

# H-Track

Electro-Hydraulic Linear Actuator Featuring Power Density and Shock Load Resistance







# H-Track — A Compact Hybrid of Superior Performance

H-Track electro-hydraulic actuators provide the high-load performance of hydraulics without the expansive space requirements nor the prohibitive cost of full-sized, fluid-based systems.

# **More Power in Less Space**

H-Track electro-hydraulic actuators feature the smallest mounting envelope in their class with a patented valve and reservoir design that provides significant space savings compared to competitive models. H-Track is a robust linear actuator providing force up to 4800 lbf (21350 N) and travel speeds near 4 in (100 mm) per second. With stroke lengths up to 16 in (406 mm), end switch options and multiple configurations available, the H-Track offers a unique set of options for machine designers.

### **Made for Tough Conditions**

H-Track actuators are weatherproof, dust tight, corrosion resistant, and IP67 static (temporary submersion) and IP69K (high-pressure washdown) tested. The H-Track offers an optional operation temperature as low as -40°F (-40°C) to as high as 180°F (82°C), making it an ideal option for use in demanding conditions.







## **Completely Self-Contained**

The motor, pump and valves are contained in one mini power pack mounted directly to the combined cylinder/fluid tank. This means that the inner workings are completely sealed from the outside, allowing this unique arrangement to minimize parts and improve performance. Unlike hydraulic cylinders, there is no need for external hoses, valves, reservoirs or hydraulic connectors that can break or leak. The operation is as simple as with a traditional electric actuator - just turn the supply voltage on to move and change polarity to reverse direction. If necessary, the actuator extension tube can be manually overridden, allowing the tube to float for operating in emergency situations.

# THE BEST OF TWO WORLDS

# ELECTRICALLY POWERED AND CONTROLLED

- SIMPLE TO CONTROL
- NO NEED FOR BULKY EXTERNAL HOSES, VALVES OR PUMPS
- MINIMAL RISK OF LEAKAGE
- MAINTENANCE FREE

# **HYDRAULIC MOTION**

- HIGH POWER DENSITY
- HIGH SHOCK LOAD AND VIBRATION RESISTANCE
- SMOOTH MOTION
- QUIET OPERATION





# Electro-Hydraulic Advantages

The best features from the electric and hydraulic actuator worlds have been chosen to power the H-Track linear actuator, giving it a unique set of capabilities that allow it to be used in applications that otherwise might be too difficult for other solutions to take on.

# **Compact Design**

H-Track actuators have a mounting length that is shorter than any other electromechanical actuator on the market. It can fit into applications with a pin-to-pin length as small as 4.8 in (122 mm) plus its stroke, and still provide up to 4800 lbf (21350 N) of force.

## **Superb Load Holding Power**

H-Track actuators operate in both tension and compression and will hold a load stationary without power in either direction. Static load holding capability will always exceed the dynamic load moving capability.

### **Vibration and Shock Load Resistant**

H-Track actuators are immune to vibrational drifting, hydraulically self lock and safely absorb shocks.

# **Energy Efficient**

Electric control provides clean, smooth linear motion without hydraulic plumbing or other expensive componentry. The H-Track's power demands are significantly less than those of a full hydraulic system as the actuators require power only when in motion.

#### **Solid Extension Tube**

Since the extension tube is solid, it allows for increased resistance to buckling compared to a hollow extension tube of the same size.









# **Hydraulics Isolated from the Atmosphere**

The fluid reservoir is vented and isolated from the atmosphere with a flexible lid, allowing actuator and pump operation in any orientation without entraining or cavitation.

### Maintenance-Free

H-Track actuators require no lubrication, hydraulic fluid fillup, or any other type of maintenance or adjustments for their entire lifecycle.

## **Contamination-Free**

The H-Track pump is burnished, cleaned, flushed and vacuum filled with degassed hydraulic fluid. The system is completely sealed with no hoses to leak. This ensures you enjoy contaminant-free performance for the life of the actuator.

### **Thoroughly Tested**

Throughout their entire development process, H-Track actuators are rigorously tested to ensure they meet all relevant standards and performance specifications prior to leaving the factory. Please contact Thomson customer support to learn more about which standards H-Track meets and how our testing is carried out.

### **Customization**

As with most Thomson products, H-Track actuators can be customized. Our engineers will work with you to determine the modifications needed — from a simple color change to a complete overhaul of the design. Thomson is a global leader in custom actuator production and takes pride in supplying the optimal solution to each customer.

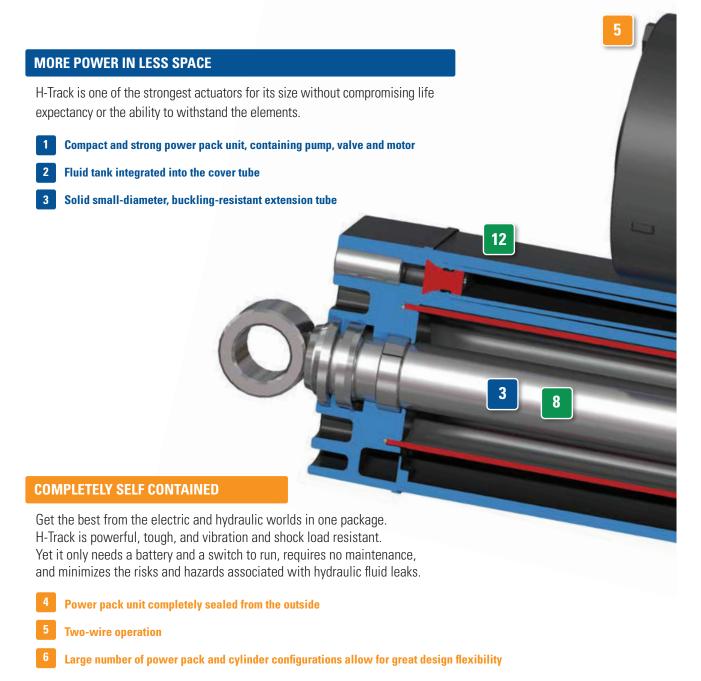






# **Built to Perform**

H-Track is built from the outside in to excel in situations where many other actuators are forced to bow out. The unique electro-hydraulic design combines the best features from two distinct systems and opens up new application possibilities for linear actuators.





# **MADE FOR TOUGH CONDITIONS**

H-Track is designed and tested to operate under the harshest conditions without failure or the need for maintenance.

- 7 IP69K/IP67 protection class
- 8 Chrome finished steel extension tube
- 9 Salt spray tested for 200 hours
- 10 Large operating temperature range
- 11 High shock load and vibration resistance
- 12 Anodized aluminum alloy housing







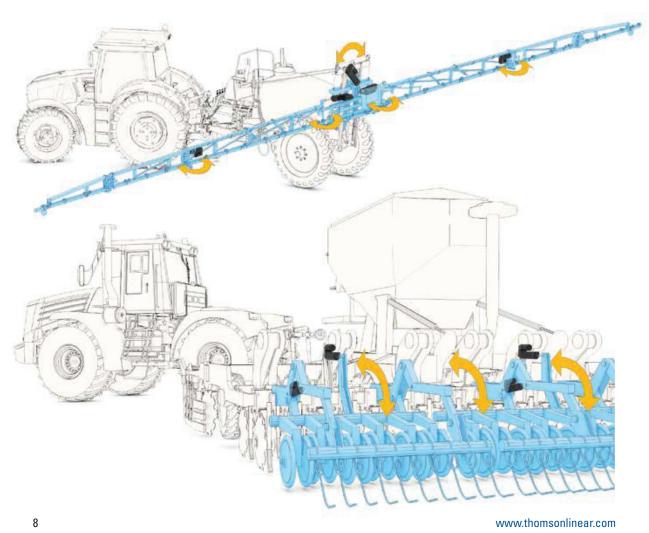
# **Built for the Toughest Applications**

With a self-contained electro-hydraulic system, H-Track actuators meet the growing demand for power-dense performance used in a variety of industrial applications, including agricultural sprayer booms, snow plow blades and mower deck lifts.

# **Designed to Withstand Life on the Fields**

With agricultural sprayers becoming larger and boom lengths reaching up to 177 ft (54 m), strain on the actuators has increased exponentially. Actuators are used to fold the long sprayer booms from an extended position to a stowed position for transport. The folding and unfolding of these booms apply

very high loads on the actuators. The strain on the units is dramatically increased when the sprayer is in motion and the bouncing of the booms causes even more extreme loads. These combined loads create tremendous impact force that can easily destroy most other electric actuators. The H-Track is designed to handle this type of loading with ease.

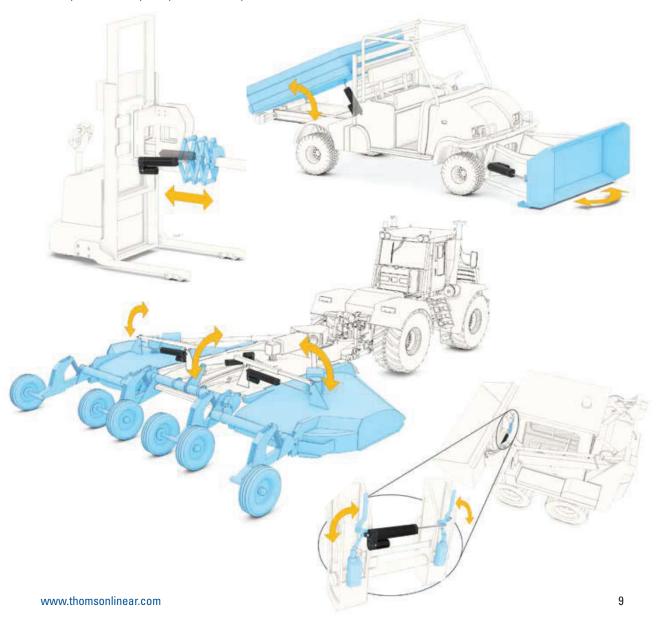




### **Ideal for Demanding Outdoor Applications**

Where the often harsh outdoor environment creates conditions that can be fatal for most actuators, the H-Track thrives. A snow plow battling icy roads and striking a stationary, concrete object is an example that would quickly destroy most linear actuators. The H-Track's unique valve and reservoir design gives it the ability to cushion these blows and continue operating without issue. The optional ability to operate in temperatures as

low as -40°F (-40°C) makes it a perfect fit for even the coldest climates. Mower deck lifts are typically where electric actuators shine, but with increasing deck sizes and ground speeds, the limits of these traditional actuators are being exceeded. With its reliable, load-holding capabilities, enhanced durability for higher transport speeds, and ability to withstand high-pressure washdowns, the H-Track is a perfect choice for the next generation of larger, faster mowers.







# **Technical Features**



# **H-Track Electro-Hydraulic Linear Actuator**

- Combines the best from the hydraulic and electric worlds.
- High power density.
- Very compact and short pin-to-pin versus stroke length relationship.
- Solid extension tube allows for increased resistance to buckling.
- Immune to vibrational drifting and hydraulically self locks.
- High shock load and vibration resistance.
- Fluid reservoir is vented and isolated from the atmosphere with a flexible lid, allowing actuator and pump operation in any orientation without entraining or cavitation.
- Standard strokes up to 16 in (406 mm).
- Designed for harsh outdoor conditions.
- Reliable and maintenance free.

General Specifications					
Cylinder type	hydraulic				
Pump type	internal electric gear pump				
Manual override	yes				
Anti-rotation	no				
Motor protection	built-in auto reset thermal switch				
Static load holding brake	no (self-locking)				
Pressure relief valve	yes (for both directions)				
Electrical connections 240 W motor 560 W motor	flying leads + Packard 56 male connector flying leads + ring terminals				
Compliance	CE, RoHs, REACH, Prop65				

Optional Features					
Mechanical options	Alternative front adapter ends				
	Alternative rear adapter orientation				



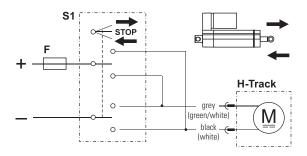
# **Technical Specifications**

Mechanical Specifications							
Max. static compression load (Fx)	[lbf (N)]	5000 (22241)					
Max. dynamic load (Fx)	[lbf (N)]	see page 21					
Speed retract @ no load/max. load	[in/s (mm/s)]	see page 21					
Speed extend @ no load/max. load	[in/s (mm/s)]	see page 21					
Min. ordering stroke (S) length	[in]	2					
Max. ordering stroke (S) length	[in]	16					
Ordering stroke length increments	[in]	2					
Operating temperature limits*	[F (°C)]	- 20 – 150 (- 26 – 65)					
Full load duty cycle @ 25 °C (77 °F)	[%]	25					
End play, maximum	[in (mm]	0.015 (0.4)					
Restraining torque	[lb-in (Nm)]	0.89 (0.1)					
Protection class - static		IP67/IP69K					
Protection class - dynamic		IP65					
Salt spray resistance	[h]	200					
Weight	[lb (kg)]	see page 13					

<sup>\*</sup> Other limits possible, contact Thomson customer support for information.

Electrical Specifications						
Available input voltages	[Vdc]	12, 24, 48				
Input voltage tolerance 12 Vdc models 24 Vdc models 48 Vdc models	[Vdc]	9 – 16 18 – 32 36 – 64				
Current draw @ no load/max. load	[A]	see page 21				
Motor leads cross section 240 W motor models 560 W motor models	[AWG (mm²)]	14 (2) 12 (3)				
Motor ring terminals cross section 240 W motor models 560 W motor models	[AWG (mm²)]	- 10				
Motor lead length, standard	[in (mm)]	10 (254)				

# **Electrical Connections**

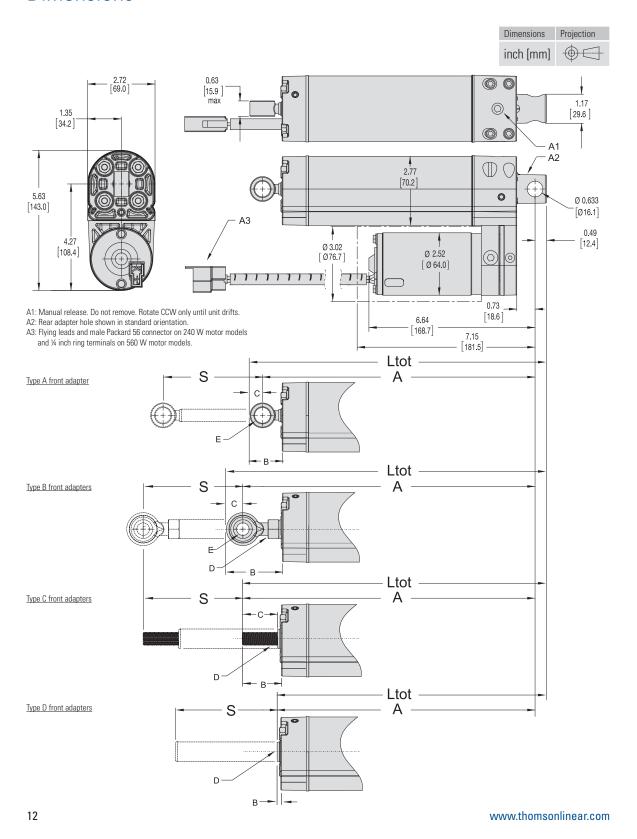


- F Fuse
- S1 Double pole double throw switch

To extend the actuator, apply +Vdc to black (white) and -Vdc to grey (green/white). To retract, apply -Vdc to black (white) and +Vdc to grey (green/white). Colors in between brackets are valid for the 560 W motor. Avoid running the actuator in to the ends.



# **Dimensions**





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Front Adapter		Type A	Type B	Type C	Type D
Standard Ordering Strokes (S)	[in]		2, 4, 6, 8, 10	0, 12, 14, 16	
Total Length (Ltot)	[in]	Ltot = A + C + 0.49	Ltot = A + C + 0.49	Ltot = A + 0.49	Ltot = A + 0.49
Retracted Length (A) Bore Size H1 Bore Size H2 Bore Size H3	[in]	A = S + 4.8 A = S + 4.8 A = S + 4.8	A = S + 5.5 A = S + 5.4 A = S + 5.7	A = S + 5.1 A = S + 5.2 A = S + 5.5	A = S + 4.2 A = S + 4.2 A = S + 4.2
Dimension B Bore Size H1 Bore Size H2 Bore Size H3	[in]	1.31 1.31 1.31	1.58 1.66 1.89	1.13 1.31 1.50	0.14 0.14 0.14
Dimension C Bore Size H1 Bore Size H2 Bore Size H3	[in]	0.52 0.52 0.52	0.50 0.56 0.66	0.99 1.17 1.36	- - -
Dimension D Bore Size H1 Bore Size H2 Bore Size H3	[in]	- - -	3/8-24 THREADS 7/16-20 THREADS 1/2-20 THREADS	3/8-24 THREADS 7/16-20 THREADS 1/2-20 THREADS	3/8-24 THREADS x 0.88 7/16-20 THREADS x 0.88 1/2-20 THREADS x 0.88
Dimension E Bore Size H1 Bore Size H2 Bore Size H3	[in]	Ø 0.631 Ø 0.631 Ø 0.631	Ø 0.38THRU Ø 0.44 THRU Ø 0.50 THRU	- - -	- - -

# Weight

Actuator Weight [lb (kg)]									
Actuator Type		Ordering Stroke (S) [in]							
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	
H1x-xx-1	6.4 (2.9)	7.2 (3.3)	8.0 (3.6)	8.8 (4.0)	9.6 (4.4)	10.4 (4.7)	11.2 (5.1)	12.0 (5.4)	
H2x-xx-1	6.9 (3.1)	7.8 (3.5)	8.7 (3.9)	9.6 (4.4)	10.5 (4.8)	11.4 (5.2)	12.3 (5.6)	13.2 (6.0)	
H3x-xx-1	7.1 (3.2)	8.2 (3.7)	9.3 (4.2)	10.4 (4.7)	11.5 (5.2)	12.6 (5.7)	13.7 (6.2)	14.8 (6.7)	
H1x-xx-2	8.0 (3.6)	8.8 (4.0)	9.6 (4.4)	10.4 (4.7)	11.2 (5.1)	12.0 (5.4)	12.8 (5.8)	13.6 (6.2)	
H2x-xx-2	8.5 (3.9)	9.4 (4.3)	10.3 (4.7)	11.2 (5.1)	12.1 (5.5)	13.0 (5.9)	13.9 (6.3)	14.8 (6.7)	
H3x-xx-2	8.7 (3.9)	9.8 (4.4)	10.9 (4.9)	12.0 (5.4)	13.1 (5.9)	14.2 (6.4)	15.3 (6.9)	16.4 (7.4)	





# Performance Matrix

Load	Model	Max. Dynamic	Load [lbf (N)]	Current Draw [A]						Extend Speed [in/s (mm/s)]		Retract Speed [in/s (mm/s)]	
Configuration (see page 18)		Extending	Extending Retracting		@ Max. Load			@ No Load		@ Max. Load	@ No Load	@ Max. Load	@ No Load
				12 Vdc	24 Vdc	48 Vdc	12 Vdc	24 Vdc	48 Vdc				
	H1C-xx-1B11	1000 (4448)	750 (3336)	8	4	3	18	13	5	0.50 (12.7)	1.75 (44.5)	2.19 (55.6)	0.63 (16.0)
	H1C-xx-1B41	500 (2224)	375 (1668)	8	4	3	18	13	5	1.00 (25.4)	3.50 (88.9)	4.38 (111.3)	1.25 (31.8)
	H1C-xx-2B11	1500 (6672)	1125 (5004)	18	9	5	38	26	13	0.50 (12.7)	1.75 (44.5)	2.19 (55.6)	0.63 (16.0)
	H1C-xx-2B41	750 (3336)	563 (2504)	18	9	5	38	26	13	1.00 (25.4)	3.50 (88.9)	4.38 (111.3)	1.25 (31.8)
	H2C-xx-1A12	2400 (10676)	1750 (7784)	8	4	3	18	13	5	0.15 (3.8)	0.50 (12.7)	0.60 (15.2)	0.18 (4.6)
C	H2C-xx-1B32	1250 (5560)	992 (4413)	8	4	3	18	13	5	0.40 (10.2)	1.40 (35.6)	1.69 (42.9)	0.48 (12.2)
C	H2C-xx-2A22	3000 (13345)	2380 (10587)	18	9	5	38	26	13	0.19 (4.8)	0.65 (16.5)	0.78 (19.8)	0.23 (5.8)
	H2C-xx-2B32	1875 (8340)	1488 (6619)	18	9	5	38	26	13	0.40 (10.2)	1.40 (35.6)	1.69 (42.9)	0.48 (12.2)
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	H3C-xx-1B23	1750 (7784)	1313 (5841)	8	4	3	18	13	5	0.29 (7.4)	1.00 (25.4)	1.25 (31.8)	0.36 (9.1)
	H3C-xx-2A13	4800 (21351)	3600 (16014)	18	9	5	38	26	13	0.13 (3.3)	0.45 (11.4)	0.56 (14.2)	0.16 (4.1)
	H3C-xx-2B23	2625 (11677)	1969 (8759)	18	9	5	38	26	13	0.29 (7.4)	1.00 (25.4)	1.25 (31.8)	0.36 (9.1)
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	H1N-xx-2B11	1500 (6672)	1125 (5004)	80	43	22	14	10	7	0.50 (12.7)	1.75 (44.4)	0.63 (16.0)	2.19 (55.6)
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<sup>\*</sup> The table above is valid for the temperature span of  $40-120^{\circ}F$  ( $4-50^{\circ}C$ ). H-Track can operate in the larger range of  $-20-150^{\circ}F$  ( $-26-65^{\circ}C$ ), but at temperatures below  $40^{\circ}F$  ( $4^{\circ}C$ ), force and current begin to increase, while speed decreases. At temperatures above  $120^{\circ}F$  ( $50^{\circ}C$ ), speed will decrease slightly. The exact amount of performance change is difficult to calculate. Also, when it comes to the lower temperature span, the performance will move towards what is stated above as the temperature rises in the actuator due to the heat generated by its work. Please consult Thomson customer service for more information.



# **Ordering Key**

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
H1	C-	12-	1	A2	2	-A	06	

#### 1. Bore size (1)

H1 = 1.000 in

H2 = 1.375 in

H3 = 1.500 in

#### 2. Load configuration (1)

C- = gravity push on the load/extension tube when extending

H- = gravity pull on the load/extension tube when extending

B- = gravity both push and pull on the load/extension tube in both directions <sup>(2)</sup>

N- = gravity does not affect the load/extension tube in any direction

#### 3. Input voltage (1)

12 - = 12 Vdc

24 - = 24 Vdc

48 - = 48 Vdc

#### 4. Motor power (1)

1 = 240 W

2 = 560 W

### 5. Pump size (1)

A1 = gear tooth 16, thickness 0.125 in

A2 = gear tooth 16, thickness 0.156 in

A3 = gear tooth 16, thickness 0.188 in

A4 = gear tooth 16, thickness 0.250 in

B1 = gear tooth 12, thickness 0.125 in

B2 = gear tooth 12, thickness 0.156 in

B3 = gear tooth 12, thickness 0.188 in

B4 = gear tooth 12, thickness 0.250 in

#### 6. Extension tube diameter

1 = 0.500 in (always with bore size H1)

2 = 0.625 in (always with bore size H2)

3 = 0.750 in (always with bore size H3)

#### 7. Extension tube front adapter

-A = Standard

-B = Spherical

-C = Male Thread

-D = Female Thread

### 8. Stroke length (3)

02 = 2 in (50 mm)

04 = 4 in (100 mm)

06 = 6 in (150 mm)

08 = 8 in (200 mm)

10 = 10 in (254 mm) 12 = 12 in (300 mm)

14 = 14 in (356 mm)

16 = 16 in (406 mm)

#### 9. Rear adapter orientation

blank = standard

R90 = 90° position

(1) See page 14 for sizing and selection guidelines.

(2) Contact customer supprt before chosing configuration B.
(3) Other stroke lengths available upon request. Please contact customer support.





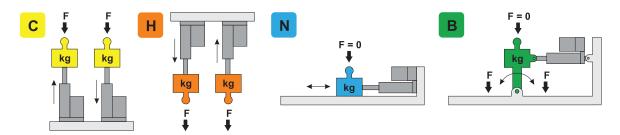
# Sizing and Selection

In order to choose the optimal H-Track actuator for your application, please follow the sizing and selection process as described below. Do not hesitate to contact Thomson customer support if you need assistance.

## **Step 1. Determining Load Configuration**

Determine which load configuration (C, H, N or B) is valid for your application. Also see page 18.

Example: Assuming that the load needs to be pushed horizontally, and the extension tube will not be affected by gravity when pushing or pulling, then the application corresponds to load configuration N.



### Step 2. Bore and Extension Tube Sizing

Determine which bore size is needed for your load and stroke. Also see page 19.

Example: Assuming the application requires 16-in stroke, and that load is 2500 lbf at extension (red dot) and 500 lbf at retraction (yellow dot), then the Stroke vs. Load and Bore Size diagram below shows, that only the blue curve is above both points. Therefore, bore size H3 is the only possible choice in this case.





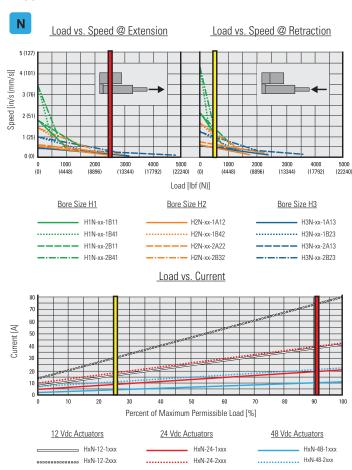
# Step 3. Sizing of Motor, Pump and Power Supply

Determine the size of the actuator motor and pump for your application, as well as the current draw by referring to the diagrams on pages 20 - 22.

Example: Since the load configuration in step 1 was determined to be of type N, refer to the diagrams on page 22.

In the Load vs. Speed diagrams for load configuration N, the maximum extension and retraction loads that were assumed in step 2 are shown by the vertical lines. In this example, we also assume that a travel speed of 0.25 in/s is required when extending and 1 in/s when retracting. The only H3 bore size of the four that can deliver that speed when extending at 2500 lbf and retracting at 500 lbf is model H3N-xx-2B23.

In order to size the power supply, you must decide which voltage to use and the maximum load currect draw at extension and retraction. To do that, first determine the percentage of the maximum permissible load that is used in each direction.



According to the Load vs. Speed diagram, H3N-xx-2B23 has a maximum load of about 2700 lbf at extension and 2000 lbf at retraction (the exact max. load values can be found in the Performance Matrix on page 14). The assumed maximum loads needed in the application, which requires 2500 lbf at extension and 500 lbf at retraction, are about 92% (red line) and 25% (yellow line) of the maximum permissible loads. The current for H3N-xx-2B23 equipped with a 24 Vdc motor (model H3N-24-2B2) would, in this case, follow the dotted red line and be about 20 A at extension and 40 A at retraction. Be sure to size your power supply with some margin.

## Step 4. Finishing the Ordering Code

At this point, the ordering code is H3N-24-2B23-xxxx. In order to complete it, the type of extension tube front adapter, the stroke length and the rear adapter orientation need to be determined. Also see page 15.

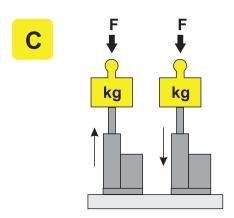
Example: In step 2, it was assumed the application required a 16-in stroke, which means the code becomes H3N-24-2B23-x16x. If we assume a standard front adapter and a 90° rear adapter orientation are required, the complete ordering code would be H3N-24-2B23-A16R.





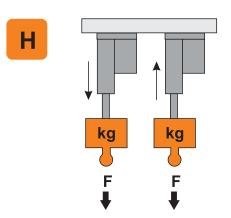
# **Determining Load Configuration**

There are four main types of load and gravity configurations, which will determine the performance of the actuator. Please refer to the configurations below and choose the one that best corresponds to your application. Contact Thomson customer support if you are unable to determine a valid configuration for your application.



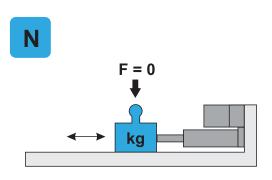
## **Configuration C**

The gravity resists the load being moved when the actuator extends and helps it when retracting.



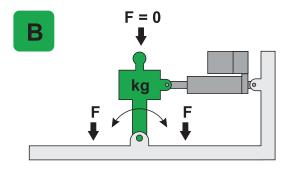
# **Configuration H**

The gravity helps the load being moved when the actuator extends and resists it when retracting.



# **Configuration N**

The gravity does not affect the load in any direction.



### **Configuration B**

The gravity both helps and resists the load being moved in both directions except at one point where the load is not affected by the gravity at all. If this is your configuration, try to re-design the mechanical linkage so that the result is a C, H or N configuration. Please contact Thomson customer support if that is not possible.

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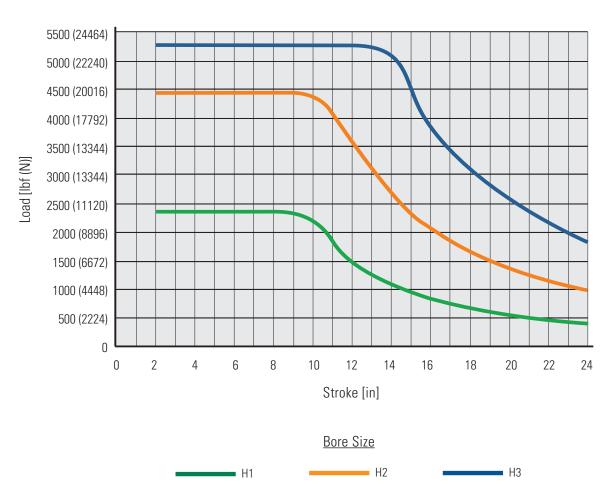


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# Sizing of Bore and Extension Tube

The maximum load in each direction and the required stroke length determine the minimum bore and extension tube size needed for the actuator. Refer to the diagram below to determine which bore size your application requires. If no solution exists, the stroke and/or load must be reduced. Contact Thomson customer support if you are unable to determine a valid combination for your application.

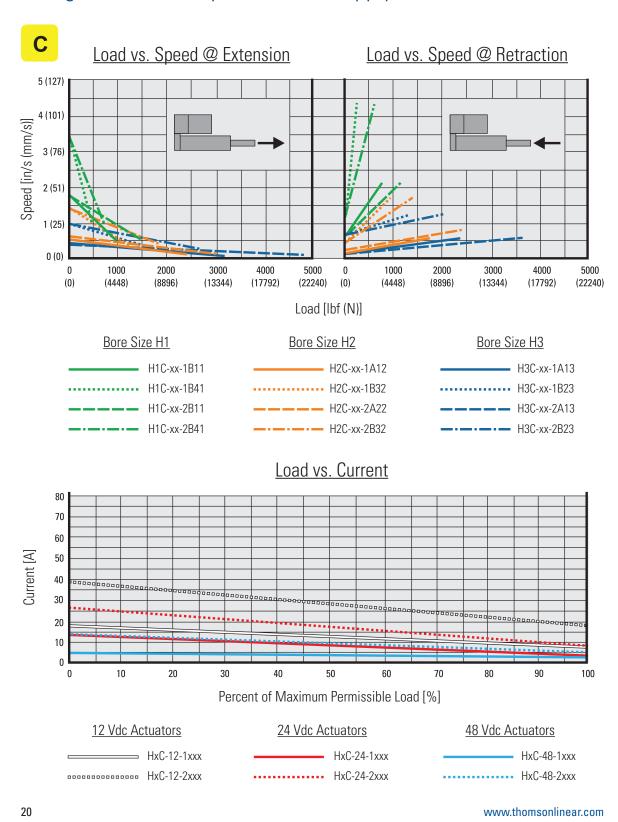
# Stroke vs. Load and Bore Size





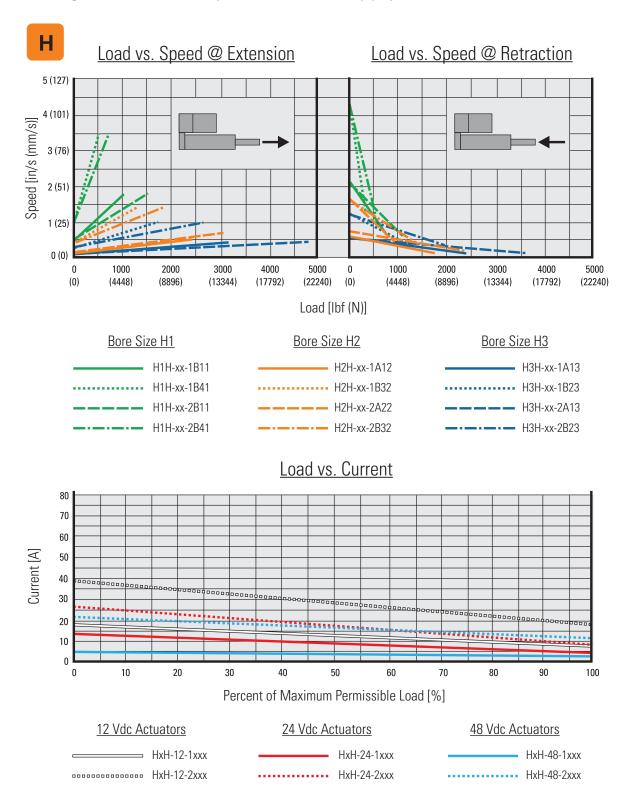


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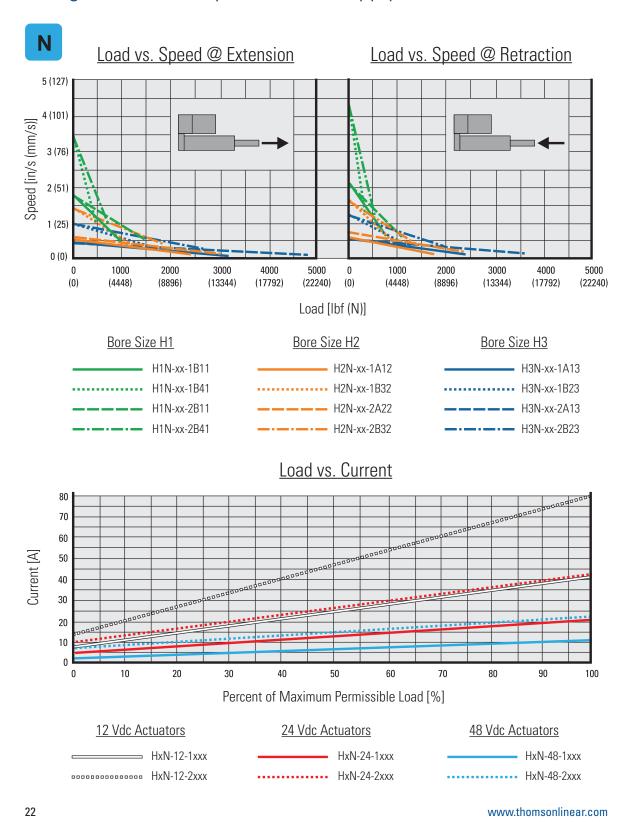
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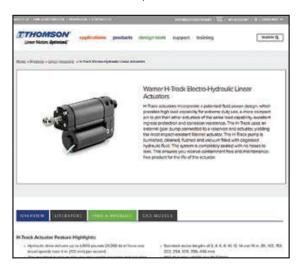
# Online Resources

Thomson offers a wide variety of online tools to help you in the sizing and selection process. An experienced team of engineers is also available to help size and select an H-Track model to best fit your application needs. To explore additional technical resources and options, contact customer support at www.thomsonlinear.com/cs.

#### H-Track on the Web

Get additional information and learn more about H-Track on this content-rich web page.

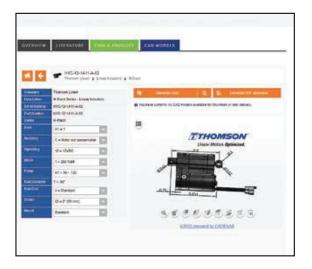
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# Frequently Asked Questions

# What is the typical life of an actuator?

Life is a function of load and stroke length. Please contact customer support for more information.

# What are the most common reasons for premature actuator failure?

Side load due to incorrect mounting, shock loading, exceeding the duty cycle and incorrect wiring are the most prominent causes of premature failure.

#### Is H-Track maintenance free?

Yes, it never requires lubrication, maintenance or adjustment for wear.

### What are IP ratings?

Ingress Protection (IP) ratings are commonly referenced standards that classify electrical equipment using standard tests to determine resistance to ingress of solid objects (first digit) and liquids (second digit). See the IP Ratings table below.

# Is H-Track suitable for tough environments such as washdown or extreme temperatures?

Yes. H-Track actuators are designed for washdown and have passed 200 hours of salt spray tests. They can operate in temperatures ranging from -20 to  $+65^{\circ}$ C (-20 to  $+150^{\circ}$ F).

### How is the duty cycle determined?

The duty cycle = on time / on time + off time. For example, if H-Track is powered for 15 seconds and then off for 45 seconds, the duty cycle for that minute would be 25%. All models are rated to 25% at full load, and an ambient temperature of 25°C (77°F). If load and/or ambient temperature are lower, then the duty cycle can exceed 25%. At higher temperatures, the duty cycle will be lower.

### Can H-Track be side loaded?

No. A proper design of the application should eliminate any side loads.

IP Ra	IP Rating (EN60529)							
Code	First Digit Definition	Second Digit Definition						
0	No protection.	No protection.						
1	Protected against solid objects over 50 mm.	Protected against vertically falling drops of water.						
2	Protected against solid objects over 12.5 mm.	Protected against vertically falling drops of water, if the case is disposed up to 15° from vertical.						
3	Protected against solid objects over 2.5 mm.	Protected against vertically falling drops of water, if the case is disposed up to $60^\circ$ from vertical.						
4	Protected against solid objects over 1 mm.	Protected against splash water from any direction.						
5	Limited protection against dust ingress (no harmful deposits).	Protected against low-pressure water jets from any direction. Limited ingress permitted.						
6	Totally dust protected.	Protected against high-pressure water jets from any direction. Limited ingress permitted.						
7	_	Protected against short periods of immersion in water.						
8	-	Protected against long, durable periods of immersion in water.						
9K	-	Protected against close-range, high-pressure and high-temperature spray downs.						

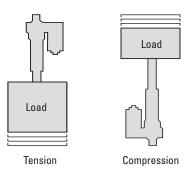


# Is it possible for a load to back-drive the extension tube?

H-Track is self locking up to at least the maximum static load. Higher static load may result in damage and back driving.

# What is the difference between a tension and a compression load?

A tension load tries to stretch the actuator, while a compression load tries to compress it. With bi-directional loads, the end play of the actuator extension tube may need to be taken into consideration when using the actuator for positioning tasks.



# What is the range of input voltage an H-Track can operate with?

A 12 Vdc version will accept 9-16 Vdc, a 24 Vdc 18-32 Vdc and a 48 Vdc 36-64 Vdc. Outside of these limits, operation may be erratic and the actuator permanently damaged.

### Is H-Track protected against overheating?

Yes, the motor incorporates a thermal switch in the windings to shut off the actuator motor in case of overheating or high overcurrent.

# Can the speed of an H-Track be adjusted by changing the input voltage?

Yes, as long as the voltage is within the acceptable input voltage limits.

#### What is the inrush current?

The inrush current is a short current peak that appears at the start of an actuator as the motor tries to get the load moving. Typically, the inrush current will last between 75-150 milliseconds and can be up to three times higher than the current for the actuator and load. Batteries have no problem delivering the inrush current, but if using an AC power supply, it is important to size it to handle the inrush current.

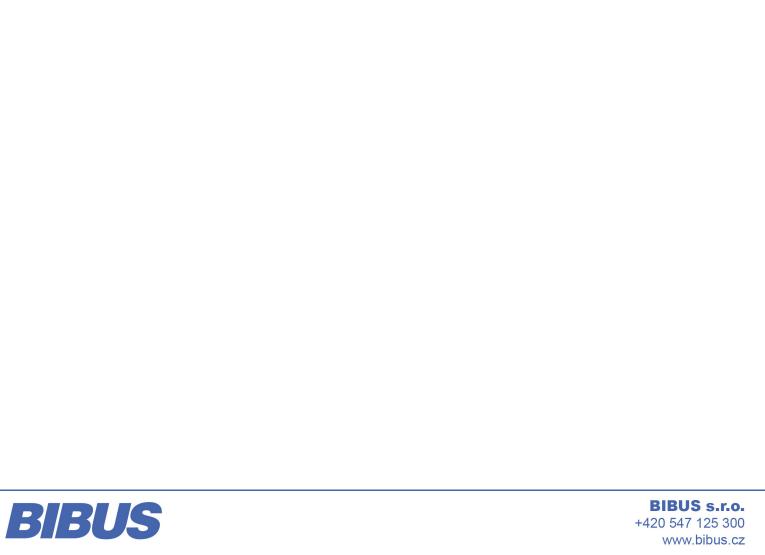
# What special mounting considerations does the H-Track require?

There is no restraining torque that needs to be considered as H-Track is internally restrained. However, the actuator must be mounted so that there are no side loads acting on the extension tube.

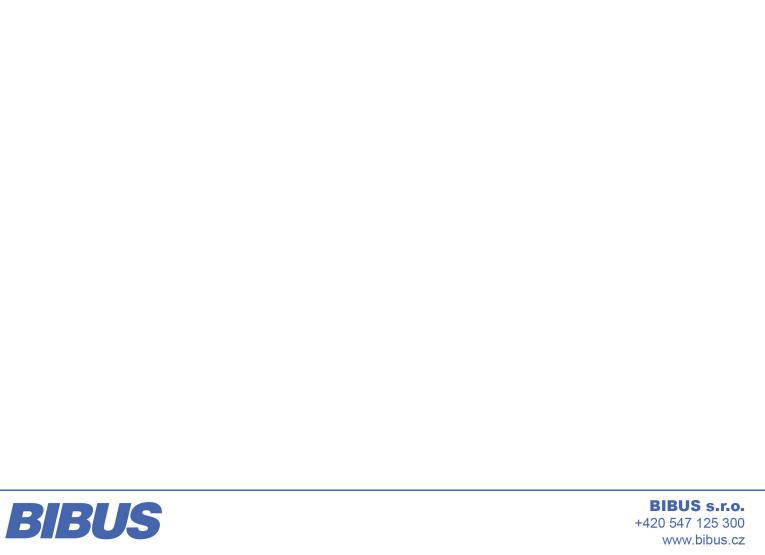
### What is the maximum travel speed?

The travel speed of an H-Track actuator is a linear function of the load. To determine the speed at a certain load and direction, consult the load vs. speed diagrams on pages 18 - 20. If a higher linear travel speed is required, a simple mechanical linkage can be employed.











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