

# STEPPERONLINE®

## User Manual

### CL42T(V4.1)

#### Closed Loop Stepper Driver



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## 1. Features

- Input voltage 18-50VDC (recommended 24-48VDC)
- No loss of step, No tuning
- 500 KHz max pulse input frequency
- 16 microstep resolutions of 200-51,200 via DIP switches SW1 - SW4
- 4 output current settings of 0.8A, 1.4A, 2.1A and 2.8A via S1 rotating switch
- Gain tuning via S1 rotating switch
- Auto-tuning to match wide-range NEMA 8 to NEMA 17 closed-loop stepper motors
- Anti-Resonance for optimal torque, extra smooth motion, low motor heating and noise
- Soft-start with no “jump” when powered on
- Optically isolated inputs with 5V or 24V
- Fault and brake outputs
- Motor rotating direction setting by SW5
- Closed loop or open loop control setting by SW6
- Step&Direction or CW&CCW pulse type setting by SW7
- Position command filter setting by SW8
- Over-voltage, over-current protections, position following error, etc

## 2. Specifications

### 2.1 Electrical Specifications

Parameters	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Peak Current	0.8 (RMS 0.6A), 1.4 (RMS 1A), 2.1 (RMS 1.5A) , 2.8 (RMS 2A)			A
Operating Voltage	18	24, 36, 48	50	VDC
Logic input signal current	7	10	16	mA
Pulse input frequency	0	-	500	kHz
Brake output signal current	-	-	100	mA
Alarm output voltage	-	-	24	VDC
Minimal pulse width	1.0	-	-	μS
Minimal direction setup	2.0	-	-	μS
Isolation resistance	500			MΩ

### 2.2 Environment

Cooling	Natural Cooling or Forced Cooling	
Operating Environment	Environment	Avoid dust, oil fog and corrosive gases
	Humidity	40%RH—90%RH
	Operating Temperature	0°C — 40°C (32°F - 102°F)
	Vibration	10-50Hz / 0.15mm
Storage Temperature	-20°C — 65°C (-4°F - 149°F)	
Weight	Approx. 280 g (9.9 Oz)	

2.3 Mechanical Specifications

(unit: mm [1inch=25.4mm])

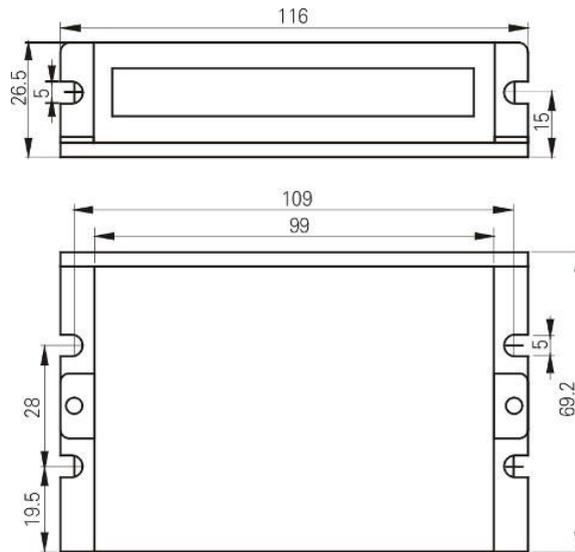


Figure 1: Mechanical specifications

2.4 Heat Dissipation

- CL42T(V4.1) reliable working temperature should be no more than 40°C (109°F)
- It is recommended to mount the drive vertically to maximize heat dissipation. Mount a cooling fan nearby if necessary.
- If multiple CL42T(V4.1) drives are installed, it is suggested to keep a minimal 30mm (1.2 inches) between two of them.

CLOSED LOOP STEPPER DRIVER		
Model	CL42T(V4.1)	CL42T(V3.0)
PIC		
Control Signal Voltage	5 / 24V selector on the top of driver, factory setting is 24V	5V, need to connect 2KΩ resistances if using 24V(PLC)
Digital Output	Alarm & Brake outputs	Alarm or Brake output (selected by software)
Connector	Input and Output Signals: 9pin@3.5mm Encoder feedback: 6pin@3.5mm Motor: 4pin@3.5mm Power: 2pin@3.5mm	Input & Output Signals: 8pin@3.81mm Encoder feedback: 6pin@3.81mm Motor: 4pin@3.81mm Power: 3pin@3.81mm
DIP Switches Function	Microstep, Initial Direction, CW&CCW control SW6: Closed / open Loop Control SW8: Filter time (Internal acceleration)	Microstep, Initial Direction, CW&CCW control SW6: Auto-tuning turn on / off SW8: Pulse activated edge
Output Current Setting	Rotary switch setting: 0-3: output peak current 0.8A. 4-7: output peak current 1.4A. 8-B: output peak current 2.1A. C-F: output peak current 2.8A. More current modifications are available by tuning software.	Default of output peak current 2.8A. More current modifications are available by tuning software.
Debug Port	Yes	Yes

### 3. Connections and LED Indication

A CL42T(V4.1) closed loop stepper drive has 5 connection blocks from P1 to P5 (see figure 2).

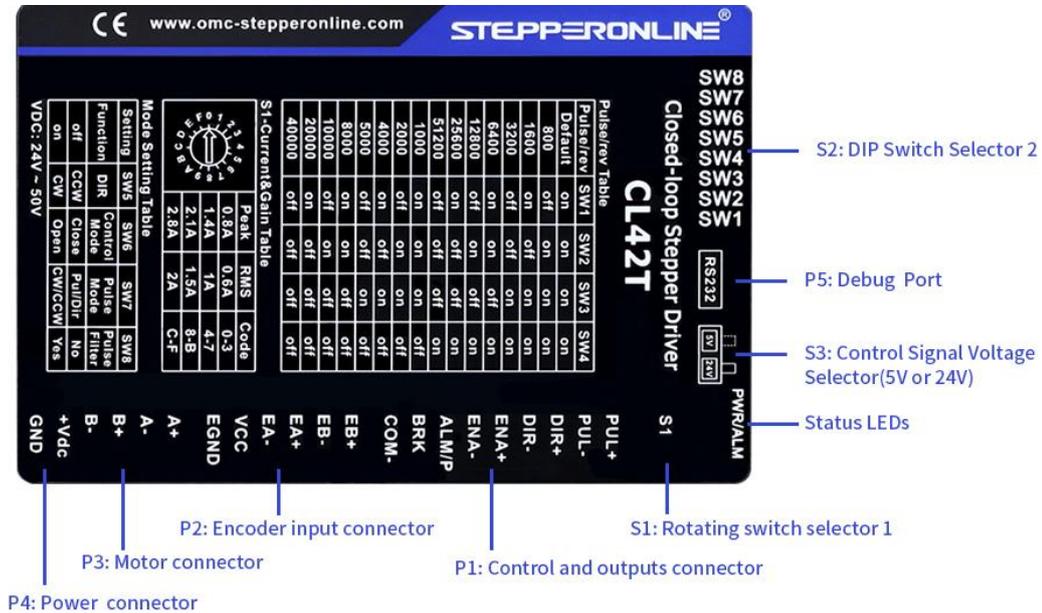


Figure 2: CL42T(V4.1) connectors

#### 3.1 P1 – Control and Digital Output Connections

The P1 connector in Figure 2 contains connections for control signals and 2 digital outputs. See the following table for details.

PIN	I/O	Details
PUL+ (CW+)	I	Pulse and Direction Connection: (1) Optically isolated, high level 3.5-5V or 24V, low voltage 0-0.5V, High voltage 3.3v can also work, but it will make the motor take more steps and reduce the accuracy. (2) Maximum 500 KHz input frequency (3) The width of PUL signal is at least 1.0µs, duty cycle is recommended 50% (4) Single pulse (step & direction) or double pulse (CW/CCW) is set by DIP Switch SW7 (5) DIR signal requires advance PUL signal minimum 2 µs in single pulse mode (6) The factory setting of control signal voltage is 24V, <b>must need</b> to set S3 (figure 2) if it is 5V
PUL- (CW-)	I	
DIR+ (CCW+)	I	
DIR- (CCW-)	I	
ENA+	I	Enable Signals: Optional. (1) Effective high level is 3.5-24V; Effective low level is 0-0.5V connection (2) ENA signal requires advance DIR signal minimum 200ms in single pulse mode, (default no connection)
ENA-	I	
ALM	O	Alarm: They takes a sinking or sourcing 100mA current at 5-24V. Max 30V Brake:
BRK	O	Max. 24/100mA, connect with brake coil, relay and diode.
COMO	O	Common connection of single-end output signals (common-cathode)

- Notes: (1) Shielding control signal wires is suggested;  
 (2) To avoid/reduce interference, don't tie control signal cables and power wires together;  
 (3) Brake output need to connect a relay and diode

### 3.2 P2 - Encoder Signals Input Connector

The P2 connector in Figure 2 is for encoder signals connection. Refer to the following table for details.

Drive Pin Name	Description
EB+	Encoder B+ input connection
EB-	Encoder B- input connection
EA+	Encoder A+ input connection
EA-	Encoder A- input connection
VCC	Encoder +5V voltage output connection
EGND	Power ground connection

### 3.3 P3 - Motor Connector

PIN	Details
A+	Connect to motor A+ wire
A-	Connect to motor A- wire
B+	Connect to motor B+ wire
B-	Connect to motor B- wire

### 3.4 P4 - Power Connector

Pin	Details
GND	Connect to power supply ground connection.
+VDC	Connect to power supply positive connection. Suggest 24-48VDC power supply voltage

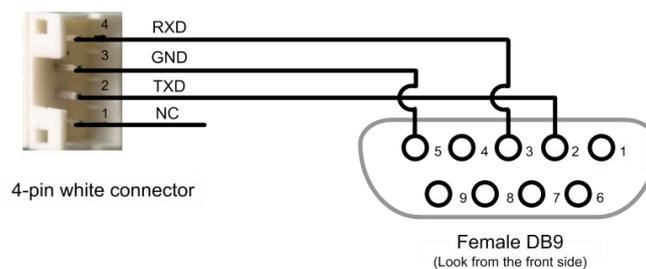


Warning: Don't plug/unplug P3 or P4 connector to avoid drive damage or injury while powered on.

### 3.5 P5 – Debug Port

The P5 connector in Figure 2 is a RS232 communication port for PC connection. Refer to the following pin definitions. CL42T has a tuning port with RS232 to modify the drive parameters; it is just used to modify parameter, not for equipment control because neither precision nor stability is sufficient.

The interface definition is as follows:

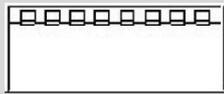


### 3.6 LED Status Lights

There are two LED lights. The GREEN one is the power indicator which should be always on in normal circumstance. The RED one is a alarm status indication light, which will be OFF while working normally but ON and flash some times in a 3-second period in the case of enabled alarm protections.

### 3.7 Switches

The CL42T(V4.1) has one rotating switch, one 8-bit DIP switch and one 1-bit selector switch.

Switch	Pic	Details
Rotating switch S1		Drive Peak Current and Gain adjustment
DIP switch S2		Microstep resolution Rotation direction Pulse Mode Positional command filter Closed / Open Loop Mode
Selector switch S3		5V or 24V control signal voltage selector. The factory setting is 24V, must need to set S3 to 5V if the control signal voltage is 5V

## 4. Power Supply Selection

The CL42T(V4.1) can power medium and large size stepping motors (frame size from NEMA 8 to 17). To get good driving performances, it is important to select supply voltage and output current properly. Generally speaking, supply voltage determines the high speed performance of the motor, while output current determines the output torque of the driven motor (particularly at lower speed). Higher supply voltage will allow higher motor speed to be achieved, at the price of more noise and heating. If the motion speed requirement is low, it's better to use lower supply voltage to decrease noise, heating and improve reliability.

### 4.1 Power Supply Sharing

Multiple CL42T(V4.1) drives can share one power supply to reduce cost, if that power supply has enough power capacity. To avoid cross interference, connect each stepper drive directly to the shared power supply separately. To avoid cross interference, DO NOT daisy-chain connect the power supply input pins of the Drivers. Instead connect them to power supply separately.

### 4.2 Selecting Supply Voltage

The CL42T(V4.1) is designed to operate within 18 - 50VDC voltage input. When selecting a power supply, besides voltage from the power supply power line voltage fluctuation and back EMF voltage generated during motor deceleration needs also to be taken into account. Please make sure leaving enough room for power line

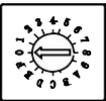
voltage fluctuation and back-EMF voltage charge back, it's recommended 24 - 48VDC.

Higher supply voltage can increase motor torque at higher speeds (>300 RPM), thus helpful for avoiding losing steps. However, higher voltage may cause bigger motor vibration at lower speed, and it may also cause over-voltage protection or even drive damage.

## 5. Switch Configurations

### 5.1 S1 - Rotating Switch Configurations

This rotating switch is used to set the peak current of the drive and motion gain, from the motor phase current and application requirements.

	Peak Current	RMS Current	Code	Velocity loop Ki	Position loop Kp	Velocity loop Kp	Remark
	0.8	0.6	0 (factory)	0	25	25	1) Velocity loop Ki Indicates the stop time and position accuracy, "0" indicates the stop time is long, but the position error is smaller. "16" means the stop time is short, but the position error is slightly larger. 2) Position loop Kp and velocity loop Kp is a pair of composite parameters that represent rigidity. "25" and "25" composite parameters indicate the rigidity is weak, "100" and "5" composite parameters indicate the rigidity is strong. Sometimes if the motor will rotate after stopping, it can increase the value of position loop Kp, but if the value is too large, the motor will have noise. 3) Usually keep factory settings
			1	0	50	15	
			2	16	25	25	
			3	16	50	15	
	1.4	1	4	0	25	25	
			5	0	50	15	
			6	16	25	25	
			7	16	50	15	
	2.1	1.5	8	0	25	25	
			9	0	50	15	
			A	16	25	25	
			B	16	50	15	
	2.8	2	C	0	25	25	
			D	0	50	15	
			E	16	25	25	
			F	16	50	15	

### 5.2 S2 - DIP Switch Configurations

The 8-bit is located on the side (DIP switch S2 in Figure 2) and used to configure settings of micro step resolution, output current, and motor standstill current as shown below

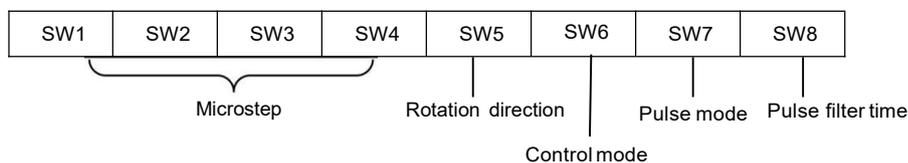


Figure 3: DIP switches

5.2.1 Micro Step (SW1-SW4)

Each CL42T(V4.1) has 16 microstep settings which can be configured through DIP switches SW1, SW2, SW3 and SW4. See the following table for detail.

Micro step	Pulses/Rev. (for 1.8° motor)	SW1	SW2	SW3	SW4
1	200	on	on	on	on
4	800	off	on	on	on
8	1600	on	off	on	on
16	3200	off	off	on	on
32	6400	on	on	off	on
64	12800	off	on	off	on
128	25600	on	off	off	on
256	51200	off	off	off	on
5	1000	on	on	on	off
10	2000	off	on	on	off
20	4000	on	off	on	off
25	5000	off	off	on	off
40	8000	on	on	off	off
50	10000	off	on	off	off
100	20000	on	off	off	off
200	40000	off	off	off	off

5.2.2 Mode Setting (SW5 - SW8)

	Function	ON	OFF
SW5	Rotation Direction	CW (clockwise)	CCW (counterclockwise)
SW6	Control Mode	Open loop control	Closed loop control
SW7	Pulse Mode	CW/CCW (double pulse)	PUL/DIR (single pulse)
SW8	Pulse Filter Time	Yes (10ms)	No (1.5ms)

CL42T(V4.1) has an advanced feature called Pulse Filter Time to make the input pulse from pulse generator (controller, PLC, etc.) S-curve acceleration, to improve motion smoothness and high-speed start frequency in many circumstances.

The Filter Time value must be set to the same for each CL42T(V4.1) in multi-axis applications

5.3 S3 - Selector Switch Configurations

The 1-bit selector is located on the top (S3 in figure 2), used to configure the voltage of control signals. For the safety of optically coupled, the factory setting is 24V, which no need to connect 2K resistors, making it easier to use. When the voltage of the control signal is 5V, the S3 must be set to 5V, otherwise, the motor won't work.

## 6. Typical Connection

A complete closed loop stepper system should include a stepper motor with encoder, CL42T(V4.1) drive, powersupply and controller (pulse generator). A typical connection is as below.

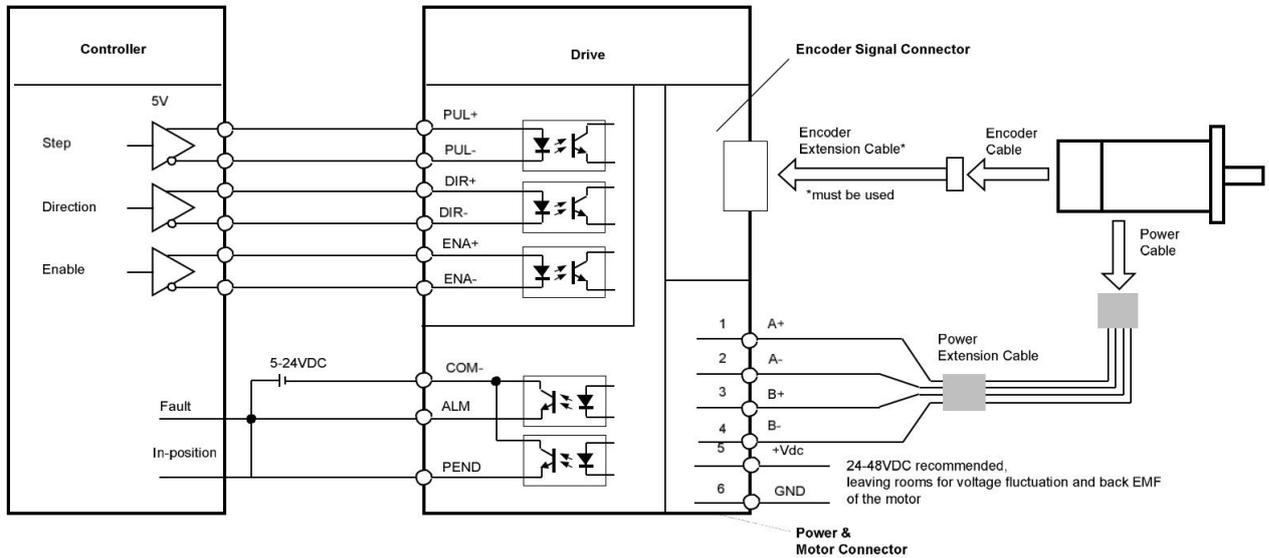


Figure 4: Typical connection

### Notes:

- (1) Pulse and direction inputs level 5V or 24V selected by selector switch S3. When it is 24 V, the S3 selection of 5V will damage the input photo-coupling.
- (2) Enable (ENA) signal is 5V~24V compatible.

### 6.1 Digital Input Connection

The CL42T(V4.1) can accept can accept differential or single-ended control signals (pulse, direction, and enable) in open-collector or PNP connection through the P1 connector (figure 2). It is recommend to add an EMI line filter between the power supply and the drive to increase noise immunity for the drive in interference environments.

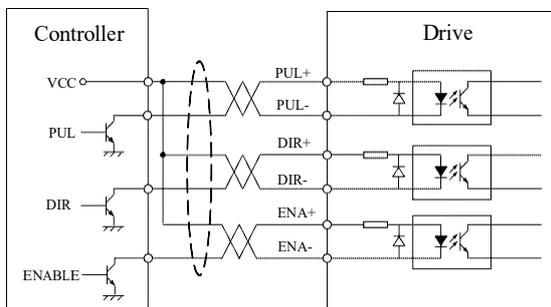


Figure 5: Connections to open-collector signal (common-anode)

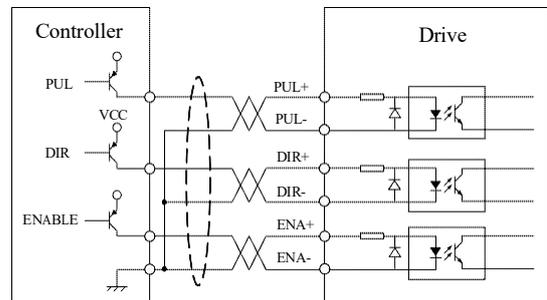


Figure 6: Connections to PNP (common-cathode)

**Notes:**

- (1) ENA signal is no-connected as default;
- (2) Control signal amplitude is 24 V as default. If it is 12 V, please set the S3 (Figure 2) selector switch to 5 V first, then connect 1KΩ resistor; If it is 5V, please set the S3 to 5V.

**6.2 Fault Output Connection**

When over voltage or over current protection happens, CL42T(V4.1) red status LED light will blink and the impedance state between ALM and COM- will change (from low to high or high to low depending on configuration) and can thus be detected. Fault output connection is optional, and it can be connected either in sinking or sourcing.

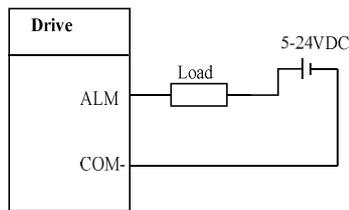


Figure 7 Sinking output

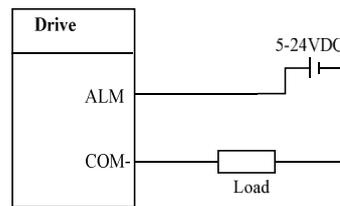


Figure 8 Sourcing output

**6.3 Brake Output Connection**

This drive has a special brake output, it needs to drive the motor brake with a relay. The connection is below:

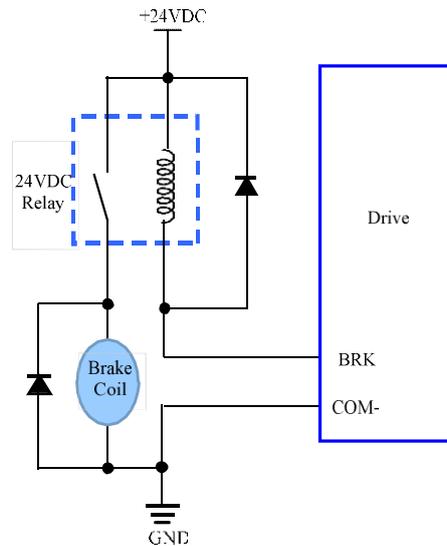


Figure 9 Brake output connection

**7. Sequence Chart of Control Signals**

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

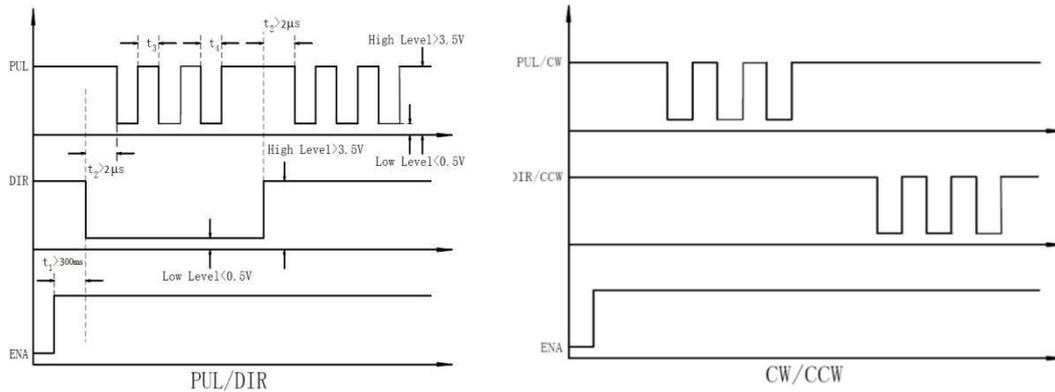


Figure 10: Sequence chart of control signals

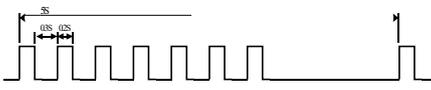
Remark:

- a) t1: ENA must be ahead of DIR by at least 200ms. Usually, ENA+ and ENA- are NC (not connected). See “Connector P1 Configurations” for more information.
- b) t2: DIR must be ahead of PUL effective edge by 2µs to ensure correct direction;
- c) t3: Pulse width not less than 1µs;
- d) t4: Low level width not less than 1µs;
- e) Duty cycle of PUL signal is recommended 50%.

## 8. Fault Protections & Troubleshooting

To improve reliability, the drive incorporates some built-in protection features.

Blink time(s)	Sequence wave of red LED	Description	Trouble shooting
1		Over-current	Turn off the power immediately. a) Check wiring is short-circuited or not; b) Check motor is short-circuited or not.
2		Over-voltage	Turn off the power immediately. a) Check if the power voltage is higher than 90VDC
3		Chip error	Restart the power supply, if the drive is still alarm, please contact after-sale
4		Fail to lock motor shaft	a) The drive is not connected to a motor; b) If alarm is occurred when connect a motor, please check the motor power cable.
5		EEPROM error	Restart the power supply, if the drive is still alarm, please contact after-sale

6		Fail to auto tuning	Restart the power supply, if the drive is still alarm, please contact after-sale
7		Position following error	a) Set SW6 to "ON" to make motor run in open loop mode, If alarm disappears, it means encoder wiring error; b) Motor torque is not enough or motor speed is too high;
Always	-	PCB board is burned out	Restart the power supply, if the drive is still alarm, please contact after-sale

When above protections are active, the motor shaft will be free or the red LED blinks. Reset the drive by repowering it to make it function properly after removing above problems.

In the event that your drive doesn't operate properly, the first step is to identify whether the problem is electrical or mechanical in nature. The next step is to isolate the system component that is causing the problem. As part of this process you may have to disconnect the individual components that make up your system and verify that they operate independently. It is important to document each step in the troubleshooting process. You may need this documentation to refer back to at a later date, and these details will greatly assist our Technical Support staff in determining the problem should you need assistance.

Many of the problems that affect motion control systems can be traced to electrical noise, controller software errors, or mistake in wiring.

Symptoms	Possible Problems	Solutions
Motor is not rotating	No power	Connect power supply correctly
	Microstep resolution setting is wrong	Setting appropriate microstep
	Fault condition exists	Check wiring and restart power
	The drive is disabled	Drive restore factory setting, and keep ENA+, ENA- input signals
Wrong motor rotation direction	The Direction signal level is reverse	Toggling the SW5 DIP switch
Erratic motor motion	Control signal is too weak	Ensure the current of control signal is within 7-16mA
	Control signal is interfered	Don't tie the control signal cable with power cable together
	Wrong motor connection	Refer to user manual of drive and motor datasheet
	Something wrong with motor coil	Check the motor is normal

Motor stalls during acceleration	Current setting is too small	Choose another power supply with larger power or increase the output current of drive
	Motor is undersized for the application	Choose another motor with higher torque
	Acceleration is set too high	Reduce the acceleration
	Power supply voltage too low	Choose another power supply with large voltage output
Excessive motor & Drive heating	Inadequate heat sinking / cooling	Refer to chapter 2.4
	Motor peak current setting is too high	Reduce the current value refer to motor datasheet
Motor vibration when power on	Speed loop Kp is too high	Reduce the speed loop Kp value