

# User's Manual

## For

# 3L1183M

**High Performance & Low Noise 3-phase Microstepping Driver**

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## 1. Introduction, Features and Applications

### Introduction

The 3L1183M is a high performance and low noise 3-phase microstepping driver based on pure-sinusoidal current control technology. It's suitable for driving any 3-phase hybrid stepping motors from NEMA 34 to 43. By using advanced bipolar constant-current chopping technique, the 3L1183M can output more torque than other drivers at high speed. The microstep capability allows stepping motors to run at higher smoothness, less vibration and lower noise. Its pure-sinusoidal current control technology allows coil current to be well controlled with relatively small current ripple, therefore smaller motor noise and less motor heating can be achieved. In addition, the 3L1183M has a built-in EMI filter which can make the driver operate with higher reliability.

### Features

- High quality, cost-effective
- Low motor noise and heating
- Supply voltage up to 220VAC (310VDC)
- Output current up to 8.2A(5.86 ARMS)
- TTL compatible and Opto-isolated inputs
- Automatic idle-current reduction
- Input frequency up to 250KHz
- 16 microstep resolutions selectable
- Over-voltage, short-voltage, over-current and short-circuit protection
- DIP switch microstep & current settings
- Support PUL/DIR & CW/CCW modes

### Applications

Suitable for large and medium automation machines and equipments, such as engraving machines, labeling machines, cutting machines, laser phototypesetting systems, plotting instruments, NC machines, pick-place devices, and so on. Particularly adapt to the applications desired with low motor noise, low motor heating, high speed and high precision.

## 2. Specifications

### Electrical Specifications (25°C/77°F)

Parameters	3L1183M			
	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Output current	2.0 (1.41A RMS)	-	8.2(5.86A RMS)	A
Supply voltage	90(126)	100(140)	150(210)	VAC(VDC)
Logic signal current	7	10	16	mA
Pulse input frequency	0	-	200	KHz
Isolation resistance	500			MΩ

### Mechanical Specifications (unit: mm [inch])

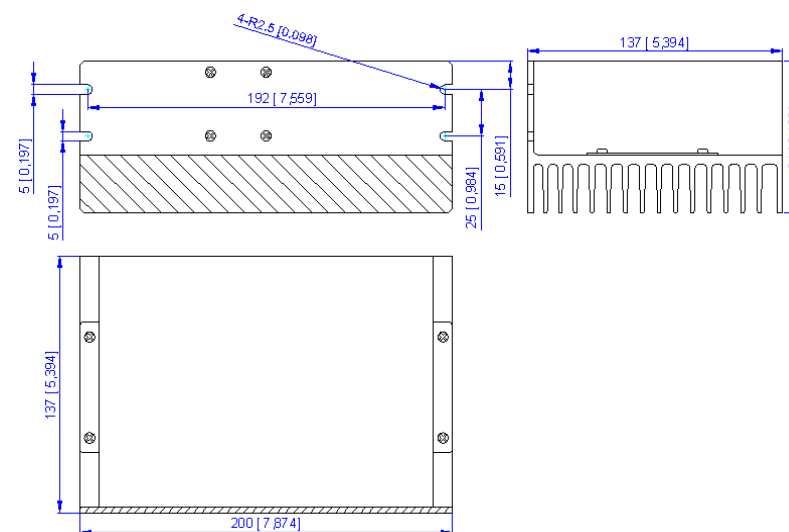


Figure 1: Mechanical specifications

### Operating Environment and Other Specifications

Cooling	Natural Cooling or Forced cooling	
Operating Environment	Environment	Avoid dust, oil fog and corrosive gases
	Ambient Temperature	0°C — 50°C (32°F — 122°F)
	Humidity	40%RH — 90%RH
	Operating Temperature	70°C (158°F) Max
	Vibration	5.9m/s <sup>2</sup> Max
Storage Temperature	-20°C — 65°C (-4°F — 149°F)	
Weight	Approx. 1.0 kg (35.25 oz)	

### Elimination of Heat

- Driver's reliable working temperature should be <70°C(158°F), and motor working temperature should be <80°C(176°F);
- Forced cooling the driver if it's necessary.

### 3. Pin Assignment and Description

The 3L1183M has two connectors, connector P1 for control signals connections, and connector P2 for power and motor connections. The following tables are brief descriptions of the two connectors of the 3L1183M. More detailed descriptions of the pins and related issues are presented in section 4, 5, 9.

#### Connector P1 Configurations

Pin Function	Details
PUL+(+5V)	<b>Pulse signal:</b> In single pulse (pulse/direction) mode, this input represents pulse signal, effective for each rising edge; 4-5V when PUL-HIGH, 0-0.5V when PUL-LOW. In double pulse mode (pulse/pulse), this input represents clockwise (CW) pulse, effective for high level. For reliable response, pulse width should be longer than 1.2μs. Series connect resistors for current-limiting when +12V or +24V used.
PUL-(PUL)	
DIR+(+5V)	<b>DIR signal:</b> In single-pulse mode, this signal has low/high voltage levels, representing two directions of motor rotation; in double-pulse mode(set by inside jumper), this signal is counter-clock (CCW) pulse, effective for high level. For reliable motion response, DIR signal should be ahead of PUL signal by 5μs at least. 4-5V when DIR-HIGH, 0-0.5V when DIR-LOW. Please note that motion direction is also related to motor-driver wiring match. Exchanging the connection of two wires for a coil to the driver will reverse motion direction.
DIR-(DIR)	
ENA+(+5V)	<b>Enable signal:</b> This signal is used for enabling/disabling the driver. High level (NPN control signal, PNP and Differential control signals are on the contrary, namely Low level for enabling.) for enabling the driver and low level for disabling the driver. Usually left <b>UNCONNECTED (ENABLED)</b> .
ENA-(ENA)	
FAULT+	<b>Fault signal positive:</b> FAULT+ is an optocoupler output from open-collector circuit, maximum permitted input voltage is 30VDC; maximum output current 20mA. It generally can be serial connected to PLC input terminal.
FAULT-	Fault signal negative.

#### Connector P2 Configurations

Pin Function	Details
PE	Ground terminal. Recommend connect this port to the ground for better safety.
AC	AC power supply inputs. Recommend use isolation transformers with theoretical output voltage of 150~220 VAC.
U	Motor phase U

V	Motor phase V
W	Motor phase W

**Remark:** Please note that motion direction is also related to motor-driver wiring matches. Exchanging the connections of two phases to the driver will reverse motor motion direction.

### 4. Control Signal Connector (P1) Interface

The 3L1183M can accept differential and single-ended input signals (including open-collector and PNP output). The 3L1183M has 3 optically isolated logic inputs which are located on connector P1 to accept line driver control signals. These inputs are isolated to minimize or eliminate electrical noises coupled onto the drive control signals. Recommend use line driver control signals to increase noise immunity of the driver in interference environments. In the following figures, connections to open-collector and PNP signals are illustrated.

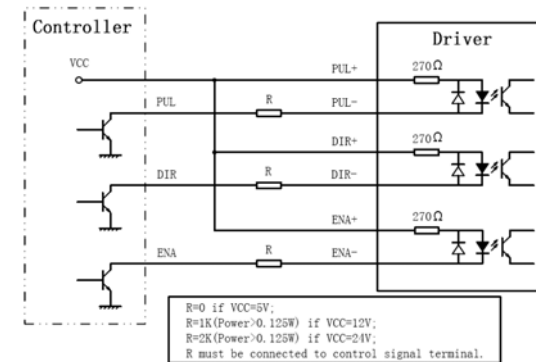


Figure 2: Connections to open-collector signal (common-anode)

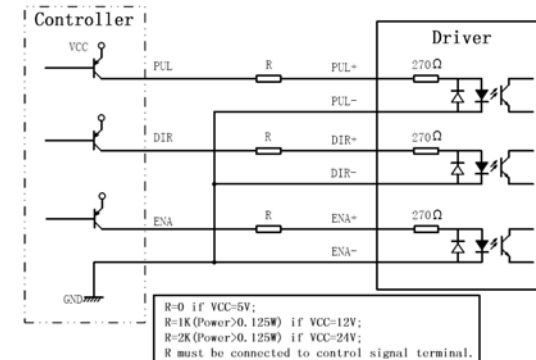


Figure 3: Connection to PNP signal (common-cathode)

## 5. Connecting the Motor

The connection between the driver and 3-phase stepping motors includes two different kinds of connections, namely delta-connection and star-connection. Using delta-connection, the performances of the motor under high speed condition are better, but the driver current is higher too (about 1.73 times the motor coil current); while using star-connection, the driver current equals to the motor coil current.

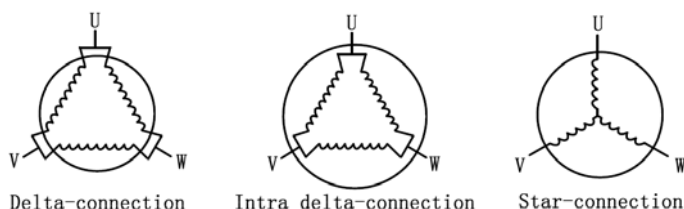


Figure 4: Motor connections

## 6. Power Supply Selection

The 3L1183M can match large and medium size stepping motors (from NEMA size 34 to 43) made by MotionKing or other motor manufactures around the world. To achieve good driving performances, it is important to select supply voltage and output current properly. Generally speaking, supply voltage determines the high speed performance of the motor, while output current determines the output torque of the driven motor (particularly at lower speed).

**Attention:** For safety and to improve reliability, it is recommended to use isolation transformer instead of directly use network source to supply the 3L1183M. Recommend use isolation transformers with theoretical output voltage of 90~150VAC or 126~210VDC, leaving room for power fluctuation and back-EMF. And the power of the isolation transformer should larger than 500 watts.

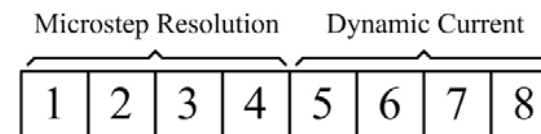
### Selecting Supply Voltage

The 3L1183M can actually operate within 90~150VAC or 126~210VDC, including power input fluctuation and back EMF voltage generated by motor coils during motor shaft deceleration. Higher supply voltage can increase motor torque at higher speeds, thus helpful for avoiding losing steps. However, higher voltage may cause bigger motor vibration at lower speed, and it may also cause over-voltage protection or even driver damage. Therefore, it is suggested to choose only sufficiently high supply voltage for intended applications, and it is suggested to use power supplies with

theoretical output voltage of 150~220VAC or 210~310VDC, leaving room for power fluctuation and back-EMF. If the motion speed requirement is low, it's better to use lower supply voltage to decrease noise, heating and improve reliability.

## 7. Selecting Microstep Resolution and Driver Output Current

This driver uses a 8-bit DIP switch to set microstep resolution, motor operating current and control signal mode as shown in the following figure:



### Microstep Resolution Selection

Microstep resolution is set by SW1, 2, 3, 4 of the DIP switch as shown in the following table:

Steps/rev.(for 1.8°motor)	SW1	SW2	SW3	SW4
200	ON	ON	ON	ON
400	OFF	ON	ON	ON
1600	ON	OFF	ON	ON
3200	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
6400	ON	ON	OFF	ON
12800	OFF	ON	OFF	ON
25600	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
500	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
1000	ON	ON	ON	OFF
1200	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
2000	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
4000	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF
5000	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
6000	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF
8000	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF

10000	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
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## Current Settings

For a given motor, higher driver current will make the motor to output more torque, but at the same time causes more heating in the motor and driver. Therefore, output current is generally set to be such that the motor will not overheat for long time operation. Since parallel and serial connections of motor coils will significantly change resulting inductance and resistance, it is therefore important to set driver output current depending on motor phase current, motor leads and connection methods. Phase current rating supplied by motor manufacturer is important in selecting driver current, however the selection also depends on leads and connections.

The latter four bits (SW5, 6, 7, 8) of the DIP switch are used to set the dynamic current. Select a setting closest to your motor's required current.

### Dynamic Current Setting

Peak current (A)	RMS (A)	SW5	SW6	SW7	SW8
2.00A	1.41A	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
2.40A	1.70A	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
2.80A	1.98A	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF
3.20A	2.26A	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
3.60A	2.55A	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF
4.20A	2.97A	OFF	ON	OFF	ON
4.80A	3.39A	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
5.20A	3.68A	OFF	ON	ON	ON
5.60A	3.96A	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
6.00A	4.24A	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
6.40A	4.53A	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
6.80A	4.81A	ON	OFF	ON	ON
7.20A	5.09A	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
7.60A	5.37A	ON	ON	OFF	ON
8.00A	5.68A	ON	ON	ON	OFF
8.20A	5.80A	ON	ON	ON	ON

**Notes:** Due to motor inductance, the actual current in the coil may be smaller than the dynamic current setting, particularly under high speed condition.

### Standstill Current

The 3L1183M has automatic idle-current reduction function. The current automatically be reduced to 60% of the selected dynamic current setting 0.2 second after the last pulse. Theoretically, this will reduce motor heating to 36% (due to  $P=I^2 \cdot R$ ) of the original value. If the application needs a different standstill current, please contact MotionKing.

## 8. Wiring Notes

- ◆ In order to improve anti-interference performance of the driver, it is recommended to use twisted pair shield cable.
- ◆ To prevent noise incurred in pulse/dir signal, pulse/direction signal wires and motor wires should not be tied up together. It is better to separate them by at least 10 cm, otherwise the disturbing signals generated by motor will easily disturb pulse direction signals, causing motor position error, system instability and other failures.
- ◆ If a power supply serves several drivers, separately connecting the drivers is recommended instead of daisy-chaining.
- ◆ It is prohibited to pull and plug connector P2 while the driver is powered ON, because there is high current flowing through motor coils (even when motor is at standstill). Pulling or plugging connector P2 with power on will cause extremely high back-EMF voltage surge, which may damage the driver.

## 9. Typical Connection

A complete stepping system should include stepping motor, stepping driver, power supply and controller (pulse generator). A typical connection is shown as figure 5.

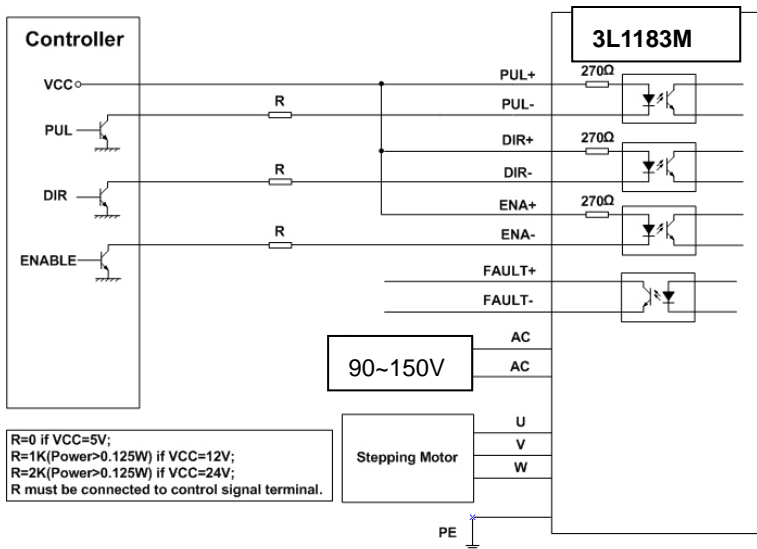


Figure 5: Typical connection

## 10. Sequence Chart of Control Signals

In order to avoid some fault operations and deviations, PUL, DIR and ENA signals should abide by some rules, shown as following diagram:

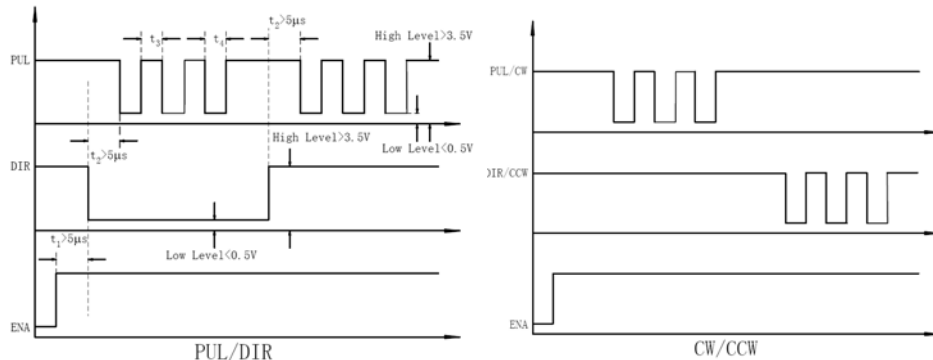


Figure 6: Sequence chart of control signals

### Remark:

- (1) t1: ENA must be ahead of DIR by at least 5μs. Usually, ENA+ and ENA- are NC (not

connected). See “Connector P1 Configurations” for more information.

- (2) t2: DIR must be ahead of PUL effective edge by at least 5μs to ensure correct direction;
- (3) t3: Pulse width not less than 2μs;
- (4) t4: Low level width not less than 2μs.

## 11. Protection Functions

To improve reliability, the driver incorporates some built-in protection features.

### Over-voltage and Short-voltage Protections

When power supply voltage exceeds 280VAC or 395VDC, over-voltage protection will be activated and the RED ALARM LED will light. When power supply voltage is lower than 68VAC or 97VDC, short-voltage protection will be activated and the RED ALARM LED will light.

### Short Circuit Protection

Protection will be activated in case of short circuit between motor coils or between motor coil and ground.

### Wrong Motor Connection Protection

Protection will be activated when the motor is connected in a wrong way.

### Over temperature Protection

Protection will be activated when driver temperature reaches to 85°C.

**When above protections are active, the motor shaft will be free and the RED ALARM LED will light. Reset the driver by repowering it to make it function properly after removing above problems.**

## 12. Frequently Asked Questions

In the event that your 3L1183M doesn't operate properly, the first step is to identify whether the problem is electrical or mechanical in nature. The next step is to isolate the system component that is causing the problem. As part of this process you may have to disconnect the individual components that make up your system and verify that they operate independently. It is important to document each step in the troubleshooting process. You may need this documentation to refer back to at a later date, and these details will greatly assist our Technical Support staff in determining the problem should you need assistance.

Many of the problems that affect motion control systems can be traced to electrical noise, controller software errors, or mistake in wiring.

### Problem Symptoms and Possible Causes

Symptoms	Possible Problems
<b>Motor is not rotating</b>	No power
	Microstep resolution setting is wrong
	DIP switch current setting is wrong
	Fault condition exists
	The driver is disabled
<b>Motor rotates in the wrong direction</b>	Motor phases may be connected in reverse
<b>The driver in fault</b>	DIP switch current setting is wrong
	Something wrong with motor coil
<b>Erratic motor motion</b>	Control signal is too weak
	Control signal is interfered
	Wrong motor connection
	Something wrong with motor coil
	Current setting is too small, losing steps
<b>Motor stalls during acceleration</b>	Current setting is too small
	Motor is undersized for the application
	Acceleration is set too high
	Power supply voltage too low
<b>Excessive motor and driver heating</b>	Inadequate heat sinking / cooling
	Automatic current reduction function not being utilized
	Current is set too high



