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# **RC Servos**

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- Slide 17 SVMT-42: Power supply voltage: 4.8-6 volts Torque: 49oz/in Speed: 0.16sec/60º Weight: 1.56oz \$16.75
- · A servo consists of a small motor, a gearset, a feedback potentiometer (variable resistor), and some control electronics.
- Closed-loop feedback system.
- · Power, Ground and Control.
- Servos are controlled using a system called Pulse Code Modulation (PCM).
- Futaba servo 90 position (middle) pulsewidth of about 1.5 ms (at least once every 20 ms)
- No pulses for about 50 ms or so "sleep mode" (require processor resources)

http://www.cs.uiowa.edu/~jones/step/index.html

- Serial Servo controllers

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Industrial Circuits Application

**Stepper Motor** 

A stepper motor is an electromechanical

device which converts electrical pulses into

discrete mechanical movements. The shaft

or spindle of a stepper motor rotates in

discrete step increments when electrical

command pulses are applied to it in the

proper sequence. The motors rotation has

several direct relationships to these applied

input pulses. The sequence of the applied

pulses is directly related to the direction of

motor shafts rotation is directly related to the frequency of the input pulses and the

length of rotation is directly related to the number of input pulses applied.

motor shafts rotation. The speed of the

# **Stepper Motors**

http://www.ericsson.se/microe/pdf/Industri/app/motorbas.pdf

## Stepper Motor Advantages and Disadvantages

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### Advantages

- 1. The rotation angle of the motor is proportional to the input pulse
- 2. The motor has full torque at standstill (if the windings are energized)
- Precise positioning and repeatability of movement since good stepper motors have an accuracy of 3 - 5% of a step and this error is non cumulative from one step to the next.
- 4. Excellent response to starting/ stopping/reversing.
- 5. Very reliable since there are no contact brushes in the motor. Therefore the life of the motor is simply dependant on the life of the bearing
- 6. The motors response to digital The motors response to digital input pulses provides open-loop control, making the motor simpler and less costly to control.
- load that is directly coupled to the shafr.
- can be realized as the speed is proportional to the frequency of the input pulses.

**RC Servos** http://www.hvwtech.com/about\_servos.htm http://www.repairfaq.org/filipg/RC/F\_Servos.html Host of other info on Web

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# **References**

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#### • Stepper Motors

□ Ultimate Reference on Stepper Motors you will need

# **Control of Stepping** Motors, a tutorial

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# Other Motor Control Web Pages

- Ericcson's Stepper Motor Application Notes an excellent tutorial from a major
- manufacturer of stepping motor control ICs
- Tom Porter's Motor Control Web Page
- Ian Harries on Stepping Motors with a nice set of information on reverse engineering salvaged motors and a number of example applications.
- <u>Tony Mercer's web pages</u> with an introductory stepper tutorial.
- Euclid Research MotionScope<sup>TM</sup> demo
  - excellent illustrations of physical behavior of some real motors.

Figure 1. Cross-section of a variable relactance (VR) motor.

## Disadvantages

- 1. Resonances can occur if nor properly controlled.
- 2. Not easy to operate at extremely high speeds.

It is possible to achieve very low speed synchronous rotation with a

8. A wide range of rotational speeds