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✔ a compatible step motor
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220 VAC Instructions
In order to use 220 volts, you’ll need to change a fuse and a switch setting inside the case.
• Remove all mating connectors from the drive.
• Set the drive on it’s widest side, so that you can read PDO 3540 Step Motor Driver properly.
• Remove the four (4) phillips head screws that mount the chassis sheet metal to the chassis heat sink. See page 17 for a mechanical outline of the drive.
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Four lead motors can only be connected one way. Please follow the sketch at the right.

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![Diagram of 8 leads parallel connected](image2)

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**Setting up for Pulse & Direction Mode**

To operate the drive in Pulse & Direction mode, you must:
- ✔ Connect an indexer/controller to the STEP and DIR inputs.
- ✔ Set the microstep resolution (steps/rev).
- ✔ Turn off the SELF TEST switch and turn on the OSC BYPASS switch.

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If your controller has STEP+, STEP-, DIR+ and DIR- outputs, which many indexers do, the connections are simple. Just connect STEP+ to STEP+, STEP- to STEP- and so forth, as shown below.

![Diagram of Differential Logic Connections](image)

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![Speed vs. Input Voltage](image)

**Speed vs. Input Voltage**

Joystick Mode, SPEED input off (open)

HI SPEED pot at maximum

Never apply more than 5 volts DC or less than 0 volts to the WPR pin.

In joystick and oscillator modes, the accel/decel rate is set by the ACCEL pot.

The acceleration range is 1 to 250 rev/sec/sec. Turning the pot clockwise makes the motor start and stop faster, but if you set it too high the motor may run out of torque and stall.

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Wiper: 0 - 5 VDC analog signal. Maximum recommended pot/joystick impedance: 1K - 5K ohms. Joystick dead zone: +/- 80 mV. Potentiometer/analog signal dead zone: 40 mV.

In pulse & direction mode, motor steps on rising edge of STEP+ input (falling edge of STEP-). 0.25 µsec minimum pulse, 2 MHz maximum step rate. 1 µsec minimum set up time, 50 µsec minimum hold time for direction signal.

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