Displacement Transducers

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Gefran displacement transducers: reliability, precision, simple and quick installation

Gefran has designed and produced displacement sensors for over 15 years. Over a million installed transducers and in-depth knowledge of processes to be measured guarantee top performance and an excellent quality/price ratio.

- Measurement of absolute position: when the system is switched on, the transducer immediately gives the real position without having to run mechanical repositioning.
- Life: from 100 million strokes of potentiometric transducers to practically unlimited for magnetostrictive transducers, thanks to the lack of contact between the transducer and the cursor.
- High resolution of output signal: from practically infinite for potentiometers to 2μ for magnetostrictive transducers.
- Easy installation and simple connection to most commercially available instruments and PLCs.
- Ability to simultaneously control multiple cursors with the same transducer and provide shift speed (MK4/IK4-C in CANopen and MK4/IK2P in Profibus from 1 to 4 cursors.

 Analog MK4-A up to a maximum of two cursors. Multicursor in digital model MK4-D Start&Stop).
- Sensors guaranteed up to 5 years (model MK4)





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Potentiometric technology

The main element of the potentiometer consists of 2 linear tracks, with length equal to the maximum stroke of the displacement to be measured, made of a conductive material.

A mobile cursor with two brushes connected to each other serves as a bridge between the two tracks and measures the difference in potential between the first track (resistive) and the second track (conductive).

The cursor may be outside the device (and therefore connectable directly to the moving object whose displacement is to be measured) or inside. In this case, a rod is used as an actuator of the outside movement on the potentiometer cursor.

The resistive track must be of high quality to guarantee highly precise measurement: only in this way can an accurate and repeatable output voltage level correspond to the contact position on the track.

Gefran produces all the resistive tracks for its potentiometric transducers in-house, and therefore guarantees reliable, precise measurement.

Even if its tracks are developed and produced with the aim of guaranteeing accuracy, Gefran still runs a series of linearity tests.

The relative simplicity of this technology allows it to be used in compact models. Gefran potentiometers require no control logic, and are therefore quick and easy to install.

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- linearity: the maximum percentage difference (error) between the straight line representing the theoretical output curve and the actual output curve of the transducer



Magnetostrictive technology

The new generation of potentiometric transducer is the magnetostrictive displacement transmitter, in which there is no contact between the transducer and the mobile cursor.

The measurement element, a copper wire passing through a special alloy tube, measures the interaction between mechanical waves and electromagnetic fields.

A current pulse is transmitted along the tube from the sensor head; interaction between the current pulse and the magnetic field generated by the displacement magnet creates torsion that is transmitted along the wave-guide rod in the form of a mechanical wave. By measuring the time between transmission of the first signal and detection of torsion on the rod, you can calculate the exact position of the magnet.

There is no direct contact between moving parts, so the transducer is not subject to wear. This also guarantees greater precision and repeatability.



GUIDE TO CHOOSING THE BEST TRANSDUCER

STROKE LENGTH

GEFRAN potentiometric and magnetostrictive transducers measure linear displacement on strokes from a minimum of 10 mm to a maximum of 4000 mm. It is important to remember that two strokes are usually specified:

- Mechanical stroke: the actual shift of the transducer cursor;
- Useful electrical stroke: the part of the mechanical stroke on which transducer linearity is guaranteed. This means that when studying the application, you have to choose a transducer with a useful electrical stroke greater than or equal to the maximum shift of the moving part.

TYPES OF ACTUATORS

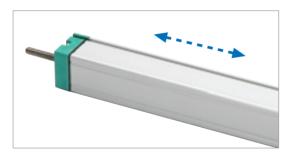
To detect the shift of an object, the transducer has a mobile part that is normally attached to the object itself.

This mobile part is usually one of two types:

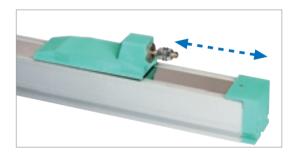
- rod: this is the traditional system used by potentiometers, and consists of a rod inserted in the transducer body and transmits the shift to the interior of the sensor;
- cursor: this system permits more compact solutions thanks to the use of a cursor attached to the moving part to be measured.

It is available on some potentiometers (series PK, PME and PMI) and on most magnetostrictives.

Note that the cursor can be guided (slide or ring) or completely free from the transducer (floating cursor).



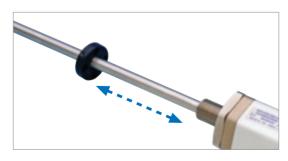
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INSTALLATION

The transducer can be installed on three types of supports:

- brackets: the traditional method; requires a free surface for installation and uses two or more brackets based on the length of the transducer;
- flanges: ideal in applications in which the rod has to pass through a hole and the transducer has to be attached to the walls of the hole; in this case, you have to pay careful attention to conditions of use, especially in case of long strokes;
- self-aligning joints: these are used to attach the ends of the transducer directly to the moving parts; it eliminates other attachment points and allows measurement of unaligned movements; this system is unsuitable for very long strokes.

TECHNICAL DRAWINGS - WITHOUT POSITIONS



PROTECTION LEVEL

Depending on their structure and technology, GEFRAN linear displacement transducers guarantee different levels of protection against dust and liquids. You can choose within a range of IP4O to IP68, as shown on the following table:

EQUIVALENCE TABLE - PRODUCTS / IP LEVEL

IP40	IP60	IP65	IP67	IP68
РК	LT	LT	RK - RKA - RKC	IC
PA1	PZ12	PC	MK4	РМІ
PY1	PZ34	PR65	IK1-IK2-IK4	
PY2			PME	
PY3			PMA	
PS			LT67	
			PC67	
1			PZ67	I

COMMUNICATION INTERFACE

Potentiometers supply a ratiometric output in voltage. This means that the output voltage range depends on the voltage use to feed the transducer.

ATTENTION! The potentiometer must NOT be used as a variable resistance.

If you want a $0..10\ \text{VDC}$ or $4..20\ \text{mA}$ conditioned signal as a potentiometer output, you can connect a PCIR conditioner to the device output.

Magnetostrictive transducers let you choose the most appropriate output interface for the application: - analog output in voltage:

 $0..5\ VDC/5..0\ VDC,\ 0..10\ VDC/10..0\ VDC,\ \pm\ 5\ VDC,\ \pm\ 10\ VDC$

- analog output in current:
 - 0..20 mA, 4..20 mA
- digital output:

start/stop (multicursor), PWM (monocursor)

- SSI output:
 - 16, 21, 24, 25 bit in binary or Gray code
- CANopen output:

CiA DP 3.01 rel.4.0 and DS406

- Profibus output:

DPVO on RS485







	PA1	PZ12	PZ34
	25150 mm	25250 mm	25300 mm
	± 0.2% on 25 ± 0.1% from 50 to 100 ± 0.05% from 125 to 150	± 0.2% on 25 ± 0.1% from 50 to 100 ± 0.05% from 125 to 250	± 0.2% on 25 ± 0.1% from 50 to 100 ± 0.05% from 125 to 300
	Infinite	Infinite	Infinite
	-30+100°C	-30+100°C	-30+100°C
	5 m/sec	10 m/sec	10 m/sec
	IP40	IP60 (on request: IP65)	IP60 (on request: IP65)
	Rod	Rod	Rod
1	Brackets (variable distances between centers)	Brackets (model -S) Joints (model -A) Flange (model -F)	Brackets (model -S) Joints (model -A) Flange (model -F)
	Compact. A joint provides greater tolerance in movement. Reliable even at high speeds or if subject to impact and vibration.	Problems traditionally associant potentiometers (especially released) are eliminated. The ability to attach joints properation even in case of mistransducer axis and direction	iability, life, accuracy and ovides error-free salignment between
	BENDERS SANDERS TRANSFER MACHINES	GLASS WORKING AND CUTTI GEOTECHNICAL TEST AND IN	

			HIGH IMPERMEABILITY	
PME12	PMI12	PMA12	IC	
501000 mm	501000 mm	501000 mm	100550 mm	0 0 0
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-30+100°C	-30+100°C	-30+100°C	-30+100°C	ceme
5 m/sec	5 m/sec	5 m/sec	1.5 m/sec	displa
IP67	IP68	IP67	IP67	netric
Ring cursor	Ring cursor	Rod	Ring cursor	Potentiometric
Brackets (variable distances between centers)	Flange	Self-aligning joints	Flange	Pote
For pneumatic cylinders. Pre-wired models or models with connector. High protection level and sturdiness guarantee long life.	For hydraulic and oil pressure cylinders. Model with threaded flange lets you install transducer without removing cylinder.	Coaxial rod for installation with self-aligning joints. Low friction, self-cleaning rod completely in anodized aluminum.	The best solution for installation in small spaces. Used especially inside pneumatic cylinders.	
INJECTION PRESSES PNEUM. CYLINDERS GEOTECHNICS SANDERS GLASS MACHINES	GEOTECHNICS UTILITY VEHICLES HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS BOTTLING	INJECTION PRESSES EARTH MOVING ELEVATORS SANDERS LEATHERWORKING	PNEUMATIC CYLINDERS	
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	MODEL	PS09	PS11	PS20	PR65	
	USEFUL ELECTRICAL STROKE RANGE	340° ± 4°	345° ± 4°	350° ± 4°	345° ± 4°	
10	INDEPENDENT LINEARITY	± 1 ± 0.05% (on request)	± 1 ± 0.05% (on request)	± 1 ± 0.05% (on request)	± 1 ± 0.05% (on request)	lucers
	RESOLUTION	Infinite	Infinite	Infinite	Infinite	transducers
	WORK TEMPERATURE RANGE	-55+100°C	-55+100°C	-55+100°C	-55+100°C	acement t
	MAXIMUM ROTATION SPEED	600 U/min	600 U/min	600 U/min	600 U/min	placer
	MAXIMUM TORQUE	0,20 Ncm	0,20 Ncm	0,20 Ncm	1,8 Ncm	ve dis
	PROTECTION LEVEL	IP40	IP40	IP40	IP65	Rotative dis
	INSTALLATION	Servo (flange)	Servo (flange)	Servo (flange)	Servo (flange)	
f	OUTSIDE DIAMETER	22,25 mm	27,05 mm	50,80 mm	55 mm	•••
	SHAFT DIAMETER	3,175 mm	3,175 mm	6,35 mm	6 mm	
	APPLICATIONS	A high-precision angular of requirements of most and	ol, and instrumentation app displacement transducer th alog applications. d-welded terminals; all meta	nat satisfies the	High protection level, all-metal housing.	
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MK4-S	MK4-C	MK4-P
504000 mm	504000 mm	504000 mm
± 0,02%	± 0,02%	± 0,02%
max 2 μm	max 2 μm	Up to 5 μm
·30+75°C	-30+75°C	-30+75°C
10 m/sec	10 m/sec	10 m/sec
SSI	CANopen	PROFIBUS
1 cursor	from 1 to 4 cursors	from 1 to 4 cursors
P67	IP67	IP67
Brackets variable distances between centers)	Brackets (variable distances between centers)	Brackets (variable distances between centers)
SSI digital interface allows high-precision absolute displacements.	CANopen interface allows connection via fieldbus.	The Profibus fieldbus communication interface permits integration in complex systems with large communication distances, guaranteeing safe and rapid data transmission.
SERVO-DRIVES ROBOTICS	PRESSES ROBOTICS MACHINE TOOLS	INJECTION PRESSES STEEL WORKS PLANT AUTOMATION

	ROD				
	MODEL	IK1-A	IK1-D	IK2-S	IK2-C
JOEPS	USEFUL ELECTRICAL STROKE RANGE	1004000 mm	1004000 mm	1004000 mm	1004000 mm
ransdı	INDEPENDENT LINEARITY	± 0,02%	± 0,02%	± 0,02%	± 0,02%
ent ti	RESOLUTION	max 0,5 μm	max 10 μm	max 2 μm	max 2 μm
lacem	WORK TEMPERATURE RANGE	-30+70°C	-30+70°C	-30+70°C	-30+70°C
re disp	MAXIMUM DISPLACEMENT SPEED	10 m/sec	10 m/sec	10 m/sec	10 m/sec
strictiv	INTERFACE	Analog	Digital	SSI	CANopen
t 0	MEASUREMENT TAKEN	1 cursor (normal+reverse)	1 cursor (PWM) 1 cursor (start/stop)	1 cursor	1 or 2 cursors
Nag	PROTECTION LEVEL	IP67	IP67	IP67	IP67
•••	INSTALLATION	Flange	Flange	Flange	Flange
	APPLICATIONS	Specifically designed hydraulic and pneum to small size of rod a Analog or digital inte to PLC or other standard flange for a installation.	atic cylinders thanks and magnet. erface for direct link dard electronics.	Precision of digital signal CANopen interface allows plants using standard cor	adaptation in existing
		EARTH MOVING NAUTICAL SECTOR LEVEL CHECKS		FOOD LEVEL CHECKS SERVO-ASSISTED CYLIND	ERS
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		ROD
IK2-P	IK4-A = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =	IK4-C
504000 mm	504000 mm	504000 mm
± 0,02%	± 0,02%	± 0,02%
max 5 μm	infinie	max 2 μm
-30+75°C	-30+75°C	-30+75°C
10 m/sec	10 m/sec	10 m/sec
PROFIBUS	Analog	CANopen
From 1 to 4 cursors	1 cursor (normal+reverse)	From 1 to 4 cursors (displacement+speed)
IP67	IP67	IP67
Flange	Flange	Flange
The Profibus fieldbus communication interface permits integration in complex systems with large communication distances, guaran-teeing safe and rapid data transmission.	The IK4 line's new mechanical structuuse, including a series of new multi-conhead, and replacement of internal elec	re offers improved features for in-cylinder nector models, free rotation of the connector ctronics without removal of the transducer.

HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS FOR PLANT AUTOMATION

HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS FOR PLANT AUTOMATION INDUSTRIAL HYDRAULICS LEVEL CHECKS

	ROD			
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				W
	MODEL	RK-	ı RK-A	ı RK-C
0 C	USEFUL ELECTRICAL	504000 mm	504000 mm	504000 mm
0	STROKE RANGE	1	1	I
				•
S C	INDEPENDENT LINEARITY	± 0,02%	± 0,02%	± 0,02%
_ _ _	LINEARITY	T.	L	I
t				
	RESOLUTION	infinie	16 bit	16 bit
0		T	I	I
(D)	Work			
C)	TEMPERATURE RANGE	-30+90°C	-30+90°C	-30+90°C
		I	I	I
. <u></u>	MAXIMUM DISPLACEMENT	40 (40 /	40 /
Ф	SPEED	10 m/sec	10 m/sec	10 m/sec
ت > >			•	•
Ö	INTERFACE	Analog Digital	Analog	CANopen
etostri		RS422 Start/Stop	L	I
S O			1 cursor (normal+reverse) 1 Cursor (displacement+speed)	1 Oui 001
(I)	MEASUREMENT TAKEN	1 Cursore	2 Cursors	(displacement+speed)
		I	I	I
O	PROTECTION LEVEL	IP67	IP67	IP67
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	INSTALLATION	Internal flange Threaded external flange	Internal flange Threaded external flange	Internal flange Threaded external flange
		Thi cauca external hange		I
	APPLICATIONS	The separate, remote electr	ronics (up to a maximum of 5 nimum and facilitates installa	O meters)
		reduces sensor size to a mil cylinder. The overall dimensions of the	nimum and facilitates installa sensor are among the smalle	st available
		on the market.	and among the smalle	
		EARTH MOVING AGRICULTURAL MACHINES UTILITY VEHICLES		
		INDUSTRIAL HYDRAULICS		
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Accessories

|SIGNAL CONDITIONERS FOR POTENTIOMETRIC TRANSDUCERS

PCIR-101: Output 0...10Vdc PCIR-102: Output 4...20mA



| PCIR-A: Output O...10Vdc



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Interface module integrated in female connector (directly connectable to series LT and PK) Standard output O..10Vcc (PCIR 101) Standard output 4..20mA (PCIR 102) High linearity (0.01% FS0) Lower Zero and Span thermal drift Settable Zero and Span

High input impedance (>100 MOhm)
Standard output 0..10Vcc
Linearity error: 0.02% FS0
Thermal drift: 0.01% FS0/°C
Simultaneous control of two transducers
Preset for DIN EN50035 and EN50022 mounting
MORO31 female connector

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JOINTS FOR POTENTIOMETRIC TRANSDUCERS

PKIT015: for series LT







|CURSORS FOR MAGNETOSTRICTIVE TRANSDUCERS

SERIE MK4

PCUR034



PCURO35



PCURO36



PCURO37



SERIE IK

PCUR026

PCUR027



PCURO22



PCURO23



PCUR024



Ø int. 12,5 mm Ø est. 54 mm length 70 mm Ø int. 15 mm Ø est. 54 mm length 70 mm Ø int. 13,5 mm Ø est. 32,8 mm thickness 7,9 mm Ø int. 13,5 mm Ø est. 32,8 mm thickness 7,9 mm Ø int. 13,5 mm Ø est. 32,8 mm thickness 7,9 mm 3-pin connectos

4-pin connector (DIN43650 solenoid valve)

CON006



CONOOS



5-pin connector (DIN 43322)

CONO11

CON002



|CON012



|CON013



M8 pre-wired 3-pin connectors (for PME)

CAV010



6-pin connectors (for IC)

CON300



MODEL			LT	PC	PK	PA1	PY1	PY2	PY3	PME	IC
3 PIN	IP40	CON002	LT-H	PC-H							
4 PIN	IP65 IP65	CON008	LT-M	PC-M							
5 PIN	IP40 IP67 IP40	CON011 CON012 CON013	LT-B LT-B LT-B	PC-B PC-B	PK-B PK-B PK-B	PA1-C PA1-C PA1-C	PY1-C PY1-C PY1-C	PY2-C PY2-C PY2-C	PY3-C PY3-C PY3-C		
3 PIN M8	IP67	CAV010								PME-C	
6 PIN	IP67	CON300	ı			1	1		1		IC-C

FEMALE CONNECTORS FOR MAGNETOSTRICTIVE TRANSDUCERS

M16 CONNECTORS

CON021 - CON026 CON022 - CON027







M12 CONNECTORS

CONO31



CON041-CON042



MODEL	CON021	CONO22	CON023	CON026	CON027	CON028	CONO31	CONO41	CON035	CONO42
	M16	M16	M16	M16	M16	M16	M12	M12	M12	M12
	6 pin IP40	6 pin IP67	6 pin 90° IP67	8 pin IP40	8 pin IP67	8 pin 90° IP67	5 pin IP67	5 pin 90° IP67	8 pin IP67	8 pin 90° IP67
	МК4-В	MK4-B	МК4-В	MK4-C	MK4-C	MK4-C	MK4-A	MK4-A	MK4-H	МК4-Н
	MK2-CB	MK2-CB	MK2-CB				MK2-CM	MK2-CM		
	IK1-B	IK1-B	IK1-B	K1-C	IK1-C	IK1-C	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u></u>
	IK2-B	IK2-B	IK2-B	I	I .	IK1-C	IK2-CM	IK2-CM	l .	IC-C

PLASTIC AND RUBBER INJECTION PRESSES:

measures displacement of 4 main movements: load, injection, die opening/closing, extraction



BLOWING MACHINES:

measures displacement of die opening/closing, die translation, Parison check



MATERIALS WORKING:

measures displacement of tools such as brushes, wheels or rolls used in working metal, wood, marble, ceramics



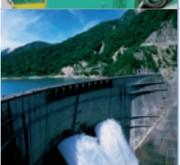
HYDRAULIC AND PNEUMATIC CYLINDERS:

piston displacement check the transducer is internal and a magnetic ring cursor is attached to the piston to track its movement



GEOTECHNICS:

use of transducers for subsidence meters and strain gauges for structural monitoring - cylindrical models are preferred



AUTOMATIVE TEST MACHINES:

tuning of suspensions on prototypes and competition models. Test benches. Racing cars. Crash tests.



FARM AND EARTH MOVEMENT MACHINES:

check position of mechanical arms, bucket angle, plough height off ground, crushers, sizing of asphalting machines



FOOD INDUSTRY:

check quantity of substance distributed by filling syringes or other injector machines



NAUTICAL FIELD:

control of the opening and closing of bulkheads; control position and inclination of the paddle (flap) of motors inboard



LEVEL CHECKS:

measure level of liquids in tanks via selection of float



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