We move your ideas



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Piezoelectric Ceramics Suited to meet your needs

Since the 1970's we are developing and producing Piezoceramics and other piezo products in high volumes for a wide range of applications. Our experience and ability for mass production of bending actuators and systems with Piezoceramics, mechanics and electronics, allow us to offer products of the highest quality combined with competitive prices.

Our products are customized and well known for their long lifetime and reliability. We have produced and sold more than 100 million products worldwide.

We are the leading manufacturer of piezo bending actuators for different applications in a variety of markets.

The Piezo-Effect moves your ideas

In 1880 Jacques and Pierre Curie discovered that when deformed under mechanical stress, quartz crystals became electrically charged – positively and negatively – on prism-shaped surfaces. They called this reaction the piezoelectric effect. Above a certain temperature (called the Curie temperature) these kinds of materials possess a cubic elementary cell with a centre of symmetry. The main areas of the positive and negative charges are found in the centre of the elementary cell of the crystal. The materials are paraelectric. There is no detectable piezoelectric effect. Below the Curie temperature, the materials show a spontaneous polarisation. This spontaneous polarisation is caused by the displacement of ions of the elementary cell, resulting in the loss of the centre of symmetry. The main areas of the positive and negative charges are no longer to be found in the centre of the elementary cell of the crystal. The elementary cell possesses an electric dipole. The piezoelectric properties of the ceramics, important for applications, are only produced by this polarisation process. In this case, the ceramics are exposed to a very strong electric field.





Actuator







Piezoelectric Products for Actuator and Sensor Applications

Basic Materials

- Plates
- Specially shaped parts



Bending Elements

- Braille equipment Textile machines Hard disk drives
- Valves
- Micro fluidics
- Micro pumps
- Dosing systems
- Gas flow controls
- Switches
- Medical equipments
- Automotive applications

Modules and Devices

- Textile machine modules for:
- Jacquard machines
- Raschel machines
- Circular knitting machines (SITEX)
- Warp-knitting machines

Ultrasonic atomizers for:

- Refrigerated cabinets
- Household appliances
- Toys
- Medical Inhalers
- Greenhouses
- Medical Devices

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Basic Materials







Modules and Devices



for medical devices

LIQUIFOG® atomizing system, e.g. for cooling counters

All from one source

customized modules and devices with Piezoceramics as the core technology plus mechanics and electronics module for single needle selection in warp knitting machines



module for single needle selection in circular knitting machines

Working principle

Piezo Bending Actuator

When two piezoelectric ceramic plates are bonded together with a supporting material and counter-actuated, this results in a pronounced deformation of the composite similar to the case of a bimetal. Its design enables deflections of several millimetres and forces up to several Newton and a short cycle time of a few milliseconds can be achieved.

Therefore, the piezo bending actuator can be employed as a high performance and fast-reacting control element. Due to the high speed of deflection, productivity is higher compared to the use of electromagnets. As a result of its compact design, the piezo bending actuator takes up significantly less space.

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Piezo Bending Sensor

Piezoceramic benders can also be used as sensors. Bending generates a charge/ a voltage on both ceramic layers. Parallel connecting both ceramics layers will add their charge.

Thus they are suitable for measuring big and small movements/vibrations/accelerations and energy harvesting. Our piezo benders usually have a working life of more than a billion cycles.



The contraction of the ceramic when the operating voltage is applied results in deflection and force on the tip of the bending actuator. Or, if a force is applied to the tip, this generates an electrical charge.

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Overview Bending Actuators

A small selection of our actuators and their typical characteristic values

ТҮРЕ	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total length [mm]	50.0	49.0	47.4	47.4	47.0	36.0	32.5	25.0	12.5	9.0
Free length [mm]	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	30.0	27.5	18.0	9.5	6.5
Width [mm]	7.2	2.1	1.93	1.5	5.9	2.1	1.9	7.2	11.0	1.0
Thickness [mm]	0.81	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.67	0.70	0.48	0.78	0.50
Total displacement [mm] ¹⁾	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.8	1.5	1.4	0.07	0.14	0.07
Blocking force on each side F_{b} [mN] ^{1), 2)}	500	170	180	120	450	160	150	110	2300	130
Capacity per ceramic side C [nF] ³⁾	45	11	20	10	58	11	13.5	35	18/23 5)	1.8/2.1 6)
Driving voltage U [V] 4)	230	230	230	230	230	230	230	24	230	130



¹⁾ Total displacement and blocking force will be determined at U at the specified free length and at room temperature.

²⁾ The deflected actuator will be pressed back to zero position to determine Fb.

- $^{\scriptscriptstyle 3)}$ Capacity will be measured at 1 V / 1 kHz and room temperature.
- ⁴⁾ The voltage can be selected to be lower or higher according to the application requirements, whereby lower/higher voltages lead to lower/higher displacement and blocking force.

⁵⁾ With a ceramic length of 10.5 mm and 12.5 mm.

⁶⁾ With a ceramic length of 7.7 mm and 9 mm.

All values are approximate and no guarantee of specific technical properties. Changes in the course of technical progress are possible without notice.



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Benefits Piezoceramic Actuators

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Reduced

downtime

Higher

reliability



Image: Description of the solenoidImage: Description of the solenoid

Less

space

Compact construction

of the bending actuators

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Silent operation

Most convenient and comfortable workplace

Actuators and Systems for Textile Machines

Different Applications



Piezoceramic Bending Actuators and Systems with Electronics and Mechanics

Piezoceramic Bending Actuators and Atomizers

Perfect Combination

From piezoelectric ceramic elements to piezoelectric modules

HOERBIGER Motion Control is well known for its competence in development and production in all areas of electrical engineering, electronics and mechanics. This enables us to find piezo solutions for all types of industry. We are able to correctly match ceramic and electronic parts together and to supply them as a module according to individual customer requirements. We can supply a complete system for control, actuator and sensor modules.



bending element protected by a cage



Piezoelectric ceramics cover a wide range of applications

The two key features used are deflection and a controlling force which are applied variably in different actuator systems. We are specialized in piezoelectric modules. A complete piezo system – for example a SITEX module for textile machines – consists of the "Piezoelectric ceramic bending actuator" component, mechanical parts and driving electronics. We can add a control computer to the system as an option. We work closely with our customers to achieve the best possible solution for their requirements.

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Piezo Applications – move your ideas





Textile Machine Industry

As a control element and also in the manufacture of patterned fabrics for curtain and lace and also our SITEX modules for circular knitting machines

Braille Instruments

Piezoelectric bending actuators control the pins in Braille keyboards. This enables the blind and the partially sighted to "read" the contents of a line.

Industrial Automation

Pneumatic valves such as for electro-pneumatic position regulators for opening and closing pipelines.

Automobiles

Piezoceramic products have been used in the automotive industry in different fields of application for many years. Our piezo elements were first used in cars more than 30 years ago. We continue to work with innovations and pioneering process technologies to create new applications.

Airplanes

Our piezo products are distinguished by their high reliability, and are present even in aircrafts, where the demands on the materials used are very high.

Medical Applications

Our Piezoelectric bending actuators and atomizers are perfectly suitable to work precisely and reliably in medical devices, in microfluidics, micro pumps and in aerosol therapy. There is a wide range of medical applications where Piezoceramic systems offer the right solutions.

Highest Quality Modules and Devices





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Many decades of experience

in piezo technology

Main products are

piezo bending actuators,

atomizers, modules and devices

Standard products and engineering

capability for customized developments

A market leader for bending actuators

Innovative spirit and significant portfolio of intellectual property

Over 100 million piezo products produced

From the initial idea through to final product, series production and long term partnerships

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