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Bed Auto leveling User Guide

Level Corners

 The automatic bed leveling function is used to correct the relative offset of different positions on the hot bed at the Z-axis height, not the absolute value. Before executing Bed Auto Leveling, you must perform **Level Corners** to make the machine obtain a correct absolute value of the starting point of Z axis (it is so called **Z axis absolute zero point** of the machine). Steps as below:

Step 1: Power on the 3d printer and then do "Prepare>>Auto Home>>Home All" on LCD MENU, wait the hotend go to the HOME position.

Step 2: Tighten the hand nuts under the bed to move down the bed to the lowest position (Fig 1).

Step 3: Do "Prepare>> Bed leveling>> Point 1" on control panel(Fig 2), the nozzle will go to the corners of the bed, loosen the hand nuts under the hotbed (Fig 3) and let the nozzle almost touch the hotbed (Fig 4). Continue to do "Point 2/3/4" until all of the 4 corners has been leveled.

Step 4: Repeat Step 3 and do 2 ~ 3 rounds, until all of the four corners at the same height.

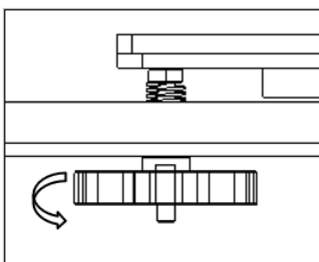


Fig 1



Fig 2

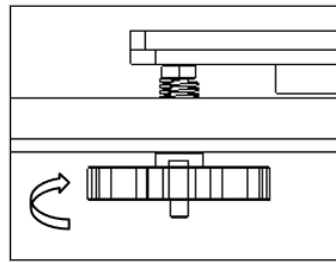


Fig 3

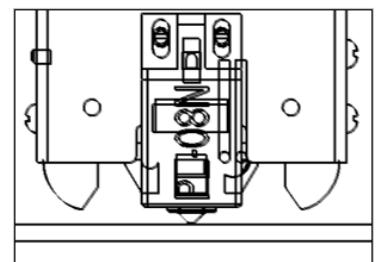


Fig 4

Catch Probe Z offset

Do **Prepare>> Bed Leveling>>Catch Z-Offset** to get the **Probe Z Offset** before doing bed auto leveling.



⚠ Do **Control>> Configure>> Auto Leveling** to turn on **bed auto leveling feature** if you didn't see this menu.



⚠ If the bed leveling sensor can't probing the hotbed before Z ENDSTOP is triggered, it will shows "probing fail" on LCD screen. The reason maybe because: ①the installation postion of bed leveling sensor is too height, ②bed leveling sensor don't connect well with control board or even ③bed leveling sensor is burn out.

✖ **What is "Probe Z Offset"?**

"Probe Z Offset" indicates that when the sensor sensed the hot bed, the distance between the nozzle and the Z axis absolute zero point.

If the sensor is installed correctly, the nozzle is always above the hot bed when the sensor sensed the hot bed, so **Probe Z Offset** is always a negative value. Since the sensing distance of each PL-08N sensor is different, and the actual installation height of PL-08N is also different, the **Probe Z Offset** of each machine is different too.

Bed Leveling

After completing the above steps, we have a reliable sensor to measure the hotbed surface and already set all its parameters. Now we need the machine to make a comprehensive measurement of the surface of the hot bed, so as to get a data sheet of the hot bed height on the surface.

Do **Prepare>> Bed Leveling>>Auto Leveling**



After measure done, the state of Auto leveling on Leveling menu will change from **--NA--** to **Activated**.

Verification

Now you can try to print a test file to verify the bed auto leveling result. Steps as below:

1. Copy [level_test_310.gcode](#) to SD card and print it from SD card (Fig 1).
2. When printing started, double click (click twice in one second) the knob to open Baby Z offset menu (Fig 2).
3. Rotate the knob to fine tune the nozzle height, let the filament pasted on the hotbed very well (Fig 3).
4. Watch the print result(Fig 4).

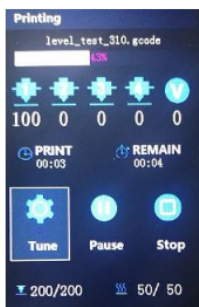


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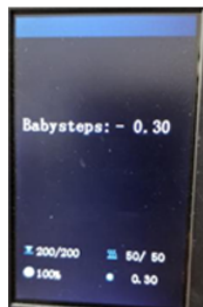


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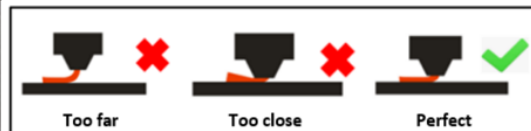


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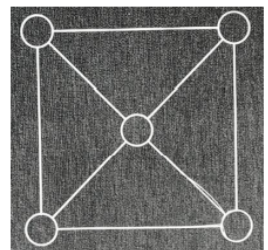


Fig4

Active auto leveling after the printer reset

Auto leveling feature will be disabled automatically when the printer resets, you can turn it on manually from the LCD screen.

- **Step 1. Menu>>Prepare>> Auto Home**
- **Step 2. Motion>> Control>> Configure>>Active autolevel: ON** NOTE: After doing these 2 steps, the printer will apply stored leveling correction parameters in the last "bed level".



Auto leveling the bed before each printing

If you want the printer do bed auto leveling for each printing, you need to add a "G29" command in the "Start Gcode" of printer settings of the slicing software.

@ Cura

Machine Settings

ZONESTAR M4

Printer

Printer Settings

Start G-code

G28

G29

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Speed and Quality

Structures

Extrusion

G-Codes

Advanced

Start G-Code

End G-Code

Before Extruder Switch

After Extruder Switch

Create Default

You can add dynamic values, that get replaced during

Default start code

G28 ; Home all

G29

G1 Z15 F12 TRAVEL_SPEED;

M107 ; Turn off fan

G90 ; Absolute positioning

M82 ; Extruder in absolute m

{IF_BED}M190 S{BED}

; Activate all used extruder

M104 T0 S{TEMP0}

@ Simplify3d

Extruder

Layer

Additions

Infill

Support

Starting Script

Layer Change Script

Retract

G28 ; home all axes

G1 Z5 F3000 ; lift

G1 X5 Y10 F1500 ; move to prime

G1 Z0.2 F3000 ; get ready to prime

G92 E0 ; reset extrusion distance

G1 Y80 E10 F600 ; prime nozzle

G1 Y100 F5000 ; quick wipe