User's Manual-M860

Stepper Motor Driver

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Attention: Please read this manual carefully before using the driver!
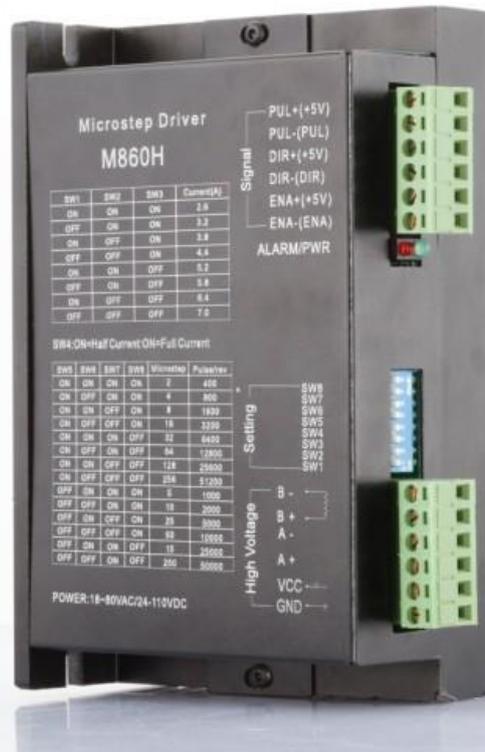
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Introduction

The M860 is a high performance microstepping Drive based on pure-sinusoidal current control

technology. Owing to the above technology and the self-adjustment technology (self-adjust current

control parameters) according to different motors, the driven motors can run with smaller noise, lower

heating, smoother movement and have better performances at higher speed than most of the Drives in

the markets. It is suitable for driving 2-phase and 4-phase hybrid stepping motors.

Features

- High performance, cost-effective
- Supply voltage up to +80V(DC/AC)
- Output current up to 7.2A
- Pulse frequency up to 300 KHz
- Self-adjustment technology
- Suitable for 2-phase and 4-phase motors
- Over-voltage,short-circuit and over-current protections

- Automatic idle-current reduction
- 16 selectable resolutions in decimal and binary, up to 51,200 steps/rev
- Pure-sinusoidal current control technology
- Support PUL/DIR and CW/CCWmodes
- TTL compatible and optically isolated input
- Slim size (151x97x52mm)

Applications

Suitable for a wide range of stepping motors, from NEMA size 34 to 53. It can be used in various

kinds of machines, such as X-Y tables, labeling machines, laser cutters, engraving machines,

pick-place devices, and so on. Particularly adapt to the applications desired with low noise, low

heating, high speed and high precision.

2.Specifications and Operating Environment

Electrical Specifications(Tj=25°C /77℉)

Parameters	M860			
	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Output Current	1.80	-	7.2 (5.1 RMS)	A
Input Voltage	+24	+68	+80	VDC
Logic Signal Current	7.00	10	16	Ma
Pulse input frequency	0.00	-	300	KHz
PulseWidth	2.50	-	-	Us
Pulse Voltage	5.00	-	24	VDC
Isolation resistance	500.00			MΩ

Operating Environment and other Specifications

Cooling	Natural Cooling or Forced cooling	
Operating Environment	Environment	Avoid dust,oil fog,conosive gases
	Ambient Temperature	0 ℃ — 40℃(32℉ — 104℉)
	Humidity	40%RH — 90%RH
	Operatiing Temperature	70℃(158℉) Max
	Vibration	5.9m/s2 Max
Storage Temperature	−20℃ — 65℃(−4℉ — 149℉)	
Weight	Approx. 570g (20.10 oz)	

Mechanical Specifications (unit: mm[inch])
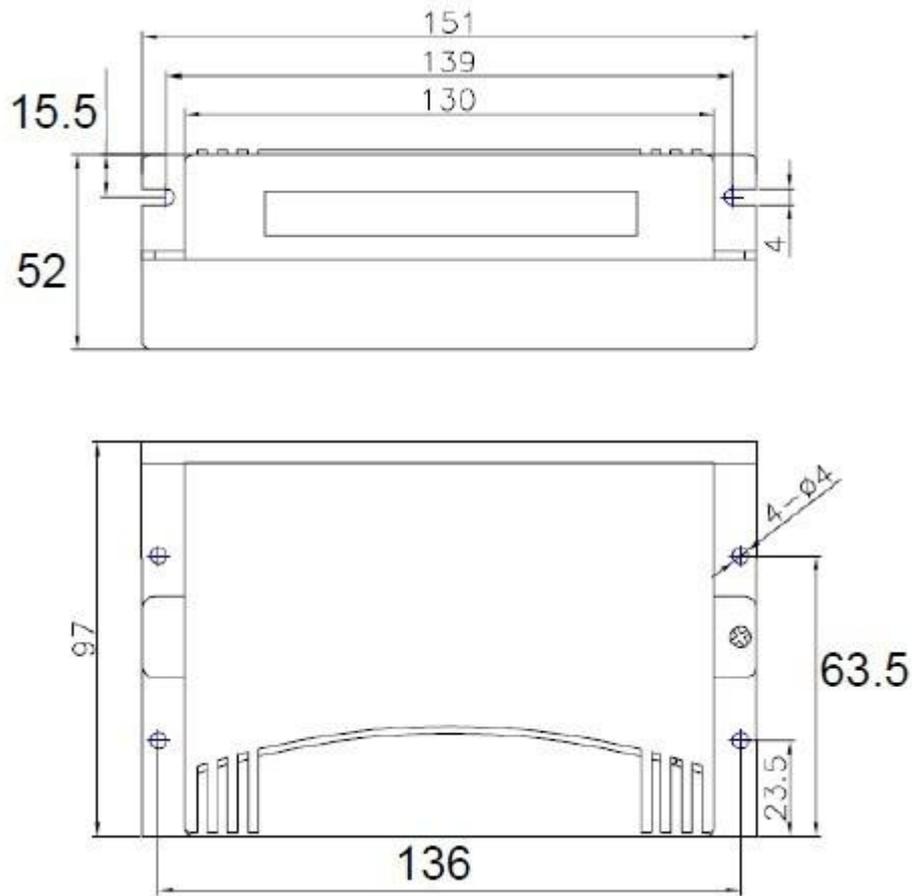
Figure 1: Mechanical specifications

*Recommend use side mounting for better heat dissipation

- Driver's reliable working temperature should be <70℃(158℉), and motor working temperature should be <80℃(176℉);

- It is recommended to use automatic idle-current mode, namely current automatically reduce to 60% when motor stops, so as to reduce driver heating and motor heating;

- It is recommended to mount the driver vertically to maximize heat sink area. Use forced cooling method to cool the system if necessary.
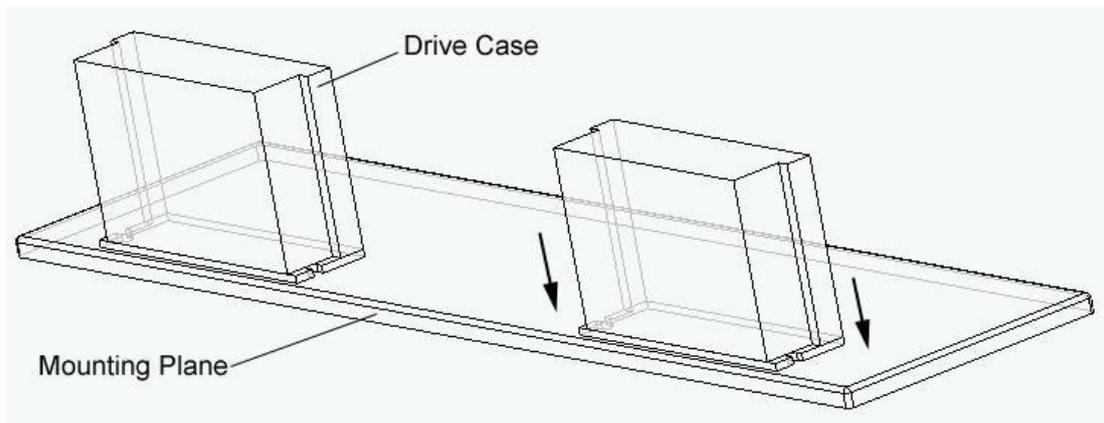
Important **NOTE**：**The driver must be mounted vertically onto a plate or a heat sinking to maximize heat sink area as shown in the above picture. Please use additional heat sinking or cool fan if necessary.**

3. Pin Assignment and Description

The M860 has two connectors,connector P1 for control signals connections,and connector P2 for power

and motor connections.The following tables are brief descriptions of the two connectors.More detailed

descriptions of the pins and related issues are presented in section 4,5,9.

Connector P1 Configurations

Pin Function	Details
PUL+(+5V)	Pulse signal: In single pulse pulse/direction) mode, this input represents pulse signal, effective for each rising or falling edge (set by inside jumpers in JP1); 4-5V when PUL-HIGH, 0-0.5V when PUL-LOW. In double pulse mode (pulse/pulse) , this
PUL-(PUL)	input represents clockwise (CW) pulse，effective for high level or low level (set by inside jumpers in JP1). For reliable response, pulse width should be longer than 1.5μ s. Series connect resistors for current-limiting when +12V or +24V used.
DIR+(+5V)	DIR signal: In single-pulse mode, this signal has low/high voltage levels,representing two directions of motor rotation; in double-pulse mode (set by inside jumper J3), this signal is counter-clock (CCW) pulse, effective for high
DIR-(DIR)	level or low level (set by inside jumper J1). For reliable motion response, DIR signal should be ahead of PUL signal by 5μ s at least. 4-5V when DIR-HIGH, 0-0.5V when DIR-LOW.
ENA+(+5V)	Enable signal: This signal is used for enabling/disabling the driver. High level (NPN control signal, PNP and Differential control signals are on the
ENA-(ENA)	contrary,namely Low level for enabling.) for enabling the driver and low level for disabling the driver. Usually left UNCONNECTED (ENABLED).

Single pulse and double pulses mode switch

There are two jumpers inside the M860 specifically for switch Single pulse and double pulses mode,as

shown in figure 2. Default setting is Single pulse mode.
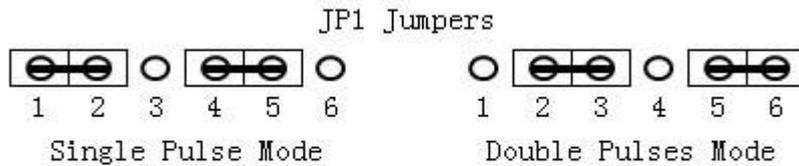
Figure 2:Single pulse/double pulses mode switch

Connector P2 Configurations

Pin Function	Details
GND	DC/AC power ground
+V	DC/AC power supply, 20~80V, Including voltage fluctuation and EMF voltage.
A+,A-	Motor Phase A
B+,B-	Motor Phase B

4. Control Signal Connector (P1) Interface

The M860 can accept differential and single-ended inputs (including open-collector and PNP output).The

M860 has 3 optically isolated logic inputs which are located on connector P1 to accept line Drive control

signals. These inputs are isolated to minimize or eliminate electrical noises coupled onto the drive control

signals. Recommend use line Drive control signals to increase noise immunity of the Drive in interference

environments. In the following figures, connections to open-collector and PNP signals are illustrated.

R=0 if VCC=5V;
R=1K(Power>0.125W) if VCC=12V;
R=2K(Power>0.125W) if VCC=24V;
R must be connected to control signal terminal.
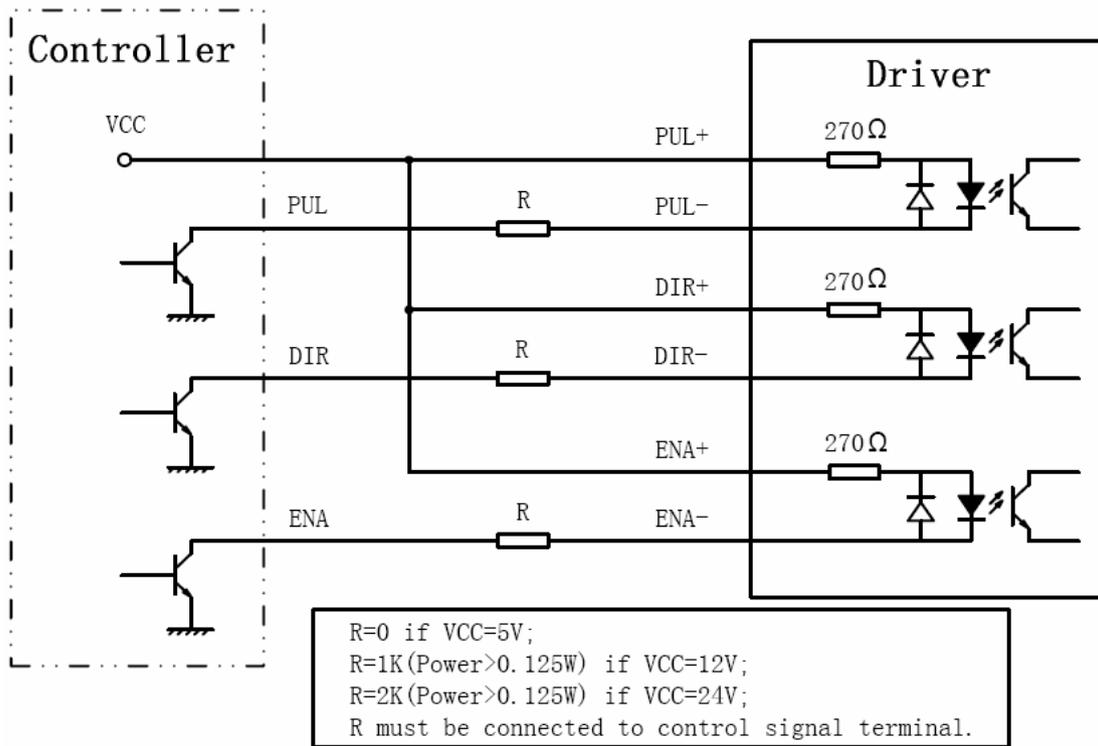
Figure 3: Connections to open-collector signal (common-anode)

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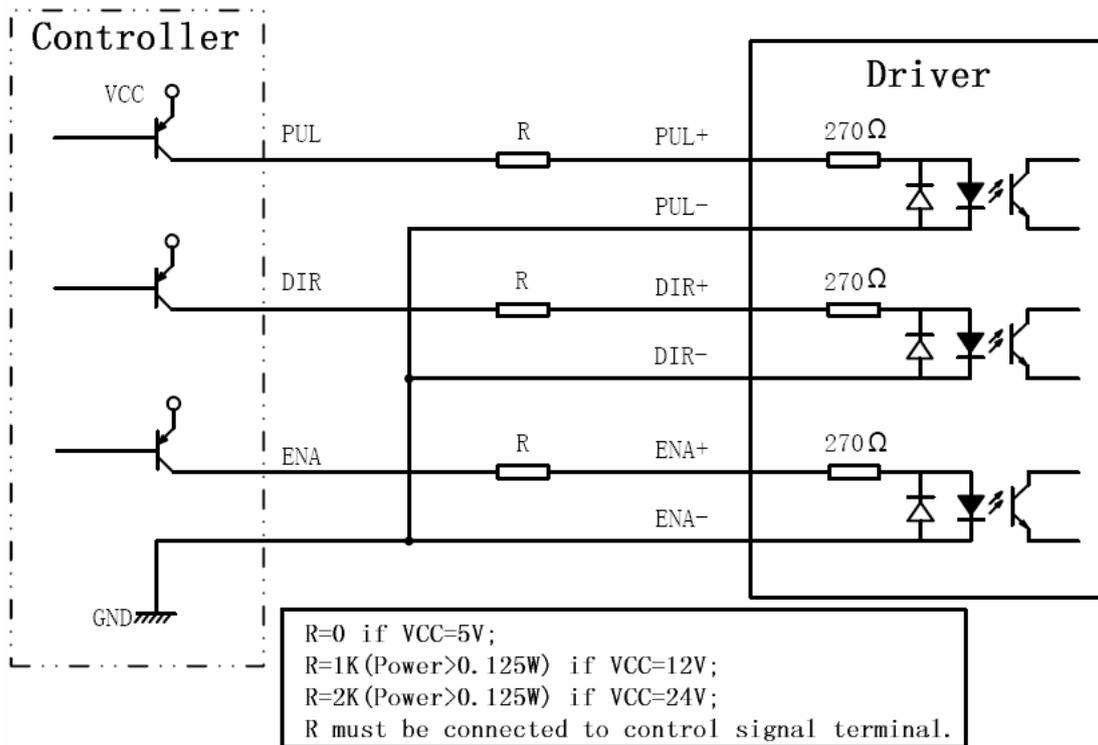
Figure 4: Connection to PNP signal (common-cathode)

5. Connecting the Motor

The M860 driver can drive any 2-pahse and 4-pahse hybrid stepping motors.

Connections to 4-lead Motors

4 lead motors are the least flexible but easiest to wire. Speed and torque will depend on winding

inductance. In setting the driver output current, multiply the specified phase current by 1.4 to

determine the peak output current.
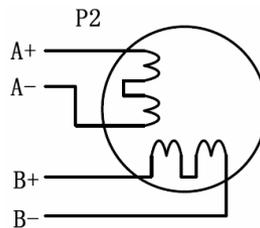
Figure 5: 4-lead Motor Connections

Connections to 6-lead Motors

Like 8 lead stepping motors, 6 lead motors have two configurations available for high speed or high

torque operation. The higher speed configuration, or half coil, is so described because it uses one half of

the motor's inductor windings. The higher torque configuration, or full coil, uses the full windings of the

phases.

Half Coil Configurations

As previously stated, the half coil configuration uses 50% of the motor phase windings. This gives

lower inductance, hence, lower torque output. Like the parallel connection of 8 lead motor, the torque

output will be more stable at higher speeds. This configuration is also referred to as half chopper. In

setting the driver output current multiply the specified per phase (or unipolar) current rating by 1.4 to

determine the peak output current.
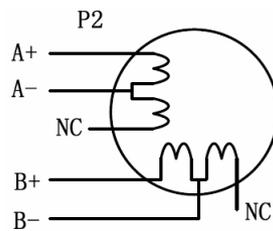
Figure 6: 6-lead motor half coil (higher speed) connections

Full Coil Configurations

The full coil configuration on a six lead motor should be used in applications where higher torque at lower

speeds is desired. This configuration is also referred to as full copper. In full coil mode, the motors should

be run at only 70% of their rated current to prevent over heating.
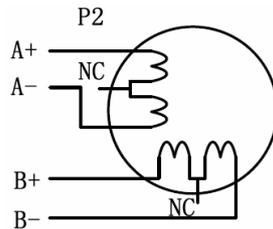
Figure 7: 6-lead motor full coil (higher torque) connections

Connections to 8-lead Motors

8 lead motors offer a high degree of flexibility to the system designer in that they may be connected in

series or parallel, thus satisfying a wide range of applications.

Series Connections

A series motor configuration would typically be used in applications where a higher torque at lower

speeds is required. Because this configuration has the most inductance, the performance will start to

degrade at higher speeds. In series mode, the motors should also be run at only 70% of their rated

current to prevent over heating.
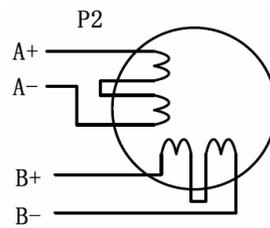
Figure 8: 8-lead motor series connections

Parallel Connections

An 8 lead motor in a parallel configuration offers a more stable, but lower torque at lower speeds. But because of the lower inductance, there will be higher torque at higher speeds. Multiply the per phase (or unipolar) current rating by 1.96, or the bipolar current rating by 1.4, to determine the peak output current.
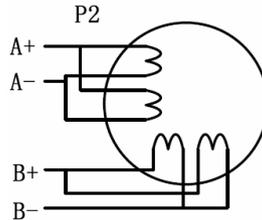
Figure 9: 8-lead motor parallel connections

6. Power supply Selection

The M860 can match medium and small size stepping motors (from Nema size 34 to 5' Ł'

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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.

Regulated or Unregulated Power Supply

Both regulated and unregulated power supplies can be used to supply the driver. However,unregulated power supplies are preferred due to their ability to withstand current surge. If regulated power supplies (such as most switching supplies.) are indeed used, it is important to have large current output rating to avoid problems like current clamp, for example using 4A supply for 3A motor-driver operation. On the other hand, if unregulated supply is used, one may use a power supply of lower current rating than that of motor (typically 50%～70% of motor current). The reason is that the driver draws current from the power supply capacitor of the unregulated supply only during the ON duration of the PWM cycle, but not during the OFF duration. Therefore, the average current withdrawn from power supply is considerably less than motor current. For example, two 3A motors can be well supplied by one power supply of 4A rating.

Multiple Drivers

It is recommended to have multiple drivers to share one power supply to reduce cost, if the supply has enough capacity. To avoid cross interference, **DO NOT** daisy-chain the power supply input pins of the drivers. (Instead, please connect them to power supply separately.)

Attention: NEVER connect power and ground in the wrong direction, as it will damage the M860.

Selecting Supply Voltage

The power MOSFETS inside the M860 can actually operate within DC/AC+20V - +60V,max DC/AC80V, including power input fluctuation and back EMF voltage generated by motor coils during motor shaft deceleration. Higher supply voltage can increase motor torque at higher speeds, 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 driver damage. Therefore, it is suggested to choose only sufficiently high supply voltage for intended applications, and it is suggested to use power supplies with

theoretical output voltage of DC/AC+20V - +60V,max DC/AC80V, leaving room for power fluctuation and

back-EMF.

7. Selecting Microstep Resolution and Driver Output Current

This driver uses an 8-bit DIP switch to set microstep resolution, and motor operating current, as

shown below:
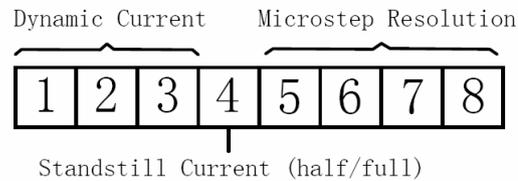
Microstep Resolution Selection

Microstep resolution is set by SW5, 6, 7, 8 of the DIP switch as shown in the following table:

Step Angle	Pulse/Rev	SW5	SW6	SW7	SW8
0.9	400	ON	ON	ON	ON
0.45	800	ON	OFF	ON	ON
0.225	1600	ON	ON	OFF	ON
0.1125	3200	ON	OFF	OFF	ON
0.05625	6400	ON	ON	ON	OFF
0.028125	12800	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
0.014063	25600	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
0.007031	51200	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
0.36	1000	OFF	ON	ON	ON
0.18	2000	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
0.072	5000	OFF	ON	OFF	ON
0.036	10000	OFF	OFF	OFF	ON
0.0144	25000	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
0.0072	50000	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF

Current Settings

For a given motor, higher Drive current will make the motor to output more torque, but at the same time

causes more heating in the motor and Drive. Therefore, output current is generally set to be such that the

motor will not overheat for long time operation. Since parallel and serial connections of motor coils will

significantly change resulting inductance and resistance, it is therefore important to set Drive output

current depending on motor phase current, motor leads and connection methods.

Phase current rating supplied by motor manufacturer is important in selecting Drive current, however the

selection also depends on leads and connections.The first three bits (SW1, 2, 3) of the DIP switch are

used to set the dynamic current. Select a setting

closest to your motor's required current.

Dynamic Current Setting

Peak current (A)	SW1	SW2	SW3
2.60	on	on	on
3.20	off	on	on
3.80	on	off	on
4.40	off	off	on
5.20	on	on	off
5.80	off	on	off
6.40	on	off	off
7.00	off	off	off

Notes: Due to motor inductance, the actual current in the coil may be smaller than the dynamic current

setting, particularly under high speed condition.

Standstill Current Setting

SW4 is used for this purpose. OFF meaning that the standstill current is set to be half of the selected

dynamic current, and ON meaning that standstill current is set to be the same as the selected dynamic

current.

The current automatically reduced to 60% of the selected dynamic current one second after the last

pulse.Theoretically, this will reduce motor heating to 36% (due to $P=I_2*R$) of the original value.

8. Wiring Notes

In order to improve anti-interference performance of the driver, it is recommended to use twisted pair

shield cable.

To prevent noise incurred in PUL/DIR signal, pulse/direction signal wires and motor wires should not be

tied up together. It is better to separate them by at least 10 cm, otherwise the disturbing signals

generated by motor will easily disturb pulse direction signals, causing motor position error, system

instability and other failures.

If a power supply serves several drivers, separately connecting the drivers is recommended instead of

daisy-chaining.

It is prohibited to pull and plug connector P2 while the driver is powered ON, because there is high

current flowing through motor coils (even when motor is at standstill). Pulling or plugging connector P2

with power on will cause extremely high back-EMF voltage surge, which may damage the driver.

9. Typical Connection

A complete stepping system should include stepping motor, stepping driver, power supply and controller

(pulse generator). A typical connection is shown as figure 10.
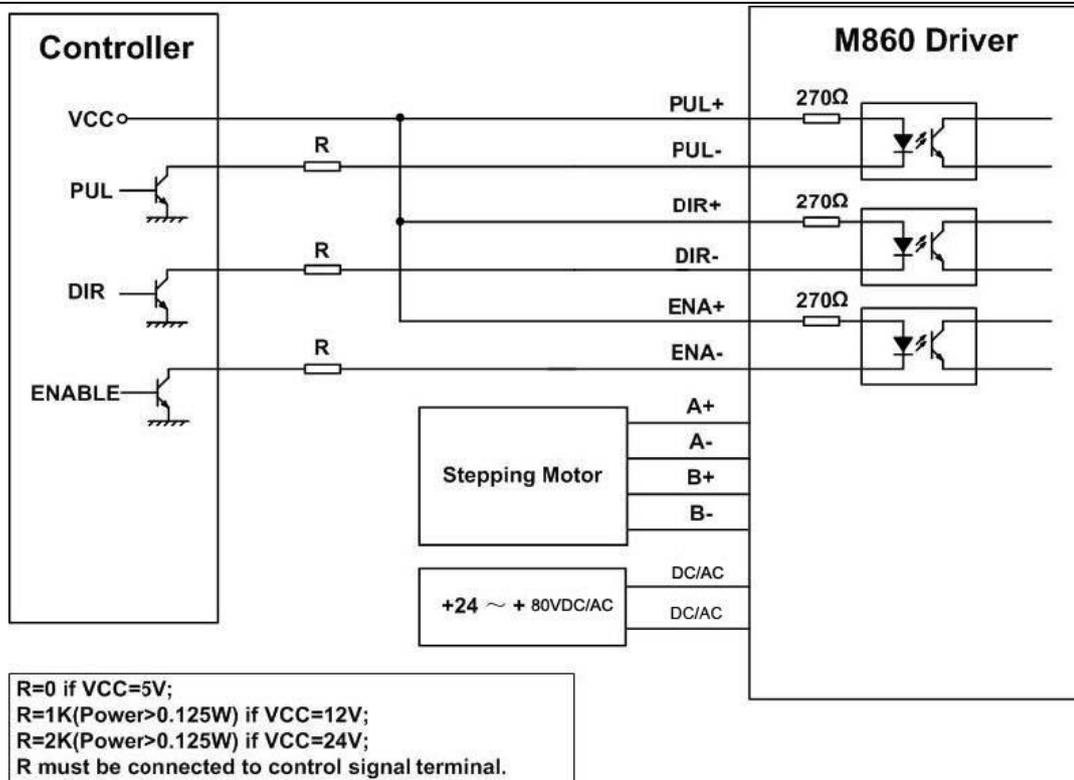
Figure 10: Typical connection

10. Sequence Chart of Control Signals

In order to avoid some fault operations and deviations, PUL, DIR and ENA signals must abide by some

rules, as shown in the following diagram (assuming J1 default setting is upward-rising edge active):
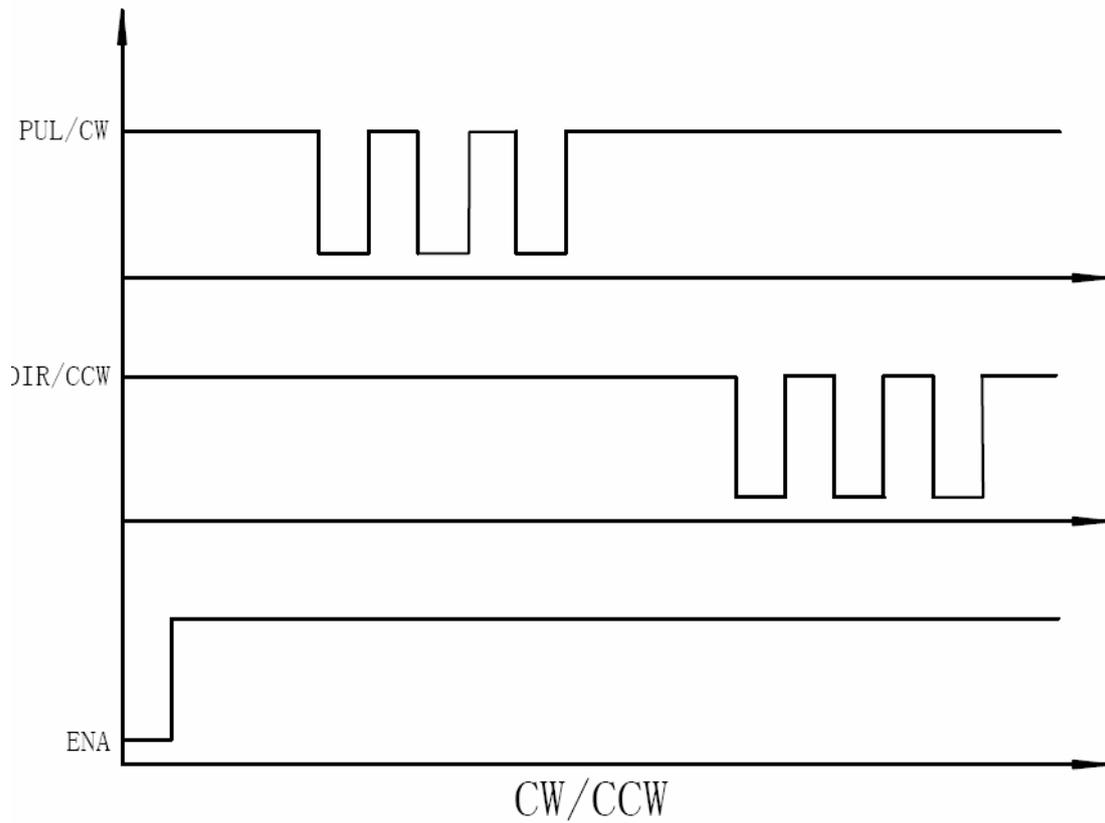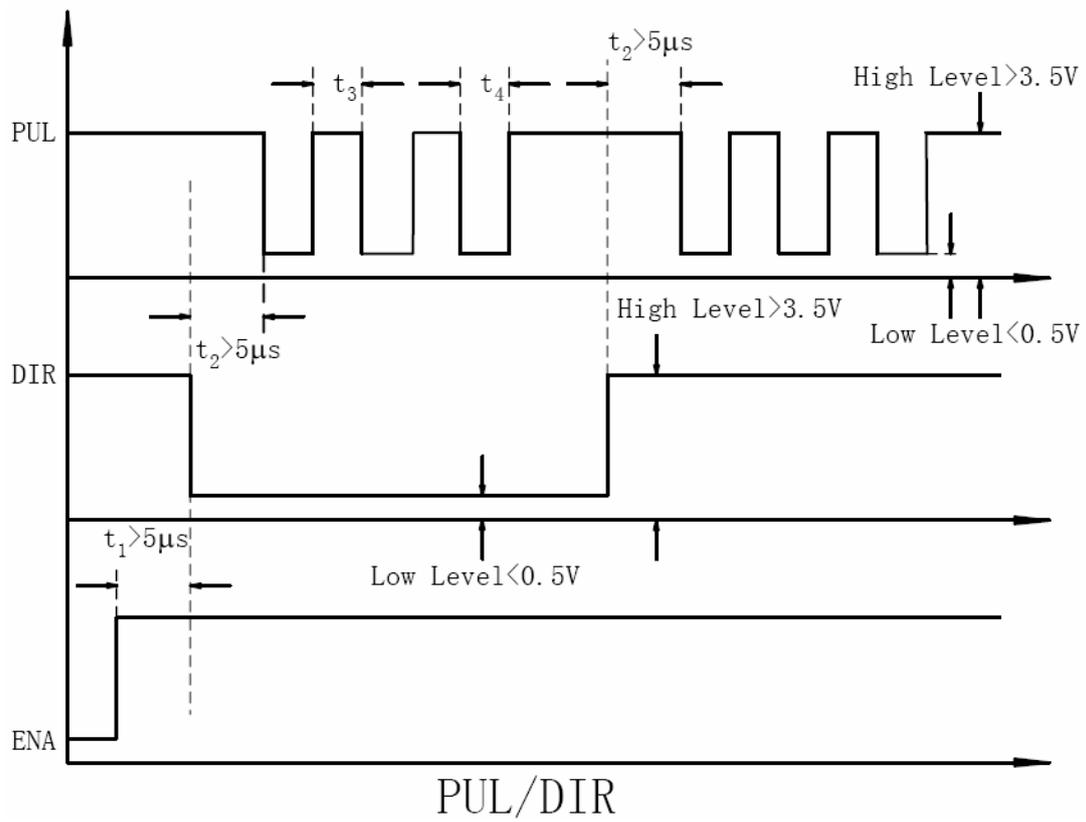
Figure 11: Sequence chart of control signals

Remark:

(1) t_1: ENA must be ahead of DIR by at least 5μs. Usually, ENA+ and ENA- are NC (not connected). See

"Connector P1 Configurations" for more information.

(2) t_2: DIR must be ahead of PUL effective edge by at least 5μs to ensure correct direction;

(3) t_3: Pulse width not less than 1.5μs;

(4) t_4: low level width not less than 1.5μs.

11. Protection Functions

To improve reliability, the driver incorporates some built-in protections features.

Over-voltage Protection

When power supply voltage is lower than DC/AC 60V, over-voltage protection will be activated and

power indicator LED will turn off. When power supply voltage exceeds AC100V, over-voltage

protection will be activated and the red indicator LED will light.

Over-current Protection

Protection will be activated when continuous current reaches to 16A.

Short Circuit Protection

Protection will be activated in case of short circuit between motor coils or between motor coil and ground.

12. Frequently Asked Questions

In the event that your M860 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.

Problem Symptoms and Possible Causes

Symptoms	Possible Problems
Motor is not rotating	No power
	Microstep resolution setting is wrong
	DIP switch current setting is wrong
	Fault condition exists
	The driver is disabled
Motor rotates in the wrong direction	Motor phases may be connected in reverse
The driver in fault	DIP switch current setting is wrong
	Something wrong with motor coil
Erratic motor motion	Control signal is too weak
	Control signal is interfered
	Wrong motor connection
	Something wrong with motor coil
	Current setting is too small, losing steps
Motor stalls during acceleration	Current setting is too small
	Motor is undersized for the application
	Acceleration is set too high
	Power supply voltage too low
Excessive motor and driver heating	Inadequate heat sinking / cooling
	Automatic current reduction function not being utilized
	Current is set too high