Positioning Module
(with MECHATROLINK-III Interface)
F3NC97-0N

- **Latest open motion field network**
  - Standard published by the MECHATROLINK Members Association
  - Latest, Ethernet-based, high-performance, advanced network

- **Reduced wiring, simpler configuration, lower cost**
  - Good cost performance: one module controls up to 15 axes
  - Easy connection using connectors

- **Fast, accurate position control through high-speed, high-throughput communication**
  - Transmission rate: 100Mbps, cycle time: 0.25, 0.5 or 1 ms for 4-, 8- or 15-axis control
  - Shorter control cycle and faster startup enable improved control performance, tact time and productivity
  - Up to 8 monitor data per axis can be read simultaneously for better external device operation monitoring.
  - Control by transmitted commands enables full exploitation of motor performance (high speed and high resolution).
  - Versatile position control includes linear interpolated motion of up to 15 axes, simultaneous linear interpolated motion of any combination of axes, and change of speed or target position during motion.

- **Flexible system configuration**
  - Supports star and cascade network topologies
  - Inter-station distance up to 100 m enables flexible system configuration.

- **More MECHATROLINK-III compliant devices upcoming**
  - Stepping motors, I/O equipment and inverters from more manufacturers supported in future.
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### Specifications

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<td>Interface</td>
<td>MECHATROLINK-III compliant</td>
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<td>Physical layer</td>
<td>Ethernet</td>
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<td>Transmission rate</td>
<td>100 Mbps</td>
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<td>Cycle time / No. of stations</td>
<td>0.25 ms for 4 axes, 0.5 ms for 8 axes, or 1.0 ms for 15 axes</td>
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<td>Transmission bytes</td>
<td>16, 32, 48, or 64 bytes (intermixing allowed)</td>
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<td>Communications method</td>
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<td>Network topology</td>
<td>Cascade or star</td>
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<td>Transmission media</td>
<td>Ethernet STP Cat5e (dedicated cable)</td>
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<td>Max. transmission distance</td>
<td>100 m (between stations)</td>
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<td>Min. distance between stations</td>
<td>0.2 m</td>
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<td>Supported profiles</td>
<td>- Standard servo profile - Standard I/O profile</td>
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<td>Positioning functions</td>
<td>Position reference -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647 (reference unit)</td>
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<td>Functions</td>
<td>- Independent axis motion using standard servo profile commands (availability depends on connected external device and supported standard servo profile commands) - Linear interpolation motion (starting and stopping multiple axes simultaneously) and speed/target position change during motion</td>
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<td>Others</td>
<td>- Status monitoring of external devices (target position, current position, speed, and torque) - Reading and writing parameters of external devices - External device I/O using standard I/O profile commands</td>
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<td>Number of installed modules</td>
<td>8 modules max. (controlling 120 axes max.)</td>
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<td>Current consumption</td>
<td>530 mA (at 5 V DC)</td>
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<td>External connection</td>
<td>Two MECHATROLINK-III connectors (industrial mini-connector)</td>
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<td>External dimensions</td>
<td>28.9 (W) x 100 (H) x 83.2 (D) mm</td>
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<td>Weight</td>
<td>130 g</td>
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### Product Summary

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