QMot QSH2818 family

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1 Life support policy

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2 Features

These two phase hybrid stepper motors are optimized for microstepping and give a good fit to the TRINAMIC family of motor controllers and drivers.

Main characteristics:

- NEMA 11 mounting configuration

- flange max. 28.0mm * 28.0mm

- 5mm axis diameter, 20mm axis length

- step angle: 1.8˚

- optimized for microstep operation

- optimum fit for TMC222 / TMC236 / TMC246 / TMC262 based driver circuits

- 4 wire connection

- CE approved

Specifications	Parameter	Units	QSH2818	
			-32-07-006	-51-07-012
Rated Voltage	V_{RATED}	V	3.8	6.2
Rated Phase Current	I_{RMS_RATED}	A	0.67	0.67
Phase Resistance at 20°C	R_{COIL}	Ω	5.6	9.2
Phase Inductance (typ.)		mH	3.4	7.2
Holding Torque (typ.)		Ncm	6	12
		oz in	8.5	17.0
Detent Torque		Ncm		
Rotor Inertia		g cm^2	9	18
Weight (Mass)		Kg	0.11	0.2
Insulation Class			B	B
Insulation Resistance		Ω	100M	100M
Dialectic Strength (for one minute)		VAC	500	500
Connection Wires		N°	4	4

Max applicable Voltage		V	tbd	tbd
Step Angle		°	1.8	1.8
Step angle Accuracy (max.)		%	5	5
Flange Size (max.)		mm	28.0	28.0
Motor Length (max.)	L_{MAX}	mm	32	51
Axis Diameter		mm	5.0	5.0
Axis Length (typ.)		mm	20.0	20.0
Shaft Radial Play (450g load)		mm	0.02	0.02
Shaft Axial Play (450g load)		mm	0.08	0.08
Maximum Radial Force (20 mm from front flange)		N	28	28
Maximum Axial Force		N	10	10
Ambient Temperature		°C	-20…+50	-20…+50
Temp Rise (rated current, 2phase on)		°C	max. 80	max. 80
Winding Thermal Time Constant		min	10	12
Surface Thermal Time Constant		min	12	19
Related Trinamic PANdrive		type	PD1-108-28	PD3-108-28

Table 2.1: Motor technical data

3 Order codes

Order code	Description	Dimensions (mm)
QSH2818-32-07-006	QMot stepper motor 28mm, 0.67A, 6 Ncm	28 x 28 x 32
QSH2818-51-07-012	QMot stepper motor 28mm, 0.67A, 12 Ncm	28 x 28 x 51

Table 3.1: Order codes

4 Mechanical dimensions

4.1 Lead wire configuration

Cable type	Gauge	Coil	Function	Length
Black	UL1430 AWG26	A	Motor coil A pin 1	
Green	UL1430 AWG26	A-	Motor coil A pin 2	300mm+/-10mm
Red	UL1430 AWG26	B	Motor coil B pin 1	
Blue	UL1430 AWG26	B-	Motor coil B pin 2	

Table 4.1: Lead wire configuration
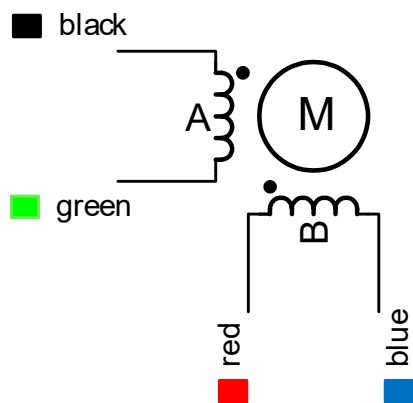
Figure 4.1: Lead wire configuration

4.2 Dimensions

QSH2818	-32-07-006	-51-07-012
Length	32	51
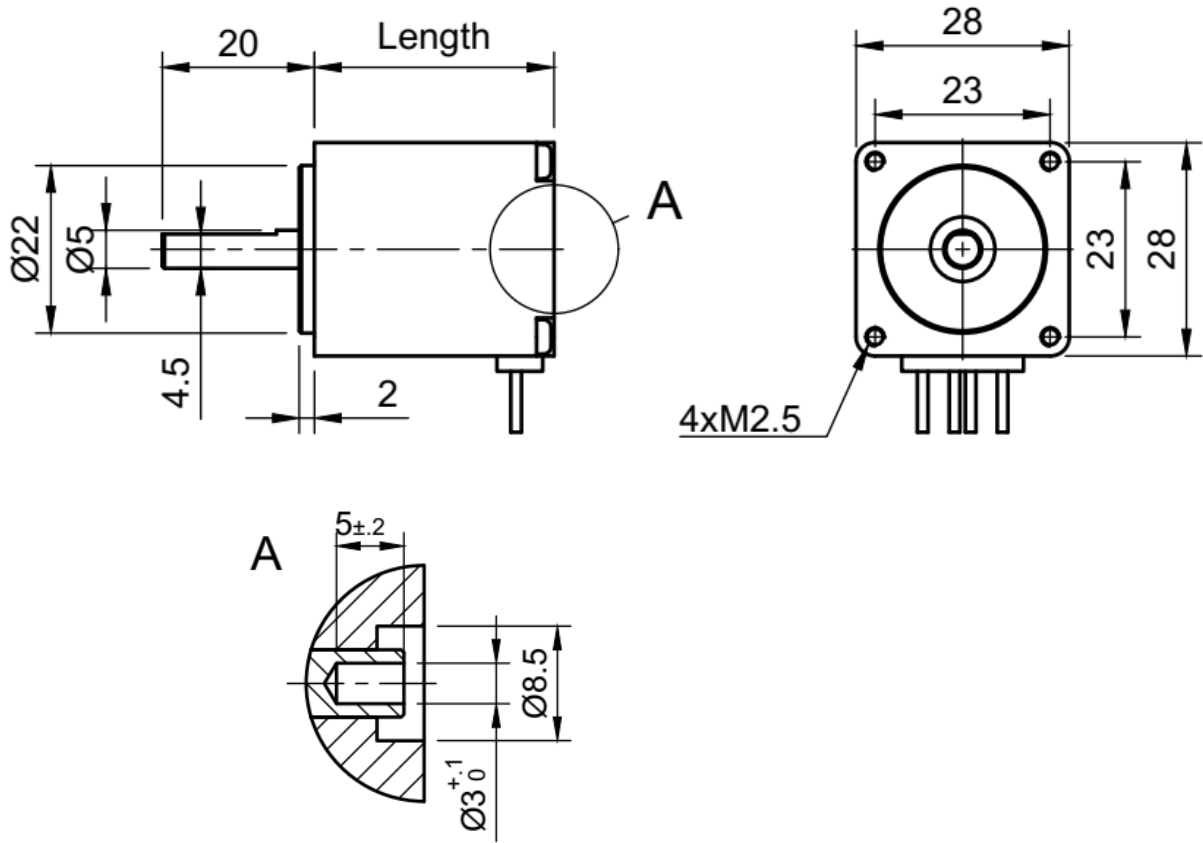
Figure 4.2: Dimensions (all values in mm)

5 Torque figures

The torque figures detail motor torque characteristics for half and full step. For half and full step operation there are always a number of resonance points (with less torque) which are not depicted. These will be minimized by microstep operation in most applications.

5.1   Motor QSH2818-32-07-006

Testing conditions: VM: 24V 0.67A /Phase Driver, SMD 103

Figure 5.1: QSH2818-32-07-006 speed vs. torque characteristics

5.2   Motor QSH2818-51-07-012

Testing conditions: VM: 24V 0.67A /Phase Driver, SMD 103

Figure 5.2: QSH2818-51-07-012 speed vs. torque characteristics

6 Considerations for operation

The following chapters try to help you to correctly set the key operation parameters in order to get a stable system.

6.1   Choosing the best fitting motor for an application

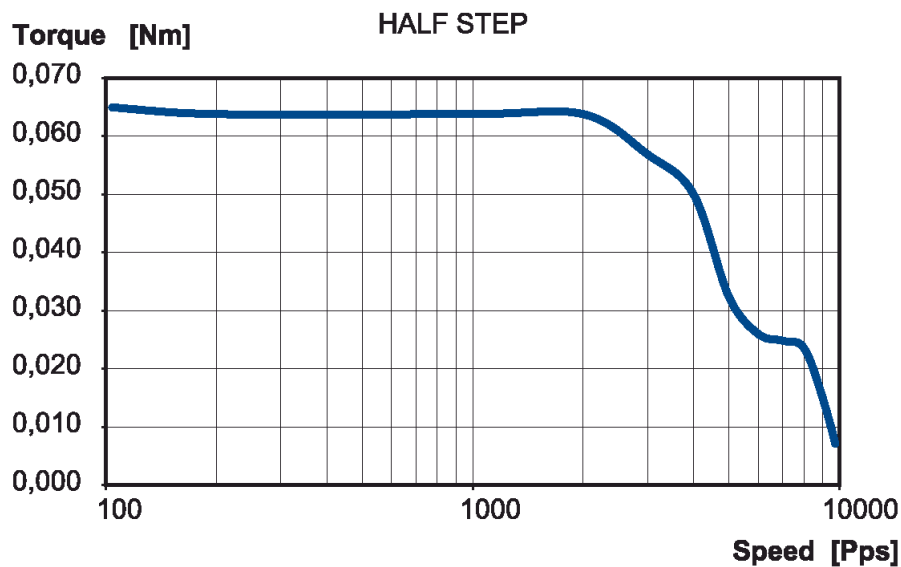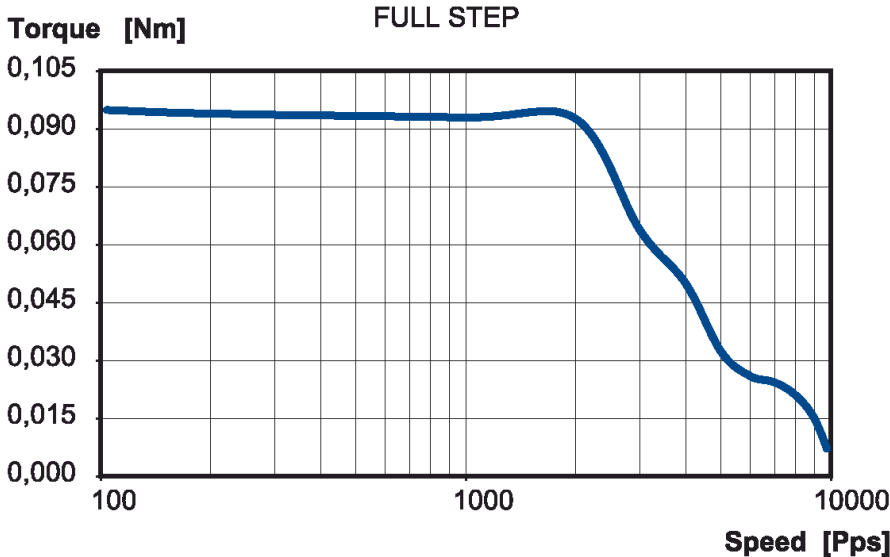For an optimum solution it is important to fit the motor to the application and to choose the best mode of operation. The key parameters are desired motor torque and velocity. While the motor holding torque describes the torque at stand-still, and gives a good indication for comparing different motors, it is not the key parameter for the best fitting motor. The required torque is a result of static load on the motor, dynamic loads which occur during acceleration/deceleration and loads due to friction. In most applications the load at maximum desired motor velocity is most critical, because of the reduction of motor torque at higher velocity. While the required velocity generally is well known, the required torque often is only roughly known. Generally, longer motors and motors with a larger diameter deliver a higher torque. But, using the same driver voltage for the motor, the larger motor earlier looses torque when increasing motor velocity. This means, that for a high torque at a high motor velocity, the smaller motor might be the better fitting solution.

Please refer to the torque vs. velocity diagram to determine the best fitting motor, which delivers enough torque at your desired velocities.

6.1.1 Determining the maximum torque required

Try a motor which should roughly fit. Take into consideration worst case conditions, i.e. minimum driver supply voltage and minimum driver current, maximum or minimum environment temperature (whichever is worse) and maximum friction of mechanics. Now, consider that you want to be on the safe side, and add some 10 percent safety margin taking into account unknown degradation of mechanics and motor.

6.2   Motor current setting

Basically, the motor torque is proportional to the motor current, as long as the current stays at a reasonable level. At the same time, the power consumption of the motor (and driver) is proportional to the square of the motor current. Optimally, the motor should be chosen to bring the required performance at the rated motor current. For a short time, the motor current may be raised above this level in order to get increased torque, but care has to be taken in order not to exceed the maximum coil temperature of 130°C respectively a continuous motor operation temperature of 90°C.

Percentage of rated current	Percentage of motor torque	Percentage of static motor power dissipation	Comment
150%	≤150%	225%	Limit operation to a few seconds
125%	125%	156%	Operation possible for a limited time
100%	100%	100% = 2 * I_{RMS_RATED} * R_{COIL}	Normal operation
85%	85%	72%	Normal operation
75%	75%	56%	Normal operation
50%	50%	25%	Reduced microstep exactness due to torque reducing in the magnitude of detent torque
38%	38%	14%	-"-
25%	25%	6%	-"-
0%	see detent torque	0%	Motor might lose position if the application's friction is too low

Table 6.1: Motor current settings

6.2.1 Choosing the optimum current setting

Generally, you choose the motor in order to give the desired performance at nominal current. For short time operation, you might want to increase the motor current to get a higher torque than specified for the motor. In a hot environment, you might want to work with a reduced motor current in order to reduce motor self heating.

The TRINAMIC drivers allow setting the motor current for up to three conditions:

- Stand still (choose a low current)

- Nominal operation (nominal current)

- High acceleration (if increased torque is required: You may choose a current above the nominal setting, but be aware, that the mean power dissipation shall not exceed the motors nominal rating)

If you reach the velocity limit, it might be a good idea to reduce the motor current, in order to avoid resonances occurring. Please refer to the information about choosing the driver voltage.

6.2.2 Choosing the standby current

Most applications do not need much torque during motor stand-still. You should always reduce motor current during stand still. This reduces power dissipation and heat generation. Depending on your application, you typically at least can half power dissipation. There are several aspects why this is possible: In standstill, motor torque is higher than at any other velocity. Thus, you do not need the full current even with a static load! Your application might need no torque at all, but you might need to keep the exact microstep position. Try how low you can go in your application. If the microstep position exactness does not matter for the time of standstill, you might even reduce the motor current to zero, provided that there is no static load on the motor and enough friction in order to avoid complete position loss.

6.3   Motor driver supply voltage

The driver supply voltage in many applications cannot be chosen freely, because other components have a fixed supply voltage of e.g. 24V DC. If you have possibility to choose the driver supply voltage, please refer to the driver data sheet, and consider that a higher voltage means a higher torque at higher velocity. The motor torque diagrams are measured for a given supply voltage. You typically can scale the velocity axis (steps/sec) proportionally to the supply voltage to adapt the curve, e.g. if the curve is measured for 48V and you consider operation at 24V, half all values on the x-Axis to get an idea of the motor performance.

For a chopper driver, consider the following corner values for the driver supply voltage (motor voltage). The table is based on the nominal motor voltage, which normally just has a theoretical background in order to determine the resistive loss in the motor.

Comment on the nominal motor voltage:

(Please refer to motor technical data table.)

$$U_{COIL\_NOM} = I_{RMS\_RATED} * R_{COIL}$$

Parameter	Value	Comment
Minimum driver supply voltage	$2 * U_{COIL\_NOM}$	Very limited motor velocity. Only slow movement without torque reduction. Chopper noise might become audible.
Optimum driver supply voltage	$\geq 4 * U_{COIL\_NOM}$ and $\leq 22 * U_{COIL\_NOM}$	Choose the best fitting voltage in this range using the motor torque curve and the driver data. You can scale the torque curve proportionally to the actual driver supply voltage.
Maximum rated driver supply voltage	$25 * U_{COIL\_NOM}$	When exceeding this value, the magnetic switching losses in the motor reach a relevant magnitude and the motor might get too hot at nominal current. Thus there is no benefit in further raising the voltage.

Table 6.2: Driver supply voltage considerations

6.3.1   Determining if the given driver voltage is sufficient

Try to brake the motor and listen to it at different velocities. Does the sound of the motor get raucous or harsh when exceeding some velocity? Then the motor gets into a resonance area. The reason is that the motor back-EMF voltage reaches the supply voltage. Thus, the driver cannot bring the full current into the motor any more. This is typically a sign, that the motor velocity should not be further increased, because resonances and reduced current affect motor torque.

Measure the motor coil current at maximum desired velocity

For microstepping: If the waveform is still basically sinusoidal, the motor driver supply voltage is sufficient.

For Fullstepping: If the motor current still reaches a constant plateau, the driver voltage is sufficient.

If you determine, that the voltage is not sufficient, you could either increase the voltage or reduce the current (and thus torque).

6.4   Back EMF (BEMF)

Within SI units, the numeric value of the BEMF constant has the same numeric value as the numeric value of the torque constant. For example, a motor with a torque constant of 1 Nm/A would have a BEMF constant of 1V/rad/s. Turning such a motor with 1 rps (1 rps = 1 revolution per second = 6.28 rad/s) generates a BEMF voltage of 6.28V.

The Back EMF constant can be calculated as:

$$U_{BEMF}\left[\frac{V}{rad/s}\right] = \frac{MotorHoldingTorque[Nm]}{2 \cdot I_{NOM}\ [A]}$$

The voltage is valid as RMS voltage per coil, thus the nominal current I_{NOM} is multiplied by 2 in this formula, since the nominal current assumes a full step position, with two coils switched on. The torque is in unit [Nm] where 1Nm = 100cNm = 1000mNm.

One can easily measure the BEMF constant of a two phase stepper motor with a (digital) scope. One just has to measure the voltage of one coil (one phase) when turning the axis of the motor manually. With this, one gets a voltage (amplitude) and a frequency of a periodic voltage signal (sine wave). The full step frequency is 4 times the frequency the measured sine wave.

6.5   Choosing the commutation scheme

While the motor performance curves are depicted for fullstepping and halfstepping, most modern drivers provide a microstepping scheme. Microstepping uses a discrete sine and a cosine wave to drive both coils of the motor, and gives a very smooth motor behavior as well as an increased position resolution. The amplitude of the waves is 1.41 times the nominal motor current, while the RMS values equal the nominal motor current. The stepper motor does not make loud steps any more – it turns smoothly! Therefore, 16 microsteps or more are recommended for a smooth operation and the avoidance of resonances. To operate the motor at fullstepping, some considerations should be taken into account.

Driver Scheme	Resolution	Velocity range	Torque	Comments
Fullstepping	200 steps per rotation	Low to very high. Skip resonance areas in low to medium velocity range.	Full torque if dampener used, otherwise reduced torque in resonance area	Audible noise especially at low velocities
Halfstepping	200 steps per rotation * 2	Low to very high. Skip resonance areas in low to medium velocity range.	Full torque if dampener used, otherwise reduced torque in resonance area	Audible noise especially at low velocities
Microstepping	200 * (number of microsteps) per rotation	Low to high.	Reduced torque at very high velocity	Low noise, smooth motor behavior
Mixed: Microstepping and fullstepping for high velocities	200 * (number of microsteps) per rotation	Low to very high.	Full torque	At high velocities, there is no audible difference for fullstepping

Table 6.3: Comparing microstepping and fullstepping

Microstepping gives the best performance for most applications and can be considered as state-of-the art. However, fullstepping allows some ten percent higher motor velocities, when compared to microstepping. A combination of microstepping at low and medium velocities and fullstepping at high velocities gives best performance at all velocities and is most universal. Most Trinamic driver modules support all three modes.

6.5.1   Fullstepping

When operating the motor in fullstep, resonances may occur. The resonance frequencies depend on the motor load. When the motor gets into a resonance area, it even might not turn anymore! Thus you should avoid resonance frequencies.

6.5.1.1 Avoiding motor resonance in fullstep operation

Do not operate the motor at resonance velocities for extended periods of time. Use a reasonably high acceleration in order to accelerate to a resonance-free velocity. This avoids the build-up of resonances. When resonances occur at very high velocities, try reducing the current setting.

A resonance dampener might be required, if the resonance frequencies cannot be skipped

6.6   Optimum motor settings

The following table shows the settings for the highest reachable fullstep velocities.

Optimum Motor Settings	Unit	QSH2818	
		-32-07-006	-51-07-012
Motor current (RMS)	A	0.67	0.67
Motor voltage	V	24	24
Maximum microstep velocity = Fullstep threshold	RPS	5.817	4.578
Maximum fullstep velocity	RPS	12.875	9.155

Table 6.4: Optimum motor settings

7 Revision history

7.1   Documentation revision

Version	Comment	Author	Description
1.00	Initial Release	HC	

1.01	2007-JUN-07	HC	Chapter 6.6 optimum motor settings added
1.02	2007-NOV-13	HC	Chapter 6.4 Back EMF (BEMF) added
1.03	2010-AUG-11	SD	New technical drawing of the motor, minor changes
1.04	2010-OCT-19	SD	Minor changes
1.05	2019-DEC-11	SK	Wire type update to UL1430 Company address update. Motor Drawings updated. TMCM-110 settings removed.
1.06	2020-AUG-14	SK	Motor cable length information added. Thermal time constant information added.

Table 7.1: Documentation revision