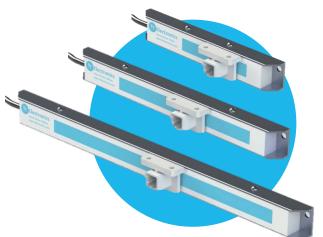
# **Sensing and Control**

# **Autopad Linear Position Sensor**

#### **Features:**

- Absolute non-contact inductive position technology
- Passive target
- Senses through non-conductive materials and fluids (e.g. plastic, glass, oil, water)
- Custom ASIC provides 12bit resolution
- Analogue 0-5V or 4-20mA output
- Fast response time
- Linear travel: 75mm, 150mm, 250mm
- OEM versions available customised to the requirements of your application



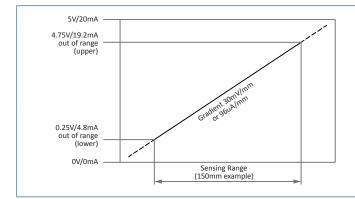
#### Our advantage:

- No contact between target and sensor so parts cannot wear out
- Simple and robust construction with proven reliability; >40million Autopad sensors in the field
- Excellent immunity to external electromagnetic fields
- Completely immune to magnetic fields
- Immune to dirt and dust
- Good tolerance to geometric offsets
- Cost competitive performance

#### **Application**

- General sensing applications, especially where:
  - Reliability and ease of use are important
  - Large magnetic fields and/or harsh EMC requirements (e.g. near motors)
  - High vibration environments (e.g. pumps, heavy machinery)
  - Wet and/or dirty environments
- For example, industrial automation, process control, valve positioning, materials handling, injection moulding, cutting & slitting, welding, CNC machines, hydraulic cylinders, robotics

## **Output**



Output (nominal values for all sensor ranges)				
Sensor Range	Gradient	Out of Range (lower)	Out of Range (upper)	
250mm	18mV/mm 59uA/mm	0.2V 4.6mA	4.8V 19.4mA	
150mm	30mV/mm 96uA/mm	0.25V 4.8mA	4.75V 19.2mA	
75mm	56mV/mm 179uA/mm	0.4V 5.3mA	4.6V 18.7mA	

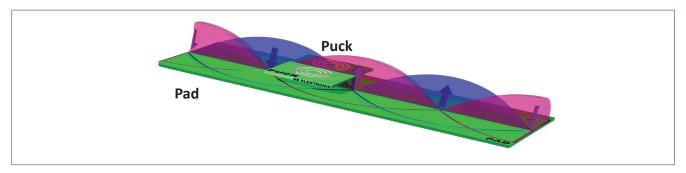


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#### **Technology**



- Originally developed for demanding automotive applications, Autopad is an inductive technology which is now available for use in industrial applications.
- The key components are a sensor element (or Pad), a target (or Puck) and electronics, based around a proprietary ASIC.
- The Pad includes two PCB track structures which each form transmitter coils. These generate sine and cosine shaped spatial electromagnetic fields.
- The moving target is formed by a simple LC resonant circuit the Puck.
- The transmitter coils are driven with a high frequency carrier (at the Puck resonant frequency), but modulated at a lower frequency in quadrature. These fields couple to the Puck and the cumulative current generated in the Puck depends on its position.
- The alternating field produced by the Puck induces a voltage in a third coil on the Pad the receiver coil. The ASIC synchronously detects this voltage signal, leaving only the modulated signal. The phase of this modulated signal is then calculated and gives a direct measurement of the Puck position.
- The technology can be configured for specific applications for example, to suit a specific geometry, or with a high resolution and accuracy coarse/fine output, or with redundant output for increased reliability.

### **Specification**

Interface	Analogue: 0-5V ratiometric	Analogue: 0-5V	4-20mA	
Power supply	4.5 – 5.5V DC	8-24V DC	8-24V DC	
Current consumption	20 mA	15 mA Max.	40 mA	
Nominal Sensing Range (L)	75mm / 150mm / 250mm			
Nominal target–sensor separation	2mm +/- 1.5mm			
Sense through nonconductive material (eg: plastic, water, oil)	Yes			
Linearity	1% full scale output			
Hysteresis	None			
Magnetic field resistance	Complete Immunity			
Resolution	12 bit			
Update rate	250μs			
Operating Temperature	-20 to 70°C			
Electrical connections	Brown: V+, Black: Output, Blue: Gnd			
Output load	>1kΩ			
Reverse polarity	Yes			
Overvoltage protection	Yes, to 40 V			
Cable length	0.5m			
Sealing	IP67			
Approvals	CE, ROHS & WEEE			

#### General Note

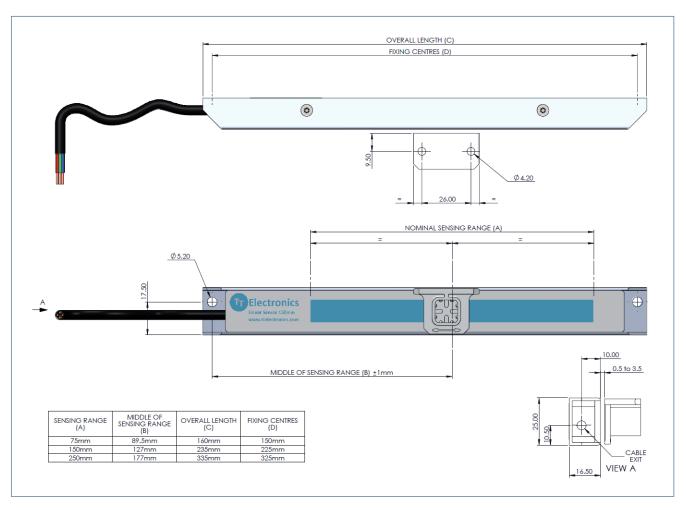


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## **Drawings & Installation**



#### **Part Numbers**





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