This document describes the following products:

- **Q-545.140**
  Q-Motion® linear stage, piezoelectric inertia drive, 13 mm travel range, linear encoder, 1 nm resolution, 7 N drive force, dimensions 45 × 48 × 15 mm (W × L × H), vacuum compatible to 10⁻⁶ hPa

- **Q-545.240**
  Q-Motion® linear stage, piezoelectric inertia drive, 26 mm travel range, linear encoder, 1 nm resolution, 7 N drive force, dimensions 45 × 63 × 15 mm (W × L × H), vacuum compatible to 10⁻⁶ hPa
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1.1 Objective and Target Audience of this User Manual

This manual contains information necessary for the intended use of the Q-545.
It assumes that the reader has a fundamental understanding of basic servo systems as well as
motion control concepts and applicable safety procedures.
The latest versions of the user manuals are available for download (p. 3) on our website.

1.2 Symbols and Typographic Conventions

The following symbols and typographic conventions are used in this user manual:

**CAUTION**

Dangerous situation
Failure to comply could lead to minor injuries or damage to equipment.

- Precautionary measures for avoiding the risk.

**NOTICE**

Dangerous situation
Failure to comply could cause damage to equipment.

- Precautionary measures for avoiding.

**INFORMATION**

Information for easier handling, tricks, tips, etc.
Symbol/Label | Meaning
--- | ---
1. | Action consisting of several steps whose sequential order must be observed
2. | Action consisting of one or several steps whose sequential order is irrelevant
➤ | List item
● | Cross-reference to page 5
p. 5 | Cross-reference to page 5
RS-232 | Labeling of an operating element on the product (example: socket of the RS-232 interface)
⚠️ | Warning sign affixed to the product that refers to detailed information in this manual.

### 1.3 Definition of Terms

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Load capacity, horizontal</td>
<td>Maximum load capacity when the positioner is mounted horizontally. The contact point of the load is at the center of the motion platform. The load acts vertically. Specified in kg.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Load capacity, any</td>
<td>Maximum load capacity when the positioner is mounted in any orientation of the motion axis. The contact point of the load is at the center of the motion platform. The load acts vertically. Specified in kg.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Self-locking</td>
<td>Holding force of the drive in a power off condition. Specified in N.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Linear encoder</td>
<td>The linear encoder is an incremental sensor for capturing changes in position. Signals from the sensor are used for axis position feedback. After switching on the controller a reference point definition must be performed before absolute target positions can be commanded and reached.</td>
</tr>
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### 1.4 Figures

For better understandability, the colors, proportions, and degree of detail in illustrations can deviate from the actual circumstances. Photographic illustrations may also differ and must not be seen as guaranteed properties.
1.5 Other Applicable Documents

The devices and software tools from PI mentioned in this documentation are described in their own manuals.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Document</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>E-873.1AT Q-Motion® controller, 1 channel, TCP/IP, USB and RS-232 Interface, benchtop device (industry)</td>
<td>PZ274E User manual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E-873.3QTU Q-Motion® controller for piezoelectric inertia drives, 3 axes, benchtop device (industry), TCP/IP, USB, I/O, joystick</td>
<td>PZ273E User manual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E-873.10C885 Q-Motion® controller module for PIMotionMaster, 1 axis, for systems with piezoelectric inertia drive</td>
<td>E873T0002 Technical note</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PIMikroMove</td>
<td>SM148E Software manual</td>
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1.6 Downloading Manuals

**INFORMATION**

If a manual is missing or problems occur with downloading:

- Contact our customer service department (p. 47).

**INFORMATION**

For products that are supplied with software (CD in the scope of delivery), access to the manuals is protected by a password. Protected content is only displayed on the website after entering the access data.

You need the product CD to get the access data.

**For products with CD: Get access data**

1. Insert the product CD into the PC drive.
2. Switch to the Manuals directory on the CD.
3. In the Manuals directory, open the Release News (file including releasenews in the file name).
4. Get the access data for downloading protected content in the "User login for software download" section of the Release News. Possible methods for getting the access data:
   - Link to a page for registering and requesting the access data
   - User name and password is specified
5. If the access data needs to be requested via a registration page:
   a) Follow the link in the Release News.
b) Enter the required information in the browser window.

c) Click **Show login data** in the browser window.

d) Note the user name and password shown in the browser window.

**Downloading manuals**

If you have requested access data for protected contents via a registration page (see above):

- Click the links in the browser window to change to the content for your product and log in using the access data that you received.

**General procedure:**

1. Open the website [www.pi.ws](http://www.pi.ws).
2. If access to the manuals is protected by a password:
   a) Click **Login**.
   b) Log in with the user name and password.
3. Click **Search**.
4. Enter the product number up to the period (e.g., P-882) or the product family (e.g., PICMA® Bender) into the search field.
5. Click **Start search** or press the **Enter** key.
6. Open the corresponding product detail page in the list of search results:
   a) If necessary: Scroll down the list.
   b) If necessary: Click **Load more results** at the bottom of the list.
   c) Click the corresponding product in the list.
7. Click the **Downloads** tab.
   The manuals are shown under **Documentation**.
8. Click the desired manual and save it to the hard disk of your PC or to a data storage medium.
2 Safety

In this Chapter

2.1 Intended Use

The Q-545 is a laboratory device as defined by DIN EN 61010-1. It is intended for indoor use and use in an environment that is free of dirt, oil, and lubricants.

In accordance with its design, the Q-545 is intended for single-axis positioning, adjusting and shifting of loads at different velocities in interval mode. The Q-545 uses a piezoelectric inertia drive. The drive is self-locking at rest, requires no current, generates no heat, and maintains its position.

The Q-545 can be mounted in any orientation. The specifications of the Q-545 apply to horizontal mounting (p. 49).

The Q-545 is not intended for applications in areas where failure would be a considerable risk for people or the environment. For further information on the operating conditions of the Q-545, see "Technical Data" (p. 49).

The Q-545 has a linear encoder for detecting the position directly and is designed for a minimum ambient pressure to $10^{-6}$ hPa.

It is only possible to use the Q-545 as intended when it is completely mounted and connected. The Q-545 must be operated with suitable electronics (p. 11). The electronics are not in the Q-545’s scope of delivery.

2.2 General Safety Instructions

The Q-545 is built according to state-of-the-art technology and recognized safety standards. Improper use can result in personal injury and/or damage to the Q-545.

- Use the Q-545 for its intended purpose only, and only when it is in perfect technical condition.
- Read the user manual.
- Eliminate any malfunctions that may affect safety immediately.

The operator is responsible for the correct installation and operation of the Q-545.
2.3 Organizational Measures

User manual

- Keep this user manual with the Q-545 always. The latest versions of the user manuals are available for download (p. 3) on our website.
- Add all information from the manufacturer to the user manual, for example supplements or technical notes.
- If you give the Q-545 to other users, include this user manual as well as other relevant information provided by the manufacturer.
- Use the device only if the user manual is complete. Missing information due to an incomplete user manual can result in minor injury and damage to equipment.
- Install and operate the Q-545 only after you have read and understood this user manual.

Personnel qualification

The Q-545 may only be installed, started, operated, maintained, and cleaned by authorized and appropriately qualified personnel.

2.4 Measures for Handling Vacuum- Compatible Products

Attention must be paid to appropriate cleanliness when the positioner is to be used in a vacuum. All parts are cleaned at PI before assembly. Powder-free gloves are worn during assembly and measuring.

- Touch the positioner only with powder-free gloves.
- If necessary, wipe the positioner clean after unpacking.
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3.1 Model Overview

The Q-545 is available in the following versions:

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<th>Order number</th>
<th>Product name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Q-545.140</td>
<td>Q-Motion® linear stage, piezoelectric inertia drive, 13 mm travel range, linear encoder, 1 nm resolution, 7 N drive force, dimensions 45 × 48 × 15 mm (W × L × H), vacuum compatible to 10⁻⁶ hPa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q-545.240</td>
<td>Q-Motion® linear stage, piezoelectric inertia drive, 26 mm travel range, linear encoder, 1 nm resolution, 7 N drive force, dimensions 45 × 63 × 15 mm (W × L × H), vacuum compatible to 10⁻⁶ hPa</td>
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3.2 Product View

Figure 1: Example for models with sensor: Q-545.140 positioner

1. Motion platform
2. Cable exit for drive connector
3. Warning sign “Electrostatic sensitive devices”
4. Connector for drive and sensor: D-sub 15 (m)
5. ESD protection cap
6. Type plate p. 9
7. Cable exit for sensor connector
8. Inner guide element (2×)
9. Outer guide element (2×)
10. Base body

Figure 2: Direction of motion of the platform of the Q-545, Q-545.140 used as example

The arrow in the figure above shows the direction of motion on positive commanding.
3.3 Product Labeling

![Product Labeling Diagram](image)

Figure 3: Example Q-545.140: Product labeling and type plate of a positioner

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Labeling</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A, C</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Manufacturer's logo" /></td>
<td>Manufacturer's logo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B, C</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="CE conformity mark" /></td>
<td>CE conformity mark</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B, C</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Warning sign" /></td>
<td>Warning sign &quot;Pay attention to the manual!&quot;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Symbol for protective earth" /></td>
<td>Symbol for the protective earth conductor, marks the protective earth connection of the Q-545 (p. 21)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Warning sign" /></td>
<td>Warning sign &quot;Electrostatic-sensitive devices&quot;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| C        | 113064246 | Serial number (example), individual for each Q-545  
Meaning of each position (from the left):  
1 = internal information,  
2 and 3 = year of manufacture,  
4 to 9 = consecutive number |
| C        | Q-545.240 | Product name (example), the characters following the period refer to the model |
| C        | ![Old equipment disposal](image) | Old equipment disposal |
| C        | WWW.PI.WS | Manufacturer's address (website) |
3.4 Scope of Delivery

The Q-545 is delivered with the following components:

<table>
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<th>Item ID</th>
<th>Components</th>
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<tr>
<td>Q-545</td>
<td>Positioner according to order (p. 7)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5861500010</td>
<td>Screw set for mounting the Q-545, consisting of:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 2 dowel pins, A2 2.5 m6 × 5 ISO 8734</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 4 socket head screws, A2 M2.5x5 ISO 4762</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MP139EK</td>
<td>Short instructions for the Q-5xx / Q-6xx Q-Motion® positioners</td>
</tr>
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3.5 Accessories

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>E-873.UHV1</td>
<td>Air-side extension cable from the vacuum feedthrough or Q-545 to the electronics, D-sub 15 (f) to D-sub 15 (m), 1 mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E-873.UHV2</td>
<td>Air-side extension cable from the vacuum feedthrough or Q-545 to the electronics, D-sub 15 (f) to D-sub 15 (m), 2 mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E-873.UHV3</td>
<td>Air-side extension cable from the vacuum feedthrough or Q-545 to the electronics, D-sub 15 (f) to D-sub 15 (m), 3 mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C-815.VF</td>
<td>Vacuum feedthrough (drive and sensor signals), D-sub 15 (m/f), including C815T0003 technical note</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q-145.1001</td>
<td>Adapter bracket for vertical mounting of Q-545.140 positioners. Material: Aluminum (3.3206), anodized; mass: 42 g; includes:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 2 dowel pins, A2 2.5 m6 × 4 ISO 2338</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 4 socket head screws, A2 M2.5x8 ISO 4762</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q-145.200</td>
<td>Adapter bracket for mounting Q-545.240 positioner vertically. Material: Aluminum (3.3206), anodized; mass: 49 g; includes:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 2 dowel pins, A2 2.5 m6 × 4 ISO 2338</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- 4 socket head screws, A2 M2.5x8 ISO 4762</td>
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➢ To order, contact our customer service department (p. 47).
3.6 Suitable Electronics

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Order number</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>E-873.1AT</td>
<td>Q-Motion® controller for piezoelectric inertia drives, 1 axis, benchtop device (industry), SPI, TCP/IP, USB, RS-232, I/O, connector for joystick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E-873.3QTU</td>
<td>Q-Motion® controller for piezoelectric inertia drives, 3 axes, benchtop device (industry), TCP/IP, USB, I/O, joystick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E-873.10C885</td>
<td>Q-Motion® controller module for PIMotionMaster, 1 axis, for systems with piezoelectric inertia drive</td>
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</table>

➢ To order, contact our customer service department (p. 47).

3.7 Technical Features

3.7.1 Linear Encoder (Sensor)

The Q-545 is equipped with an optical linear encoder. Refer to the table in the "Specifications" section (p. 49) for the encoder resolution.

Optical linear encoders measure the actual position directly (direct metrology). Therefore, errors occurring in the drivetrain such as nonlinearity, backlash or elastic deformation, cannot influence the measurement of the position.

3.7.2 Reference Point Switch

The Q-545 also has an optical reference switch.

The commands that use the reference signal are described in the user manual for the controller and/or in the corresponding software manuals.

3.7.3 ID Chip

The Q-545 has an ID chip in the connector.

The following data is stored as parameters on the ID chip:

- Information on the positioner: Type, serial number, date of manufacturer, hardware version
- Settings for the sensor: Interpolation rate, corrections to hysteresis, phase and offset, gain values

When switched on or rebooted, controllers from PI read the data from the ID chip.

For more information on ID chip detection, see the manual for the controller.
4 Unpacking

**NOTICE**

**Electrostatic hazard**

Touching the pins on the D-sub 15 connector can damage the Q-545’s electrostatic-sensitive (also: ESD) components. For this reason, the Q-545 is supplied with ESD protection.

- Remove the ESD protection from the connection only when you connect the Q-545 to the controller.

**INFORMATION**

Attention must be paid to appropriate cleanliness when the positioner is to be used in a vacuum. All parts are cleaned at PI before assembly. Powder-free gloves are worn during assembly and measuring.

- Touch the positioner only with powder-free gloves.
- If necessary, wipe the positioner clean after unpacking.

1. Unpack the Q-545 with care.
2. If present, do not remove the ESD protection from the connection of the Q-545.
3. Compare the contents with the items listed in the contract and the packing list.
4. Inspect the contents for signs of damage. If there is any sign of damage or missing parts, contact PI immediately.
5. Keep all packaging materials and the ESD protection in case the product needs to be returned.
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5.1 General Notes on Installation

Figure 4: Accessible when the motion platform is driven out: Ceramic rod of the drive, example Q-545.140

NOTICE

Malfunction due to soiling!
Any soiling; e.g., dust, oil, lubricant or condensation, will render the Q-545 inoperable.

- Keep the Q-545 free of dirt and condensation.
- Avoid touching the drive's ceramic rod.
NOTICE

Electrostatic hazard
Touching the pins on the D-sub 15 connector can damage the Q-545's electrostatic-sensitive (also: ESD) components. For this reason, the Q-545 is supplied with ESD protection.

➢ Remove the ESD protection from the connection only when you connect the Q-545 to the controller.

NOTICE

Heating up of the Q-545 during operation!
The heat produced during operation of the Q-545 can affect your application.

➢ Install the Q-545 so that the application is not impaired by the dissipated heat.
➢ Ensure sufficient ventilation at the place of installation.
➢ Make sure that the complete bottom side of the Q-545 is in contact with the surface on which the Q-545 is mounted.

NOTICE

Unwanted changes in position!
Unwanted changes in position are possible if a force acts on the motion platform (e.g., because of a cable attached to the load or when a heavy load is mounted vertically) that is greater than the self-locking of the drive (p. 49). You will see a definition of self-locking under "Terms" (p. 2).

Unwanted changes in the position of the motion platform can damage the drive, the load or the surroundings.

➢ Take appropriate measures to ensure that only a force less than the self-locking force acts on the motion platform: For example, cables attached to the load should have sufficient strain relief.

NOTICE

Damage from unsuitable cables!
Unsuitable cables can damage the electronics.

➢ Use cables provided by PI only for connecting the Q-545 to the electronics.

INFORMATION

For optimum repeatability, all components must be firmly affixed to each other.

INFORMATION

The positive direction of motion of the axis is specified in the product view (p. 8).
5.2 Avoiding Mounting Errors

Mounting the Q-545 onto an underlying surface

Figure 5: Incorrect mounting on an uneven surface, schematic representation

- Line, black: Uneven underlying surface
- Arrows, white: Effect of force by tightening the screws when fixing to the underlying surface
- Arrows, black: The guide elements are pushed outwards, play occurs between the inner and outer guide elements

**NOTICE**

**Warping of the Q-545 when mounted on uneven surfaces!**

Mounting the Q-545 on an uneven surface could warp the Q-545. Warping reduces the accuracy, the drive force, and the maximum velocity.

- Mount the Q-545 onto a flat surface. The recommended flatness of the surface is ≤10 µm.
- When mounting, do not exceed the maximum torque specified in the instructions.
- For applications with large temperature changes:
  - Only mount the Q-545 on surfaces that have the same or similar thermal expansion properties as the Q-545.

**NOTICE**

**Protruding screw heads!**

Protruding screw heads can damage the Q-545.

- Ensure that the screw heads do not protrude from countersunk holes so that they do not interfere with the motion.
Building a Multi-Axis System

Figure 6: Incorrect mounting of an XY system; schematic representation

Bars, black: Excessively long or thick locating pins for aligning the upper to the lower positioner
Arrows, white: Effect of force by tightening the screws when fixing the upper to the lower positioner
Lines, black: Warping of the upper and lower positioner's contact surfaces
Arrows, black: The lower positioner's outer guide elements are pushed outwards and leads to play between the inner and outer guide elements

**NOTICE**

**Unsuitable screws and locating pins!**

Screws and locating pins inserted too deeply and/or excessively thick locating pins will damage the Q-545: Tightening the screws warps the positioner, which leads to play between the inner and outer guide elements.

- Before mounting, make sure that the screws and locating pins have the right length and thickness for the corresponding holes.
- Pay attention to the depth of the mounting holes (p. 53) in the motion platform.
- Pay attention to the maximum depth for inserting locating pins (p. 53) into the motion platform.

**NOTICE**

**Impermissibly high load on the positioners!**

In a multi-axis system, the positioner must also be moved for the Y and/or Z axis. Impermissibly high loads impair the motion and can damage the positioner.

- Include the masses of the positioner and the mounting adapter (p. 10) in the calculation of the load to be moved.
- For all positioners in a multi-axis system: Do not exceed the maximum permissible load.
Fixing the load to the Q-545

Figure 7: Incorrect mounting: Torque on the motion platform damages the positioner

Figure 8: Correct mounting: Hold the motion platform firmly to avoid torque on the motion platform

**NOTICE**

Impermissible torque and forces!

Torque and forces on the motion platform could damage the positioner.

- Hold the motion platform firmly to prevent it from moving when tightening the screws.
- Pay attention to the maximum torques specified in the instructions.

Figure 9: The load center should be in the middle of the motion platform
5 Installation

**NOTICE**

**Damage due to unfavorable load center!**
A load’s center of gravity not at the center of the motion platform subjects the positioner to torque. The torque reduces the accuracy and could damage the positioner.

- Make sure that the gap between the load’s center of gravity and the motion platform’s center is as small as possible in all directions.
- Pay attention to the maximum permissible load capacity and holding force according to the specifications (p. 49) with respect to the mass and the method of fixing the load.
- Avoid rotary and tilting torques on the motion platform.

**NOTICE**

**Unsuitable screws and locating pins!**
Screws and locating pins inserted too deeply and/or excessively thick locating pins will damage the Q-545: Tightening the screws warps the positioner, which leads to play between the inner and outer guide elements.

- Before mounting, make sure that the screws and locating pins have the right length and thickness for the corresponding holes.
- Pay attention to the depth of the mounting holes (p. 53) in the motion platform.
- Pay attention to the maximum depth for inserting locating pins (p. 53) into the motion platform.

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**Figure 10:** Incorrect mounting of a load; schematic representation

A load with an uneven contact surface (line, black) causes warping of the positioner’s motion platform. Tightening the screws cause the motion platform to arch (effect of force shown by white arrows). The outer guide elements are pushed outwards (arrows, black), which leads to play between the inner and outer guide elements.
NOTICE

Damage due to mounting a load with uneven contact surface!
Mounting a load with an uneven contact surface could warp the Q-545. Warping reduces the accuracy, the drive force, and the maximum velocity.

- Fix a load onto the Q-545 only if its contact surface is flat. The recommended flatness for the contact surface is ≤10 µm.
- For applications with large temperature changes:
  Fix a load onto the Q-545 only if it has the same or similar thermal expansion properties as the Q-545.

INFORMATION

- To avoid unwanted changes in the position of the motion platform, ensure sufficient strain relief when cables are attached to the load.

5.3 Mounting the Q-545 onto an Underlying Surface and Connecting it to a Protective Earth Conductor

INFORMATION

The electrical contact of the Q-545 to the protective earth conductor is established via the surface, on which the Q-545 is mounted.

- The corresponding contact surfaces must be sufficiently conductive.
- The protective earth conductor is connected to the surface on which the Q-545 is mounted.
- The screws are secured against unintentional loosening; e.g., with thread-locking adhesive.

INFORMATION

- Pay attention to the applicable standards for connecting the protective earth conductor.
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Figure 11: Example Q-545.140, left: View from below; right: View from top

1. Two locating holes in the bottom of the positioner are used for aligning on an underlying surface.
2. Four M2.5 screws are used to fix the positioner to an underlying surface.

### Possible orientations of the Q-545

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| Vertical mounting with        |                                                                                     |
| horizontal orientation of the |                                                                                     |
| motion axis                   |                                                                                     |
|                               | g = gravity                                                                         |
|                               | 1 = positive direction of the motion axis                                           |
|                               | 2 = load capacity, any (p. 2), max. 0.1 kg                                         |
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2 = load capacity, any (p. 2), max. 0.1 kg |

**Requirements**

- ✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 15).
- ✓ The Q-545 is disconnected from the electronics.
- ✓ You have provided a suitable underlying surface (for the required position and depth of the holes for accommodating the screws and locating pins, see "Dimensions" (p. 53)):
  - The surface must be connected to the protective earth conductor.
  - There are two locating holes with $\varnothing$ 2.5 mm H7 and four M2.5 mounting holes in the underlying surface.
  - The contact surfaces to the bottom of the positioner have to be sufficiently conductive to ensure that the protective earth conductor functions properly.
  - For applications with large temperature changes: The surface should have the same thermal expansion properties as the Q-545 (e.g., underlying surface made of aluminum).
  - The surface flatness is $\leq$10 µm.
- ✓ You have accounted for the space required to route cables according to regulations and without bending them.

**Tools and accessories**

- 58615000010 screw set from the scope of delivery of the Q-545 (p. 10):
  - 2 dowel pins, 2.5 m6 × 5 ISO 8734; for use as locating pins
  - 4 socket head screws, M2.5×5 ISO 4762
- Suitable tools for tightening the screws
- Thread-locking adhesive
Mounting the Q-545 onto an underlying surface and connecting it to a protective earth conductor

1. Aligning the Q-545 on underlying surface using the locating pins:
   a) Insert the two locating pins into the locating holes in the bottom of the Q-545 (see figure above) or in the underlying surface.
   b) Put the Q-545 onto the underlying surface so that the locating pins are inserted into the corresponding locating holes on the other side.

2. Use four M2.5 screws to fix the Q-545 to an underlying surface.
   a) Push the Q-545's motion platform by hand until two of the four countersunk holes in the base body are accessible.
   b) Insert the screws into each of the two countersunk holes.
      - Maximum torque: 72 Ncm
   c) Make sure that the screw heads do not protrude from the countersunk holes.
   d) Repeat steps a) to c) for the other two countersunk holes in the Q-545's base body.

3. Secure the screws against unintentional loosening, e.g., with thread-locking adhesive.

4. Make sure that the contact resistance is <0.1 $\Omega$ at 25 A at all connection points relevant for mounting the protective earth conductor.

5. Check that the Q-545 is fixed firmly to the underlying surface.

5.4 Building a Multi-Axis System

The Q-545 can be used in multi-axis systems.

Typical combinations:
- XY system (p. 25)
- Z system (p. 27) (XZ or XYZ combination)
5.4.1 General Information on Building a Multi-Axis System

- Install and operate the multi-axis system only after you have read and understood the user manuals for all components of the multi-axis system.
- If you need special mounting adapters, contact our customer service department (p. 47).

5.4.2 Building an XY System

**INFORMATION**

Any model of the Q-545 can be used as lower or upper positioner.

Designations in these instructions:

- **Lower positioner**: Forms the basis of the multi-axis system (X axis); is mounted onto an underlying surface
- **Upper positioner**: Forms the Y axis of the multi-axis system; is mounted on the lower positioner rotated by 90°
5 Installation

Requirements

✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 15).
✓ You have read and understood the general notes on building a multi-axis system (p. 25).
✓ The positioners are disconnected from the electronics.
✓ You have fixed the lower positioner onto an underlying surface properly and connected (p. 21) it to a protective earth conductor.
✓ You have accounted for the space required to route cables according to regulations and without bending them.

Tools and accessories

- 5861500010 screw set from the scope of delivery of the Q-545 (p. 10):
  - 2 dowel pins, 2.5 m6 × 5 ISO 8734; for use as locating pins
  - 4 socket head screws, M2.5×5 ISO 4762
- Suitable tool for tightening the screws

Building an XY System

Figure 13: Example: Mounting a Q-545.140 on a Q-545.140

1 Lower positioner
2 2 dowel pins, 2.5 m6 × 5 ISO 8734; for use as locating pins
3 Upper positioner
4 4 socket head screws, M2.5×5 ISO 4762
1. Insert the two locating pins into the locating holes in the bottom of the upper Q-545 or in the motion platform of the lower Q-545 (see figure above). It must be possible to insert the locating pins easily.

2. Put the upper Q-545 onto the lower Q-545 so that the locating pins are inserted into the corresponding locating holes on the other side.

3. Use four M2.5 screws to fix the upper Q-545 to the lower Q-545:
   a) Push the motion platform of the upper Q-545 by hand until two of the four countersunk holes in the base body are accessible.
   b) Insert the screws into each of the two countersunk holes.
      ▪ Maximum torque: 72 Ncm
   c) Make sure that the screw heads do not protrude from the countersunk holes.
   d) Repeat steps a) to c) for the other two countersunk holes in the base body of the upper Q-545.

4. Check that the upper Q-545 is fixed firmly to the lower Q-545.

5.4.3 Building a Z System with an Adapter Bracket

NOTICE

Inserting screws and locating pins too deeply!
Screws and locating pins inserted too deeply will damage the Q-545.
➢ Pay attention to the depth of the mounting holes (p. 53) in the motion platform.
➢ Pay attention to the maximum depth for inserting locating pins (p. 53) into the motion platform.
➢ Use screws and locating pins with the correct length for the respective holes only.

Pay attention to the following order when you align the adapter bracket on the lower positioner:
1. Insert the locating pins into the short side of the adapter bracket from below.
2. Make sure that the locating pins are inserted up to the limit stop.
3. Put the adapter bracket onto the motion platform of the lower positioner.

Designations in these instructions:

- **Lower positioner**: X axis in an XZ combination; Y axis in an XYZ combination. The positioner to which the upper positioner is mounted with an adapter bracket.

- **Upper positioner**: Forms the Z axis of the multi-axis system; is mounted on the lower positioner in a vertical alignment using an adapter bracket.

Recommended Z Systems
The following adapter bracket and positioner combinations are recommended:
### Orientation of adapter bracket and upper positioner to the lower positioner:

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Not possible. The motion platforms of the positioners collide with each other.
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Requirements

✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 15).
✓ You have read and understood the general notes on building a multi-axis system (p. 25).
✓ You have accounted for the space required to route cables according to regulations and without bending them.
✓ If you set up an XZ combination: You have mounted the lower positioner onto an underlying surface properly.
✓ If you are building an XYZ combination: You have attached the positioners for the X and Y axis (p. 25) properly.

Tools and accessories

▪ Suitable adapter bracket; for combination options, see "Recommended Z Systems" (p. 27). The following brackets are available as optional accessory (p. 10):
  – For Z systems suitable for use in a vacuum to 10⁻⁶ hPa: Q-145.1001 or Q-145.200 adapter bracket.
  For the diameter and position of the holes in the adapter bracket, see "Dimensions" (p. 53)
▪ Mounting kit from the scope of delivery of the adapter bracket:
  – 2 dowel pins, 2.5 m6 × 4, for use as locating pins
  – 4 socket head screws M2.5x8
▪ Mounting kit from the scope of delivery of the positioner (p. 10):
  – 2 dowel pins, 2.5 m6 × 5, for use as locating pins
  – 4 socket head screws M2.5x5
▪ Hex key AF 2
Building a Z system

Figure 14: Example: Building an XZ system consisting of two Q-545.140 and a Q-145.1001 adapter bracket

1. Lower positioner
2. 2 dowel pins, 2.5 m6 x 4 for use as locating pins; from the scope of delivery of the adapter bracket
3. Q-145.200 adapter bracket
4. 4 socket head screws M2.5x8 for mounting the adapter bracket on the lower positioner; from the scope of delivery of the adapter bracket
5. 2 dowel pins, 2.5 m6 x 5 for use as locating pins; from the scope of delivery of the positioner
6. Upper positioner
7. 4 socket head screws M2.5x5 for mounting the upper positioner on the adapter bracket; from the scope of delivery of the positioner
1. Fix the upper positioner to the long side of the adapter bracket:
   a) Align the upper positioner so that the cable exit points away from the origin of the sides of the adapter bracket; i.e., upwards in the Z system.
   b) Insert the 2.5 m6 × 5 locating pins into the locating holes in the bottom of the upper positioner or in the long side of the adapter bracket.
   c) Put the positioner on the long side of the adapter bracket so that the locating pins are inserted into the corresponding locating holes on the other side.
   d) Mount the positioner using four M2.5x5 screws according to step 3 of the instructions in "Building an XY System" (p. 25).

2. Fix the short side of the adapter bracket to the motion platform of the lower positioner:
   a) Insert the 2.5 m6 × 4 locating pins into the locating holes in the short side of the adapter bracket from below and up to the limit stop (see figure above).
   b) If you set up a Z system consisting of a Q-145.1001 adapter bracket and two positioners Q-545.240: Align the adapter bracket so that the positioner’s motion platforms cannot collide with each other; see "Recommended Z Systems" (p. 27) for permissible orientations.
   c) Put the short side of the adapter bracket on the motion platform of the lower positioner so that the locating pins are inserted into the corresponding locating holes in the platform.
   d) Insert four M2.5x8 screws into the mounting holes of the adapter bracket.
   e) Tighten the screws.
      □ Maximum torque: 72 Ncm

3. Check that the adapter bracket and the upper positioner are fixed firmly.
5.5 Fixing the Load to the Q-545

Requirements

✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 15).
✓ You have mounted the positioner onto an underlying surface (p. 21) properly or on a Q-545 (p. 24).
✓ The positioner is disconnected from the electronics.
✓ You have prepared the load so that it can be fixed to the motion platform (for the required position and depth of the holes for accommodating the screws and locating pins, see "Dimensions" (p. 53)):
  − The gap between the center of gravity of the load and the center of the motion platform is as small as possible in all directions.
  − Four points are provided for fixing the load to the motion platform.
  − If you use locating pins for aligning the load: You have drilled two locating holes with Ø 2.5 mm H7 into the load to accommodate the locating pins.

Tools and accessories

▪ Screws of suitable length (p. 53). Options:
  − M2 screws
  − M2.5 screws
▪ Suitable tool for tightening the screws
▪ Optional: 2 locating pins of suitable length, for locating holes with Ø 2.5 mm H7
Fixing the load to the Q-545

Figure 16: Q-545.140

The arrows identify the following mounting holes in the Q-545.140’s motion platform:
For aligning the load:
White arrows: Locating holes Ø 2.5 mm H7, depth 2.5 mm
For fixing the load:
Dark-gray arrows: M2.5 threaded holes, depth 5 mm
Light-gray arrows: M2.5 threaded holes, depth 4 mm
Black arrows: M2 threaded holes, depth 4 mm

Figure 17: Q-545.240

The arrows identify the following mounting holes in the Q-545.240’s motion platform:
For aligning the load:
White arrows: Locating holes Ø 2.5 mm H7, depth 1.4 mm
For fixing the load:
Dark-gray arrows: M2.5 threaded holes, depth 4 mm
Light-gray arrows: M2.5 threaded holes, depth 4 mm
Black arrows: M2 threaded holes, depth 4 mm

1. Align the load on the Q-545 so that the mounting holes in the load and the holes in the motion platform are in line.
If you use locating pins to align the load:

a) Insert the locating pins into the locating holes in the motion platform or in the load.

b) Put the load on the motion platform so that the locating pins are inserted into the corresponding locating holes on the other side.

2. Fix the load using the screws.
   - Maximum torque for M2 screws: 35 Ncm
   - Maximum torque for M2.5 screws: 72 Ncm

3. Check that the load is fixed firmly to the motion platform of the positioner.

5.6 Connecting the Q-545 to the Electronics

**INFORMATION**

The Q-545 and the electronics can be delivered as a preconfigured system.

➢ If a connection assignment is given on the labels of the Q-545 and/or electronics, pay attention to this assignment when connecting the Q-545.

5.6.1 Overview: Connecting for Atmospheric Operation

![Diagram showing connection options]

Figure 18: Options for connecting the Q-545 to suitable electronics for atmospheric operation

1. Controller
2. Extension cable
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5.6.2 Overview: Connecting for Operating in a Vacuum

Figure 19: Connecting the Q-545 to suitable electronics for operating in a vacuum

1 Controller
2 Extension cable
3 Vacuum feedthrough for pressure to 10-6 hPa
4 Mechanics

Figure 20: Example for installing the C-815.VF vacuum feedthrough. Left: Vacuum side, right: Air side

1 Q-545's connector on the vacuum side
2 Example of a vacuum feedthrough, part of a vacuum chamber
3 Sealing ring
4 C-815.VF vacuum feedthrough
5 Connector on the air side of the extension cable for connecting to the electronics.

Tools and accessories

- Four M3 stainless steel countersunk screws of suitable length (ISO 7046)
Installing the vacuum feedthrough

- For C-815.VF vacuum feedthrough: Install the vacuum feedthrough so that the D-sub 15 (f) socket is in the vacuum chamber.
- Pay attention to the maximum torque of 0.9 Nm.

5.6.3 Connecting the Q-545 to the Electronics

Requirements

✓ You have read and understood the general notes on installation (p. 15).
✓ You have installed the electronics.
✓ You have read and understood the user manual for the electronics.
✓ The electronics are not connected to the supply voltage.

Tools and accessories

- If the Q-545 is to be operated in a vacuum:
  - E-873.UHVx extension cable, available as optional accessory (p. 10)
  - Suitable vacuum feedthrough, available as an optional accessory (p. 10):
    C-815.VF (suitable for use in a vacuum to 10^-6 hPa)
  - Suitable tools for installing the vacuum feedthrough

Connecting the Q-545 to the electronics

1. Prepare the Q-545 for connecting:
   - Remove the ESD protection from the Q-545's connector.
   When a Q-545 is to be operated in a vacuum:
   - Installing the vacuum feedthrough:
     a) Obtain the dimensions from the corresponding dimensional drawing.
     b) Make sure that the vacuum feedthrough is aligned correctly:
        C-815.VF: Vacuum side = D-sub 15 (f)
     c) Make a suitable opening in the vacuum chamber.
     d) Install the vacuum feedthrough.

2. Connect the electronics to the Q-545 and if necessary, any further components as shown in the connection diagram above.

3. Take suitable measures to prevent the extension cable from being disconnected accidentally.
6 Startup and Operation

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6.1 General Notes on Startup and Operation

**CAUTION**

Risk of electric shock if the protective earth conductor is not connected!
If a protective earth conductor is not or not properly connected, dangerous touch voltages can occur on the Q-545 in the case of malfunction or failure of the system. If there are touch voltages, touching the Q-545 can result in minor injuries from electric shock.

- Connect the Q-545 to a protective earth conductor (p. 21) before startup.
- Do not remove the protective earth conductor during operation.
- If the protective earth conductor has to be removed temporarily (e.g., in the case of modifications), reconnect the Q-545 to the protective earth conductor before restarting.

**CAUTION**

Burning from hot surface!
The surface of the Q-545 and its vicinity can heat up during operation. Touching the Q-545 and surrounding parts can result in minor injuries from burning.

- Cool the Q-545 so that the temperature of its surface and surrounding parts does not exceed 65 °C.
- If sufficient cooling is not possible: Make sure that the hot Q-545 and its surrounding parts cannot be touched.
- If sufficient cooling and protection against contact are not possible: Mark the danger zone in accordance with the legal regulations.

**NOTICE**

Overheating during continuous operation!
The highest velocity is achieved at maximum operating frequency; however, the Q-545 can overheat during continuous operation as a result.

- Pay attention to the recommended operating time according to the operating frequency in step mode (p. 52).
- Ensure sufficient ventilation at the place of installation.
NOTICE

Operating voltage too high or incorrectly connected!
Operating voltages that are too high or incorrectly connected can cause damage to the Q-545.
- Operate the Q-545 only with controllers/drivers and original accessories from PI.
- Do not exceed the operating voltage range (p. 51) for which the Q-545 is specified.
- Operate the Q-545 only when the operating voltage is properly connected; see "Pin Assignment" (p. 59).

NOTICE

Operating frequency too high!
An excessively high operating frequency can cause damage to the Q-545.
- Operate the Q-545 only with controllers/drivers and original accessories from PI.
- Do not exceed the operating frequency range (p. 51) specified for the Q-545.

NOTICE

Reduced lifetime of the piezo actuator due to permanently high voltage!
Applying a high static voltage to piezo actuators continuously reduces the lifetime of the piezo ceramic.
- If the Q-545 is not used for a longer period of time, e.g., several days, switch the electronics off.

NOTICE

Destruction of the piezo actuators due to electric flashovers!
Using the Q-545 in environments that increase the electrical conductivity can lead to the destruction of the piezo actuators of the drive by electric flashovers. Electric flashovers can be caused by moisture, high humidity, liquids and conductive materials (e.g. metal dust). In addition, electric flashovers can also occur in certain air pressure ranges due to the increased conductivity of the air.
- Avoid operating the Q-545 in environments that can increase the electrical conductivity.
- Operate the Q-545 only under permissible ambient conditions and classifications (p. 51).
- When using in a vacuum under 0.1 hPa: Do not operate the Q-545 while evacuating or ventilating.
NOTICE

Damage due to collisions!
Collisions can damage the positioner, the load to be moved, and the surroundings.
- Make sure that no collisions are possible between the positioner, the load to be moved, and the surroundings in the motion range of the positioner.
- Do not place any objects in areas where they can be caught by moving parts.
- Stop the motion immediately if an electronics malfunction occurs.

NOTICE

Considerable wear due to high operating frequency!
A high operating frequency in step mode can cause considerable wear on the mechanics.
- Reduce the operating frequency of the electronics in step mode (step frequency) respectively the velocity, see the user manual for the electronics.
- Reduce the operating time with a high operating frequency (p. 52).
- Stop the motion immediately if an electronics malfunction occurs.

NOTICE

Increased wear due to small working range!
Using a small working range permanently increases the wear in this area.
- If possible: Select another part of the travel range for the working range in regular intervals.

INFORMATION

The Q-545’s parameters can be adapted. Changing parameter values can cause undesirable results.
- Create a backup copy on the PC before changing the parameter settings; see "Saving Parameter Values in a Text File" in the user manual for the electronics. You can then restore the original settings at any time.
- You can find information on adapting the parameter values under "Adapting Settings" in the user manual for the electronics.
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INFORMATION

If the parameters of the electronics are not adapted to the Q-545 and the application (load, orientation of the Q-545), the Q-545 will either not move or not move satisfactorily.

- Only operate the Q-545 when the parameters of the electronics have been correctly set.
- Depending on the electronics used, pay particular attention either to the parameter setting for the operating frequency in step mode or to the velocity in closed-loop operation.

E-873.3QTU:
- Operating frequency in step mode via the parameter with ID 0x1F000400

E-873.1Ax / E-873.10C885
- Velocity via \text{VEL} (closed-loop operation)

INFORMATION

The inertia drive generates noise in step mode. The noise generation depends on the current step frequency.

INFORMATION

If you use the software from the scope of delivery of the electronics, the operating parameters can be loaded from \textit{PIMicosStages3.dat}. The records in the positioner database are updated regularly.

- Install the PI Update Finder from the product CD for the electronics onto your PC and update \textit{PIMicosStages3.dat} on your PC.

Further information can be found in the user manual for the electronics.

Requirements

- You have read and understood the general notes on startup and operation (p. 37).
- You have installed (p. 15) the positioner correctly.
- You have read and understood the user manual for the electronics.
- You have read and understood the manual for the PC software.
- The electronics and the required PC software have been installed. All connections to the electronics have been made (see user manual for the electronics).

Starting and operating the Q-545

1. Start and operate the positioner (see user manual for the electronics). Startup includes the following steps:
   - Selecting the positioner type
   - Defining the reference point of the axis
   - Commanding of first motion for testing
2. If necessary: Adapt the parameters for the operating frequency in step mode or the velocity (see the user manual for the electronics) to your application (see also "General Notes on Startup and Operation" (p. 37) and "Operating Time" (p. 52)).

PIMikroMove is used in the user manual for the electronics to describe startup and operation.
7 Maintenance

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7.1 General Notes on Maintenance

**NOTICE**

Damage due to improper maintenance!
Improper maintenance can lead to misalignment and failure of the Q-545.

- Only loosen screws according to the instructions in this manual.

7.2 Performing a Maintenance Run

The maintenance run must cover the entire travel range.

- Perform the maintenance run after every 10 million steps.

7.3 Cleaning the Q-545

**Requirements**

- You have disconnected the positioner from the electronics.

**Cleaning the positioner**

Only when the positioner is not used in vacuum:

- When necessary, clean the surfaces of the positioner with a cloth that is lightly dampened with a mild cleanser or disinfectant.

Only when the positioner is used in vacuum:

- Touch the positioner only with powder-free gloves.
- If necessary, wipe the positioner clean.
## Troubleshooting

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<td>▪ The electronics were replaced  ▪ The positioner was replaced</td>
<td>➢ Load the parameter set from the positioner database that corresponds to the Q-545 model. ➢ If necessary: Set the parameters for the electronics in PI MikroMove so that they correspond to the application (load, orientation) of the Q-545 model (see the user manual for the electronics).</td>
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<td>The cable is not connected correctly or is defective</td>
<td>➢ Check the connecting cable(s)</td>
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<td>Unfavorable operating frequency for step mode</td>
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<td>➢ Adapt the operating frequency for step mode (for details, see &quot;Starting and Operating the positioner&quot; (p. 40) and manual for the electronics).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Warped base body</td>
<td></td>
<td>➢ Pay attention to the maximum torque when fixing the positioner. ➢ Avoid tilting torques when fixing the positioner and load: Hold the base body of the positioner. ➢ Mount the Q-545 on a flat surface. The recommended flatness of the surface is 10 µm. ➢ As specified in the instructions (p. 21), use locating pins with a suitable length and thickness only when fixing the positioner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unfavorable load mounting</td>
<td></td>
<td>➢ Pay attention to the maximum torque when mounting the load (p. 32). ➢ Keep the gap between the center of gravity of the load and the center of the motion platform as small as possible in all directions. ➢ As specified in the instructions (p. 32), use locating pins with a suitable length and thickness only when aligning the load</td>
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## Troubleshooting

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<tr>
<th>Problem</th>
<th>Possible causes</th>
<th>Solution</th>
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<tr>
<td>Unsuitable ambient conditions</td>
<td>- Operate the Q-545 in a clean environment only and only under permissible ambient conditions (p. 51).</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Drive wear</td>
<td>- Replace the Q-545 and make sure that the operating parameters of the electronics are adapted to the positioner.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Drive is blocked</td>
<td>- Release the blockage by carefully moving the motion platform back and forth by hand.</td>
<td>- Contact our customer service department (p. 47).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>When fixing a load or an adapter bracket to the positioner’s motion platform: Dowel pin was pushed too deeply into the motion platform</td>
<td>- Contact our customer service department (p. 47).</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Limitation in accuracy, drive force, and maximum velocity</td>
<td>- Play between the inner and outer guide elements due to warped base body or motion platform</td>
<td>- For possible causes, see &quot;Warped base body&quot; and &quot;Unfavorable load mounting&quot; in this table.</td>
</tr>
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</table>
| Unwanted motion                               |  ▪ The cables attached to the load can exert pull forces on the positioner.  
  ▪ The self-locking force could be exceeded. | - Make sure that the cables attached to the load have sufficient strain relief.  
  - Dependency of the motion axis’ orientation:  
  - Make sure that you do not exceed the maximum permissible load (p. 49). |

If the problem with your system is not listed in the table above or cannot be solved as described, contact our customer service department (p. 47).
9 Customer Service

For inquiries and orders, contact your PI sales engineer or send us an email (service@pi.de).

➢ If you have any questions concerning your system, provide the following information:
  − Product and serial numbers of all products in the system
  − Firmware version of the controller (if applicable)
  − Version of the driver or the software (if applicable)
  − Operating system on the PC (if applicable)
➢ If possible: Take photographs or make videos of your system that can be sent to our customer service department if requested.

The latest versions of the user manuals are available for download (p. 3) on our website.
## 10 Technical Data

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### 10.1 Specifications

#### 10.1.1 Data Table

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<tr>
<th>Motion</th>
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<tr>
<td>Active axis</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
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<tr>
<td>Travel range</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>mm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum velocity, closed loop</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>mm/s</td>
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<td>Minimum incremental motion</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>typ.</td>
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<td>250</td>
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<td>7</td>
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<td>typ.</td>
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<td>Self-locking</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>min.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Motor type</td>
<td>Piezoelectric inertia drive</td>
<td>Piezoelectric inertia drive</td>
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<td>Maximum load capacity, horizontal</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>kg</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum load capacity, any</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>0.1</td>
<td>kg</td>
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### Mechanical properties

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<tr>
<td>Mass without cable and connector</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>135</td>
<td>g</td>
<td>±10 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mass incl. cable and connector</td>
<td>216</td>
<td>245</td>
<td>g</td>
<td>±10 %</td>
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<td>Guide type</td>
<td>Crossed roller bearing with anti-creep system</td>
<td>Crossed roller bearing with anti-creep system</td>
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<tr>
<td>Axial stiffness</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>N/µm</td>
<td>±10 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lateral stiffness</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>N/µm</td>
<td>±10 %</td>
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### Positioning

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<td>Integrated sensor</td>
<td>Linear encoder</td>
<td>Linear encoder</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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<td>Sensor resolution</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>nm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reference switch</td>
<td>Optical</td>
<td>Optical</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Bidirectional repeatability</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>nm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sensor signal</td>
<td>Analog, 1 Vpp</td>
<td>Analog, 1 Vpp</td>
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### Miscellaneous

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<th>Tolerance</th>
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<tr>
<td>Operating temperature range</td>
<td>0 to 50</td>
<td>0 to 50</td>
<td>°C</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cable length</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>±5 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motor / sensor connector</td>
<td>D-sub 15 (m)</td>
<td>D-sub 15 (m)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Material</td>
<td>Aluminum</td>
<td>Aluminum</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recommended electronics</td>
<td>E-873.1AT, E-873.3QTU, E-873.10C885</td>
<td>E-873.1AT, E-873.3QTU, E-873.10C885</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Q-545 models are vacuum compatible to 10⁻⁶ hPa.

When operating in a vacuum, we recommend a reduced duty cycle of 20% and a maximum motor drive force of 30% compared to a standard environment. The slider plate's intrinsic mass must be considered accordingly.

Specifications tested with E-873.1AT

The specifications were determined on an underlying surface with a flatness of 2 µm.
10.1.2 Maximum Ratings

The Q-545 positioner is designed for the following operating data:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Maximum operating voltage</th>
<th>Maximum operating frequency</th>
<th>Maximum power consumption</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>48 V</td>
<td>20 kHz</td>
<td>30 W</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

10.1.3 Ambient Conditions and Classifications

Pay attention to the following ambient conditions and classifications for the Q-545:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Area of application</th>
<th>For indoor use only</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Maximum altitude</td>
<td>2000 m</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Air pressure</td>
<td>1100 hPa to 10^-6 hPa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Relative humidity</td>
<td>Highest relative humidity 80 % for temperatures up to 31 °C Decreasing linearly to 50 % relative humidity at 40 °C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating temperature</td>
<td>0 °C to 40 °C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage temperature</td>
<td>-20 °C to 70 °C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transport temperature</td>
<td>-20 °C to 70 °C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maximum bakeout temperature:</td>
<td>80 °C, for 2 hours, only in switched-off state</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Overvoltage category</td>
<td>II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Protection class</td>
<td>I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Degree of pollution</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Degree of protection(acc. to IEC 60529)</td>
<td>IP20</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
10.2 Operating Time

The operating frequency in step mode or the velocity and the duration of motion affect the lifetime of the positioner. In order to prevent overheating and increased wear, the duration of motion at the specified velocity or operating frequency may not exceed the values specified in the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Operating frequency in Hz(^{1,2})</th>
<th>Velocity in mm/s (^{2})</th>
<th>Maximum duration of motion in s (^{3})</th>
<th>Idle time in s</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16000</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10000</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>any</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\(^1\) For the relevant parameters, see "Starting and Operating the Positioner" (p. 40) and the user manual of the electronics used

\(^2\) At 48 V supply voltage, ±0.6 A charging current and no load, the operating frequency corresponds approximately to the specified velocity.

\(^3\) Applicable at 20 °C. It is essential to install effective thermal transfer in order to reach the specified duration of motion.

10.3 Velocity and Force

The following diagram visualizes the combinations of velocity and drive force the Q-545 can provide.

![Figure 21: Relationship between velocity and drive force of the Q-545](image-url)
10.4 Dimensions

10.4.1 Q-545.140

Dimensions in mm. Note that a comma is used instead of a decimal point in the drawings.

Figure 22: Q-545.140
10.4.2  Q-545.240

Dimensions in mm. Note that a comma is used instead of a decimal point in the drawings.

Figure 23:  Q-545.240
10.4.3 **Q-145.1001 Adapter Bracket**

Dimensions in mm. Note that a comma is used in the drawings instead of a decimal point.

![Diagram of Q-145.1001 Adapter Bracket]

Figure 24: Q-145.1001 Adapter Bracket
10.4.4  **Q-145.200 Adapter Bracket**

Dimensions in mm. Note that a comma is used in the drawings instead of a decimal point.

![Diagram of Q-145.200 adapter bracket]

Figure 25: Q-145.200 adapter bracket, dimensions of the Q-145.20U adapter bracket are identical.
10.4.5  C-815.VF Vacuum Feedthrough for $10^6$ hPa

Dimensions in mm. Note that a comma is used in the drawings instead of a decimal point.

Figure 26:  C-815.VF vacuum feedthrough D-sub 15 (m/f)
Recommended vacuum chamber opening for the C-815.VF vacuum feedthrough for $10^{-6}$ hPa

Dimensions in mm. Note that a comma is used in the drawings instead of a decimal point.

Figure 27: Top: View of the opening on the air side; middle: Section of the vacuum chamber as specified by the customer; bottom: View from the vacuum side
10.5 Pin Assignment

10.5.1 Q-545 (Vacuum Compatible to $10^{-6}$ hPa)

Connector: D-sub 15 (m)

The D-sub 15 connector (m) transmits the signals from the drive, the sensor, and the ID chip.

![D-sub 15 (m) connector]

Figure 28: D-sub 15 (m) connector

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Signal*</th>
<th>Function</th>
<th>Direction</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>REF -</td>
<td>Reference signal differential (-)</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Motor (-)</td>
<td>Motor signal differential (-)</td>
<td>Input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Motor (+)</td>
<td>Motor signal differential (+)</td>
<td>Input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>$V_{DD}$</td>
<td>Supply voltage (+5 V)</td>
<td>Input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>ID chip data</td>
<td>ID chip data</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>SIN -</td>
<td>Encoder A (-)</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>COS -</td>
<td>Encoder B (-)</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Motor (-)</td>
<td>Motor signal differential (-)</td>
<td>Input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>GND</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Motor (+)</td>
<td>Motor signal differential (+)</td>
<td>Input</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>REF +</td>
<td>Reference signal differential (+)</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>SIN +</td>
<td>Encoder A (+)</td>
<td>Output</td>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>COS +</td>
<td>Encoder B (+)</td>
<td>Output</td>
</tr>
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</table>

* The "-" sign indicates that the corresponding pin has not been assigned.

The cable shield is connected to the connector shell.
10.5.2  C-815.VF Vacuum Feedthrough

D-sub 15 (m/f)

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<td>V_{DD}</td>
<td>Supply voltage (+5 V)</td>
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<td>Encoder B (+)</td>
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Figure 29:  Vacuum side: D-sub 15 (f)

Figure 30:  Air side: D-sub 15 (m) panel plug
11 Old Equipment Disposal

In accordance with EU law, electrical and electronic equipment may not be disposed of in EU member states via the municipal residual waste.

Dispose of your old equipment according to international, national, and local rules and regulations.

In order to fulfil the responsibility as the product manufacturer, PI miCos GmbH undertakes environmentally correct disposal of all old PI miCos equipment made available on the market after 13 August 2005 without charge.

Any old PI miCos equipment can be sent free of charge to the following address:

PI miCos GmbH
Freiburger Strasse 30
79427 Eschbach, Germany
For the Q-545, an EU Declaration of Conformity has been issued in accordance with the following European directives:

Low Voltage Directive
EMC Directive
RoHS Directive

The applied standards certifying the conformity are listed below.
Safety (Low Voltage Directive): EN 61010-1
EMC: EN 61326-1
RoHS: EN 50581