



**Ahead Through Absolute Position** 

## **SYMBOLS**

## **General Symbols**



Temperature Range in °C



Protection Class (EN 60529)

## **Specific Symbols for Encoders**



Resolution per Revolution



Revolutions



A gearing is used to measure the revolutions.



A counter is used to measure the revolutions (without battery backup).



Magnetic Measurement Principle



Optic Measurement Principle

## **Specific Symbols for Inclinometers**



Measurement of Two Axes



Measurement of Three Axes



Measurement of 360°

### **COMPANY**



### **FRABA Group**

FRABA AG is a group of enterprises focused on niches in the industrial automation market. FRABA POSITAL GmbH is one of its subsidiaries and has been a leading manufacturer of absolute rotary encoders for 30 years. The FRABA group also includes the VITECTOR and INTACTON subsidiaries, which produce sensors for security applications and sensors for non-contact velocity measurement, respectively.

#### History

Franz Baumgartner founded the company in Cologne in 1918. Prior to the 1960s, FRABA was mainly involved in the mass production of relays. From this business emerged the company's systems engineering division which installed a total of more than 13,000 machine control systems. FRABA developed one of the first absolute rotary encoders in 1973.



#### Service

Absolute rotary encoders are highly technical devices, requiring numerous parameter and interface considerations when adapting them to the requirements of a given application. That is why POSITAL's engineers in Cologne and New Jersey take on the dual responsibilities of development and customer support. In addition, a still growing network of national and international partners has been established, helping to provide knowledgeable guidance on location and in the local language.

#### **Production**

In the fall of 2006, FRABA Group opened another state-of-the-art production facility to complement its base in Cologne. Located in Slubice, at the German-Polish border, the new plant services all of the FRABA companies.

### **ENCODERS**



### **Rotary Encoders**

All positioning tasks in factory automation and construction require current and precise position values to monitor motion activity. Absolute rotary encoders mark every step of movement by a unique digital signal. This ability to assign distinct and exact values to linear and angular positions at any time has made absolute rotary encoders a pivotal means of connection between the mechanical system and the control system.

Compared to other systems of angle measurement, like inclinometers, rotary encoders provide a comparably high measuring frequency and a constant precision over the full measuring range, which extends beyond 360°.



Encoders determine angle values by scanning the position of a shaft within the sensor unit. Given the diversity of potential applications, there is a need for different mechanical interfaces and coupling systems. Also, various interfaces for connecting encoders to control systems have been established in the market. Considering possible combinations of functional sensor specifications with mechanical and electrical interfaces POSITAL's current product lines are all based on a modular design.

The appropriate choice of a rotary encoder for an application depends on the kind of motion, the form of motion transmission, the operating conditions, the necessary resolution and the electrical interfaces involved.





### **ENCODERS**

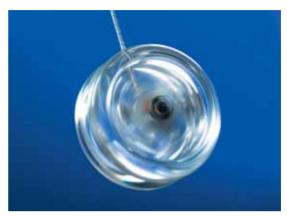


### **Incremental Rotary Encoders**

Incremental encoders measure angle values by counting a material with a periodic pattern, starting from an arbitrary origin. This measuring method does not inherently render absolute positions for a measured signal. Initial homing to a reference point is therefore required in all positioning tasks, both upon startup of the control system and whenever power to the encoder has been interrupted.

### **Absolute Rotary Encoders**

Absolute rotary encoders, however, are capable of providing unique position values from the moment they are switched on as well as immediately after a power loss. This is accomplished by scanning the position of a coded material.



All positions in these systems correspond to a fixed code. Even movements that occur while the system is without power are translated into accurate position values at once when the encoder is powered up again.

### Single and Multi Turn Rotary Encoders

Single turn encoders are systems that measure absolute positions for one turn of the shaft, i.e. for 360°. After one turn the measuring range is exceeded and loops back to the starting value. However, in many applications several turns of the shaft must be distinguished. In these cases, multi turn encoders will keep track of the angle position of the shaft while also providing code information about the number of turns.





## OPTOCODE (OCD)



## **Measuring Principles**

Optical encoders are made up of a revolving shaft with a code disc and an optoelectronic scanning unit consisting of a screen and photoreceptors. Infrared light from an LED source passes through the code disc and the screen behind it. At every angle position a different sequence of photoreceptors are blocked from light by dark segments on the code disc.

### **Functionality**

The OPTOCODE (OCD) series uses a highly integrated Opto-ASIC providing a resolution up to 16 bits (65536 steps) per turn, as well as additional incremental signals.

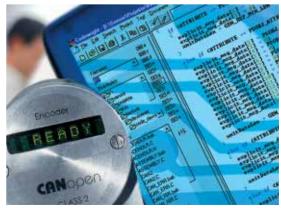


Without backup batteries the measuring range is increased up to 16384 revolutions using mechanical gearing.

### Interfaces

All OPTOCODE (OCD)models are available with hollow or solid shaft versions and are IP 65 protected to withstand harsh industrial environments. Special stainless steel or explosion-proof encoders for hazardous areas are also available. All models transmit digital measurement values to control systems either by parallel, serial or any common field bus interface. Standardized interfaces like Profibus-DP, CANopen, DeviceNet or Industrial Ethernet feature simplified connections and stable data transmission while also safeguarding investment assets.





## SSI AND BITPARALLEL



### SSI

- Preset Input
- Preset Button and LEDs
- Hollow Shaft
- Strobe (Ten Absolute Rotary Encoders Use The Same Data Line)
- Additional Incremental Output
- Transfer Distance up to 1,200m

### **Alternative Solutions**

• Compact Magnetic Encoders See Page 17



## **Bitparallel**

- Can Be Connected to Any Control System Via I/O Inputs
- Preset Input
- Over-voltage-peak protection
- Data transmission via two transistors in push-pull circuit
- Transfer Distance up to 50 m



















## **PROFIBUS**



## **Specifications**

- Accredited by Profibus User Trade Organization
- Programmable
   According to Class2 Encoder Profile
- Additional Features Including Velocity Output, Software Limit Switches, and a Teach-In Option for On-Site Gear Ratio Determination
- Expanded DPV2 Functionality (Isochronous Mode and Slave-to-Slave Communication)
- Transmission Rates up to 12 Mbaud



## **Connection Cap**

- Connection Cap
   With Cable Glands or M12 Connectors
- Device Address and Baudrate Is Set Via BCD Rotary Switches
- LEDs for Status Indication
- Integrated T-Distributor
- Switchable Terminating Resistor





















### **CANOPEN**



## **Specifications**

- · Certified by CiA
- Communication Profile According to DS 301
- Device Profiles DS 406 or DS 417 (for Lift Applications)
- Programmable According to Class 2
- Transmission Mode:
   Polled Mode, Cyclic Mode, and Sync Mode

### **Models with Cable or Connector Exits**

- Device Address and Baudrate
   Is Set Via Software
- Through Hollow Shaft Flange for Singleturn Encoder
- Outdoor version for harsh industrial environments with heavy-duty housing and protection elements against condensation



## **Models with Connection Cap**

- Connection Cap
   With Cable Glands or M12 Connectors
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Compact Magnetic Encoders
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### **DEVICENET**



## **Specifications**

- · Certified by ODVA
- Transmission Rate up to 500 kBaud
- Transmission Mode: Polled Mode, Change of State Mode and Cyclic Mode

### **Models with Cable or Connector Exits**

- Device Address and Baudrate
   Is Set Via Software
- Outdoor version for harsh industrial environments with heavy-duty housing and protection elements against condensation



### **Models with Connection Cap**

- Device Address and Baudrate
   Is Set Via BCD Rotary Switches
- LEDs for Status Indication
- Integrated T-Distributor
- Switchable Terminating Resistor
- Connection Cap
   With Cable Glands or M12 Connectors



















## **ETHERNET**



## **Specifications**

- Integrated Web Server
- LEDs for Status Indication
- Connection Cap With M12 Connectors

### **Ethernet TCP/IP**

- Communication Via TCP, IP, HTTP, SMTP, UDP
- Transmission Rate = 100 MBits/s
- Modbus TCP/IP Also Available

### **Powerlink**

 Supports Powerlink V1 and Powerlink V2 Protocols



### **Profinet**

- 2-Port Switch
- RT + IRT (coming soon)

## **Ethernet IP**

- 2-Port Switch
- CIP and CIP Sync (coming soon)













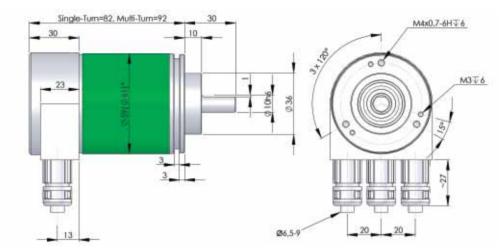




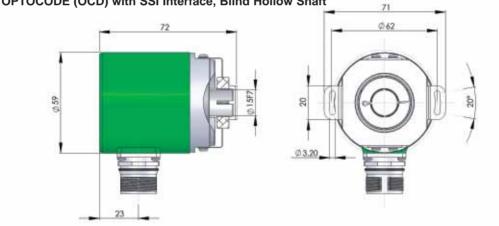


# OPTOCODE (OCD) MECHANICS

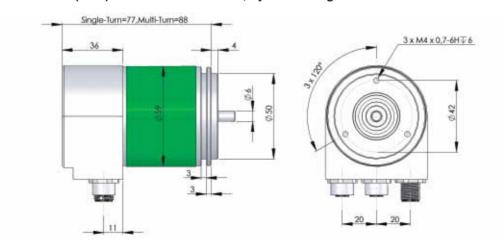
## OPTOCODE (OCD) with Fieldbus Interface, Clamp Flange



# OPTOCODE (OCD) with SSI Interface, Blind Hollow Shaft



## OPTOCODE (OCD) with Ethernet Interface, Synchro Flange



## TYPE KEY

OCD -	-				
	Interface Version number Code Multi turn resolution in Bits Single turn resolution in B		Flange Shaft Mechanical option		Electrical connection Orientation of Connection Connection type
S L S 1 S 2	Interface SSI SSI with preset SSI with incr. outputs	C S B	Flange Clamp Synchro Blind hollow shaft	P C 0	Electrical Connection Connector Cable Connection cap
D P D 2	SSI with preset button + LEDs Profibus DeviceNet	1 0	Hollow shaft (SSI)  Shaft  10x20	R A	Orientation Radial Axial
P P P T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T	CANopen Parallel Parallel Preset Ethernet TCP/IP	<ul><li>0   6</li><li>1   2</li><li>1   5</li></ul>	6x10 12x20 15 (Blind hollow shaft)	L	Connection Type  12 pin round connector (SSI)
E Z	Ethernet Modbus TCP POWERLINK V1+V2 Code	0 S V	Mechanical Option Without Shaft sealing Stainless steal	T	<ul><li>16 pin round connector</li><li>(bitparallel)</li><li>26 pin round connector</li><li>(bitparallel)</li></ul>
В	Gray Binary	H	Heavy Duty	9	5 pin round connector (CANopen, DeviceNet, Ethernet) 9 pin D-Sub
	Advice: Not all options can be combined (see Datasheet)			C W	(CANopen, DeviceNet) Connection cap Cable 2x5 pin round connector male, female with venting element (only Heavy Duty version)

## OPTOCODE (OCD) ACCESSORIES



## **Cable Pull Adapters**

For the measurement of linear movements absolute rotary encoders can be combined with cable pull adapters. Low-cost and high-end systems are available for specific applications.

#### **Mechanical Accessories**

Clamp discs and clamp half-rings can be utilized for the installation of encoders.

### **Mounting Device**

The MGY58 mounting device provides an easy and inexpensive way to affix any absolute rotary encoder with a synchro flange.



## **Cables and Connectors**

Connectors as well as cables, pre-equipped with connectors, can be purchased for absolute encoders with SSI or Bitparallel interface.

### Couplings

A selection of couplings is available for different applications.

### **Reducing Rings**

Reducing rings adapt the hollow shaft of OCD rotary encoders from 15 mm to 12 mm, 10 mm or 8 mm.





## **EXPLOSION PROOF ENCODERS (EXAG)**



### **Specifications**

- ATEX certified (EX II 2 G/D Eex d IIC T6)
- Resolution Per Revolution up to 13 Bit (8192 Steps)
- Up to 16384 (14 bit) Revolutions With Mechanical Gearing, No Battery Back Up Operating Temperature -40 to +70 °C
- Environmental Protection IP 65, Others on Request
- Interfaces: SSI, Profibus, CANopen and DeviceNet
- Connection and Device Addressing via Connection Cap



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Connection Cap with Radial Cable Glands







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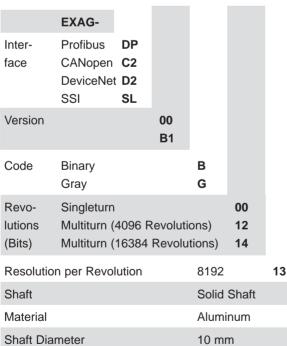
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Connection



Material Aluminum AL
Shaft Diameter 10 mm 10
Shaft Length 20 mm 20
Protection Class IP65 (Others on Request)
Flange Clamp Flange

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### MAGNETOCODE (MCD)

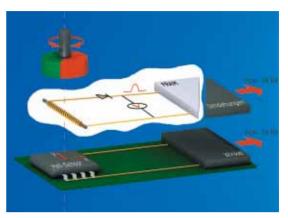


### The Singleturn Measuring Principle

Magnetic rotary encoders determine positions using the Hall effect sensor technology developed for the automotive mass market. A permanent magnet fixed to the shaft generates a magnetic field that is sampled by the Hall sensor, which translates the measured value into a unique absolute position value.

### The Multiturn Innovation

To register revolutions even when no voltage is applied, energy from the turning of the shaft must suffice for proper operation. An innovative, patented technology makes this feasible even at low rotational speeds and through long standstill periods – a



Wiegand wire ensures that the magnetic field can only follow the turning of the shaft in discrete steps. A coil wound on the Wiegand wire receives only brief, strong voltage spikes, which prompt the reliable recognition of each revolution.

### **Specifications**

Given their small diameter of 36.5 mm, MAGNE-TOCODE (MCD) encoders with a serial interface can also be used in applications with very limited installation space. They are available as hollow or solid shaft versions with a 12 bit (4096 steps) resolution per revolution. The measurement range of 8192 revolutions can be extended upon request.





## MAGNETOCODE (MCD)















### **MAGNETOCODE** with SSI Interface

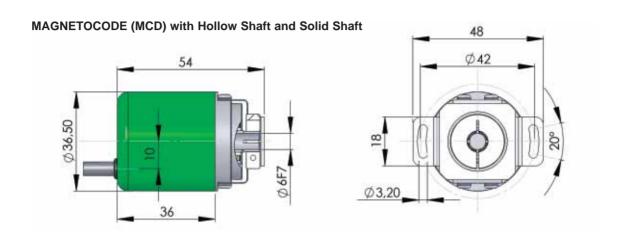
- Low Cost Compact Design
- 36,5 mm Diameter
- 12Bit Resolution per Revolution
- 13Bit Revolutions, Others upon Request
- Very compact version with cable pull adapter for linear measurement available.

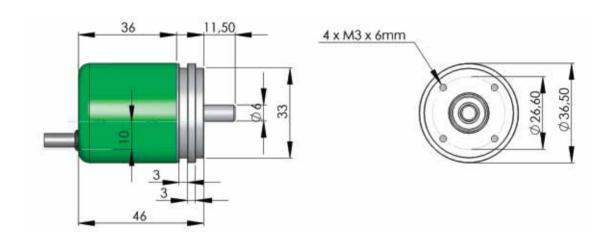
## **MAGNETOCODE** with CANopen Interface

- Low Cost Compact Design
- 36,5 or 58 mm Diameter
- CANopen Communication Profile acc. DS 301
- Device Profile DS 406
- Device Address and Baudrate Is Set Via Software
- Very compact version with cable pull adapter for linear measurement available.

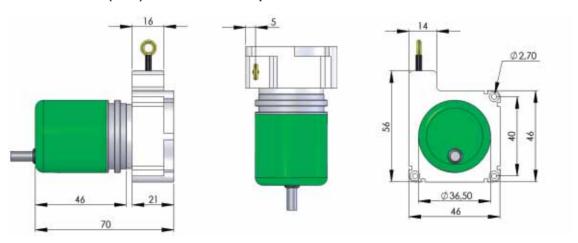
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MAGNETOCODE	MCD-		00					_		_	
Interface	erface SSI <b>S1</b> CANopen <b>CA</b>										
Version			00								
Code	Gray Binary			G B							
Revolutions (Bit)	Singletur Multiturn Multiturn	(4096			00 12 13						
Resolution per Revolution (Bit)	4096 (0,0	09°, 12	Bit)			12					
	Standard Calibrate						s C				
Flange	Synchro Clamp F Blind Ho	lange						S C B	06 10 06		
Shaft diameter	06 mm o	r 10 mi	m								
Mechanical options	Without									0	
Connection	Cable ex	it, axial	1 m								CAW

# MAGNETOCODE (MCD) MECHANICS





## MAGNETOCODE (MCD) with Cable Pull Adapter



### **INCLINOMETERS**



#### **Inclinometers**

Angles and inclines must be measured in many applications to ensure safe operation or to control automatic movements. An incline is defined as any deviation from the vertical or horizontal axis within the reference system. Inclinometers allow an easy and efficient way to measure position values without direct coupling to the actuators. This fact and a high protection class allow them to be placed almost anywhere, providing more flexibility for design engineers. Inclinometers also allow simultaneous measurement of two axes with a single sensor, which can also reduce the design and engineering effort compared to other sensor systems.

### **ANGUSENS Product Line**

ANGUSENS inclinometers measure incline angles with a multi-electrode array, which determines the conductivity of a fluid-filled cell. This sensor technology supports three different measuring ranges: from ± 2 up to ±30 degrees. Besides this flexible choice of range, the sensor technology also ensures a high resolution of up to 0,001°. A rugged three-point mounting on the sensor housing simplifies installation, particularly on uneven surfaces.



The sensor housing's IP protection class guarantees safe outdoor use. Besides analog interfaces like voltage, current, PWM or switching outputs ANGUSENS inclinometers support RS232 and CANopen.

#### **ACCELENS Series**

The ACCELENS series of inclinometers is based on the groundbreaking MEMS - Micro-Electro-Mechanical-Systems technology. These capacitive sensor cells feature a measuring range of up to +/-80° with an approximate resolution of 0.03°. Besides measuring X-Y angle inclinations, they are also capable of 360° axis measurements. The sensor cells are extremely shock-resistant (up to 20000 g) and provide consistent precision across the full temperature range (-40°C - +85°). Their integrated A/D converter yields up to 150 reading points per second, which enables an effective filtering of vibrations and shocks and also limits the settling time to a minimum. ACCELENS sensor systems can be supplied in different tried and tested aluminum housings. All ACCELENS series sensors are generally equipped with a certified CANopen interface.

## **ANGUSENS**



## **Current Output**

- 4-20mA
- Independent of Cable Length, Therefor Adaptable for Longer Transmission Lines
- Reliable Against Electronic Interference

## **Voltage Output**

- 0-5 V
- Easy to Read Analog Inputs of Control Systems and I/O Modules
- Intended for Short Transmission Lines



## **Switching Output**

- Directly Usable as Limit Value Switch
- Free Configuration of Switching Output

## **Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)**

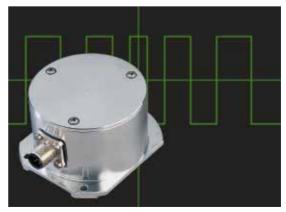
Combines the advantages of digital signal transmission with a simple conversion to analog signals.











## **ANGUSENS**



## CANopen

- Programmable Parameters: Resolution, Preset Value, Baud Rate, Heartbeat, CAN Identifier
- Transmission Mode:
   Polled, Cyclic and Sync Mode



## Profibus

- Measuring Range +/- 15°, +/- 30°
- Resolution up to 0,001°
- Compact and Robust Industrial Design
- Fully Programmable
- Protection Class IP66

Description	Type Key						
Absolute Inclinometer	AGS-						
Measuring Range		05 15 30					
Number of Axes			2				
Interface	Current PWM Switching Output CANopen			SC SP SS CA			
Mechanical Design	Horizontal Vertical Rotational				H V R		
Dynamic	2 m Pas					0	
Connection	8 pin Round Connector M1 Cable	2					P8M CRW

## **ACCELENS**



## **Specifications**

- Inclinometer Uses a MEMS Acceleration Sensor
- CANopen Interface acc. to DS 410 and DS 301
- Measuring Range of +/- 80° and 360°
- · Horizontal and Vertical Mounting
- Aluminum Housing
- Connector or Cable Exit
- Heavy-Duty Version with Protection Element and M12 Connectors Available









Description	Type Key								
ACCELENS	ACS-								
Measuring Range		080 360							
Number of Axes			1 2						
Interface	CANopen			CA					
Version					00				
Mounting (Housing)	Horizontal Vertical					H V			
Material Housing	Aluminium						Α		
Model	High End Customer Specific							H C	
Connection	Cable Exit 1m 1x 5 pin. M12 Male	Conne	ctor + 1	x 5 pin	. M12 F	emale	Conne	ctor	CW TM

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