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MTS25/M-Z8E - March 15, 2016

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25 MM (0.98") COMPACT MOTORIZED TRANSLATION STAGE



Hide Overview

OVERVIEW

Features

- 25 mm (0.98") Travel Range
- Carriage Contains One Centered 8-32 (M4) Tap and Eighteen 4-40 (M3) Taps
- Low-Profile Package Combines Actuator and Moving Platform
- DC Servo Motor Actuator
- · Several Mounting Adapters Available
 - Base Plate for Breadboard Mounting
 - Mounting Adapter Plate for Standard Optical Accessories,
 - Provides Seven 1/4"-20 (M6) and Six 8-32 (M4) Tapped Holes • XY Mounting Adapter
 - Right-Angle Bracket for Vertical Mounting
 - Adapter for 60 mm Cage Systems

Thorlabs' MTS25-Z8 (MTS25/M-Z8) Motorized Translation Stage provides 25 mm (0.98") of electronically controlled linear travel along a well-defined axis. Each stage is equipped with a 1.50" x 1.50" (37.5 mm x 37.5 mm) tapped hole matrix that includes eighteen 4-40 (M3) taps and a centered 8-32 (M4) tap. By integrating the moving platform with the actuator, the overall package size is greatly reduced relative to standard motorized stages like the PT1-Z8 Motorized Stage.

The moving platform contains holes for alignment pins that ensure orthogonality when the stage is stacked with other stages or connected to our accessories.

Horizontal loads of 25 lbs (12 kg) and vertical loads of 10 lbs (4.5 kg) are supported by the 67:1 planetary gear head. A built-in Hall Effect encoder provides a resolution of 29 nm (see the *Specs* tab for additional details).

Key Specifications ^a					
Travel Range 25 mm (0.98")					
Velocity (Max) 2.4 mm/s					
Min Achievable Incremental Movement ^b 0.05 μm					
Bidirectional Repeatability ^c 1.6 µm					
Backlash ^d <6 µm					
Horizontal Load Capacity (Max)	25 lbs (12 kg)				
Vertical Load Capacity (Max)	10 lbs (4.5 kg)				
Included Actuator	Built-In DC Motor				
Cable Length	500 mm (1.64 ft)				
Recommended Controller	KDC101				

- · Please see the Specs tab for a complete specifications list.
- The measured minimum incremental motion that the stage can achieve, also referred to as the minimum step size.
- The average of the repeatability when a set position is approached from both directions.
- When a stage is moved to a position and then returned to its original position, some motion is lost due to the lead screw mechanism. This loss is known as backlash.

Motorized Linear Translation Stages		
12 mm	Standard	
	Compact	

The translation mechanism, based upon a dual set of linear rails with continuously recirculating ball bearings, provides smooth, low-friction movement. Built-in limit switches prevent travel outside of the intended range, regardless of the control interface being used.

Mounting Adapters and Stage Combinations

Thorlabs' adapter plates and brackets provide a convenient way to mount the MTS25-Z8 on an optical table or breadboard; to install a motor along the optical axis of our 60 mm cage systems; and to allow several stages to be combined in XY, XZ, or XYZ configurations. A multi-hole adapter plate is also

available that offers seven 1/4"-20 (M6) and six 8-32 (M4) tapped holes, providing more options when mounting standard optical accessories to the top platform. Our MTS50-Z8 50 mm (1.97") Motorized Translation Stage can be also be combined with the MTS25-Z8 in certain arrangements. All of these options are described in greater detail below.

Controller Options

For low-power stages such as the MTS25-Z8, Thorlabs recommends the KDC101 DC Servo Motor Controller and a 15 V power supply, sold separately below. Alternatively, we offer the MTS25-Z8E bundle, which includes the MTS25-Z8 translation stage, the former generation TDC001 DC Servo controller, and a power supply at a significant savings over ordering these items separately.

The KDC101 provides control for a single axis, with or without a PC. It is bundled with Thorlabs' Kinesis[®] software, which supplies out-of-the-box stage control from a PC and enables support for common programming interfaces like LabVIEW, LabWindows, and ActiveX. A USB cable is included with the KDC101.

Thorlabs also manufactures the PT1-Z8 Motorized Translation Stage, which features a larger mounting surface for even more flexibility.

Hide Specs

SPEC

SPECS				
Stage Specifications	1	Motor Specifications		
Parameter		Parameter		Value
Translation		Motor Type		DC Servo
Travel Range		Cable Length")		0.5 m (1.6 ft)
Bidirectional Repeatability ^a		Motor DHVe Voltage		12 V
Backlash ^b		Feedbadkm		Hall Effect Encoder
Min Achievable Incremental Movement ^c		Encoder ଜୁନ୍ଦାnts per Lead : Revolution	Screw	34,304
Min Repeatable Incremental Movement ^d		0.8 μm Planetary Gear Head Ratio		67:1
Home Location Accuracy		±4.0 µm Terminal Resistance		95 Ω
Resolution	29 nm	(See Calculation Below) Output Power		0.36 W
Motion Parameters		Efficiency		68%
Velocity (Max)		2.4 mm/s No-Load Speed		16.500 rpm
Velocity Stability		±0.25 mm/s No-Load Current		0.004 A
Acceleration (Max)		Stall Torque		0.82 mN•m
Load Capacity		Friction Torque		0.03 mN•m
Vertical Load	Recomr	Boleed Constant <8.8 lbs)		1419 rpm/V
		Max: 4.5 kg (10 lbs) Back EMF Constant		0.705 mV/rpm
Horizontal Load		mended ^{.e} <10 kg (<22 lbs)		6.73 mN•m/A
		Max: 12 kg (25 lbs) Current Constant		0.149 A/mN∙m
Straightness	-	Rotor Inductance		310 µH
Pitch		<0.04° (<698 µrad)		P
Yaw		<0.05° (<872 µrad)		
Absolute On-Axis Accuracy		145 µm		
Percentage Accuracy (Max)		0.3%		
Physical				
Dimensions		5.31" x 1.69" x 0.87" mm x 42.9 mm x 22.1 mm)		
Weight		0.31 kg (0.68 lb)		

• The average of the repeatability when a set position is approached from both directions.

· When a stage is moved to a position and then returned to its original position, some motion is

25 mm	Standard	
	TravelMax	
	Compact	
50 mm	Direct-Drive Servo	
	TravelMax	
Long Travel: 100 mm to 300 mm		

lost due to the lead screw mechanism. This loss is known as backlash.

- The measured minimum incremental motion that the stage can achieve, also referred to as the minimum step size.
- The minimum incremental motion that the stage can repeatedly achieve within its standard error.
- Under continuous use.

Resolution Calculation

For the MTS25-Z8 (MTS25/M-Z8), there are 512 encoder counts per revolution of the motor. The output shaft of the motor goes into a 67:1 planetary gear head. This requires the motor to rotate 67 times to rotate the 1.0 mm pitch lead screw one revolution. The end result is the lead screw advances by 1.0 mm.

The linear displacement of the actuator per encoder count is given by

 $512 \times 67 = 34,304$ encoder counts per revolution of the lead screw,

whereas the linear displacement of the lead screw per encoder count is given by

1.0 mm / 34,304 counts = 2.9×10^{-5} mm (29 nm).

Hide Pin Diagram

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	Pin	Description	Pin	Description	
	Pin 1	Description Ground/Return	Pin 9	Description Ident	
	1	Ground/Return	9	Ident	
	1 2	Ground/Return Forward Limit Switch	9 10	Ident Vcc	
	1 2 3	Ground/Return Forward Limit Switch Reverse Limit Switch	9 10 11	ldent Vcc Encoder A	
	1 2 3 4	Ground/Return Forward Limit Switch Reverse Limit Switch Not Connected	9 10 11 11 12	Ident Vcc Encoder A Not Connected	
	1 2 3 4 5	Ground/Return Forward Limit Switch Reverse Limit Switch Not Connected Motor -	9 10 11 12 13	Ident Vcc Encoder A Not Connected Encoder B	

Hide Selection Guide

SELECTION GUIDE

The table below compares the key specifications of our 25 mm (0.98") linear translation stages. Additional specifications are listed in the Specs tab on the webpage of the particular stage.

Item #	MTS25-Z8 (MTS25/M-Z8)	PT1-Z8 (PT1/M-Z8)	LNR25ZFS
Travel Range	25 mm (0.98")	25 mm (0.98")	25 mm (0.98")
Calculated Minimum Incremental Motion	29 nm	29 nm	0.46 nm
Bidirectional Repeatability	1.6 µm	<1.5 µm	3.0 µm
Absolute On-Axis Accuracy	145 µm	<130 µm	15 µm
Horizontal Load Capacity (Max)	25 lbs (12 kg)	20 lbs (9 kg)	5 kg (11 lbs)
Vertical Load Capacity (Max)	10 lbs (4.5 kg)	10 lbs (4.5 kg)	0.5 kg (1.1 lbs)
Velocity (Max)	2.4 mm/s	2.6 mm/s	2.0 mm/s

Mounting Features	Eighteen 4-40 (M3) Taps and One 8-32 (M4) Tap	Sixteen 1/4"-20 (M6) Taps and Two 1/4" (M6) Counterbores	Seven 1/4"-20 (M6) Taps and Two 1/4" (M6) Counterbores
Included Actuator	Built-In DC Servo	Z825B DC Servo	ZFS25B Stepper Motor
Cable Length	500 mm (1.64 ft)	500 mm (1.64 ft)	600 mm (2 ft)
Physical Dimensions ^a (L x W x H)			5.24" x 3.74" x 0.79" (133.0 mm x 95.0 mm x 20.0 mm)

When Stage is Fully Retracted.

Hide Motion Control Software

MOTION CONTROL SOFTWARE

Thorlabs offers two platforms to drive our wide range of motion controllers: our legacy APTTM (Advanced Positioning Technology) software package or the new Kinesis software package. Either package can be used to control devices in the APT or Kinesis family, which covers a wide range of motion controllers ranging from small, low-powered, single-channel drivers (such as the K-Cubes and T-Cubes) to high-power, multi-channel, modular 19" rack nanopositioning systems (the APT Rack System).

Our legacy APT System Software platform is available by clicking on the link below. It features ActiveX-based controls which can be used by 3rd party developers working on C#, Visual Basic, LabVIEW or any Active-X compatible languages to create custom applications, and includes a simulator mode to assist in developing custom applications without requiring hardware.

The Kinesis Software features new .NET controls which can be used by 3rd party developers working in the latest C#, Visual Basic, LabVIEW or any .NET compatible languages to create custom applications. Low level DLL libraries are included for applications not expected to use the .NET framework. A Central Sequence Manager supports integration and synchronization of all Thorlabs motion control hardware.

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By providing these common software platforms, Thorlabs has ensured that users can easily mix and match any of the APT and Kinesis controllers in a single application, while only having to learn a single set of software tools. In this way, it is perfectly feasible to combine any of the controllers from the low-powered, single-axis to the high-powered, multi-axis systems and control all from a single, PC-based unified software interface.

The software packages allow two methods of usage: graphical user interface (GUI) utilities for direct interaction with and control of the controllers 'out of the box', and a set of programming interfaces that allow custom-integrated positioning and alignment solutions to be easily programmed in the development language of choice.

A range of video tutorials are available to help explain our APT system software. These tutorials provide an overview of the software and the APT Config utility. Additionally, a tutorial video is available to explain how to select simulator mode within the software, which allows the user to experiment with the software without a controller connected. Please select the *APT Tutorials* tab above to view these videos, which are also available on the software CD included with the controllers.

Software APT Version 3.12.0

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The APT Software Package, which includes a GUI for control of Thorlabs' APT™ system controllers.

Also Available:

Software Kinesis Version 1.4.0

The Kinesis Software Package, which includes a GUI for control of Thorlabs' Kinesis and APT[™] system controllers.

Also Available:



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Hide APT Tutorials

APT TUTORIALS

These videos illustrate some of the basics of using the APT System Software from both a non-programming and a programming point of view. There are videos that illustrate usage of the supplied APT utilities that allow immediate control of the APT controllers out of the box. There are also a number of videos that explain the basics of programming custom software applications using Visual Basic, LabView and Visual C++. Watch the videos now to see what we mean.



Click here to view the video tutorial



To further assist programmers, a guide to programming the APT software in LabView is also available.



Click here to view the LabView guide



Hide 25 mm (0.98") Low-Profile Motorized Translation Stage

25 mm (0.98") Low-Profile Motorized Translation Stage



Built-In 25 mm (0.98") DC Servo Actuator

- Includes One 8-32 (M4) and Eighteen 4-40 (M3) Tapped Holes
- Sold by Itself or Bundled with Controller and Power Supply
 Multi-Axis, Breadboard, and 60 mm Cage System Mounting
 - Adapters Offered Below

Thorlabs' MTS25-Z8 (MTS25/M-Z8) Motorized Translation Stage provides linear motion in one dimension. One centered 8-32 (M4) tapped hole and eighteen 4-40 (M3) tapped holes allow small optomechanics to be directly mounted to the moving platform. Based upon a dual set of linear S

rails with continuously recirculating ball bearings, the translation mechanism provides smooth, low-friction movement.

The stage requires a standalone controller unit and power supply. For this purpose, we recommend our KDC101 K-Cube Motor Controller and Power Supply, which are described in more detail below. For convenience, we offer a stage, DC Servo controller, and power supply in a bundle at a significant savings over purchasing these items individually. The power supply you receive will be compatible with plugs in your region. Please contact Tech Support prior to ordering if you require a different plug.

The motor cable that is built into the stage is 0.5 m (1.64 ft) long. If more length is required for your application, we recommend our PAA632 Extension Cable, which provides an additional 2.5 m (8.20 ft). It is sold at the bottom of this page.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
MTS25/M-Z8	25 mm (0.98") Motorized Translation Stage, M4 and M3 Taps	\$907.80	Today
MTS25/M-Z8E	Metric-Tapped 25 mm Motorized Stage with Controller and Power Supply	\$1,363.23	Today
PAA632	APT DC Servo Motor Cable for Z8 Motors, DE15 Male to DE15 Female, 2.5 m	\$54.40	Today
MTS25-Z8	25 mm (0.98") Motorized Translation Stage, 8-32 and 4-40 Taps	\$907.80	Today
MTS25-Z8E	Imperial-Tapped 25 mm Motorized Stage with Controller and Power Supply	\$1,363.23	Today

Hide Base Plate for Breadboards and Optical Tables

Base Plate for Breadboards and Optical Tables

Mount an MTS25-Z8 Stage to a Breadboard or Optical Table



- Contains Four 1/4" (M6) Counterbored Slots for Imperial and Metric Compatibility
- Includes All Necessary Mounting Hardware and Alignment Pins for Parallelism

The MTS25A-Z8 Base Plate contains four 1/4" (M6) counterbored slots that allow an attached MTS25-Z8



Click to Enlarge MTS25-Z8 Attached to Breadboard Using MTS25A-Z8 Base Plate

(MTS25/M-Z8) to be positioned on a breadboard, as shown in the photo to the right. The bottom of the translation stage is connected to the base plate using four 4-40 or M3 cap screws. Two alignment pins ensure that the translation axis is parallel to the length of the plate.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
MTS25A-Z8	Base Plate for MTS25 Series Translation Stages	\$65.28	Today

Hide Accessory Mounting Plate

Accessory Mounting Plate

Mount Standard Optical Accessories





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Contains Seven 1/4"-20 (M6) and Six 8-32 (M4) Mounting Holes

Includes All Necessary Mounting Hardware



offer increased mounting options when used with general-purpose accessories and components. The working height of the stage with an adapter plate and base plate fitted is 1.4" (35.5 mm). The plate is finished in a black, low reflective anodized coating.



Click to Enlarge MTSA1 Adapter Plate Attached to MTS25-Z8 Stage

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
MTSA1/M	Customer Inspired!Adapter Plate with M6 and M4 Tapped Holes for MTS25 and MTS50 Stages	\$42.84	3-5 Days
MTSA1	Customer Inspired!Adapter Plate with 1/4"-20 and 8-32 Tapped Holes for MTS25 and MTS50 Stages	\$42.84	Today

Hide XY Mounting Adapter

XY Mounting Adapter

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- Stack Two MTS25-Z8 Stages in an XY Configuration
- Includes All Necessary Mounting Hardware and Alignment Pins for Orthogonality



The MTS25B-Z8 XY Adapter Plate is designed to orient two MTS25-Z8 (MTS25/M-Z8) stages orthogonally in the XY plane, as shown in the photo to the right. This plate may also be used to stack our 50 mm (1.97") MTS50-Z8 stage with a 25 mm (0.98") MTS25-Z8 stage, but the MTS50-Z8 must be on the bottom.

Two MTS25-Z8 Stages Stacked in an XY Configuration Using an MTS25B-Z8 Adapter

To begin the assembly process, fasten the plate to the top of the lower stage using four of the provided 4-40 or M3 cap screws. Then insert the provided alignment pins. To complete the assembly, use the remaining 4-40 or M3 cap screws to fasten the plate to the bottom of the upper stage.

In order to mount an MTS25-Z8 stage in the vertical plane, please see the MTS25C-Z8 Right-Angle Bracket shown below.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
MTS25B-Z8	XY Adapter Plate for MTS25 Series Translation Stages	\$41.82	Today

Hide Right-Angle Bracket

Right-Angle Bracket



- Vertically Mount an MTS25-Z8 Translation Stage
- Designed for XZ or XYZ Configurations
- Includes All Necessary Mounting Hardware and Alignment Pins for Orthogonality

The MTS25C-Z8 Right-Angle Bracket orients an MTS25-Z8 (MTS25/M-Z8) stage along the vertical axis. It is needed when configuring multiple MTS25-Z8 stages into XZ or XYZ arrangements. This bracket may also

be used to stack our 50 mm (1.97") MTS50-Z8 stage with a 25 mm (0.98") MTS25-Z8 stage, but the vertical stage must be an MTS25-Z8.

To create the XZ configuration shown to the right, insert two of the provided alignment pins into the horizontal stage. Then fasten the bracket to the top of the horizontal stage using four of the provided 4-40 or M3 cap screws. Next, insert the two remaining alignment pins into the vertical mounting surface. Finally, attach the bracket to the vertical stage with the remaining cap screws.

For XYZ configurations, follow the steps in the previous paragraph, but attach the stage and bracket to an existing XY configuration instead.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
MTS25C-Z8	Right-Angle Bracket for MTS25 Series Translation Stages	\$89.76	Today

Hide Adapter for 60 mm Cage Systems

Adapter for 60 mm Cage Systems

- Mount an MTS25-Z8 Translation Stage in a 60 mm Cage System
- Installation Does Not Require Cage System to be Disassembled
- Includes All Necessary Mounting Hardware and Alignment Pins for Parallelism

The MTS25CSA Adapter Plate orients an MTS25-Z8 (MTS25/M-Z8) stage parallel to the optical axis in a



Click to Enlarge Two MTS25-Z8 Stages

Stacked in an XZ Configuration Using an MTS25C-Z8 Right-

Angle Bracket



60 mm cage system. This allows optics within the cage to be translated over a 25 mm (0.98") range. Approximately 6.25" (159 mm) of cage rod length is needed to mount the stage. An example of the MTS25CSA in use is shown to the right. Click to Enlarge MTS25-Z8 Mounted in a 60 mm Cage System

To install, insert the two provided alignment pins into the bottom of the stage. Then fasten the adapter to the stage using the four provided 4-40 or M3 cap screws. At this point, the assembly can be inserted through the cage rods in an existing setup. Finally, tighten the two nylon-tipped setscrews against the rods.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
MTS25CSA	60 mm Cage System Adapter for MTS25 Series Translation Stages	\$46.47	Today

Hide K-Cube DC Servo Motor Controller

K-Cube DC Servo Motor Controller



- Front Panel Velocity Wheel and Digital Display for Controlling Motorized Stages or Actuators
- Two Bidirectional Trigger Ports to Read or Control External Equipment
- Interfaces with Computer Using Included USB Cable
- ▶ Fully Compatible with Kinesis[®] or APT[™] Software Packages
- Compact Footprint: 60.0 mm x 60.0 mm x 49.2 mm (2.42" x 2.42" x 1.94")
- Power Supply Not Included (See Below)



Click to Enlarge KCH601 USB Controller Hub (Sold Separately) with Installed K-Cube and T-Cube Modules (T-Cubes Require the KAP101 Adapter)

Thorlabs' KDC101 K-Cube Brushed DC Motor Controller provides local and computerized control of a single motor axis. It features a top-mounted control panel with a velocity wheel that supports four-speed bidirectional control with forward and reverse jogging as well as position presets. A backlit digital display is also included that can have the backlit dimmed or turned off using the the top-panel menu options. The front of the unit contains two bidirectional trigger ports that can be used to read a 5 V external logic signal or output a 5 V logic signal to control external equipment. Each port can be independently configured.

The unit is fully compatible with our new Kinesis software package and our legacy APT control software. Please see the *Motion Control Software* tab for more information.

Please note that this controller does not ship with a power supply. Compatible power supplies are listed below. Additional information can be found on the main KDC101 DC Servo Motor Controller page.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
KDC101	NEW! K-Cube Brushed DC Servo Motor Controller (Power Supply Not Included)	\$613.00	3-5 Days

Hide Compatible Power Supplies

Compatible Power Supplies

	Power Supplies		
KCH601	KPS101: For One K-Cube or T-Cube	KPS101	ے 🐏
	TPS008: For up to Eight K-Cubes or T-Cubes		4
KCH301	USB Controller Hubs Provide Power and Communications	TPS008	
	KCH301: For up to Three K-Cubes or T-Cubes	Oliali da Enlana	Click for Details
	KCH601: For up to Six K-Cubes or T-Cubes	Click to Enlarge The KPS101 and TPS008	A location-specific
	KAP101: Adapter Plate for Connecting T-Cubes to KCH Series Hubs	Power Supply Units	adapter is shipped with the power supply unit

The KPS101 can supply up to 2.4 A and power a single K-Cube or T-Cube, while the TPS008 can supply up to 8 A and can power up to eight K-Cubes or T-Cubes, or up to four TBD001 Brushless DC Servo Controllers. Both power supply units plug into a standard wall outlet and provide +15 VDC.

The KCH301 and KCH601 USB Controller Hubs each consist of two parts: the hub, which can support up to three (KCH301) or six (KCH601) K-Cubes or T-Cubes, and a power supply that plugs into a standard wall outlet. The hub draws a maximum current of 10 A; please verify that the cubes being used do not require a total current of more than 10 A. In addition, the hub provides USB connectivity to any docked K-Cube or T-Cube through a single USB connection. A KAP101 Adapter Plate is required to use a T-Cube with the KCH301 or KCH601. For more information on the USB Controller Hubs, see the full web presentation.

Description

based on your location.

The adapters for the KPS101 are shown

here.

KPS101	15 V, 2.4 A Power Supply Unit for One K-Cube or T-Cube	\$25.71	Today
TPS008	15 V, 8 A Power Supply Unit for up to Eight K-Cubes or T-Cubes	\$180.00	Today
KCH301	NEW! USB Controller Hub and Power Supply for Three K-Cubes or T-Cubes	\$475.00	Today
KCH601	NEW! USB Controller Hub and Power Supply for Six K-Cubes or T-Cubes	\$575.00	3-5 Days
KAP101	NEW! Adapter Plate for T-Cubes and KCH Series Hubs	\$55.00	Today

Hide Motor Extension Cable

Motor Extension Cable



The PAA632 Extension Cable provides an additional 2.5 m (8.20 ft) of cable length for the 15-pin D-type connectors used throughout our motorized actuator selection. The male end connects to the controller, while the female end connects to the motor.

Part Number	Description	Price	Availability
PAA632	APT DC Servo Motor Cable for Z8 Motors, DE15 Male to DE15 Female, 2.5 m	\$54.40	Today

Visit the 25 mm (0.98") Compact Motorized Translation Stage page for pricing and availability information: https://www.thorlabs.com/newgrouppage9.cfm?objectgroup_id=3423