Mini electric cylinder – MCE

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CHARACTERISTICS

Mini electric cylinder MCE is a mini linear drive with a piston rod. By using an integrated precision ball screw drive, the rotary motion (rotation) of the drive shaft is converted to the linear motion (translation) of the piston rod with high mechanical efficiency and low internal friction.

High-performance features such as high speed, good positioning accuracy, and high repeatability are ensured through a precision ball screw drive and an anti-rotating piston rod device.

A preassembled standard motor (in-line with a motor adapter and a coupling or in-parallel with a motor side drive and a timing belt) together with the standard drive, makes the system plug and play ready. Compact dimensions and optimally selected motor combinations cover a wide range of applications.

The aluminium cylinder profile includes T-slots on the bottom for fixing the electric cylinder, as well as side slots for clamping fixtures and magnetic field sensors.

Options, such as female piston rod end and extended piston rod, together with a wide range of accessories make this product highly flexible. There is also an option of the mini electric cylinder without the preassembled motor if an individual motor is required.

For applications, where higher resistance to lateral loads or torsional moments is required, a guiding unit GUC can be used. By using the guiding unit, which offers high precision guiding and positioning, the mini electric cylinders can easily be combined to the multi-axis systems.

Excellent price-performance ratio and a quick delivery time, due to standard lengths, are ensured.

Each MCE is optimally pre-lubricated and ready for a maintenance-free operating process. MCE allows relatively high load capacities and optimal cycles for moving the larger payloads at high speeds in both horizontal and vertical directions.

i The aluminium profiles are manufactured according to the medium EN 12020-2 standard



Motor adapter VK with a coupling and a motor



Motor side drive with timing a belt and a motor



Multi-axis system (guiding unit GUC is used)



Accessories, MCE without a preassembled motor

STRUCTURAL DESIGN



Combination with a standard motor and a motor adapter VK

- 1 Compact aluminium cylinder profile
- 2 Piston rod (stainless steel) with an anti-rotation device
- 3 Piston rod end (optionally a female thread is available)
- 4 Motor adapter VK with a coupling
- 5 Preassembled motor (with/without brake)
- 6 Standard connectors (motor, encoder and brake optionally)
- 7 Motor side drive with a timing belt
- 8 Drive shaft of a precision ball screw drive
- 9 Slots for mounting
- 10 Slots for the magnetic field sensors (size 32 and 45) or mounting the sensor holder (size 25)

Combination with a standard motor and a motor side drive MSD



Without a motor



HOW TO ORDER

MCE - 45 - 1003 - 150 - F - E20 - 0 - AB - AU - AA - A	B - AA
Series:	
MCE	
Size:	
Ball screw size:	
Absolute stroke [mm]:	
Option 1:	
Option 2:	
Guiding unit: – 0: Without a guiding unit – B: With a guiding unit GUC (ball bushes)	
i Guiding unit GUC requires a female thread on the piston rod end (Option $1 \rightarrow F$).	
Motor type and size:	
A B	
Motor type: – A: Stepper motor without a brake – B: Stepper motor with a brake	
Motor size □:	
– B: 42 mm – C: 56 mm	
Available sizes:	
- MCE 23: 28, 42 - MCE 45: 42, 56	
For more details please refer to the section "Electrical data Motor types and sizes"	



TECHNICAL DATA

General technical data

MCE	Ball screw⁴	Dynamic axial load capacity¹	Axial backlash (BS)²	Max. angle of piston rod rotation ³	Max. repeatability⁵	Absolute stroke		
d ×	d × l [mm]	C _a [N]	[mm]	[°]	[mm]	[mm]		
25	6 × 2	1900	< 0.05	< ±1	+0.015	25 50 75 100 125 150 175 200		
25	6 × 6	1700	≤ 0,05	SIL	10,015	25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200		
22	8 × 2	2000	≤ 0,06	≤ 0,06	< ±1	+0.015	25 50 75 100 125 150 175 200	
32	8 × 8	1500			≤ 0,00	S I I	±0,015	23, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200
45	10 × 3	3500	- 0.06		< ±1	10.015	25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200,	
40	45 10 × 10 3200	≤ 0,00	SII	10,015	250, 300, 350			

¹ Dynamic axial load capacity of the ball screw drive. This value is the basis for calculating the service life.

² Valid for ball screw drive in new condition.

³ Regarding to anti-rotation piston rod device in new condition.

⁴ d = ball screw nominal diameter, I = ball screw lead (for one revolution).
 ⁵ Valid for one-directional axial load.



Drive data

Combination with a standard motor and a motor adapter VK

MCF + Ball				Max.	Max. permissibl	e payload ^{1, 4}	Max. travel	Max. rotational	Max.	
motor	screw	Motor		permissible axial load ^{1, 2, 4}	Horizontal ^{2, 3}	Vertical ²	speed ²	speed	acceleration	
	d × I [mm]	Туре	Size 🗆 [mm]	F _{pa} [N]	m _{ph} [kg]	m _{pv} [kg]	v _{max} [m/s]	n _{max} [rev/min]	a _{max} [m/s²]	
25	6 × 2		20	170	57	14	0,100	2000	20	
20	6 × 6		20	90	13	7,4	0,300	3000	20	
	0 ~ 2	28	28	215	72	18	0,094	2810		
22	32 8 × 8 Stepper		42	375	126	31	0,100		20	
52		Stoppor	28	50	6,6	4,0	0,400	3000	20	
		Stepper	42	200	35	17	0,400			
	10.0	10.0	10 × 2	42	465	156	39	0,150	2000	
10×3		56	695	233	58	0,150	3000	20		
45 10 × 10	10 × 10]	42	135	21	11	0,492	2950	20	
		56	580	133	49	0,500	3000			

¹ This value depends on the selected motor, travel speed and acceleration of the piston rod (see the following diagrams).
² Valid for the entire stroke range. Guiding unit GUC is not taken into consideration.
³ Valid for the payload supported by an external guiding (coefficient of friction 0,1 is taken into consideration). Maximum unsupported payload (lateral load) is presented on the following diagrams.
⁴ Acceleration of the piston rod 2 m/s² is considered.

MCE+ Ball				Max. Max. permissible payload ^{1,4}		Max travel	Max. Max		
motor	screw		Motor	permissible axial load ^{1, 2, 4}	Horizontal ^{2, 3}	Vertical ²	speed ²	rotational speed	acceleration
	d × I [mm]	Туре	Size 🗆 [mm]	F _{pa} [N]	m _{ph} [kg]	m _{pv} [kg]	v _{max} [m/s]	n _{max} [rev/min]	a _{max} [m/s²]
25	6 × 2		20	170	57	14	0,100	2000	20
25	6 × 6]	20	90	13	7,4	0,300	3000	20
	0 ~ 2		28	180	60	15	0,064	1920	
22	0 ^ 2		42	375	126	31	0,100	3000	20
52	0 ~ 0	Stoppor	28	40	6,8	3,1	0,208	1560	20
	8 × 8 Stepper	Stepper	42	175	35	15	0,400	3000	
	100		42	400	134	33	0,148	2960	
10×3		56	695	233	58	0,150	3000	20	
45 10 × 10	10 × 10		42	120	20	10	0,477	2860	20
		56	450	133	38	0,500	3000		

Combination with a standard motor and a motor side drive MSD

Without a motor

	Ball	Max.	Max. permissi	ble payload⁴	Max. drive	No load	Max. permissible	Max.	Max.	Max.
MCE without	screw	permissible axial load ²	Horizontal ^{2, 3}	Vertical ²	torque	torque	radial load on shaft	travel speed ²	rotational speed	acceleration
a motor d	d × I [mm]	F _{pa} [N]	m _{ph} [kg]	m _{pv} [kg]	M _p [Nm]	M ₀ [Nm]	F _{pr} [N]	v _{max} [m/s]	n _{max} [rev/min]	a _{max} [m/s²]
25	6 × 2	170	57	14	0,06	0,02	25	0,150	4500	20
20	6 × 6	90	30	7	0,10	0,02	23	0,450) 4500	20
22	8 × 2	375	126	31	0,13	0,04	50	0,150	4500	20
32	8 × 8	375	126	31	0,53	0,05	50	0,600	4000	20
45	10 × 3	695	233	58	0,37	0,07	100	0,225	4500	20
40	10 × 10	695	233	58	1,23	0,09		0,750	4000	20

¹ This value depends on the selected motor, travel speed and acceleration of the piston rod (see the following diagrams).

² Valid for the entire stroke range. Guiding unit GUC is not taken into consideration.

³ Valid for the payload supported by an external guiding (coefficient of friction 0,1 is taken into consideration).

Maximum unsupported payload (lateral load) is presented on the following diagrams.

⁴ Acceleration of the piston rod 2 m/s² is considered.

Operating conditions

Ambient temperature	0 °C ~ +50 °C
Ambient temperature without a motor	0 °C ~ +60 °C
Protection class	IP40
Duty cycle	100 %
Maintenance	Life-time pre-lubricated

i Recommended values of loads:

All the data of the dynamic load capacities (ball screw drive) stated in the tables above are theoretical without considering any safety factor. The safety factor depends on the application and its requested safety and service life.

We recommend a minimum dynamic safety factor of 5,0 or more. Please refer to page 96, where calculation of the safety factor of the ball screw drive and how the applied load affects the service life are presented.

Mass and mass moment of inertia

MCE	Ball screw	Moved mass ¹	Mass of the mini electric cylinder ²	Mass moment of inertia
without a motor	d × I [mm]	m _{m, MCE} [kg]	m _{MCE} [kg]	J _{MCE} [10 ^{−2} kg cm ²]
25	6 × 2	0,06 + 0,0004 × Abs. stroke	0,15 + 0,0013 × Abs. stroke +	0,28 + 0,0007 × Abs. stroke + 0,00004 × E + 0,1013 × m _{load}
20	6 × 6	+ 0,0004 × E	0,0004 × E	0,33 + 0,0011 × Abs. stroke + 0,00036 × E + 0,9119 × m _{load}
22	8 × 2	0,12 + 0,0005 × Abs. stroke	0,31 + 0,0023 × Abs. stroke +	0,70 + 0,0025 × Abs. stroke + 0,00005 × E + 0,1013 × m _{load}
32	32 8 × 8	+ 0,0005 × E	0,0005 × E	0,88 + 0,0033 × Abs. stroke + 0,00077 × E + 1,6211 × m _{load}
45	10 × 3	0,20 + 0,0010 × Abs. stroke + 0,0010 × E	0,67 + 0,0043 × Abs. stroke +	2,77 + 0,0057 × Abs. stroke + 0,00022 × E + 0,2280 × m _{load}
45 10	10 × 10		0,0010 × E	3,23 + 0,0081 × Abs. stroke + 0,00249 × E + 2,5330 × m _{load}

¹ The moved mass is already considered in the equation for calculating the mass of the mini electric cylinder m_{MCE} and the mass moment of inertia J_{MCE}. The moved mass

includes the mass of the piston rod with the internal anti-rotation device and ball nut. ² For combination with standard motor and motor adapter VK or motor side drive MSD this mass m_{MCE} should be increased by m_{VK+m} or m_{MSD+m} respectively, see the table below

🚺 Mass and moved mass of the guiding unit GUC are not included in the moved mass m_{m,MCE}, in the mass m_{MCE} and in the mass moment of inertia J_{MCE}. Please refer to the Guiding unit section for more information.

Abs. stroke	Absolute stroke	[mm]
E	Extended piston rod	[mm]
m _{load}	Applied mass to be moved	[kg]

Additional mass of an electric cylinder when combining the motor with the motor adapter VK or the motor side drive MSD

	E		Motor with	out a brake	Motor with a brake			
MCE			Mass of the motor and motor adapter VK	Mass of the motor and motor side drive MSD	Mass of the motor and motor adapter VK	Mass of the motor and motor side drive MSD		
	Туре	Size 🗆 [mm]	m _{VK + m} [kg]	m _{MSD + m} [kg]	m _{VK + m} [kg]	m _{MSD + m} [kg]		
25		28						
20		28						
32	2 Stepper 42	42	0,42	0,52	1,22	1,32		
45	r i			42	0,47	0,61	1,27	1,41
40		56	0,59	0,77	1,50	1,68		

Planar moment of inertia

MCE	Cylinder profile				
	l _y [cm⁴]	I _z [cm⁴]			
25	2,10	1,98			
32	6,42	6,58			
45	25,37	25,16			

Holding torque of a motor brake

	Motor	Holding torque (brake)
Туре	Size 🗆 [mm]	[Nm]
Stepper	28	Available soon
	42	0,4
	56	1,0

Maximum lateral loading as a function of the piston rod absolute position



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Maximum deflection of the piston rod end as a function of the cylinder absolute stroke

MCE 25



Extended piston rod: E = 0 mm E = 100 mm Abs. position of piston rod: 100 % of abs. stroke ---- 75 % of abs. stroke



50

100

Absolute stroke [mm]

150

200

MCE 32

0,0

25

Extended piston rod: E = 0 mm E = 100 mm Abs. position of piston rod: 100 % of abs. stroke

the piston rod end subjected to different lateral loads for different absolute positions (defined as a portion of the

absolute stroke) are presented. There is also an extended

Values on the curves represent lateral load applied to the

piston rod (E) taken into consideration.

piston rod end.

MCE 45



Extended piston rod: E = 0 mm E = 100 mm Abs. position of piston rod: 100 % of abs. stroke 75 % of abs. stroke

Maximum horizontal payload as a function of the travel speed and acceleration of the piston rod



On the following diagrams, the maximum horizontal payloads applied to the piston rod as a function of the travel speed for different accelerations, different ball screw leads and different combinations of the standard motors are presented. Motor adapter VK and a motor side drive MSD are also considered. Diagrams are valid when the payload is supported by an external guiding (coefficient of friction 0,1 has been considered).

It should be noted that the diagrams are also valid for the case where a guiding unit GUC is considered. The following diagrams are valid for strokes up to 200 mm.

MCE 25



MCE 32









Maximum vertical payload as a function of the travel speed and acceleration of the piston rod



On the following diagrams, the maximum vertical payloads applied to the piston rod as a function of the travel speed for different accelerations, different ball screw leads and different combinations of the standard motors are presented. Motor adapter VK and a motor side drive MSD are also considered. For the case that guiding unit GUC is taken into consideration, the value obtained from the diagram should be decreased by the

moving mass of the guiding unit (please refer to the Guiding unit section).

The following diagrams are valid for strokes up to 200 mm.

MCE 25



MCE 32









Maximum axial load as a function of the travel speed and acceleration of the piston rod



On the following diagrams, the maximum axial load applied to the piston rod as a function of the travel speed for different accelerations, different ball screw leads and different combinations of the standard motors is presented. Motor adapter VK and a motor side drive MSD are also considered. For the case where a guiding unit GUC is used, the value obtained from the diagram should be decreased

by the moving mass of the guiding unit (please refer to the Guiding unit section) multiplied by the acceleration of the piston rod.

The following diagrams are valid for strokes up to 200 mm.

MCE 25



MCE 32









Maximum horizontal payload as a function of change of the position and positioning time of the piston rod



The following diagrams show the maximum payload that can be moved by a certain horizontal distance within a positioning time frame. Acceleration/deceleration time of 100 ms is taken into account.

Diagrams depend on the ball screw leads and different combinations of the standard motors. Motor adapter VK and a motor side drive MSD are also considered.

Diagrams are valid when the payload is supported by an external guiding (coefficient of friction 0,1 has been considered).

It should be noted that the diagrams are also valid for the case where a guiding unit GUC is considered.

The following diagrams are valid for strokes up to 200 mm.

MCE 25



MCE 32



8 × 8 with a stepper motor \Box 28



MCE in com wit	bination: h VK h MSD
Positioning	time:
	t = 0,25 s
	t = 0,35 s
<u> </u>	t = 0,45 s
	t = 0.60 s
	t = 0.80 s
	t = 1.00 s
<u> </u>	t = 1,25 s

8 × 2 with a stepper motor \Box 42





10 × 3 with a stepper motor \Box 42

10 × 3 with a stepper motor \Box 56





∆pos [mm]





8 × 8 with a stepper motor \Box 42



10 × 10 with a stepper motor \Box 42



MCE in combination: with VK with MSD Positioning time: - t = 0,25 s . . . ---- t = 0,35 s ----- t = 0,45 s **— — —** t = 0,60 s t = 0,75 s t = 0,90 s - -**--** t = 1,10 s

10 × 10 with a stepper motor \Box 56



Maximum vertical payload as a function of change of the position and positioning time of the piston rod



🚺 The following diagrams show the maximum payload that can be moved by a certain vertical distance within a positioning time frame. Acceleration/deceleration time of 100 ms is taken into account.

Diagrams depend on the ball screw leads and different combinations of the standard motors. Motor adapter VK and a motor side drive MSD are also considered.

For the case where a guiding unit GUC is used, the value obtained from the diagram should be decreased by the moving mass of the guiding unit (please refer to the Guiding unit section).

The following diagrams are valid for strokes up to 200 mm.

MCE 25



MCE 32



100

∆pos [mm]

150

200





MCE in combination: with VK with MSD Positioning time: t = 0,25 s t = 0,40 s t = 0,55 s t = 0,80 s t = 1,20 s t = 2,00 s

MCE 45

10 × 3 with a stepper motor \Box 42



MCE in combination: with VK with MSD Positioning time: t = 0,5 s t = 0,8 s t = 1,2 s t = 1,8 s t = 2,5 s t = 4,0 s t = 6,0 s

<u>10 × 10 with a stepper motor \Box 42</u>



MCE in combination: with VK with MSD

Positioning time:

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	t = 0,25 s
	t = 0,40 s
<u> </u>	t = 0,55 s
	t = 0,70 s
<u> </u>	t = 0,90 s
	t = 1,30 s
	t = 2,10 s

10 × 3 with a stepper motor \Box 56









DIMENSIONS

i All dimensions are in mm. The scale of the drawings may not be equal.

MCE in combination with a standard motor and a motor adapter VK





MCE in combination with a standard motor and a motor side drive MSD





MCE without a motor

Female thread



MCE dimensions

MCE	L1	L2	L3	L4	ØL5	L6	ø	L7	L8	L9	ØL10	L11	L12	L13	L14	L15	ØL16	L17	L18	L19	L20	ØL21	L22	L23	L24	Ø L25 (h7)	ØL26	Ø L27 (h7)
															[m	m]												
25	50	26	16	10	12	3,5	M6	x 1	3,2	8	M2,5	25	21	13,5	19,25	4,4	M4	8	19	17	18	M2,5	8	14	7	5	17,6	20
32	65	32	20	12	14	5,5	M8 x	1,25	4	8	M4	32	22	13,5	22,8	4,4	M5	8	24,5	24,5	24,5	M3	8	14	7	5	22,6	25
45	80	38	22	16	18	7	M10	x 1,25	5	12	M6	45	32	20	30,5	4,4	M6	12	34	34	34	M4	10	16	8	8	31,6	34

MOE	L28	L29	ZK1	ZK2	U1	U2	U3	U4	U5
WICE					[mm]				
25	4,5	2,3	10	10	2,2	4,2	2,8	1,4	1
32	4,5	2,3	12	13	3,2	5,8	3,6	2	1
45	4,5	2,3	16	17	4,2	7,5	4,7	2,5	1,2

Motor adapter VK and a motor side drive MSD dimensions

MCE	Туре	Motor Size □ [mm]	V1	V2	V3	V4	S1	S2	S3	S4	S6	S7	ØS8	S9	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14				
25		28	35	24,5	28	5,5	22	12,25	52,5	17,25	4	18	M4	6,0	24,5	31,5	31,5	38,5	82				
22		28	35	31,5	31,5	0	22	15,75	52,5	17,25	4	22	M5	6,0	31,5	31,5	31,5	0	85,5				
32	Stepper	42	40	31,5	42	5,5	22	15,75	70,5	23,75	4,5	22	M5	6,5	31,5	44,5	44,5	48	110				
45	4 E					42	42	44,5	44,5	0	27,5	22,25	81	23,75	4,5	32	M6	8,5	44,5	44,5	44,5	0	127
40		56	46	44,5	56,4	9,5	27,5	22,25	88,5	31,25	6,5	32	M6	8,5	44,5	59,5	59,5	63,5	142				

Motor dimensions

	Motor		E1	E2	E3	E4 (±1)	E5 (±0,3)	E6	E7 (±1)	E8 (±0,3)	E9 (±1)	□E10				
Туре	Size 🗆 [mm]	Brake				[mm]										
	28	-		A												
	28	with		Available soon												
Stoppor	42	—	M12 5-pole	M12 8-pole	_	14	14	19,5	-	-	70,4	42,3				
Stepper	42	with	M12 5-pole	M12 8-pole	M8 3-pole	14	14	19,5	9	27	106,4	42,3				
	56	—	M12 5-pole	M12 8-pole	_	14	13,4	23	-	-	98	56,4				
	56	with	M12 5-pole	M12 8-pole	M8 3-pole	14	52,4	23	9	12	138	56,4				

Absolute stroke and length of the MCE definition



Absolute stroke definition

Absolute stroke = Effective stroke + 2 × Safety stroke

i The electric cylinder MCE does not include any safety stroke.

Length definition

 $L_t = L + L2 + E + Abs.$ position

Female thread: $L_t = L + L4 + E + Abs.$ position

() Length L and L_t are defined as it is presented on the dimensional drawings above, where lengths of a motor, a motor adapter VK and a motor side drive MSD are also considered.

Abs. stroke	Absolute stroke	[mm]
Abs. position	Absolute position	[mm]
E	Extended piston rod	[mm]
L	Length	[mm]
Lt	Total length	[mm]

i E_{max} = 100 mm.

ACCESSORIES

