

User's Manual

For

DCS303

Digital Brush DC Servo Driver

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1. Introduction, Features and Applications

Introduction

The DCS303 is a digital DC servo driver developed with DSP and high efficient MOSFET technologies. In position control, it's easy for the end users to change stepping drivers to the DCS303 without changing control systems, because its input command is PUL/DIR signal, which is compatible with that of stepping drivers. In low power motion control applications, performances of DC servo systems using the DCS303 are better than those of digital AC servo systems in velocity, precision, stability, or at least as good as those of digital AC servo systems. However, the cost of the DCS303 stays at the price line of stepping driver, namely far lower than those of AC servo drivers.

The DCS303 is a microsize brush DC servo drive. It is an ideal choice for those applications in which the mounting space for the driver is limited and higher output power is not necessary.

The DCS303 is very easy to tune and all parameters are visible. Handheld and PC based tuning tools, including ProTuner (Windows based setup software) and STU (Small servo tuning unit) can meet different tuning environments or requirements.

Features

- Input Voltage: 18-30VDC
- Output Current: 3 A (Cont.), 15A (Peak), Power range: 5-90W.
- Based on DSP control technology and high smooth servo control algorithm.
- Handheld and PC based tuning tools, including Pro Tuner and STU.
- Feedback resolution $\times 4$ encoder line count.
- Position Following error lock range adjustable
- Position error can be eliminated to 1 count, and velocity error can be eliminated

- to the Desired Velocity* $\pm 0.3\%$
- Electronic gear ratio from 1/255 to 255
- Built-in motion controller for self-test with trapezoidal velocity profile
- Support PUL/DIR control signals
- Opto-isolated inputs, support single-ended signals
- 10 latest errors self-record function
- Over-current, over-voltage, phase error, encoder error, position following error protections
- Small size, surface-mount technology

Applications

Suitable for a wide range of equipments and instruments such as mini type engraving machines, inkjet printers, etc. It performs better in the applications require low noise, high velocity, high precision and high reliability.

2. Specifications and Operating Environment

Electrical Specifications ($T_j = 25^\circ\text{C}/77^\circ\text{F}$)

Parameters	DCS303			
	Min.	Typical	Max.	Unit
Peak output current	0	-	15	A
Supply voltage	+18	+24	+30	VDC
Logic signal current	7	10	15	mA
Pulse input frequency	0	-	200	kHz
Isolation resistance	500			M Ω
Current provided to encoder			50	mA

Mechanical Specifications (unit: mm[inch])

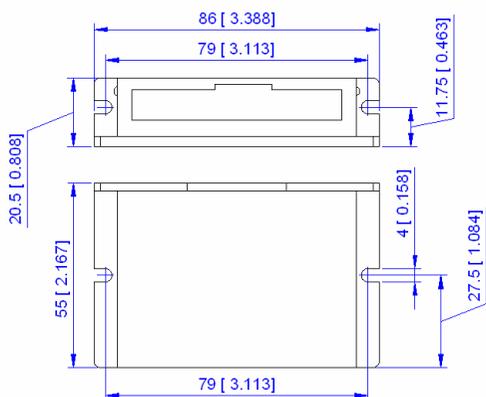


Figure 1: Mechanical specifications

Elimination of Heat

- Driver's reliable working temperature should be $<70^{\circ}\text{C}$ [158°F], and motor working temperature should be $<80^{\circ}\text{C}$ [176°F];
- It is recommended to mount the driver vertically to maximize heat sink area.

Operating Environment and Parameters

Cooling	Natural cooling or forced cooling	
Operating Environment	Environment	Avoid dust, oil fog and corrosive gases
	Ambient Temperature	$0^{\circ}\text{C} - 50^{\circ}\text{C}$
	Humidity	40 – 95%RH
	Vibration	5.9 m/s^2 Max
Storage Temperature	$-20^{\circ}\text{C} - +65^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Weight	Approx. 110 g (3.88 oz)	

3. Connections

Connector Configuration

General information

Control Signal Connector			
Pin	Signal	Description	I/O
1	PUL	Pulse control signal	I
2	DIR	Direction control signal	I
3	OPTO	+5V Opto-isolated power input	I
4	ENA	Enable control signal, can be used to clear position following error	I
5	ERR	Error output signal, HIGH indicates normal, LOW indicates fault.	O
6	EGD	Opto-isolated GND, use for reference when using ERR	GND
Encoder Signal Connector			
Pin	Signal	Description	I/O
1	EB	Encoder channel B input.	I
2	EA	Encoder channel A input.	I
3	E +5V	Positive pole of the auxiliary power supply (50 mA (Max)).	O
4	EGND	Ground of the auxiliary power supply.	GND
Power Connector			
Pin	Signal	Description	I/O
1	Motor+	Motor positive connection.	O
2	Motor-	Motor negative connection.	O
3	+Vdc	+18 TO 30 VDC power input.	I
4	GND	Power Ground.	GND
RS232 Communication Connector			
Pin	Signal	Description	I/O
1	+5V	+5V power only for STU.	O
2	TxD	RS232 transmit.	O
3	GND	Ground.	GND
4	RxD	RS232 receive.	I

More about PUL/DIR/ENA Signals

Pin Function	Details
PUL	Pulse signal: This input represents pulse signal; 4-5V when PUL-HIGH, 0-0.5V when PUL-LOW. For reliable response, pulse width should be longer than 2.5μs. Series connect resistors for current-limiting when using +12V or +24V control signals (OPTO). The same as DIR and ENA signals.
DIR	DIR signal: This signal has LOW/HIGH voltage levels, 4-5V when DIR-HIGH, 0-0.5V when DIR-LOW. For reliable motion response, DIR signal should be ahead of PUL signal by 5μs at least. Please note that motion direction is also related to motor-driver wirings and encoder feedback A/B phase signals. Exchanging the connections of two wires of the motor to the driver and A/B phase signals of encoder will reverse motion direction.
ENA	Enable signal: 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 UNCONNECTED (ENABLED) .
ERR	Error signal: This pin will be pulled to LOW level (reference to EGD) when driver goes into faulty status. There is a 10K resistor connected between ERR and OPTO . Please refer to figure 2 in Control Signal Connections for more details.

Control Signal Connections

The DCS303 has 3 optically isolated logic inputs to accept control signals. These inputs are isolated to minimize or eliminate electrical noises coupled onto the control signals. In the following figure, connections to open-collector are illustrated.

ERR signal can be used for error detecting and has the same reference (GND) with PUL, DIR and ENA signal.

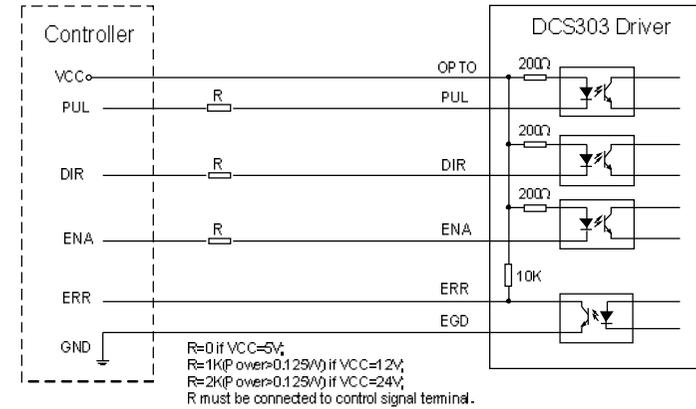


Figure 2: Connections to open-collector control signal (common-anode)

Encoder Connections

If the encoder drains less than 50mA, the DCS303 can supply the encoder directly, and connect it as Figure 3. If the encoder drains more than 50mA, use an external DC supply and connect it as Figure 4. Note that twisted-pair shielded cabling provides the best immunity in electrically noisy environments.

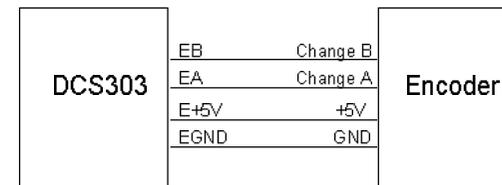


Figure 3: The DCS303 supplies the encoder directly

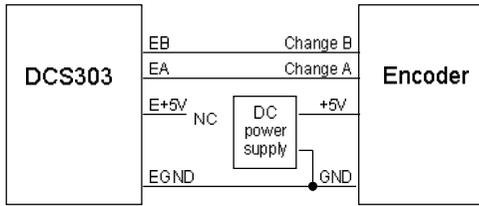


Figure 4: Using external DC power supply to supply the encoder

RS232 Interface Connection

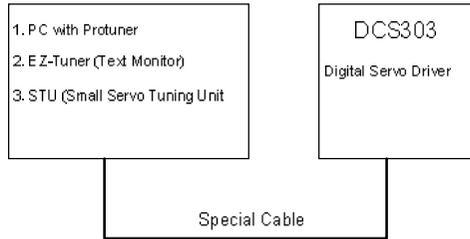


Figure 5: RS232 interface connection

Typical Connections

Two typical connections of the DCS303 are shown as Figure 6. Please consult “Control Signal Connections” and “Encoder Connections” for more information about controller and encoder connections.

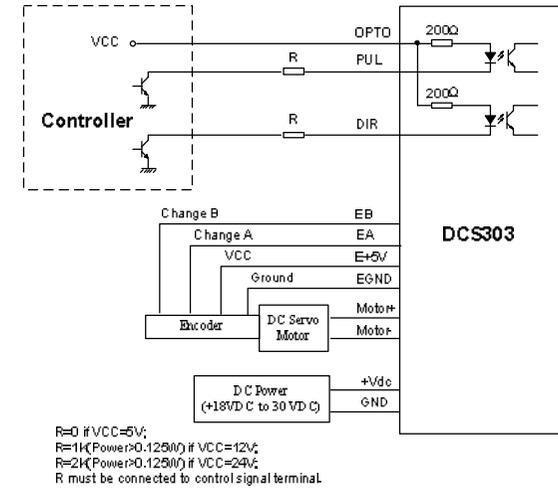


Figure 6: Typical connection (Open-collector control signal.)

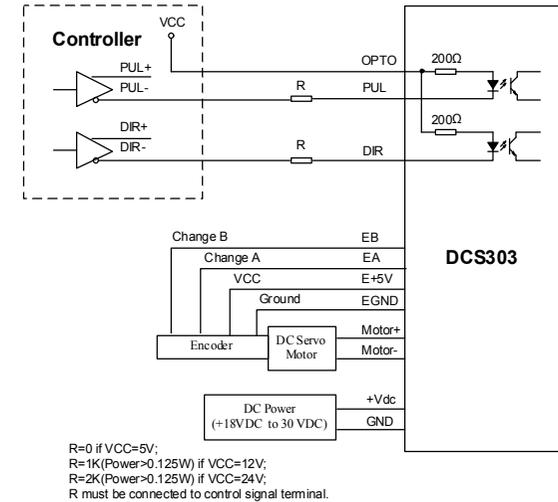


Figure 7: Typical connection (Differential control signal)

4. Servo Setup

Before you start the servo, you can follow the below steps.

Install Encoder

If your motor has no encoder, you must have an encoder (more than 200 lines) properly mounted on the motor before you start. And please assemble the encoder according to its factory manual. Please use shielded cables and separate encoder signal cable from interference sources, such as motor wires and power wires at least 5 cm.

Prepare Power Supply

Regulated or Unregulated Power Supply

Both regulated and unregulated power supplies can be used to supply the driver. However, unregulated power supplies are preferred due to their ability to withstand current surge. If regulated power supplies (such as most switching supplies.) are indeed used, it is important to have large current output rating to avoid problems like current clamp, for example using 4A supply for 3A motor-driver operation. On the other hand, if unregulated supply is used, one may use a power supply of lower current rating than that of motor (typically 50%~70% of motor current). The reason is that the driver draws current from the power supply capacitor of the unregulated supply only during the ON duration of the PWM cycle, but not during the OFF duration. Therefore, the average current withdrawn from power supply is considerably less than motor current. For example, two 3A motors can be well supplied by one power supply of 4A rating.

Selecting Supply Voltage

The DCS303 can actually operate within +18V to +30VDC, including power input

fluctuation and back EMF voltage generated by motor coils during motor shaft deceleration. The rated voltage of the motor is an important parameter when selecting supply voltage. Generally speaking, do not use a power supply voltage more than 5 volts of the rated voltage of the motor. Higher voltage may cause bigger motor vibration at lower speed, and it may also cause over-voltage protection or even driver damage.

Prepare Controller

Prepare a controller with pulse and direction signals. However, the DCS303 has a built-in motion controller for self-test and Servo Tuning. The built-in motion controller can generate control signal with trapezoidal velocity profile.

System Connections and Noise Prevention

After finishing the above steps, you can connect your servo system. Before you start, make sure that the power is off. Connect your system according to connection diagrams before, and pay attention to the following tips when wiring.

Wire Gauge

The smaller wire diameter (lower gauge), the higher impedance. Higher impedance wire will broadcast more noise than lower impedance wire. Therefore, when selecting the wire gauge, it is preferable to select lower gauge (i.e. larger diameter) wire. This recommendation becomes more critical as the cable length increases. Use the following table to select the appropriate wire size to use in your application.

Current (A)	Minimum wire size (AWG)
10	#20
15	#18
20	#16

Cable Routing

All content sensitive signal wires should be routed as far away from motor power wires and driver power wires as possible. Motor power and driver power wires are major sources of noise and can easily corrupt a nearby signal. This issue becomes increasingly important with longer motor power and driver power wires lengths.

Twisted Wires

Twisted wires effectively increasing noise immunity. The successive twists eliminate noise transients along the length of the cable. Both signal cables and power cables should be of the twisted and shielded type. Differential signal wires should be twisted as a pair. The combination of twisted pair wires and a differential signal significantly adds to noise immunity. Power wires should be twisted as a group along with the ground (or chassis) wire, if available.

Cable Shielding

All signal wires should be bundled and shielded separately from driver power and motor power wires. Power wires should also be bundled and shielded. When grounding a shield, the rule-of-thumb is to do so at the ‘source’ of power while leaving the other shield end open. For example, in the case of motor power wires, this would be the drive side. Ideally, twisted pairs should be individually shielded and isolated from the outer shield, which encompasses all wires within the cable. However, since this type of stringent shielding practice is often not required, typical cables do not provide isolation between inner and outer shields.

System Grounding

Good grounding practices help reduce the majority of noise present in a system. All common grounds within an isolated system should be tied to PE (protective earth) through a ‘SINGLE’ low resistance point. Avoiding repetitive links to PE creating

ground loops, which are a frequent source of noise. Central point grounding should also be applied to cable shielding; shields should be open on one end and grounded on the other. Close attention should also be given to chassis wires. For example, motors are typically supplied with a chassis wire. If this chassis wire is connected to PE, but the motor chassis itself is attached to the machine frame, which is also connected to PE, a ground loop will be created. Wires used for grounding should be of a heavy gauge and as short as possible. Unused wiring should also be grounded when safe to do so since wires left floating can act as large antennas, which contribute to EMI.

Power Supply Connection

NEVER connect power and ground in the wrong direction, because it will damage the DCS303 driver. The distance between the DC power supply of the drive and the drive itself should be as short as possible since the cable between the two is a source of noise. When the power supply lines are longer than 50 cm, a 1000 μ F/36V electrolytic capacitor should be connected between the terminal “GND” and the terminal “+VDC”. This capacitor stabilizes the voltage supplied to the drive as well as filters noise on the power supply line. Please note that the polarity can not be reversed.

It is recommended to have multiple drivers to share one power supply to reduce cost if the supply has enough capacity. To avoid cross interference, **DO NOT** daisy-chain the power supply input pins of the drivers. Instead, please connect them to power supply separately.

5. Tuning the servo

Testing the servo

You may wish to secure the motor so it can't jump off the bench. Turn on the power

supply, the green (Power) LED will light. The DCS303 has default parameters stored in the driver. If the system has no hardware and wirings problem, the motor should be locked and the driver should be ready.

If the motor jumps slightly and the red LED immediately turns on (flickers), then either the motor or the encoder is wired in reversal. Open the tuning software ProTuner and check driver status by clicking **Err_check**. If it's **Phase Error**, then reversal motor wires or exchange encoder inputs and try again. If it's **Encoder Error**, please check encoder and its wirings, and then try again. If it still doesn't work after you followed all of the previous steps, please contact us at tech@leadshine.com.

If the red LED is off and the motor is normal, then you can start to tune the servo with selected tool. **ProTuner**, **EZ-Tuner** and **STU** are available for the DCS303.

Tuning the Servo

A servo system is error-driven. The "Gain" of the system determines how hard the servo tries to reduce the error. A high-gain system can produce large correcting torques when the error is very small. A high gain is required if the output is required to follow the input faithfully with minimal error.

A servo motor and its load both have inertia, which the servo amplifier must accelerate and decelerate while attempting to follow a change at the input. The presence of the inertia will tend to result in over-correction, with the system oscillating beyond either side of its target. It's called UNDER DAMPED status. See Figure 13. This oscillation must be damped, but too much damping will cause the response to be sluggish, namely cause the system to get into an OVER DAMPED state. When we tune a servo, we are trying to achieve the fastest response with little or no overshoot, namely get a CRITICALLY DAMPED response.

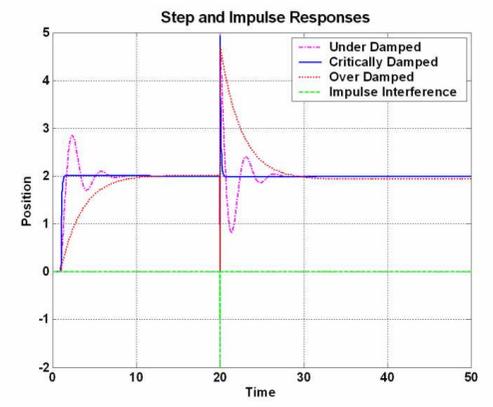


Figure 8: Step and impulse responses

As mentioned in previous contents, the DCS303 is a digital servo driver and its input command is PUL/DIR signal. In other words, step response just exists in each step command signal. For each step command signal is a very small movement, so OVER SHOOT and SETTLING TIME between each step are very small, causing you hardly can see a step response such as Figure 8, even if the SET POINT is a very large quantity and the acceleration is very high.

However, if you try to evaluate performances of the digital servo by investigating its position tracking-error or position following error, you may find it's much easier than investigating its step response. The easiest way to get a tracking-error or position following error response is to induce an impulse load on the motor. See Figure 8 at "time 20".

Leadshine offer a Windows based setup software **ProTuner** and a special text monitor **EZ-Tuner** (optional) to its customers for evaluating servo performances. Small servo tuning unit **STU** (optional) is available too, and it's for field tuning without PC or power supply for the **EZ-Tuner**.

Tuning servo systems formed by DCS303 drivers can be summarized as the

following rules:

1. If servo system is **UNSTABLE**, then the first thing of tuning is to stabilize the system. You can increase **Derivative Gain** of **Position Loop** (Kd) or decrease **Proportional Gain** of Position Loop (Kp) or **Integral Gain** of Position Loop (Ki).
2. If servo system is **UNDER DAMPED**, then increase Kd or decrease Kp or Ki.
3. If servo system is **CRITICALLY DAMPED**, then stop tuning and download the parameter settings to the driver's EEPROM.
4. If servo system is **OVER DAMPED**, then decrease Kd or increase Kp or Ki.

Please see **“User’s Manual for Tuning the DCS303 with ProTuner”** for more detail about Servo Tuning.

6. Using Tips

Sequence Chart of Control Signals

In order to avoid some fault operations and deviations, PUL, DIR and EN should abide by some rules, shown as the following figure:

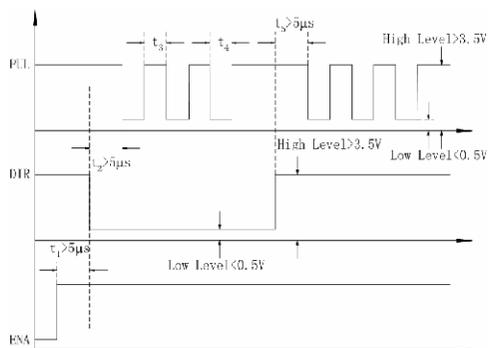


Figure14: Sequence chart of control signals

Notes:

- a) t_1 : EN must be ahead of DIR by at least $5\mu s$. Usually, ENA is NC (not connected). See **Connections** section for more information.
- b) t_2 : DIR must be ahead of PUL effective edge by at least $5\mu s$ to ensure correct direction.
- c) t_3 : Pulse width not less than $2.5s$;
- d) t_4 : Low level width not less than $2.5s$.

Protection Functions

To improve reliability, the driver incorporates some built-in protection functions. The DCS303 uses one RED LED to indicate what protection has been activated. The periodic time of RED is 5 s (seconds), and how many times the RED turns on indicates what protection has been activated. Because only one protection can be displayed by RED LED, so the driver will decide what error to display according to their priorities. See the following **Protection Indications** table for displaying priorities.

Over-current Protection

Protection will be activated when continuous current exceeds 20A, and RED LED will turn on once within each periodic time (5 s).

Over-voltage Protection

When power supply voltage exceeds 36.5 ± 1.5 VDC, protection will be activated and RED LED will turn on twice within each periodic time (5 s).

Phase Error Protection

Motor power lines wrong & not connected and encoder feedback signals A/B phases wrong connected will activate this protection. RED LED will turn on four times within each periodic time (5 s).

Encoder Error Protection

No encoder feedback signals or wrong encoder feedback signals will activate this protection. RED LED will turn on five times within each periodic time (5 s).

Position Following Error Protection

When position following error reaches Position Following Error Limit parameter setting in the driver, this protection will be activated. RED LED will turn on seven times within each periodic time (5 s).

Attention: Since there is no protection against power leads (+, -) reversal, it is critical to make sure that power supply leads correctly connected to driver. Otherwise, the driver will be damaged instantly.

Protection Indications

Priority	Time(s) of ON	Sequence wave of RED LED	Description
1 st	1		Over-current protection
2 nd	2		Over-voltage protection
3 rd	4		Phase error protection
4 th	5		Encoder error protection
5 th	7		Position following error protection

Changing Default Motor Direction

The DCS303 will turn the motor in the CW direction when the direction input is “high” (logical “1”). If instead CCW is preferred, then:

1) Reverse the “motor +” and “motor -” leads.

2) Reverse the encoder “Channel A” and “Channel B” leads.

Maximum Pulse Input Frequency

Maximum Pulse Input Frequency is the highest frequency that the driver can accept.

To convert this frequency to RPM, use the following formula:

$$RPM(\max) = \frac{(\text{Max Pulse Input Frequency}) \times 60}{(\text{Encoder Line Count}) \times 4} \times \frac{CAM_numerator}{CAM_denominator}$$

APPENDIX

TWELVE MONTH LIMITED WARRANTY

Leadshine Technology Co., Ltd. warrants its products against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 12 months from shipping date. During the warranty period, Leadshine will either, at its option, repair or replace products which proved to be defective.

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