



E101 STAND-ALONE LINEAR POSITION SENSOR

INTRINSICALLY SAFE FOR HAZARDOUS DUST ATMOSPHERES

- **Intrinsically safe for Gas and Dust to: Ex II 1GD**
- **Non-contacting inductive technology to eliminate wear**
- **Travel set to customer's requirement**
- **High durability and reliability**
- **High accuracy and stability**
- **Sealing to IP67**



As a leading designer and manufacturer of linear, rotary, tilt and intrinsically safe position sensors, Positek® has the expertise to supply a sensor to suit a wide variety of applications.

Our intrinsically safe E101 Linear Inductive Position Sensor incorporates electronics system EX07 which is ATEX / IECEx / UKEX approved for use in potentially explosive **gas/vapour and dust** atmospheres. The E101 is designed for industrial and scientific feedback applications and is ideal for OEMs seeking good sensor performance for arduous applications in hazardous areas. The unit is highly compact and space-efficient, being responsive along almost its entire length.

The E101, like all Positek® sensors, provides a linear output proportional to travel. Each unit is supplied with the output calibrated to the travel required by the customer, any stroke from 0-5mm to 0-800mm and with full EMC protection built in. The sensor is very robust, the body and push rod being made of stainless steel for long service life and environmental resistance.

Overall performance, repeatability and stability are outstanding over a wide temperature range. The sensor is easy to install with mounting options including M5 rod eye bearings and body clamps. The push rod can be supplied free or captive with female M5 thread, an M5 rod eye, dome end or magnetic tip. 1/4" Rod eye options are available. Captive push rods can be sprung loaded, in either direction, on sensors up to 300mm of travel. The E101 also offers a wide range of mechanical and electrical options, environmental sealing is to IP65 or IP67, depending on selected cable or connector options.

SPECIFICATION

Dimensions

Body diameter	35 mm
Body length (Axial version)	calibrated travel + 163 mm
Body length (Radial version)	calibrated travel + 186 mm
Push rod extension	calibrated travel + 9 mm, OD 9.5 mm

For full mechanical details see drawing E101-11

Power Supply

Output Signal

Independent Linearity

	+5V dc nom. $\pm 0.5V$, 10mA typ 20mA max
	0.5-4.5V dc ratiometric, Load: 5k Ω min.
	$\leq \pm 0.25\%$ FSO @ 20°C - up to 450 mm
	$\leq \pm 0.5\%$ FSO @ 20°C - over 450 mm
	$\leq \pm 0.1\%$ FSO @ 20°C* available upon request.

*Sensors with calibrated travel from 10 mm up to 400 mm.

Temperature Coefficients

	$< \pm 0.01\%/^{\circ}C$ Gain &
	$< \pm 0.01\%FS/^{\circ}C$ Offset
	> 10 kHz (-3dB)

Frequency Response

Resolution

Noise

Intrinsic Safety

	Infinite
	$< 0.02\%$ FSO
	Ex II 1GD
	Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta= -40°C to 80°C)
	Ex ia IIIC T135°C Da (Ta= -40°C to 80°C)

Approval only applies to the specified ambient temperature range and atmospheric conditions in the range 0.80 to 1.10 Bar, oxygen $\leq 21\%$

Sensor Input Parameters

(connector option/s)

(cable option/s)

Ui:	11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W.
Ci:	1.16 μ F, Li: 50 μ H
Ci:	1.36 μ F, Li: 860 μ H with 1km max. cable

Environmental Temperature Limits

Operating	-40°C to +80°C
Storage	-40°C to +125°C

Sealing

EMC Performance

Vibration

Shock

MTBF

Drawing List

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Sensor Outline
Drawings, in AutoCAD® dwg or dxf format, available on request.

Do you need a position sensor made to order to suit a particular installation requirement or specification? We'll be happy to modify any of our designs to suit your needs - please contact us with your requirements.



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Intrinsically safe equipment is defined as "equipment which is incapable of releasing sufficient electrical or thermal energy under normal or abnormal conditions to cause ignition of a specific hazardous atmosphere mixture in its most easily ignited concentration."

ATEX / IECEx / UKEX approved to;

Ex II 1GD

Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta= -40°C to 80°C)

Ex ia IIIC T135°C Da (Ta= -40°C to 80°C)

Designates the sensor as belonging to; Group II: suitable for all areas **except mining**, Category 1 GD: can be used in areas with continuous, long or frequent periods of exposure to hazardous gas / vapour (Zones 2 to 0) and dust (Zone 20).

Gas / Vapour:

Protection class ia, denotes intrinsically safe for all zones

Apparatus group IIC: suitable for IIA, IIB and IIC explosive gas / vapour.

Temperature class T4: maximum sensor surface temperature under fault conditions 135°C.

Dust:

T135°C: maximum sensor surface temperature under fault conditions.

Ambient temperature range extended to -40°C to +80°C.

It is imperative Positek® intrinsically safe sensors be used in conjunction with a galvanic barrier to meet the requirements of the product certification. The Positek X005 Galvanic Isolation Amplifier is purpose made for Positek IS sensors making it the perfect choice. Refer to the X005 datasheet for product specification and output configuration options.

Safety Parameters:-

Ui: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W

Ci = 1.36µF* Li = 860µH* (cable option/s)

Ci = 1.16µF Li = 50µH (connector option/s)

*Figures for 1km cable where: Ci = 200pF/m & Li = 810nH/m

Sensors can be installed with a maximum of 1000m of cable.

Cable characteristics must not exceed:-

Capacitance: ≤ 200 pF/m for max. total of: 200 nF.

Inductance: ≤ 810 nH/m for max. total of: 810 µH.

For cable lengths exceeding 10 metres a five wire connection is recommended to eliminate errors introduced by cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients.

ATEX / IECEx / UKEX approved sensors suitable for gas (X series) and mining (M series) applications, are also available from Positek.

TABLE OF OPTIONS

CALIBRATED TRAVEL: Factory set to any length from 0-5mm to 0-800mm (e.g. 254mm)

ELECTRICAL INTERFACE OPTIONS

The Positek® X005 Galvanic Isolation Amplifier is available with the following output options;

Standard: 0.5 - 9.5V or 4 - 20mA.

Reverse: 9.5 - 0.5V or 20 - 4mA.

CONNECTOR/CABLE OPTIONS

Connector - Binder 713 series Axial or Radial, IP67

Cable[†] with Pg 9 gland or short gland Axial, IP67

Cable[†] with Pg 9 gland Radial, IP67

[†]Three core (black jacket) or five core (blue jacket) cable options available. Cable length >50 cm – please specify length in cm up to 15000 cm max.

We recommend all customers refer to the 3 or 5-Wire Mode Connection page.

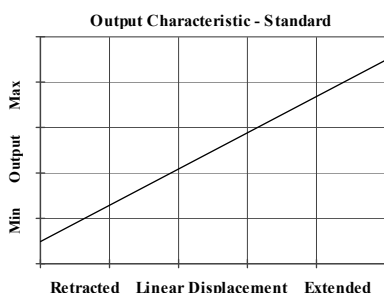
MOUNTING OPTIONS

M5 rod eye bearing (radial versions), Body Tube Clamp/s (axial or radial versions). 1/4" Rod eye option available

PUSH ROD OPTIONS – Retained[†] or Free with M5x0.8 female thread, M5 rod eye bearing or Magnetic tip, Spring loaded - retract or extend, Dome end[#].

[†] standard, retained with female thread.

[#] with spring extend.



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Three or Five-Wire Mode Connection

FOR INTRINSICALLY SAFE SENSORS IN HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERES

The aim of this document is to help readers who do not understand what is meant by three or five wire modes of connection between the galvanic isolation amplifier and sensor, and the factors behind them. It is by no means an in-depth technical analysis of the subject.

Whether opting for a pre-wired Positek® Intrinsically Safe sensor or one with a connector, choosing the right mode of connection and cable to suit the application requires careful consideration.

Interconnecting cables are not perfect conductors and offer resistance to current flow, the magnitude of resistance[†] depends on conductors resistivity, which changes with temperature, cross sectional area[‡] and length. If the voltage were to be measured at both ends of a length of wire it would be found they are different, this is known as volts drop. Volts drop changes with current flow and can be calculated using Ohm's law, it should be noted that volts drop occurs in both positive and negative conductors. The effects of volts drop can be reduced by increasing the conductors cross sectional area, this does not however eliminate the effects due to temperature variation. There are instances where large cross-section cables are not practical; for example most standard industrial connectors of the type used for sensors have a maximum conductor capacity of 0.75mm², copper prices and ease of installation are other considerations.

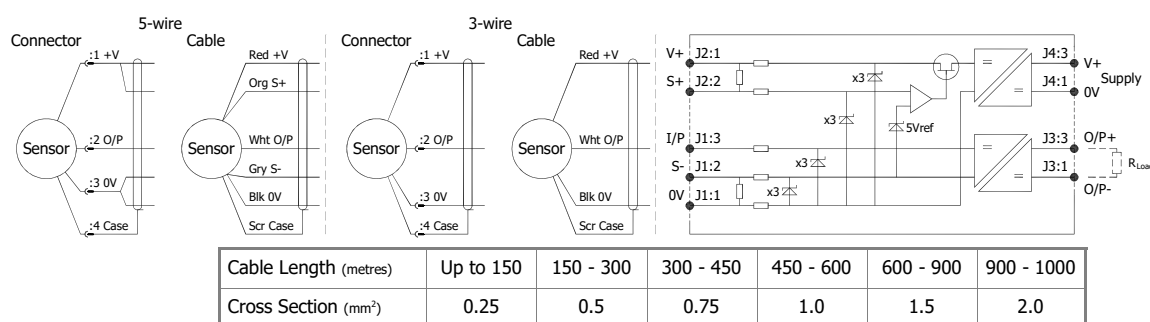
This is important because the effects of volts drop can significantly alter the perceived accuracy of the sensor which is ratiometric i.e. the output signal is directly affected by the voltage across the sensor. Changes in temperature will also be seen as gain variation in the sensor output.

Three wire mode connections are common and are suitable in most cases with short or moderate cable runs. Applications that do not require a high degree of accuracy but have cable runs, say in excess of 10m, volts drop can be reduced by introducing a terminal box close to the sensor and using a larger cross-section cable for a majority of the cable run. Sensors supplied with three core cable are calibrated with the cable fitted which largely eliminates errors due to conductor resistance at room temperature however, as mentioned above, small gain errors due to temperature fluctuations should be expected.

Five wire mode connections have significant benefits as losses in the positive and negative conductors are compensated for by the galvanic isolation amplifier which can 'sense' the voltage across the sensor and dynamically adjust the output voltage so that the voltage across the sensor is correct. The effects of cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients are eliminated allowing for smaller conductors than a three wire connection for the same cable run. The amplifier can compensate for up to 15Ω per conductor with a current flow of 15mA, which is more than adequate for 150m of 0.25 mm² cable, longer lengths will require larger conductors.

For this reason Positek® recommends five wire connections for cable lengths exceeding 10 metres in 0.25 mm² cable to preserve the full accuracy of the sensor.

See illustrations below for examples of connecting a sensor to the galvanic isolation amplifier.



The table above shows recommended conductor sizes with respect to cable length for both three and five wire connections, based on copper conductors. Three wire connections will introduce a gain reduction of 5% and a ±1% temperature dependence of gain over the range -40°C to +80°C for the cable temperature. (i.e. about -150 ppm/°C for the maximum lengths shown and less pro rata for shorter lengths.)

It should be noted that the maximum cable length, as specified in the sensor certification, takes **precedence** and **must not** be exceeded.

Positek® sensors are supplied with three core 0.25 mm² cable as standard, however five core 0.25 mm² cable can be supplied on request. The galvanic isolation amplifier is available as;

G005-*** for 'G' and 'H' prefix sensors
X005-*** for 'E', 'M' and 'X' prefix sensors

[†] $R = \rho L / A$ ρ is the resistivity of the conductor (Ωm) L is the length of conductor (m) A is the conductor cross-sectional area (m²).

[‡] It is presumed that direct current flow is uniform across the cross-section of the wire, the galvanic isolation amplifier and sensor are a dc system.



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	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	j	k
E101	Displacement	A	Y	Connections	Option	Option	Option	Option	Option	Z-code

a Displacement (mm)		Value
Displacement in mm	e.g. 0 - 254 mm	254
b Output		
Supply V dc V _s (tolerance)	Output	Code
+5V (4.5 - 5.5V)	0.5 - 4.5V (ratiometric with supply)	A
c Calibration Adjustments		Code
Sealed		Y
d Connections Cable or Connector		Code
Cable Gland - Radial	IP67 metal - 3-core cable	Ixx
	IP67 metal - 5-core cable	IQxx
	IP67 M12 IEC 60176-2-101 metal	J
Connector - Axial	pre-wired - 3-core cable	Jxx
	pre-wired - 5-core cable	JQxx
	IP67 M12 IEC 60176-2-101 metal	K
Connector - Radial	pre-wired - 3-core cable	Kxx
	pre-wired - 5-core cable	KQxx
	IP67 metal - 3-core cable	Lxx
Cable Gland - Axial	IP67 metal- 5-core cable	LQxx
	IP67 Short - 3-core cable	Mxx
Cable Gland [†] - Axial	IP67 Short - 5-core cable	MQxx
Specify required cable length 'xx' in cm. e.g. L2000 specifies cable gland with 20 m of cable, 50 cm supplied as standard. [†] Nb: restricted cable pull strength.		
e Body Fittings		Code
None - default		blank
M5 Rod-eye Bearing	Radial body style only	N
f Body Clamps		Code
Body Clamps - 1 pair		P
Body Clamps - 2 pairs		P2
g Sprung Push Rod		Code
None - default		blank
Spring Extend	Up to 300mm displacement.	R
Spring Retract	Captive push rod only.	S
h Push Rod Fittings		Code
None - default	Female Thread M5x0.8x9 deep	blank
Dome end	Requires option 'R'	T
M5 Rod-eye Bearing		U
Magnetic Tip		WA
j Push Rod Options		Code
Captive - default	Push rod is retained	blank
Non-captive	Push rod can depart body	V

j Z-code	Code
Calibration to suit X005 - Default	Z000
≤± 0.1% @20°C Independent Linearity displacement between 10mm & 400mm only!	Z650
1/4 Rod eye options available	Z827

Note!

All Intrinsically Safe (IS) sensors must have a Z-code suffix.

IS sensors must be used in conjunction with a Galvanic Isolation Amplifier - See X005 for Output options.



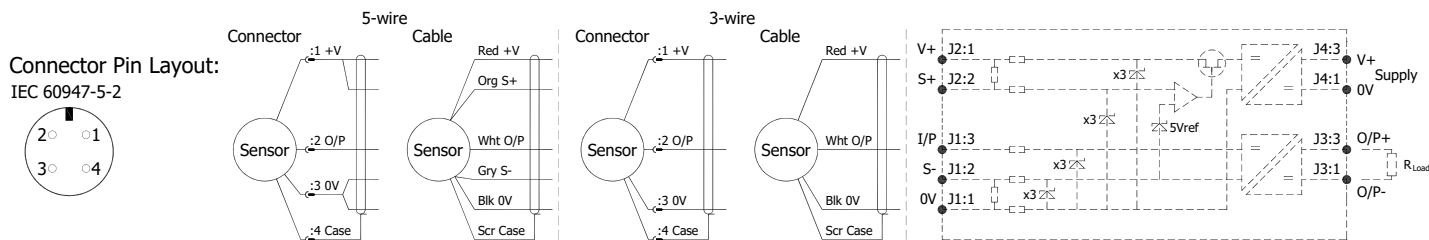
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For certificate number and safety parameters information for product marked EX04, see next page.

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Electronics Version	Output Description:	Supply Voltage: V _s (tolerance)	Load resistance:
EX07	0.5 - 4.5V (ratiometric with supply) [Output code 'A']	+5V (4.5 - 5.5V)	5kΩ min



Putting Into Service: The sensor must be used with a galvanic isolation barrier designed to supply the sensor with a nominal 5V and to transmit the sensor output to a safe area. The barrier parameters must not exceed:-

U_i = 11.4V
C_i = 1.36μF*
C_i = 1.16μF

I_i = 0.20A
L_i = 860μH*
L_i = 50μH

P_i = 0.51W
(*I_{xx}', 'IQ_{xx}', 'L_{xx}', 'LQ_{xx}', 'M_{xx}' or 'MQ_{xx}' options) (*J' or 'K' options) *Figures for 1km cable

The sensor is certified to be used with up to **1000m** of cable, cable characteristics must not exceed:-

Capacitance: ≤ 200 pF/m or max. total of: 200 nF
Inductance: ≤ 810 nH/m or max. total of: 810 μH

Approval only applies to specified ambient temperature range and atmospheric conditions in the range: 0.80 to 1.10 Bar, oxygen ≤ 21%.

The performance of the sensor may be affected by voltage drops associated with long cable lengths; For cable lengths exceeding 10 metres a five wire connection is recommended to eliminate errors introduced by cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients.

Warning - The M12 IEC 60176-2-101 connector may be rotated for purposes of convenient orientation of the connector and cable, however rotating the connector more than one complete revolution is not recommended. **Repeated rotation of the connector will damage the internal wiring!**

Special Condition for Safe Use:

The apparatus does not meet the 500 V r.m.s dielectric strength test between circuit and frame, in accordance with clause 6.3.13 of IEC 60079-11:2011. This must be taken into consideration on installation.

When using a Sensor that has an integral cable in a dust application, the free end of the cable shall be appropriately terminated for the zone of use.

Under certain extreme circumstances, the non-metallic and isolated metal parts incorporated in the enclosure of this equipment may generate an ignition-capable level of electrostatic charge. Therefore the equipment shall not be installed in a location where the external conditions are conducive to the build-up of electrostatic charge on such surfaces. This is particularly important if the equipment is installed in a zone 0 location. In addition, the equipment shall only be cleaned with a damp cloth.

Use: The sensor is designed to measure linear displacement and provide an analogue output signal.

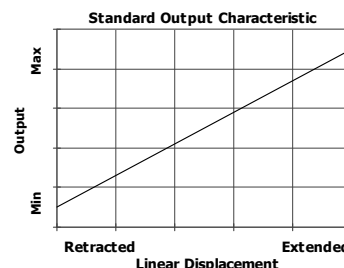
Assembly and Dismantling: The unit is not to be serviced or dismantled and re-assembled by the user.

Maintenance: No maintenance is required.

Mechanical Mounting: Depending on options; Body can be mounted by M5x0.8 male thread, rod eye bearing or by clamping the sensor body - body clamps are available, if not already ordered. Target by M5x0.8 female thread, rod eye bearing or magnetic tip. It is assumed that the sensor and target mounting points share a common earth.

Output Characteristic: Target is extended 9 mm from end of body at start of normal travel.

The output increases as the target extends from the sensor body, the calibrated stroke is between 5 mm and 800 mm.



Incorrect Connection Protection levels: Not protected – the sensor is **not** protected against either reverse polarity or over-voltage. The risk of damage should be minimal where the supply current is limited to less than 50mA.



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For certificate number and safety parameters information for product marked EX07, see previous page.

ATEX Qualified to Intrinsic Safety Standard Certificate numbers SIRA 00ATEX2076X		Ex II 1GD EEx ia I/IIC T4 (Ta = -40°C to +80°C) Ex ia D 20 T135°C (Ta = -40°C to +80°C)	
Electronics Version	Output Description:	Supply Voltage: V_s (tolerance)	Load resistance:
EX04	0.5 - 4.5V (ratiometric with supply) [Output code 'A']	+5V (4.5 - 5.5V)	5k Ω min

The barrier parameters must not exceed:-

U_i = 11.4V **I_i = 0.20A** **P_i = 0.51W**
C_i = 1.36 μ F* **L_i = 710 μ H*** ('Ixx' or 'Lxx' options) *Figures for 1km cable
C_i = 1.16 μ F **L_i = 50 μ H** ('J' or 'K' options)

The sensor is certified to be used with up to **1000m** of cable, cable characteristics must not exceed:-

Capacitance: ≤ 200 pF/m for max. total of: 200 nF
Inductance: ≤ 660 nH/m for max. total of: 660 μ H

With the exception of the certificate number and safety parameters above, all other notes regarding Putting Into Service, Use, Assembly and Dismantling etc. on previous page apply to sensors marked EX04 or EX07.



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