AML ultra high vacuum compatible linear translation stages provide long travel with minimum height for loads of up to several kilograms. They have widely spaced ‘V’ roller guides and are useful in simpler compound mechanisms where torsional loads are small. They are manufactured with UHV compatible material and construction methods and utilize AML UHV stepper motors.

Smooth motion is provided by a diamond corrected lead screw and a matched, precision lapped nut to ensure good positional stability and incorporate a preloaded leadscrew nut to eliminate backlash.

FEATURES

- Travel ranges 50 to 250mm
- Resolution to 1μm per step
- Negligible backlash
- Low profile construction
- Load capacity to 20kg
- Directly stackable for XYZ
- Suitable for use below 1 x 10⁻¹⁰ mBar
- Bakeable to 200°C
- “V” roller guide bearing motion
- Diamond corrected leadscrew and matched nut
- Gamma radiation hard to 1 x 10⁶ Gy versions available
- May be customised
BACKLASH. Backlash in the gearbox of LTVH is controlled by special gearing and is negligible. Backlash between the nut and leadscrew is controlled by a pre-loaded nut and is much less than the resolution. If the transporter is used for motion with a significant vertical component (>45º), the load provided by the carriage weight is sufficient to eliminate backlash and a plain nut can be specified. In these cases mount with the motor at the top. Since speeds are low, acceleration forces are negligible.

CARRIAGE COMPLIANCE. The carriage will deflect under load moments about the principal axes by 33μradian per Nm. In most applications the load deflection will be constant and can be compensated for in the sample mount. For stacked XY motions in a horizontal plane the movement of the carriage and load on the upper transporter will produce a varying moment about the axis of the lower transporter. Minimise this by stacking the shorter transporter on the longer.

LUBRICATION. Running surfaces are dissimilar materials or dry lubricated with molybdenum disulfide. Leadscrews are lubricated with Nyetorr® 6300 UHV grease. Dry lubrication can be specified.

VERNIER STOP. These transporters may be driven to the vernier stops at the limits of their travel and stalled without damage.

STACKED MECHANISMS. For 3-axis motion mount the stage moving the load vertically on top of the others to avoid adding their weight to its load.
AML pursues a policy of continuous improvement and reserves the right to make detail changes to specifications without consultation. E and OE.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Order Code
LTVLxxx Translation stage, 5μm (xxx = travel in mm)
LTVHxxx Translation stage, 1μm (xxx = travel in mm)

Add suffix G for Nytorr® lubrication (at > 1 x 10^-9 mbar)

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