Linear encoders



The Linear Encoder range of gauges consists of high accuracy optical probes designed for use in applications where consistent sub micron measurement accuracy is required. In contrast to traditional gauging probes, the accuracy is maintained along the entire measurement range.

The linear encoders also serve many displacement and positioning applications due to the high purity of their optically generated sine wave electrical output, which enables a high level of electronic interpolation. Also, their proven high repeatability is a testament to the excellent mechanics and bearings used in the range.

A probe consists of the probe head (including guidance mechanism), cable and connector. The connector type depends on the probe's electrical output, but is compatible with industry standards such as 1Vpp and 11 μ A and TTL. In the case of the Digital Linear Encoder, the standard Probe Interface Electronics (PIE) is used which can be connected directly to a Solartron Digital Readout, a PC or a PLC via Solartron's Orbit Network System.

- > A choice of 12 mm or 25 mm measurement ranges
- > Spring, free, pneumatic, cable release
- > Up to 0.4 µm accuracy
- > Up to 0.0125 µm resolution
- > Outputs: Sinewave Voltage 1 Vpp Sinewave Current 11 µA TTL Digital (Orbit®)
- > CE approved
- Verification / calibration Traceable to NPL (National Physical Laboratory)









 ${\rm 1} \ \ {\rm TTL} \ {\rm probes \ supplied \ with \ inline \ interpolation \ circuitry \ (iBox).}$

2 TTL resolution is dependent on the user's counter electronics.

3 A special version of the Linear Encoder has been developed to allow the Linear Encoder to be used as part of an Orbit network dynamic measurement system. This allows synchronisation of the probe reading to another data acquisition or control event. This special linear encoder integrates an encoder, interpolation module and Encoder Input Module. However since the Encoder Input Module has a maximum input frequency of 1.2MHz, this limits the gauging speed to 0.24ms⁻¹. For more information on this device and ordering information, please refer to the website.

4 Longer cable available on request

5 For TTL, see table below

Probe signal period (µm)	Configurator interpolation	Quad edge period (µm)	Max Gauging speed (m/s)
0.4	A (x25)	0.1 (x100)	0.5
0.2	B (x50)	0.05 (x200)	0.5
0.1	C (x100)	0.025 (x400)	0.4
0.05	D (x200)	0.0125 (x800)	0.2

The counter electronics is required to have sufficient bandwidth for the gauging speed, the following formula can be used to calculate the encoder signal frequency and the suitability of the end electronics.

Output Frequency (kHz) = gauging speed (ms 1) x 100 x (Configurator Interpolation Rate)/4

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LE/25/S

66 Dimensions (mm)







LE/25/S and LE/25/P







Air inlet nozzle on pneumatic (P) versions



Lift for spring (S) versions

LE/12/S and LE/12/P

