# Stepper Motor Basics

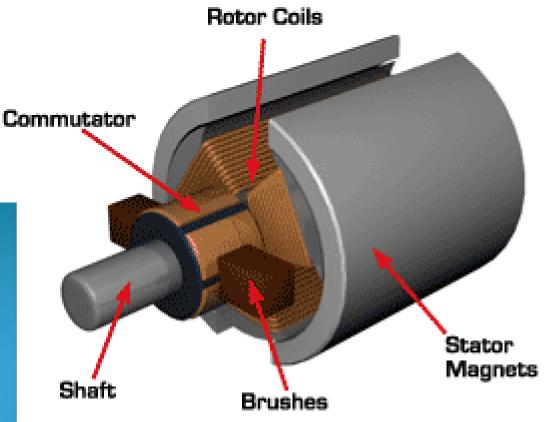


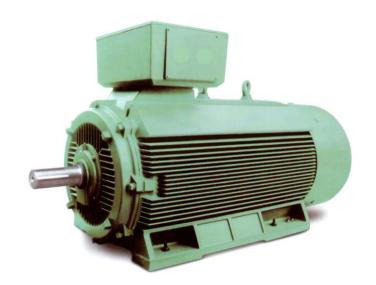
### Common Motor Types

- DC Motors
- AC Motors
- Other Motors
  - Brushless
  - Stepper

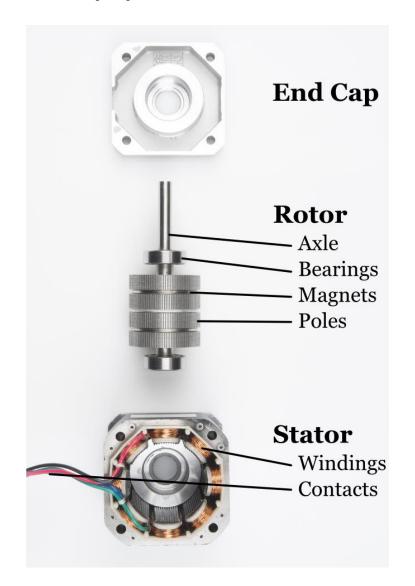


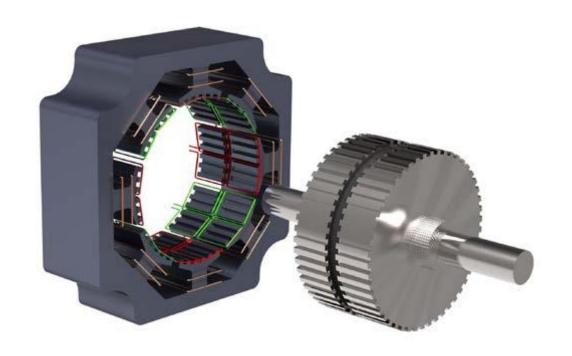


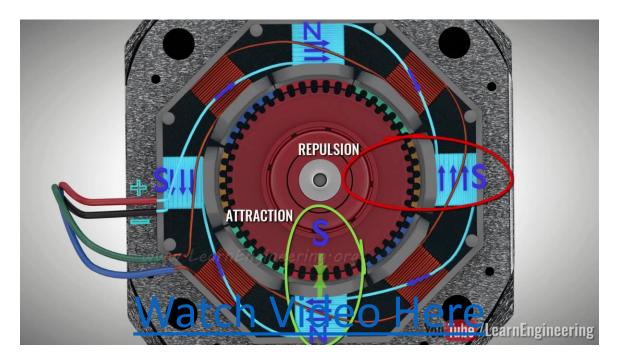




# Stepper Motor Anatomy







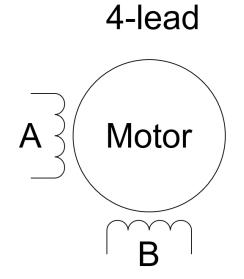
# Stepper Motor Wiring

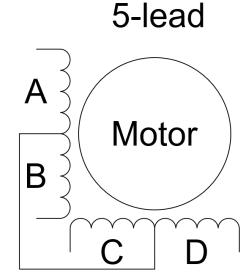
#### Unipolar (5, 6, 8-lead)

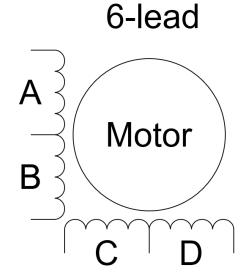
- 2 windings per phase
- Simpler to drive/control
- Current does not need to be reverse

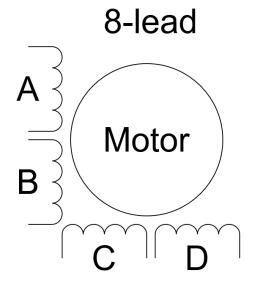
#### Bipolar (4-lead)

- 1 winding per phase
- More complex to drive/control
- Current must be reverse





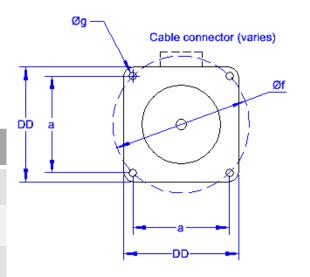


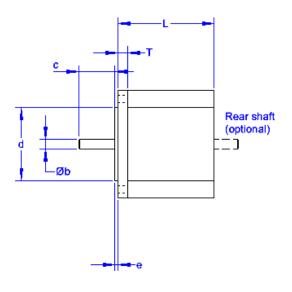


### NEMA Motor Dimensions

Motor	DD (mm)	a (mm)	b (mm)	c* (mm)	d (mm)	e* (mm)	f (mm)	g (mm)
NEMA 8	20.3	16	4		15	1.5	22.6	3
NEMA 11	27.9	23	5		22	2	32.5	4
NEMA 14	35.6	26	5		22	2	36.8	4
NEMA 17	43.2	31	5	24	22	2	43.8	4-40 UNC
NEMA 23	58.4	47.1	6.35	20.6	38.1	1.6	66.7	5
NEMA 34	86.4	69.7	9.5	31.8	73	1.6	98.4	5.5
NEMA 42	106.7	88.9	16	35.1	55.5	1.6	125.7	7.1

<sup>\*</sup>max length

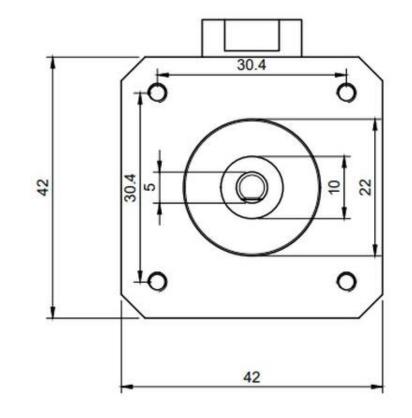


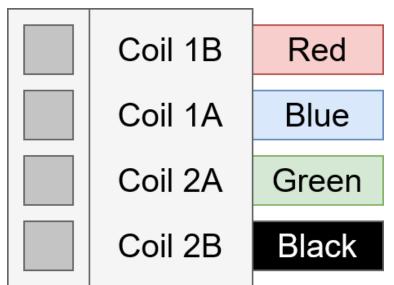


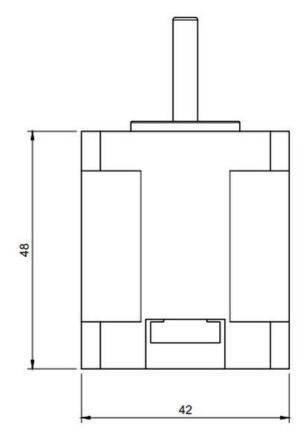


### Your NEMA 17

- Bipolar, 4-lead
- 1.8° Step Angle
- 1.7 A current max
- 0.59 Nm holding torque



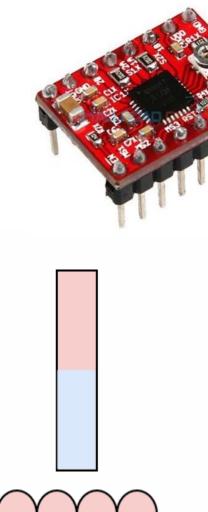


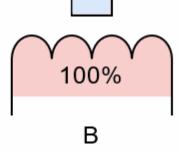


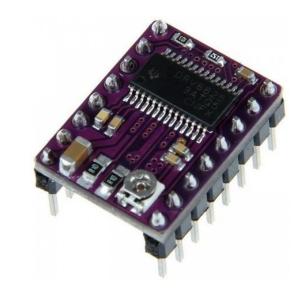


### Stepper Motor Control

- Common Controllers
  - A4988
  - DRV8825
  - TB6560AHQ
  - TMC2130
- Microstepping
  - A4988 16<sup>th</sup> stepping
  - DRV8825 32<sup>nd</sup> stepping
  - TB6560AHQ 16<sup>th</sup> stepping
  - TMC2130 256<sup>th</sup> stepping











Interesting article about microstepping accuracy

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### Your Stepper Motor Driver (A4988)

Pin 1 – Enable pin, Low is enabled

Pin 2 – Microstep selection pin 1

Pin 3 – Microstep selection pin 2

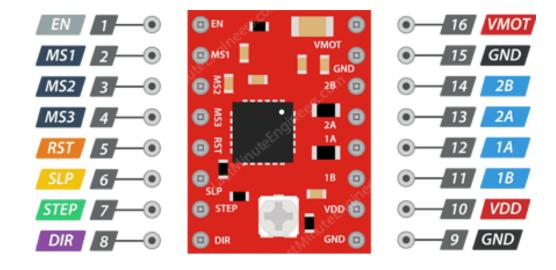
Pin 4 – Microstep selection pin 3

Pin 5 – Reset pin, Low resets

Pin 6 – Sleep pin, Low puts to sleep

Pin 7 – Step control pin

Pin 8 – Direction control pin, Low is CCW



MS1	MS2	MS3	Microstep Resolution
Low	Low	Low	Full step
High	Low	Low	Half step
Low	High	Low	Quarter step
High	High	Low	Eighth step
High	High	High	Sixteenth step

Source Vender

### Your Stepper Motor Driver (A4988)

Pin 9 – Ground

Pin 10 – Logic voltage supply, 5V

Pin 11 – Bipolar motor pin, coil 1B

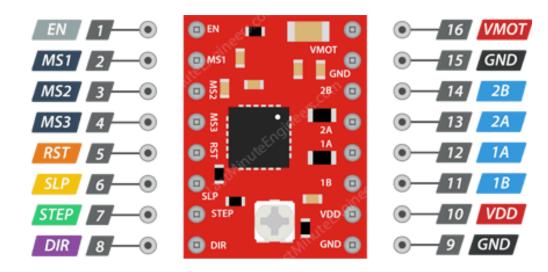
Pin 12 – Bipolar motor pin, coil 1A

Pin 13 – Bipolar motor pin, coil 2A

Pin 14 – Bipolar motor pin, coil 2B

Pin 15 – Ground

Pin 16 – Motor voltage supply, 12V



35V and 2A maximum rating

Source Vender

#### Arduino Code

```
1 // Define pin connections & motor's steps per revolution
 2 const int dirPin = 2;
 3 const int stepPin = 3;
 4 const int stepsPerRevolution = 200;
 5
 6 void setup()
 7 □ {
                                              13□ void loop(){
 8
     // Declare pins as Outputs
                                                   // Set motor direction clockwise
                                              14
     pinMode(stepPin, OUTPUT);
                                              15
                                                    digitalWrite(dirPin, HIGH);
10
     pinMode(dirPin, OUTPUT);
                                              16
11 |}
                                              17
                                                    // Spin motor slowly
                                              18⊟
                                                    for (int x = 0; x < stepsPerRevolution; <math>x++) {
                                              19
                                                      digitalWrite(stepPin, HIGH);
                                              20
                                                      delayMicroseconds (2000);
                                              21
                                                      digitalWrite(stepPin, LOW);
                                              22
                                                      delayMicroseconds (2000);
                                              23
                                              24
                                                    delay(1000); // Wait a second
                                              25 }
```



## Arduino Code using AccelStepper

```
1 // Include the AccelStepper Library
   // http://www.airspayce.com/mikem/arduino/AccelStepper/
  #include <AccelStepper.h>
                                        24 void loop() {
  // Define pin connections
                                        25
                                             // Change direction once the motor reaches target position
  const int dirPin = 2;
                                        26
                                             if (myStepper.distanceToGo() == 0)
   const int stepPin = 3;
                                        27
                                               myStepper.moveTo(-myStepper.currentPosition());
                                        28
 9 // Define motor interface type
                                        29
                                             // Move the motor one step
   #define motorInterfaceType 1
                                        30
                                             myStepper.run();
11
                                        31 }
   // Creates an instance
   AccelStepper myStepper (motorInterfaceType, stepPin, dirPin);
14
                                                                                             Source
15□void setup() {
     // set the maximum speed, acceleration factor,
16
17
     // initial speed and the target position
18
     myStepper.setMaxSpeed(1000);
     myStepper.setAcceleration(50);
19
                                      To install AccelStepper, go to Sketch > Include Library > Manage
     myStepper.setSpeed(200);
20
     myStepper.moveTo(200);
21
                                       Libraries ... and search for AccelStepper then select Install.
22
```