

## Super Simple Stepper Move Code.

```
#include <Stepper.h>

// Set up stepper motor controller.
// 100 steps per revolution, and A0-A3 pins
Stepper StepperOne(100, A0, A1, A2, A3);
int StepInput = 0; // Variable to hold incoming numbers.

unsigned long Timer;

// put your setup code here, to run once:
void setup()
{
    Timer = millis(); // LED flashing timer.
    StepperOne.setSpeed(20); // Set Stepper to 20 RPM
    Serial.begin(115200); // Set up serial port
    pinMode(12, INPUT); // Limits indicator
}

void loop()
{
    // LED Flashing Timer.
    if (millis() - Timer >= 500)
    {
        // Toggle LED.
        if (digitalRead(13))
            digitalWrite(13, LOW);
        else
            digitalWrite(13, HIGH);
        Timer += 500; // Update Timer.
    }

    // Check for incoming serial data.
    if (Serial.available())
    {
        char InChar = Serial.read(); // Read in serial data.

        // Based on character do a certain operation
        if (isdigit(InChar)) // Digit is added into number.
            StepInput = StepInput * 10 + InChar - '0';
        else if (InChar == 'F') // Forward command
        {
            Serial.print("Forward ");
            Serial.print(StepInput);
            Serial.println(" Steps");
            StepperOne.step(StepInput); // Move stepper forward.
            StepInput = 0; // Reset input reading variable.
        }
        else if (InChar == 'B') // Backward command
        {
            Serial.print("Backward ");
            Serial.print(StepInput);
            Serial.println(" Steps");
            StepperOne.step(-StepInput); // Move Stepper backward.
            StepInput = 0; // Reset input reading variable.
        }
        else
            StepInput = 0;
    } // End of Serial available if
} // End of loop
```

In order to fix the blocking problem and to allow the addition of a variable step time, a software timer will be used to sequence the steps. We can also add in a limiting switch, we will employ an optical interrupter for this, the image shows the physical form.

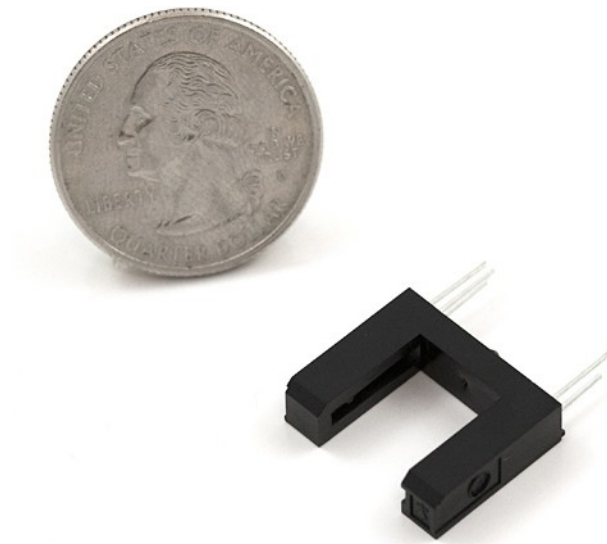


Figure Stepper-1. Physical Form of Opto-Interrupter

The schematic of the driving circuits for the opto-interrupter is shown here.

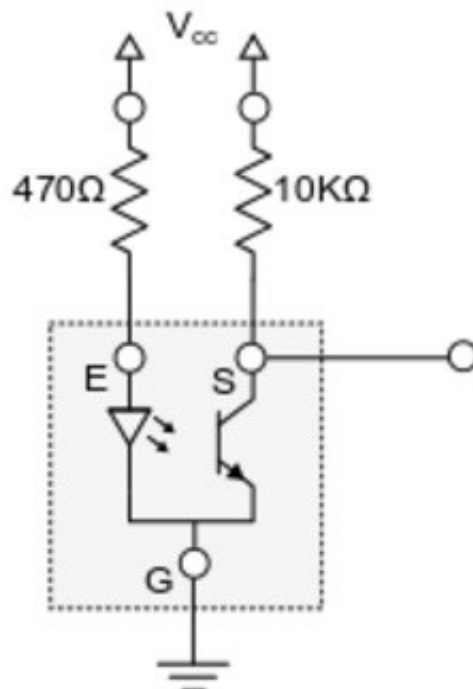


Figure Stepper-2. Driver Circuitry for Opto-Interrupter.

Code for Servo Demo, employing a limit detector.

```
#include <Stepper.h>

// Set up stepper motor controller.
Stepper StepperOne(100, A0, A1, A2, A3);

// Stepper Motor motion parameters
int StepperLocation = 100;    // Current location Arbitrary
int StepperDestination = 100; // Desired Destination
int StepInput, StepperMoving = 0; // Variables for input and feedback.
int Reset = 0;

// function to handle moving stepper forward.
void StepperMove()
{
    // if destination is lower than location
    if (StepperLocation > StepperDestination)
    {
        if (digitalRead(12) == 0 // if limit indicator is active
            && !Reset)           // but not trying to correct.
        {
            // Set Destination as two steps back.
            StepperDestination = StepperLocation + 3;
            Reset = 1;
        }
        else // Take a negative step.
        {
            StepperOne.step(-1);
            StepperLocation--;
        }
    }
    else if (StepperLocation < StepperDestination) // if opposite
    {
        if (digitalRead(12) == 0 // if limit indicator is active
            && !Reset)           // but not trying to correct.
        {
            // Set Destination as two steps back.
            StepperDestination = StepperLocation - 3;
            Reset = 1;
            //StepperOne.step(-2);
        }
        else // Take a positive step.
        {
            StepperOne.step(1);
            StepperLocation++;
        }
    }
    else // if we are at our destination
    {
        if (StepperMoving)
        {
            Serial.println("At Destination");
            StepperMoving = 0;
            Reset = 0;
        } // End of feedback if

        } // End of Pos. Neg. at destination if
    } // End of StepperMove

#define STEP_INTERVAL 20
unsigned long StepTimer;
unsigned long Timer;
unsigned long CurrentStepInterval = 200; // Initial step time.
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// put your setup code here, to run once:
void setup()
{
    StepTimer = millis();    // Timer handling the Steppr.
    Timer = millis();
    StepperOne.setSpeed(60);
    Serial.begin(115200);
    pinMode(12, INPUT); // Limits indicator
}

void loop()
{
    // timer used to phase out the steps on the stepper motor.
    if (millis() - StepTimer >= CurrentStepInterval)
    {
        StepTimer = millis(); // Update timer.
        StepperMove(); // Update stepper.

        // Adjust Stepper time interval, ramping up ,then down
        if (abs(StepperLocation - StepperDestination) > 10)
        {
            if (CurrentStepInterval > 20) // Provided we are not moving to fast.
            {
                // Speed up as we get to moving.
                CurrentStepInterval -= 20;
            }
        }
        else // We are getting close to our destination
        {
            // Make interval larger until it is 200 milliseconds.
            if (CurrentStepInterval < 200)
                CurrentStepInterval += 20;
        }
    }

    // End of Timer if.

    // LED Flashing Timer.
    if (millis() - Timer >= 500)
    {
        // Toggle LED.
        if (digitalRead(13))
            digitalWrite(13, LOW);
        else
            digitalWrite(13, HIGH);
        Timer += 500; // Update Timer.
    }

    // Check for incoming serial data.
    if (Serial.available())
    {
        char InChar = Serial.read(); // Read in serial data.

        // Based on character do a certain operation
        if (isDigit(InChar)) // Digit is added into number.
            StepInput = StepInput * 10 + InChar - '0';
        else if (InChar == 'F') // Forward command
        {
            Serial.print("Forward ");
            Serial.print(StepInput);
            Serial.println(" Steps");
            StepperDestination += StepInput; // add step into location
            StepInput = 0; // Reset input reading variable.
            StepTimer = millis();
            CurrentStepInterval = 200; // Reset Step Interval
            StepperMoving = 1; // Indicate stepper is moving.
        }
    }
}

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else if (InChar == 'B') // Backward command
{
    Serial.print("Backward ");
    Serial.print(StepInput);
    Serial.println(" Steps");
    StepperDestination -= StepInput; // subtract step from location.
    StepInput = 0; // Reset input reading variable.
    StepTimer = millis();
    CurrentStepInterval = 200; // Reset Step Interval
    StepperMoving = 1; // Indicate stepper is moving.
}
else
    StepInput = 0;
} // End of Serial available if

} // End of loop
```