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FOR THE 4020 SERIES
THREE AXIS BASE PLATE
(TA3 OEM)

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CHAPTER 1

SECTION 1-1 INTRODUCTION

This manual provides information on the installation and operation of the TA3 OEM 4020 SERIES Three Axis Base Plate.

Included in this manual is information on the set-up and adjustments of the 4020 Servo Amplifier Modules and also information on wiring the Three Axis Base Plate into a system.

One line diagrams on the operational characteristics of each servo amplifier module are also included.

More detailed information, such as "Theory of Operation" is included in supplemental literature which is available upon request.

A description for the operational characteristics of the base plates is given in chapter 2, General Description. Included in this chapter are electrical diagrams and specifications for the three axis base plate.

A detailed description on installation and set-up of the servo modules is given in section 3, Installation and Start-up.

Information on field troubleshooting and general repair is presented in section 4, Troubleshooting and section 5, Service and Repair, respectively.
SECTION 2-1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The 4020 SERIES servo amplifier module is a very high gain transconductance amplifier, intended primarily to drive a permanent magnet (PM) DC motor.

Typically, a servo module is used with a motor and a tachometer in a velocity loop configuration (figure 2-1). Here a velocity input command, a voltage between ±10 volts, is summed with the tachometer output (negative-feedback-phased) to produce a net voltage input to the servo amplifier module. The module provides an output current to the motor, proportional to this net voltage input. For user convenience, there are separate input terminals and individual scale (gain) controls provided for both command and tachometer voltages. Summation takes place with the module itself.

FIGURE 2-1: VELOCITY LOOP CONFIGURATION
The module obtains its high transconductance (i.e., voltage in gives current out) through a pre-amplifier/post-amplifier arrangement, wherein the pre-amplifier supplies a voltage gain of 2000 V/V and the post-amplifier supplies a transconductance of 2amps per volt (A/V).

The pre-amplifier is an operational-amplifier based gain block which provides customer adjustable amplifier compensation. The post-amplifier is a linear voltage amplifier contained within a current feedback loop configuration, internal to the module. No customer adjustment of the post-amplifier is required. The overall transconductance of the pre-amplifier and post-amplifier is 4000 A/V.

To further explain the arrangement shown in figure 2-1, any difference in magnitude between the scaled input command and the scaled negative-feedback tachometer output results in a proportional current flowing into the motor. This current accelerates or decelerates the motor until the motor speed matches the (scaled) input command, less a small amount due to load friction. This means that the motor torque and acceleration are independent of back emf, resistance, and inductance within the motor, rendering a higher degree of accuracy to the user.

To protect the motor, maximum current to the motor is controlled through self-contained, isolated current feedback clamp circuits. These clamp circuits can be set to deliver minimum and maximum current to a motor load by the adjustment of two current limit potentiometers located on the top of the module.

These and other potentiometer adjustments are described in more detail later in this chapter.
SECTION 2-2  MODEL IDENTIFICATION

The basic part number shown on the label at the top of the module contains the following information:

40  20
   
   _ _ _ _ Peak output current rating (2 second maximum duration)
   
   _ _ _ _ _ _ Nominal DC bus voltage rating (for normal operation)

NOTE: Not shown in this part number is the continuous output current rating of 5 amps.

Figure 2-2 shows the label location for identification of the servo amplifier module.

Identification

FIGURE 2-2: LOCATION OF IDENTIFICATION LABEL
SECTION 2-3  ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS (SERVO MODULE)

Electrical specifications for the servo amplifier module are shown in table 2-1. These specifications are broken into two headings: Power Stage and Control Stage. More detailed electrical specifications for the 4020 servo module are provided in chapter 3.

**TABLE 2-1: ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**POWER STAGE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Peak output current, (max., amps)</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Continuous output current (max., amps)</td>
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<td>DC bus input voltage (volts)</td>
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<td>minimum</td>
<td>25 ***</td>
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<tr>
<td>nominal</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>Output power (max., watts) **</td>
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<td>peak</td>
<td>600</td>
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<tr>
<td>continuous</td>
<td>175</td>
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<tr>
<td>Load inductance (min., uH)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating temperature (C degrees)</td>
<td>0 to 50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage temperature (C degrees)</td>
<td>-30 to 80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power amplifier bandwidth</td>
<td>1 KHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(with 1 mH inductive load, minimum KHz)</td>
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**CONTROL STAGE**

CURRENT LOOP (POWER AMPLIFIER)

Current feedback gain (Vifb, amp/volt) -- 10

Current command gain (Vc, amp/volt) -- 2

I Limit 1-2 current limit pot adjustment - -5 to -20 range (amps)

I Limit 2-1 current limit pot adjustment - +5 to +20 range (amps)

RATE LOOP (Pre-amplifier)

Voltage gain (open loop, dB) -- 100

Tach feedback signal (max., volts) -- ±60

Speed command signal (max., volts) -- ±20 ****

Tach feedback signal input impedance -- 9.5 (min., K ohms)

Speed command signal input impedance -- 50 (min., K ohms)

Speed command input signal, offset null -- 15 ***** adjustment (max., + and - mV)

Pre-amplifier output drift -- 10 (nominal, mV/C degrees)

Pre-amplifier bandwidth (nominal, Hz) -- 100 *

* Measurement taken with Aerotech Model 1075-01 Motor

** Data relative to DC bus input voltage at nominal value

*** Automatic shutdown occurs at this level
When using differential inputs, maximum limit is ±10 volts

Offset adjustment via balance pot

SECTION 2-4 DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS (SERVO MODULE)

Locations of fuses, potentiometers, test points and other components of the 4020 SERIES Servo Module that are of concern to the user, are identified in figure 2-3. Figure 2-4 illustrates a one-line diagram of the circuitry contained within the servo module. The locations of components illustrated in figure 2-3 are shown in figure 2-4.

General descriptions of the components illustrated in figures 2-3 and 2-4 are provided in figure 2-5.
FIGURE 2-3: FRONT AND TOP VIEW OF SERVO AMPLIFIER MODULE
FIGURE 2-4: GENERAL FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM OF THE SERVO AMPLIFIER MODULE
FIGURE 2-5: COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

(Items listed below are shown in figure 2-3 and 2-4)

SIG. COM. TEST POINT
Test point for referencing signals on control stage circuitry. **NOTE:** Signal common (Sig. Com.) and power common (Pwr. Com.) are tied together on the base plate. Jumper JP1 is always removed when module(s) are used in the three axis base plate.

INHIBIT TEST POINT
Test point for indication of a low ± DC bus voltage inhibit or an external shutdown. The servo module is inhibited when this point shows +.7 volts. Normal operation is present when this test point registers +8 volts.

CUR. COM. TEST POINT
Test point for monitoring the current command signal. The current command gain ratio is approximately 2 amp/volt, referenced to the Sig. Com. test point (see also figure 2-6).

INPUT 1 TEST POINT
Test point for monitoring the differential input (servo command) signal to the pre-amplifier. Signal is referenced to Sig. Com. test point (see also figure 2-6).

INPUT 2 TEST POINT
Test point for monitoring an auxiliary signal to the pre-amplifier. **NOTE:** This input is not used when the servo module is operated with the three axis base plate (see also figure 2-6).
TACH (INPUT 3) TEST POINT

Test point for monitoring the tach feedback input signal. Signal is referenced to Sig. Com. test point (see also figure 2-6).

PWR. COM. TEST POINT

Test point for referencing the current feedback signal in the power stage. NOTE: Power common (Pwr. Com.) and signal common (Sig. Com.) are tied together on the base plate. Jumper JP1 is always removed when the module(s) are used in the base plate.

CUR. F.B. TEST POINT

Test point for monitoring the current feedback signal. The current feedback ratio is 10 amp/volt, referenced to the Pwr. Com. test point.

I LIMIT 2-1 POT

Potentiometer used for adjusting the clamp for maximum current flow from motor connection 1TB4 point 2 to point 1 (see figure 3-5). Pot adjustment range is from +5 amps (full CW) to +20 amps (full CCW) DC (see figure 2-7).

I LIMIT 1-2 POT

Potentiometer used for adjusting the clamp for maximum current flow from motor 1TB4 point 1 to point 2 (see figure 3-5). Pot adjustment range is -5 (full CW) to -20 (full CCW) amps DC (see figure 2-7).
BALANCE POT

Potentiometer used for nulling small offsets that may be present on the input 1 control connection (or input 2 control connection if used). The pot is capable of only nulling small offsets of ±15 mV on either of the two input connections (see also figure 2-6).

GAIN POT

Potentiometer used for adjusting the AC gain of the pre-amplifier circuit. Minimum gain is present when this pot is turned full CW. Maximum gain is present when this pot is turned full CCW (see also figure 2-6).

INPUT 1 POT

Potentiometer used for adjusting the DC/AC gain of input 1 control signal. The full CW position allows maximum gain. Input 1 is usually designated for the input speed command signal (see also figure 2-6).

INPUT 2 POT

Potentiometer used for adjusting the DC/AC gain of input 2 control signal. NOTE: This pot is not used when the servo module is configured on the three axis base plate (see also figure 2-6).

TACH (INPUT 3) POT

Potentiometer used for adjusting the DC/AC gain of input 3 (or tach feedback signal). The full CW position allows maximum gain. Input 3 (tach) is usually designated for the tach feedback signal (see also figure 2-6).
MOTOR LOAD FUSE (F1)

This fuse provides motor overload protection and is sized in the factory to the maximum continuous output current of the servo module (5 amps). If motors with continuous current ratings lower than that of the servo module are used, fuse F1 must be resized accordingly.

DC BUS INPUT FUSE (F2)

This fuse provides protection against short circuits in the power stage that cannot be cleared by fuse F1. Situations of this sort are rare, making this fuse act only as back-up protection to fuse F1.

DC BUS INPUT AND MOTOR OUTPUT POWER CONNECTOR (TB2)

Connections to the DC bus power supply and motor terminal blocks on the three axis base plate are made here. The mate to this connector is a six circuit quick-connect plug found on the base plate.

TERMINAL BOARD CONTROL CONNECTION (J2)

Control connections from the terminal board (located on the base plate) to the servo module are made at this connector through a 10-pin ribbon cable.

JUMPER (JP1)

This jumper allows the power common (Pwr. Com.) and signal common (Sig. Com.) to be tied together on the servo module. Normally these two points are tied together at the neutral point of the + DC bus power supply on the base plate. Thus, this jumper should be **REMOVED** when the servo module is used on the base plate and

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CONTROL TERMINAL STRIP (TB1)
An optional control terminal strip used when the servo module is operated in a stand-alone configuration (not utilized on the three axis base plate).

CONNECTOR (TB3)
Provides a connection for -15 VDC to the terminal board for external use. Maximum external current draw is -20 mA.

CONNECTOR (TB4)
Provides a connection for +15 VDC to the terminal board for external use. Maximum external current draw is +20 mA.

COMPONENTS R13, R7, AND C4
These resistors and capacitor are components associated with the pre-amplifier circuit of the servo module. They are mounted on stand-offs, in order to facilitate replacement in the field (see also figure 2-6).

(Items described below are shown in figure 2-4 only)

The following are input connections on J2 (TB1 connections, if used, are similar). NOTE: All connections from J2 go to the terminal board of the three axis base plate.

-INPUT 1 (PIN 1)
Non-inverting differential input connection for the speed command signal.
+INPUT 1 (PIN 5)  Inverting differential input connection for the speed command signal.

-INPUT 3 OR TACH (PIN 3)  Non-inverting input connection for the tach feedback signal.

SIG. COM. (PIN 4)  Reference point for -input 1, +input 1, and -input 3 (tach) signals.

SHUTDOWN (PIN 8)  When this input is pulled to signal common (3mA sinking) the servo module is inhibited. A high impedance is placed at the motor output connections (1TB4 on base plate).

I LIMIT 2-1 (PIN 9)  Providing a contact closure between this point and signal common limits current flow to the motor from point 2 to point 1 of 1TB4 on the base plate (i.e., power to the motor is limited in its flow from point 2 to point 1 of the given axis – see figure 3-5). When activated, maximum current flow is no more than +3 amps. Current flow through the contact closure is no more than 3 mA (see also figure 2-8).

I LIMIT 1-2 (PIN 10)  Providing a contact closure between this point and signal common limits current flow to the motor from point 1 to point 2 of 1TB4 on the base plate (see figure 3-5). When activated, maximum current flow is no more than -3 amps. Current flow through the contact closure is no more than 3mA. (See figure 2-8.)
Note: R13, RT, and C4 mounted on stand-offs (see Figure 2-3 front view).

Note: Input 2 connection not shown, but is similar to input 3 connection except R17 is 215 and is equal to 20K.

Figure 2-6: Electrical outline of pre-amplifier circuit with open loop gain characteristics.
FIGURE 2-7: CURRENT LIMIT POT ADJUSTMENT RANGE
FIGURE 2-8: EFFECTS OF I LIMIT 1-2 AND I LIMIT 2-1 CLAMPS ON OUTPUT CURRENT

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SECTION 2-9  DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS (3-AXIS BASE PLATE)

Included in this section are diagrams and schematics for the three axis base plate.

The three axis base plate provides the site for internal connections to be made between the servo modules, DC bus power supply and the terminal board. It also provides the site for external connections of AC input power and control connections to the servo modules.

Figure 2-9 illustrates the schematic of the internal wiring on the base plate. Figure 2-10 shows views of the base plate.
Figure 2-9: 4020 Series Baseplate Schematic
** MOTOR POWER CONNECTIONS 1TB4

** AC INPUT NEUTRAL CONNECTION 1TB1

** 115 VAC FAN CONNECTION 1TB2

** AC INPUT CONNECTION 1TB3

SERVO MODULE CONTROL CONNECTORS (J2)

* TO J2 OF TERMINAL BOARD

* TO J3 OF TERMINAL BOARD

* TO J4 OF TERMINAL BOARD

TOP VIEW

** SEE FIGURE 2-11

** SEE FIGURES 3-4, 3-5

FIGURE 2-10: 4020 SERIES THREE AXIS BASE PLATE
TWISTED PAIR CONNECTION BETWEEN TB4, TB3 OF AXIS 1 MODULE AND TB5, TB6 OF TERMINAL BOARD (SEE FIGURE 2-9)

SERVO MODULE POWER CONNECTORS TB2

C1

C2

WIRE CLAMP

TERMINAL BOARD

INPUT FUSE F1 AND F2

SIDE VIEW

FIGURE 2-10: CONTINUED
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TERMINAL BOARD

The 4020 SERIES Three Axis Base Plate utilizes the terminal board as a mechanism for interfacing control connections from an external controller to the 4020 SERIES servo module.

Figure 2-11 shows the schematic of the terminal board. Locations of connections to the terminal board from an external controller is shown in figure 2-12.

Referring to figure 2-11 and 2-12, it is noted that TB1, TB2, TB3 and TB4 are "screw type" connectors, allowing the user to wire to the terminal board with discrete connections. If desired, an optional mass termination of the control connections can be accomplished by utilizing the 50 pin connector, J1. All connections shown for TB1, TB2, TB3 and TB4 are available on connector J1. Using connector J1 for control interfacing instead of TB1, TB2, TB3 and TB4 allows an additional advantage to that of providing mass termination. With connector J1, 4 axis interfacing with a single connector is possible, when a single axis base plate is "mated" with the three axis base plate, as shown in figure 2-13.

The destinations for control wiring from TB1, TB2, TB3, TB4 and J1 of the terminal board to the control modules for axis 1, axis 2 and axis 3 servo amplifiers are shown in figure 2-14. In this figure, control wiring from the terminal board to axis 1 is given as an example. The wiring for axis 2 and axis 3 (TB2 and TB3 respectively) is similar.
FIGURE 2-12: SIDE VIEW OF THREE AXIS BASE PLATE SHOWING LOCATIONS FOR CONTROL CONNECTIONS
FIGURE 2-13: THREE AXIS BASE PLATE "MATED" WITH A SINGLE AXIS BASE PLATE TO CREATE A 4-AXIS SYSTEM

With J5 of terminal board connected to 1J3 of supervisory module (or J2 of a 4020 SERIES servo module) on the single axis base plate (shown above), J1 (50 pin connector) can be used to control all four axes.
4020 SERIES Three Axis Base Plate

Terminal Board

Servo Module

TB1 (TB1 and TB3 connections are similar)
 Pin 1 - Input (-) to - - - - - - J1-28 to - - - - - - J2-1 to - - - - - - J2-1
 Pin 2 - Input (+) to - - - - - - J1-3 to - - - - - - J2-5 to - - - - - - J2-5
 Pin 3 - Tach (-) to - - - - - - J1-27 to - - - - - - J2-3 to - - - - - - J2-3
 Pin 4 - Sig. Com. to - - - - - - TB7 to - - - - - - J2-4 to - - - - - - J2-4
 Pin 5 - Shut Down to - - - - - - J1-4 to - - - - - - J2-8 to - - - - - - J2-8
 Pin 6 - Cur. Mon. to - - - - - - J1-29 to - - * - - J2-2 to - - - - - - J2-2-(Connection
 Pin 7 - I Limit 2-1 to - - - - - - J1-31 to - - - - - - J2-9 to - - - - - - J2-9 ends here,
 Pin 8 - I Limit 1-2 to - - - - - - J1-6 to - - - - - - J2-10 to - - - - - - J2-10 not used)

TB4
 Pin 1 - Fault to - - - - - - J1-26 to - - * - - J2-7 to - - - - - - J2-7-(Connection
 Pin 2 - Sig. Com. - - - - - - TB7 to - - - - - - J2-4 to - - - - - - J2-4 ends here,
 Pin 3 - +V to - - - - - - J1-48 to - - - - - - TB5 to - - - - - - TB4 not used)
 Pin 4 - -V to - - - - - - J1-23 to - - - - - - TB6 to - - - - - - TB5

* No Connection

FIGURE 2-14: TERMINAL BOARD CONNECTIONS TO AXIS 1 (Axis 2 and Axis 3 are similar)

(See also Figure 2-11)
FIGURE 2-15: CONTROL CONNECTIONS DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE TERMINAL BOARD

TB1 (TB2 AND TB3 SIMILAR)

PIN 1, INPUT (-)  Speed command input signal to servo module. Nominal signal is usually between ±10 volts. This signal can be referenced to pin 2 - input (+) for differential inputs or signal common (pin 4, Sig. Com.). (See also figure 2-6.)

PIN 2, INPUT (+)  Differential reference point for Input (-) connection. If not used, this input should be tied to signal common. (See also figure 2-6.)

PIN 3, TACH (-)  Tach feedback input signal to servo module. Nominal signal is usually between ±10 volts. However, signal range can be as high as ±60 volts. (See figure 2-6.)

PIN 4, SIG. COM.  Reference point for input and output signals.

PIN 5, S.D.  Shut down input for servo module. By pulling this input to signal common (1 mA sinking through internal pull-up resistor), the operation of the power stage of the servo module is inhibited.

PIN 6, CUR. MON.  Not used on 4020 servo amplifier module (no connection)
PIN 7, I LIM 2-1  Directional current limit for servo module. By pulling this input to signal common (contact closure only), power flow to motor from ITB4 point 2 to point 1 is limited to near zero. See also figures 2-8 and 3-5.

PIN 8, I LIM 1-2  Directional current limit for servo module. By pulling this input to signal common (contact closure only), power flow to motor from ITB4 point 1 to point 2 is limited to near zero. See also figures 2-8 and 3-5.

TB4
PIN 1, FAULT  Not used on 4020 amplifier module (no connection).
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SECTION 3-1 INSTALLATION AND START-UP

CAUTION: HIGH VOLTAGE EXISTS ON ALL TRANSISTOR CASES ASSOCIATED WITH THE POWER STAGE. Before attempting installation or removal of the servo amplifier modules from the three axis base plate, make sure the following steps are taken.

1. All input power to the three axis base plate is TURNED OFF.

2. Disconnect "white" power connectors (TB2) from ALL servo modules.

See figure 3-1 for additional information.

WARNING: Damage to a servo amplifier module due to improper handling during installation or removal voids warranty.

Mounting dimensions for the three axis base plate are shown in figure 3-2. Mounting is accomplished with four #10-32 bolts.

Mounting of the servo modules to the three axis base plate is accomplished with two captive screws located at the bottom of these modules. These captive screws insert into holes located on the mounting surface of the three axis base plate as shown in figure 3-3.

Control connections between the servo modules and the terminal board are made with ribbon cables as shown in figure 2-10 (top view). The location and destination of each ribbon cable can be determined by referring to these figures.
CHAPTER 3

HIGH VOLTAGE (TYPICAL)

BACK VIEW

POWER CONNECTOR TB2

HIGH VOLTAGE (TYPICAL)

FRONT VIEW

FIGURE 3-1: LOCATIONS OF HIGH VOLTAGE ON SERVO MODULE DURING OPERATION
FIGURE 3-2: BACK VIEW OF THREE AXIS BASE PLATE WITH MOUNTING HOLE LOCATIONS
FIGURE 3-3: LOCATION OF HOLES FOR MOUNTING MODULES TO BASE PLATE
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Input power connections to the three axis base plate are made at terminal blocks 1TB1, 1TB2, and 1TB3, as shown in figure 2-10 (top view). Figure 3-4 shows the input power arrangements for the 4020 SERIES Three Axis Base Plate.

The location for the motor power connections for the three axis base plate is shown in figure 3-5. The technique for properly connecting the polarity of the motor power connections and motor tach connections to the 4020 SERIES Base Plate is described below:

1. Spin motor shaft CW (looking into flange). Note the polarities of the motor power leads and tach leads.

2. A minus (-) signal on the Input(-) connection to the terminal board will cause the motor to spin CW (looking into flange) if:

   a. The "-" lead of the motor is connected to 1TB4 point 2, with the "+" lead connected to point 1.

   b. The "+" lead of the tach is connected to tach(-), axis 1 (2 or 3) of terminal board, with the "-" lead connected to signal common.

As noted, connections described above are similar for axis 2 and 3.

After being installed in the base plate, the servo module(s) is ready to be adjusted for operation within the system. Note in figure 2-3 the locations of the seven control pots and eight test points. Before connecting TB2 and J2 to the servo module(s), (see figure 2-10) adjust these pots to the following positions, as noted below:

1. Current limit (I Limit 2-1 and I Limit 1-2) pots to be turned completely CW (limiting maximum current flow to ±5 amps).
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FIGURE 3-4: INPUT POWER CONFIGURATIONS FOR THE 4020 SERIES THREE AXIS BASE PLATE

FIGURE 3-5: LOCATIONS FOR MOTOR POWER CONNECTIONS FOR AXIS 1, 2 AND 3
2. Gain (Gain) pot to be turned completely CW.

3. Input (Input 1) pot to be turned completely CW.

4. Tach (Input 3 or Tach) pot to be turned completely CW.

5. Balance (Bal) pot to be adjusted to midway position.

**NOTE:** Ascertain that the motor shaft is mechanically decoupled from the drive system, hence avoiding possible damage to the system.

If the servo module(s) is being used in a position loop, temporarily disconnect the input signal. This will allow the servo module to work only in the rate loop.

Apply power to the mounting base. If the motor races, disconnect power and reverse the tach connections at the terminal board of the mounting base (see chapter 4, Troubleshooting).

With the power again applied, adjust the balance pot until the motor comes to a complete stop.

Disconnect power, reconnect the input signal and recouple the motor shaft to the drive system. Be sure the input signal is at zero volts (ie., make sure the position loop controller is in "home" position).

Now reapply power. If the position controller indicates that the system is out of "zero" (or "home") position, readjust the balance pot. **NOTE:** The balance pot is capable of cancelling only small offsets (±15 mV) in the pre-amplifier or on the input signal. If adjusting the balance pot fails to bring the system to the zero position, then the input signal is exhibiting too much offset voltage.
Position commands can now be applied to the system. Program the position controller so that the motor accelerates and decelerates to some position, stops, and then returns to "home" position. Make the cycle time in which this event occurs approximately 2 seconds. With an oscilloscope, monitor the tach test point with respect to signal common (refer to figure 3-6).

SECTION 3-2 INPUT AND TACH POT ADJUSTMENTS

Adjusting the input and tach pots accomplishes position loop stability. This section refers to figure 3-6.

Motor overshoot, when present in a closed position loop system, can be very detrimental to position loop accuracy. Care must be taken in the fine tuning adjustments of the tach, input, and gain pots in order to prevent the problem from occurring.

Photograph A (following page) shows a typical deceleration interval for a motor (in this case, the 1035-01 motor), used with the 4020 servo amplifier module, being commanded to decelerate to zero speed by a position controller. Note that the motor's speed (or tach voltage) ramps smoothly to zero speed, without ever crossing zero. This photograph shows optimum motor response during deceleration.

Photograph B (following page) shows a deceleration interval where the tach gain is set too low (or the input gain is set too high). Note that the tach voltage crosses zero. In this case, the motor "over-shoots" its designated "home" position, but eventually settles into position.

A good rule of thumb for adjusting motor deceleration response, is to initially set the input and tach pots full CW. Then slowly turn the tach pot CCW until minimum motor deceleration time is achieved without over-shooting.
FIGURE 3-6: ADJUSTING INPUT AND TACH POTS FOR POSITION LOOP STABILITY
SECTION 3-3  GAIN POT ADJUSTMENTS

The gain pot is adjusted in order to minimize ripple current in the motor. This section refers to figure 3-7.

The magnitude of ripple current present on the current feedback test point of a linear servo amplifier such as the 4020, when the motor is running at a constant speed, is basically the product of the tach feedback ripple voltage produced by the commutator of the tach. This effect is amplified by the pre-amplifier circuit, contributing to ripple on the current command signal.

It is this ripple from the tach signal on the current command signal that usually contributes to most of the excess I R heating in the motor.

Photograph A (following page) shows an optimum level of peak to peak ripple current for a motor (for example, the Aerotech 1035-01 motor) running unloaded, at constant speed.

Photograph B (following page) shows an excessive level of ripple current, due to the increased gain in the pre-amplifier, for this motor running under the same conditions as in photograph A.

This excessive level of ripple current can usually be minimized by turning either the gain pot in the CW direction or turning the tach pot in the CCW direction. Care must be taken, however, when turning these pots as indicated above. For example, turning the tach pot too far in the CCW direction may result in the undesirable wave form shown in photograph 3-6B.
Figure 3-7: Adjustable gain pot to minimize ripple current in motor.
### CHAPTER 4

### SECTION 4-1  TROUBLESHOOTING (THREE AXIS BASE PLATE)

(Unless otherwise noted, refer to figure 2-10 A&B)

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<tr>
<td>Fan does not operate when input power is</td>
<td>Improper power connections on 1TB2 of base plate</td>
<td>Check for 115 VAC between 1TB2 terminals 1 and 2 (see also figure 3-4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>applied</td>
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<tr>
<td>DC bus voltages are not at their proper levels</td>
<td>Improper power connections on 1TB1 and 1TB3 of base plate</td>
<td>Refer to figure 3-4 for input power connection arrangement. With an AC voltmeter, verify that these voltages exist</td>
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<td>Input power fuse F1 or F2 of 1TB3 of the base</td>
<td>Bridge rectifier, BR1, on the base plate, may be</td>
<td>Refer to figures 2-9 and 3-2. Check for shorted diodes in bridge rectifier, BR1</td>
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<td>plate opens when power is applied</td>
<td>shorted. (See also figures 2-9 and 3-2)</td>
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SECTION 4-2  TROUBLESHOOTING (SERVO MODULE)

(Unless otherwise noted, refer to figure 2-3)

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<td>No power to motor</td>
<td>Input fuses on base plate are open</td>
<td>See also section 4-1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Motor fuse (F1) on servo module is open</td>
<td>Remove fuse and check for continuity</td>
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<td>DC bus input fuse (F2) on servo module is open</td>
<td>Remove fuse and check for continuity.</td>
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<td>NOTE: If F2 is open, DO NOT REPLACE. Return servo module to Aerotech for repair</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Input shut-down (S.D.), located on terminal board of mounting base pulled to signal common</td>
<td>Temporarily remove connection to restore power</td>
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<td>±DC bus low level detect circuit (represented in figure 2-4) is inhibiting servo module due to a high or low ±Vbus condition on the power supply of the base plate</td>
<td>Check Vbus voltage levels on base plate, remove connector TB2 from servo module and check the DC voltages on the cable as follows:</td>
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<td>- Red wire (+) to wht/brn (-) should be approximately +40 VDC</td>
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<td>Motor is racing</td>
<td>Tach polarities are reversed</td>
<td>Reverse polarities of tach connections on the terminal board of the base plate</td>
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<td>No connection</td>
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<td>Check &quot;tach&quot; testpoint with respect to signal common on the servo module. With motor racing, tach voltage signal should be present at this test point. If no signal is present, check for continuity on tach connection of the ribbon cable between the servo module and the terminal board</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor is sluggish in response to speed command</td>
<td>I Limit 1-2 or I Limit 2-1 inputs (located on terminal board of mounting base) are activated by limit switches. (See figure 2-5)</td>
<td>Temporarily remove connections to restore power</td>
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<td>I Limit 2-1 and/ or I Limit 1-2</td>
<td>Turn I Limit 2-1 or I Limit 1-2 pots CCW, to increase the + or - current clamp levels</td>
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<td>(Cur. Lim.) pots set to clamp at too low a value</td>
<td>(see figure 2-5)</td>
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<td>Motor will not lock system in &quot;home&quot; position (position loop control)</td>
<td>Excessive DC offset on input signal to servo module</td>
<td>Adjust balance (Bal.) pot to bring system into &quot;home&quot; position. If system does not respond to this solution, then excessive offset exists on the speed command signal of the position controller</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor overshoots when coming to rest (position loop control)</td>
<td>Gain not set properly</td>
<td>See figure 3-6 for information on gain control adjustment in a position loop</td>
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<td>Motor runs very hot</td>
<td>Gain set too high in servo module, causing excessive ripple current in motor</td>
<td>See figure 3-7 for information on gain pot adjustment</td>
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CHAPTER 5

SECTION 5-1  SERVICE AND REPAIR

General repair of equipment consists entirely of solutions listed in sections 4-1 and 4-2 on troubleshooting, or the removal and replacement of a servo module, should the need arise. IF UNDER WARRANTY, REPAIR OF DEFECTIVE ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS OF THE BASE PLATE SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTED, SINCE TO DO SO WOULD VOID THE ENTIRE WARRANTY. If necessary, any on-site service should be performed by an experienced electronic technician, preferably trained by Aerotech, Inc. It is recommended that the user NOT attempt repair of the servo module, whether or not these units are under warranty.

SECTION 5-2  SHIPMENT

The procedure for shipping equipment back to Aerotech for repair is shown below. This procedure pertains to warranty as well as non-warranty repairs of equipment.

1. Before shipping any equipment back to Aerotech, the person making the return should call ahead for a "Return Authorization Number".

2. The equipment being returned (in this case the three axis base plate or the 4020 servo module) must be encased in a proper cushioning material and enclosed in a cardboard box.

3. Equipment should be sent to:

   Aerotech, Inc.
   101 Zeta Drive
   Pittsburgh, PA 15238
   Phone:  (412) 963-7470
   Customer Service

WARNING: DAMAGE DUE TO IMPROPER PACKAGING voids warranty.
### SECTION 5-3  PARTS LIST (THREE AXIS BASE PLATE)

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<td>4020 SERIES Base Plate</td>
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<td>EFA 451</td>
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<td>(TA3 OEM) less servo module</td>
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<td>Fuses F1, F2</td>
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### SECTION 5-4  PARTS LIST (SERVO MODULE)

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