

Super Resolution Microscope Stages

Nanometer and Picometer Resolution, High Speed & Stability





P-545 PInano[™] Capacitive: Super-Stability XY / XYZ Piezo Stages Capacitive Feedback for Highest Stability & Linearity: Ideal for SR-Microscopy



Plnano[™] series nanopositioning stages feature a very low profile of 0.8" (20mm) and use a full slide mounted a the bottom. They deliver very fast and highly accurate motion to 200µm with sub-nanometer resolution in up to 3 axes. Plnano[™] systems come complete with a high performance USB controller and software.

- Capacitive Direct Metrology Sensors: Higher Linearity, Stability and Accuracy than PR-Sensor Versions
- Closed Loop USB Controller (24 Bit Resolution) & Software Included
- Low Profile for Easy Integration: 20 mm (0.8")
- Bottom Slide Mount: No Interference with Turret Rotation
- 200 µm Travel Range per Axis
- 10X Longer Lifetime with Proprietary Piezo Technology
- Compatible w/ Leading Image Acquisition Software
- Sub-Nanometer Resolution and Millisecond Step Time,
- Ideal for Super-Resolution Microscopy
- Optional Long Travel Piezomotor / Manual Stage

High Stability and Linearity Optimized for High-Resolution Microscopes

The new Plnano™ Cap XY and XYZ capacitive sensor piezo stages are optimized for easy integration into high resolution optical microscopes. They feature a very low profile of 0.8" (20 mm), a large aperture, and extremely fast response with subnanometer closed-loop resolution-ideal for microscopy and leading-edge imaging applications. The stage design permits a full slide to be mounted at bottom allowing the turret to be rotated without moving the objective in and out. Longest lifetime is guaranteed by the integrated ceramic encapsulated PICMA® piezo actuators. Due to the significantly higher humidity resistance, the patented PICMA[®] design provides up to 10 times longer life than conventional piezo actuators.

High Performance, Yet Cost Effective

PInano™ Cap series piezo stages provide even higher performance than their piezoresistive (PR) sensor equipped cousins. Systems consist of the piezo mechanics, an advanced controller optimized for capacitive feedback and software. For the highest linearity and stability, these stages are based on direct measuring, non-contact capacitive sensors, a principle free of Johnson noise. RF excitation circuitry in the controller further reduces sensitivity to external noise sources or DC voltage drift of electronic components that can limit the long term stability of DC signal excited sensors such as film and PR strain gauges. The proprietary servo design improves the motion linearity compared to conventional piezo controllers

Stage Working Principle / Reliability

Flexures optimized with Finite Element Analysis (FEA) are employed to guide the PI nano[™] series stages. FEA techniques give the design the highest possible stiffness in, and perpendicular to, the direction of motion, and to minimize linear and angular runout. Flexures allow extremely high-precision motion, no matter how minute, as they are completely free of play and friction. The award-winning PICMA® piezo drives are more robust than conventional piezo actuators, featuring superior lifetime and performance in both dynamic and applications. static Because guidance, actuators and sensors are all maintenance-free, these nanopositioning systems achieve outstanding levels of reliability:

Ordering Information

P-545.2C7

PInano[™] Cap XY Piezo Stage with large Aperture, 200x200µm, Capacitive direct Metrology Sensors, with USB Controller

P-545.3C7

PInano[™] Cap XYZ Piezo Stage with large Aperture, 200x200x200µm, Capacitive direct Metrology Sensors, with USB Controller

Application Examples

- Biotechnology
- SR-Microscopy
- Scanning microscopy
- Confocal microscopy
- Sample Positioning



Non-contact capacitive position sensors measure directly and provide higher linearity and long term stability compared to piezoresistive or film sensors that infer position information from strain.

Long Travel XY Microscope Tables, 25x25 mm



PI also offers manual and motorized long-travel microscope stages. These high-stability designs are ideal mounting platforms for the fast PInano[™] piezo scanning stages. **Motorized stages** are available for Nikon and Olympus microscopes

Manual stages are available for Nikon, Olympus, Zeiss & Leica microscopes



Models	Plnano™ XY	PInano™ XYZ	Units	Tolerance
Active axes	X,Y	X,Y,Z		
Integrated sensor	Capacitive	Capacitive		
Closed-loop travel	200x200	200x200x200	μm	
*Resolution <1		<1	nm	1σ
Linearity +/	-0.05	+/-0.05	%	typ.
Repeatability	<5	<5	nm	typ.
Push/pull force capacity in motion direction	100 / 30	100 / 30		max.
Max. payload	500	500	g	max.
Ceramic type	PICMA®	PICMA®		
Recommended operating temperature range	20 to 30	20 to 30	°C	
Material Aluminum		Aluminum		
Mass 1		1.2	kg	±5%
Cable length	2	2	m	±10 mm

*Resolution of PI Piezo Nanopositioners is not limited by friction or stiction. Value given is noise equivalent motion measured with interferometer



P-545, PInano™ piezo stage, dimensions in mm



Accessories: P-545.SH3 Slide holder (above) and P-545.PD3 petri dish holder (below), dimensions in mm

A powerful 24 bit resolution controller with USB, TCP/IP and analog interfaces and software are included.

Plnano[™] XYZ & XY SR-Microscope Piezo Positioning Stages

Low-Cost with Piezo Resistive Sensors

PI nano[™] series nanopositioning stages feature a very low profile of 20 mm (0.8), a large aperture for 3 x 1'' slides and deliver highly accurate motion with sub-nanometer resolution in up to 3 axes. Slide / petri dish holders optional

- Low Profile for Easy Integration: 20 mm (0.8")
- Up to 200 x 200 x 200 µm Travel Ranges
- Large Clear Aperture for 3 x 1" Slides
- Recessed Sample Holders for Maximized Utility Available
- Outstanding Lifetime Due to PICMA®Piezo Actuators
- Cost-Effective Design due to Piezoresistive Sensors
- Compatible w/ Leading Image Acquisition Software Package
- Closed-Loop Control for High Repeatability and Accuracy
- Millisecond Step Time, Ideal for Super-Resolution Microscopy
- 24-Bit Controller w/ USB, Ethernet, RS-232 Interface and Analog Control
- Available Manual Long-Travel Stage with Motor Upgrade Option

Long Travel, Low Profile, Optimized for Microscopy

PI nano[™] XY and XYZ low-profile piezo scanning stages are optimized for easy integration into high-resolution micro-

Application Examples

- Super-resolution microscopy
- 3D Imaging

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- Screening
- Micromanipulation

scopes. They feature a very low profile of 20 mm (0.8") and a large aperture designed to hold Petri dishes and standard slide holders. The long travel ranges of up to $200 \times 200 \times 200 \ \mu m$ with nanometer closed-loop resolution are ideal for leading-edge microscopy and imaging applications.

Cost Effective Design, High Performance

Pl nano[™] series piezo positioning stages are designed to provide high performance at minimum cost. For highly-stable, closed loop operation, piezoresistive sensors are applied directly to the moving structure and precisely measure the displacement of the stage platform. The very high sensitivity of these sensors provides optimum position stability and responsiveness as well as nanometer resolution. A proprietary servo controller significantly improves the motion linearity compared to conventional piezoresistive sensor controllers.

High Reliability and Long Lifetime

The compact P-545 systems are equipped with preloaded PIC-MA[®] high-performance piezo actuators which are integrated into a sophisticated, FEA-modeled, flexure guiding system. The PICMA[®] actuators feature cofired ceramic encapsulation and provide better performance and reliability than conventional piezo actuators. Actuators, guidance and sensors are maintenance-free, not subject to wear and offer extraordinary reliability.

Ordering Information

P-545.2R7

PInano[™] XY Piezo Stage, Slide-Size Aperture, 200 x 200 µm, Piezoresistive Sensors, with USB Controller

P-545.3R7

PInano[™] XYZ Piezo Stage, Slide-Size Aperture, 200 x 200 x 200 µm, Piezoresistive Sensors, with USB Controller

Controller included

E-545.3RD

Plnano[™] Multi-Channel Piezo Controller with High-Speed Digital Interface, 3 Channels, Piezoresistive Sensors, Sub-D Connectors

Accessories

M-545.2MO

XY Microscope Stage, 25 x 25 mm, Micrometer-Driven, High Stability, Compatible with PI® Piezo Stages, for Olympus Microscopes

M-545.2MN

XY Microscope Stage, 25 x 25 mm, Micrometer-Driven, High Stability, Compatible with Pl® Piezo Stages, for Nikon Microscopes

M-545.2ML

XY Microscope Stage, 25 x 25 mm, Micrometer-Driven, High Stability, Compatible with Pl® Piezo Stages, for Leica Microscopes

M-545.2MZ

XY Microscope Stage, 25 x 25 mm, Micrometer-Driven, High Stability, Compatible with PI® Piezo Stages, for Zeiss Microscope

P-545.PD3

35mm Petri Dish Holder for P-545 Plnano™ Piezo Stages

P-545.SH3

Microscope Slide Holder for Plnano™ Piezo Stages

P-545.PP3 Plain Plate for Accessories for Plnano[™] Piezo Stages

Additional accessories on request.

Technical Data

Model	P-545.2R7	P-545.3R7	Unit	Tolerance
Active axes	Х, Ү	X, Y, Z		
Motion and positioning				
Integrated sensor	piezoresistive	piezoresistive		
Closed-loop travel	200 x 200	200 x 200 x 200	μm	
Closed-loop resolution*	1	1	nm	typ.
Linearity	±0.1	±0.1	%	typ.
Repeatability	< 5	< 5	nm	typ.
Mechanical properties				
Push/pull force capacity	100 / 30	100 / 30	Ν	max.
Load	50	50	Ν	max.
Drive properties				
Ceramic type	PICMA® P-885	PICMA® P-885		
Electrical capacitance	6	6 (X, Y), 12 (Z)	μF	±20%
Miscellaneous				
Operating temperature range	-20 to 80	-20 to 80	°C	
Material	Aluminum	Aluminum		
Mass	1	1.2	kg	±5%
Cable length	1.5	1.5	m	±10 mm
Sensor / voltage connection	Sub-D, 25 pin	Sub-D, 25 pin		
Piezo controller (included in delivery)	E-545	E-545		

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P-545 Plnano[™] Trak High-Speed Piezo Tracking Stage Fastest XY(Z) Microscope Stage to Enable Use of Full Turret Motion

The low profile of 20 mm and special design to allow for a full slide to be mounted at the bottom set Plnano[™] piezo microscope stages apart. The Plnano[™] Trak version shown above is optimized for extremely fast motion and provides sub-nanometer resolution in up to three axes

- Fast Response < 5 ms: Ideal for Tracking</p>
- Sub-Nanometer Resolution
- Low Profile for Easy Integration: 20 mm (0.8")
- Countersunk Insertion Frame: Ideal for Inverted Microscopy
- Revolving Nosepiece Freely Rotatable Without Additional Z Motion
- Travel Ranges up to 70 x 70 x 50 μm
- Cost-Effective Design due to Piezoresistive Sensors
- Compatible w/ Leading Image Acquisition Software Package
- Position Servo-Control for Repeatable Sub-Nanometer Resolution
- Ideal for Super-Resolution Microscopy
- Controller Included
- Available Long-Travel Stage

Application Examples

- Super-resolution microscopy
- 3D Imaging
- Laser technology
- Interferometry
- Metrology
- Biotechnology
- Screening
- Micromanipulation

High Speed, Long Travel, Low Profile, Ideal for Single Molecule Tracking

The new Plnano[™] Trak XY and XYZ high-speed piezo scanners are designed for extremely fast response such as required for single molecule tracking applications. The special low-profile design with a large aperture and recessed full size slide mount at the bottom of the stage allows easy integration into high-resolution inverted microscopes.

Cost Effective Design, High Performance

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High Reliability and Long Lifetime

The compact P-545 systems are equipped with preloaded PICMA® high-performance piezo actuators which are integrated into a sophisticated, FEA-modeled, flexure guiding system. The PICMA® actuators feature cofired ceramic encapsulation and provide better performance and reliability than conventional piezo actuators. Actuators, guidance and sensors are maintenance-free, not subject to wear and offer extraordinary reliability.

Ordering Information

P-545.2D7

Plnano[™] High-Dynamics XY Piezo Stage System, Slide-Size Aperture, 70 x 70 µm, Direct Drive, Piezoresistive Sensors, with Controller

P-545.3D7

Plnano[™] High-Dynamics XYZ Piezo Stage System, Slide-Size Aperture, 70 x 70 x 50 µm, Direct Drive, Piezoresistive Sensors, with Controller

Accessories

M-545.2MO

XY Microscope Stage, 25 x 25 mm, Micrometer Drive, High Stability, Compatible with PI Piezo Stages, for Olympus Microscopes

M-545.2MN

XY Microscope Stage, 25 x 25 mm, Micrometer Drive, High Stability, Compatible with PI Piezo Stages, for Nikon Microscopes

M-545.2ML

XY Microscope Stage, 25 x 25 mm, Micrometer Drive, High Stability, Compatible with PI Piezo Stages, for Leica Microscopes

M-545.2MZ

XY Microscope Stage, 25 x 25 mm, Micrometer Drive, High Stability, Compatible with PI Piezo Stages, for Zeiss Microscopes

P-545.PD3

35 mm Petri Dish Holder for Plnano™ Piezo Stages

P-545.SH3

Microscope Slide Holder for Plnano[™] Piezo Stages

P-545.PP3

Plain Plate for Accessories for Plnano[™] Piezo Stages

Additional accessories on request. Ask about custom designs!

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Technical Data

Model	P-545.2D7 for two axes P-545.3D7 for three axes	Unit	Tolerance		
Active axes	X, Y, (Z)				
Motion and positioning					
Integrated sensor	Piezoresistive				
Closed-loop travel	70 x 70 (x 50)	μm			
Closed-loop resolution*	<1	nm	typ.		
Mechanical properties					
Unloaded resonant frequency	1 (X), 1 (Y), 0.8 (Z)	kHz			
Push/pull force capacity	100 / 30	Ν	max.		
Recommended load**	0,5	kg	max.		
Drive properties					
Ceramic type	PICMA® P-885				
Electrical capacitance	6 (X, Y), 12 (Z)	μF	± 20%		
Miscellaneous					
Operating temperature range	-20 to 80	°C			
Material	Aluminum				
Mass	1	kg	± 5%		
Cable length	1.5	m	± 10 mm		
Sensor / voltage connection	Sub-D, 25 pin				
Piezo controller	E-545 (included in delivery)				
Piezo connector	Sub-D, 25-pin				
Communication interfaces	Ethernet (TCP/IP) USB, RS-232				
Analog control input connector	BNC				
Command set	PI General Command Set (GCS)				
User software	PIMikroMove, NanoCapture				
Software drivers	Lab VIEW drivers, Windows and Linux Libraries (DLL) compatible with MetaMorph, μManager, MATLAB				
Supported functionality	Wave generator, data recorder, auto zero, trigger I/O				
Dimensions	450 x 88 x 343 + mounting rails				

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P-733 XY / XYZ Piezo-Stage for Super-Resolution Microscopes Parallel Kinematics & Parallel Metrology = Highest Performance for STED Microscopy

P -733.3 DD (left) and P -733.2 DD, high-speed, direct drive XY(Z) scanning stages are the fastest scanning stages with large aperture currently available (2.2 kHz resonant frequency!). Both units feature a footprint of only 100 x 100 mm. CD for size comparison.

- Travel Ranges to 100 x 100 μm in X,Y & to 10 μm in Z
- Resolution to 0.1 nm with Capacitive Sensors
- High-Speed Versions with Direct Drive
- Vacuum and Non-Magnetic Versions
- Parallel Kinematics for Better Multi-Axis Accuracy /Dymanics
- The Standard in STED Microscopy
- Parallel Metrology for Active Trajectory Control
- Frictionless, High-Precision Flexure Guiding System
- Clear Aperture 50 x 50 mm for Transmitted-Light Applications

P-733 XY and XYZ piezo driven stages are fast and highly accurate nanopositioning and scanning systems. They provide a positioning and scanning range of 100 x 100 (x10) μm together with sub-nanometer resolution and are equipped with parallel-metrology capaci Application Examples
Image processing / stablilization
Scanning microscopy

- Surface inspection
- Metrology / interferometry
- Biotechnology
- Semiconductor testing
- Mask / wafer positioning
- Micromanipulation
- Nanopositioning with high flatness & straightness

tive position feedback for superior multi-axis linearity and repeatability. The guiding accuracy minimizes runout to under 10 nm over the whole travel range. In addition, the highspeed Z-axis of the P-733.3CD can actively compensate any out-of-plane Z-axis deviation during XY motion.

Fastest Multi-Axis Systems / Direct Drive, Low Profile and Large Apertures

P-733.2DD / .3DD multi-axis piezo nanopositioning systems are the fastest ultra-high-precision, open-frame stages for scanning microscopy. They provide a positioning and scanning range of 30 x 30 (x10) μ m. P-733 nanopositioning and scanning stages feature very low profiles, as low as 20 mm (0.8 inch). The novel, high-stiffness direct drive gives the systems resonant frequencies as high as 2.2 kHz (4 x that of

other comparable systems), enabling millisecond scanning rates with sub-nanometer resolution.

Parallel-Kinematics / Metrology for Enhanced Responsiveness

In a parallel kinematics multiaxis system, all actuators act directly on one moving platform. This means that all axes move the same minimized mass and can be designed with identical dynamic properties. Multi-axis nanopositioning systems equipped with both parallel kinematics and parallel, direct metrology are able to measure platform position in all degrees of freedom against one common fixed reference. In such systems, undesirable motion from one actuator in the direction of another (cross talk) is detected immediately and actively compensated by the servo-loops.

Capacitive Sensors for Subnanometer Resolution

PI's proprietary capacitive sensors measure position directly and without physical contact. They are free of friction and hysteresis, a fact which, in combination with the positioning resolution of well under 1 nm, makes it possible to achieve very high levels of linearity. A further advantage of direct metrology with capacitive sensors is the high phase fidelity and the high bandwidth of up to 10 kHz. The closedloop resolution is 0.3 nm for the X and Y axes and 0.2 nm for the optional Z-axis. The direct drive versions are rated to 0.1 nm resolution for every axis.

Ordering Information

P-733.2DD

High-Dynamics High-Precision XY Nanopositioning System, 30 x 30 µm, Direct Drive, Capacitive Sensors, Parallel Metrology, Sub-D Connector

P-733.3DD

High-Dynamics Precision XYZ Nanopositioning System, 30 x 30 x 10 µm, Direct Drive, Capacitive Sensors, Parallel Metrology, Sub-D Connector

P-733.2CD* / P-733.2CL*

High-Precision XY Nanopositioning System, 100 x 100 μm , Capacitive Sensors, Parallel Metrology

P-733.3CD* / P-733.3CL* Precision XYZ Nanopositioning System, 100 x 100 x 10 μm, Capacitive Sensors, Parallel Metrology

P-733.2VL* / P-733.2VD*

High-Precision XY Nanopositioning System, 100 x 100 µm, Capacitive Sensors, Parallel Metrology, Vacuum Compatible to 10-6 hPa

P-733.2UD

High-Precision XY Nanopositioning System, 100 x 100 µm, Capacitive Sensors, parallel metrology, Sub-D Connector, Vacuum Compatible to 10-9 hPa

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*.xxL with LEMO Connector

Ask about custom designs

Technical Data

Model	P-733.2CD P-733.2CL	P-733.3CD P-733.3CL	P-733.2DD	P-733.3DD	Units	Tolerance
Active axes	Х, Ү	X, Y, Z	Χ, Υ	X, Y, Z		
Motion and positioning						
Integrated sensor	Capacitive	Capacitive	Capacitive	Capacitive		
Open-loop travel, -20 to +120 V	115 x 115	115 x 115 x 12	33 x 33	33 x 33 x 14	μm	min. (+20 %/-0 %)
Closed-loop travel	100 x 100	100 x 100 x 10	30 x 30	30 x 30 x 10	μm	
Open-loop resolution	0.2	0.2 (0.1 in Z)	0.1	0.1	nm	typ.
Closed-loop resolution	0.3	0.3 (0.2 in Z)	0.1	0.1	nm	typ.
Linearity (X, Y)	0.03	0.03	0.03*	0.03*	%	typ.
Linearity (Z)	-	0.03	-	0.03*	%	typ.
Repeatability (X, Y)	<2	<2	<2	<2	nm	typ.
Repeatability (Z)	-	<1	-	<1	nm	typ.
Pitch (X,Y)	<±3	<±3	<±5	<±5	µrad	typ.
Yaw (X, Y)	<±10	<±10	<±10	<±10	µrad	typ.
Runout θZ (motion in Z)		<±5		<±5	µrad	typ.
Mechanical properties						
Stiffness	1.5	1.4 (9 in Z)	20	4 (10 in Z)	N/µm	±20 %
Unloaded resonant frequency	500	460 (1400 in Z)	2230	1200 (1100 in Z)	Hz	±20 %
Resonant frequency @ 120 g	370	340 (1060 in Z)	-	-	Hz	±20 %
Resonant frequency @ 200 g	340	295 (650 in Z)	1550	530 (635 in Z)	Hz	±20 %
Push/pull force capacity	50/20	50/20	50/20	50/20	N	Max.
in motion direction						
Drive properties						
Ceramic type	PICMA® P-885	PICMA® P-885	PICMA® P-885	PICMA® P-885		
Electrical capacitance	6	6 (2.4 in Z)	6.2	6.2 (3.3 in Z)	μF	±20 %
Dynamic operating current coefficient	7.5	7.5 (30 in Z)	25	25 (41 in Z)	μA	(Hz ● µm) ±20 %
Miscellaneous						
Operating temperature range	-20 to 80	-20 to 80	-20 to 80	-20 to 80	°C	
Material	Aluminum	Aluminum	Aluminum	Aluminum		
Mass	0.58	0.675	0.58	0.675	kg	±5%
Cable length	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	m	±10 mm
Sensor/ voltage connection	Sub-D special (CD-version) LEMO (CL-version)	Sub-D special (CD-version) LEMO (CL-version)	Sub-D special	Sub-D special		

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