# MELSEC FX Series

## Programmable Logic Controllers

## Introduction to
## FX Positioning Control Systems

## Beginners Manual

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# About This Manual

The texts, illustration, diagrams and examples in this manual are provided
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operation, programming and use of programmable controllers of the programmable
logic controllers of the MELSEC FX1S, FX1N, FX2N, FX2NC, FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U and FX3UC series.

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# Safety Guidelines

## General safety information and precautions

### For use by qualified staff only

This manual is only intended for use by properly trained and qualified electrical technicians who are fully acquainted with the relevant automation technology safety standards. All work with the hardware described, including system design, installation, configuration, maintenance, service and testing of the equipment, may only be performed by trained electrical technicians with approved qualifications who are fully acquainted with all the applicable automation technology safety standards and regulations. Any operations or modifications to the hardware and/or software of our products not specifically described in this manual may only be performed by authorised Mitsubishi Electric staff.

### Proper use of the products

The programmable logic controllers of the FX1S, FX1N, FX2N, FX2NC, FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U and FX3UC series are only intended for the specific applications explicitly described in this manual. All parameters and settings specified in this manual must be observed. The products described have all been designed, manufactured, tested and documented in strict compliance with the relevant safety standards. Unqualified modification of the hardware or software or failure to observe the warnings on the products and in this manual may result in serious personal injury and/or damage to property. Only peripherals and expansion equipment specifically recommended and approved by Mitsubishi Electric may be used with the programmable logic controllers of the MELSEC FX family.

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### Relevant safety regulations

All safety and accident prevention regulations relevant to your specific application must be observed in the system design, installation, configuration, maintenance, servicing and testing of these products. The regulations listed below are particularly important in this regard. This list does not claim to be complete, however; you are responsible for being familiar with and conforming to the regulations applicable to you in your location.

● VDE Standards

– VDE 0100
Regulations for the erection of power installations with rated voltages below 1000 V

– VDE 0105
Operation of power installations

– VDE 0113
Electrical installations with electronic equipment

– VDE 0160
Electronic equipment for use in power installations

– VDE 0550/0551
Regulations for transformers

– VDE 0700
Safety of electrical appliances for household use and similar applications

– VDE 0860
Safety regulations for mains-powered electronic appliances and their accessories for household use and similar applications.

● Fire safety regulations

● Accident prevention regulations

– VBG Nr.4
Electrical systems and equipment

**Safety warnings in this manual**

In this manual warnings that are relevant for safety are identified as follows:

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**DANGER:**

*Failure to observe the safety warnings identified with this symbol can result in health and injury hazards for the user.*

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**WARNING:**

*Failure to observe the safety warnings identified with this symbol can result in damage to the equipment or other property.*

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# General safety information and precautions

The following safety precautions are intended as a general guideline for using PLC systems together with other equipment. These precautions must always be observed in the design, installation and operation of all control systems.

**DANGER:**

- *Observe all safety and accident prevention regulations applicable to your specific application. Always disconnect all power supplies before performing installation and wiring work or opening any of the assemblies, components and devices.*

- *Assemblies, components and devices must always be installed in a shockproof housing fitted with a proper cover and fuses or circuit breakers.*

- *Devices with a permanent connection to the mains power supply must be integrated in the building installations with an all-pole disconnection switch and a suitable fuse.*

- *Check power cables and lines connected to the equipment regularly for breaks and insulation damage. If cable damage is found immediately disconnect the equipment and the cables from the power supply and replace the defective cabling.*

- *Before using the equipment for the first time check that the power supply rating matches that of the local mains power.*

- *Take appropriate steps to ensure that cable damage or core breaks in the signal lines cannot cause undefined states in the equipment.*

- *You are responsible for taking the necessary precautions to ensure that programs interrupted by brownouts and power failures can be restarted properly and safely. In particular, you must ensure that dangerous conditions cannot occur under any circumstances, even for brief periods.*

- *EMERGENCY OFF facilities conforming to EN 60204/IEC 204 and VDE 0113 must remain fully operative at all times and in all PLC operating modes. The EMERGENCY OFF facility reset function must be designed so that it cannot ever cause an uncontrolled or undefined restart.*

- *You must implement both hardware and software safety precautions to prevent the possibility of undefined control system states caused by signal line cable or core breaks.*

- *When using modules always ensure that all electrical and mechanical specifications and requirements are observed exactly.*

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# 1        The Basics of Positioning Control

## 1.1        What is positioning control?

The positioning controller, together with the programmable logic controller, personal computer and operator interface, is one of the four main units of FA (factory automation).

Among these units, the positioning controller plays an important role and is regarded as the center of the mechatronics field in which many senior engineers have been playing active roles.

Positioning is all about motion, and motion often involves speed and precision. And since speed can be directly related to productivity, positioning is an area of much development. When the speed of a machine increases, a problem with the stop precision is often generated. In order to solve this problem, diversified grades of positioning controllers have been required and developed.

Improving machine efficiency generates immeasurable added value, including reduced labor costs and improved conservation of machine floor space for the same quantity of production. If there are no problems related to the positioning aspect of a machine, it may mean that the machine is not running as efficiently as it could be. This is where the science of developing and retrofitting an optimum positioning control system comes in.

# 1.2    Actuators for positioning

The options available for positioning control depend on the type of actuator driving the system. An actuator is a mechanical device that moves or controls a specific element or a series of elements within a system.

In a mechanical system, an actuator is often used with a sensor to detect the motion or position of a workpiece. The following illustrations provide examples of diversified actuators, their features and their weak points.

## 1.2.1    Pneumatic

### Features and Drawbacks

● Air source and high grade piping are required.

● High torque is not available.

● Multi-point positioning is complex and very difficult to achieve.

● Change in positioning is difficult.
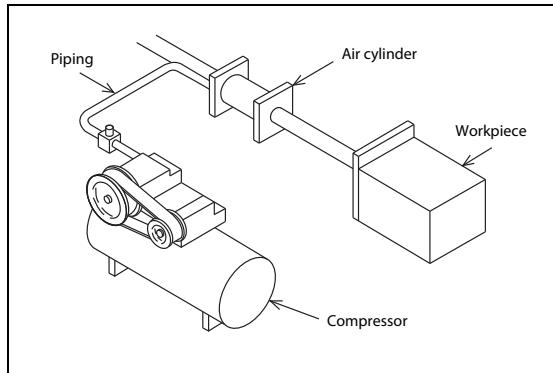


***Fig. 1-1:***     *Schematic drawing*
*Pneumatic*

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## 1.2.2    Brake motor

### Features and Drawbacks

● Positioning mechanism is simple.

● Repeatability is poor.

● Change in positioning is difficult.
(When optical sensors or limit switches are used for stop)
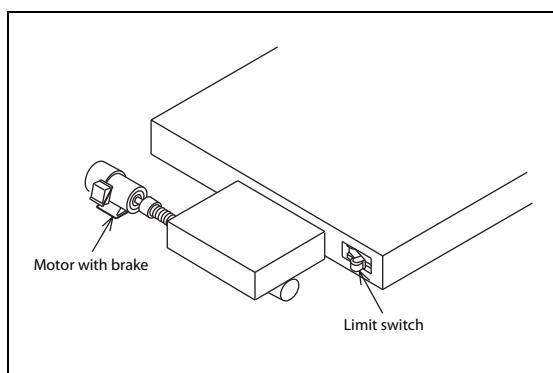


***Fig. 1-2:***     *Schematic drawing*
*Brake motor*

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## 1.2.3        Clutch brake

### Features and Drawbacks

● Frequent positioning is possible.

● Life of friction plate is limited.

● Change in positioning is difficult.
  (When optical sensors or limit switches are used for stop)
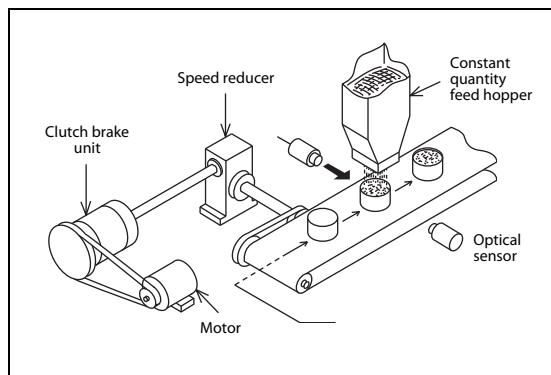


**Fig. 1-3:**   *Schematic drawing Clutch Brake*

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## 1.2.4        Stepping motor

### Features and Drawbacks

● Simple positioning mechanism.

● If load is heavy, motor may step out and displacement can occur.

● Motor capacity is small.

● Precision is poor at high speed.
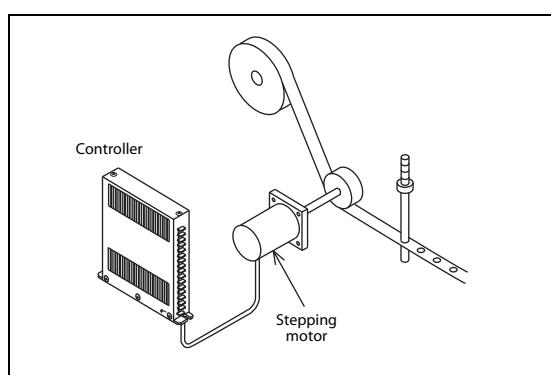


**Fig. 1-4:**   *Schematic drawing Stepping motor*

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## 1.2.5        DC servo system

### Features and Drawbacks

● Positioning precision is accurate.

● Maintenance is required for motor brushes.

● It is not suitable for rotation at high speed.
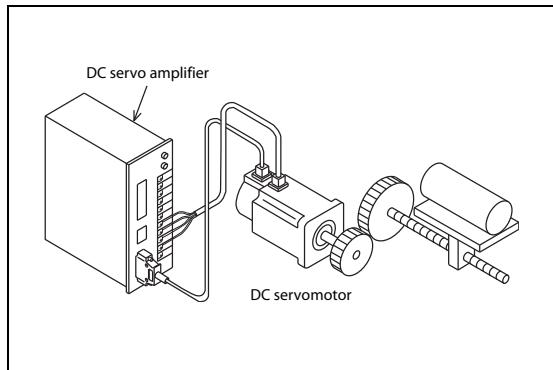


***Fig. 1-5:***     *Schematic drawing*
            *DC servo system*

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## 1.2.6        General purpose inverter and general purpose motor

### Features and Drawbacks

● Multi-speed positioning is available using a high-speed counter.

● High precision positioning is not available.

● Large torque is not available at start.
  (Specialized inverter is required)
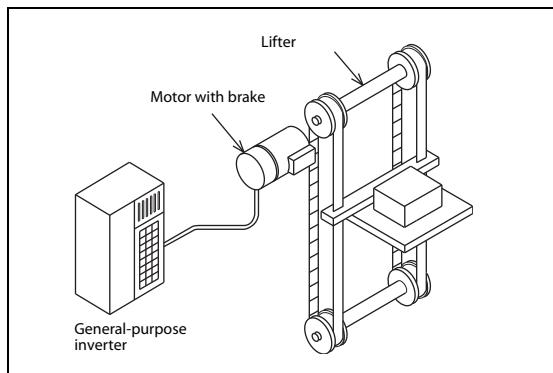


***Fig. 1-6:***     *Schematic drawing*
            *General purpose inverter and*
            *general purpose motor*

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## 1.2.7         AC servo system

**Features and Drawbacks**

● Positioning precision is good.

● Maintenance is not required.

● Positioning address can be easily changed.

● It is compact, and offers high power.
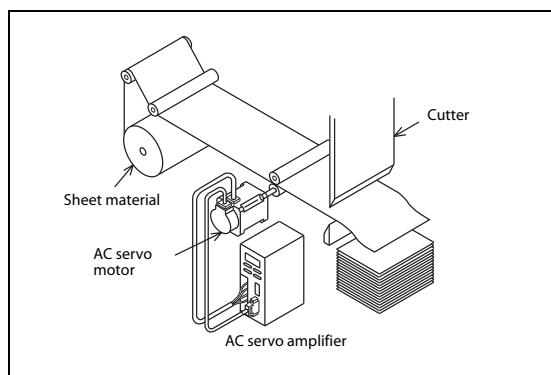


***Fig. 1-7:***   *Schematic drawing AC servo system*

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# 1.3 Positioning method type

In general, there are two methods to control the movement of a workpiece: speed control and position control. For basic, more rudimentary positioning, speed control can be used with an inverter and general purpose motor. For systems where precision is a must, servo systems are required for the advanced handling of pulse commands.

## 1.3.1 Speed control

**Limit switch method**

Two limit switches are provided in places where a system's moving part passes. At the first limit switch, the motor speed is reduced. At the second limit switch, the motor turns off and the brake turns on to stop the moving part.

In this method, because position controllers are not required, the system configuration can be realized at reasonable cost.

– Guideline of stopping precision: Approximately ±1.0 to 5.0 mm

(The stop precision shows a value in a case where the low speed is 10 to 100 mm/s.)
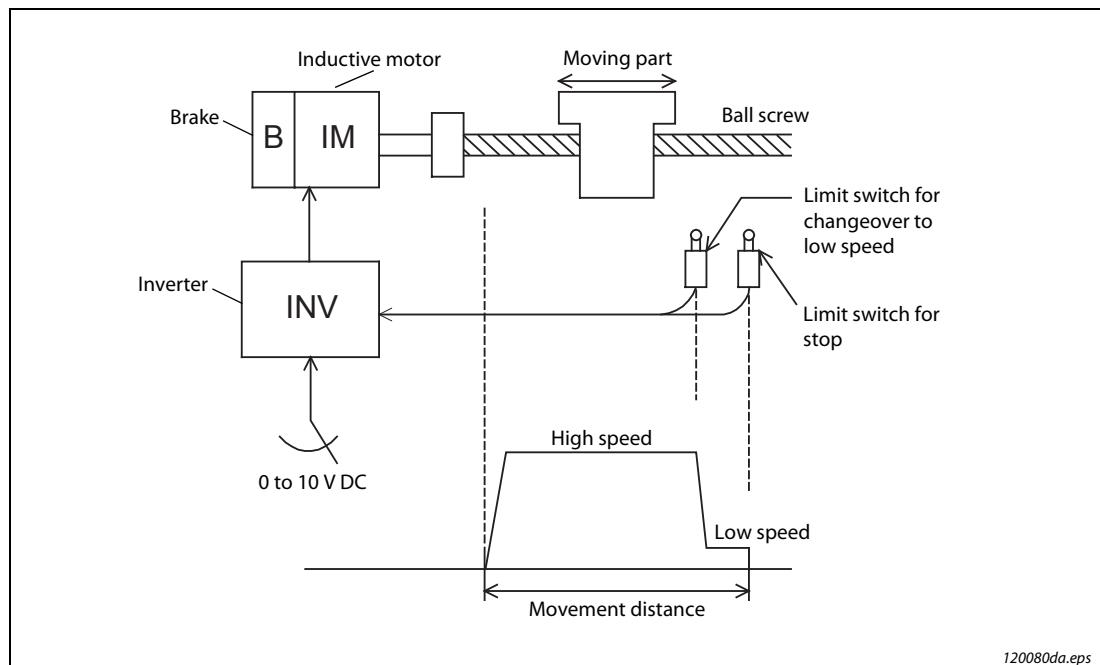


**Fig. 1-8:**   *Schematic drawing – Limit switch method*

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**Pulse count method**

A position detector (such as a pulse encoder) is set up in a motor or rotation axis. The pulse number generated from the position detector is counted by a high-speed counter. When the pulse number reaches the preset value, the moving part stops.

In this method, because limit switches are not used, the stop position can be easily changed.

– Guideline of stopping precision: Approximately ±0.1 to 0.5 mm

(The stop precision shows a value in a case where the low speed is 10 to 100 mm/s.)
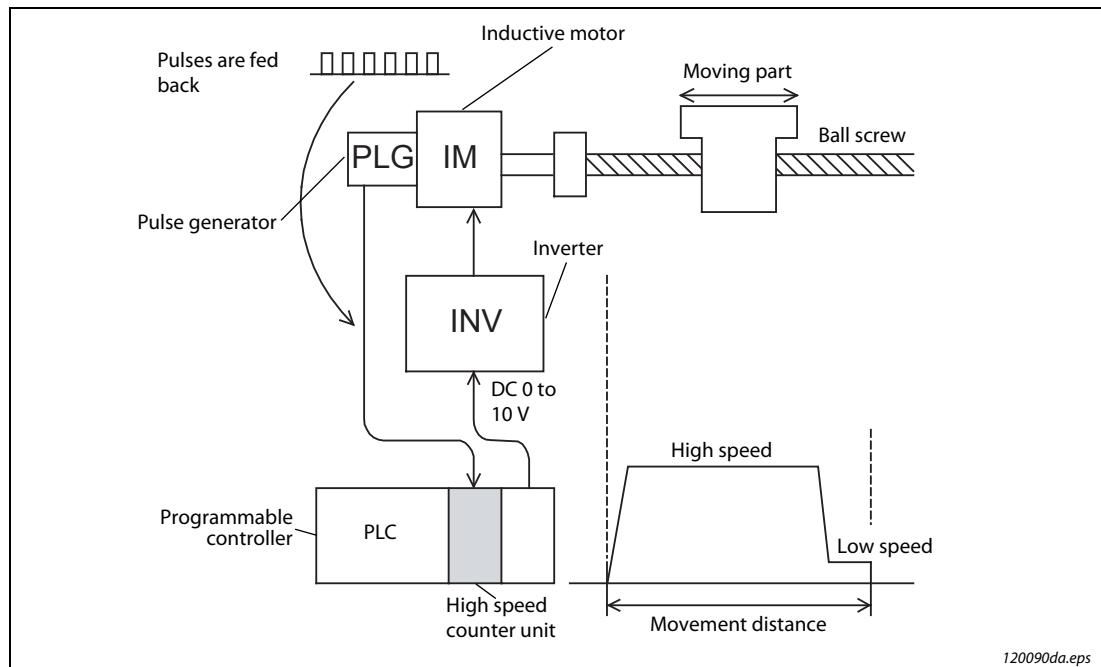


**Fig. 1-9:**  *Schematic drawing – Pulse count method*

In speed control applications with inverters, stop precision is not very accurate. With the limit switch method, a system operates without any feedback to the controller to indicate the location of the workpiece. With the pulse count method, the speed can be changed and the stop command can be executed at specific distances (at specific timings) according to the feedback from the pulse generator connected to the motor. Both the limit switch method and the pulse count method, however, are subject to a loss in stop precision due to the dispersion of distance that occurs for workpieces at different speeds.

● When automatically stopping a moving part driven by a motor, stop the motor by a position signal (using a limit switch or pulse count comparison). In general conditions, turn on the brake at the same time.

● The moving part continues by a coasting distance until it completely stops, after the stop command is given. The coasting distance is not controlled and it is represented as the shaded part in the figure below.
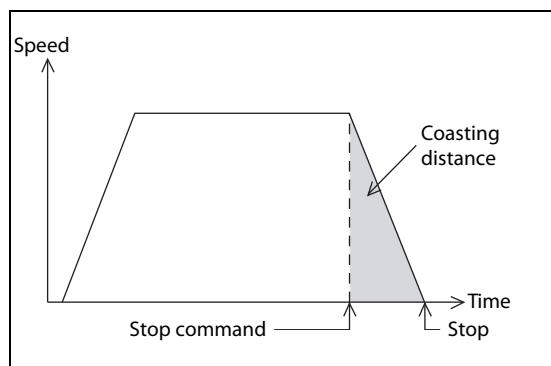


**Fig. 1-10:** *Positioning pattern*

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● Dispersion in the stop distance changes as shown below. Dispersion is affected by the speed of the workpiece when the stop command is given and the speed reduction time delay after stop.
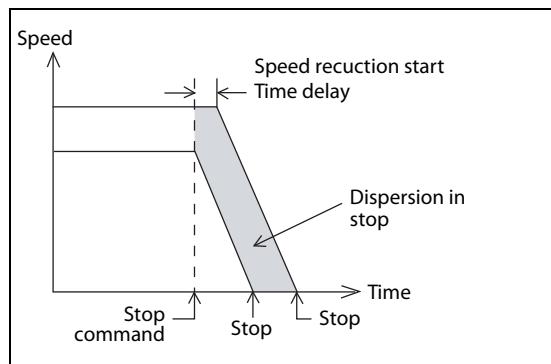


**Fig. 1-11:** *Positioning pattern*

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● If the required stop precision is not satisfactory when stopping from the normal operation speed, the most effective method to improve the stop precision is to reduce the operation speed. However, if the operation speed is simply reduced, the machine efficiency may also be reduced. Therefore, in actual operation, the motor speed can be reduced from a high speed to a low speed before the motor is stopped, as shown below.



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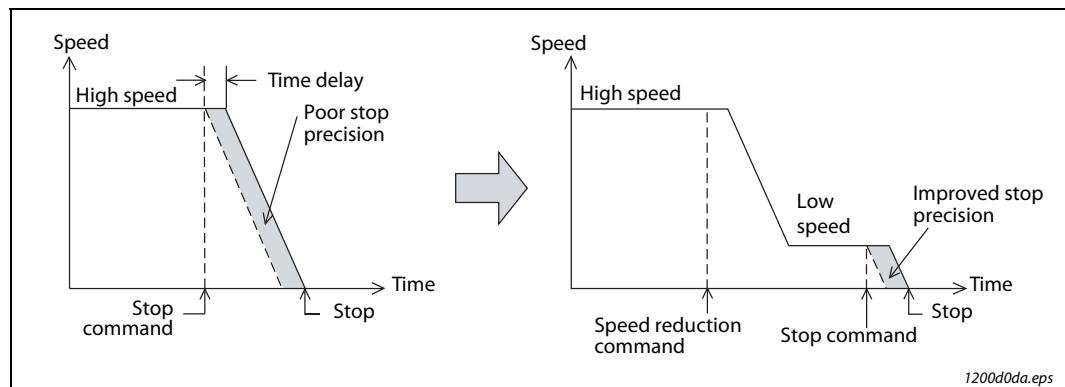
**Fig. 1-12:** *Positioning pattern*

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### 1.3.2 Position control

**Pulse command method**

An AC servo motor which rotates in proportion to the input pulse number is used as the drive motor.

When the pulse number corresponding to the movement distance is input to the servo amplifier of the AC servo motor, positioning can be performed at high speed in proportion to the pulse frequency.

– Guideline of stopping precision: Approximately ±0.01 to 0.05 mm

(The stop precision shows a value in a case where the low speed is 10 to 100 mm/s.)



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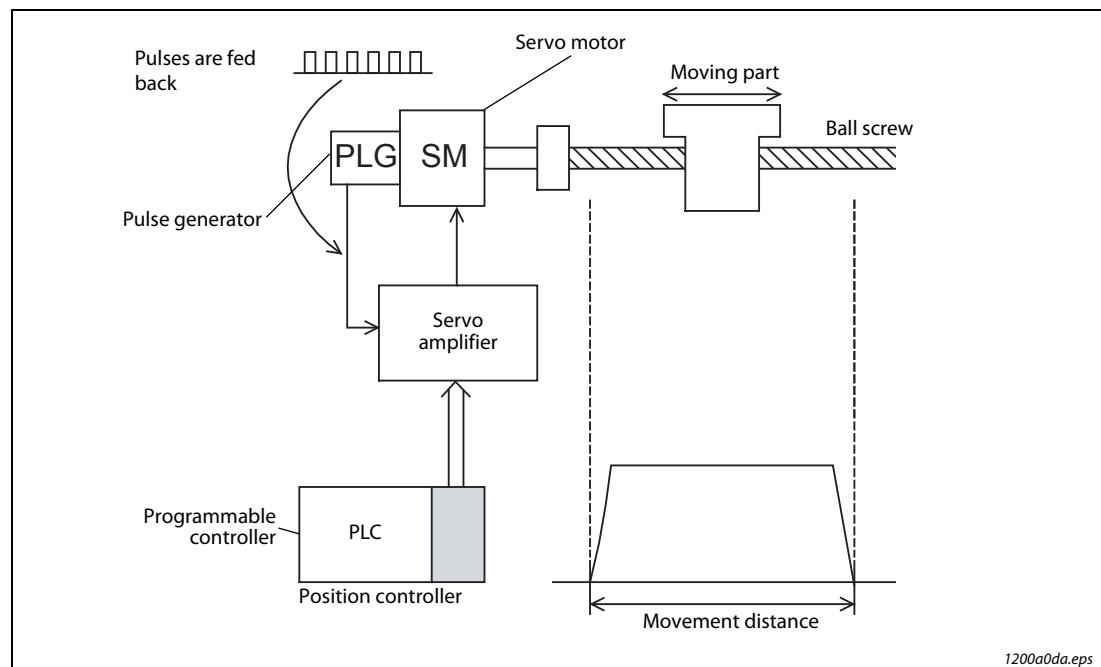
**Fig. 1-13:** *Schematic drawing – Pulse command method*

Using the pulse command method with a servo amplifier, the weak points described above for speed control are improved. A pulse encoder is attached to the servo motor to detect the motor rotation quantity (workpiece movement distance) and feed the information directly to the servo amplifier in order to continuously and directly control the high-speed positioning operation to the target position. This method allows the workpiece to stop with better precision and eliminates the coasting and dispersion distance at stop. Furthermore, limit switches to stop normal positioning operations, along with counting methods from the PLC are not needed.

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# 2 Positioning by AC Servo System

## 2.1 Advantages for using an AC servo system

With an AC servo system, positioning can be performed by many diversified methods. Typically, a position controller, servo amplifier and servo motor are required for positioning with an AC servo system. The representative servo system configuration is shown below.
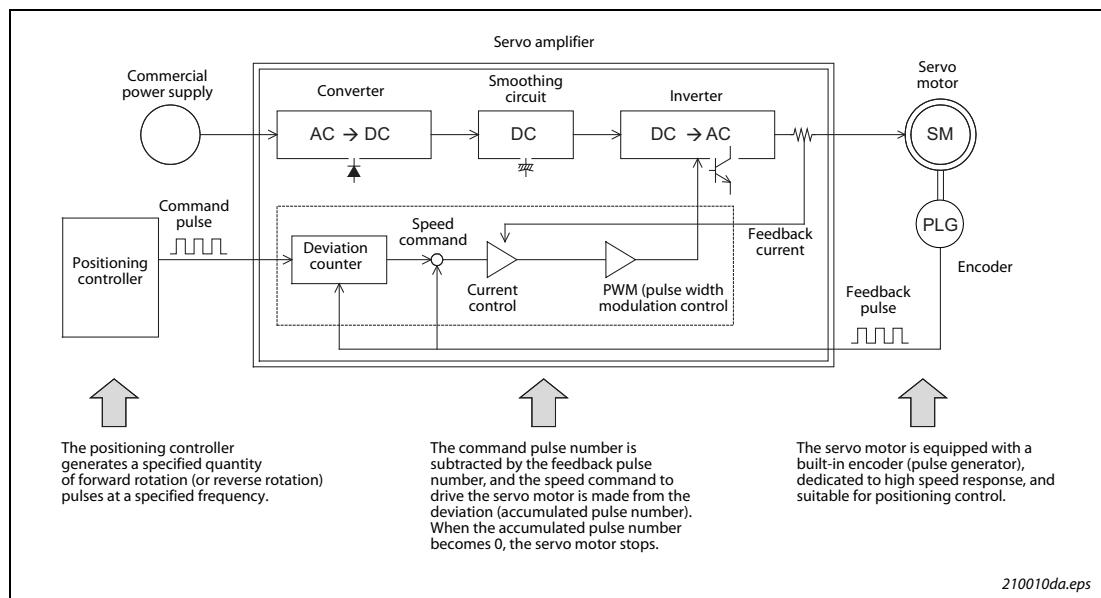


**Fig. 2-1:**  *Block diagram of an AC servo system*

In the latest AC servo systems, conventional weak points have been improved as follows:

● Although the latest systems are completely digital, they are equipped with parameters in conformance to diversified mechanical specifications and electrical specifications so that simple set-up is possible.

● As frequent operation is enabled by a low inertia motor, the maximum torque is increased and the system can be applied to a wide variety of machines.

● The latest systems are equipped with an auto tuning function, with which the servo amplifier automatically detects the load inertia moment and adjusts the gain. This is possible even if the load inertia moment is unknown.

● The command communication cycle from the controller to the servo amplifier is improved for synchronization accuracy and better speed/positioning accuracy.

● The latest systems also allow for long-distance wiring, reduced noise resistance, and simplified wiring.

The top advantages to using an AC servo system are described below.

| Compact and light servo system | Robust servo system | Easy servo system | Good cost performance servo system |
|---|---|---|---|
| In the FA workplace, a downsized AC servo system occupying less space is beneficial. | In accordance with severe operation conditions, a tougher AC servo system is often required. | AC servo systems are easier to handle than hydraulic equipment. Easy systems are also flexible for new staff. | An AC servo system with good cost performance saves a company in overall engineering costs. |

## 2.2          Examples of AC servo systems

Positioning indicates the operation to move an object, such as a workpiece or tool (drill or cutter), from one point to another point and to stop it with efficiency and precision.

In other words, the principle of positioning is the control of speed in accordance with the position, performed to promptly eliminate the remaining distance to the target position. The flexibility to change the target position electrically and easily is an important requirement.

Several cases of positioning using an AC servo motor are systematically shown below.

### 2.2.1        Constant feed

**Description**

In the press/shear process for cutting, punching, etc., the processed material is positioned with high precision to produce a constant sized product.
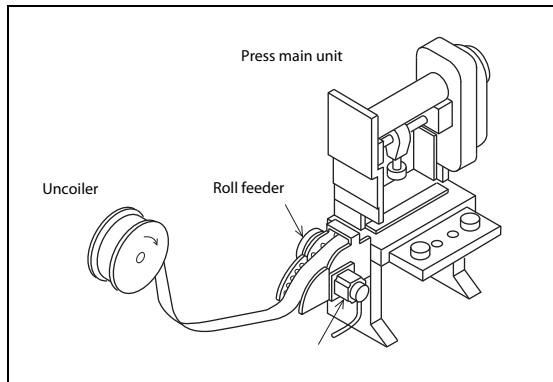


***Fig. 2-2:***     *Schematic drawing*
            *Constant feed*

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### 2.2.2        Tapping

**Description**

In order to tap a workpiece,

① Quick feed

② Cutting feed and

③ Quick return are performed repeatedly.
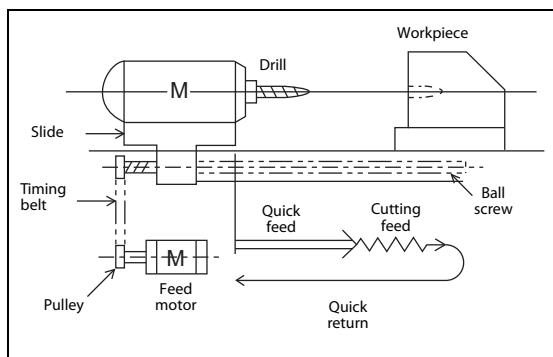


***Fig. 2-3:***     *Schematic drawing*
            *Tapping*

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### 2.2.3 Drilling in steel sheet

**Description**

In order to perform processing on a flat face, positioning with high precision is performed by two motors (X axis feed motor and Y axis feed motor).
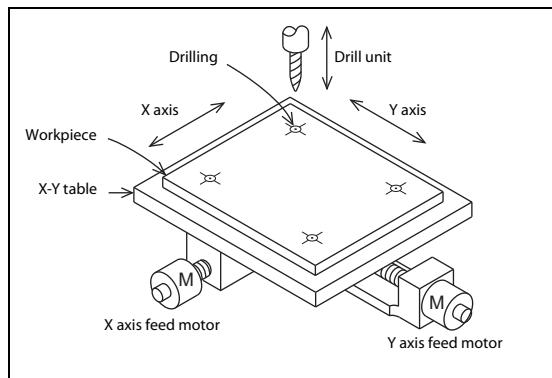


**Fig. 2-4:** *Schematic drawing*
*Drilling in steel sheet*

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### 2.2.4 Index table

**Description**

The position of the circular table is indexed. The index position is set on the outside (digital switch) or the inside (program). Shortcut drive is performed depending on the index position.
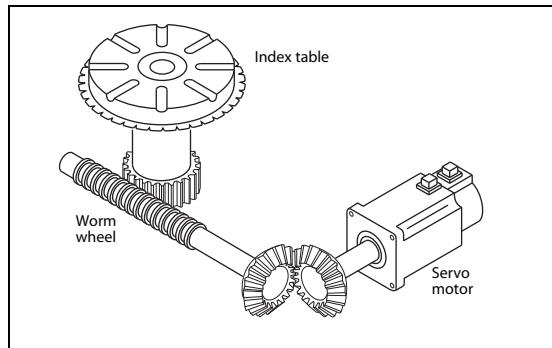


**Fig. 2-5:** *Schematic drawing*
*Index table*

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## 2.2.5 Lifter moving-up/down

### Description

As negative load is applied on the servo motor in positioning of the lifter in the vertical direction, a regenerative option is also used.

In order to hold the lifter stationary and prevent drop of the lifter by power interruption, a servo motor with an electromagnetic brake is used.
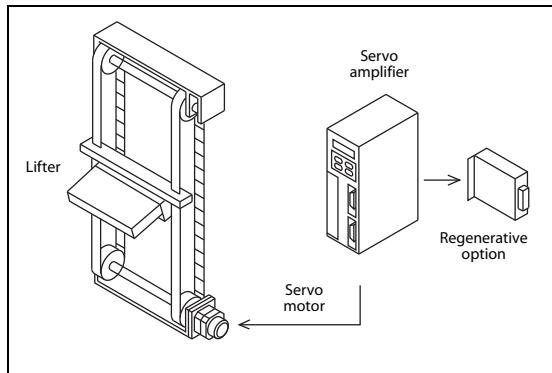


***Fig. 2-6:*** *Schematic drawing*
*Lifter moving-up/down*

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## 2.2.6 Cart travel control

### Description

A servo motor is mounted in the travel cart as the drive source.

A mechanism such as rack and pinion is adopted to prevent slippage between the wheels and rails.
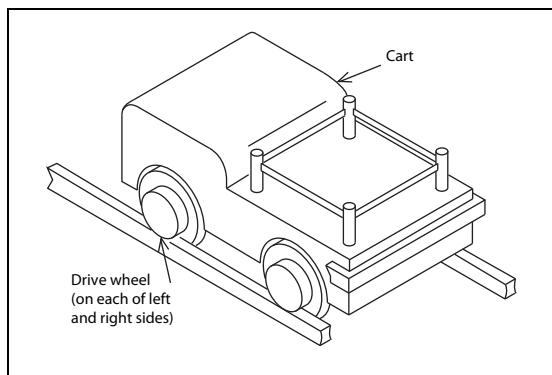


***Fig. 2-7:*** *Schematic drawing*
*Cart travel control*

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## 2.2.7    Carrier robot

### Description

After the conveyor stops, the 2-axis servo system and the arm lifting mechanism transfer workpieces to a palette. The workpiece input positions on the palette can be set to many points so that setup change can be easily performed, even if the palette position and the palette shape change.
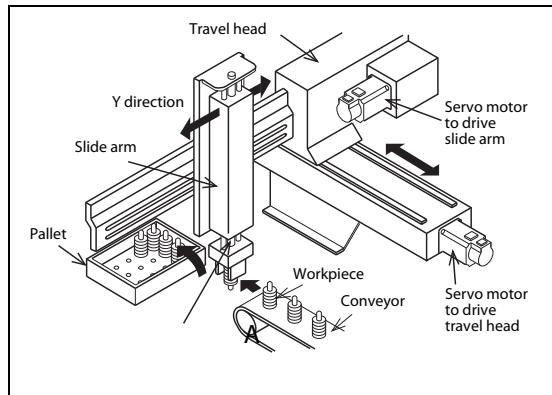


**Fig. 2-8:**    Schematic drawing
Carrier robot

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# 3 Components of Positioning Control and their Roles

Positioning control requires a number of components such as a positioning controller, servo amplifier, servo motor and drive mechanism. This section describes the role of each component.

To begin, the following two-page spread illustrates how the seven key elements function together to perform positioning.

**Position controller**

- Outputs the positioning speed and the movement quantity in command pulses to the servo amplifier.
- Transfers signals between the programmable controller.
- Controls return to the zero point.

AC power supply

Breaker

Power factor improving AG

Radio noise reactor filter

Electromagnetic contactor

Line noise filter

**Powerboard**

- Improves the power factor and cuts noise.
- Protects the power circuit.

Nearpoint DOG signal

In some types, the limit switch signal is wired to the position controller

Main circuit

Position controller

Servo amplifier

Converter

Smoothing circuit

Regenerative brake

Inverter

Dynamic brake

Positioning command control

Command pulse

AC → DC

DC

DC AC

R

Parameter

Pulse magnification

Deviation counter

Speed command

Feedback current

Zero point return control

(Electronic gear)

Current control

PWM (pulse width modulation) control

Counter clear

Feedback pulse

Servo ready

Zero point signal (PGO)

Operation switch

Manual pulse generator

**Servo amplifier**

- Rectifies the AC power of the main circuit into the DC power in the converter, and smooths it in the smoothing circuit. When the DC power is converted into AC power in the inverter, the current supplied to the servo motor is changed by the PWM (pulse width modulation) control in the control circuit.
- The deviation counter receives and counts the command pulses from the positioning controller, subtracts the feedback pulses from them, then drives the servo motor until the accumulated pulse number becomes 0.

**Operation equipment**

- Gives inputs for manual/automatic mode, start/stop, zero point return command, manual forward rotation/reverse rotation and manual pulse generator to the positioning controller.

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**Fig. 3-1:** *Components of Postioning Control (1)*

**Servo motor**

- Dedicated to high speed response optimal to positioning control, has large start torque, large maximum torque and wide variable speed range 1/1 or more (1/1,000 to 1/5,000).

When a moving element goes beyond a limit switch (LS), the motor stops.

Servo motor

**In the case of large motor**

Cooling fan

Servo motor

SM

Encoder (pulse generator)

PLG

When required

Electro-magnetic brake

Limit switch (LS)

Nearpoint dog switch

Moving element

Speed reducer

Ball screw

Limit switch (LS)

Auxiliary device such as chuck, drill and cylinder

**Sensor, actuator, auxiliary device**

- The actuator (moving part drive mechanism) is equipped with speed reducer, timing belt, ball screw and limit switch.
- Diversified auxiliary devices are also controlled in accordance with positioning.
- The PLC or the positioning controller also controls auxiliary devices.
- The auxiliary device operation completed signal is output to the PLC or the position controller.

Hand help programmer

Personal Computer

**Setting / display unit**

- Used to write programs to the position controller, allows setting and display of the data.

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**Fig. 3-1:** *Components of Postioning Control (2)*

# 3.1 Positioning controller

Positioning controllers use programs and parameters to send positioning commands to the servo amplifier. Contents related to programs and parameters are described below.

## 3.1.1 Command pulse control method

There are two types of control formats used for outputting command pulses from an FX Series positioning controller:

● PLS/DIR (Pulse/Direction) method

● FP/RP (Forward Pulse/Reverse Pulse) method

Each method requires two outputs from the controller to control specific signals for direction and pulse control. A third method, known as the A phase/B phase method, uses overlapping pulse signals to specify direction.

### PLS/DIR method

In the PLS/DIR method, one output sends pulses to the drive unit while the other output specifies the direction of travel.
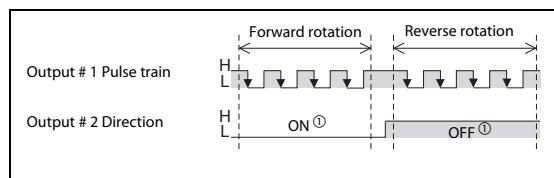


**Fig. 3-2:**  *Timing diagram*

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[1] "ON" and "OFF" represent the status of the controller's output.
"H" and "L" respectively represent the HIGH status and the LOW status of the waveform. The command pulse pattern in the figure assumes negative logic.

### FP/RP method

In the FP/RP method, each output has a different direction and operates individually to send pulses to the drive unit.
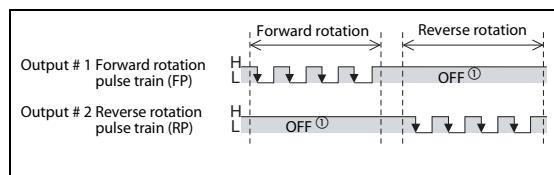


**Fig. 3-3:**  *Timing diagram*

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## 3.1.2        Basic parameter settings

To send a series of pulses (a pulse train) to a servo amplifier, positioning controllers use a specified feed quantity, which is proportional to the number of pulses. A feed speed must also be specified to control the number of pulses output per second.

### Feed quantity

The feed quantity determined by the target address tells the servo system how far to move the workpiece. So, for example, if a servo motor encoder generates 8,192 pulses for one rotation, the command pulse number "8,192" can be output to rotate the servo motor by 1 rotation.

### Feed speed

The feed speed defines the amount of travel per unit of time for the workpiece. When a servo motor encoder generates 8,192 pulses for one rotation, the command pulse frequency (speed) "8,192 pulses/s" should be output to rotate the servo motor by 1 rotation per second. Decrease the pulse frequency to rotate the servo motor at a lower speed. Increase the pulse frequency to rotate the servo motor at a higher speed.

### Acceleration/deceleration time

When the start command is given, acceleration, operation at constant speed, and deceleration are performed for positioning. Set the acceleration time and the deceleration time in the controller's parameters.
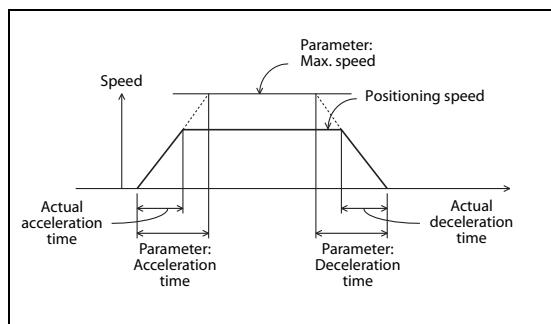


***Fig. 3-4:***    *Positioning pattern of acceleration/deceleration time*

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## 3.1.3        Zero point return function

Many positioning systems include a "home position" to where a workpiece may need to return after performing various operations. For this reason, positioning controllers include a built-in function to return a workpiece to a defined position by using a mechanical DOG switch.

To understand how this works, it is necessary to first understand when the function is needed according to the parameter setting of the servo amplifier and the type of servo motor encoder.

### Incremental type servo motor encoder (pulse count method)

When the servo system uses an incremental or relative type encoder, the current value of the address stored in the position controller is not "remembered" or maintained when the power is turned off. This means that the address is set to zero every time the power is cycled, which can be disadvantageous in an application. Accordingly, every time the system is re-powered, it must be calibrated to the correct zero-point location by executing the zero point return function.

**Absolute type servo motor encoder (absolute position detection system)**

The absolute position detection system requires an absolute position motor encoder, a backup battery on the servo amplifier, and a parameter specification setting. It is constructed so that the current value stored in the positioning controller is always assured, regardless of power outages or movement while the power is turned off. The advantage to using this method is that after executing the zero point return function once, zero point return it is not needed again.

| **NOTE** | The zero point return function does not actuate movement to a physical zero address. Instead, the zero point return function causes movement in a specified direction (positive or negative) in order to define the physical zero address after contact with a DOG switch. |
|---|---|

| **Example** ▽ | **Example of DOG type zero return** |
|---|---|

In the example in Fig. 3-5, the DOG (which is attached to the workpiece) comes in contact with the DOG switch to turn the DOG signal ON, which then initiates deceleration to creep speed. After the backward end of the DOG passes the DOG switch, turning the DOG signal OFF, the first detected zero point signal stops the motion, turns the CLEAR signal on, and sets the zero point address.

The zero point address (specified in the controller's parameters) is typically zero. When the zero return function finishes, the zero point address is written to the current value register of the positioning controller to overwrite the current address. Since the zero point address is not always zero, the zero return function should be thought of as a homing function instead of a return-to-zero function.

The zero point return direction, zero point address, zero signal count, return speed, deceleration time and creep speed are all set by parameters in the positioning controller.
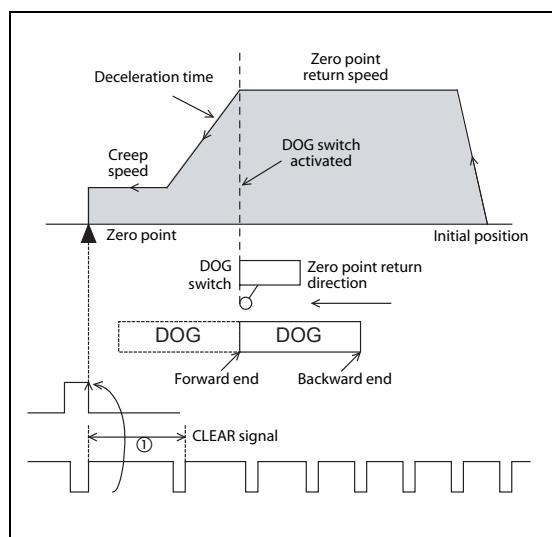
**Fig. 3-5:** *Positioning pattern of DOG type zero return*

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① The location of the DOG switch should be adjusted so that the backward end of the DOG is released between two consecutive zero point signals (1 pulse per rotation of the motor).
In this example, the DOG length should not be less than the deceleration distance of the machine.

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### DOG search function

In some PLC models, if the zero point return function is performed while the workpiece is stopped beyond the DOG switch, the machine moves until the limit switch is actuated, changes direction, then returns to the zero point again (DOG search function, zero point return retry function).
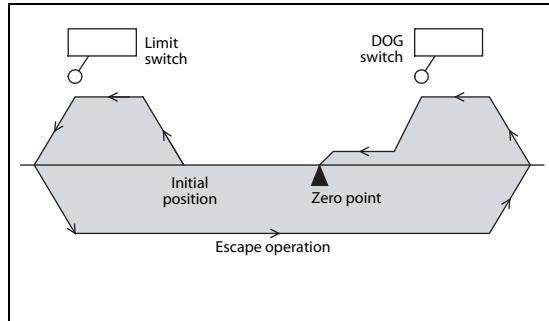


**Fig. 3-6:**   Positioning pattern of DOG search function

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## 3.2        Servo Amplifier and Servo Motor

The servo amplifier controls the movement quantity and the speed according to the commands given by the positioning controller. The servo motor then transmits rotation to the drive mechanism after receiving signals from the servo amplifier.

### 3.2.1      Positioning control in accordance with command pulse

In accordance with speed and position command pulses from the positioning controller, PWM (pulse width modulation) control is performed by the main circuit of the servo amplifier in order to drive the motor. The rotation speed and the rotation quantity are fed back to the amplifier from the encoder attached to the servo motor.

### 3.2.2      Deviation counter function

The difference between the command pulses and the feedback pulses counted by the deviation counter in the servo amplifier is called accumulated pulses.

While the machine is operating at a constant speed, the accumulated pulse quantity is almost constant. During acceleration and deceleration, the accumulated pulse quantity changes more dramatically.

When the accumulated pulse quantity becomes equivalent to or less than a specified quantity (in-position set value) after command pulses have stopped, the servo amplifier outputs the positioning complete signal.

The servo motor continues operation even after that. Then, when the accumulated pulse quantity becomes 0, the servo motor stops.

The time after the servo motor outputs the positioning complete signal until it stops is called the stop settling time.
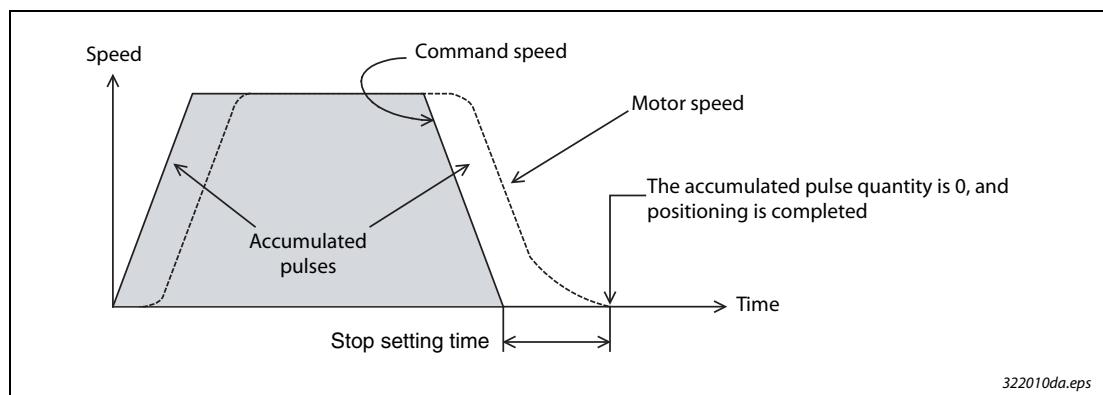


***Fig. 3-7:***    *Positioning pattern*

### 3.2.3 Servo lock function

The servo motor is controlled so that the accumulated pulse quantity counted in the deviation counter becomes 0.

For example, if an external force for forward rotation is applied on the servo motor, the servo motor performs the reverse rotation operation to eliminate the accumulated pulses.

| Accumulated pulses in deviation counter | Servo motor |
|---|---|
| Minus pulses | Reverse rotation operation |
| Plus pulses | Forward rotation operation |
| 0 (zero) | Stop |

**Tab. 3-1:** *Control of servo motor by accumulated pulses*

### 3.2.4 Regenerative brake function

During deceleration, because the servo motor rotates by the load inertia of the drive mechanism, it functions as a generator and electric power returns to the servo amplifier.

The regenerative resistor absorbs this electric power and functions as a brake (called a regenerative brake.)

A regenerative brake is required to prevent regenerative over voltage in the servo amplifier when the load inertia is large and operations are frequently performed.

The regenerative resistor is required when the regenerative power generation quantity during deceleration exceeds the allowable regenerative electric power of the servo amplifier.

### 3.2.5 Dynamic brake function

When a circuit inside the servo amplifier is disabled by a power interruption in the AC power of the main circuit or actuation of the protective circuit, the terminals of the servo motor are short-circuited via resistors, the rotation energy is consumed as heat, then the motor immediately stops without free run.

When the motor stops by elimination of the rotation energy, the brake is not effective and the motor runs freely.
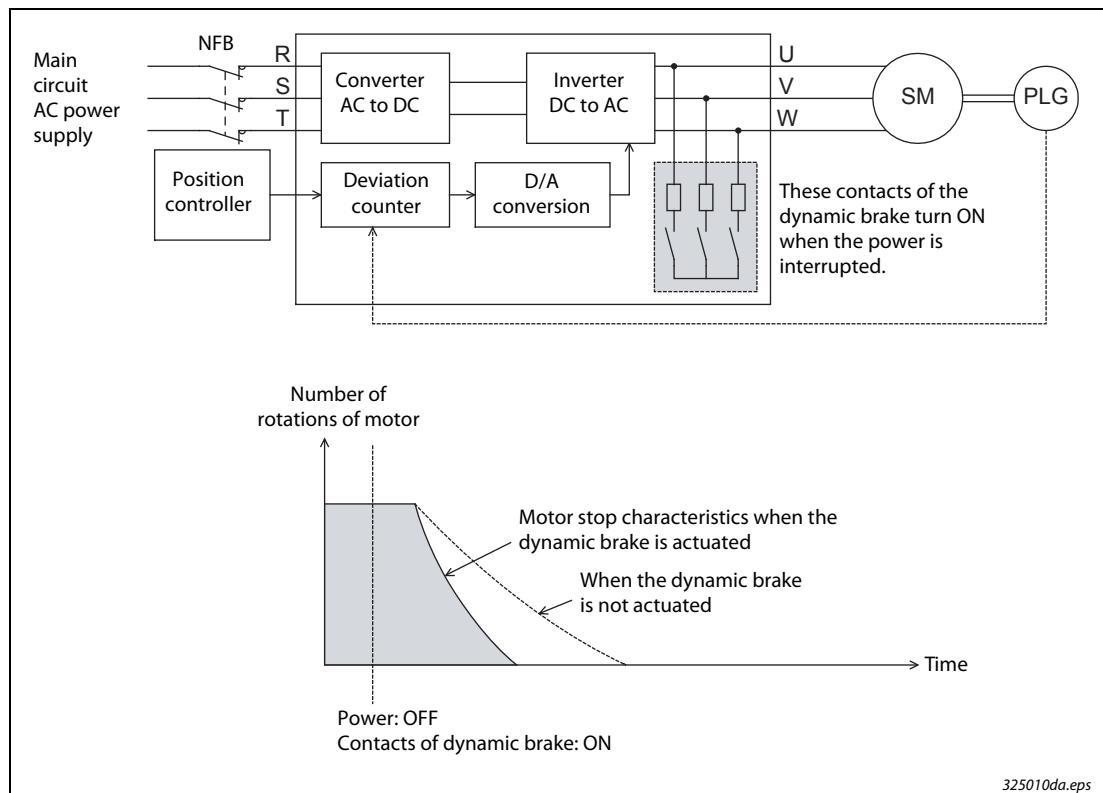


**Fig. 3-8:**   *Dynamic brake function*

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## 3.3        Drive mechanism

The drive mechanism converts the rotation motion of the servo motor into reciprocating or vertical motion through a speed reducer, timing belt, ball screw, etc. to move the machine.

### 3.3.1        Concept of drive system movement quantity

The following diagram is a representative AC servo motor positioning system.
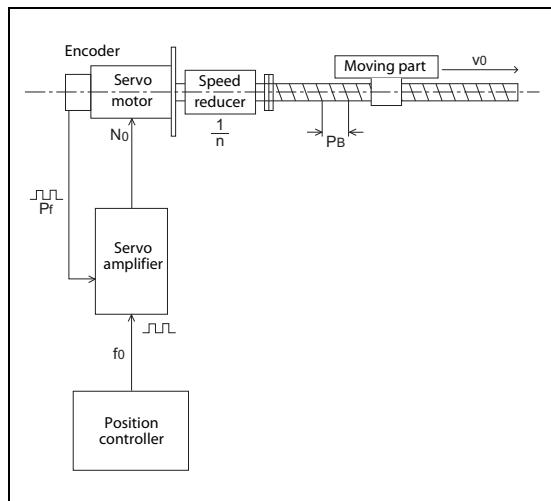
***Fig. 3-9:***    *AC servo motor positioning system*

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$\Delta\ell$:        Transfer distance per pulse (mm/pulse)

$v_0$:        Moving part speed during quick feed (mm/min)

PB:        Lead of ball screw (mm/rev)

1/n:        Speed reduction ratio

$\Delta S$:        Transfer distance per rotation of motor (mm/rev)

$N_0$:        Number of rotations of motor during quick feed (rev/min)

Pf:        Feedback pulse number (pulse/rev)

$f_0$:        Command pulse frequence during quick feed (pulse/sec)

● The servo motor stops with the precision $\pm\Delta\ell$, which is within $\pm1$ pulse against the command pulse.

● The movement quantity of the workpiece is:

   [Output pulses from position controller] $\times$ [$\Delta\ell$]

● The moving part speed is:

   [$f_0$] $\times$ [$\Delta\ell$]

● Either "mm", "inch", "degree", or "pulse" can be selected for the positioning command unit. Accordingly, when data such as the movement quantity per pulse, positioning speed, or the positioning address in accordance with the positioning command unit are set, pulse trains are output for the target address, and positioning is performed.

**Useful equations**

To define the system illustrated above, $\Delta\ell$ and $v_0$ need to be determined using a series of equations. The speed of the moving part ($v_0$) is constrained by the mechanical gearing system between the servo motor and moving part, the pitch of the ball screw, and the specification of the motor as shown through the following two formulas.

Transfer distance per rotation of motor:

$$\Delta S\left(\frac{mm}{rev}\right) = P_B \times \frac{1}{n}$$

Number of rotations of motor during quick feed:

$$N_0\left(\frac{rev}{min}\right) = \frac{v_0}{\Delta S} \leqq \text{Rated number of rotations of servo motor}$$

If $N_0$ does not exceed the rated speed of the motor, this means that the servo system can be used for the application. In order to determine if the positioning controller is applicable, the command pulse frequency during quick feed ($f_0$) should be checked to verify it does not exceed the maximum allowable frequency setting for the "maximum speed" parameter setting of the controller.

Transfer distance per pulse:

$$\Delta\ell\left(\frac{mm}{PLS}\right) = \frac{\Delta S}{P_f} \times \text{(Electronic gear ratio)}$$

Command pulse frequency during quick feed:

$$f_0\left(\frac{PLS}{S}\right) = \frac{\Delta S}{\Delta\ell} \times N_0 \times \frac{1}{60}$$

During the above process, the Electronic gear ratio (often "CMX/CDV" for Mitsubishi servos) and Speed reduction ratio can be adjusted to fit the application's needs.

In each of the absolute and incremental positioning methods, the entire movement distance of the machine should not exceed the maximum allowable pulse output number from the positioning controller.

## 3.3.2    Setting the target position

In positioning control, the target position can be set by the following two methods, specified by the controller's parameter settings. (Available command units are "mm," "inch", "degree", or "pulse".)

**Absolute method**

In this method, a point (absolute address) is specified for positioning while the zero point is regarded as the reference. The start point is arbitrary.
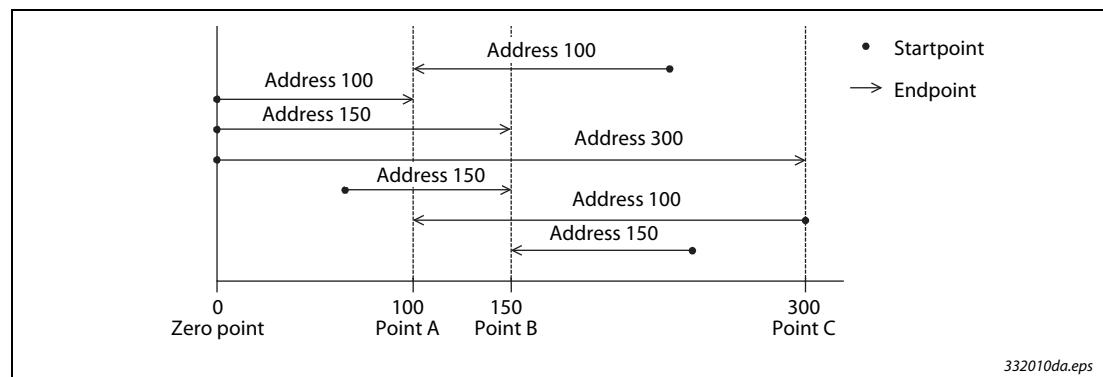


**Fig. 3-10:**  *Setting the target position, absolute method*

**Incremental method**

In this method, positioning is performed through specification of the movement direction and the movement quantity while the current stop position is regarded as the start point.
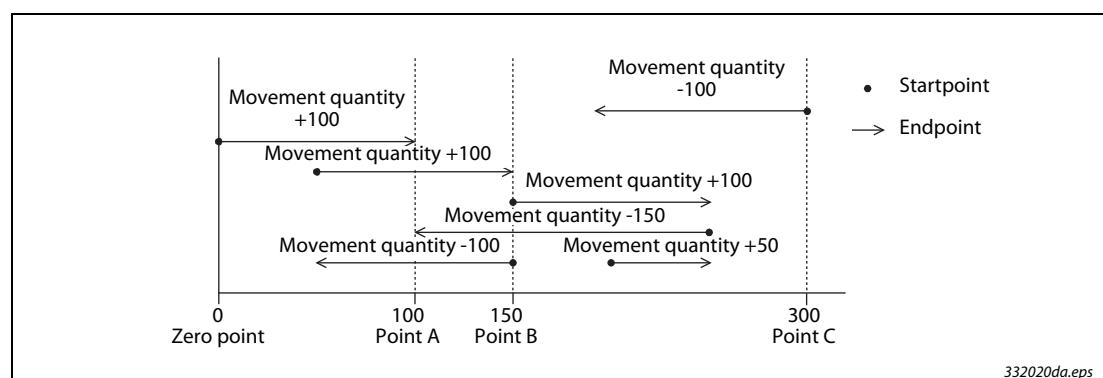


**Fig. 3-11:**  *Setting the target position, incremental method*

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# 4 Learning to Use the FX Family for Positioning Control

## 4.1 MELSEC FX PLC positioning

The FX1S, FX1N, FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, and FX3U(C) Series PLC main units include basic positioning instructions to send command pulses to a stepper motor or servo amplifier. While FX PLCs support point-to-point positioning, full control is also available for reading the absolute position from a servo amplifier, performing zero return, and altering the workpiece speed during operation.

Important references for understanding positioning with FX PLCs include:

● Programming Manuals for the MELSEC FX Series

● User's Manuals – Hardware Edition – for the various controllers of the MELSEC FX family

● FX3S/FX3G/FX3GC/FX3U/FX3UC Series User's Manual – Positioning Control Edition – (JY997D16801)

● FX2N-1PG User's Manual – (JY992D65301)

● FX2N-10PG User's Manual – (JY992D93401)

● FX2N-10GM/FX2N-10GM User's Manual – (JY992D77801)

It is assumed that you will have read and understood the above manuals or that you will have them close at hand for reference.

### 4.1.1 Overview of control

**Number of Axes**

The FX1S, FX1N, FX3GC and FX3S transistor type PLCs support positioning on 2 axes with operation speeds up to 100,000 pulses/second (100 kHz).

The main units FX3G-14MT/□, FX3G-24MT/□, and FX3GE-24MT/□ (transistor outputs) can control up to two axes and the main units FX3G-40MT/□, FX3G-60MT/□, and FX3GE-40MT/□ can control a maximum of three axes with up to 100 kHz.

The FX3U(C) transistor type PLC main units support positioning speeds up to 100 kHz on 3 axes. If two FX3U-2HSY-ADP adapters are connected to the FX3U, 4 axes are available with operation speeds up to 200 kHz.

The PLS/DIR pulse output method is used for all PLC main units to output pulses as shown in the following table.

| | 1st Axis | 2nd Axis | 3rd Axis | 4th Axis |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Applicable Model | FX1S, FX1N, FX3G-14MT/□, FX3G-24MT/□, FX3GC, FX3GE-24MT/□, FX3S | | — | — |
| | FX3GE-40MT/□, FX3U(C), FX3G-40MT/□, FX3G-60MT/□ | | | — |
| | FX3U + (2) FX3U-2HSY-ADP [2] [3] | | | |
| Pulse Output | Y0 | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 |
| Direction Output [1] | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 | Y7 |

***Tab. 4-1:*** *Overview of applicable PLC main units*

[1] Output terminals for direction can be specified arbitrarily when the FX3U-2HSY-ADP is not used. Y4, Y5, Y6 and Y7 are used as an example.

[2] The FP/RP pulse output method is also available with the FX3U-2HSY-ADP.

[3] Connection of the FX3U-2HSY-ADP is only possible to a FX3U base unit.

### Limit switches

As with any other positioning system, inputs are needed to detect when the workpiece reaches the outer boundary limits in order to prevent damage to the machine. For the FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S and FX3U(C) programmable logic controller, limits are wired to the controller to be used with the DOG search zero return function for reversing the motor's direction of travel in order to hunt for the DOG switch. These limits are called the forward rotation limit (LSF) and the reverse rotation limit (LSR). Hardware limits are used on the servo amplifier side to stop the motor in worst case scenarios.
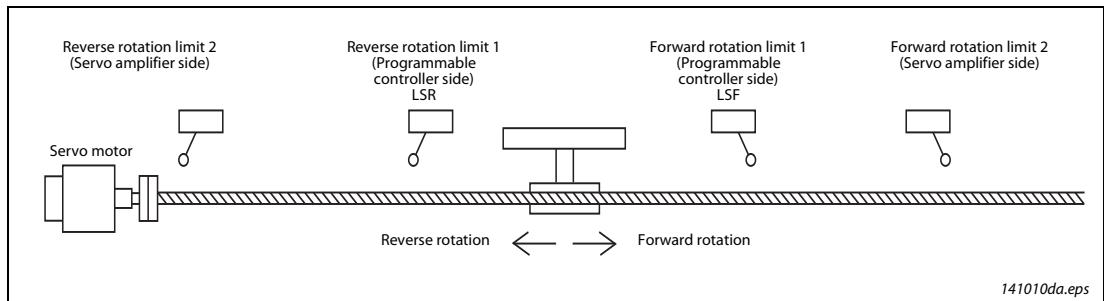


**Fig. 4-1:** *Example for limit switches*

### Sink vs. Source outputs

In general, MELSERVO Series amplifiers are configured with sink type inputs. To communicate appropriately with sink type inputs, sink type outputs are used on the PLC side. Therefore, when using a Mitsubishi servo control system, a transistor sink output type PLC is used.
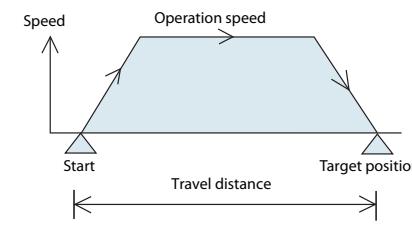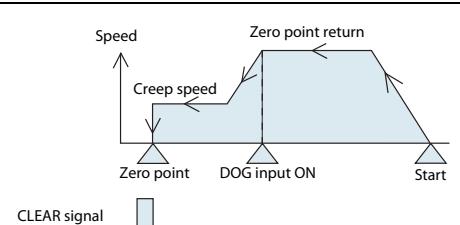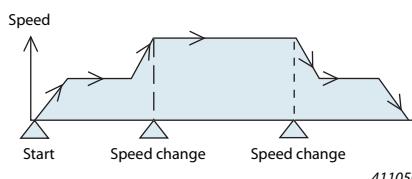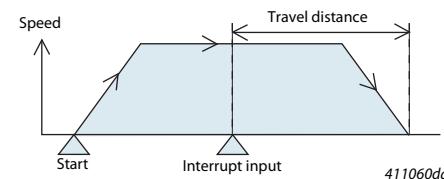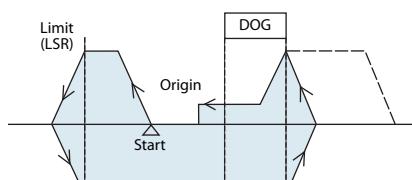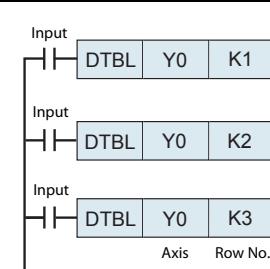
### Options for positioning

Before choosing a PLC for a positioning system, it is important to understand the instructions available for each PLC. The FX1S and FX1N include the same set of positioning instructions. The only disadvantage to choosing an FX1S PLC for positioning is that it does not include as many I/O and that it cannot be expanded with special function blocks for analog or communication control.

The FX3U, combined with high speed positioning adapters, can operate with higher pulse output frequencies and includes 3 additional positioning instructions. The available instructions for FX PLCs are described in the chart below.

| Applicable Model | Description | Positioning instruction | Instruction Illustration |
|---|---|---|---|
| FX1S<br>FX1N<br>FX3G<br>FX3GC<br>FX3GE<br>FX3S<br>FX3U<br>FX3UC | **JOG operation**<br>The motor moves in a specified direction depending on the logic and timing of the drive input signal. (There is no target position.) | DRVI |  |

**Tab. 4-2:** *Instructions for FX PLCs (1)*

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| Applicable Model | Description | Positioning instruction | Instruction Illustration |
|---|---|---|---|
| FX1S<br>FX1N<br>FX3G<br>FX3GC<br>FX3GE<br>FX3S<br>FX3U<br>FX3UC | **1-speed positioning**<br>A start command accelerates the motor to a constant speed and moves the workpiece to a specified distance. | DRVI<br>DRVA | <br>411030da.eps |
| FX1S<br>FX1N<br>FX3G<br>FX3GC<br>FX3GE<br>FX3U<br>FX3UC | **Zero return**<br>The machine moves at a specified speed until the DOG input turns ON. The workpiece then slows to creep speed and stops before the CLEAR signal is output. | ZRN | <br>411040da.eps |
| FX1S<br>FX1N<br>FX3G<br>FX3GC<br>FX3GE<br>FX3S<br>FX3U<br>FX3UC | **Variable speed operation**<br>After starting with a specified speed, the motor can change its speed depending on commands from the PLC.<br>(For the FX1S and FX1N, acceleration to different speeds is approximated with the RAMP instruction.) | PLSV<br>(RAMP) | <br>411050da.eps |
| FX3U<br>FX3UC | **Interrupt 1-speed positioning**<br>When an interrupt signal turns ON, the workpiece travels a specific distance at the same speed before decelerating to stop. | DVIT | <br>411060da.eps |
| FX3G<br>FX3GC<br>FX3GE<br>FX3S<br>FX3U<br>FX3UC | **DOG search zero return**<br>The machine operates similar to the zero return instruction except for features to hunt for the DOG switch and to use the zero-phase signal. | DSZR | <br>411070da.eps |
| FX3G<br>FX3GC<br>FX3GE<br>FX3U<br>FX3UC | **Table operation**<br>For programming simplicity, position and speed data can be organized in table format for the DRVI, DRVA, DVIT and PLSV instructions. | DTBL | <br>411080da.eps |

**Tab. 4-3:**   *Instructions for FX PLCs (2)*

## 4.1.2 Important memory locations

For FX PLC programs using positioning instructions, there are several built-in special devices to define control parameters and facilitate system operation. These devices consist of 1-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit address locations and are briefly outlined below according to their use in the example programs in the following section. Use this table as a reference to understand the example programs. For details on other memory addresses (for example, operation information for control on Y001 or Y002), refer to the FX3S/FX3G/FX3GC/FX3U/FX3UC Series User's Manual - Positioning Control Edition (JY997D16801).

| Function name | Device | Length | Description | Applicable PLC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RUN monitor | M8000 | 1-bit | ON when PLC is in RUN. | FX1S, FX1N, FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U(C) |
| Initial pulse | M8002 | 1-bit | ON for the first scan only. | |
| Instruction execution complete flag | M8029 | 1-bit | Programmed immediately after a positioning instruction. Turns ON when the preceding instruction finishes its operation and stays ON until the instruction stops being driven. | |
| CLEAR signal output enable | M8140 | 1-bit | Enables a CLEAR signal to be output to the servo. | FX1S, FX1N |
| Pulse output stop command | M8145 | 1-bit | Stop outputting Y000 pulses. (Immediate stop) | FX1S, FX1N |
| | M8349 | | | FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U(C) |
| Pulse output monitor flag | M8147 | 1-bit | OFF when Y000 is READY ON when Y000 is BUSY | FX1S, FX1N |
| | M8340 | | | FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U(C) |
| Instruction execution abnormally complete flag | M8329 | 1-bit | Programmed immediately after a positioning instruction. Turns ON when an instruction fails to complete correctly and stays ON until the instruction stops being driven. | FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U(C) |
| CLEAR signal output function enable | M8341 | 1-bit | Enables an output to be used for the CLEAR signal for Y000. | FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U(C) |
| (Y000) Zero return direction specification | M8342 | 1-bit | OFF → Reverse rotation ON → Forward rotation | |
| Forward rotation limit | M8343 | 1-bit | Forward pulses on Y000 stop when this relay turns ON. | |
| Reverse rotation limit | M8344 | 1-bit | Reverse pulses on Y000 stop when this relay turns ON. | |
| (Y000) Positioning instruction activation | M8348 | 1-bit | OFF when a positioning instruction is not active. ON when a positioning instruction is active. | |
| CLEAR signal device specification function enable | M8464 | 1-bit | Enables the output terminal for the CLEAR signal to be changed for Y000. | |
| Bias speed [Hz] | D8145 | 16-bit | Sets the bias speed for Y000. | FX1S, FX1N |
| | D8342 | | | FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U(C) |
| Maximum speed [Hz] | D8146 | 32-bit | Sets the maximum speed for positioning instructions on Y000. | FX1S, FX1N |
| | D8343 | | | FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U(C) |
| Acceleration/deceleration time [ms] | D8148 | 16-bit | Sets the acceleration and deceleration time. | FX1S, FX1N |
| Acceleration time [ms] | D8348 | 16-bit | Sets the acceleration time for Y000. | FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S, FX3U(C) |
| Deceleration time [ms] | D8349 | 16-bit | Sets the deceleration time for Y000. | |
| CLEAR signal device specification | D8464 | 16-bit | Sets the output terminal for the CLEAR signal for Y000. | |

***Tab. 4-4:***   *Special devices of FX1S, FX1N, FX3G(C)(E), FX3S and FX3U(C) base units*

### 4.1.3 Program Examples

Two positioning examples are included as a reference to get started with PLC programming.

**Hybrid programming example for FX1S, FX1N, FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S and FX3U(C) PLCs**

The first example below illustrates zero return and absolute positioning control on 1 axis. Since the special devices for utilizing positioning instructions are different depending on the PLC, please note that the following program is a hybrid program and that device addresses must be changed according to the type of PLC.

| NOTE | A general understanding of step ladder and ladder logic is necessary to use the program.
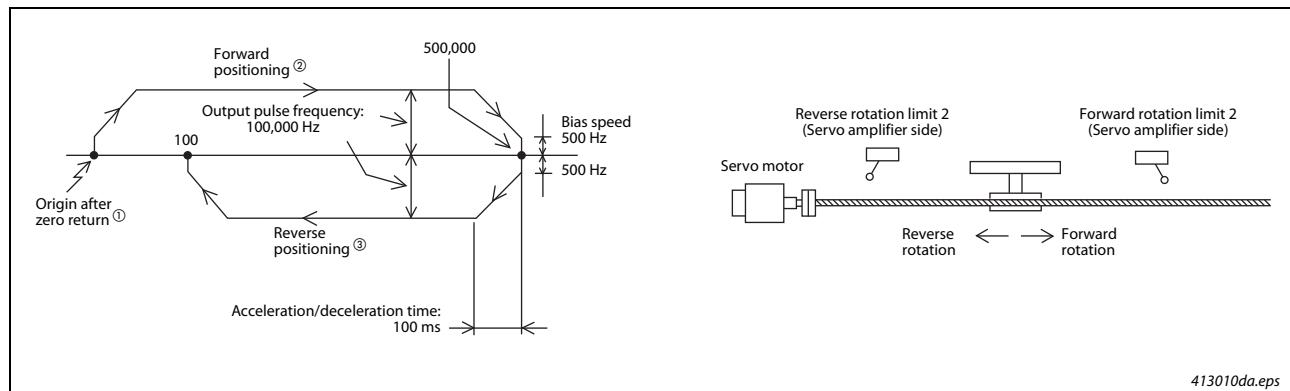


*Fig. 4-2:* Configuration for the program example

① See marker **17** in program fig. 4-5 (3).

② See marker **18** in program fig. 4-5 (3).

③ See marker **19** in program fig. 4-6 (4).

| Inputs | | Outputs | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X000 | Immediate stop | Y000 | Pulse train output |
| X001 | Zero return command | Y002 | CLEAR signal |
| X002 | Forward rotation positioning command | Y004 | Rotation direction signal |
| X003 | Reverse rotation positioning command | Y010 | CLEAR signal |
| X004 | Stop command | — | — |
| X005 | Near-point signal (DOG) | — | — |
| X006 | Servo ready | — | — |

*Tab. 4-5:* Used inputs and outputs

**Fig. 4-3:**  *Program example (1)*

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | Stops outputting Y000 pulses. (Immediate stop) |
| ❷ | Resets "zero return completion" flag. |
| ❸ | Resets "forward rotation positioning completion" flag. |
| ❹ | Resets "reverse rotation positioning completion" flag. |
| ❺ | Enables the zero return operation with CLEAR signal outputting function (CLEAR signal: Y010) |
| ❻ | Return to the zero point with CLEAR signal output Y002 |

**Tab. 4-6:**  *Description of the program example in fig. 4-3*
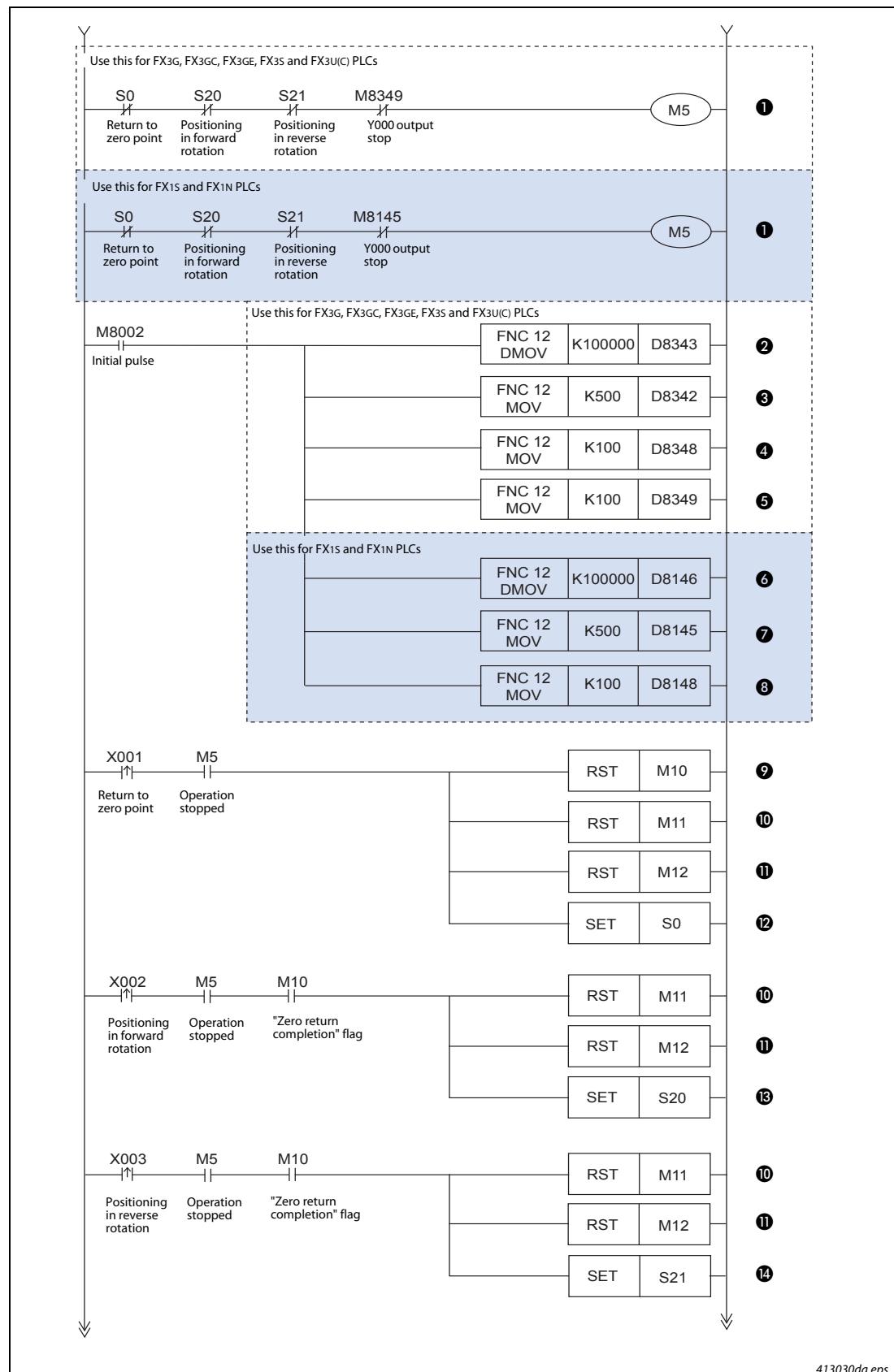
**Fig. 4-4:**   *Program example (2)*

| Number | Description |
|:---:|:---|
| ❶ | Operation is stopped. |
| ❷ | Sets the maximum speed to 100,000 Hz. (100,000 in D8344, D8343) |
| ❸ | Sets the bias speed to 500 Hz. (500 in D8342) |
| ❹ | Sets the acceleration time to 100 ms. (100 in D8348) |
| ❺ | Sets the deceleration time to 100 ms. (100 in D8349) |
| ❻ | Sets the maximum speed to 100,000 Hz. (100,000 in D8147, D8146 ) |
| ❼ | Sets the bias speed to 500 Hz. (500 in D8145) |
| ❽ | Sets the acceleration/deceleration time to 100 ms. (100 in D8148) |
| ❾ | Resets "zero return completion" flag. |
| ❿ | Resets "forward rotation positioning completion" flag. |
| ⓫ | Resets "reverse rotation positioning completion" flag. |
| ⓬ | Enters the zero point return state (S0). |
| ⓭ | Enters the forward rotation positioning state (S20). |
| ⓮ | Enters the reverse rotation positioning state (S21). |

***Tab. 4-7:*** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-4*

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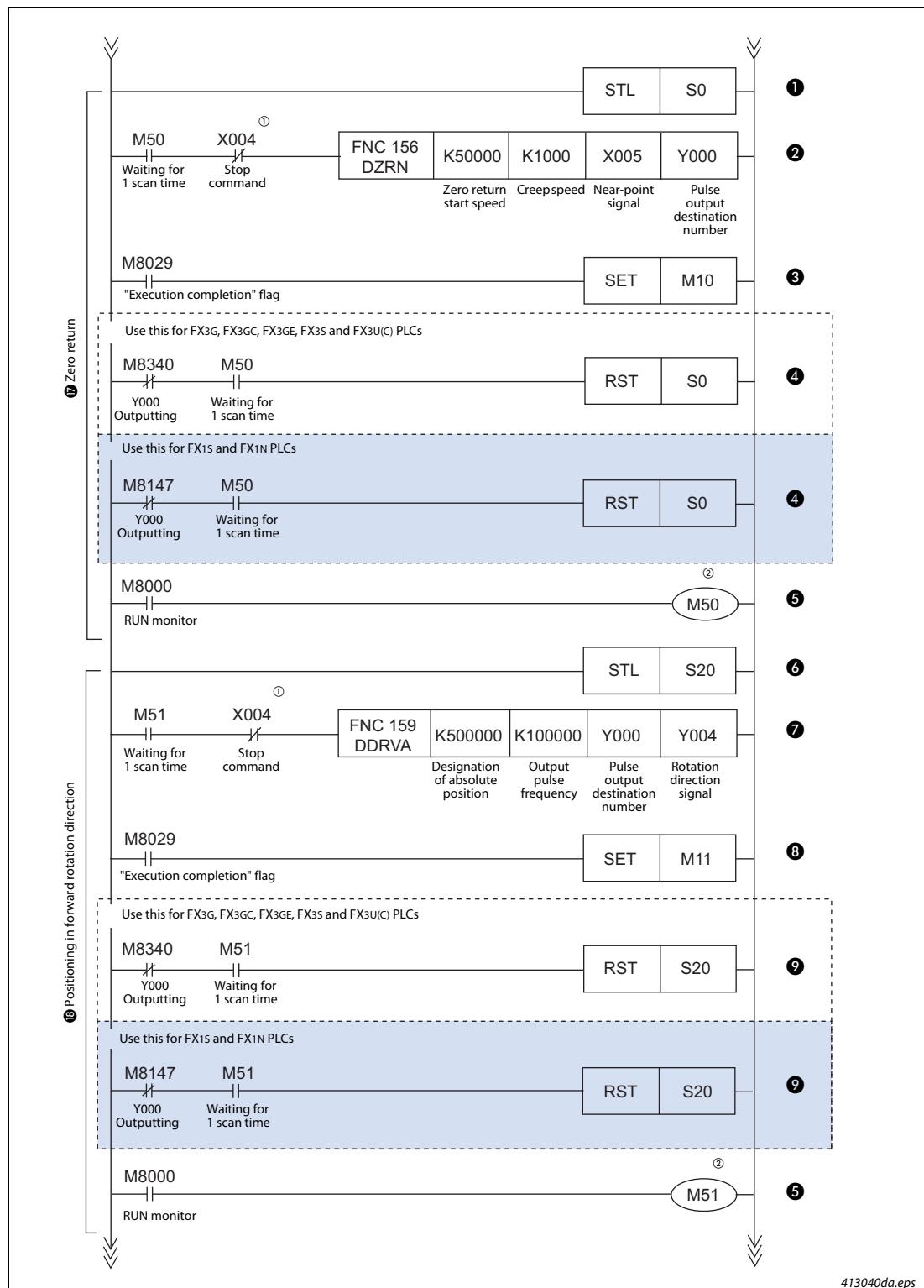
**Fig. 4-5:** *Program example (3)*

① To stop the positioning operation, be sure to insert the stop contact before the positioning instruction so that STL instruction cannot be turned off (reset) until "pulse output monitor" flag (M8340 or M8147 (for Y000)) is turned off.

② To prevent simultaneous activation of positioning instructions, the instruction activation timing should be delayed by 1 scan time.

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | Zero return |
| ❷ | Zero return instruction (CLEAR signal: Y010, Y002 for FX1S or FX1N) |
| ❸ | "Zero return completion" flag |
| ❹ | End of zero return  (Self-reset) |
| ❺ | Waiting for 1 scan time |
| ❻ | Positioning in forward rotation direction |
| ❼ | Moves to absolute position 500,000 using the drive to absolute instruction. (Y004=ON) |
| ❽ | "Forward rotation positioning completion" flag |
| ❾ | Ends the positioning operation in the forward rotation direction. (Self-reset) |

**Tab. 4-8:**  *Description of the program example in fig. 4-5*

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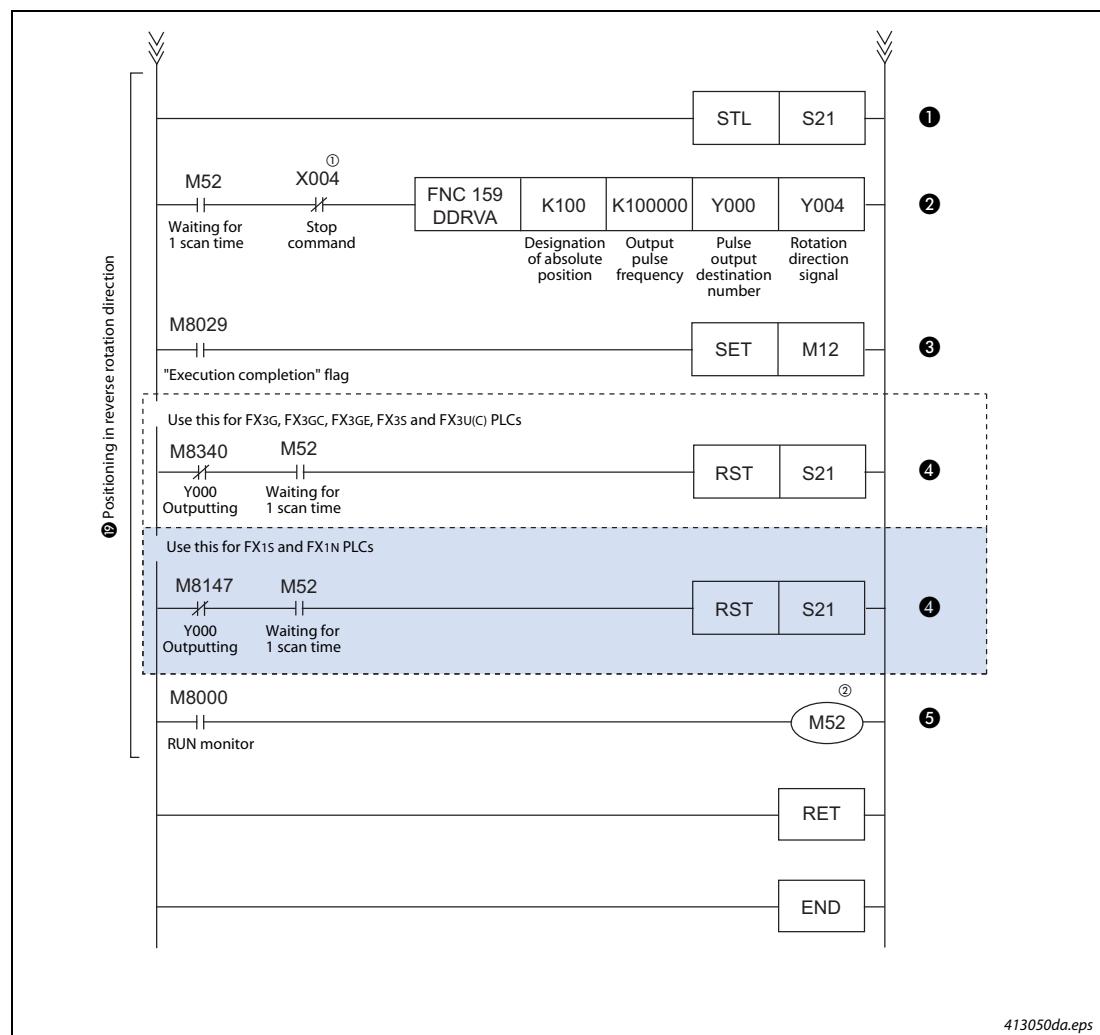
**Fig. 4-6:** *Program example (4)*

① To stop the positioning operation, be sure to insert the stop contact before the positioning instruction so that STL instruction cannot be turned off (reset) until "pulse output monitor" flag (M8340 or M8147 (for Y000)) is turned off.

② To prevent simultaneous activation of positioning instructions, the instruction activation timing should be delayed by 1 scan time.

| Number | Description |
|---|---|
| ❶ | Positioning in reverse rotation direction |
| ❷ | Moves to absolute position 100 using the drive to absolute instruction. (Y004 = OFF) |
| ❸ | "Reverse rotation positioning completion" flag |
| ❹ | Ends the positioning operation in the reverse rotation direction. (Self-reset) |
| ❺ | Waiting for 1 scan time |

**Tab. 4-9:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-6*

**Programming example for a FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE or FX3U(C) PLC**

The following program is similar to the previous one except that it is programmed only in ladder logic and does not follow a specific sequence of step ladder states. Additionally, it includes control for relative positioning with JOG(+) and JOG(-) commands, a DOG search zero return function, and utilization of the DTBL instruction.

When using an FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, or FX3U(C) PLC, the DOG search zero return function can be programmed with limit switches wired to the PLC as follows



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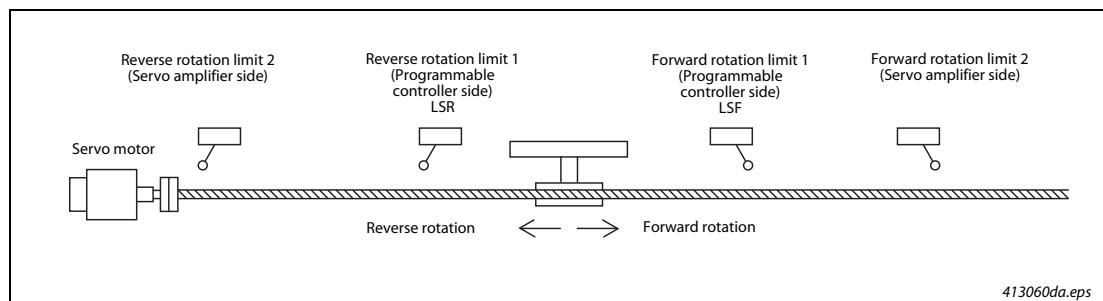
**Fig. 4-7:**   *Configuration example*

The DTBL instruction helps to simplify the programming and is set up beforehand (along with positioning parameters such as the bias speed, acceleration/deceleration, etc.) with GX Developer, GX IEC Developer or GX Works2.

In this example, positioning may be performed arbitrarily along the path in fig. 4-8.

Using the JOG command, the workpiece is moved to any relative position. This is not illustrated in the figure below.
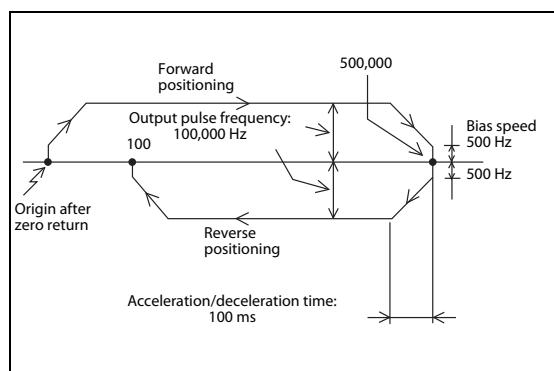


**Fig. 4-8:**   *Positioning pattern*

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Required hardware and software are as follows:

● FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE PLC

or

● FX3U(C) PLC version 2.20 or later

● GX Developer 8.23Z or later

or

● GX IEC Developer

or

● GX Works2

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Parameters for the DTBL instruction are set for example in GX Developer as shown below.

① Double-click **Parameter** and then **PLC parameter** from the project tree on the left side of the screen.

If the project tree is not displayed on the screen, click **View** on the menu bar, and then click **Project Data List**.



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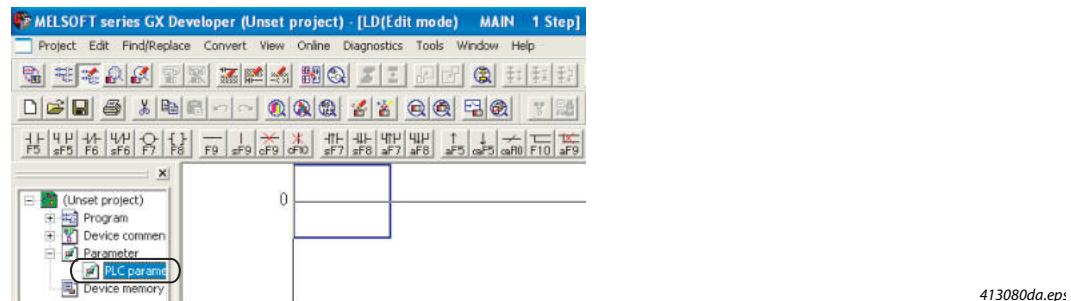
**Fig. 4-9:**     *Project window*

② Click on the **Memory capacity** tab and then enter a check in the **Positioning Instruction Settings** check box.

Take note that 9,000 steps are needed to set the positioning data. Therefore, it is necessary to specify a **Memory capacity** of 16,000 steps or more.



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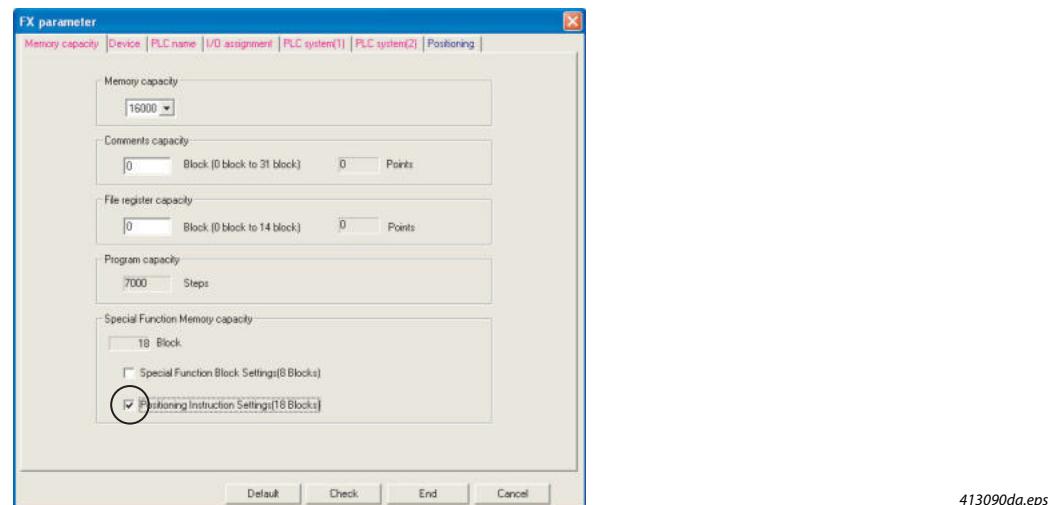
**Fig. 4-10:**   *"Memory capacity" window*

③ Click on the **Positioning** tab and then set Y000 (pulse output destination) as follows.
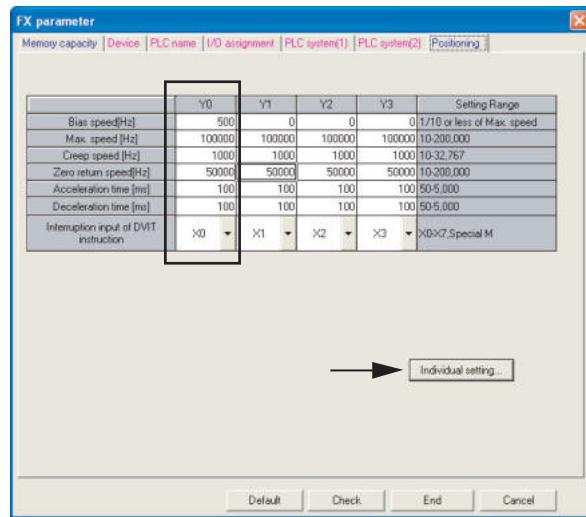


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**Fig. 4-11:** *"Positioning" window*

| Setting item | Setting value |
|---|---|
| Bias speed [Hz] ① | 500 |
| Maximum speed [Hz] | 100,000 |
| Creep speed [Hz] | 1000 |
| Zero return speed [Hz] | 50,000 |
| Acceleration time [ms] | 100 |
| Deceleration time [ms] | 100 |
| Interrupt input for DVIT instruction ② | X000 |

**Tab. 4-10:** *Settings for Y000*

① The "Bias speed" corresponds to the minimum speed.

② Can only be set for a FX3U or FX3UC main unit.

④ Click the **Individual setting** button. The **Positioning instruction settings** window will appear. In this window, click on the **Y0** tab to display the positioning table for Y000 (pulse output destination). Set the data in the positioning table as follows:
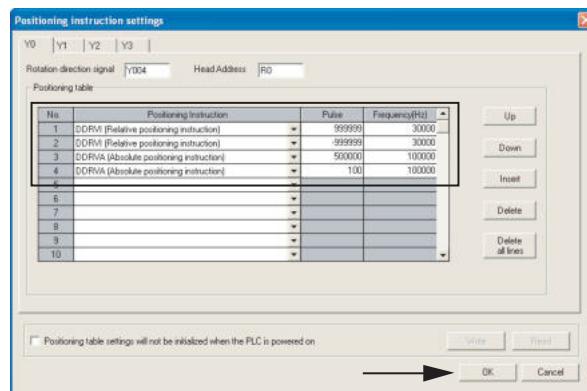


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**Fig. 4-12:** *"Positioning instruction settings" window*

Be sure to change the [Rotation direction signal] to "Y004".

| Setting item | | Setting value |
|---|---|---|
| Rotation direction signal | | Y004 |
| First device | | R0 |
| No. 1 | Positioning type | DDRVI (Drive to increment) |
| | Number of pulses (PLS) | 999,999 |
| | Frequency [Hz] | 30,000 |
| No. 2 | Positioning type | DDRVI (Drive to increment) |
| | Number of pulses (PLS) | -999,9990 |
| | Frequency [Hz] | 30,000 |
| No. 3 | Positioning type | DDRVA (Drive to absolute) |
| | Number of pulses (PLS) | 500,000 |
| | Frequency [Hz] | 100,000 |
| No. 4 | Positioning type | DDRVA (Drive to absolute) |
| | Number of pulses (PLS) | 100 |
| | Frequency [Hz] | 100,000 |

**Tab. 4-11:** *Settings for positioning instruction*

⑤ Click the **OK** button and then the **End** button to close the parameters.

⑥ Create the ladder program as shown in fig. 4-12.

⑦ Once the ladder program is complete, click on **Online** from the top menu bar in GX Developer and select **Write to PLC**. The following window will appear.



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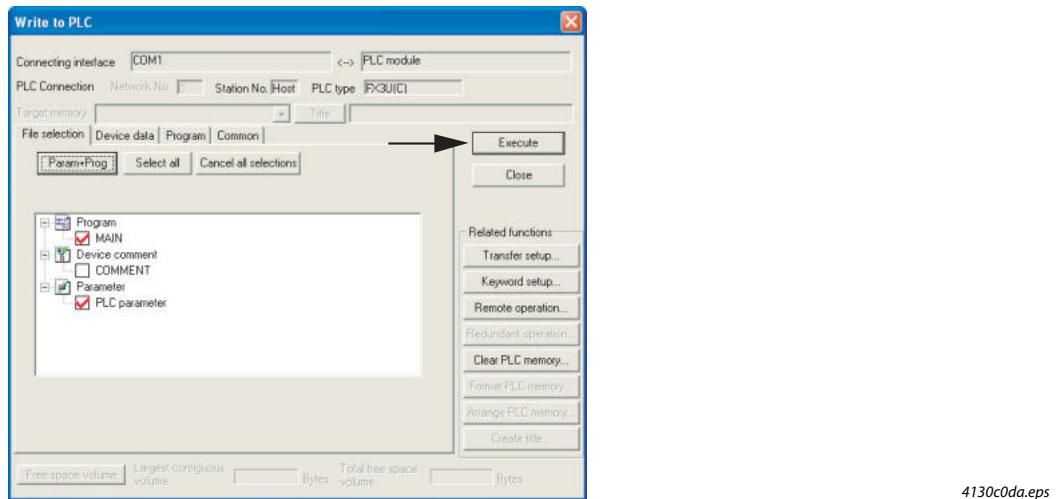
**Fig. 4-13:** "Write to PLC" window

⑧ Click the **Param + Prog** button and then click the **Execute** button. The parameters and the created program will be transferred to the PLC. To enable the transferred parameters, stop the PLC and then restart it.

| Inputs | | Outputs | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X004 | Zero-point signal | Y000 | Pulse train output |
| X010 | Near-point signal (DOG) | Y004 | Rotation direction signal |
| X014 | Servo ready | Y020 | CLEAR signal |
| X020 | Immediate stop | — | — |
| X021 | Zero return command | — | — |
| X022 | JOG(+) command | — | — |
| X023 | JOG(-) command | — | — |
| X024 | Forward rotation positioning command | — | — |
| X025 | Reverse rotation positioning command | — | — |
| X026 | Forward rotation limit (LSF) | — | — |
| X027 | Reverse rotation limit (LSR) | — | — |
| X030 | Stop command | — | — |

**Tab. 4-12:** Used inputs and outputs

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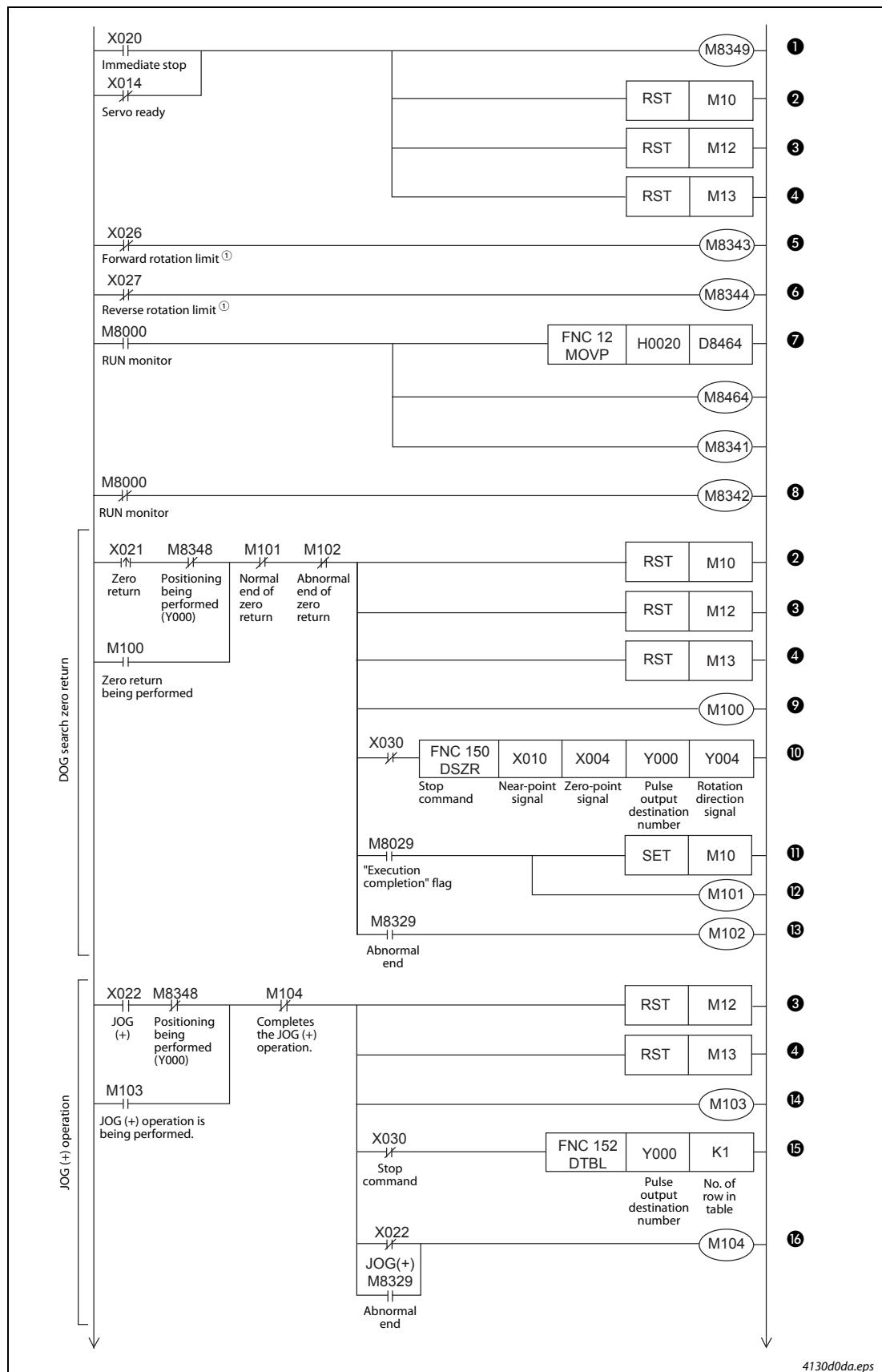
**Fig. 4-14:** *Program example (1)*

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | Stops outputting Y000 pulses. (Immediate stop) |
| ❷ | Resets "zero return completion" flag. |
| ❸ | Resets "forward rotation positioning completion" flag. |
| ❹ | Resets "reverse rotation positioning completion" flag. |
| ❺ | Normal rotation limit (Y000) |
| ❻ | Reverse rotation limit (Y000) |
| ❼ | Enables the zero return operation with CLEAR signal outputting function. (CLEAR signal: Y020) |
| ❽ | Performs zero return in the forward rotation direction. |
| ❾ | Zero return is being performed. |
| ❿ | Zero return instruction with DOG search function (CLEAR signal: Y020) |
| ⓫ | "Zero return completion" flag |
| ⓬ | Normal end of zero return |
| ⓭ | Abnormal end of zero return |
| ⓮ | JOG(+) operation is being performed. |
| ⓯ | Executes the row No. 1 of the positioning table of Y000 (pulse output destination). |
| ⓰ | Completes the JOG(+) operation. |

***Tab. 4-13:*** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-14*

① The forward and reverse rotation limit switches must be wired so that they are turned ON by default (Normally closed contacts).
When these limit switches turn OFF (due to the workpiece going out-of-bounds), M8343 or M8344 will turn ON and cause the pulse operation to stop.
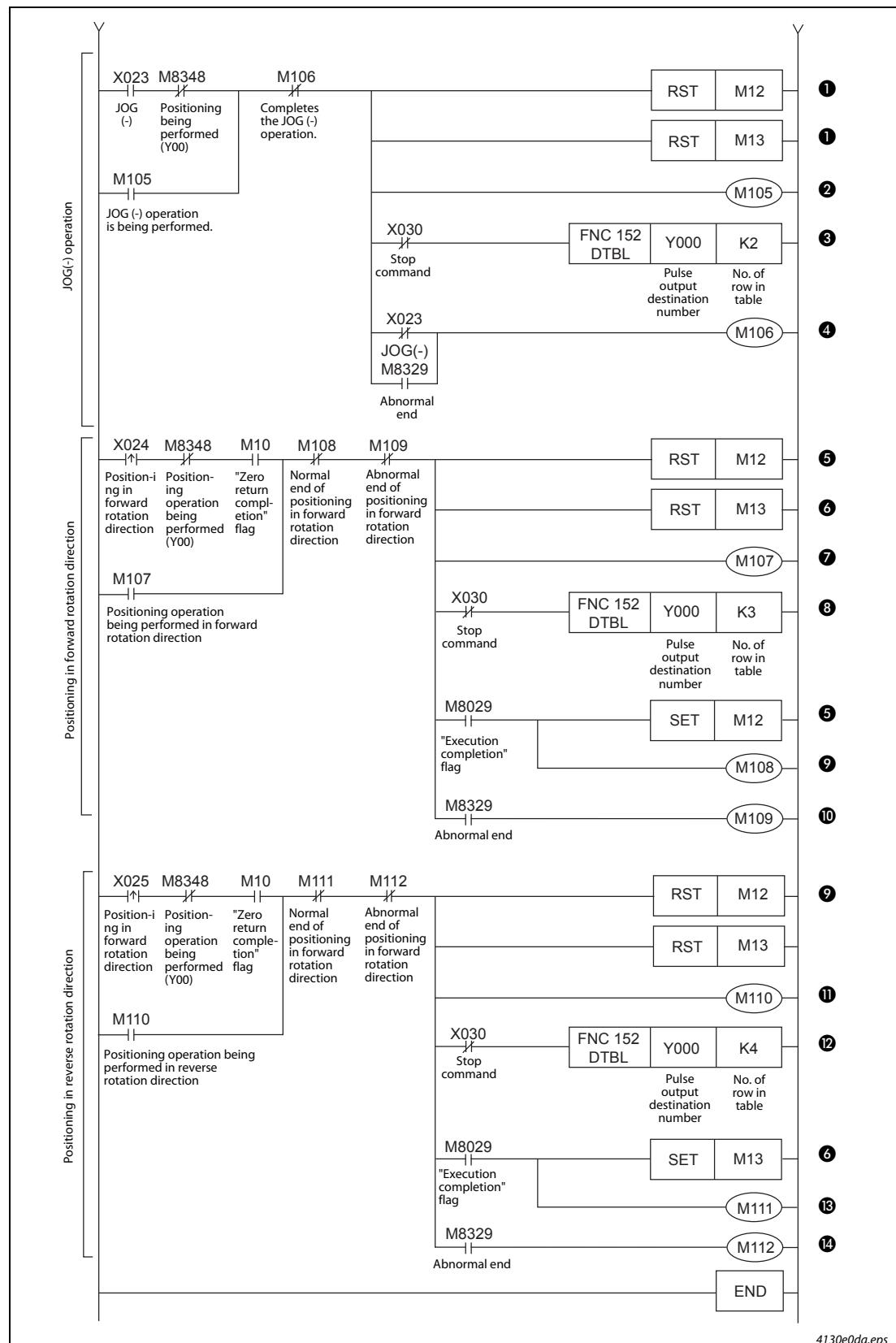
**Fig. 4-15:** *Program example (2)*

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | Resets "forward rotation positioning completion" flag. |
| ❷ | JOG(-) operation is being performed. |
| ❸ | Executes the row No. 2 of the positioning table of Y000 (pulse output destination). |
| ❹ | Completes the JOG(-) operation. |
| ❺ | "Forward rotation positioning completion" flag |
| ❻ | "Reverse rotation positioning completion" flag |
| ❼ | Positioning operation being performed in forward rotation direction |
| ❽ | Executes the row No. 3 of the positioning table of Y000 (pulse output destination). |
| ❾ | "Forward rotation positioning normal end" flag |
| ❿ | "Forward rotation positioning abnormal end" flag |
| ⓫ | Positioning operation being performed in reverse rotation direction |
| ⓬ | Executes the row No. 4 of the positioning table of Y000 (pulse output destination). |
| ⓭ | "Reverse rotation positioning normal end" flag |
| ⓮ | "Reverse rotation positioning abnormal end" flag |

**Tab. 4-14:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-15*

## 4.2      Inverter Drive Control

A frequency inverter, or inverter for short, is installed between the mains supply and the motor. An inverter converts a fixed voltage and frequency into a variable voltage with a variable frequency.Thus the speed of a asynchronous electric motor can be adjusted continuously.

In factory automation, inverters (sometimes known as variable frequency drives) are used to efficiently control large current loads through voltage regulation to drive large fans, pumps or AC motors. Drive control with inverters can lead to great reductions in energy consumption for a factory.

With a Mitsubishi general-purpose inverter connected to an FX2N(C), FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S or FX3U(C) PLC, a motor can be controlled to move at a specific speed. Through monitoring feedback or by using limit switches, a basic positioning functionality is achieved. However, as described in section 1.3, the disadvantage to using an inverter to move a workpiece to a specific location is a loss in the stop precision. Therefore, inverters should not be thought of as positioning controllers.

Important references for understanding inverter drive control for this section include:

● FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition – (JY997D16901)

● Inverter Instruction Manuals

It is assumed that you will have read and understood the above manuals or that you will have them close at hand for reference.
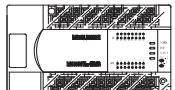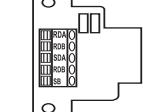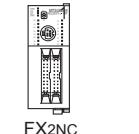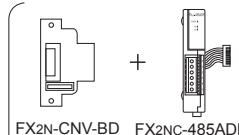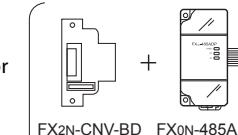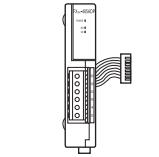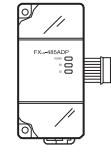
### 4.2.1      Overview of control

Programmable logic controllers and inverters communicate with each other through passing parameter data and control operation data back and forth. Inverters, when used for variable frequency drive, require a frequency command and a start command to operate.
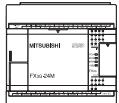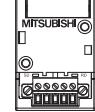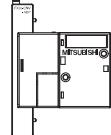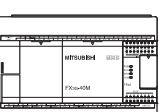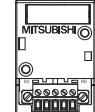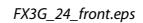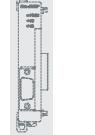
Mitsubishi's FREQROL Series inverters communicate with FX2N(C), FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S and FX3U(C) PLCs via the Mitsubishi inverter computer link protocol to asynchronously control operations.

## 4.2.2     Using the MELSEC FX and FREQROL Inverter
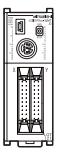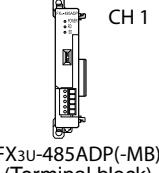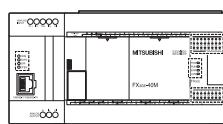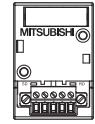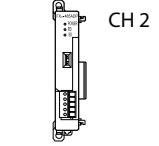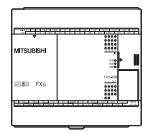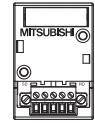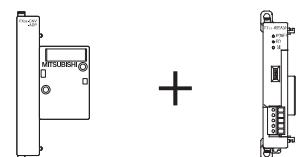
In order to enable RS485 serial communication to a MELCO inverter(s), a special BD board or adapter (ADP) is connected to the main unit FX2N(C), FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S or FX3U(C). The following table describes connection options for using one channel of communication.

| FX Series | Communication equipment (option) | | Total extension distance |
|---|---|---|---|
| FX2N<br><br>+<br><br>FX 2N-ROM-E1<br>(Function extension memory casette<br><br>*422010da.eps* | FX2N-485-BD<br>(Terminal board)<br><br>*422020da.eps* | | 50 m |
| | FX2N-CNV-BD  FX2NC-485ADP<br>(Terminal block)  **or**  FX2N-CNV-BD  FX0N-485ADP<br>(Terminal block)<br><br>*422030da.eps* | | 500 m |
| FX2NC<br><br>+<br><br>FX 2NC-ROM-CE1<br>(Function extension memory board<br><br>*422040da.eps* | FX2NC-485ADP<br>(Terminal block)  **or**  FX0N-485ADP<br>(Terminal block)<br><br>*422050da.eps* | | 500 m |
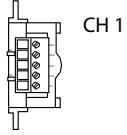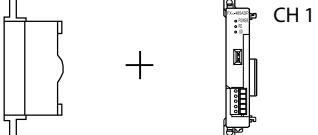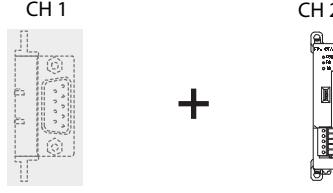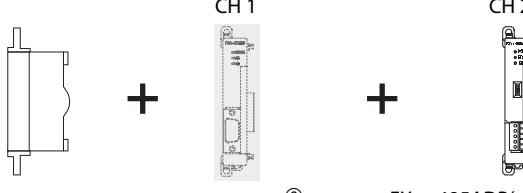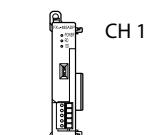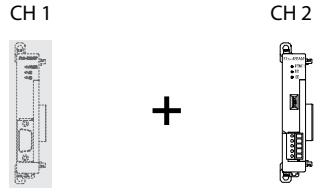
***Tab. 4-15:*** *Applicable communication interface boards and adapters for data exchange with frequency inverters*

| FX Series | Communication equipment (option) | Total extension distance |
|---|---|---|
| FX3G (14 or 24 I/O) *FX3G_24_front.eps* |  FX3G-485-BD (Terminal block) *FX3G-485-BD_front.eps* | 50 m |
| |  FX3G-CNV-ADP + FX3U-485ADP(-MB) (Terminal block) *RS485_FX3G.eps* | 500 m |
| FX3G (40 or 60 I/O) |  CH 1 FX3G-485-BD (Terminal block) *FX3G-485-BD_front.eps* | 50 m |
| |  FX3G-CNV-ADP + FX3U-485ADP(-MB) CH 1 (Terminal block) *RS485_FX3G.eps* | 500 m |
| |  CH 2 FX3G-485-BD (Terminal block) *FX3G-485-BD_front.eps* | 50 m |
| *FX3G_24_front.eps* | CH 1  CH 2  FX3G-CNV-ADP + FX3U-232ADP(-MB) or FX3U-485ADP(-MB) + FX3U-485ADP(-MB) (Terminal block) *RS485_FX3G_ch2.eps* | 500 m |

**Tab. 4-15:** *Applicable communication interface boards and adapters for data exchange with frequency inverters*

| FX Series | Communication equipment (option) | Total extension distance |
|---|---|---|
| FX3GC <br><br> *FX3GC-32M_front.eps* | CH 1 <br><br> FX3U-485ADP(-MB) <br> (Terminal block) <br><br> *4220a0dab.eps* | 500 m |
| | CH 1      CH 2 <br><br> **+** <br><br> FX3U-☐ADP [2]     FX3U-485ADP(-MB) <br> (Terminal block) <br><br> *RS485_FX3UC_D_DS_ch2* | 500 m |
| FX3GE <br><br> *FX3GE-32M_front.eps* | CH 2 <br><br> FX3G-485-BD <br> (Terminal block) <br><br> *FX3G-485-BD_front.eps* | 50 m |
| | CH 2 <br><br> FX3U-485ADP(-MB) <br> (Terminal block) <br><br> *4220a0dab.eps* | 500 m |
| FX3S <br><br> *FX3S-30M_front.eps* | CH 2 <br><br> FX3G-485-BD <br> (Terminal block) <br><br> *FX3G-485-BD_front.eps* | 50 m |
| | **+** <br><br> FX3S-CNV-ADP    FX3U-485ADP(-MB) <br> (Terminal block) <br><br> *RS485_ADP_FX3S* | 500 m |

**Tab. 4-15:** *Applicable communication interface boards and adapters for data exchange with frequency inverters*

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| FX Series | Communication equipment (option) | Total extension distance |
|---|---|---|
| FX3U |  FX3U-485-BD (Terminal block) *422070dab.eps* | 50 m |
| |  FX3U-CNV-BD + CH 1 FX3U-485ADP(-MB) (Terminal block) *422080dab.eps* | 500 m |
| |  CH 1 FX3U-□-BD ① + CH 2 FX3U-485ADP(-MB) (Terminal block) *RS485_FX3U_ch2_1.eps.* | 500 m |
| |  FX3U-CNV-BD + CH 1 FX3U-□ADP ② + CH 2 FX3U-485ADP(-MB) (Terminal block) *422060da.eps* *RS485_FX3U_ch2_2.eps* | 500 m |
| FX3UC |  CH 1 FX3U-485ADP(-MB) (Terminal block) *4220a0dab.eps* | 500 m |
| |  CH 1 FX3U-□ADP ② + CH 2 FX3U-485ADP(-MB) (Terminal block) *422090da.eps* *RS485_FX3UC_D_DS_ch2* | 500 m |

**Tab. 4-15:** *Applicable communication interface boards and adapters for data exchange with frequency inverters*

① FX3U-232-BD, FX3U-422-BD, FX3U-485-BD or FX3U-USB-BD

② FX3U-232ADP(-MB) or FX3U-485ADP(-MB)

To use the special inverter communication instructions from the PLC, inverter and PLC communication parameters must be set. The FX2N(C), FX3G, FX3GC, FX3GE, FX3S and FX3U(C) PLCs include the following special instructions to communicate with one or more inverters.

| FX2N(C) | | FX3G, FX3U(C) | Function/Description |
|---|---|---|---|
| EXTR | K10 | IVCK | Monitors operations of an inverter. |
| | K11 | IVDR | Controls operations of an inverter. |
| | K12 | IVRD | Reads a parameter from an inverter. |
| | K13 | IVWR | Writes a parameter to an inverter. |
| — | | IVBWR [1] | Writes a block of parameters to an inverter. |

*Tab. 4-16:* *Instructions to communicate with inverters*

[1] This instruction is only available for FX3U(C) PLCs.

The programmable controller special relays and inverter instruction codes listed in the table below are used in Section 4.2.3. For information on memory addresses that contain error codes and inverter communication operation statuses, refer to the FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition (JY997D16901).

| Function name | Device | Length | Description | Applicable PLC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RUN monitor | M8000 | 1-bit | ON when PLC is in RUN. | FX2N(C) FX3G FX3GC FX3GE FX3S FX3U(C) |
| Initial pulse | M8002 | 1-bit | ON for the first scan only. | |
| Instruction execution complete flag | M8029 | 1-bit | Programmed immediately after an inverter communication instruction. Turns ON when the preceding instruction finishes its operation and stays ON until the instruction stops being driven. | |

*Tab. 4-17:* *Programmable controller special relays*

| Function name | Instruction Code | No. of Data Digits | Description | Applicable Inverter |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Inverter reset | H0FD | 4-digits | Resets the inverter and does not request a response. Inverter reset takes about 2.2 seconds to complete. | [1] |
| Operation mode | H0FB | 4-digits | Sets the communication operation for the inverter. | [1] |
| Running frequency write | H0ED | 4-digits | Changes the drive frequency by writing directly to the inverter RAM. | [1] |
| Run command | H0FA | 2-digits | Sets forward rotation (STF) or reverse rotation (STR). | [1] |
| Inverter status monitor | H07A | 2-digits | Monitors operation bits of the inverter. | [1] |
| Output frequency [speed] | H06F | 4-digits | Monitors the frequency of the inverter. | [1] |

*Tab. 4-18:* *Inverter instruction codes*

[1] Applicable for all Mitsubishi FREQROL inverters.

### 4.2.3 Program example

The following programming example is a hybrid program for FX2N(C) and FX3G/FX3GC/FX3GE/FX3S/FX3U(C) controllers to be used with an E500 Series inverter. For the communication between PLC and inverter, CH 1 is used.*

\* When a FX3GE main unit is used, the communication channel of the built-in Ethernet is CH1. When a communication expansion board or a communication special adapter is connected to the PLC, that communication channel becomes CH2. Please modify the example program accordingly.

The travel path and operation pattern are shown below.

In the program below, the section "Controlling the inverter to move in the forward or reverse rotation direction" drives the inverter in the forward or reverse direction. When the forward rotation limit (X001) or reverse rotation limit (X000) is reached, the operation stops. For details on connecting the hardware for testing, refer to the appropriate product manual.



*423010da.eps*
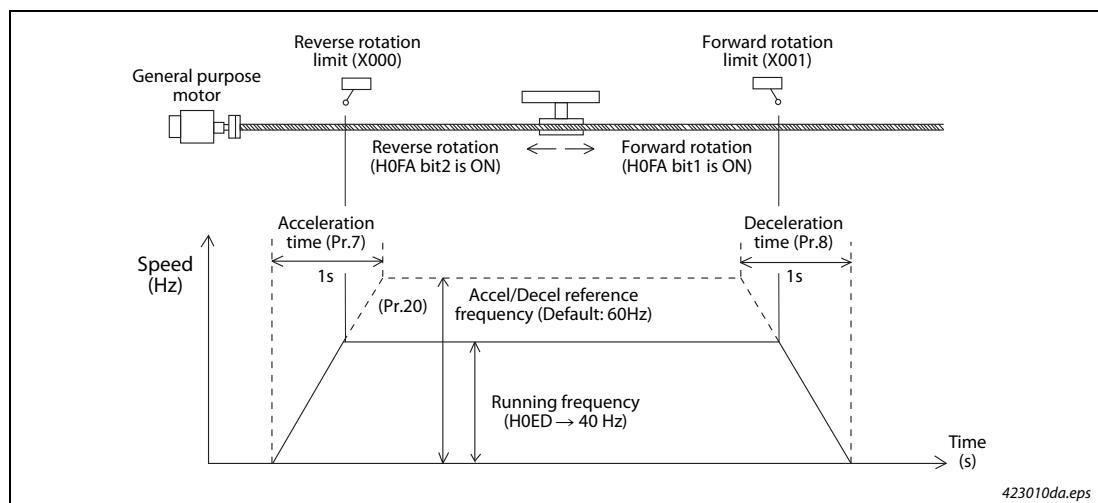
**Fig. 4-16:** *Configuration and positioning pattern for the E500 Series inverter*

Before programming, there are several parameter settings that must be set to the inverter and PLC.

**Setting communication parameters for the E500 Series inverter**

While all operations are stopped (i.e. - the RUN indicator on the E500 is OFF), use the MODE key [MODE], UP/DOWN keys [▲] [▼] and the SET key [SET] to change and/or confirm the following parameters:

| Parameter No. | Parameter item | Set value | Setting contents |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pr.79 | Operation mode selection | 0 | External operation mode is selected when power is turned ON. |
| Pr.117 | Communication station number | 00 to 31 | Up to eight inverters can be connected. |
| Pr.118 | Communication speed | 96 | 9600 bps (default) |
| Pr.119 | Stop bit / Data length | 10 | Data length: 7-bit<br>Stop bit: 1-bit |
| Pr.120 | Parity check presence/absence selection | 2 | Even parity present |
| Pr.122 | Communication check time interval | 9999 | Communication check suspension |
| Pr.123 | Waiting time setting | 9999 | Set with communication data |
| Pr.124 | CRLF presence/absence selection | 1 | With CR, without LF |

**Tab. 4-19:** *Communication parameters*

**Setting communication parameters for the FX2N(C)/FX3G/FX3GC/FX3GE/FX3S/FX3U(C) PLC**

For example, parameters are set in GX Developer as shown below.

① Double-click **Parameter** and then **PLC parameter** from the project tree on the left side of the screen.

If the project tree is not displayed on the screen, click **View** on the menu bar, and then click **Project Data List**.



*423060da.eps*
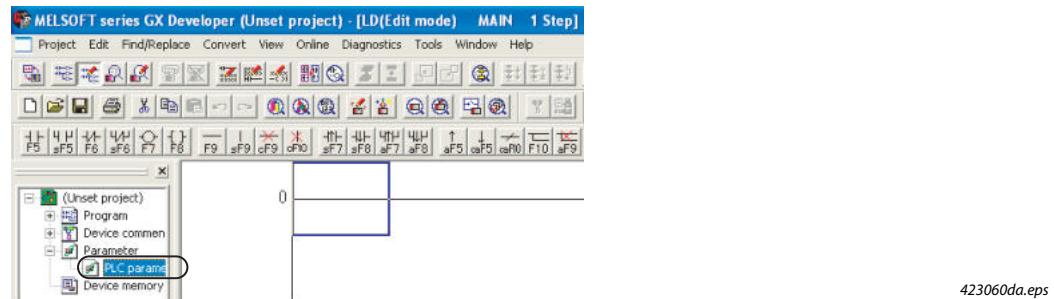
**Fig. 4-17:** *Project window*

② Click on the **PLC system(2)** tab in the "FX parameter" window and set the parameters as shown below:



*423070da.eps*
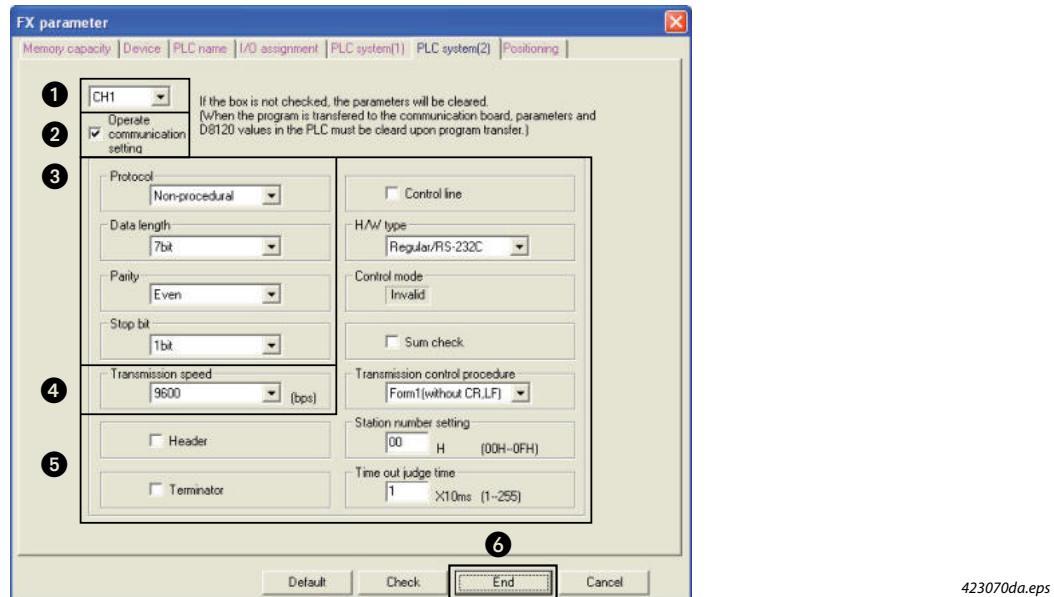
**Fig. 4-18:** **FX parameter** *window*

❶ Set CH1 as the channel to be used. (Set CH2 when a FX3GE PLC is used.)

❷ Put a checkmark in the Operate communication setting checkbox to activate the communication settings.

❸ Set [Protocol] to "Non-procedural", [Data length] to "7bit", [Parity] to "Even", and [Stop bit] to "1bit".

❹ Set [Transmission speed] to "9600" to match the speed setting in the inverter.

❺ Ignore these items.

③ Click the [End] button.

④ Create the ladder program as shown below.

⑤ Once the ladder program is complete, click on **Online** from the top menu bar in GX Developer and select **Write to PLC**. The "Write to PLC" window will appear.

⑥ Click the **Param+Prog** button and then click the **Execute** button. The parameters and the created program will be transferred to the PLC. To enable the transferred parameters, stop the PLC and then restart it.



*423080da.e*
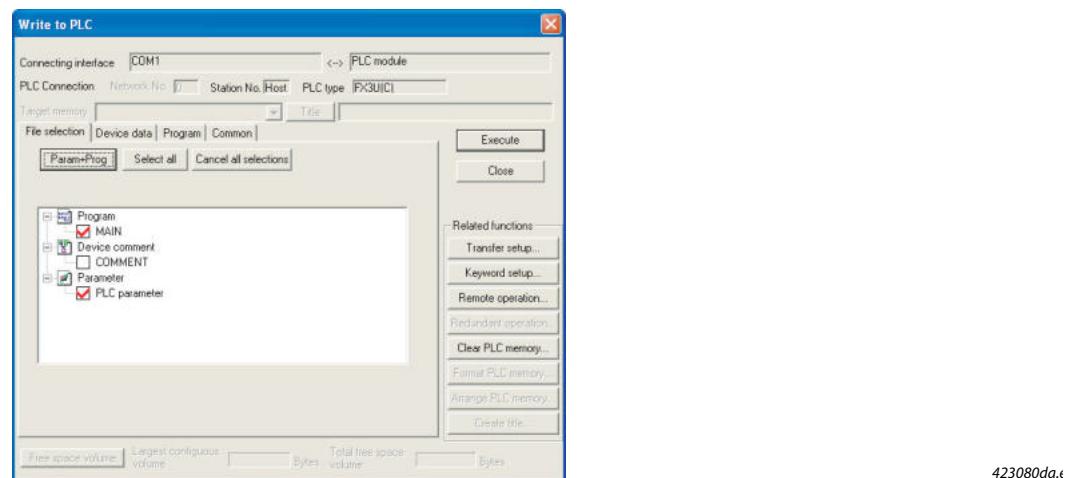
**Fig. 4-19:** *Write to PLC window*

| Inputs | | Outputs | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X000 | Reverse rotation limit | Y000 | Inverter running (RUN) |
| X001 | Forward rotation limit | Y001 | Forward rotation |
| X002 | Forward rotation command input | Y002 | Reverse rotation |
| X003 | Reverse rotation command input | Y003 | Up to frequency (SU) |
| — | — | Y004 | Overload is applied (OL) |
| — | — | Y006 | Frequency detection (FU) |
| — | — | Y007 | Alarm occurrence |

**Tab. 4-20:** *Used inputs and outputs*
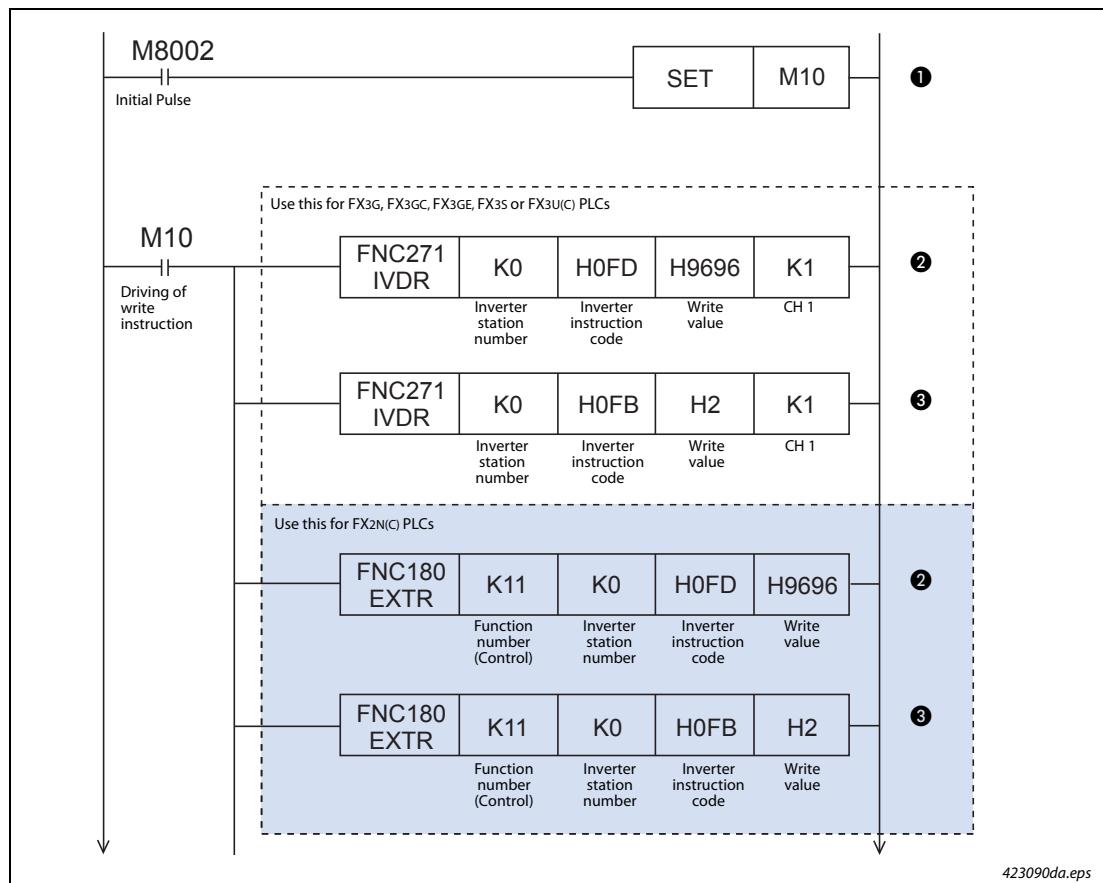
**Fig. 4-20:** *Program example (1)*

| Function | Number | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Writing parameters to the inverter while the PLC is in RUN mode. | ❶ | The write instruction is driven |
| | ❷ | The inverter is reset [H9696 → "H0FD"] |
| | ❸ | Computer link operation is specified [H2 → "H0FB"] |

**Tab. 4-21:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-20*
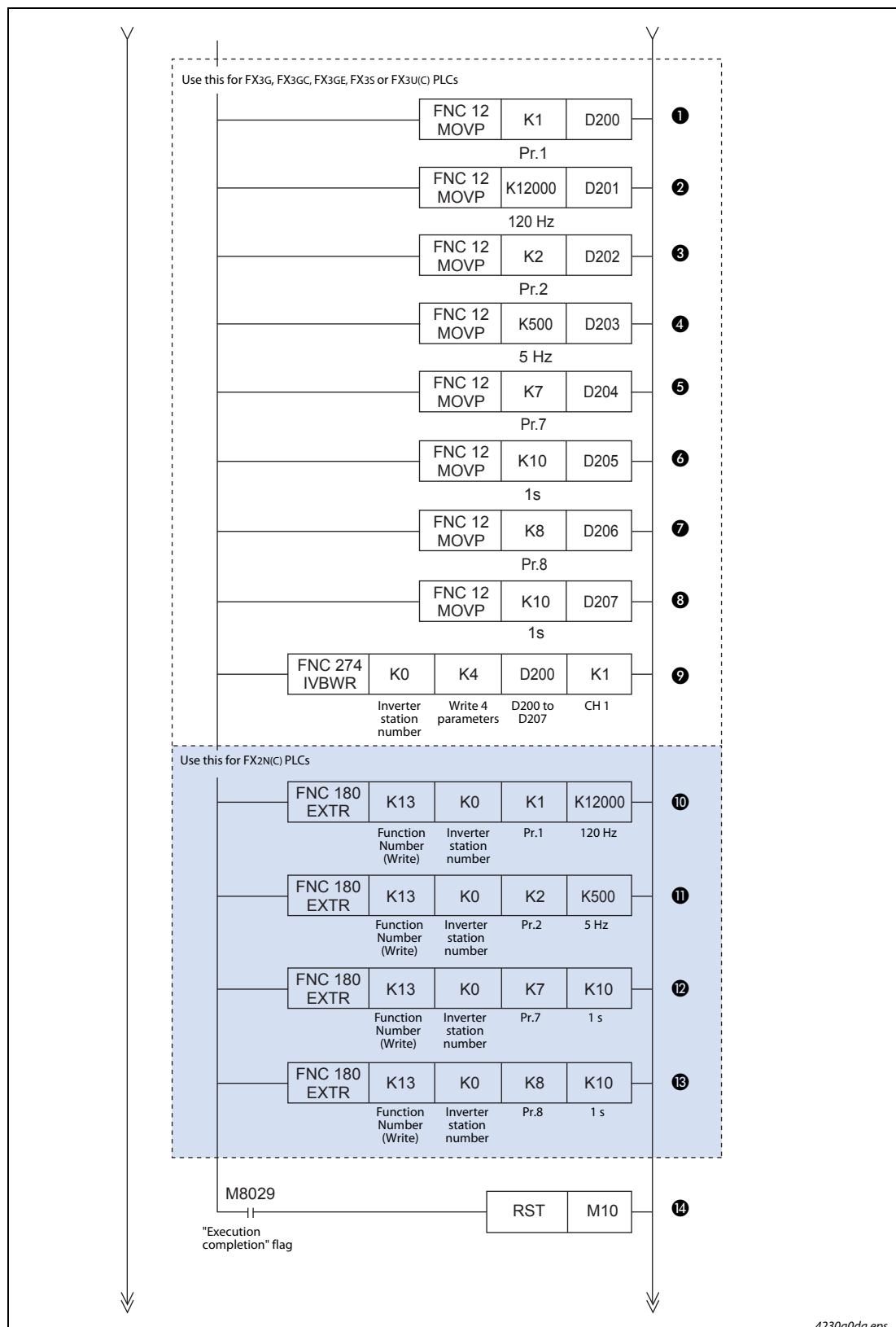
**Fig. 4-21:** Program example (2)

| Function | Number | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Writing parameters to the inverter while the PLC is in RUN mode. | ❶ | The maximum frequency (Pr. 1) is specified |
| | ❷ | The maximum frequency (Pr. 1) is set to "120 Hz" |
| | ❸ | The minimum frequency (Pr. 2) is specified |
| | ❹ | The minimum frequency (Pr. 2) is set to "5 Hz" |
| | ❺ | The acceleration time (Pr. 7) is specified |
| | ❻ | The acceleration time (Pr. 7) is set to "1 sec" |
| | ❼ | The deceleration time (Pr. 8) is specified |
| | ❽ | The deceleration time (Pr. 8) is set to "1 sec" |
| | ❾ | The parameters are written at one time [Contents of D200–D207 → Pr. 1, Pr. 2, Pr. 7 and Pr. 8] |
| | ❿ | The maximum frequency (Pr. 1) is set to "120 Hz" [K12000 → Pr. 1] |
| | ⓫ | The minimum frequency (Pr. 2) is set to "5 Hz" [K500 → Pr. 2] |
| | ⓬ | The acceleration time (Pr. 7) is set to "1 sec" [K10 → Pr. 7] |
| | ⓭ | The deceleration time (Pr. 8) is set to "1 sec" [K10 → Pr. 8] |
| | ⓮ | Reset driving of write instruction |

**Tab. 4-22:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-21*

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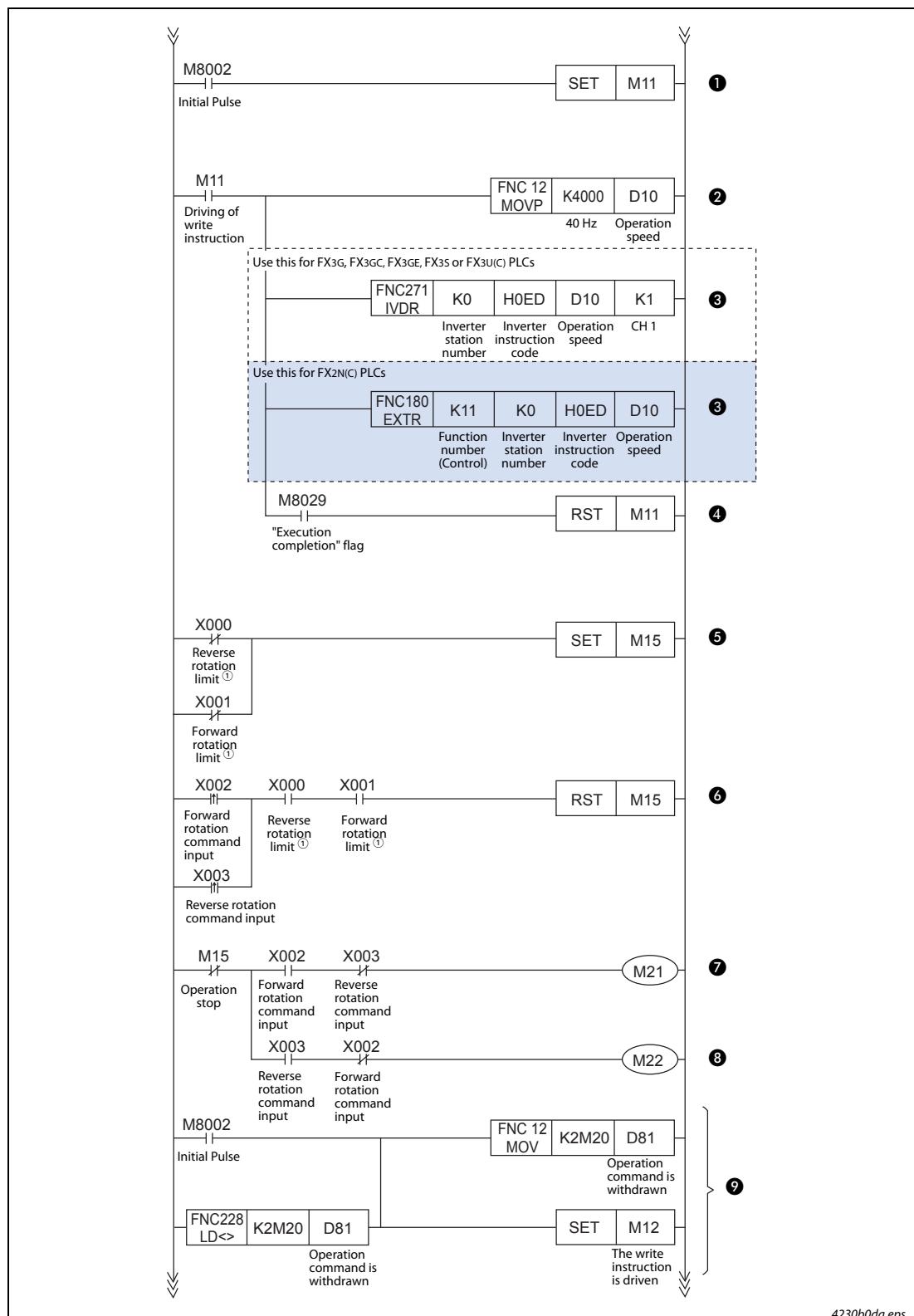
**Fig. 4-22:** *Program example (3)*

[1] The forward and reverse rotation limit switches must be wired so that they are turned ON by default (Normally closed contacts).
When either of these limit switches turns OFF (due to the workpiece going out-of-bounds), the inverter operation will be stopped.

| Function | Number | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Setting the operation speed of the inverter to 40 Hz while the PLC is in RUN mode. | ❶ | The write instruction is driven |
| | ❷ | The operation speed is set as "40 Hz" |
| | ❸ | The preset frequency is written to the inverter [Contents of D10 → "H0ED"] |
| | ❹ | Reset driving of write instruction |
| Controlling the inverter to move in the forward or reverse rotation direction. | ❺ | Operation stop "H0FA" is set to "00H" |
| | ❻ | Operation is driven by input X002 or X003 |
| | ❼ | Forward rotation command b1 of "H0FA" is set to ON |
| | ❽ | Reverse rotation command b2 of "H0FA" is set to ON |
| | ❾ | Changes in the operation commands (M20 to M27) are detected |

*Tab. 4-23:* *Description of the program example in fig. 4-22*

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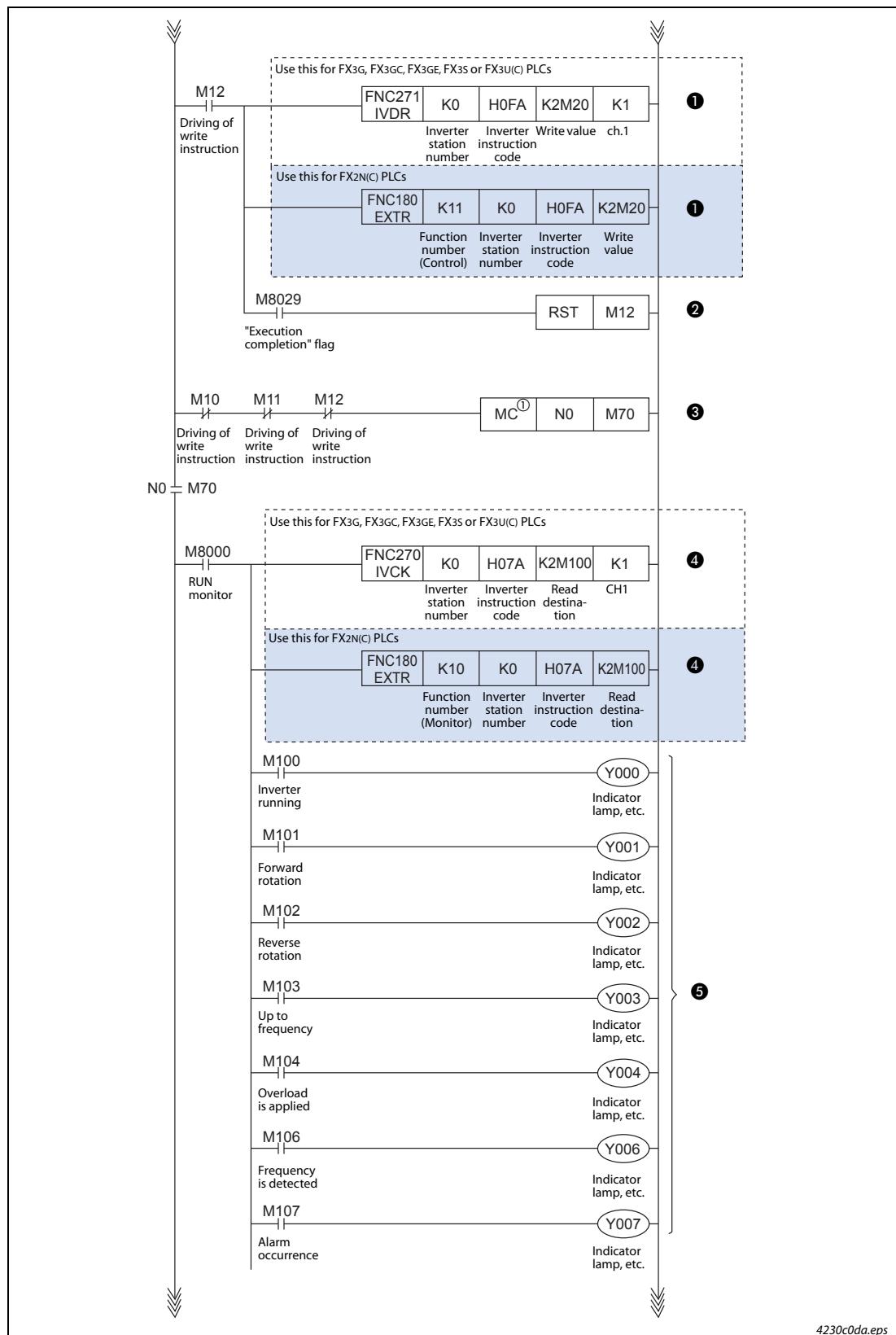
**Fig. 4-23:** *Program example (4)*

[1] MC denotes the start of a master control block.

In this example, the master control block "N0" is only executed when data is not being written to the inverter.

| Function | Number | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Controlling the inverter to move in the forward or reverse rotation direction. | ❶ | Operation commands are written [M20-M27 → "H0FA"] |
| | ❷ | Reset driving of write instruction |
| Monitoring operations of the inverter. | ❸ | While data is not being written to the inverter, data is monitored. |
| | ❹ | Inverter status is read ["H07A" → M100–M107] |
| | ❺ | Contents of status (according to necessity) |

*Tab. 4-24:* *Description of the program example in fig. 4-23*
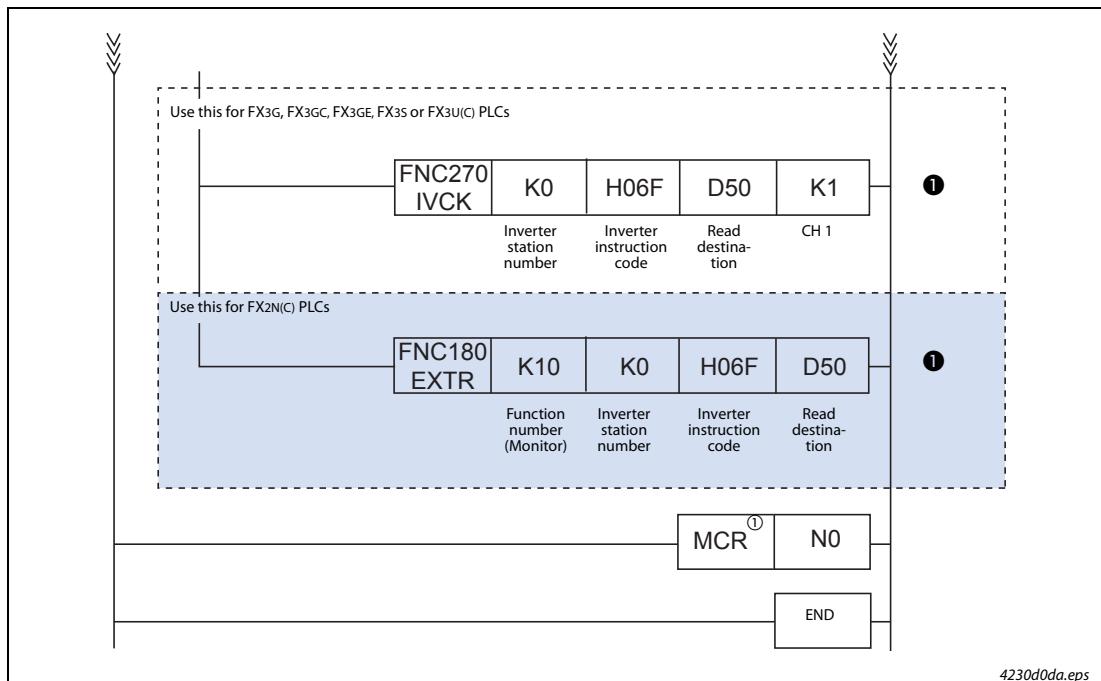


*Fig. 4-24:* *Program example (5)*

[1] MCR denotes the end of a master control block.
In this example, the master control block "N0" is only executed when data is not being written to the inverter.

| | Number | Description |
|---|---|---|
| Monitoring operations of the inverter. | ❶ | Monitor frequency value with D50 ["H06F" → D50] |

*Tab. 4-25:* *Description of the program example in fig. 4-24*

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## 4.3         FX2N-1PG-E positioning

The FX2N(C) and FX3U(C) PLCs support connection with the FX2N-1PG-E special function block. Special function blocks are separate pieces of hardware that can be connected to PLCs to enhance control. Since special function blocks process information separately from the PLC, the scan time of the PLC is not adversely affected during operations controlled by special function blocks. This provides an advantage for programming. Additionally, special function blocks such as the FX2N-1PG-E offer separate, more advanced control through the use of their own inputs and outputs.

An important reference for understanding positioning with the FX2N-1PG-E is:

● FX2N-1PG/FX-1PG User's Manual – (JY992D65301)

It is assumed that you will have read the above manual or that you will have it nearby for reference.

### 4.3.1      Overview of control

The FX2N-1PG-E is a popular unit for performing general point-to-point positioning operations on 1 axis up to 100,000 pulses/second (100 kHz). A stepper motor or servo motor can be used with the FX2N-1PG-E to perform positioning operations.

Some of the main advantages to using the FX2N-1PG-E for positioning as opposed to the FX1S, FX1N or FX3U(C) include:

● The flexible use of the zero point signal PG0

● Two speed positioning operations with or without interrupt

● The option to choose the FP/RP pulse output method.

**4.3.2    Important buffer memory locations**

The FX2N-1PG-E contains 32 buffer memory (BFM) addresses, which are 16-bit (1 word) areas of memory that contain information relevant to the control of positioning operations. The FX2N(C) or FX3U(C) PLC that is connected to the FX2N-1PG-E can send and receive data to the buffer memory addresses to change and/or update information. This exchange of information takes place through dedicated PLC instructions known as the FROM/TO instructions. (For FX3U(C) PLCs, the MOV instruction can also be used to transfer data to/from special function blocks.)

The following buffer memory addresses are used in the ladder program example below. For details on other BFM addresses, refer to the FX-1PG/FX2N-1PG User's Manual (JY992D65301).

| BFM # | Item | | | Set value | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| #0 | Pulse rate | | | 4,000 | PLS/rev |
| #2, #1 | Feed rate | | | 1,000 | μm/rev |
| #3 | Parameters | | | — | — |
| | Bit 1, Bit 0 | System of units | | Bit 1: 1, Bit 0: 0 | Combined system |
| | Bit 5, Bit 4 | Multiplication factor [1] | | Bit 5: 1, Bit 4: 1 | $10^3$ |
| #5, #4 | Maximum speed | | | 40,000 | Hz |
| #6 | Bias speed | | | 0 | Hz |
| #15 | Acceleration/Deceleration time | | | 100 | ms |
| #18, #17 | Target address 1 | | | 100 | mm |
| #20, #19 | Operating speed 1 | | | 40,000 | Hz |
| #22, #21 | Target address 2 | | | 150 | mm |
| #24, #23 | Operating speed 2 | | | 10,000 | Hz |
| #25 | Operation command | | | — | — |
| | Bit 0 | Error reset | | M0 | X000 |
| | Bit 1 | STOP command | | M1 | X001 |
| | Bit 2 | Forward rotation limit | | M2 | X002 |
| | Bit 3 | Reverse rotation limit | | M3 | X003 |
| | Bit 7 | Relative/Absolute positioning | | M7 (Bit 7 = 0) | Absolute positioning |
| | Bit 10 | Two speed positioning START command | | M10 | X007 |
| #27, #26 | Current address | | | D11, D10 | mm |
| #28 | Status information | | | M20–M31 | — |
| #29 | Error code | | | D20 | — |

***Tab. 4-26:*** *Buffer memory addresses of FX2N-1PG-E*

[1] Using a multiplication factor of $10^3$ changes the units from μm to mm.

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### 4.3.3 Program example

In the example that follows, a two speed positioning instruction is used to move a drill 100 mm toward a block of wood with a high speed pulse frequency of 40 kHz. When the drill reaches the wood, the speed decreases to 10 kHz. The drill is then driven for 50 mm into the wood before decelerating to stop.
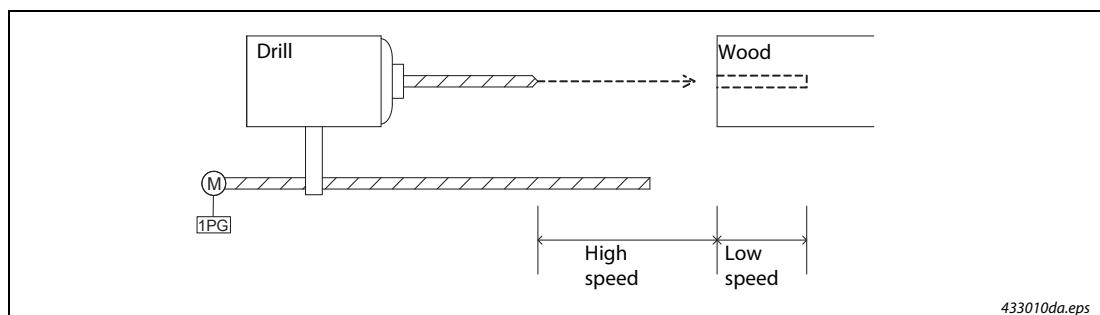


*Fig. 4-25:* *Configuration*

The two speed positioning operation is illustrated in the following graph. Neither the zero point return nor the JOG instructions are used in the ladder program.
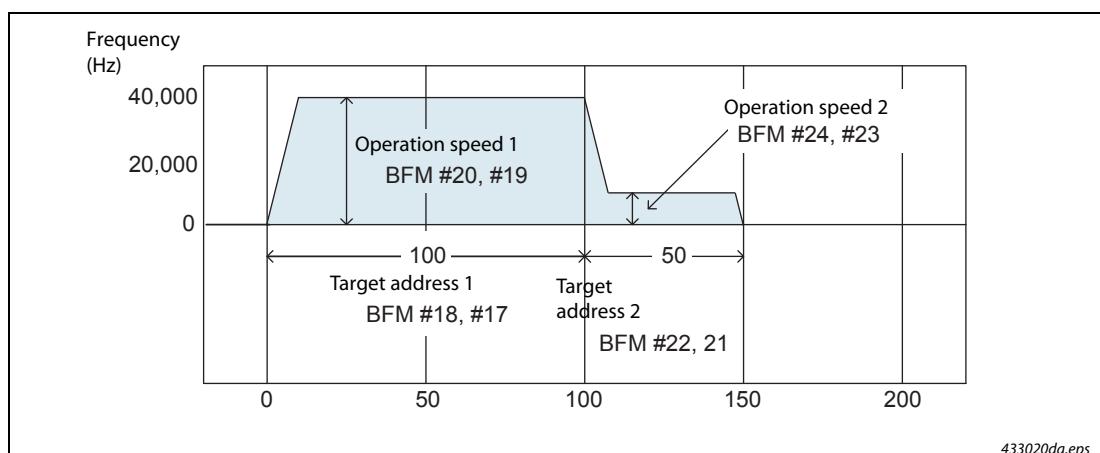


*Fig. 4-26:* *Positioning pattern*

Although the following ladder program is not very complicated, it is important to establish good programming practice by paying attention to the order with which the PLC writes and reads to the buffer memory of the FX2N-1PG-E. Before writing the operation command (START command) to the module's BFM from the PLC, several settings must be established such as target addresses 1 & 2, operation speeds 1 & 2, and various settings such as the bias speed, maximum speed, and the acceleration/deceleration time.

The most critical part of the program is the section where the operation commands are enabled by writing bits M0 to M15 to BFM#25. When the positioning START command turns ON, the operation begins with the specified settings.

The ladder program example on the following page can be programmed with an FX2N(C) or FX3U(C) PLC and does not require an actuator (i.e., servo system) for testing. The following inputs are used in the program:

| Inputs | |
|---|---|
| X000 | Error reset |
| X001 | STOP command |
| X002 | Forward rotation limit |
| X003 | Reverse rotation limit |
| X007 | 2-speed positioning START command |

**Tab. 4-27:** *Used inputs*
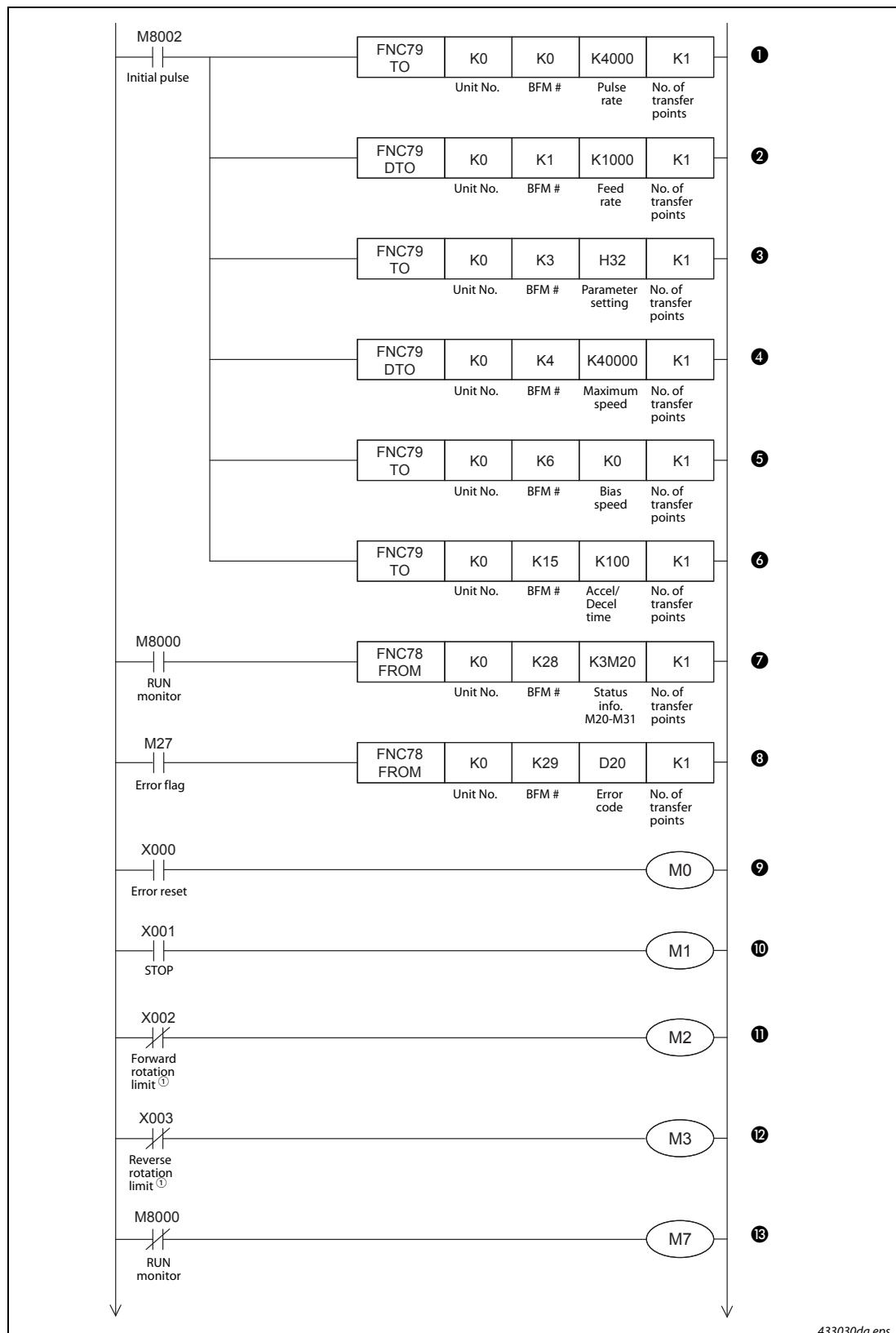
**Fig. 4-27:** Program example (1)

① The forward and reverse rotation limit switches must be wired so that they are turned ON by default (Normally closed contacts).
When these limit switches turn OFF (due the workpiece going out-of-bounds), M2 or M3 will turn ON and cause the pulse operation to stop.

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | Set the pulse rate (PLS/rev) [K4000 → #0] |
| ❷ | Set the feed rate (µm/rev) [K1000 → #2,#1] |
| ❸ | Set the units to µm × $10^3$ → mm; combined system [H32 → #3] |
| ❹ | Set the maximum speed (Hz) [K40000 → #5,#4] |
| ❺ | Set the bias speed (Hz) [K0 → #6] |
| ❻ | Set the acceleration/deceleration time (ms) [K100 → #15] |
| ❼ | Read status information [K3M20 ← #28] |
| ❽ | Read error code [D20 ← #29] |
| ❾ | Reset error |
| ❿ | STOP operation |
| ⓫ | Forward rotation limit |
| ⓬ | Reverse rotation limit |
| ⓭ | Use absolute positioning |

**Tab. 4-28:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-27*
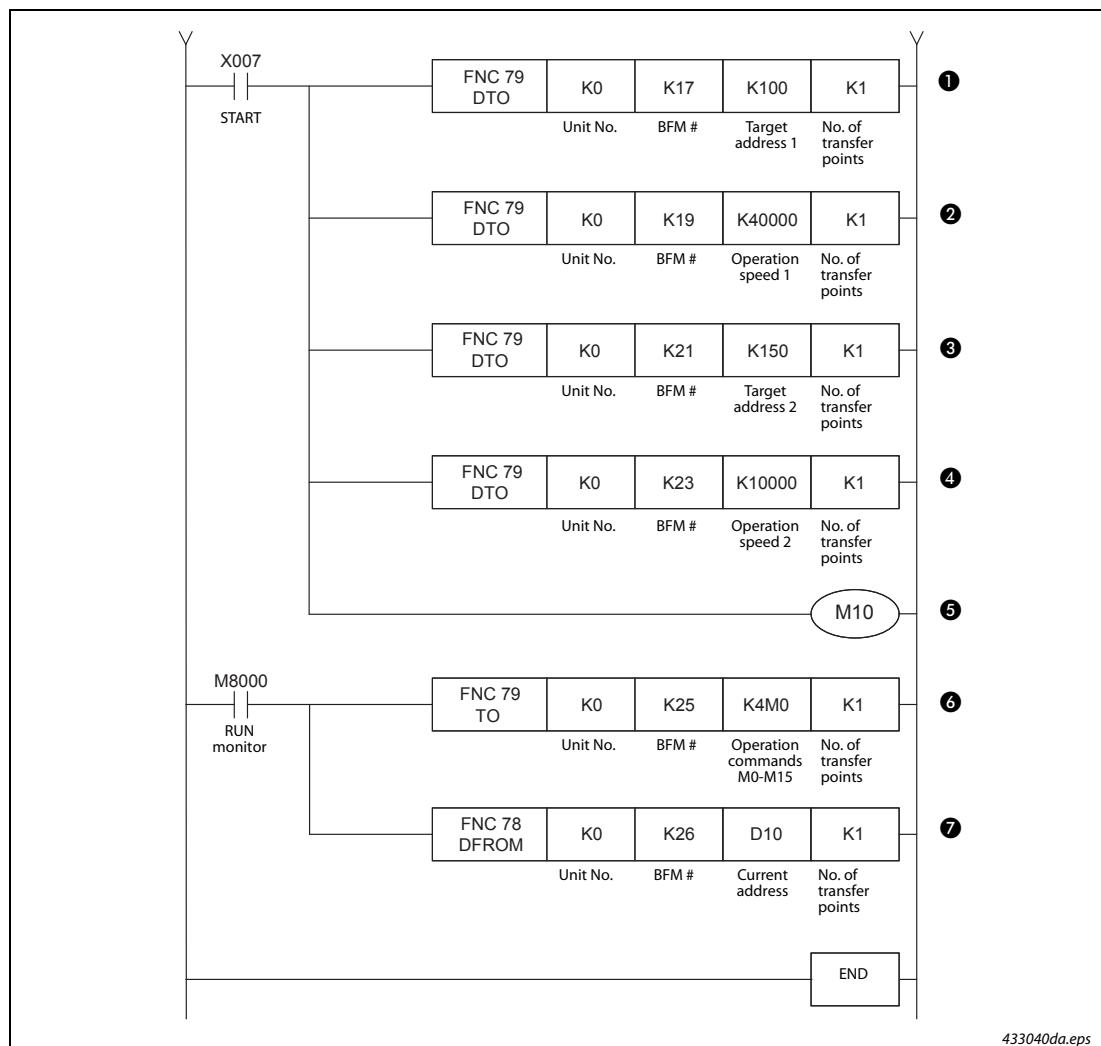
**Fig. 4-28:**  *Program example (2)*

| Number | Description |
|---|---|
| ❶ | Set the target address 1 [K100 → #18,#17] |
| ❷ | Set the operation speed 1 [K40000 → #20,#19] |
| ❸ | Set the target address 2 [K150 → #22,#21] |
| ❹ | Set the operation speed 2 [K10000 → #24,#23] |
| ❺ | Set the START command for two-speed positioning |
| ❻ | Write operation commands to the FX2N-1PG [K4M0 → #25] |
| ❼ | Monitor the current address (mm) [D11, D10 → #27, #26] |

**Tab. 4-29:**  *Description of the program example in fig. 4-28*

# 4.4      FX2N-10PG positioning

The FX2N(C) and FX3U(C) PLCs support connection with the FX2N-10PG special function block. As described in section 4.3, special function blocks are separate pieces of hardware that can be connected to a PLC to enhance control. Due to the separate processing sequence that takes place in special function blocks through the use of buffer memory data, special function blocks provide a distinct advantage to PLC programming through individualized control that expands and improves PLC operations. Additionally, special function blocks such as the FX2N-10PG include extra input points and output points.

An important reference for understanding positioning with the FX2N-10PG is:

● FX2N-10PG User's Manual – (JY992D93401)

It is assumed that you will have read the above manual or that you will have it nearby for reference.

## 4.4.1     Overview of control

The FX2N-10PG is used to perform point-to-point positioning operations on 1 axis up to 1,000,000 pulses/second (1 MHz). With the FX2N-10PG differential line driver type outputs that provide improved stability and better noise immunity, a stepper motor or servo motor can be controlled to perform a variety of positioning operations including multi-speed positioning and interrupt stop positioning. The controller also supports the connection of a manual pulse generator dial to control individual pulses from a position dial. Another advantage to using the FX2N-10PG is the ability to use a defined set of positioning operations in table format with up to 200 predefined table operations.

## 4.4.2 Important buffer memory locations

The FX2N-10PG contains 1,300 buffer memory (BFM) addresses, which are 16-bit (1 word) areas of memory that contain information relevant to the control of positioning operations. Most of these addresses are reserved for data to be used in table operations. The FX2N(C) or FX3U(C) PLC that is connected to the FX2N-10PG can send and receive data to the buffer memory addresses to change and/ or update information. This exchange of information takes place through dedicated PLC instructions known as the FROM/TO instructions. (For FX3U(C) PLCs, the MOV instruction can also be used to transfer data to/from special function blocks.)

The following buffer memory addresses are used in the ladder program example below. For details on other BFM addresses, refer to the FX2N-10PG User's Manual (JY992D93401).

| BFM # | Item | | Set value | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| #1, #0 | Maximum speed | | 50,000 | Hz |
| #2 | Bias speed | | 0 | Hz |
| #11 | Acceleration time | | 100 | ms |
| #12 | Deceleration time | | 100 | ms |
| #14, #13 | Target address 1 | | 50 | mm |
| #16, #15 | Operation speed 1 | | 50,000 | Hz |
| #25, #24 | Current address | | D11, D10 | mm |
| #26 | Operation command | | — | — |
| | Bit 0 | Error reset | M0 | X000 |
| | Bit 1 | STOP | M1 | X001 |
| | Bit 2 | Forward rotation limit | M2 | X002 |
| | Bit 3 | Reverse rotation limit | M3 | X003 |
| | Bit 8 | Relative/Absolute positioning | M8 (Bit 8 =1) | Relative positioning |
| | Bit 9 | START command | M9 | X007 |
| #27 | Operation pattern | | — | — |
| | b0 | 1-speed positioning operation | — | — |
| #28 | Status information | | M20 – M31 | |
| #33, #32 | Pulse rate | | 4,000 | PLS/rev |
| #35, #34 | Feed rate | | 1,000 | µm/rev |
| #36 | Parameters | | — | — |
| | Bit 1, Bit 0 | System of units | Bit 1: 1, Bit 0: 0 | Combined system |
| | Bit 5, Bit 4 | Multiplication factor [1] | Bit 5: 1, Bit 4: 1 | $10^3$ |
| #37 | Error code | | D20 | — |

**Tab. 4-30:** *Buffer memory addresses of FX2N-10PG*

[1] Using a multiplication factor of $10^3$ changes the units from µm to mm.

### 4.4.3    Program example

In the program example that follows, a series of three individual 1-speed positioning operations are controlled from the FX2N-10PG with an output signal from the PLC that turns ON between each operation. An event timing chart is included on the next page to help understand the logic flow of the program.

This example uses a conveyor system to carry boxes from one location to another. Each intermittent positioning operation positions a box in front of a scanner to scan it for 2 seconds. During each 2-second scan, Y000 from the PLC turns ON to illuminate an indicator light. The number of boxes to be scanned can be varied by changing the value of the counter, C100, in the program.
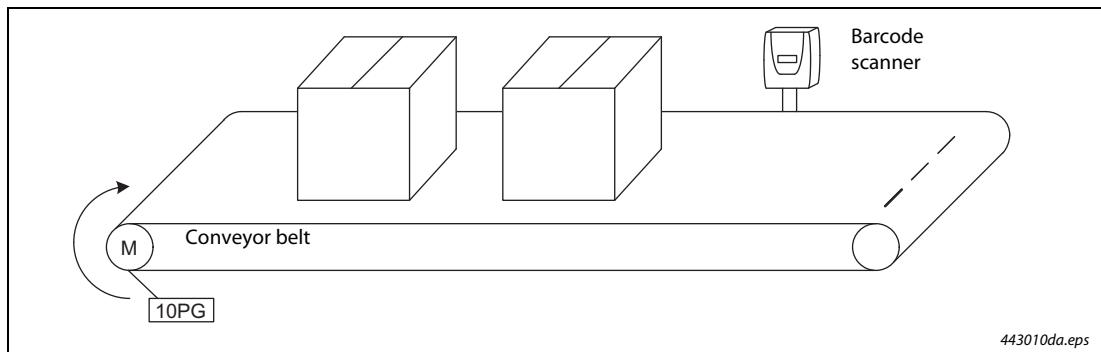


**Fig. 4-29:**  *Configuration*

The positioning pattern is shown in the following figure. Neither the zero point return nor the JOG instructions are used in the ladder program example.
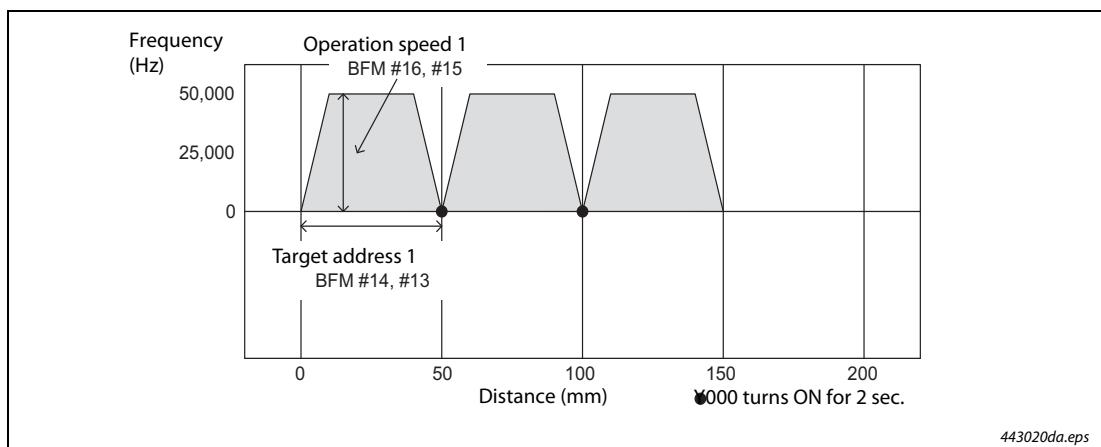


**Fig. 4-30:**  *Positioning pattern*

In order for the program to function correctly for the specified number of repetition cycles, the START command input (X007) must not be turned ON again during the positioning operation. If the START command is turned ON again, the counter C100 is reset, which clears the number of repetitions.

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The following program can be used with an FX2N(C) or FX3U(C) PLC and does not require an actuator (i.e., servo system) for testing. The input and output points include:

| Inputs | | Outputs | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X000 | Error reset | Y000 | Indicator lamp (ON for 2 sec. intervals) |
| X001 | STOP command | | |
| X002 | Forward rotation limit | — | — |
| X003 | Reverse rotation limit | — | — |
| X007 | START command | — | — |

**Tab. 4-31:** *Used inputs and outputs*

The following figure is an event timing chart for part of the operation in the program below.



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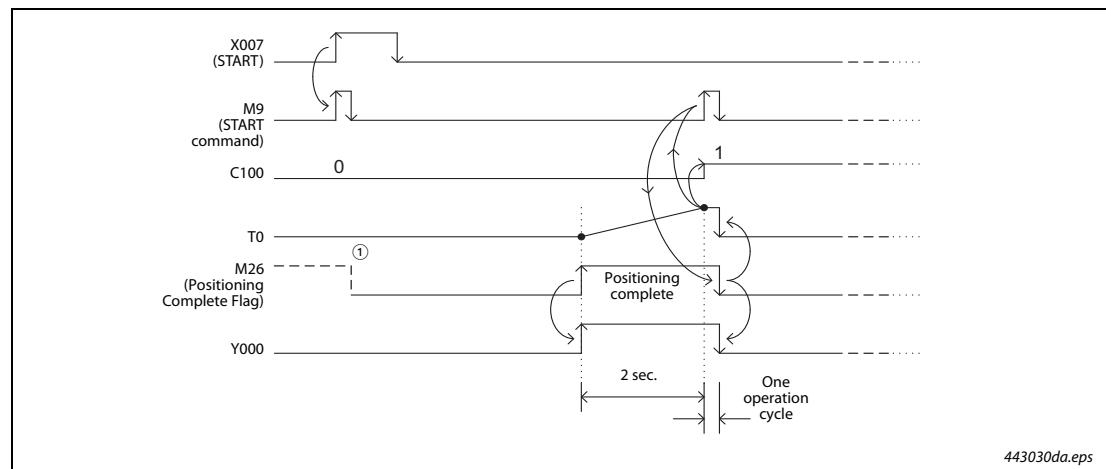
**Fig. 4-31:** *Timing chart*

① The positioning complete flag will only be ON at the very beginning of the program when it is not the first time to operate the equipment and the power has not been recycled.
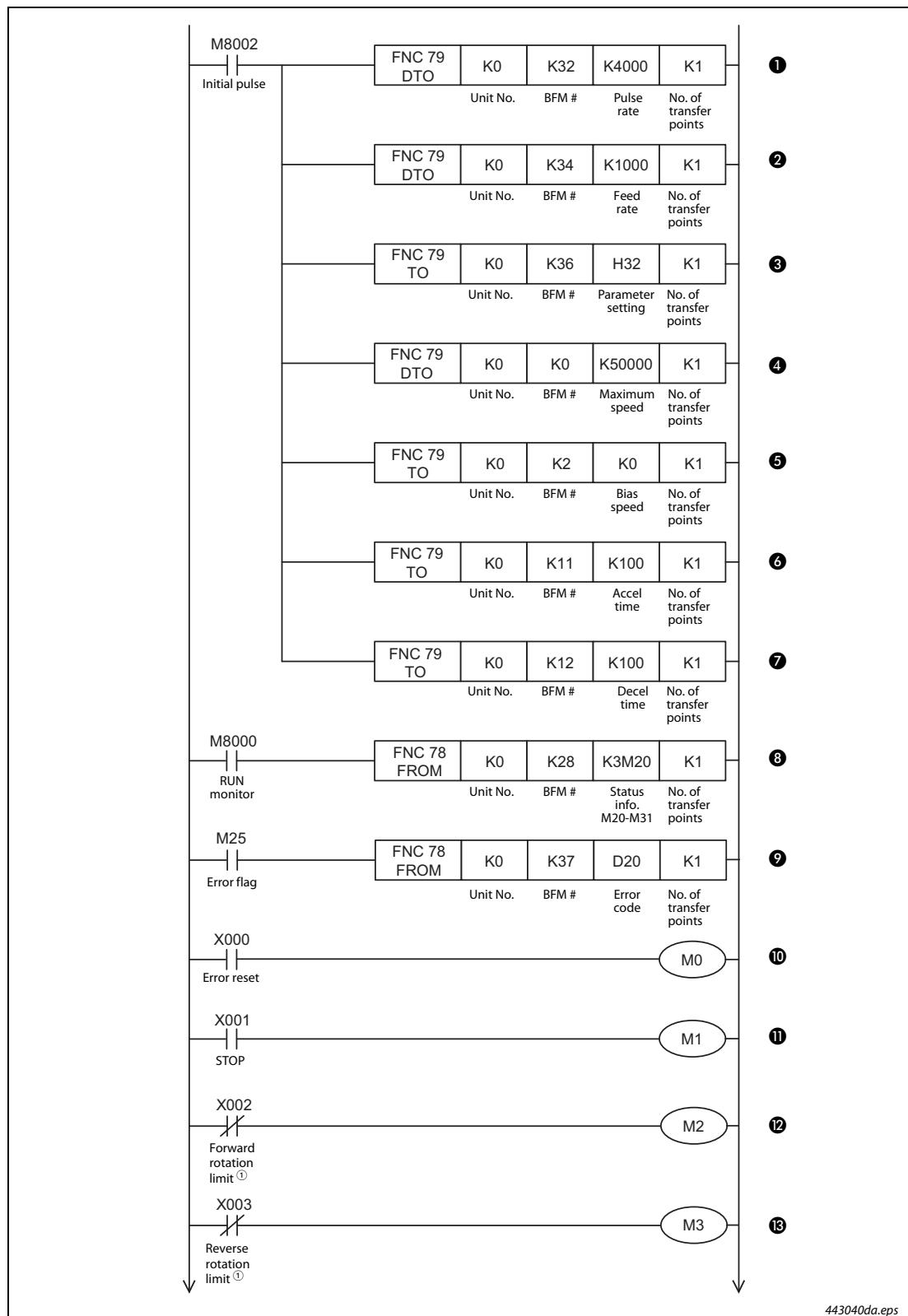
**Fig. 4-32:**  *Program example (1)*

① The forward and reverse rotation limit switches must be wired so that they are turned ON by default (Normally closed contacts).

When these limit switches turn OFF (due to the workpiece going out-of-bounds), M2 or M3 will turn ON and cause the pulse operation to stop.

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | Set the pulse rate (PLS/rev) [K4000 → #1, #0] |
| ❷ | Set the feed rate ( µm/rev) [K1000 → #35, #34] |
| ❸ | Set the units to µm × $10^3$ → mm; combined system [H32 → #36] |
| ❹ | Set the maximum speed (Hz) [K50000 → #1, #0] |
| ❺ | Set the bias speed (Hz) [K0 → #2] |
| ❻ | Set the acceleration/deceleration time (ms) [K100 → #11] |
| ❼ | Set the acceleration/deceleration time (ms) [K100 → #12] |
| ❽ | Read status information [#28 → K3M20] |
| ❾ | Read error code [#37 → D20] |
| ❿ | Reset error |
| ⓫ | STOP operation |
| ⓬ | Forward rotation limit |
| ⓭ | Reverse rotation limit |

**Tab. 4-32:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-32*
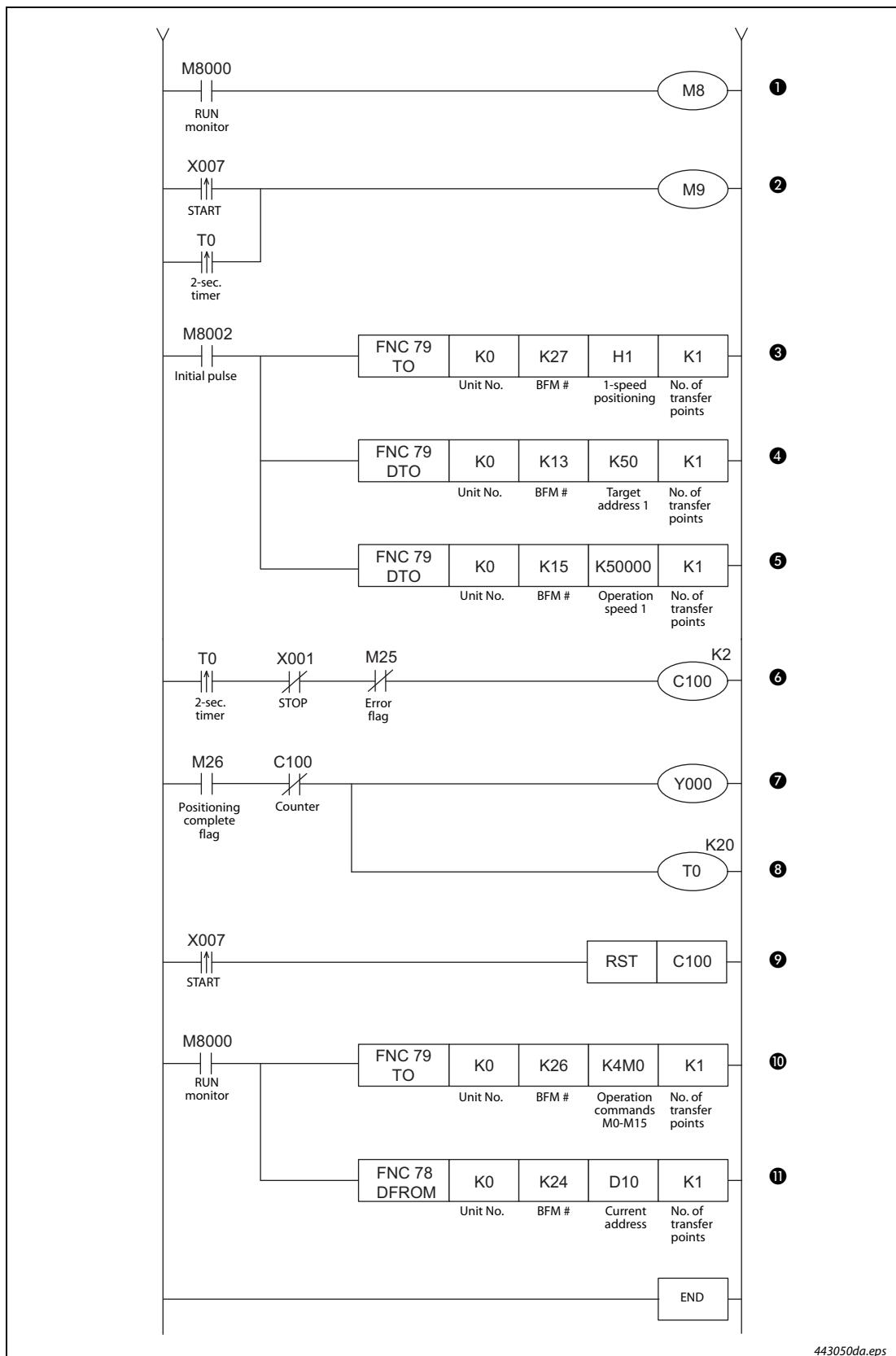
**Fig. 4-33:** *Program example (2)*

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | Use relative positioning |
| ❷ | START positioning |
| ❸ | Set 1-speed positioning [H1 → #27] |
| ❹ | Set the target address 1 [K50 → #14, #13] |
| ❺ | Set the operation speed 1 [K50000 → #16, #15] |
| ❻ | Counter to repeat operation 2 times |
| ❼ | Y000 indicator light |
| ❽ | 2 second timer |
| ❾ | Reset C100 |
| ❿ | Write operation commands to the FX2N-10PG [#26 → K4M0] |
| ⓫ | Monitor the current address (mm) [# 24, #25 → D11, D10] |

**Tab. 4-33:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-33*

## 4.5      **FX2N-10GM and FX2N-20GM positioning**

The FX2N-10GM and FX2N-20GM controllers (also referred to as the 10GM and 20GM) are unique in that they can operate as individual stand-alone units with their own programming language, power supplies and separate sets of inputs and outputs. This means that the 10GM and 20GM can be used with or without a PLC to control logic instructions and standard positioning operations.

Important references for understanding positioning with the FX2N-10GM and FX2N-20GM are:

● FX2N-10GM/FX2N-20GM Hardware/Programming Manual – (JY992D77801)

● FX-PCS-VPS/WIN-E Software Manual – (JY992D86801)

It is assumed that you will have read and understood the above manuals or that you will have them nearby for reference.

### 4.5.1      **Overview of control**

Along with the capability to be used for independent control, the FX2N-10GM (1 axis of control) and FX2N-20GM (2 axes of control) can be used as special function blocks in conjunction with an FX2N(C) or FX3U(C) PLC to transfer data back and forth via dedicated buffer memory addresses. These addresses overlap with and replace the special M and special D registers in the 10GM and 20GM. One particular advantage to using a PLC with the FX2N-10GM is the ability to use the table method where up to 100 positioning operations can be defined and saved for consecutive execution.

The FX2N-10GM and FX2N-20GM output pulse trains to control a stepper/servo motor with a maximum output frequency of 200,000 pulses/second (200 kHz). This offers the same speed as the FX3U high speed positioning adapters, except that the GM controllers use open collector type outputs instead of differential line driver type.

Combined with standard positioning operations such as 1-speed and 2-speed positioning, the 10GM and 20GM include an electrical zero return function to return the motor(s) to a specific user-defined address without the use of a hardware DOG switch. This feature is unique since it is not available with any of the other FX Series controllers.

The main differences between the FX2N-10GM and FX2N-20GM are listed in the following table.

| | **FX2N-10GM** | **FX2N-20GM** |
|---|---|---|
| Inputs/Outputs | 4 inputs, 6 outputs | 8 inputs, 8 outputs |
| Expandable I/O | No | Yes<br>(48 additional I/O) |
| Memory type | EEPROM | Built-in RAM<br>(RAM has battery backup)<br>(EEPROM cassette optional) |
| Memory size | 3.8K steps | 7.8K steps |
| Table method | Yes | No |
| Connectors | CON1: Control + I/O<br>CON2: Axis1 | CON1: I/O<br>CON2: Control<br>CON3: Axis1<br>CON4: Axis2 |

***Tab. 4-34:*** *FX2N-10GM compared with FX2N-20GM*

### 4.5.2 Using dedicated software to set positioning for the FX2N-20GM

In the example that follows, an FX2N-20GM is used with the FX-PCS-VPS/WIN-E software to perform positioning on two axes. The FX-PCS-VPS/WIN-E software (also referred to as VPS) is beneficial for defining positioning parameters and setting positioning operations. Operations can be visually organized in a flow chart format and a monitoring window can be configured with user-defined objects.

To test operations with an FX2N-20GM, an actuator (i.e., servo system) and PLC are not required. For information on the cables necessary to connect an FX2N-20GM to a personal computer for programming, refer to the FX2N-10GM/FX2N-20GM Hardware/Programming Manual (JY992D77801).

**Operation objective**

The objective of this example is to use the FX2N-20GM to trace a path using 1-speed, linear interpolation, and circular interpolation operations.
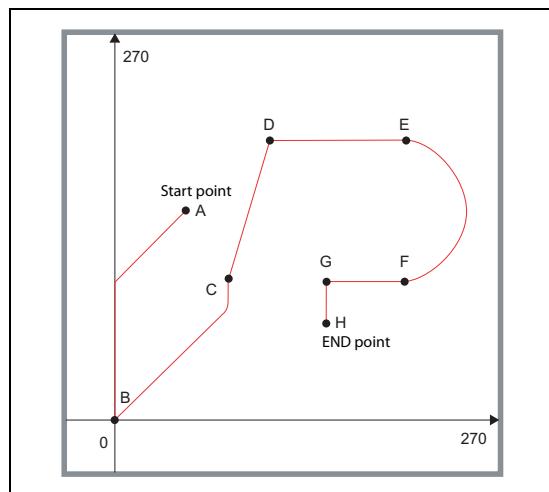


**Fig. 4-34:**  *Path of travel*

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| Point | Coordinate | Description |
|-------|-----------|-------------|
| A | (X, Y) | This point can be anywhere. |
| B | (0, 0) | Move to zero point, wait for 2 seconds |
| C | (80, 100) | Output Y0 turns ON, wait for 2 seconds |
| D | (110, 200) | — |
| E | (200, 200) | — |
| F | (200, 100) | — |
| G | (150, 100) | Output Y0 turns OFF, wait for 2 seconds |
| H | (150, 70) | End point |

**Tab. 4-35:** *Operation details*

The output Y0 is used to imitate a pen, or other end effector.

Each point-to-point operation is described as follows:

● (A to B) – Return to Electrical Zero

● (B to C) – High speed positioning

● (C to D) – Linear interpolation

● (D to E) – High speed positioning

● (E to F) – Clockwise circular interpolation

● (F to G) – High speed positioning

● (G to H) – High speed positioning

### Getting started with FX-PCS-VPS/WIN-E

Open a new file with VPS and choose [FX(2N)/E-20GM with simultaneous 2 axis]. This setting allows for linear and circular interpolation operations to be placed on a flow chart for positioning.

Take a minute to familiarize yourself with the layout and menu items of the software. The panel on the left side of the screen is required for selecting the **Flow**, **Code**, and **Func** components to place into the Flow Chart window. To place an item into the Flow Chart window, click on the item once and then click anywhere within the Flow Chart window. Once an item has been placed in the Flow Chart window, it can be dragged to any position. Items are connected by using the wire tool 🔧 to drag a wire between each item.

### Creating a Flow Chart

The flow chart on the next page demonstrates basic positioning using the FX2N-20GM. Since this program is designed to be used without a mechanical plotter, an electrical zero point is used for reference.

Re-create the diagram on the next page by using the **Code** and **Func** buttons on the left panel of the VPS software to select and place each function block.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 00 | START | | Many programs can be stored in a GM controller at one time. This example uses program number 0. |
| | DRV Ret | A to B | The "DRV Ret" command is used to move from the start point to the electrical zero point. |
| T = 200 | TIME | Wait 2 seconds | Here, the program waits for 2 seconds, using a 10ms timer. |
| X = 80 Y = 100 | DRV | B to C | This command indicates a high speed positioning command to position C. |
| Y0 | SET | Turn Y0 ON | Here, Y0 is turned ON to mimic the use of an end effector tool. |
| T = 200 | TIME | Wait 2 seconds | This timer allows for a tool to be activated, or for an operation to be executed. |
| X = 110 Y = 200 | LINE | C to D | This command is the start of a continuous steady path using linear interpolation to position D. |
| X = 200 | DRV | D to E | Only the X-axis is used in this 1-speed positioning instruction to move to position E. |
| X = 200 Y = 100 r = 50 f = 200 | CW | E to F | For a smooth arc to position F, circular interpolation is used. This example shows the start and end positions as well as the radius (r) and speed (f). |
| X = 150 | DRV | F to G | Only the X-axis is used in this 1-speed positioning instruction to move to position G. |
| Y0 | RST | Turn Y0 OFF | Here, Y0 is turned OFF to mimic the end of use for an end effector. |
| T = 200 | TIME | Wait 2 seconds | A timer is used to ensure the end effector operation has finished completely. |
| Y = 70 | DRV | G to H | This command rapidly moves the Y-axis for a short distance so that it can reach position H. |
| | END | | This denotes the end of the program, where the controller waits for the next start command. |

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**Fig. 4-35:** *Flow chart of path of travel on page 4-53*

**Creating a Monitor Window**

Along with the flow chart, create a monitoring window similar to the one shown below.

All of the items on the monitoring window can be found using the **Insert** menu at the top of the screen.



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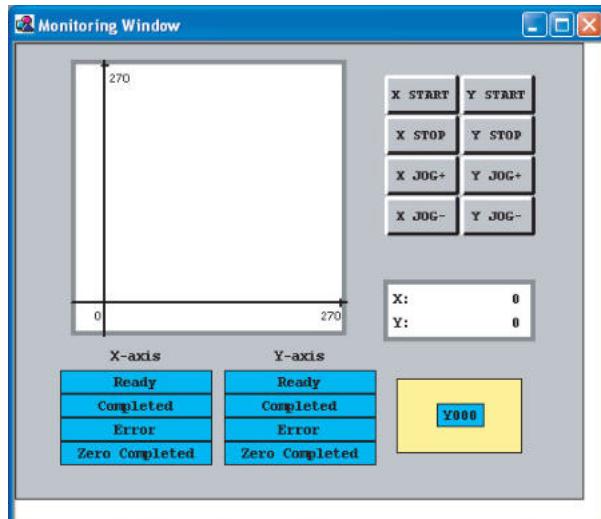
**Fig. 4-36:**  *Monitoring window*

| Item | Description | |
|------|-------------|---|
| Current Position | This displays (monitors) the current address during positioning. | |
| Plotting | Double click on the plot area to change the scale. | |
| Device Status | Select Y0, 1 point. | |
| Rectangle | Create a rectangle around Y000 by selecting the rectangle button from the drawing toolbar at the top of the screen. While the rectangle is selected, the background color can be changed by pressing the [B] **Brush Color** button. | |
| Manual operation | **X-axis** | **Y-axis** |
| | Start | Start |
| | Stop | Stop |
| | + Jog | + Jog |
| | - Jog | - Jog |
| FX-GM Status | This is a lamp that automatically monitors positioning operations. | |

**Tab. 4-36:**  *Used items from the **Insert** menu*

**Setting parameters**

In addition to the preparation of a positioning program, diversified parameters should be set in the FX2N-20GM. In this example, only a few parameters need to be set. (When working with various equipment such as a mechanical plotter that uses an X-Y plotting table, the parameters should be set in accordance with the mechanism being used. These settings depend on the specific plotter type and should be located in the documentation provided with the plotter.)

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Below are the four positioning parameter windows from VPS. The settings on these windows should be copied for BOTH the X- and Y- axes before performing positioning.

① Open the "Parameter Units" window by selecting **Parameters** → **Positioning** → **Units** from the main menu bar at the top of the screen.



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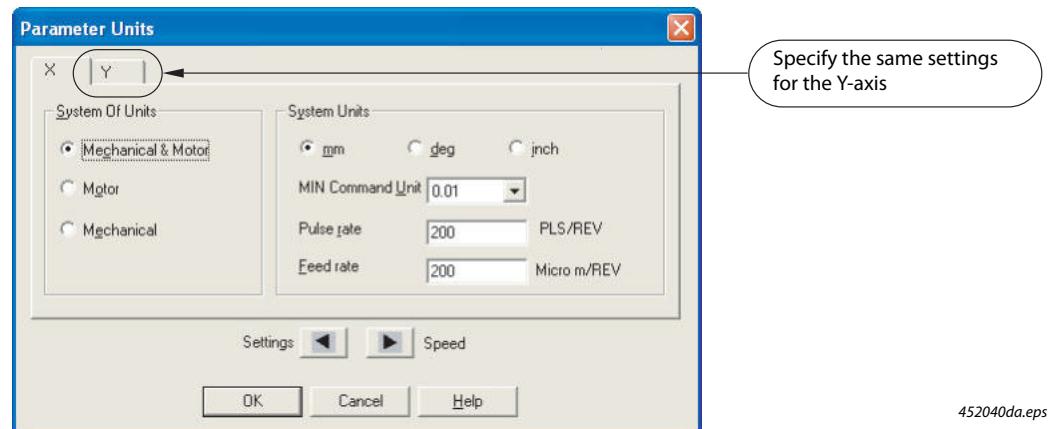
**Fig. 4-37:** **Parameter Units** window

② Open the **Parameter Speed** window by selecting **Parameters** → **Positioning** → **Speed** from the menu bar at the top of the screen.



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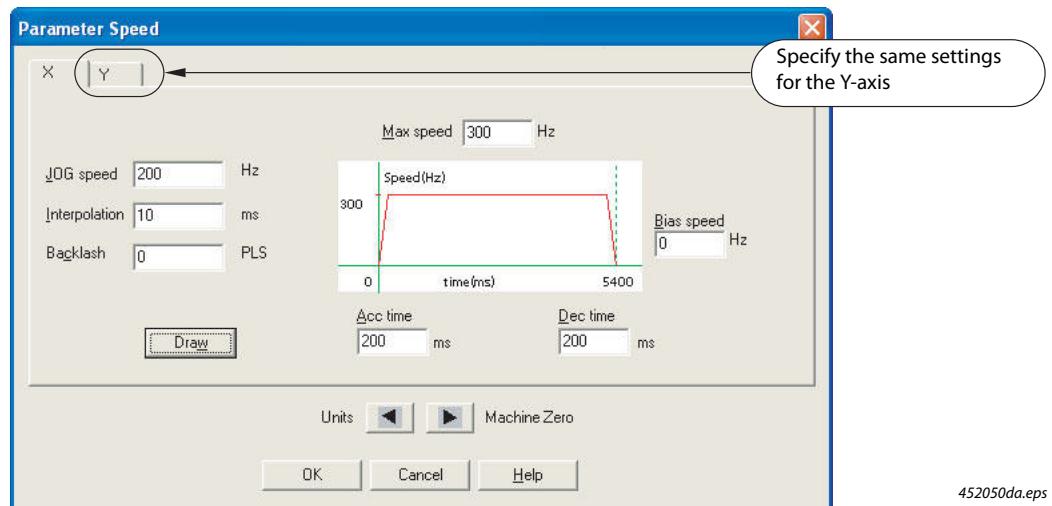
**Fig. 4-38:** **Parameter Speed** window

The **Max speed** is set very low in order for the VPS software to trace the path during operation through the **Monitoring** window. In turn, both the JOG speed and interpolation value must be reduced. (In practice, it is impossible to have the JOG speed set to a value higher than the Max speed setting.)

③ Open the **Parameter Machine Zero** window by selecting **Parameters → Positioning → Machine Zero** from the menu bar at the top of the screen.



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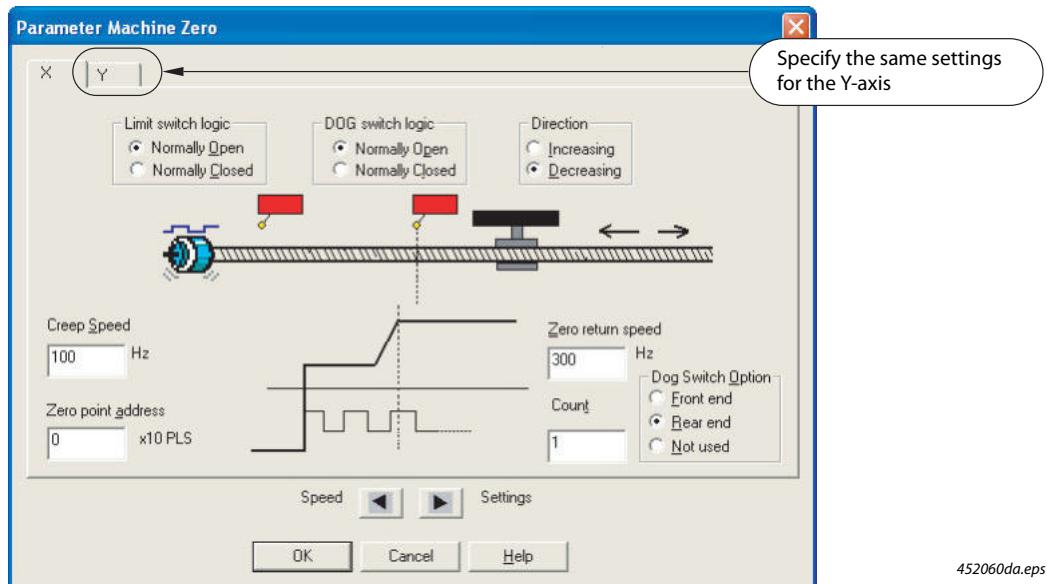
**Fig. 4-39:** **Parameter Machine Zero** *window*

Since mechanical hardware will not be connected to the FX2N-20GM for this example, it is not necessary to configure the limit switch and DOG switch settings in the parameters. It is, however, necessary to reduce the **Creep speed** and the **Zero return speed**.

④ For the last parameter screen, open the **Parameter Settings** window by selecting **Parameters → Positioning → Settings** from the menu bar at the top of the screen.



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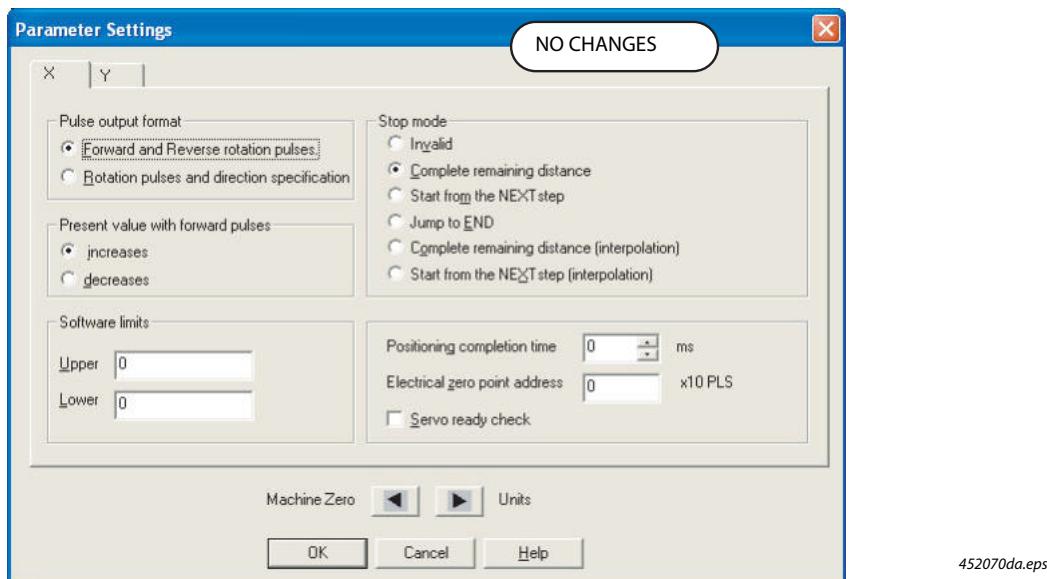
**Fig. 4-40:** **Parameter Settings** *window*

None of the parameters in the **Parameter Settings** window need to be changed. When using a mechanical plotter, however, these settings become more important.

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**4.5.3          Testing and monitoring operations**

After setting the parameters and defining the positioning travel paths described in the previous section, testing can be performed as follows.

Check the communication between the FX2N-20GM and the personal computer by selecting **FX-GM → Com Port** and then the **Test** button. Make sure the GM unit is in 'MANU' mode by checking the hardware switch on the unit.

Download the project by selecting **FX-GM → Write to FX-GM** from the menu bar at the top of the screen and select the **Write after saving file** button. The program will be downloaded to the 20GM.

① In VPS, start the Monitor mode by clicking the **Monitor** icon on the tool bar as shown below.
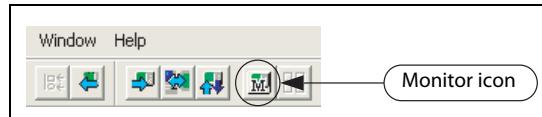


**Fig. 4-41:**  *VPS icon bar*

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The monitor mode window will appear with three windows:

| Monitoring window | X-axis and Y-axis – Monitor Mode | Sub-Task – Monitor Mode |
|---|---|---|
| This is the window that has already been created where the unit will be controlled and monitored from. | At first, this window will be empty, but as soon as the program is started, the flow chart will appear. Each positioning operation will be highlighted in RED as it is performed. | This window is not needed since there are not any sub-routines being used. This window can be minimized to create more space on the screen. |

② After minimizing the **Sub-Task – Monitor Mode** window, resize the **Monitoring Window** and **X-axis and Y-axis – Monitor Mode** windows.



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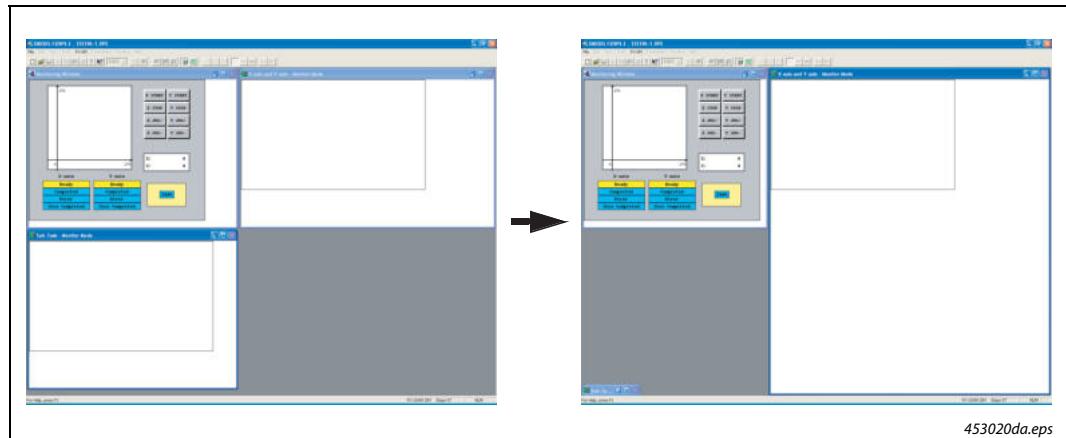
**Fig. 4-42:   X-axis and Y-axis – Monitor mode** *windows*

Before starting the operation, it is necessary to set the start point. This can be done by using the **X JOG+** and **Y JOG-** buttons or by double clicking on the current position [X: 0 Y: 0] display.

③ Double click the current position display in the **Monitoring** window to set the start point.



After editing the current address to X: 50 and Y: 125, click on the **Write to FX-GM** button for each axis.

As the address information is changed, red lines will appear on the plotter. This shows the current position.

To clear these red lines before positioning, double click on the plotting area, and then click on the **Clear** button.

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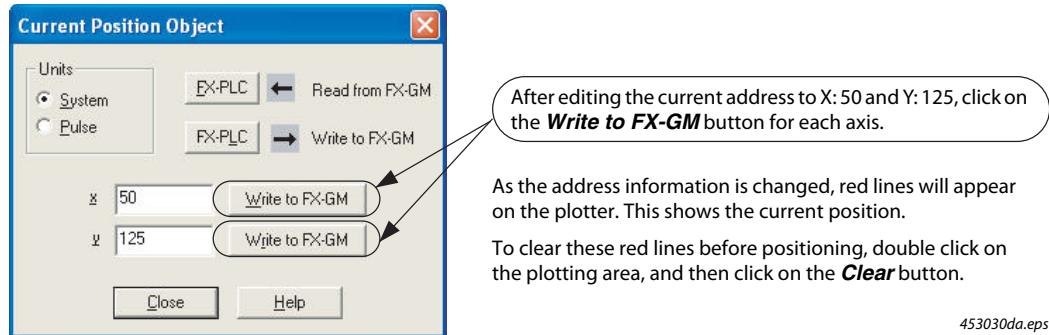
**Fig. 4-43:** *Monitoring Window*

④ The next step is to switch the FX2N-20GM to "AUTO" mode by moving the switch on the unit to "AUTO".

⑤ Finally, on the **Monitoring Window** screen, click on either the **X START** or **Y START** buttons.

The positioning operation will be performed and the plot result should look identical to the one shown in the following picture.



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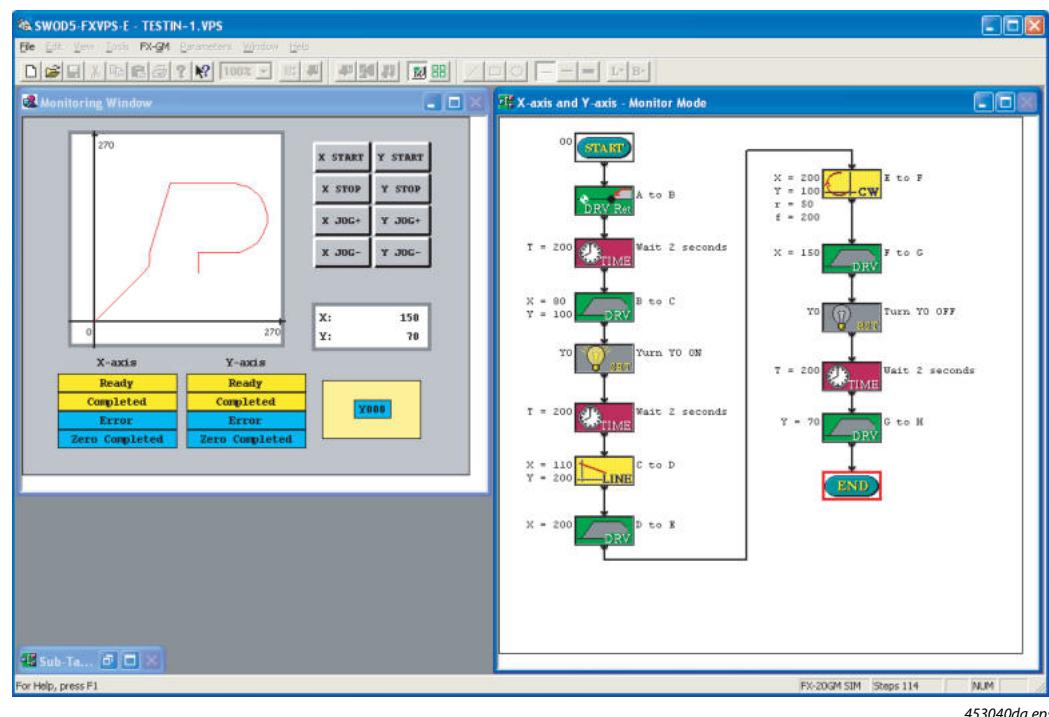
**Fig. 4-44:** *Resulting path of travel and flow chart*

⑥ To run the program again, set a new start position (or let it start from where it is), clean the plot area, and press the **X START** or **Y START** button again.

If the plot does not look like the one above, check the flow chart program against the program listed in section 4.5.2 (Creating a Flow Chart).

## 4.6        FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H positioning

The FX₃ᵤ(C) PLC supports connection with the FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H special function block, which is an advanced module to perform positioning operations on two axes using Mitsubishi's fiber optic communication servo network known as SSCNET III (Servo System Controller Network).

Important references for understanding positioning with the FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H include:

● FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H User's Manual – (JY997D21301)

● FX Configurator-FP Operation Manual – (JY997D21801)

It is assumed that you will have read the above manuals or that you will have them nearby for reference.

### 4.6.1      Overview of control

Using an FX₃ᵤ PLC with the FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H (20SSC-H) module and two Mitsubishi MR-J3-B servo amplifier systems, high speed positioning with pulse output frequencies up to 50,000,000 pulses/second (50 MHz) is possible on two axes. However, since motors compatible with the MR-J3-B servo amplifier system have a maximum rated speed of 6,000 RPM, the maximum controllable speed from the 20SSC-H becomes:

$$6{,}000 \; \frac{rev}{min} \; \times \; 262{,}144 \; \frac{PLS}{rev} \times \frac{1}{60} \; = \; 26{,}214{,}400 \; \frac{PLS}{sec}$$

The FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H provides several advantages compared to other controllers in the FX family:

| FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H Feature | Advantage |
|---|---|
| Bidirectional communication | With SSCNET III, the PLC can communicate with the servo amplifier to monitor torque, servo status flags, servo parameters and absolute position data. |
| Wiring | Easy to use wiring. |
| | High immunity to noise from external devices. |
| | Long distance wiring (50m). |
| Software | Easy setup of parameters and table data (up to 300 table operations per axis). |
| | Convenient use of monitoring and testing functions. |

***Tab. 4-37:*** *Features and advantages of FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H*

With the use of a built-in Flash ROM, the FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H can store data permanently via non-volatile storage. Since the flash memory transfers all of its data to the buffer memory of the 20SSC-H each time the power is turned ON, the flash memory provides extra benefit for applications requiring a default set of data to be automatically loaded. This eliminates the need to use a PLC program for setting parameters and table data, which can greatly simplify the length and complexity of a ladder program.

The FX₃ᵤ-20SSC-H includes an input connector to connect manual pulse generator dials and various switches such as the START, DOG, and interrupt switches. These inputs assist in controlling positioning operations and are necessary to operate instructions such as the interrupt 1-speed constant quantity feed instruction and the DOG type mechanical zero return command.

**4.6.2      Using dedicated software to set positioning for the FX3U-20SSC-H**

In the example that follows, an FX3U-20SSC-H is used with FX Configurator-FP to perform positioning on two axes with an XY-axis table operation. FX Configurator-FP is convenient for defining servo parameters, positioning parameters and table information. It is also recommended to be used whenever possible since the use of a sequence program for setting parameters and table data requires many steps and devices, resulting in a complex program and increased PLC scan time.

Different from other FX positioning controllers, the FX3U-20SSC-H requires connection to a servo system to perform positioning. For details on connecting an MR-J3-B servo system, refer to the appropriate servo manual.

**Setting parameters**

Prior to setting positioning parameters and servo parameters, check to verify the connection between the PLC and the personal computer is valid. Since ladder logic in the PLC is not used in this example, set the RUN/STOP switch on the PLC to STOP.

① Open a new file in FX Configurator-FP by clicking on the **Make new file** ☐ button.

② Expand the tree of folders in the **File data list** panel on the left-hand side of the screen by double clicking on **Unset file** / **FX3U-20SSC-H**, **Edit**, and then **Monitor**.

③ Go to **Online → Connection setup → Comm. Test**

Verify that the devices are communicating properly.

④ Double click on **Positioning parameters** in the **File data list** panel on the left-hand side of the screen to modify the positioning parameters.

Set items in the **Item** column for both the X- and Y- axes as shown:

| Maximum speed | 26214400 Hz | 26214400 Hz | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OPR mode | 1:Data set | 1:Data set | |
| OPR interlock setting | 0:Invalid | 0:Invalid | |

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⑤ Next, double click on **Servo parameters** in the **File data list** panel on the left-hand side of the screen to modify the servo parameters.

Set items from the **Kind** column for both the X- and Y- axes as shown:

| Servo amplifier series | Servo amplifier series | | 1:MR-J3-B | 1:MR-J3-B | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Basic setting parameters | detection system | position detection system | system | system | |
| | Function selection A-1 | Servo forced stop selection | 1:Invalid (Do not use the forced stop signal.) | 1:Invalid (Do not use the forced stop signal.) | |
| | Auto tuning | Gain adjustment mode ... | 1:Auto tuning mode 1 | 1:Auto tuning mode 1 | |

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### Creating XY-axis table operation data

Double click on **XY-axis Table information** in the **File data list** panel on the left-hand side of the screen to open the XY table. Maximize the window to enter the following data:

| No. | Command Code | Address x:[PLS] y:[PLS] | Speed fx:[Hz] fy:[Hz] | Arc center i:[PLS] j:[PLS] | Time [10ms] | Jump No. | m code |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | Incremental address specification | — | — | — | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 1 | X-axis positioning at 1-step speed | 20,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 2 | Y-axis positioning at 1-step speed | — | — | — | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | 20,000,000 | 10,000,000 |   |   |   |   |
| 3 | XY-axis positioning at 1-step speed | 5,000,000 | 2,000,000 | — | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | -5,000,000 | 2,000,000 | — |   |   |   |
| 4 | Circular interpolation (CNT,CW) | 0 | 15,000,000 | 5,000,000 | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | 0 | — | 5,000,000 |   |   |   |
| 5 | Dwell | — | — | — | 30 | — | -1 |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 6 | XY-axis positioning at 2-step speed | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | -10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — |   |   |   |
| 7 | XY-axis positioning at 2-step speed | -10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — | — | — | — |
|   |   | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — |   |   |   |
| 8 | Dwell | — | — | — | 30 | — | -1 |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 9 | XY-axis positioning at 2-step speed | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | -10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — |   |   |   |
| 10 | XY-axis positioning at 2-step speed | -10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — | — | — | — |
|   |   | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | — |   |   |   |
| 11 | Dwell | — | — | — | 30 | — | -1 |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 12 | Circular interpolation (CNT,CCW) | 0 | 7,000,000 | 5,000,000 | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | 0 | — | 5,000,000 |   |   |   |
| 13 | Dwell | — | — | — | 30 | — | -1 |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 14 | XY-axis positioning at 2-step speed | 10,000,000 | 15,000,000 | — | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | 5,000,000 | 7,500,000 | — |   |   |   |
| 15 | XY-axis positioning at 2-step speed | -5,000,000 | 7,500,000 | — | — | — | — |
|   |   | -10,000,000 | 15,000,000 | — |   |   |   |
| 16 | Dwell | — | — | — | 30 | — | -1 |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 17 | Linear interpolation | 20,000,000 | 26,214,400 | — | — | — | -1 |
|   |   | -20,000,000 | — | — |   |   |   |
| 18 | Dwell | — | — | — | 150 | — | -1 |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 19 | Jump | — | — | — | — | 0 | — |
|   |   | — | — | — |   |   |   |
| 20 | End | — | — | — | — | — | — |

**Tab. 4-38:** *XY-axis table operation data*

**Writing data to the FX3U-20SSC-H**

Write the servo parameters, positioning parameters and table information to the FX3U-20SSC-H BFM and Flash ROM by pressing the ***Write to module*** 🖋 button and placing check marks in the following boxes. Change the range of table data to be written to 0–25.
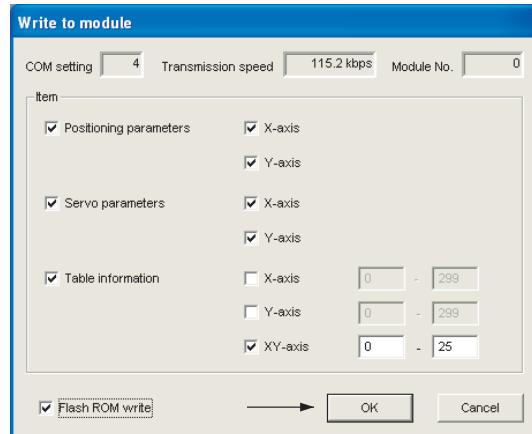


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***Fig. 4-45: Write to module*** *window*

Next, reset the module by pressing the ***System reset*** button. This is necessary to refresh the servo parameters.

**4.6.3        Testing and monitoring operations**

With the parameters and table information saved to the FX3U-20SSC-H module from section 4.6.3 and the PLC in STOP mode, testing is performed by using TEST MODE in FX Configurator-FP.

① Enter TEST MODE by pressing the **Test On/Off** 🔽 button.

② After entering TEST MODE, click on the operation **Test X-axis** 🔧 button to display the **X-axis Operation test** window.

③ Next, select the **XY-axis table operation** from the **X-axis/Pattern** combination box and click on the **Start** button to begin positioning. Note that because the table operation includes a "Jump" command, the operation will continuously loop from row 0 to row 20.



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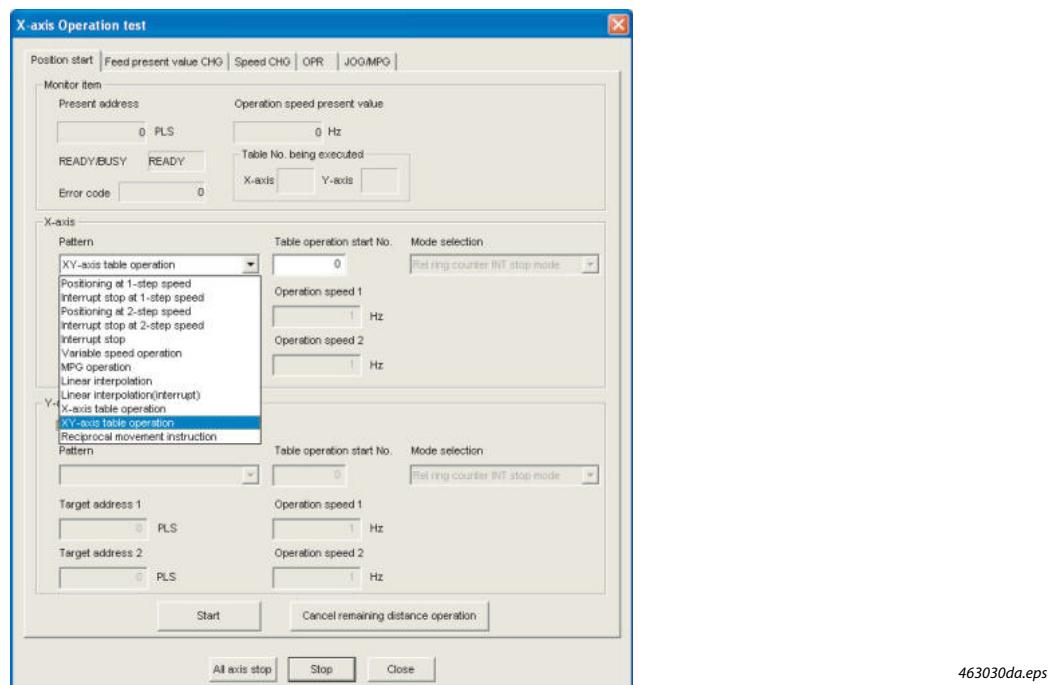
**Fig. 4-46:   X-axis operation test window**

④ To stop positioning, click on the **All axis stop** or **Stop** button.

After stopping the table operation, a variety of other positioning operations can be tested from the **X-axis/Pattern** combination box such as 1-speed positioning, 2-speed positioning, and linear interpolation.

For additional control in TEST MODE, the other tabs at the top of the **X-axis Operation test** window can be used according to the following information:

| Position start | Feed present value CHG | Speed CHG | OPR | JOG/MPG |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Positioning operations can be executed from this window. Target address and operation speed data is defined here. | The value of the current address can be changed using this window. | Two operations for changing the speed of the motor are available from this window. | By clicking on the [REQ. OPR] button, zero return is executed. | JOG operation and manual pulsar operation testing can be performed from this window. |

## 4.6.4        Important buffer memory locations

The FX3U-20SSC-H buffer memory includes five separate data areas for: Monitor data, Control data, Table data, Positioning parameter data, and Servo parameter data. With "read only" or "read/write" access, buffer memory addresses use bit and word information to control positioning operations. Similar to the FX2N-10PG, a large percentage of the BFM is dedicated to the control of table positioning operations.

| Monitor data | Control data | Table information | Positioning parameters | Servo parameters |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Used to monitor the current position, statuses, etc. | Used to control positioning operations. | Used to store predefined table data. | Used to store parameters such as the max. speed and accel/decel times. | Used to store parameters relevant to the servo(s). |

The following buffer memory addresses are used in the ladder program example below. For details on other BFM addresses, refer to the FX3U-20SSC-H User's Manual (JY997D21301).

| BFM Area | BFM # | Item | | Set value | Note |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monitor data | #1, #0 | X-axis current address | | D1, D0 | PLS |
| | #101, #100 | Y-axis current address | | D101, D100 | PLS |
| | #28 | X-axis status information | | D10 | — |
| | #128 | Y-axis status information | | D110 | — |
| Control data | #501, #500 | X-axis target address 1 | | 10,000,000 | PLS |
| | #503, #502 | X-axis operation speed 1 | | 2,000,000 | Hz (PLS/sec) |
| | #518 | X-axis operation command 1 | | M0–M15 | — |
| | | Bit 0 | Error reset | M0 | X007 |
| | | Bit 1 | STOP | M1 | X006 |
| | | Bit 2 | Forward rotation limit | M2 | X000 |
| | | Bit 3 | Reverse rotation limit | M3 | X010 |
| | | Bit 4 | Forward rotation JOG(+) | M4 | X001 |
| | | Bit 5 | Reverse rotation JOG(-) | M5 | X002 |
| | | Bit 6 | Zero-return | M6 | X003 |
| | | Bit 8 | Relative/Absolute positioning | M8 (Bit 8 = 1) | Relative positioning |
| | | Bit 9 | START command | M9 | X004, X005 |
| | #618 | Y-axis operation command 1 | | M100–M115 | — |
| | | Bit 0 | Error reset | M100 | X007 |
| | | Bit 6 | Zero-return | M106 | X003 |
| | #519 | X-axis operation command 2 | | M20–M35 | — |
| | | Bit 4 | Positioning parameter enable command | M24 | X001, X002 |
| | #520 | X-axis operation pattern selection | | — | — |
| | | Bit 0 | 1-speed positioning | H1 | X004 |
| | | Bit 10 | Table operation (simultaneous) | H400 | X005 |
| | #521 | Table operation start number | | 0 | Table row #0 |
| Positioning parameter data | #14013, #14012 | X-axis JOG speed | | 1,000,000 | Hz (PLS/sec) |

**Tab. 4-39:**  *Buffer memory addresses of FX3U-20SSC-H*

### 4.6.5          Program example

The following program uses buffer memory communication to perform JOG positioning, 1-speed positioning, and table operation control. The XY-table created in the previous section can be used in this example. For this example, FX Configurator-FP should be used to specify the servos, change the maximum speed, and to set the zero return mode as described in section 4.6.2.

The ladder program is to be used with an FX3U(C) PLC and MR-J3-B servo system. Without these components, the program cannot be tested. Input points from the PLC include:

| Inputs | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| X000 | X-axis Forward rotation limit | X005 | START command (XY-axis table operation) |
| X001 | X-axis Forward rotation JOG(+) | X006 | STOP command |
| X002 | X-axis Reverse rotation JOG(-) | X007 | Error reset |
| X003 | X- and Y-axis Zero return | X010 | X-axis Reverse rotation limit |
| X004 | START command (X-axis 1-speed operation) | — | — |

**Tab. 4-40:** *Used inputs*
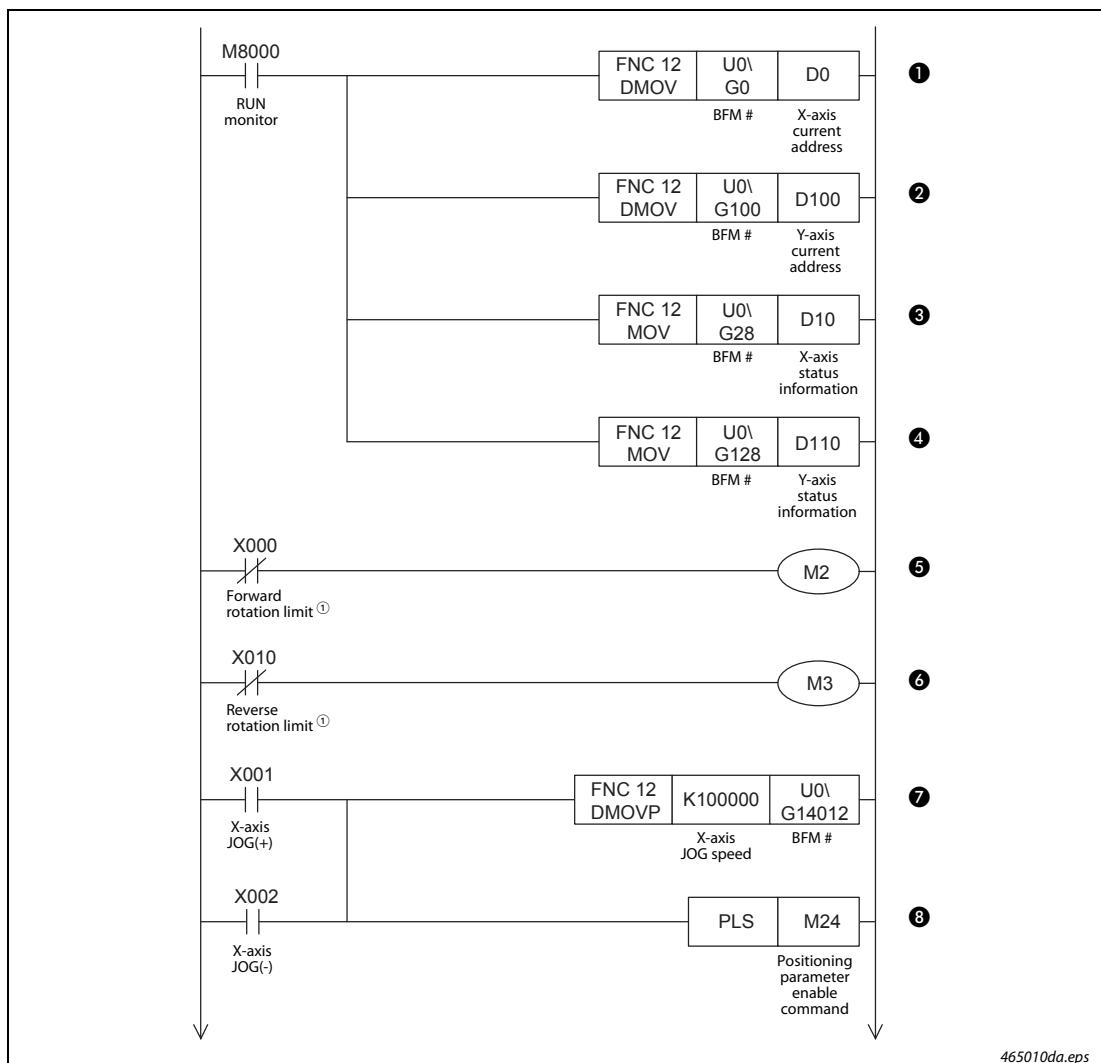
**Fig. 4-47:** *Program example (1)*

[1] The forward and reverse rotation limit switches must be wired so that they are turned ON by default (Normally closed contacts).

When these limit switches turn OFF (due to the workpiece going out-of-bounds), M2 or M3 will turn ON and cause the pulse operation to stop.

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| A | Monitor X-axis current address [#1, #0 → D1, D0] |
| B | Monitor Y-axis current address [#101, #100 → D101, D100] |
| C | Monitor X-axis status info. [#28 → D10] |
| D | Monitor Y-axis status info. [#128 → D110] |
| E | X-axis forward rotation limit |
| F | X-axis reverse rotation limit |
| G | Set the X-axis JOG speed (Hz) [K100000 → #14013, #14012] |
| H | Enable the X-axis JOG speed |

**Tab. 4-41:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-47*
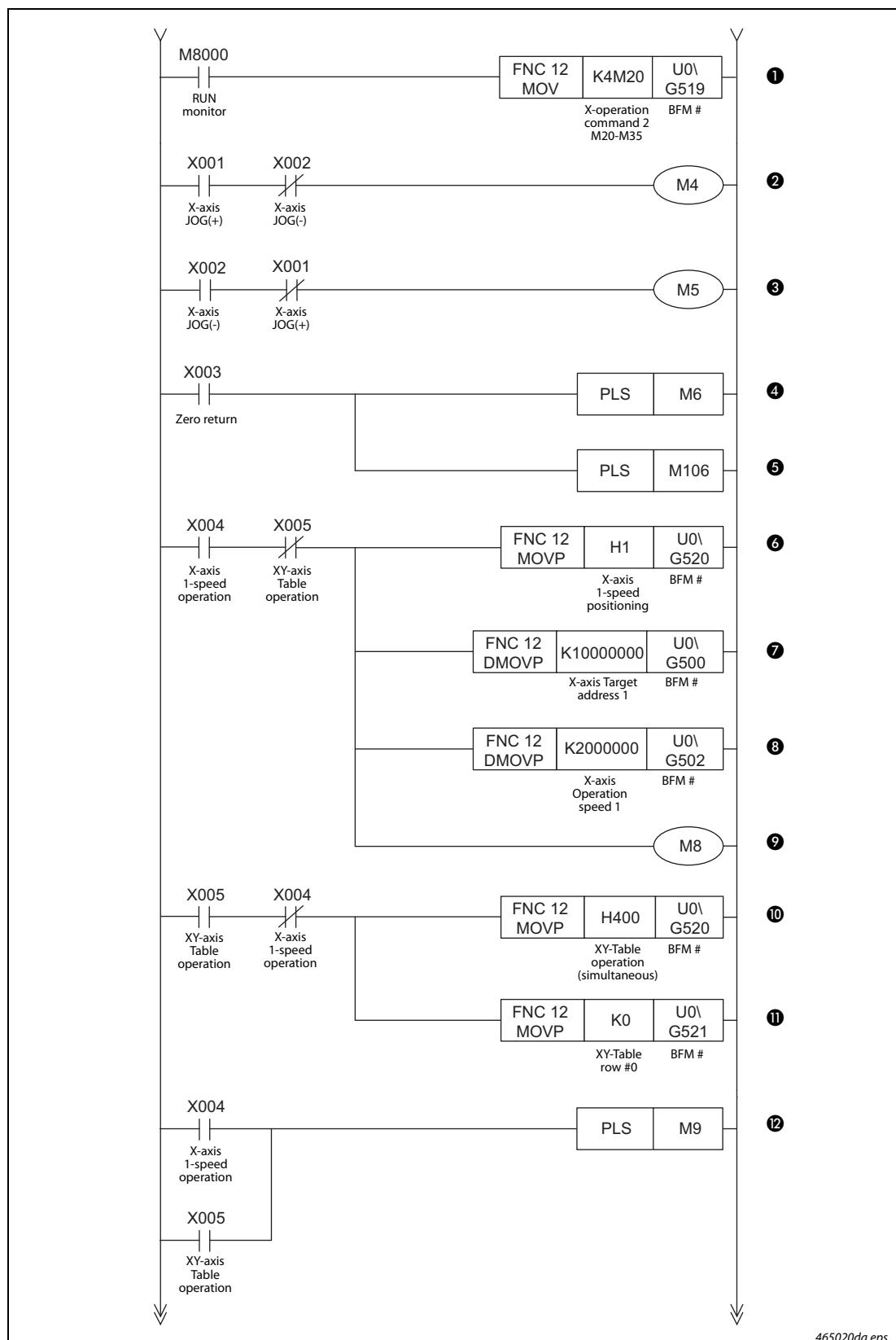
**Fig. 4-48:** *Program example (2)*

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | Write X-axis operation command 2 [K4M20 → #519] |
| ❷ | X-axis JOG(+) operation is being performed |
| ❸ | X-axis JOG(-) operation is being performed |
| ❹ | X-axis zero return |
| ❺ | Y-axis zero return |
| ❻ | Set X-axis 1-speed positioning [H1 → #520] |
| ❼ | Set X-axis target address 1 [K10000000 → #501, #500] |
| ❼ | Set X-axis operation speed 1 [K2000000 → #503, #502] |
| ❾ | Use relative positioning |
| ❿ | Set XY-axis simultaneous table operation [H400 → #520] |
| ⓫ | Set starting row No. for XY-table operation [K0 → #521] |
| ⓬ | START positioning |

**Tab. 4-42:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-48*
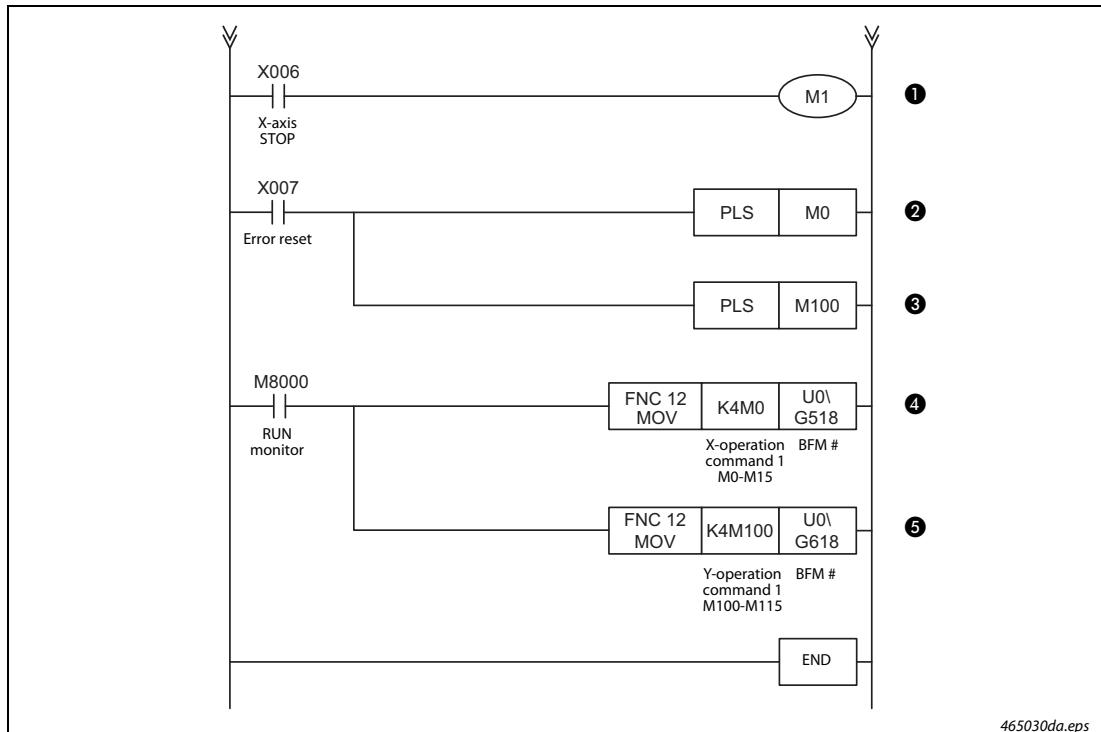


**Fig. 4-49:** *Program example (3)*

| Number | Description |
|--------|-------------|
| ❶ | STOP operation |
| ❷ | Reset X-axis error |
| ❸ | Reset Y-axis error |
| ❹ | Write X-axis operation command 1 [K4M0 → #518] |
| ❺ | Write Y-axis operation command 1 [K4M100 → #618] |

**Tab. 4-43:** *Description of the program example in fig. 4-49*

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