3. Attaching the Payload to the Stage

To prevent damage to delicate payloads, test the operation of the stage before the payload is attached to the stage table. Proceed with the electrical installation and test the motion control system in accordance with the system documentation. Document all results for future reference. For information on electrical connections, refer to Section 2.4.

The payload should be flat, rigid, and comparable to the stage in quality. *For valid accuracies, the mounting interface should be flat within 1 μ m per 50mm.*

2.4. Electrical Installation

Electrical installation requirements will vary depending on stage options. Installation instructions in this section are for stages equipped with standard Aerotech motors intended for use with an Aerotech motion control system. Contact Aerotech for further information regarding stages that are otherwise configured.

Aerotech motion control systems are adjusted at the factory for optimum performance. When the AirLift 115 series stage is part of a complete Aerotech motion control system, setup involves connecting a stage and motor combination to the appropriate drive chassis with the cables provided. Connect the provided cables to the motor and feedback connectors on the stage. Labels on the drive indicate the appropriate connections. Refer to your drive manuals and documentation for additional installation and operation information. In some cases, if the system is uniquely configured, a drawing showing system interconnects is supplied.

Motor and encoder wiring and connector pin outputs are given in Section 3.5.



WARNING

Never connect or disconnect any electrical component or connecting cable while power is applied, or serious damage may result.



WARNING

The stage's protective ground is located on pin A4 of the motor connector. If you are using cables other than those provided by Aerotech to connect the motor to the drive, you must connect pin A4 to a ground connection.

2.4.1. End of Travel Limit Switches

AirLift 115 stages are equipped with a pair of end of travel limit switches. Refer to Section 3.4. for a description of limit switch operation and wiring.

Chapter 3: Operating Specifications

This chapter contains general technical information about AirLift 115 series stages. Included are basic product specifications and general information on limit switches and motor wiring.

3.1. Environmental Specifications

The environmental specifications for the AirLift 115 are listed in the following table.

Table 3-1: Environmental Specifications

Ambient Temperature	Operating: 10° to 35° C (50° to 95° F) The optimal operating temperature is 20° C \pm 2° C (68° F \pm 4° F). If at any time the operating temperature deviates from 20° C degradation in performance could occur. Contact Aerotech for information regarding your specific application and environment.
	Storage: 0° to 40° C (32° to 104° F) in original shipping packaging
Humidity	Operating: 40 percent to 60 percent RH The optimal operating humidity is 50 percent RH.
	Storage: 30 percent to 60 percent RH, non-condensing in original packaging
Altitude	Operating: 0 to 2,000 m (0 to 6,562 ft) above sea level Contact Aerotech if your specific application involves use above 2,000 m or below sea level.
Vibration	Use the system in a low vibration environment. Excessive floor or acoustical vibration can affect stage and system performance. Contact Aerotech for information regarding your specific application.
Dust Exposure	The AirLift 115 stages are not suited for dusty or wet environments. This equates to an ingress protection rating of IP00.
Use	Indoor use only



Do not expose the stage to environments or conditions outside the specified range of operating environments. Operation in conditions other than those specified can cause damage to the equipment.

3.2. Accuracy and Temperature Effects

The accuracy of the encoder scale is a key element in the overall positioning accuracy. In most stages, a scale error can be expected if the temperature of the scale differs from 20° C (68° F); however, the AirLift 115 is designed with encoder scales having very small coefficients of thermal expansion (CTE). This feature makes the accuracy of the stage much less dependent on the operating temperature. Although the accuracy is much less sensitive to temperature than many systems, the best accuracy will still be achieved if the stage is operated at the 20° C (68° F) temperature at which it was calibrated.

3.3. Basic Specifications

Basic AirLift 115 series positioning stage specifications are shown in Table 3-2. For the most recent specifications, see Aerotech's website (www.aerotech.com).

Table 3-2: AirLift 115 Series Specifications

Mechanical Specifications		AirLift 115-050	AirLift 115-100	AirLift 115-150
Travel		50 mm	100 mm	150 mm
Accuracy ⁽¹⁾	Standard	±2.0 µm	±4.0 µm	±6.0 µm
	HALAR	±1.0 µm	±1.25 µm	±1.5 µm
Resolution		0.05 µm		
Repeatability (Bidirectional) ⁽¹⁾		±0.5 µm		
Straightness ⁽²⁾		±0.25 µm	±0.35 µm	±0.45 µm
Pitch ⁽²⁾		±1 arc sec	±1.25 arc sec	±2 arc sec
Roll ⁽²⁾		±1 arc sec	±1.25 arc sec	±2 arc sec
Yaw ⁽²⁾		±1 arc sec	±1.25 arc sec	±2 arc sec
Maximum Speed	5 mm/rev	50 mm/s		
Maximum Acceleration		0.25 g		
Load Capacity ⁽³⁾	Vertical	15 kg		
Operating Pressure		80 psi		
Air Consumption		≤ 40 slpm		
Material		Aluminum		
MTBF (Mean Time Between Failure)		15,000 Hours		
<p>(1) Certified with each stage.</p> <p>(2) Specifications are for centered load. Other loading configurations will affect specifications.</p> <p>(3) Axis orientation for on-axis loading is listed.</p> <p>(4) Specifications are for single-axis systems measured 25 mm above the tabletop. Performance of multi-axis systems is payload and workpoint dependent. Consult factory for multi-axis or non-standard applications.</p> <p>(5) To protect air bearing against under-pressure condition, an in-line pressure switch tied to the motion controller is required.</p> <p>(6) Air supply must be clean, dry to 0°F dew point, and filtered to 0.25 µm or better.</p>				

Table 3-3: Motor Specifications

	Units	Specifications	
Motor Model		BMS60-BRK	BMS100-BRK
Winding Designation		-A	-A
Performance Specifications (1) (5)			
Stall Torque, Continuous (2)	N-m (oz-in)	0.33 (46.2)	0.56 (80.0)
Peak Torque (3)	N-m (oz-in)	1.31 (184.9)	2.26 (320.0)
Rated Speed	rpm	4,000	3,000
Rated Power Output, Continuous	watts	112	133
Electrical Specifications (5)			
BEMF Constant (Line-Line, Max)	Volts _{pk} /krpm	19	40
Continuous Current, Stall (2)	Amp _{pk}	2.3	2.1
	Amp _{rms}	1.6	1.5
Peak Current, Stall (3)	Amp _{pk}	9.2	8.4
	Amp _{rms}	6.5	5.9
Torque Constant (4) (8)	N-m/Amp _{pk}	0.14	0.27
	oz-in/Amp _{pk}	20.1	38.1
	N-m/Amp _{rms}	0.20	0.38
	oz-in/Amp _{rms}	28.4	53.9
Motor Constant (2) (4)	N-m/ \sqrt{W}	0.050	0.076
	oz-in/ \sqrt{W}	7.02	10.74
Resistance, 25°C (Line-Line)	ohms	8.4	12.9
Inductance (Line-Line)	mH	1.30	2.40
Maximum Bus Voltage	VDC	340	340
Thermal Resistance	C/W	1.73	1.35
Number of Poles	P	8	8
Mechanical Specifications			
Motor Weight	kg (lb)	1.1 (2.4)	1.5 (3.3)
Rotor Moment of Inertia	kg-m ²	1.96x10 ⁻⁵	3.71x10 ⁻⁵
	oz-in-s ²	0.0028	0.0053
Max Radial Load	N (lb)	89 (20)	89 (20)
Max Axial Load	N (lb)	89 (20)	89 (20)
Frame Size	NEMA	23	23
(1) Performance is dependent upon heat sink configuration, system cooling conditions, and ambient temperature.			
(2) Values shown @ 75°C rise above a 25°C ambient temperature, with housed motor mounted to a 250 mm x 250 mm x 6 mm aluminum heat sink.			
(3) Peak torque assumes correct rms current; consult Aerotech.			
(4) Torque constant and motor constant specified at stall.			
(5) All performance and electrical specifications $\pm 10\%$.			
(6) Maximum winding temperature is 100°C; thermistor trips at 100°C.			
(7) Ambient operating temperature range 0°C - 25°C. Consult Aerotech for performance in elevated ambient temperatures.			
(8) All Aerotech amplifiers are rated Apk; use torque constant in N-m/Apk when sizing.			

3.4. Limit Switches

AirLift 115 series stages are provided with end of travel limit switches. The limit switches signal when the stage has reached its maximum useable travel distance in either direction.

3.4.1. Limit Switch Operation

Limit switches are integral to the stage's linear encoder. They are placed directly on the encoder scale at the extents of nominal stage travel. When the stage encoder senses a limit, a clockwise (CW) or counter-clockwise (CCW) limit signal is generated.



If the stage is driven past the electrical limit, it will encounter the hard stop. The stage's shocks are designed to the stage's specifications. Damage to the stage could result from a hard stop strike if the stage is driven at conditions exceeding its maximum velocity, acceleration, or payload specifications.

3.4.2. Limit Switch Wiring

Limit switches are open-collector, TTL-compatible devices powered by 5 Volts that change output states when the stage approaches its maximum travel distance. Since they are open-collector devices, they may be interfaced to 24 Volt logic inputs.

With the NC limit configuration, the input to the controller is seen as a logic 0 (typical 0.4V @ 12.8mA) when no limit condition is present. When the limit switch is activated, a 5V source through a pull-up resistor, on the controller, causes a logic 1 (typically 4.8-5V) to be seen by the controller input. See Figure 3-1 for a diagram of limit switch wiring.

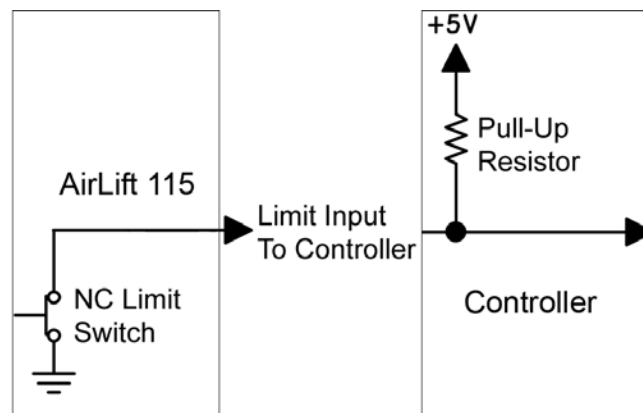


Figure 3-1: Limit Switch Wiring

3.5. Standard Motor Wiring

Stages fitted with standard motors and encoders come from the factory completely wired and assembled. For reference, connector pin outputs and general wiring information are given in the following figures. Pin outputs are defined in Table 3-4.

NOTE: Refer to the other documentation accompanying your Aerotech equipment. Call your Aerotech representative if there are any questions on system configuration.

NOTE: If you are using your own cables to connect the stage, ensure that motor and ground wires can handle current higher than the continuous current listed in Table 3-3. The voltage rating of the wire insulation must be greater than the bus voltage listed in Table 3-3.

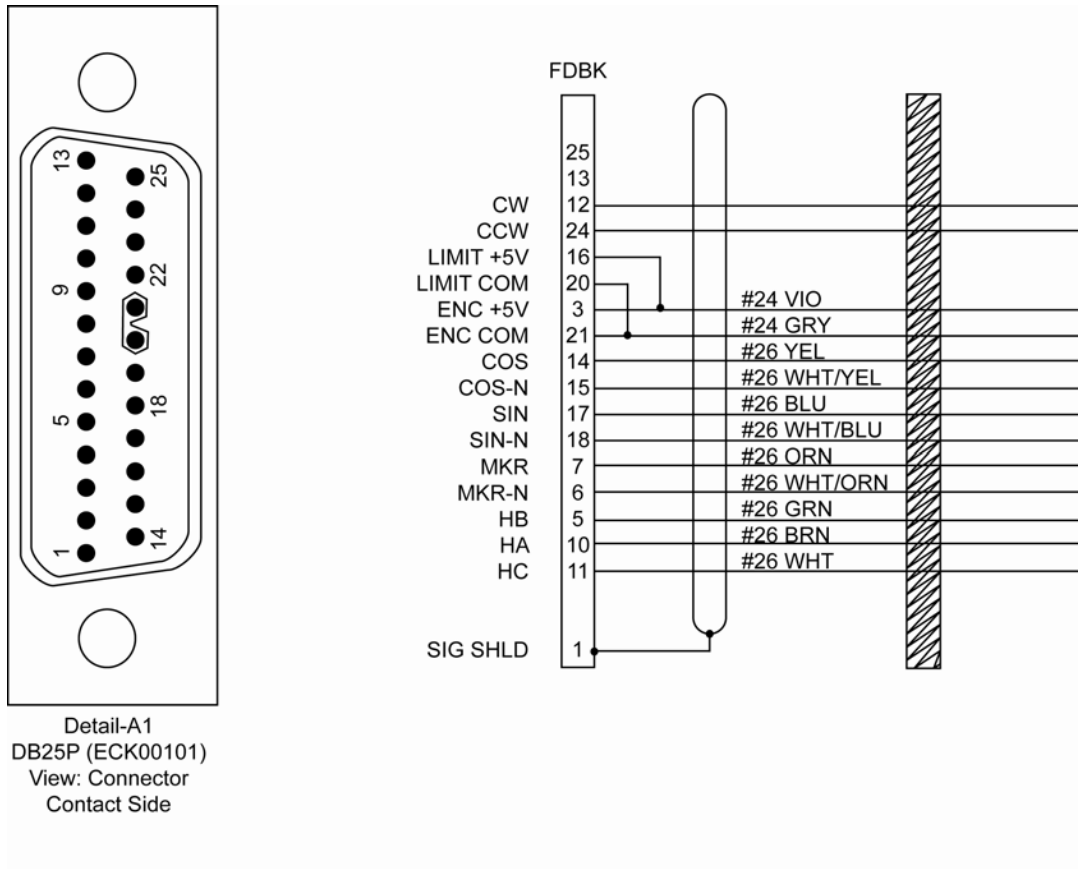
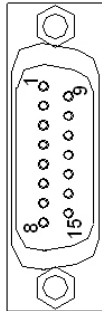


Figure 3-2: Limit and Encoder Wiring for Standard AirLift 115 Stages

DA-15P Solder-Cup (EXK00100)
 Back Shell: ECK01022
 Jacksocket: ECK00328



Wire Side View

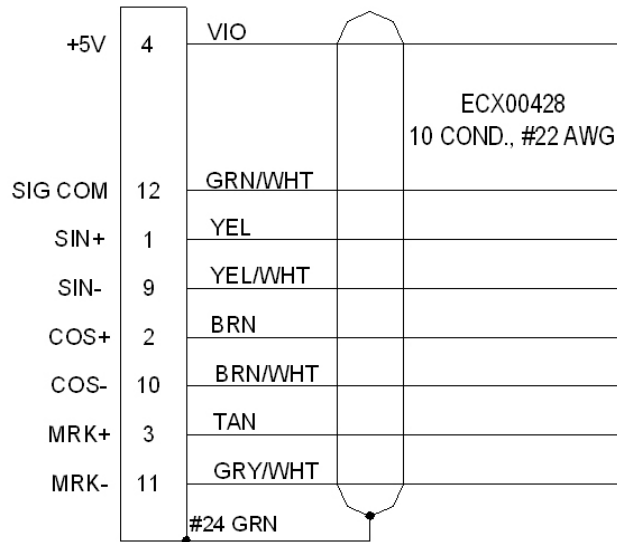


Figure 3-3: Limit Encoder Pin Assignments

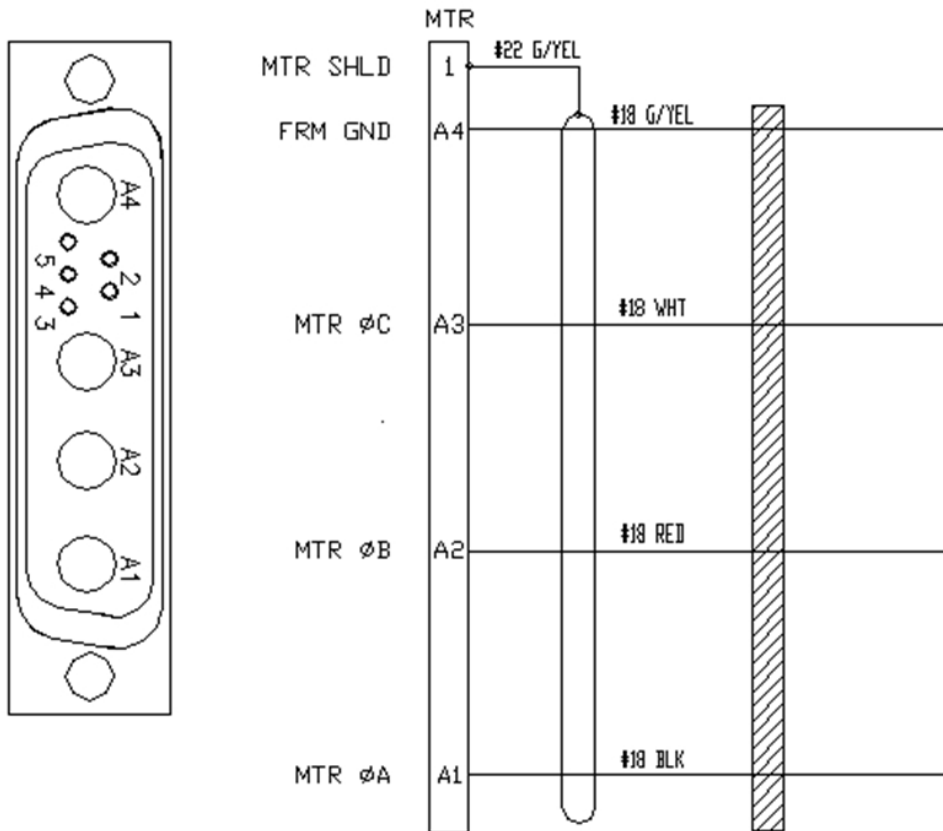


Figure 3-4: Motor Wiring Connector for all AirLift 115 Stages

Table 3-4: Limit/Motor Wiring Pin Descriptions

Pin Output	Description
CW Limit	Signal indicating stage maximum travel produced by CW motor rotation (Normally Active High).
COS	Cosine. Incremental encoder output; either TTL line driven or amplified sine wave type signal. Cos leads Sin for CW/positive motion.
COS-N	Incremental encoder output. Compliment of cos.
Counter-clockwise (CCW/-) Limit	Signal indicating stage maximum travel produced by CCW motor rotation (Normally Active High).
HOME LMT	Home Limit. Paralleled with CCW/- (with Standard Jumper) or CW/+ (Optional Jumper) limit. Typically not used.
ENC +5V	+5 V supply input for optical encoders. Typical requirement is 250 mA.
ENC COM	Optical encoder common.
HA	Hall Effect A. Brushless motor commutation track output. TTL line driven signal
HB	Hall Effect B. Brushless motor commutation track output. TTL line driven signal.
HC	Hall Effect C. Brushless motor commutation track output. TTL line driven signal
LMT +5v	+ 5 V supply input for optical limit switch boards. Typical requirement is 50 mA.
LMT COM	Optical limit switch boards common.
MKR	Marker. Incremental encoder output pulse given once per revolution. Typically used for home reference cycle.
MKR-N	Incremental encoder output; either the compliment of Marker with a line driven, TTL type encoder or 2.5 VDC bias level with amplified sine wave type encoder.
MTR ØA	Motor Phase A.
MTR ØB	Motor Phase B.
MTR ØC	Motor Phase C.
SIN	Sine. Incremental encoder output; either TTL line driven or amplified sine wave type signal. Cos leads sin for CW/positive motion.
SIN-N	Incremental encoder output. Compliment of sin.

3.6. Vacuum Operation

The AirLift 115 is an air-bearing stage and is not compatible with operation in a vacuum environment. Contact Aerotech for alternate solutions.

Chapter 4: Maintenance

AirLift 115 stages are designed to be low maintenance systems. The non-contact air bearing surfaces require no lubrication, and exhibit no wear. However, it is important to clean the bearing surfaces to maintain the accuracy of the stage. You must lubricate the precision ground ballscrew drive at regular intervals. This chapter will detail the cleaning process and specify recommended cleaning solvents.

NOTE: The bearing area must be kept free of foreign matter and moisture; otherwise, the performance and life expectancy of the stage will be reduced. See Section 2.2. for air requirements.



To minimize the possibility of bodily injury, confirm that all electrical power is disconnected prior to making any mechanical adjustments.

4.1. Service and Inspection Schedule

Lubricant inspection and replenishment for AirLift 115 series stages depends on conditions such as duty cycle, speed, and operating environment. An inspection interval of once per month is recommended until a trend develops for the application. The grease should be fresh and soft and evenly distributed over the entire length of the screw shaft. Longer or shorter inspection intervals might be required to maintain a film of lubricant on the ballscrew. If the stage is under a high duty cycle, it might be necessary to lubricate the screw as often as once per week.

If the application process uses only a small portion of travel for most of the duty cycle, you should periodically drive the stage through the full travel to redistribute the lubrication along the screw shaft.

The ballscrew support bearings are sealed and should not need lubrication under normal use.

4.2. Cleaning and Lubrication

Only the ballscrew of the AirLift 115 stage requires lubrication. Periodic cleaning to remove dust from the stage is also recommended.

4.2.1. Recommended Cleaning Solvents

Before using a cleaning solvent on any part of the stage, use Nitrogen, or less preferably, clean, dry compressed air to blow away small particles and dust. For general cleaning and removal of dust, use only isopropyl alcohol on AirLift 115 stages. Do not use acetone on AirLift 115 stages.

Isopropyl alcohol should be conservatively applied to a clean, lint free cloth, and the cloth should be used to wipe down the stage. Do not use an excessive amount of solvent as it could enter the body of the stage and potentially damage the air bearing.

The AirLift 115 ballscrew drive requires periodic lubrication. THK AFE-CA cleanroom rated grease is applied to the ballscrew during assembly at Aerotech's factory. For maintenance lubrication, use only THK AFE-CA grease. Greases of different physical properties cannot be mixed, and doing so could degrade the performance of the stage and eventually cause stage failure.

4.2.2. Cleaning Process

It is recommended that the air bearing surfaces be cleaned often to prevent potential damage to the stage or decreased performance. Blow the entire stage with Nitrogen or clean, dry, compressed air often to prevent dust form building up on the stage.

In order to clean the entire length of the air bearing surfaces, it is necessary to move the stage to the positive travel limit, thereby extending the carriage out of the stage base the maximum amount. Remove any obstructions that could potentially interfere with motion of the carriage, then jog the stage to the positive travel limit. Once the stage is in position, disable the axis and remove power to the stage. Clean all exposed surfaces as described in Section 4.2.1. Once the solvent has dried, you can restore power.



WARNING

Moving the stage table without air supplied can cause permanent damage to the stage. Refer to Section 2.2. for more information about air requirements and installation.



DANGER

To minimize the possibility of bodily injury, confirm that all electrical power is disconnected prior to making any mechanical adjustments.

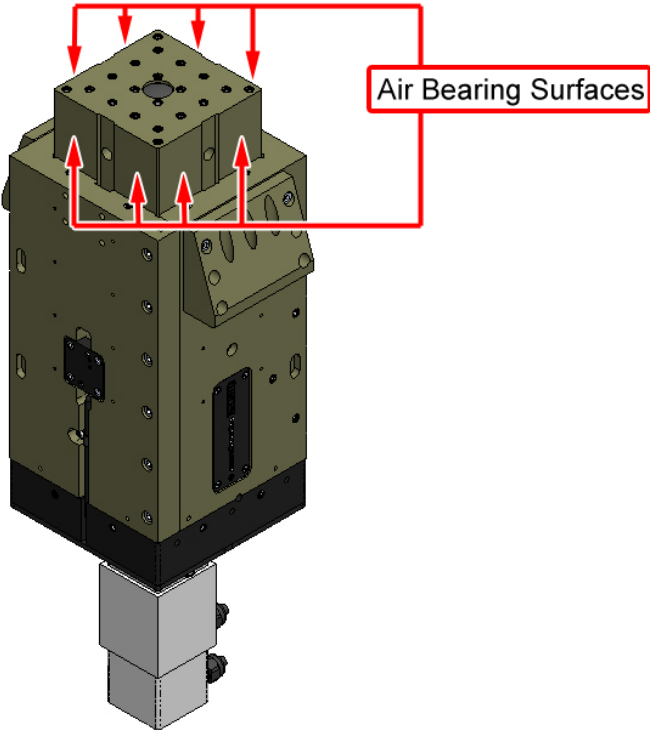


Figure 4-1: Air Bearing Surfaces and Encoder Scales Require Periodic Cleaning

4.2.3. Ballscrew Lubrication Procedure

Use the following steps to lubricate the ballscrew. As stated in Section 4.2.1. , use only THK AFE-CA grease for lubrication.



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1. Jog the stage carriage to the negative travel limit and remove power to the stage.
2. Remove the mounting screws to the cover plate on the side of the stage as shown in Figure 4-2 to gain access to the inside of the stage.

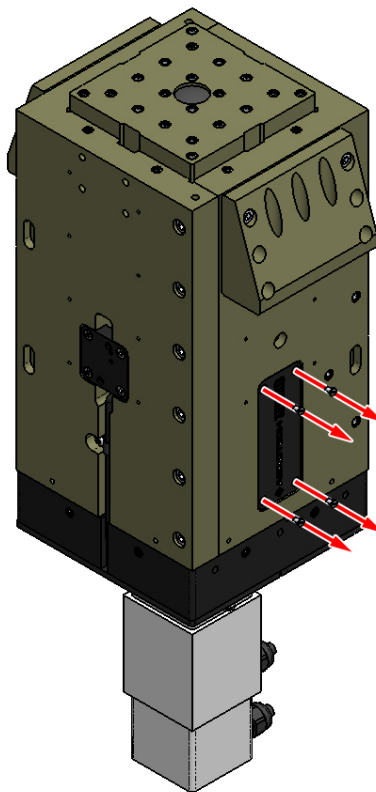


Figure 4-2: Cover Plate Mounting Screw Removal

3. The ballnut and grease fitting should be visible through the window as shown in Figure 4-3. Engage a grease gun with appropriate attachment over the ballscrew's grease fitting. AirLift 115 stages use grease fitting THK# C-MT6x1, and THK's grease gun MG70 with a Type H attachment is recommended.

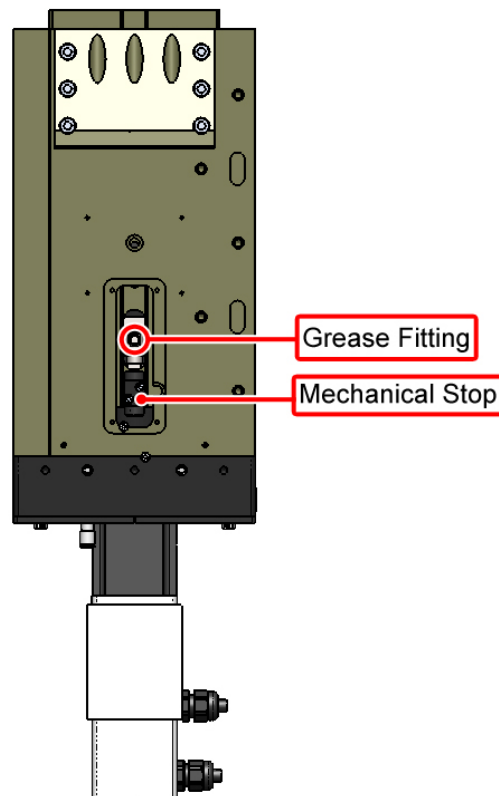


Figure 4-3: Grease Fitting and Hard Stop Location

4. Generally, it is recommended that grease be pumped into the ballnut until it just begins to seep out of the nut and onto the screw shaft. On AirLift 115 stages, this can be difficult to see. Use caution when pumping grease as applying too much can significantly increase the torque required to drive the stage and prevent lubrication from being evenly dispersed along the screw shaft. Remove any clumps of excess grease and wipe down any surfaces other than the ballscrew that may have come in contact with the grease.
5. After the ballnut has been properly greased, reinstall the cover plate, and restore power to the stage.
6. Slowly cycle the stage back and forth through travel for a minimum of 10 cycles to distribute the lubrication.

Appendix A: Warranty and Field Service

Aerotech, Inc. warrants its products to be free from defects caused by faulty materials or poor workmanship for a minimum period of one year from date of shipment from Aerotech. Aerotech's liability is limited to replacing, repairing or issuing credit, at its option, for any products that are returned by the original purchaser during the warranty period. Aerotech makes no warranty that its products are fit for the use or purpose to which they may be put by the buyer, where or not such use or purpose has been disclosed to Aerotech in specifications or drawings previously or subsequently provided, or whether or not Aerotech's products are specifically designed and/or manufactured for buyer's use or purpose. Aerotech's liability or any claim for loss or damage arising out of the sale, resale or use of any of its products shall in no event exceed the selling price of the unit.

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Laser Products

Claims for shipment damage (evident or concealed) must be filed with the carrier by the buyer. Aerotech must be notified within (30) days of shipment of incorrect materials. No product may be returned, whether in warranty or out of warranty, without first obtaining approval from Aerotech. No credit will be given nor repairs made for products returned without such approval. Any returned product(s) must be accompanied by a return authorization number. The return authorization number may be obtained by calling an Aerotech service center. Products must be returned, prepaid, to an Aerotech service center (no C.O.D. or Collect Freight accepted). The status of any product returned later than (30) days after the issuance of a return authorization number will be subject to review.

Return Procedure

After Aerotech's examination, warranty or out-of-warranty status will be determined. If upon Aerotech's examination a warranted defect exists, then the product(s) will be repaired at no charge and shipped, prepaid, back to the buyer. If the buyer desires an airfreight return, the product(s) will be shipped collect. Warranty repairs do not extend the original warranty period.

Returned Product Warranty Determination

After Aerotech's examination, the buyer shall be notified of the repair cost. At such time, the buyer must issue a valid purchase order to cover the cost of the repair and freight, or authorize the product(s) to be shipped back as is, at the buyer's expense. Failure to obtain a purchase order number or approval within (30) days of notification will result in the product(s) being returned as is, at the buyer's expense. Repair work is warranted for (90) days from date of shipment. Replacement components are warranted for one year from date of shipment.

Returned Product Non-warranty Determination

At times, the buyer may desire to expedite a repair. Regardless of warranty or out-of-warranty status, the buyer must issue a valid purchase order to cover the added rush service cost. Rush service is subject to Aerotech's approval.

Rush Service

On-site Warranty Repair If an Aerotech product cannot be made functional by telephone assistance or by sending and having the customer install replacement parts, and cannot be returned to the Aerotech service center for repair, and if Aerotech determines the problem could be warranty-related, then the following policy applies:

Aerotech will provide an on-site field service representative in a reasonable amount of time, provided that the customer issues a valid purchase order to Aerotech covering all transportation and subsistence costs. For warranty field repairs, the customer will not be charged for the cost of labor and material. If service is rendered at times other than normal work periods, then special service rates apply.

If during the on-site repair it is determined the problem is not warranty related, then the terms and conditions stated in the following "On-Site Non-Warranty Repair" section apply.

On-site Non-warranty Repair If any Aerotech product cannot be made functional by telephone assistance or purchased replacement parts, and cannot be returned to the Aerotech service center for repair, then the following field service policy applies:

Aerotech will provide an on-site field service representative in a reasonable amount of time, provided that the customer issues a valid purchase order to Aerotech covering all transportation and subsistence costs and the prevailing labor cost, including travel time, necessary to complete the repair.

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Section 1.4.	Section added
Section 3.1.	Section added
Chapter 2: Installation, Section 2.1. , Section 2.4. , and Section 1.3.	Safety information and warnings added
Section 3.5.	Note about motor wire current and voltage requirements added


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