

Air Bearing, Direct-Drive Linear Stage

ABL1500WB

Ultra-Precise Motion with High Load Capacity

The ABL1500WB—with its fully active air preload, exceptionally high stiffness and excellent geometric performance characteristics—meets demanding motion performance requirements that other stages cannot. The wide-body design with dual ironless linear motors is optimized for large, heavy payloads, and it's also an ideal lower axis for XY stage assemblies due to its superior stiffness and high resistance to error motions. Its noncontact design results in virtually unlimited operational life without the need for regular maintenance or servicing.

Key Applications

ABL1500WB linear air-bearing stages are ideal for applications and processes requiring outstanding precision, geometric and dynamic performance, and ultra-smooth motion, including:

- Semiconductor manufacturing & inspection
- Lithography
- Surface metrology
- Photonic device manufacturing
- Advanced packaging
- Laser microprocessing
- Synchrotron, beamline & other research applications

KEY FEATURES:

- Travel options from 200–500 mm
- Wide-body design supports payloads up to 60 kg
- Dual ironless linear motors provide HIGH FORCE OUTPUT & ULTRA-SMOOTH MOTION with zero cogging
- Optional 4 µm encoder scale option provides SUB-NANOMETER RESOLUTION for superior dynamic accuracy & velocity stability
- Rated for NORMAL- & SIDE-MOUNTING
- EASY TO INTEGRATE with other ABL1500 stages & more to build multi-axis systems

ABL1500WB Series SPECIFICATIONS

Mechanical Specifications			ABL1500WB-200	ABL1500WB-300	ABL1500WB-400	ABL1500WB-500
Travel			200 mm	300 mm	400 mm	500 mm
Accuracy ⁽¹⁾	E1	Calibrated (PL2-)	±0.5 μm	±0.5 μm	±0.6 μm	±0.6 μm
		Standard	±8.0 μm	±12.0 μm	±16.0 μm	±20.0 μm
	E 2	Calibrated (PL2-)	±0.4 μm	±0.4 μm	±0.5 μm	±0.5 μm
	23	Standard	±5.0 μm	±5.0 μm	±5.0 μm	±5.0 μm
Repeatability (Bi-Directional) ⁽¹⁾	E1		±0.2 µm		±0.3 μm	
	E3		±0.1 μm	±0.15 µm	±0.2 μm	
Straightness ⁽¹⁾			±0.5 μm	±0.75 μm	±1.5 μm	±2.0 μm
Flatness ⁽¹⁾			±0.5 μm	±0.75 μm	±1.5 µm	±2.0 μm
Pitch			±2 arc sec	±3 arc sec	±4 arc sec	±5 arc sec
Roll			±2 arc sec	±3 arc sec	±4 arc sec	±5 arc sec
Yaw			±2 arc sec	±3 arc sec	±4 arc sec	±5 arc sec
Maximum Speed		2 m/s				
Maximum Acceleration			2 g (No Load)			
Maximum Force (Continuous)			187.2 N			
Load Capacity ⁽²⁾ Horizontal Side		60 kg				
		25 kg				
Operating Pressure			80 psi (5.5 bar) ±5 psig (0.3 bar)			
Air Consumption			32-40 SLPM @ 552 kPa			
Moving Mass (No Load)			11.5 kg			
Stage Mass			39.8 kg	45.0 kg	50.3 kg	55.5 kg
Material			Hardcoat Anodized Aluminum			
MTBF (Mean Time Between Failure)			30,000 Hours			

Notes:

1. Certified with each stage.

2. Axis orientation for on-axis loading is listed.

3. Specifications are for single-axis systems measured 25 mm aove the tabletop. Performance of multi-axis systems is payload and workpoint dependent. Consult factory for multi-axis or non-standard applications.

4. To protect air bearing against under-pressure, an in-line pressure switch tied to the motion controller/amplifier E-stop input is recommended.

5. Air supply must be clean, dry to 0° F dewpoint and filtered to 0.25 µm or better; recommend nitrogen at 99.9% purity.

6. For ABL1500WB XY assemblies, the maximum upper axis travel is 500 mm.

7. For XY assemblies in which the lower axis is ABL1500WB and the upper axis is ABL1500, the upper axis must have at least 300 mm travel. Consult factory for ABL1500WB/ABL1500 XY assemblies in which the ABL1500 upper axis travel is 200 mm or less.

Electrical Specifications	
Drive System	Brushless Linear Servomotor
Feedback	Noncontact Linear Encoder (see signal period options on Order Information page)
Maximum Bus Voltage	up to 80 VDC
Limit Switches	5 V, Normally Closed
Home Switch	Near Center









Pitch offsets with varying C.O.G. height and laterally centered payload.



Cantilevered load capability (static conditions) for the ABL1500WB.



Yaw offsets with payload C.O.G. 25 mm above the tabletop.



ABL1500WB Series ORDERING OPTIONS

Travel (Required)

- -200 200 mm travel
- -300 300 mm travel
- -400 400 mm travel
- -500 500 mm travel

Feedback (Required)

- -E1 Incremental linear encoder, 1 Vpp amplified sine output
- -E2 Incremental linear encoder, 0.1 µm TTL line driver output
- -E3 High-accuracy incremental linear encoder, 1 Vpp amplified sine output

Cable Management (Required)

- -CMS1 Single axis cable management system
- -CMS2 Cable management system for XY assembly
- -CMS3 Cable management system for XYZ axis

Note: For XY assemblies in which the lower axis is ABL1500WB and the upper axis is ABL1500, the upper axis must have at least 300 mm travel. Consult factory for ABL1500WB/ABL1500 XY assemblies in which the ABL1500 upper axis travel is 200 mm or less.

Metrology (Required)

- -PL1 Metrology, uncalibrated with performance plots
- -PL2 Metrology, calibrated (HALAR) with performance plots

Integration (Required)

Aerotech offers both standard and custom integration services to help you get your system fully operational as quickly as possible. The following standard integration options are available for this system. Please consult Aerotech if you are unsure what level of integration is required, or if you desire custom integration support with your system.

-TAS Integration - Test as system

Testing, integration, and documentation of a group of components as a complete system that will be used together (ex: drive, controller, and stage). This includes parameter file generation, system tuning, and documentation of the system configuration.

-TAC Integration - Test as components

Testing and integration of individual items as discrete components that ship together. This is typically used for spareparts, replacement parts, or items that will not be used together. These components may or may not be part of a larger system.

Accessories (To Be Ordered As Separate Line Item)

ALIGN-NPA	Non-precision XY assembly
ALIGN-PA10	XY assembly; 10 arc sec orthogonality. Alignment to within 7 microns orthogonality for short travel stages.
ALIGN-PA5	XY assembly; 5 arc sec orthogonality. Alignment to within 3 microns orthogonality for short travel stages.
ABF	Air-bearing filtration kit



ABL1500WB Series DIMENSIONS



