



## **Piezo Haptic Actuator - PowerHap™**

Type 15G

**Series/Type:** PowerHap 15G - Prototypes  
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**Features**

- Large displacement
- High acceleration
- High force
- Low insertion height
- Fast response time
- Integrated sensor functionality


**Design**

- RoHS-compatible PZT (lead zirconium titanate) ceramic
- Copper inner electrodes
- Dimension of ceramic body: 26 x 26 x 1 (mm)
- Titanium cymbals for displacement amplification
- Polarized at 120 V
- Contains SVHC substance 12626-81-2

**Electrical ratings**

Parameter	Ratings
Rated voltage	0 ... 120 V
Operating temperature powered	-40 ... +85 °C
Operating temperature unpowered	-40 ... +125 °C
Maximum compressive force on actuator	0 ... 20 N
Maximum operation frequency	500 Hz*
Maximum voltage gradient	1.2 MV/s

\*) Operation frequency is limited by self-heating of the device. At 120 V, 500 Hz, square wave conditions, a maximum temperature increase of +30 °C is observed.

**Electrical characteristics**

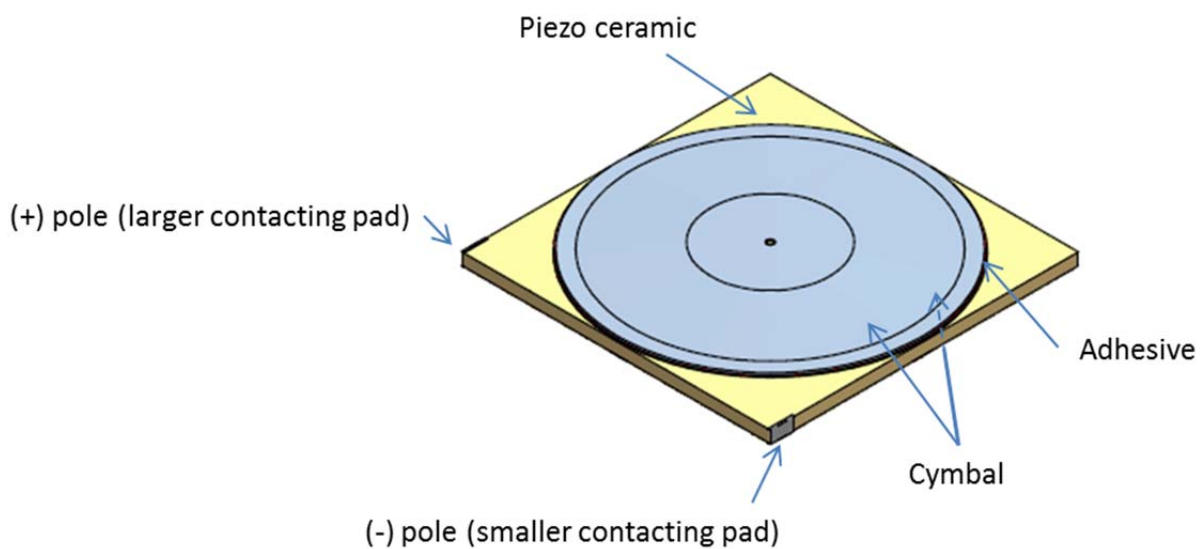
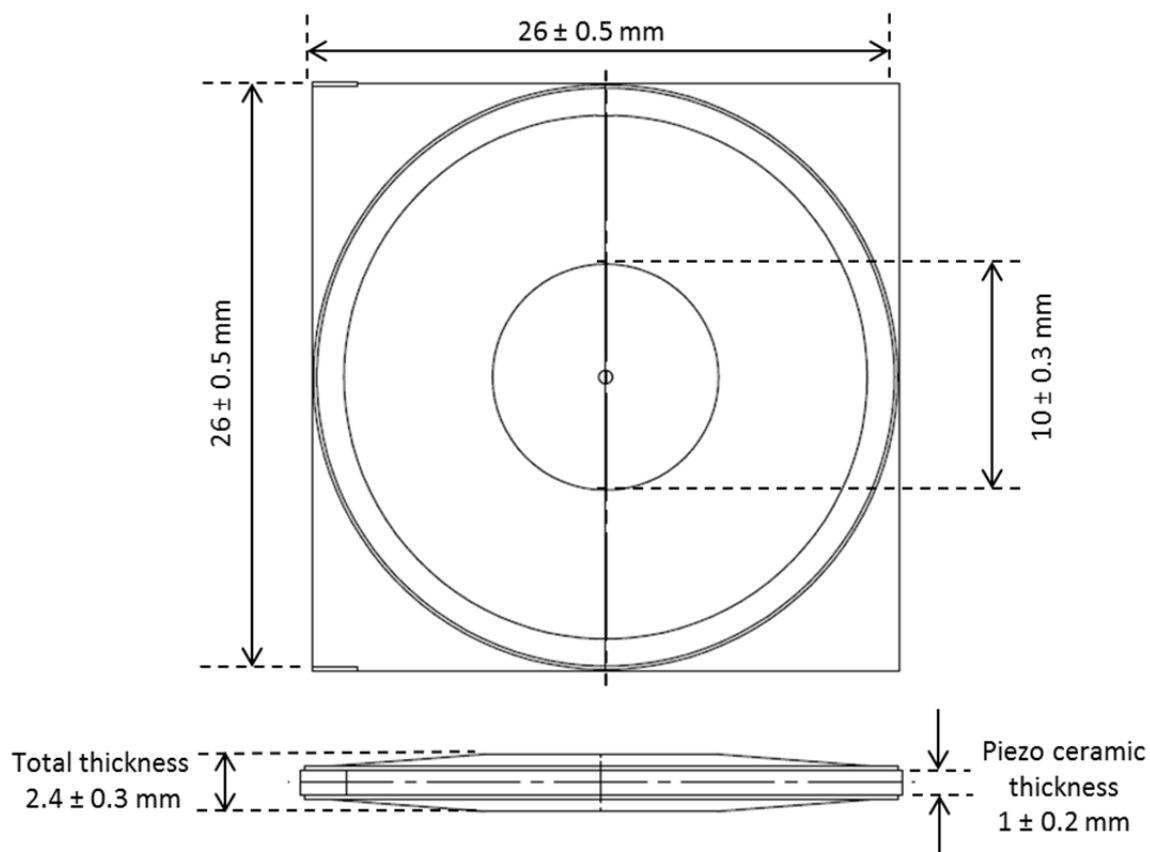
Parameter	Conditions @ 25 °C	Expected value (typ.)
Capacitance; C	1 kHz, 1 V <sub>RMS</sub>	3.6 μF
Dissipation factor; tan δ	1 kHz, 1 V <sub>RMS</sub>	< 0.05
1 <sup>st</sup> Resonance frequency	0.5 V <sub>RMS</sub>	8 kHz
Displacement; s	120 V, measured at cymbal end-caps	200 μm
Loading Energy; E = Q • U/2	120 V	41 mJ
Stiffness; k	120 V various load stiffness; preload 10 N	100 N/mm
Acceleration	load 20 g, square wave, 120 V	65 g
	load 100 g, square wave, 120 V	15 g
	load 500 g, square wave, 120 V	5.0 g

**General**

Polarity of the prototypes: “+” is the larger metallization area. In the preliminary phase, samples are delivered with soldered wires where the red wire is the positive pole

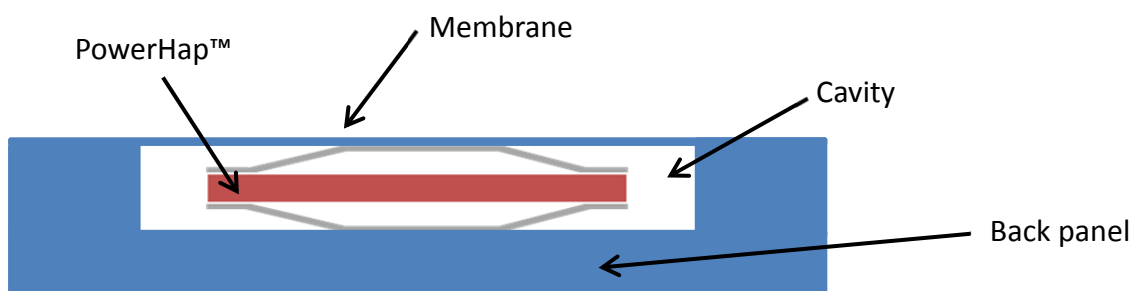
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Dimensional drawings



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**Application note**

Depending on the exact application and geometry PowerHap actuators can be mounted and operated in different ways. Some options shall be explained in more detail:

**1) Mounting underneath a membrane**


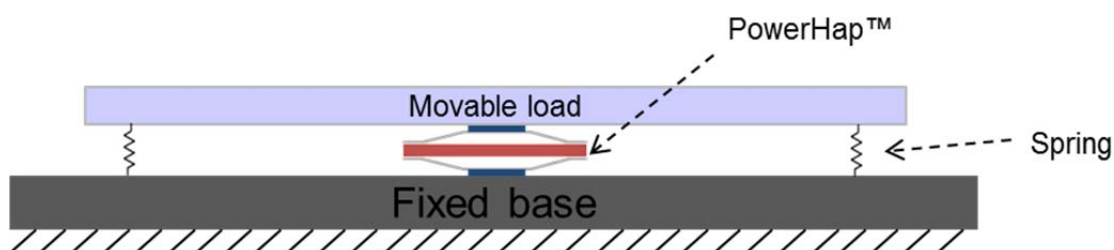
In this case the PowerHap actuator is clamped between a thin, flexible membrane and a rigid back panel. By applying a voltage, the actuator elongates and consequently deforms the membrane.

In principle the membrane can be out of any material, but it may be necessary to tune the thickness. While the membrane needs to be as flexible as possible to maximize the haptic feedback felt by the user, it needs to be also stiff enough to properly clamp the actuator.

In contrast, the back panel has to be as stiff as possible, so that only the membrane is the deformed. For optimal performance, it is further recommended that the actuator is compressed by a preload of 5 N up to maximum 20 N.

**2) Direct mounting to a load**

In some applications, for example if haptic feedback shall be applied to a touchscreen, the deformation of a membrane may be undesirable. In such cases PowerHap actuators can be mounted directly underneath the load (for example a touchscreen).



By applying a voltage to the actuator, it elongates and therefore moves the load. This movement can be felt by the user. For a maximal haptic feedback, the rear panel needs to be as heavy as possible. Otherwise the PowerHap actuator will not only move the load but also the rear panel and therefore a part of the performance is lost.

In the simplest case it is possible to press the load on the PowerHap actuator (and consequently also the PowerHap actuator to the rear panel) by using springs. As in case 1 a preload of 5 N up to maximum 20 N is recommended. To ensure the position of the PowerHap actuator, it can be either fixed to the rear panel or the load (e.g. adhesive tape, glue).

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### 3) Multiple actuators

PowerHap actuators are optimized to deliver a strong haptic feedback. For example, a test load with a mass of 0.1 kg is accelerated with up to 15 g. However, for heavier loads the acceleration decreases. As a consequence for very heavy loads (like huge displays) the user may only experience a very weak or even unnoticeable haptic effect. In such cases it is possible to combine multiple actuators.

## General application notes

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- Do not use piezo components for purposes not identified in our specifications, application notes and data sheets.
- Ensure the suitability of a piezo component in particular by testing it for reliability during design-in. Always evaluate a piezo component under worst-case conditions.
- Pay special attention to the reliability of piezo devices intended for use in safety-critical applications (e.g. medical equipment, automotive, spacecraft, nuclear power plant).
- Do not drive the piezo actuator under resonance conditions.

## Design notes

- Consider de-rating at higher operating temperatures and loads.
- In some cases the malfunctioning of passive electronic components or failure before the end of their service life cannot be completely ruled out in the current state of the art, even if they are operated as specified. In applications requiring a very high level of operational safety and especially when the malfunction or failure of a passive electronic component could endanger human life or health (e.g. in accident prevention, life-saving systems, or automotive battery line applications such as clamp 30), ensure by suitable design of the application or other measures (e.g. installation of protective circuitry or redundancy) that no injury or damage is sustained by third parties in the event of such a malfunction or failure. Do not use piezo components in safety-relevant applications.
- Specified values only apply to piezo components that have not been subject to prior electrical, mechanical or thermal damage.

## Operation

- Use piezo actuator components only within the specified operating temperature range.
- Use piezo actuator components only within specified voltage and current ranges.
- Piezo actuator components have to be operated in a dry, non-reducing atmosphere which must not contain any additional chemical vapours or substances. We recommend appropriate drying of

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- all components prior to hermetically sealing.
- We recommend a preload of at least 5 N.
- Prevent a piezo actuator component from contacting liquids and solvents. Make sure that no water enters a piezo actuator component (e.g. through plug terminals).
- Avoid dewing and condensation.
- EPCOS piezo actuator components are mainly designed for encased applications. Under all circumstances avoid exposure to:
  - direct sunlight
  - rain or condensation
  - steam, saline spray
  - corrosive gases
  - atmosphere with reduced oxygen content.
- We expressly point out that in case of non-observance of the aforesaid notes, in particular due to reasons attributable to chemical vapours, a malfunction or failure of the piezo actuator components before the end of their usual service life cannot be completely ruled out, even if they are operated as specified.

### Storage, handling and mounting instructions

#### Storage

- Store the piezo actuator component with terminals short-circuited.
- Avoid contamination of the piezo actuator component surface during storage.
- Avoid storage of the piezo actuator components in harmful environments where they are exposed to corrosive gases (e.g. SO<sub>x</sub>, Cl).
- Storage conditions:  
 Storage temperature: -25 °C to +45 °C  
 Relative humidity (RH): ≤ 75% annual average, ≤ 95% on 30 days a year.  
 Dew precipitation is inadmissible.
- Process piezo actuator components within 12 months after shipment from EPCOS.

#### Handling

- Do not drop piezo actuator components or allow them to be chipped.
- Apply maximum force of 10 N at the component during handling.
- Do not touch piezo actuator component with bare hands, powderless nitrile gloves are recommended.
- Avoid contamination of the piezo actuator component surface during handling.

#### Mounting

- Make sure the surface of the leads is not scratched before, during or after the mounting process.
- Make sure contacts and housings used for assembly with piezo actuator components are clean and dry before mounting.
- Avoid contamination of the surface of the piezo actuator component during processing.

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- Make sure ceramic end surfaces are clean before mounting process. We recommend to short-circuit the piezo actuator component during the whole mounting process.

### Cautions and warnings

The piezo component has to be operated in a dry, non-reducing, open environment and atmosphere which must not contain any chemical vapors or substances.

To prevent damages on the piezo component, tensile stresses must be avoided under all driving conditions.

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*Caution:* Piezo component are highly efficient charge storing capacitors. Even when they are disconnected from a supply, the electrical energy content of a loaded actuator can be high and is held for a long time. Always ensure a complete discharging of an actuator (e.g. via a 10 kΩ resistor) before handling. (Do not discharge by simple short-circuiting, because of the risk of damaging the ceramic.)

Electrical charges can be generated on disconnected actuators by varying load or temperature. *Caution:* Discharge an actuator before connecting it to a measuring device/electronics, when this device is not sufficiently voltage proofed.

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