

# FRA231: Robotics Modelling & Experimentation (RMX)

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Lecture 10: Actuator 2

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- Working Principles of a Stepper Motor
- Stepper Motor Specification
- Stepper Motor Driver
- Working Principles of a Solenoid
- Types of Solenoid
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- Solenoid Specification

# Lecture Objectives

- Answer these following questions
  1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a stepper motor comparing with brushed DC motor?
  2. What are the key specification of a stepper motor, and what are their effects?
  3. How to control the direction and speed of a stepper motor?
  4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each drive mode for a stepper motor?
  5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a solenoid comparing with other actuators?
  6. How to drive a solenoid?
  7. What are the key specification of a solenoid, and what are their effects?

# Stepper Motor

Example applications



[VMC650 CNC Milling Machine - Vertical machining center manufacturer -](#)

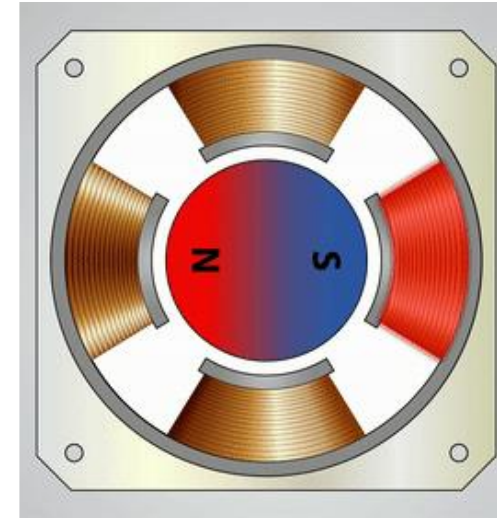
CNC milling machine



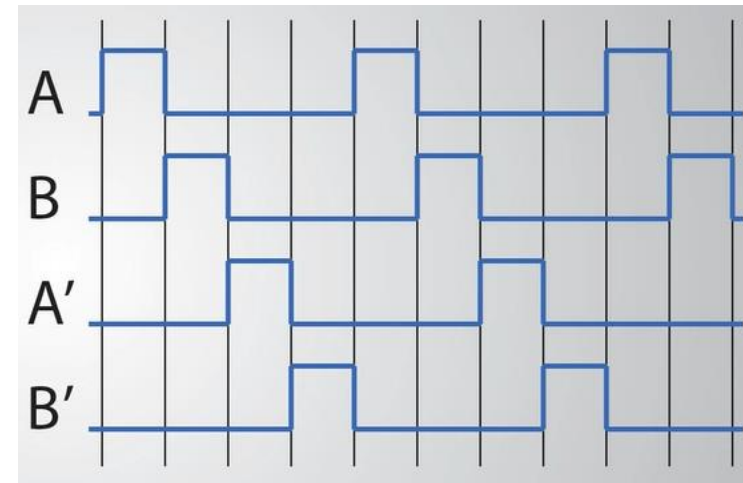
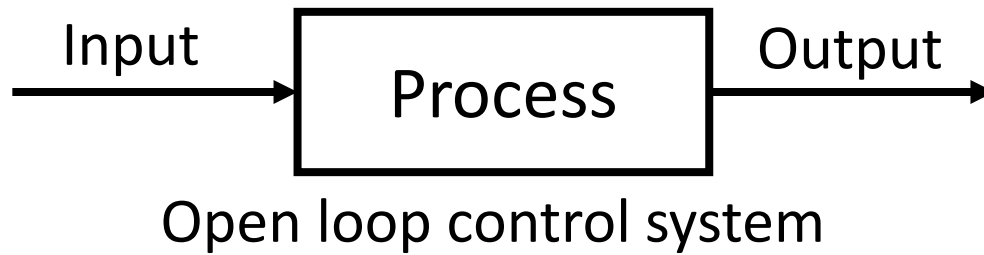
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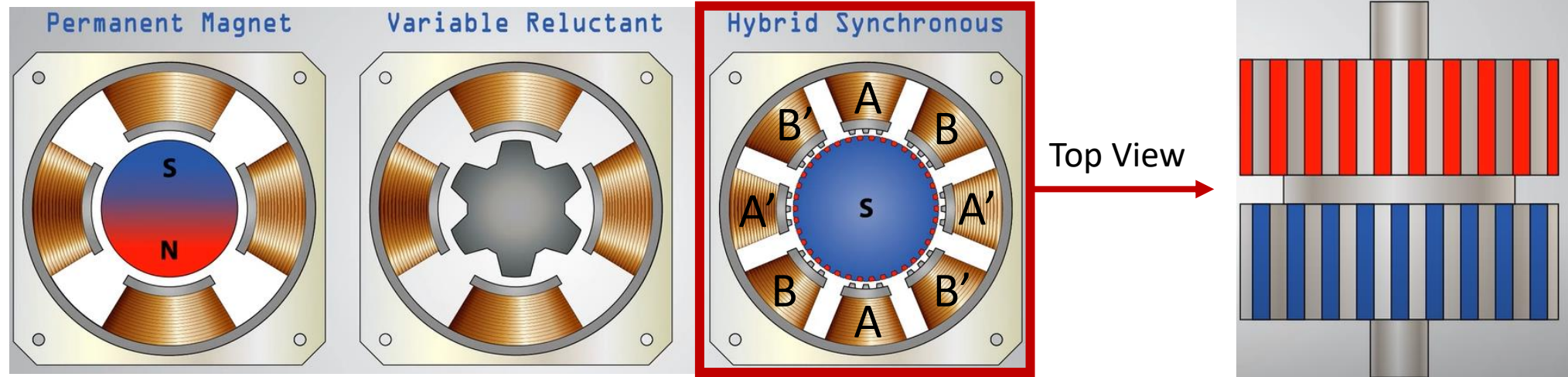
# Stepper Motor – Overview



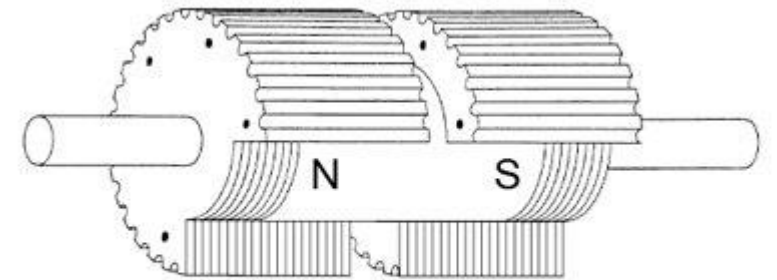
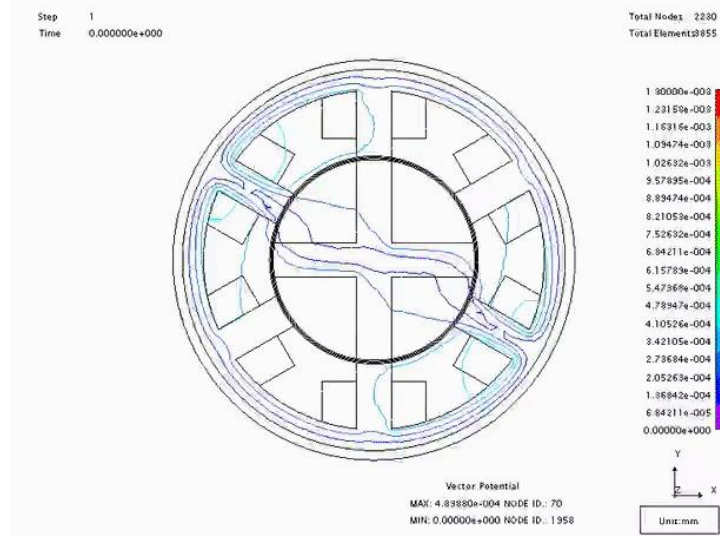
**Wave Drive**



# Stepper Motor – Rotor Types



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWMai3oirnM&ab\\_channel=HowToMechatronics](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWMai3oirnM&ab_channel=HowToMechatronics)

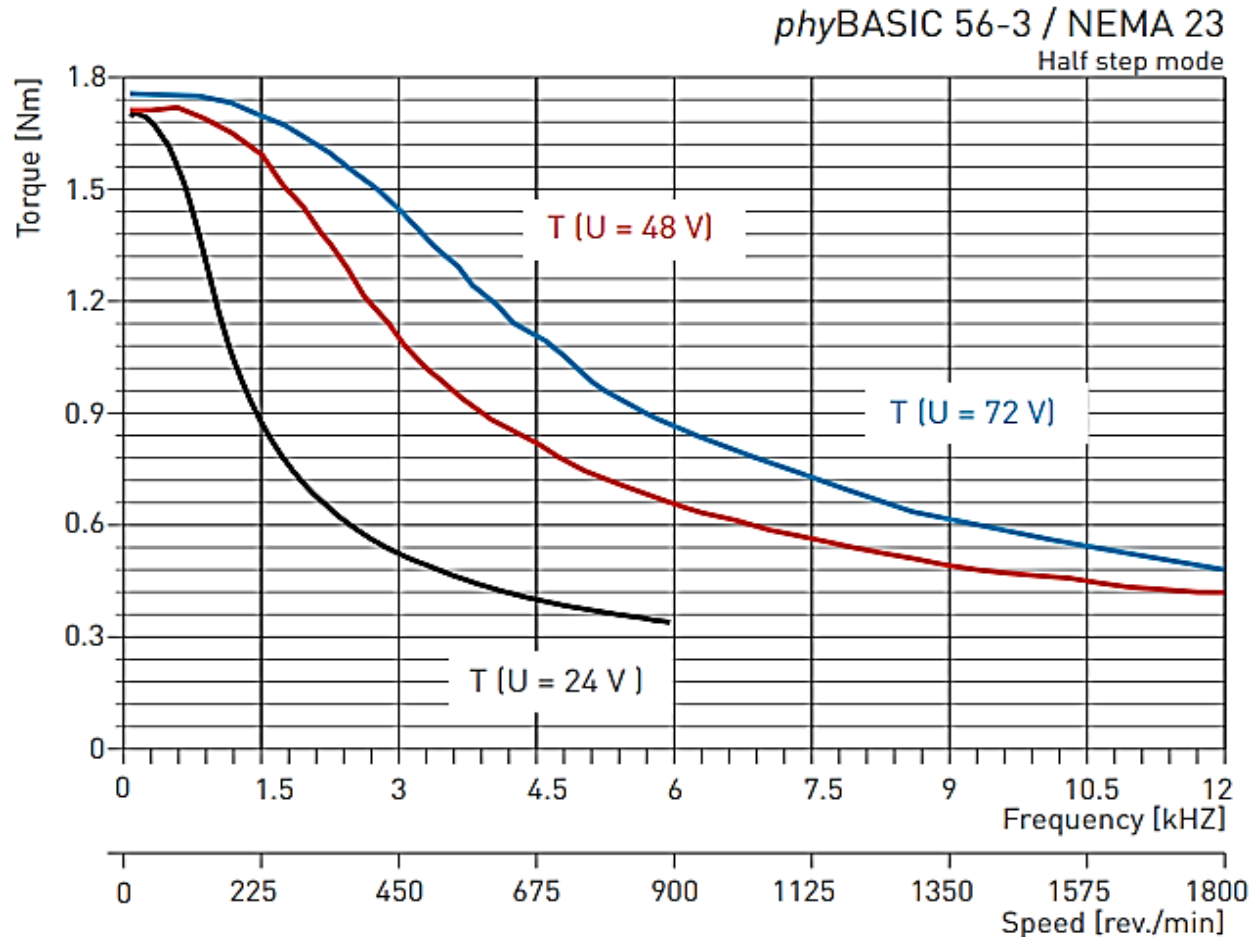


Hybrid Stepper Motor Rotor

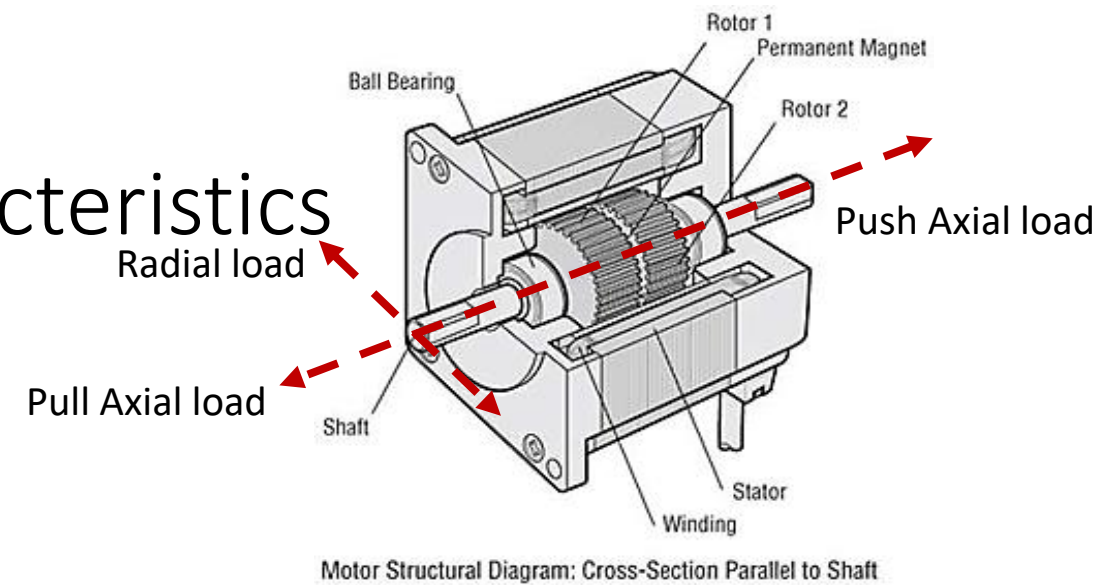
<https://www.orientalmotor.com/stepper-motors/technology/hybrid-stepper-motors-v-hybrid-control.html>

# Stepper Motor – Motor Characteristics

## Basic Specifications



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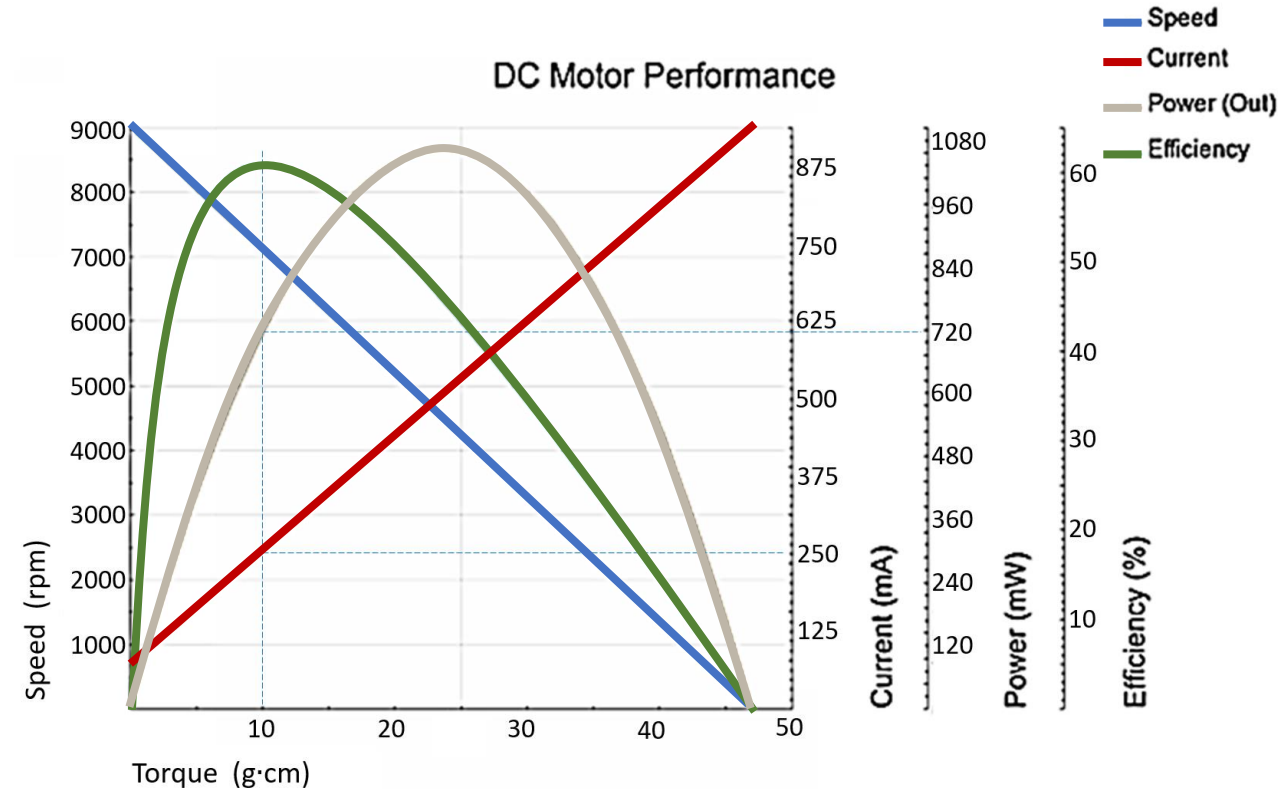
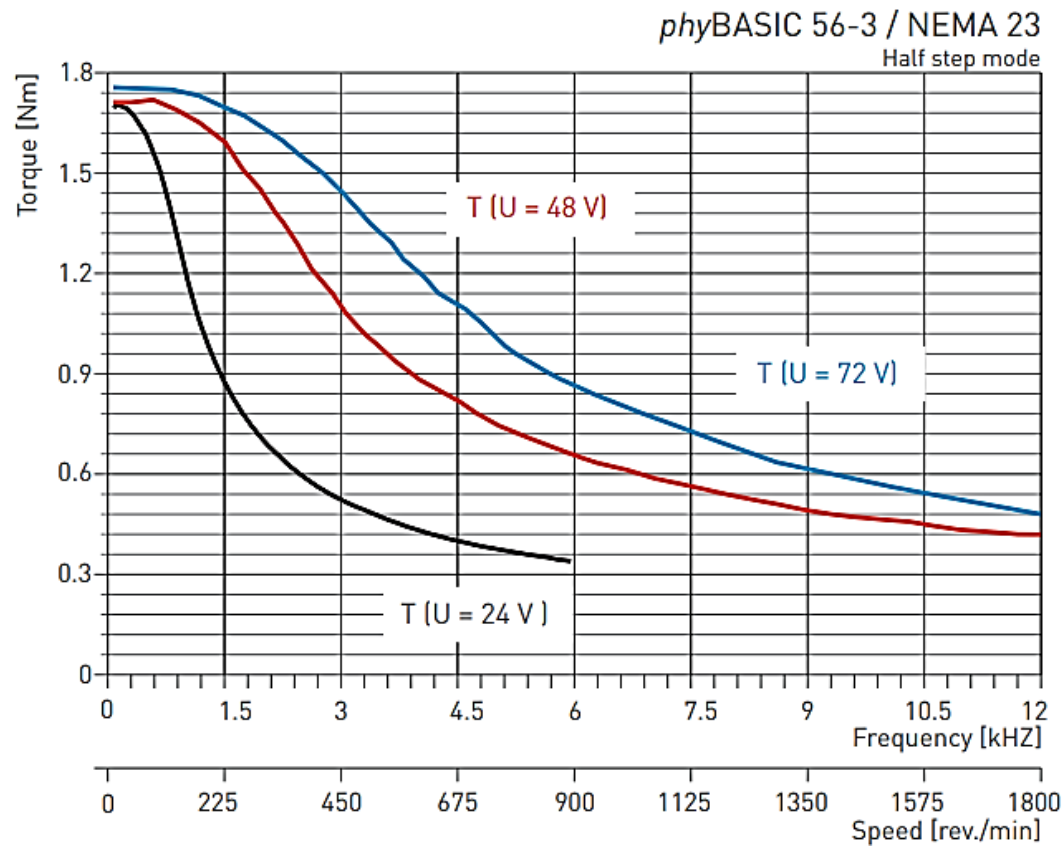
## Stepper Motor Specifications

- **NEMA:** 23
- **Size:** 56-3
- **Current/Phase:** 2.0 A
- **Resistance/Phase:** 2.3 Ohm
- **Inductive/Phase:** 9.3 mH
- **AWG:** 26
- **Max Voltage:** 72V
- **Holding Torque:** 2300 mNm
- **Detent torque:** 75 mNm
- **Rotor Inertia:** 0.39 kg cm<sup>2</sup>
- **Bearing Load:** Axial (push) 40 N/(pull) 130 N
- **Bearing Load:** Radial 70 N
- **Mass:** 1 kg



# Stepper Motor – Motor Characteristics

## Stepper – DC motor characteristics comparison

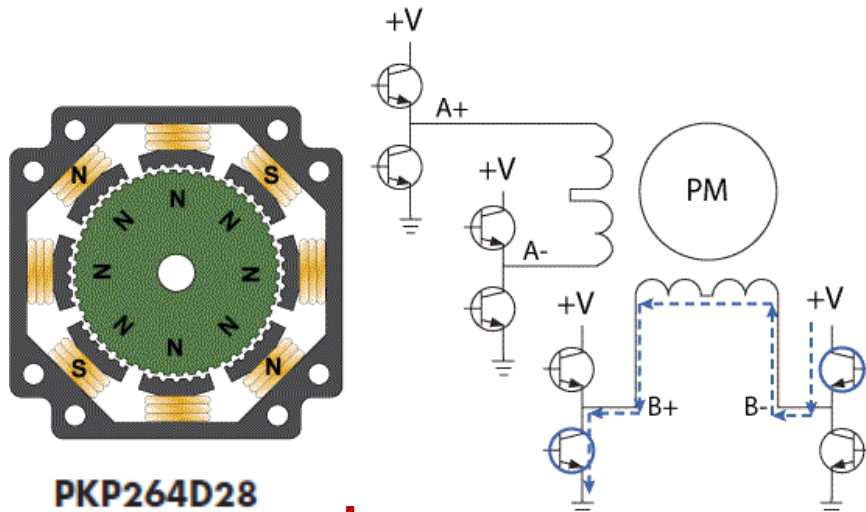


DC and stepper motor have differences in motion generation and motor driving method. This cause a difference in characteristics.

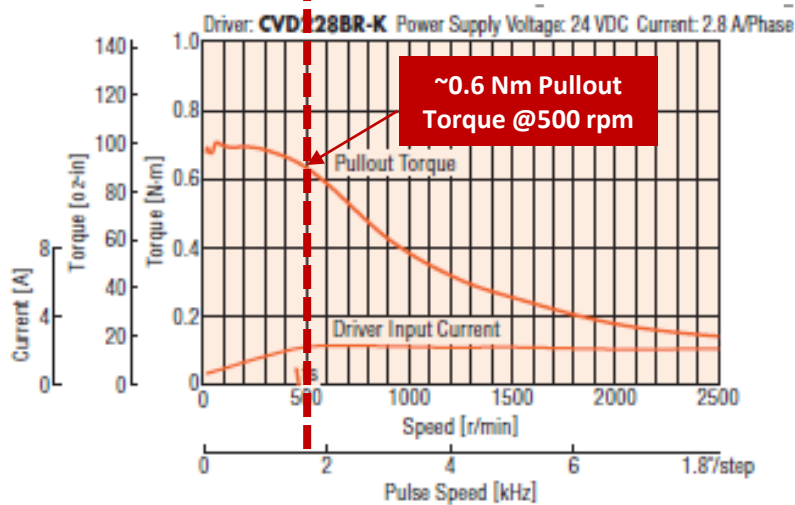


# Stepper Motor – Stepper Driver Types

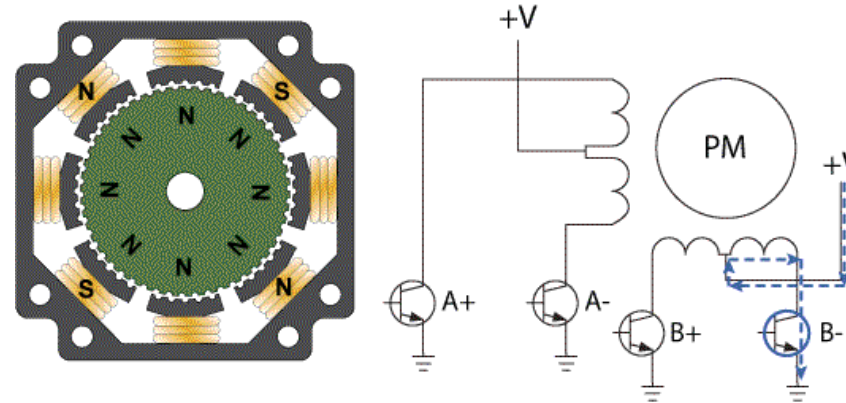
## Bipolar Stepper Motor



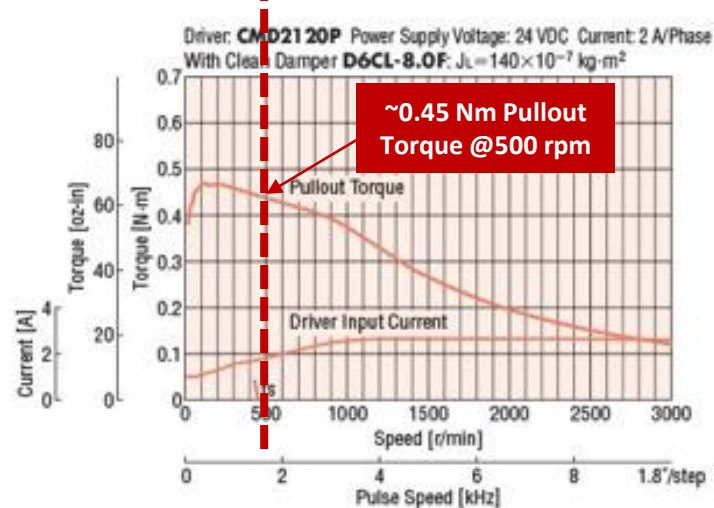
PKP264D28



## Unipolar Stepper Motor



PKP264U20A2 / PKP264U20B2



- **Bipolar** driver **is more efficient** than unipolar
- **Bipolar** driver **is more complicated** to drive than unipolar
- **Bipolar** has a **better ability to send current** to a coil.

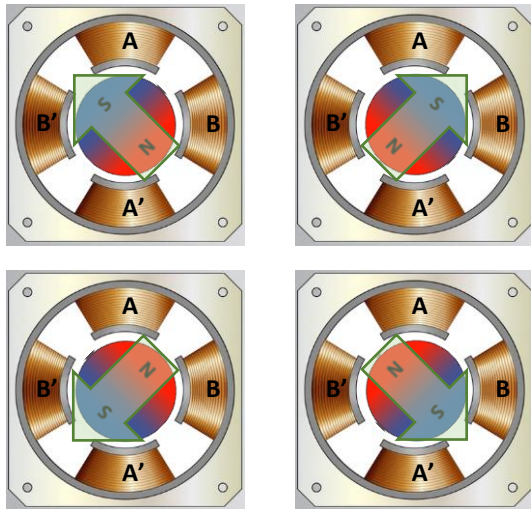
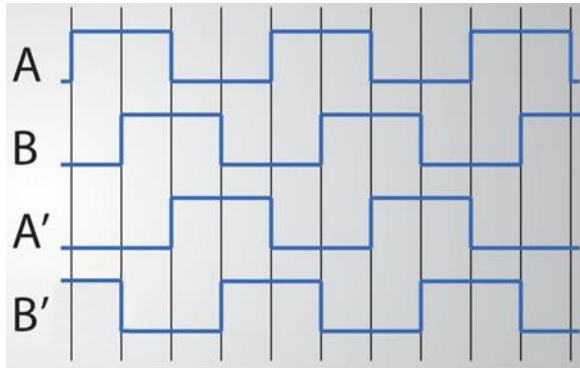
\*\* By changing from driver types, we are changing the torque characteristics of the motor.

[Stepper Motor Wiring Basics:  
Unipolar vs Bipolar](https://www.applied-motion.com/news/2015/10/what-unipolar-step-motor-drive)

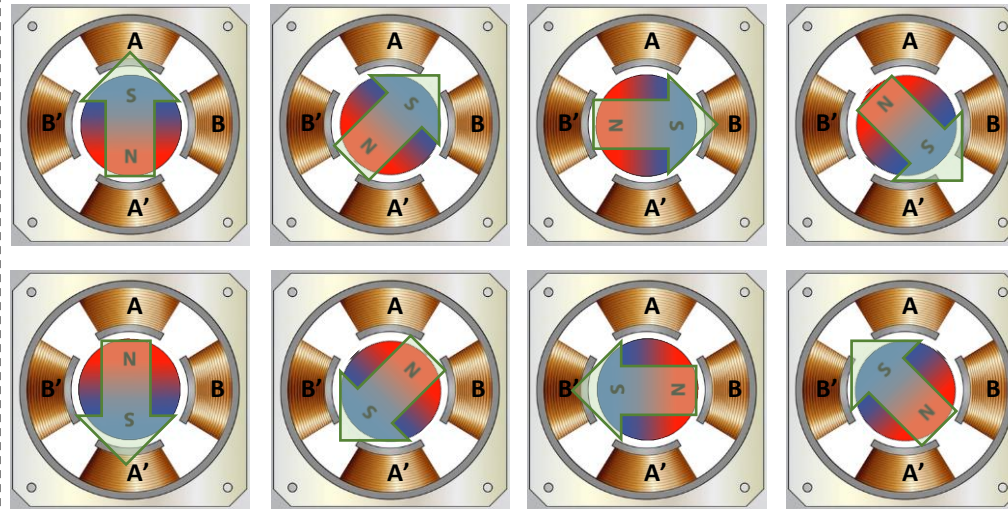
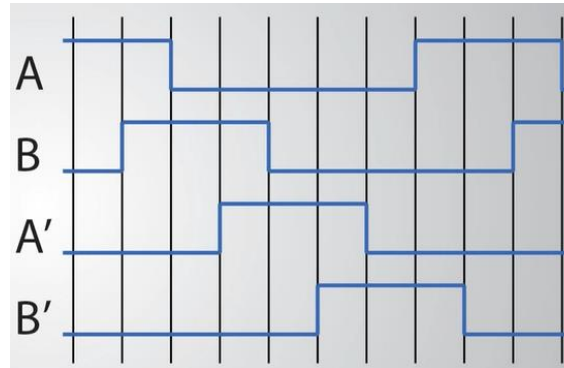
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# Stepper Motor – Drive Modes

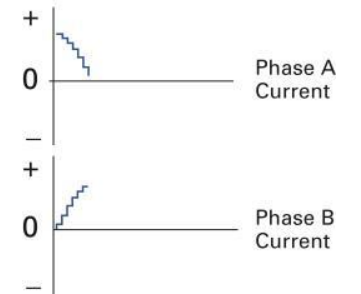
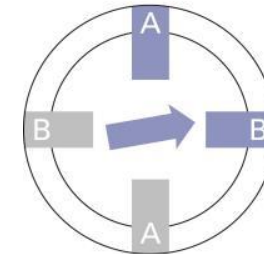
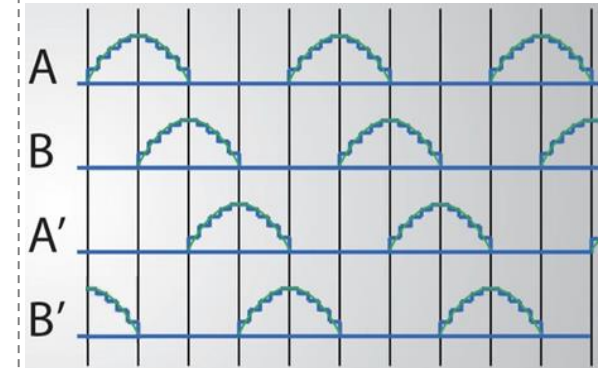
## Full Step Drive



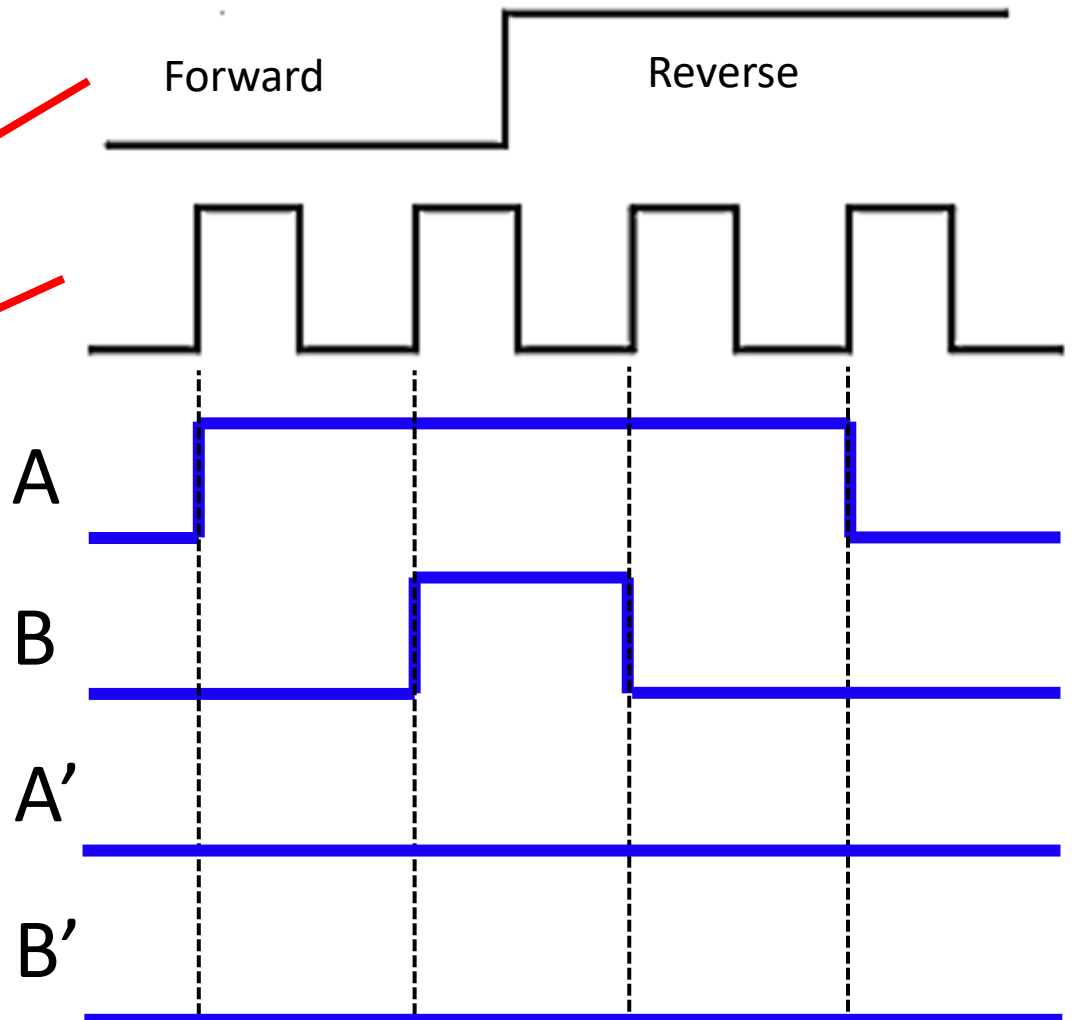
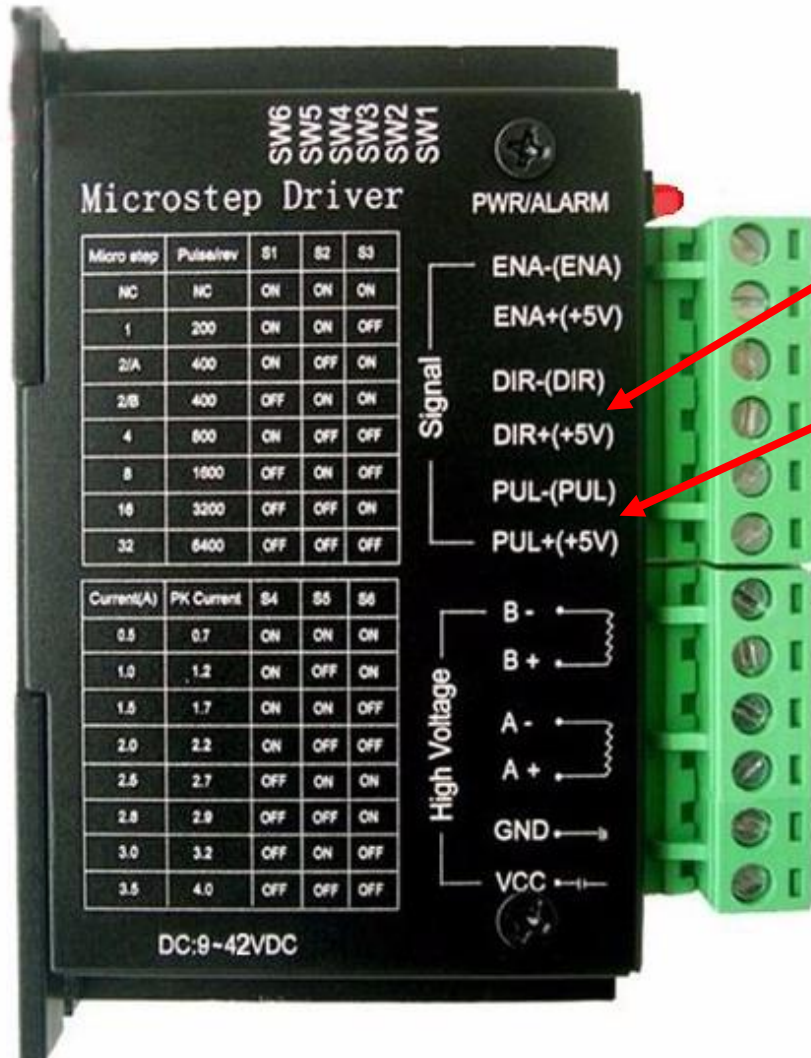
## Half Step Drive



## Micro Step Drive



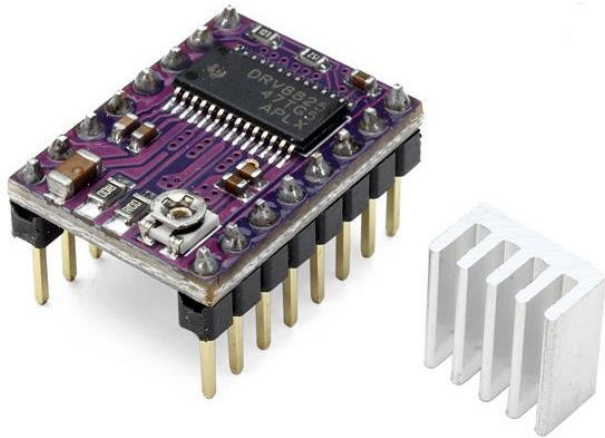
# Stepper Motor – Stepper Driver





# Stepper Motor – Stepper Driver

## DRV 8825



MODE0	MODE1	MODE2	Microsteps
Low	Low	Low	Full step
High	Low	Low	Half step
Low	High	Low	1/4 step
High	High	Low	1/8 step
Low	Low	High	1/16 step
High	Low	High	1/32 step
Low	High	High	1/32 step
High	High	High	1/32 step

EN = Enable - Active LOW (default state)  
Leave unconnected if always enabled

M0 = Mode 0 (Set microstep size)  
Leave unconnected for full Step Mode

M1 = Mode 1 (Set microstep size)  
Leave unconnected for full Step Mode

M2 = Mode 2 (Set microstep size)  
Leave unconnected for full Step Mode

RST = Reset - Active LOW (default state)  
Must pull high to take out of reset

SLP = Sleep - Active LOW (default state)  
Must pull high to take out of sleep

STP = Step Input (pulse increments step)  
Driven by microcontroller

DIR = Direction Input (rotation direction)  
Driven by microcontroller



VMOT = Motor Voltage (8.2 - 45V)

GND = Motor Power Supply Ground

2B = Stepper Coil B (leg 2)

1B = Stepper Coil B (leg 1)

1A = Stepper Coil A (leg 1)

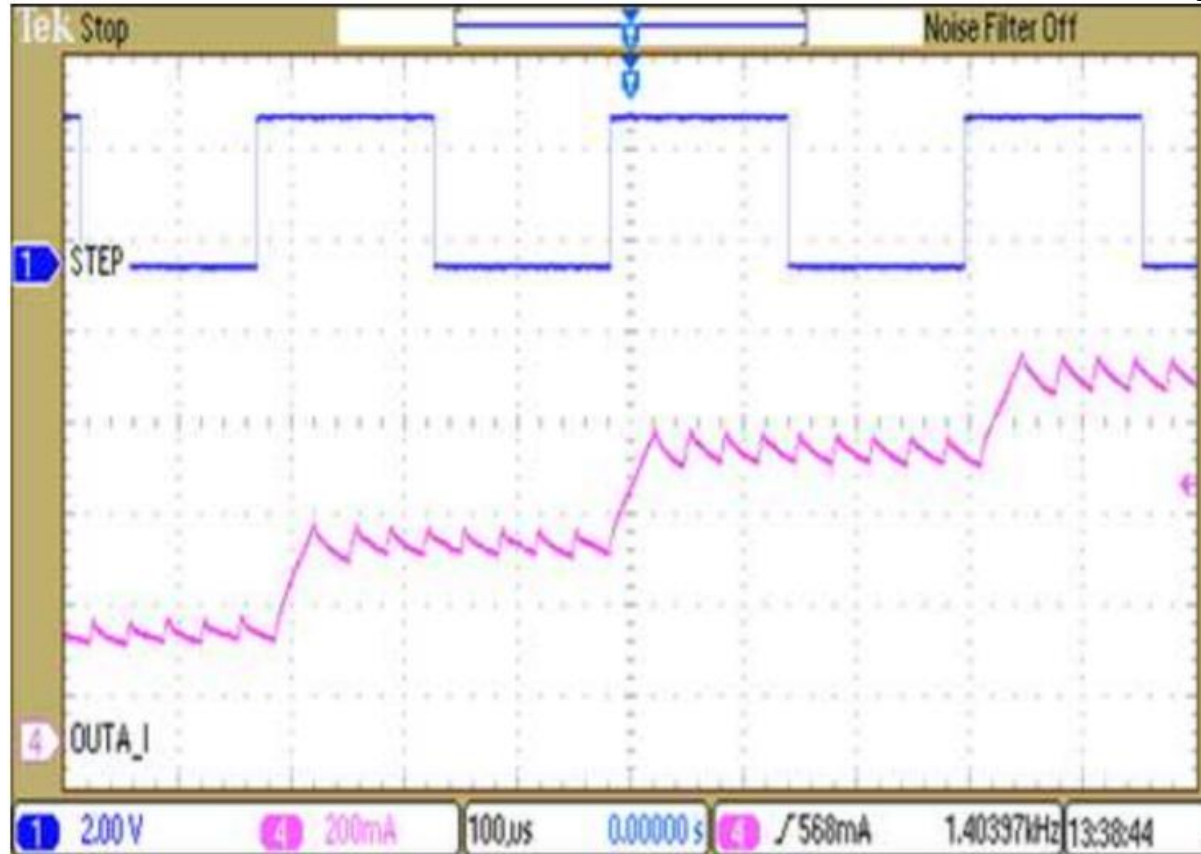
2A = Stepper Coil A (leg 2)

FLT = Fault Output - Active LOW when  
fault detected

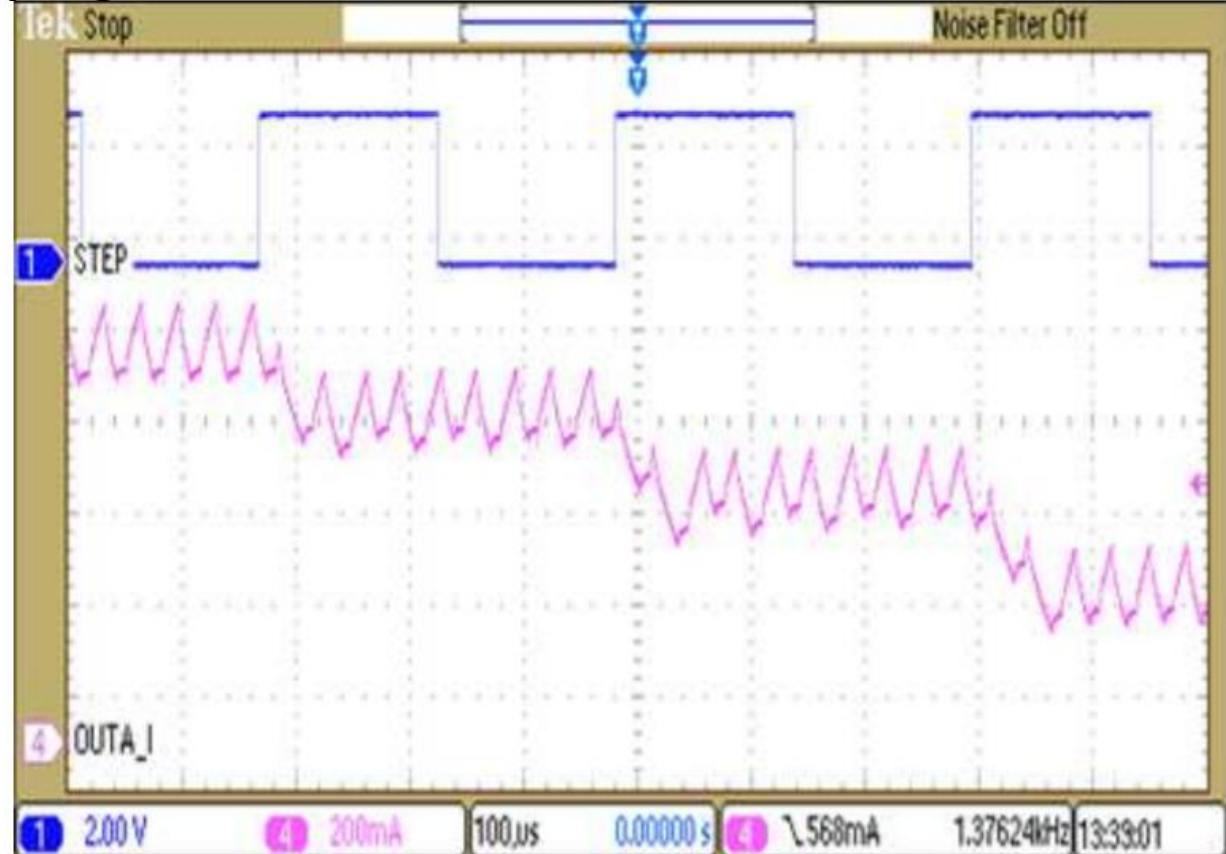
GND = Microcontroller Ground

# Stepper Motor – Stepper Driver

## DRV 8825 current draw from microstepping



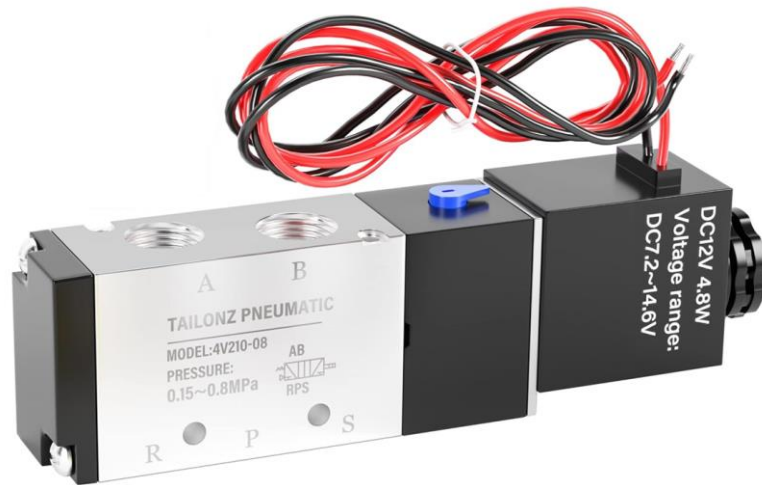
Microstepping Current (Phase A) vs STEP Input, Slow Decay on Increasing Steps



Microstepping Current (Phase A) vs STEP Input, Mixed Decay on Decreasing Steps

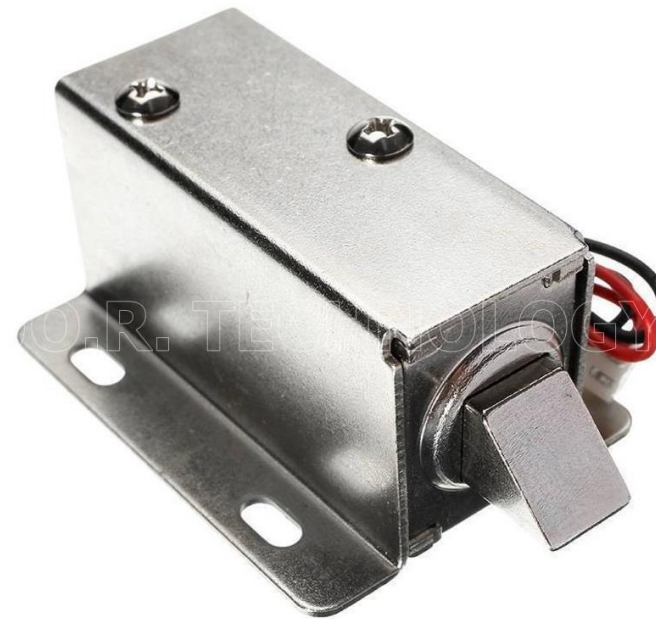
# Solenoid

Example applications



[TAILONZ PNEUMATIC 1/4"NPT Solenoid Valve DC12V Single Coil Pilot-Operated Electric 2 Position 5 Way Connection Type](#)

Solenoid Valve



[GD004 กลอนไฟฟ้า กลอนแม่เหล็กไฟฟ้า กลอนประตูไฟฟ้า LY-03 DC12V 0.3A 3.6W Electromagnetic Lock โซลินอยด์ล็อก Solenoid lock](#)

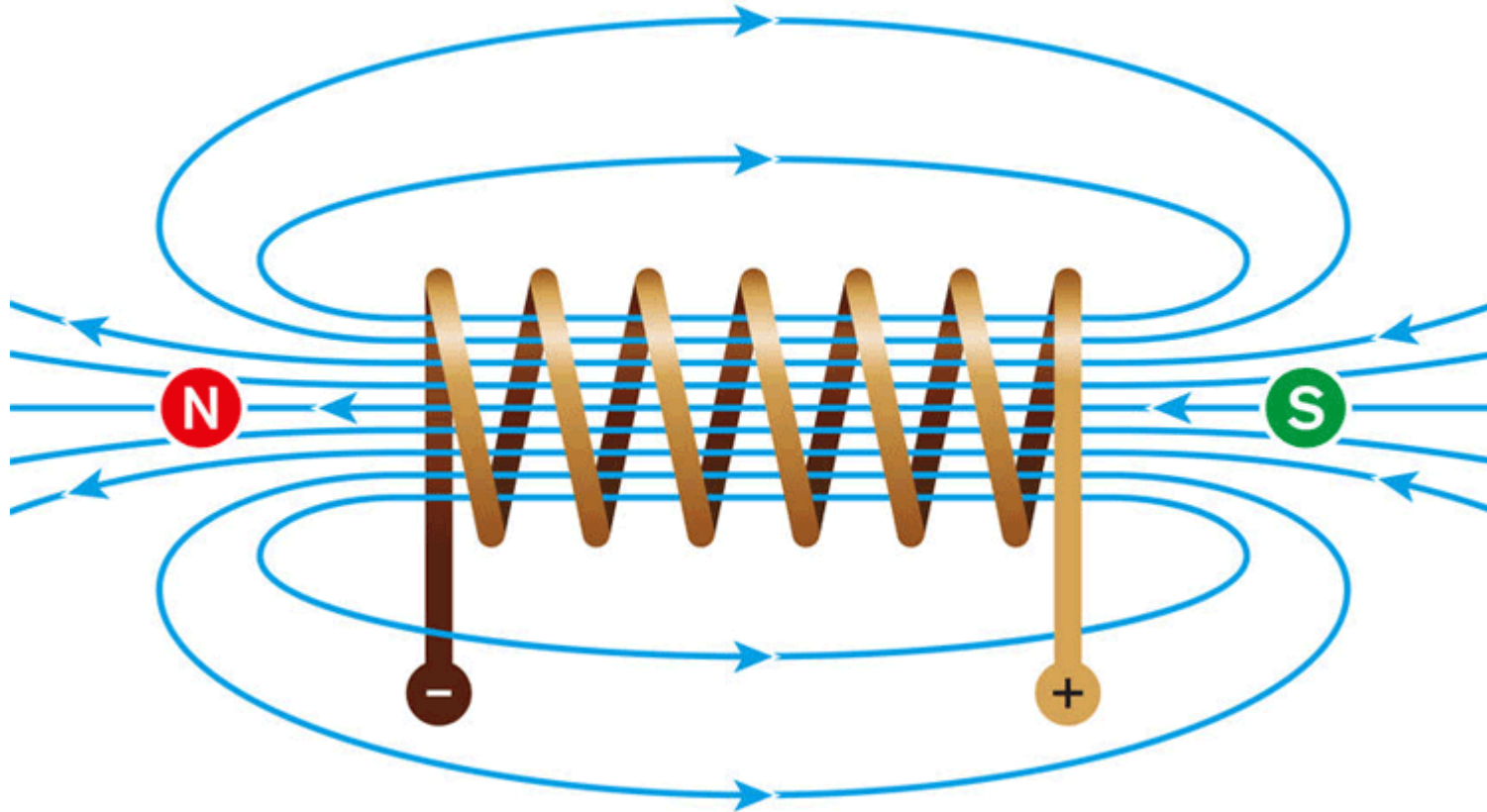
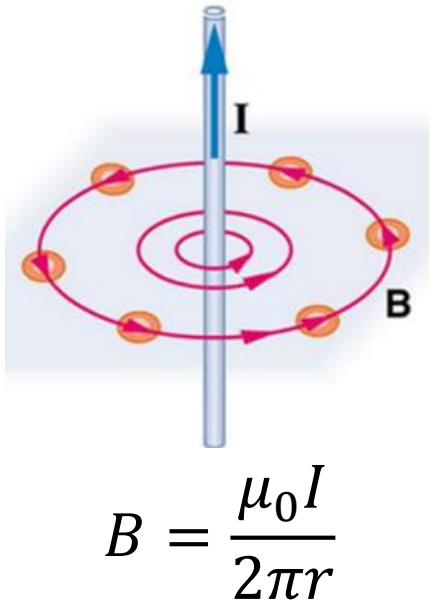
Solenoid Lock Door



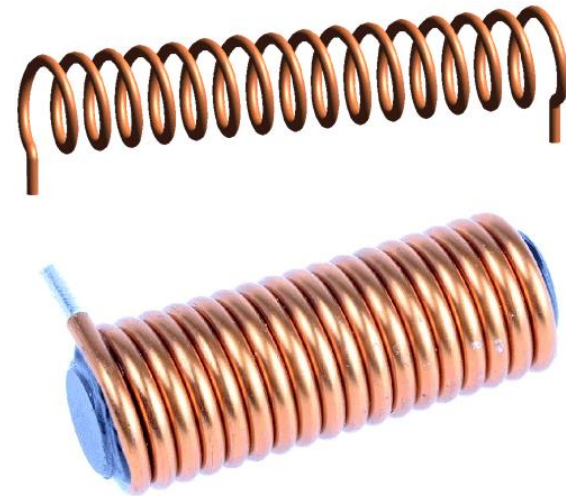
# Solenoid – Basic Principle

Electromagnetic Waves in Solenoid

Ampere's Law



$$B = \mu_0 \frac{NI}{l}$$

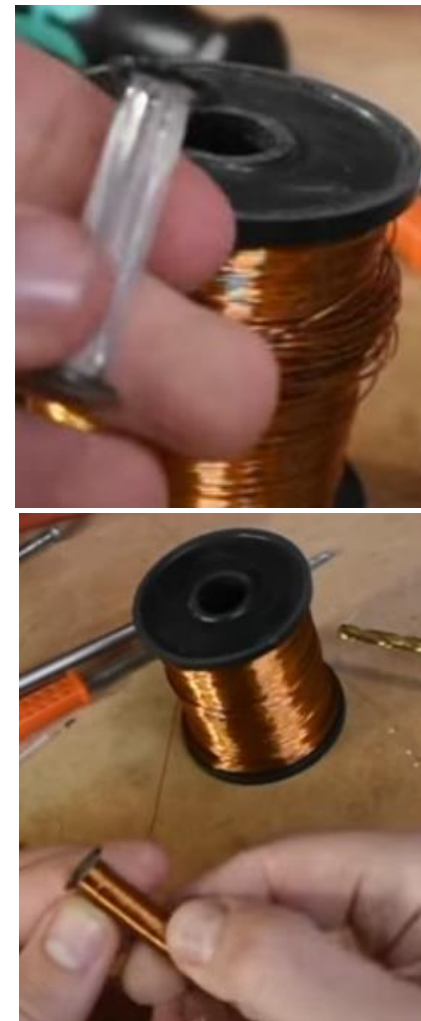
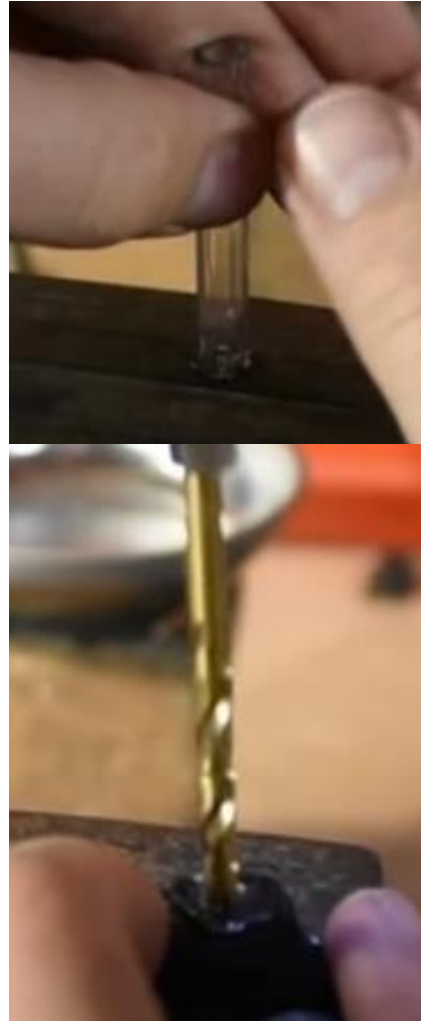


<https://circuitdigest.com/article/what-is-solenoid-its-working-principle-and-types>

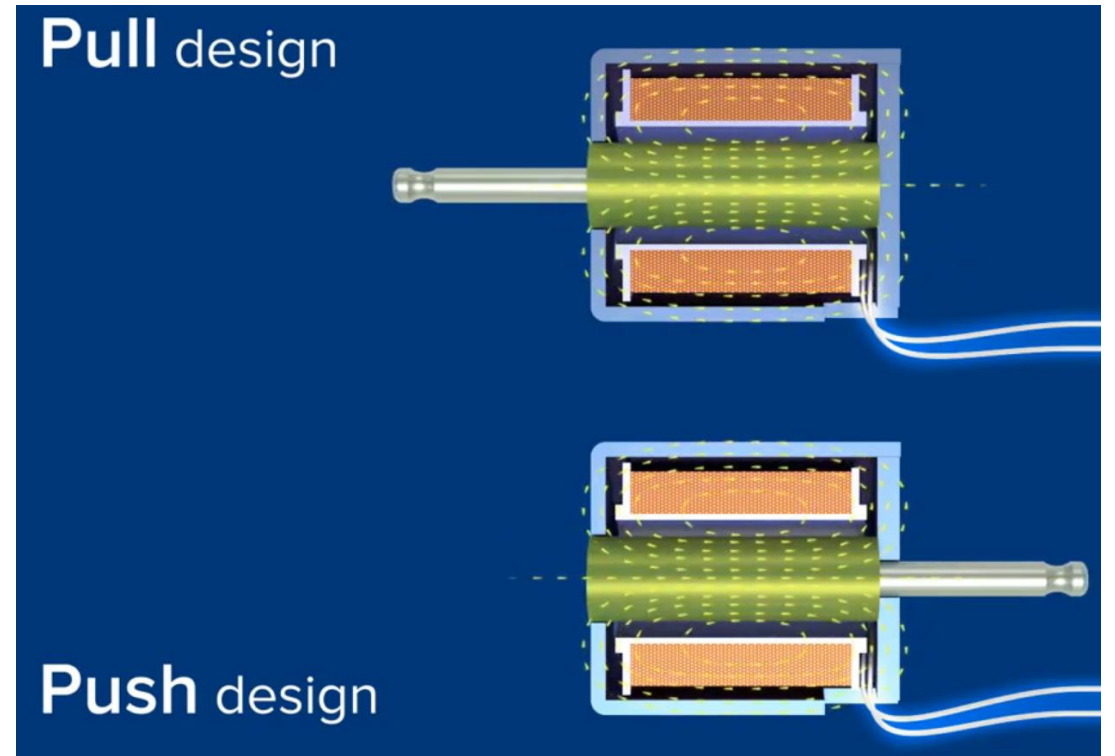
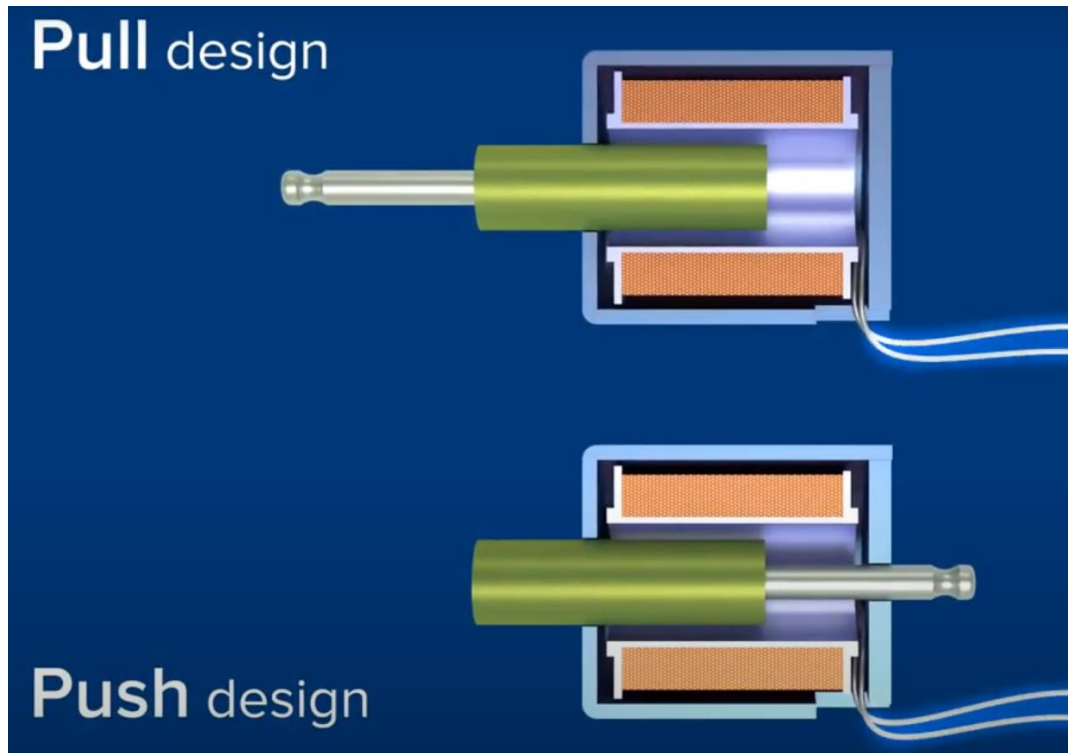
$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T} \cdot \text{m/A}$  permeability of free space



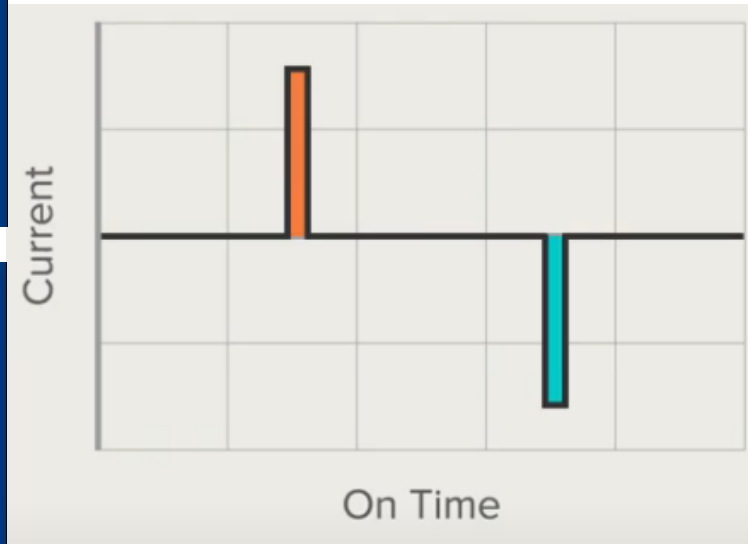
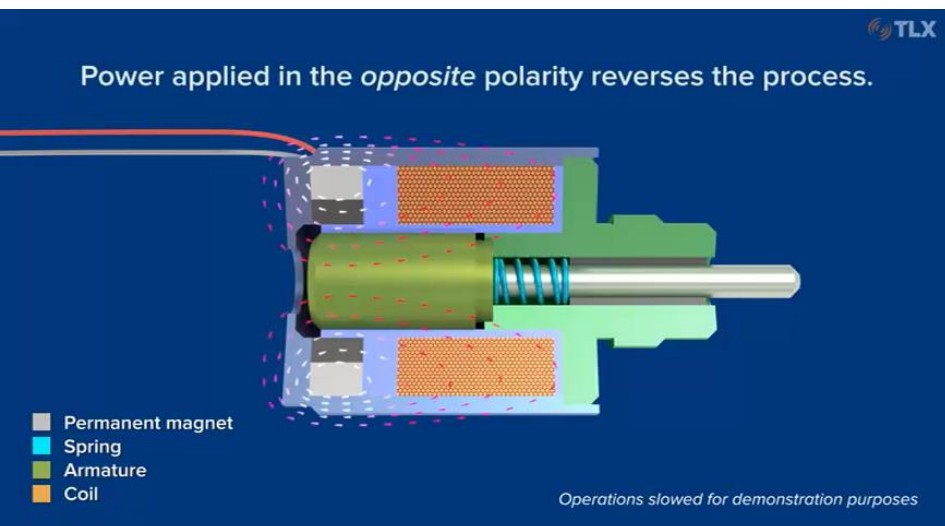
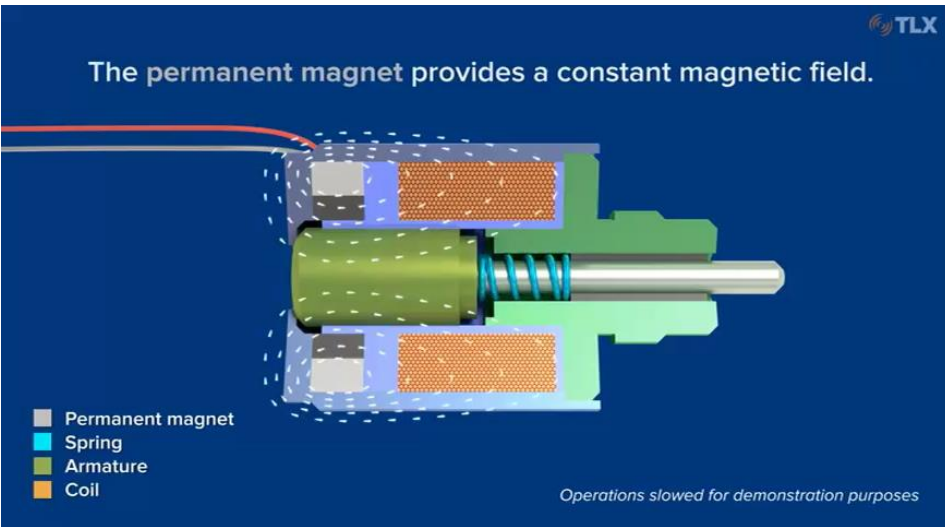
# Solenoid – DIY Solenoid



# Solenoid – Basic design of solenoid

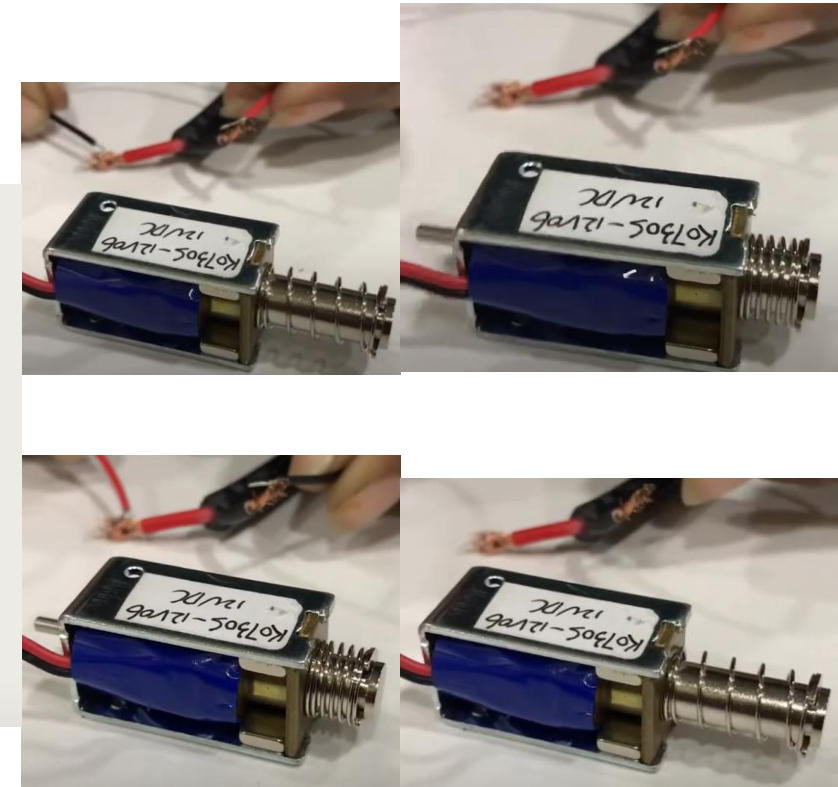


# Solenoid – Latching Solenoid

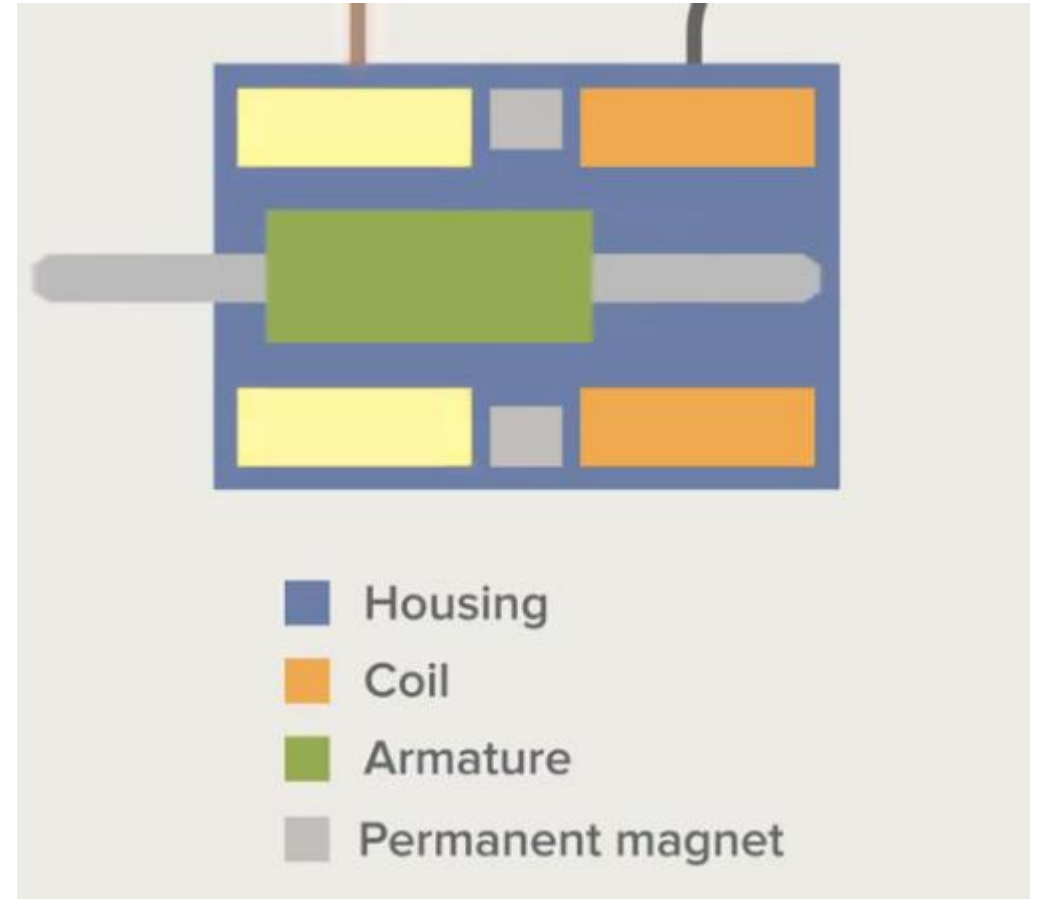
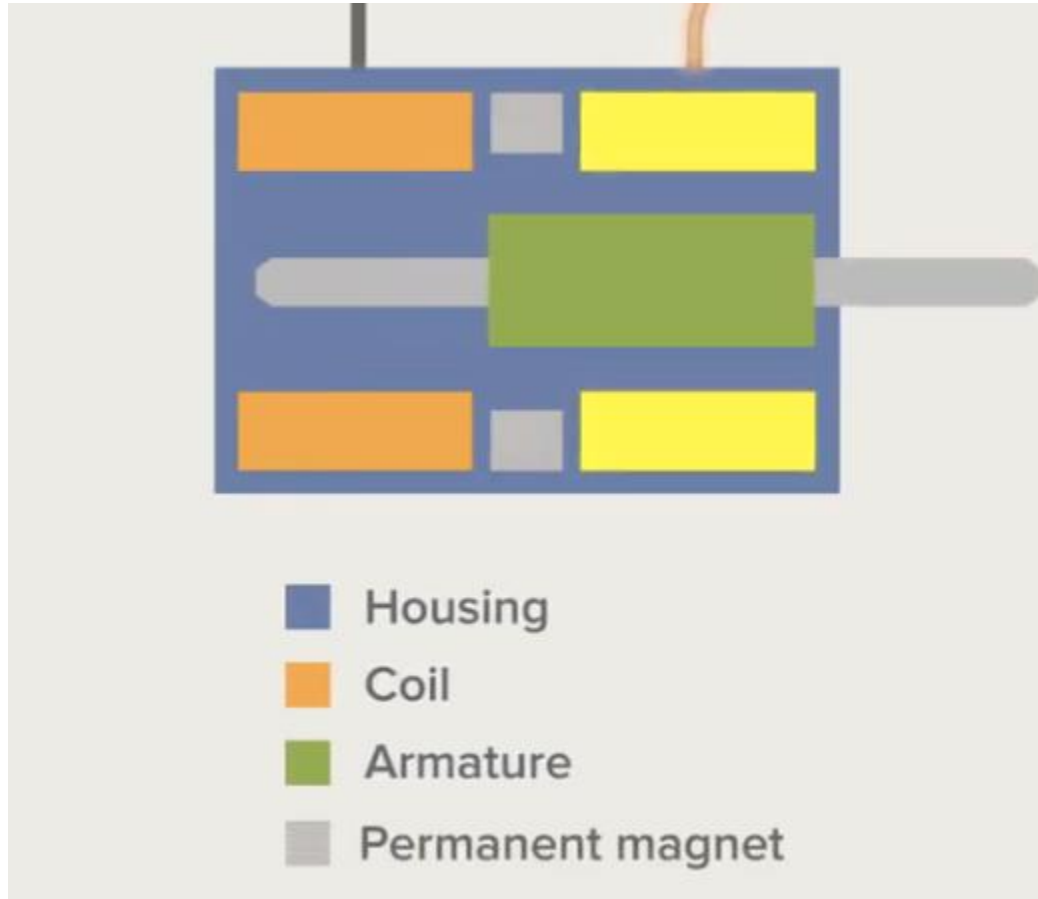


The advantage of latching solenoid

Low frequency application  
Low power consumption



# Solenoid – Bi-Stable Linear Solenoid

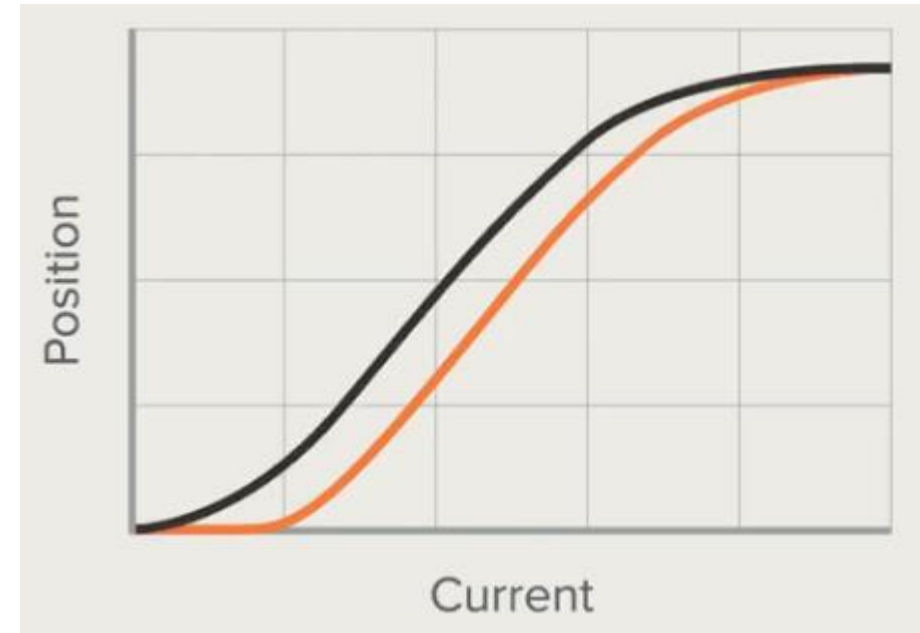




# Solenoid – Proportional Solenoid

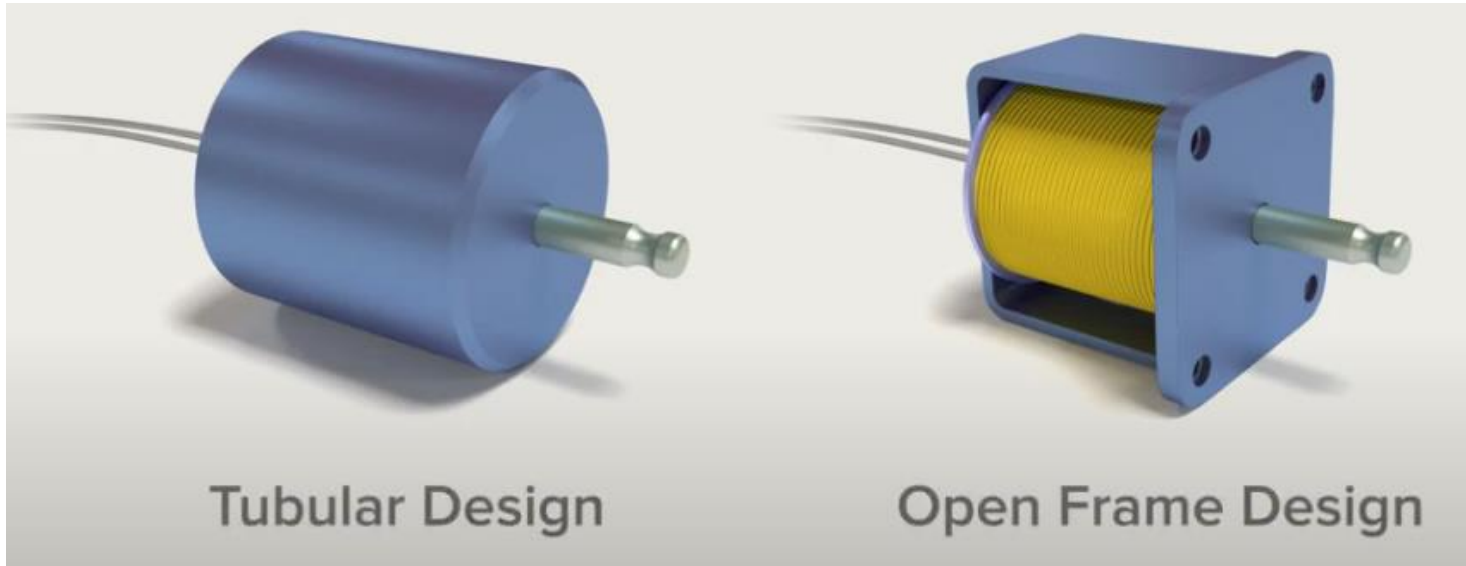


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# Solenoid – Frame of Solenoid

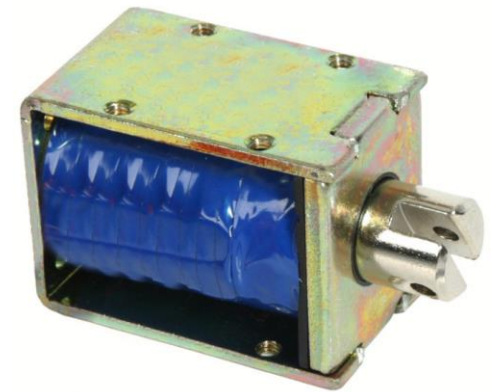


Minimize flux leakage  
Reduce operational noise

Simplest design  
Low cost



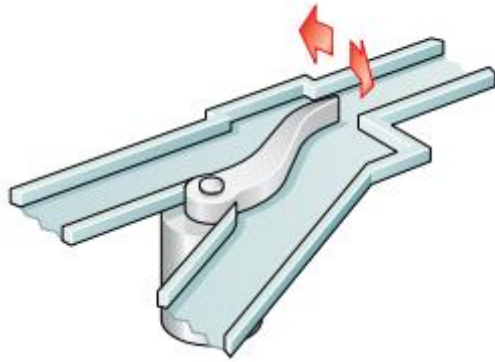
C Frame (U Frame) solenoid



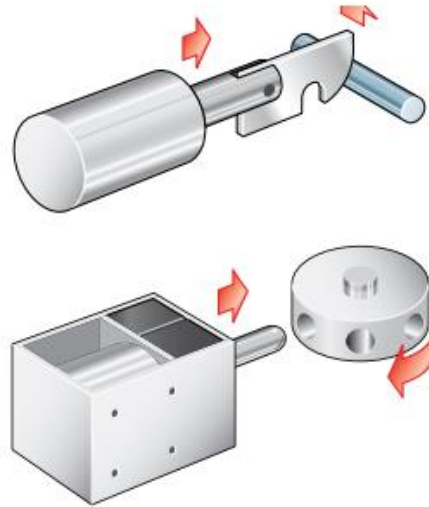
D Frame (Box Frame) solenoid

# Solenoid – Linear Solenoid Application

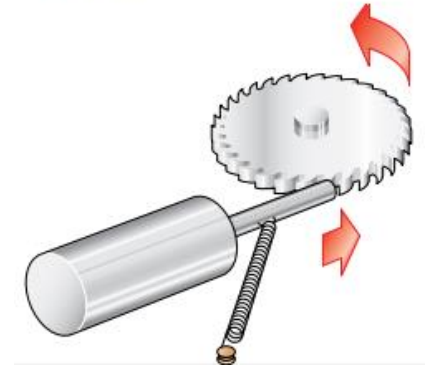
**Divert**



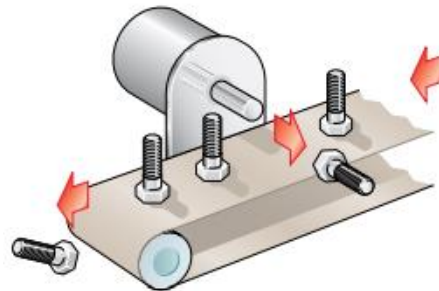
**Lock/Latch**



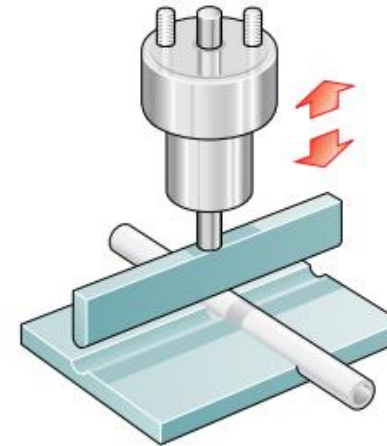
**Position**



**Kick**



**Pinch**





# Solenoid – Rotary Solenoid

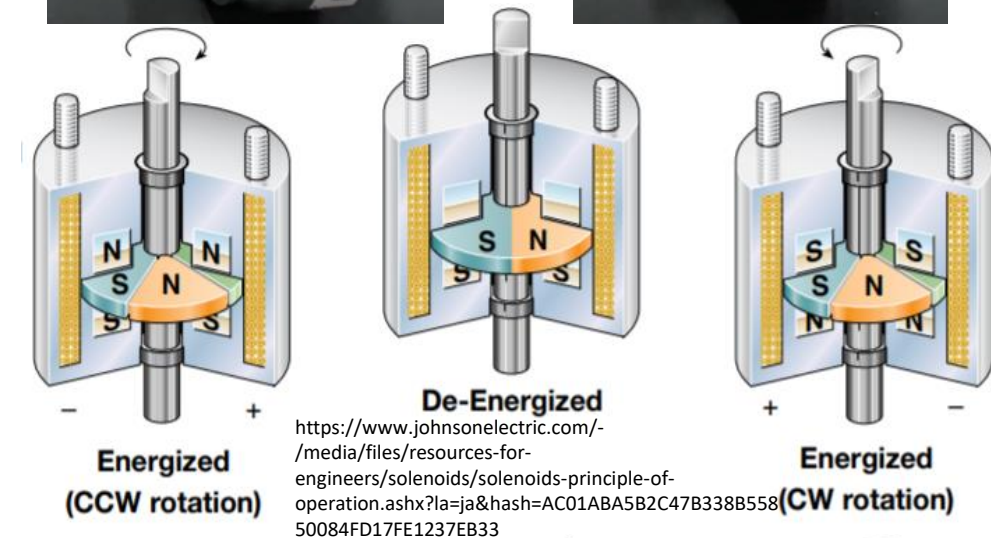
## Bi-stable rotary solenoids

fast response times  
holds the position even when power is not applied



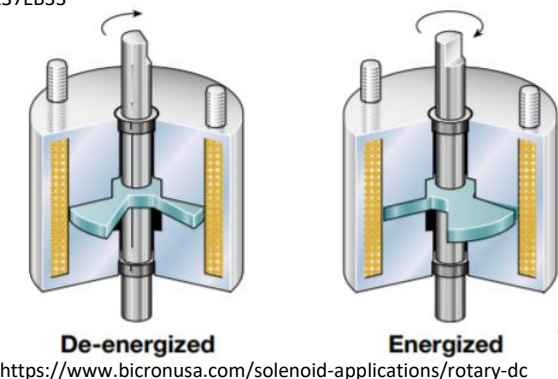
## Step rotary solenoids

multiple position control  
durable, high-torque  
holds the position even when power is not applied

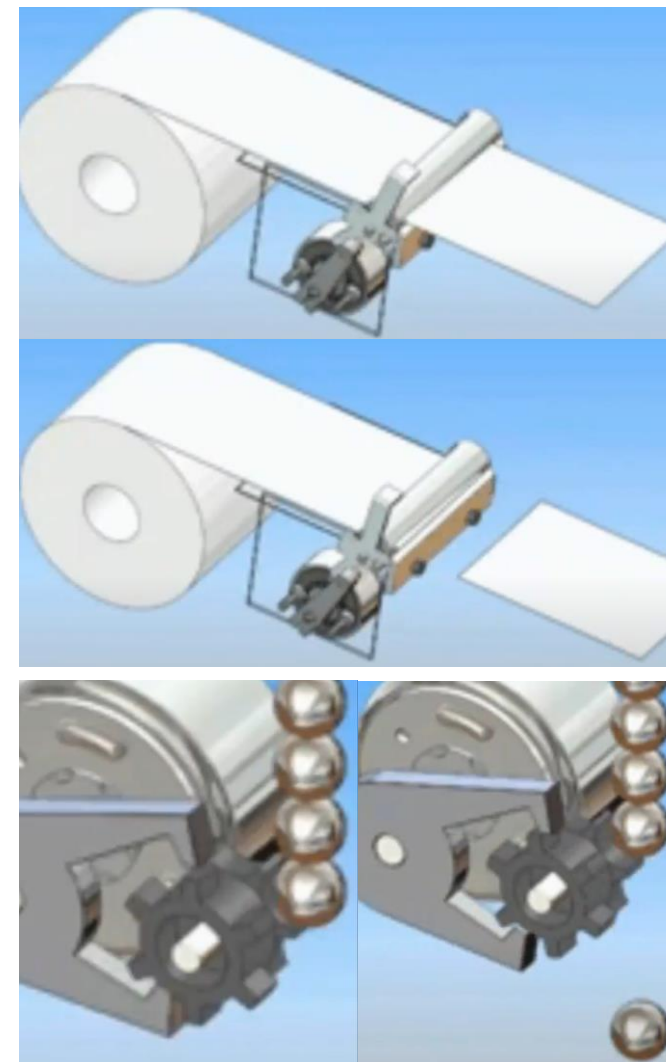
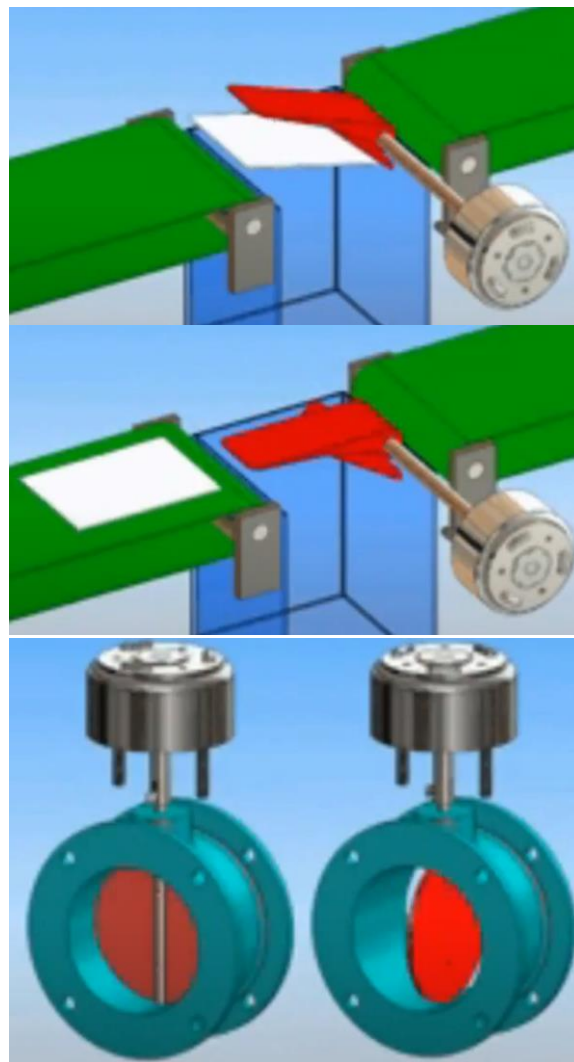
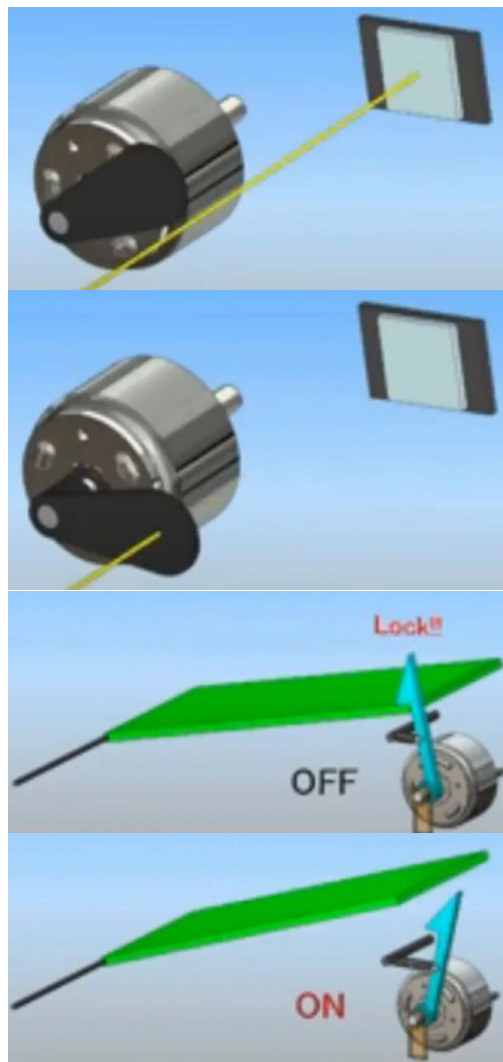


## Latching solenoids

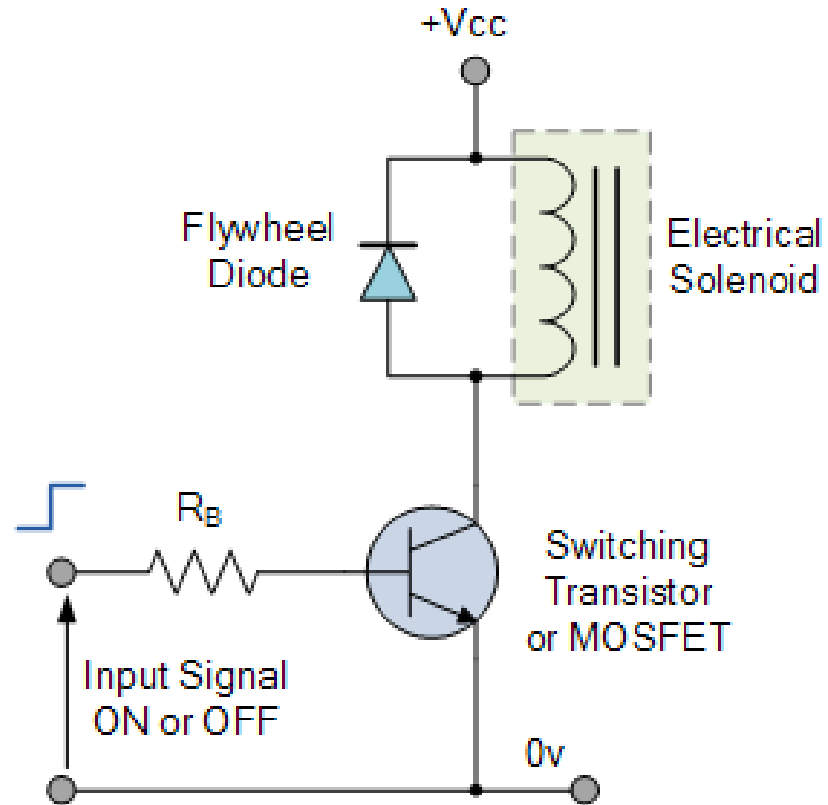
low duty cycle  
negative electrical pulse unlatches the plunger



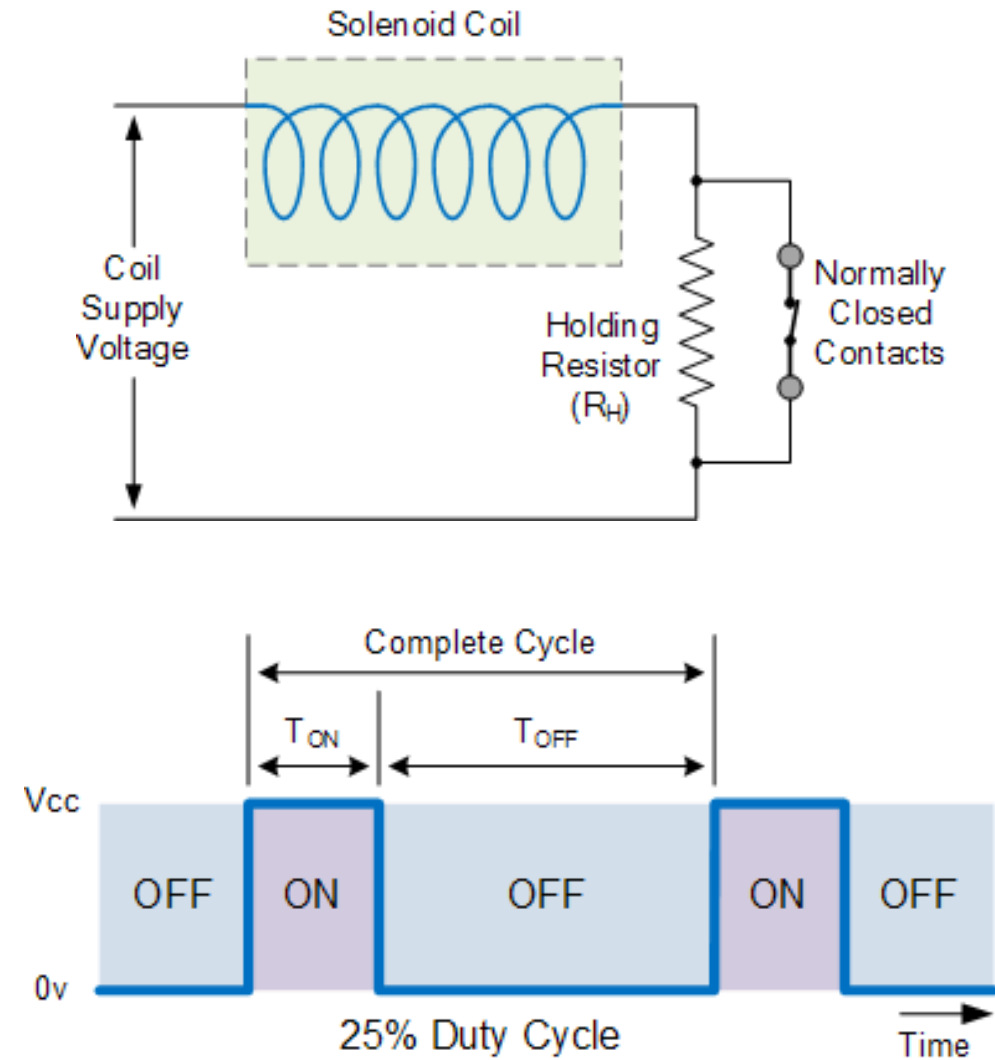
# Solenoid – Rotary Solenoid Application



# Solenoid – Driver

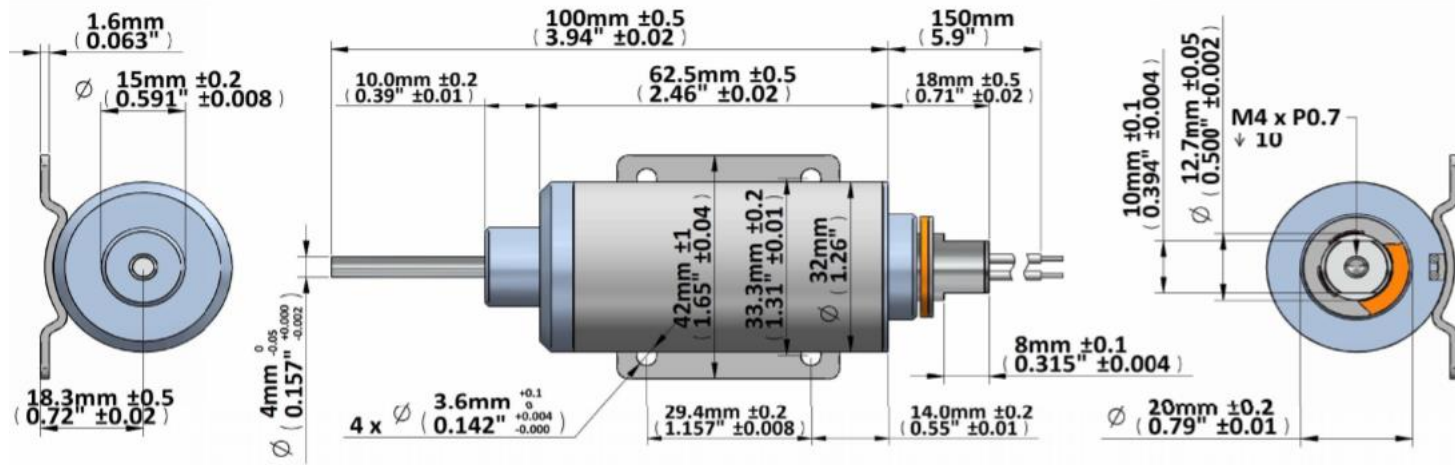


Protection



Reduce Heat

# Solenoid – Specification



Data at 20°C , device performance measured without heat sink

duty cycle = $\frac{\text{"on" time}}{\text{"on" time} + \text{"off" time}} \times 100\%$			100% cont.	50% or less	25% or less	10% or less
Max. "on" time in seconds			∞	310	48	14
watts at 20°C			10,4	20,8	41,6	104
ampere-turns at 20°			1335	1888	2670	4222
AWG no.	resistance	number of turns	volts DC			
	Ω±10% (at 20°C)					
M320SS-12v	14	1541	12,0	17,0	24,0	38,0
M320SS-24v	55	3060	24,0	34,0	48,0	76,0
M320SS-48v	214	5992	48,0	68,0	96,0	152,0
M320SS-96v	900	12200	96,0	136,0	192	304

