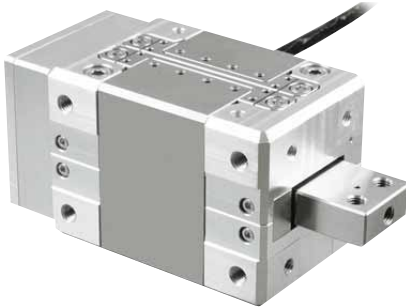


# N-216 NEXLINE® Linear Actuator

## High-Force PiezoWalk® Drive for Long-Range Nanopositioning



N-216 NEXLINE® High-Load Actuator. Feed motion is realized by piezo stepping motion which allows basically unlimited travel ranges with nanometer accuracy

- Travel Range 20 mm
- Resolution to 0.03 nm Open-Loop, 5 nm Closed-Loop
- Up to 800 N Holding Force
- Self Locking at Rest
- Non-Magnetic and Vacuum-Compatible Working Principle
- Cleanroom Compatible

N-216 NEXLINE® high-load linear actuators are ultra-precision nanopositioning actuators with travel ranges to 20 mm and push / pull forces to 600 N. The operating principle is based on coordinated motion of a number of highly preloaded linear and shear piezo elements acting on a runner. NEXLINE® drives combine long travel ranges with piezo-class precision.

N-216 comes in two versions for open- or closed-loop operation, as well as in two different load configurations. Closed-loop versions are equipped with a linear encoder for direct

position measurement of the moving runner. The encoder features 5 nm resolution over the full travel range. In open-loop operation a positioning resolution to 30 picometers can be realized by use of the high-dynamics analog operation mode.

### Unlimited Lifetime

The application area of NEXLINE® drives often lies in the difficult-to-access internals of machines, where nanometer-realm adjustment and vibration cancellation are required. Long lifetime is therefore a basic requirement for NEXLINE® actuators. To promote long lifetime, the controller can reduce the operating voltage on all the piezo elements to zero at any position and still maintain the full holding force.

### One Working Principle – Different Operating Modes

NEXLINE® PiezoWalk® drives overcome the limitations of conventional nanopositioning systems in their combination of long travel ranges and high resolution and stiffness. The piezo-ceramic clamping and shear

elements act directly on a moving runner that is coupled to the moved object. While in full step mode the runner can be moved over larger distances with maximum velocity, nanostepping mode allows uniform motion with highly constant speed. In open-loop operation any position resolution may be achieved which only depends on the stability of the control signal. Analog operation over a distance of less than one step enables high-dynamics positioning with resolutions far below one nanometer.

### Choice of Controllers for Optimization

NEXLINE® operation is supported by two motion controller models providing different features. The E-755 controller offers full functionality for nanometer precise positioning. The E-712 supplies more sophisticated linearization algorithms resulting in very smooth motion with highly constant velocity. It can also provide higher speed with maximum force.

### Ordering Information

**N-216.10**  
NEXLINE® Piezo Stepping High-Load Actuator, 20 mm, 300 N, Open-Loop

**N-216.1A**  
NEXLINE® Piezo Stepping High-Load Actuator, 20 mm, 300 N, Linear Encoder, 5 nm Resolution

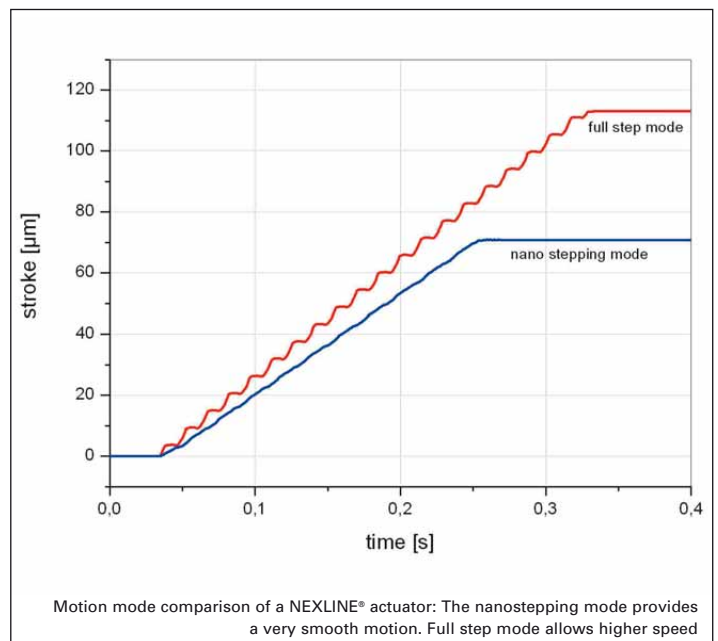
**N-216.20**  
NEXLINE® Piezo Stepping High-Load Actuator, 20 mm, 600 N, Open-Loop

**N-216.2A**  
NEXLINE® Piezo Stepping High-Load Actuator, 20 mm, 600 N, Linear Encoder, 5 nm Resolution

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### Patented Technology

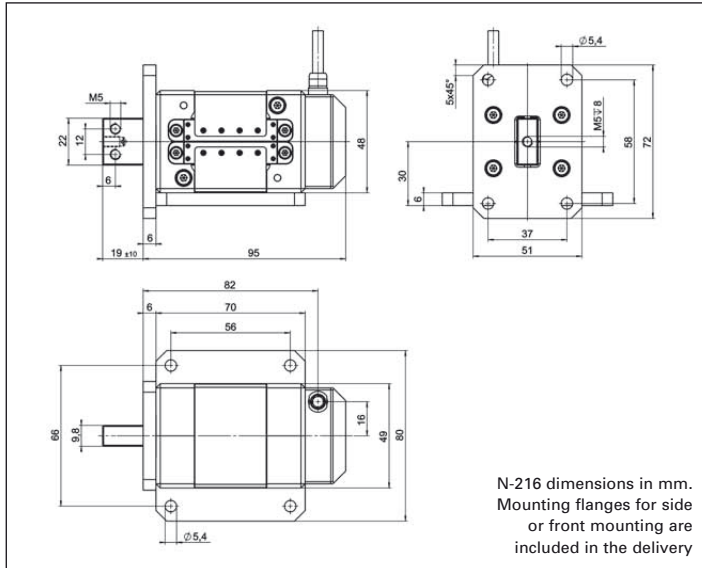
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Motion mode comparison of a NEXLINE® actuator: The nanostepping mode provides a very smooth motion. Full step mode allows higher speed

### Application Example

- Semiconductor technology
- Semiconductor testing
- Wafer inspection
- Nano lithography
- Nano-imprinting
- Nanometrology
- Active vibration damping
- Motion in strong magnetic fields



6-axis parallel kinematics (Hexapod) with integrated NEXLINE® high-load actuators, suitable for applications in strong magnetic fields

### Technical Data

Model	N-216.10 / N-216.1A	N-216.20 / N-216.2A	Tolerance
Active axes	X	X	
<b>Motion and positioning</b>			
Displacement	20 mm	20 mm	
Step size (in step mode)	10 nm to 10 µm	10 nm to 10 µm	
Travel range in analog mode	±3 µm	±3 µm	
Integrated sensor	N-216.10: none N-216.1A: linear encoder	N-216.20: none N-216.2A: linear encoder	
Open-loop resolution	0.03 nm	0.03 nm	typ.
Closed-loop resolution	- / 5 nm (N-216.1A)	- / 5 nm (N-216.2A)	
Max. velocity (10% duty cycle, full step mode)*	1.0 mm/s	1.0 mm/s	
Max. velocity (100% duty cycle, full step mode)*	0.6 mm/s	0.6 mm/s	
Max. velocity (100% duty cycle, nanostepping mode)**	0.4 mm/s	0.4 mm/s	
<b>Mechanical properties</b>			
Drive force (active)***	300 N	600 N	max.
Holding force (passive)	400 N	800 N	min.
<b>Drive properties</b>			
Motor type	NEXLINE®	NEXLINE®	
Operating voltage	±250 V	±250 V	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Operating temperature range	-40 to 80 °C	-40 to 80 °C	
Material	Aluminum, stainless steel	Aluminum, stainless steel	
Mass	1150 g	1250 g	
Cable length	2.0 m	2.0 m	
Connector	Sub-D connector NEXLINE® single-channel N-216.1A: plus sensor connector	Sub-D connector NEXLINE® single-channel N-216.2A: plus sensor connector	
Recommended controller	E-755, E-712	E-755, E-712	

\* Depending on drive electronics. Data refer to operation together with E-712 controller.

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\*\*\* Data refer to full step mode operation.

### Linear Actuators & Motors

#### PiezoWalk® Motors / Actuators

PLine® Ultrasonic Motors

DC-Servo & Stepper Actuators

Piezo Actuators & Components

Guided / Preloaded Actuators

Unpackaged Stack Actuators

Patches/Benders/Tubes/Shear...

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