

MS 2x Series

Exposed Linear Encoders with Singlefield Scanning



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TERM-EXPLANATIONS

Grating Pitch (Interval)

A grating is a continuous series of lines and spaces printed on the scale. The width of one line and one space is called the pitch (sometimes referred to as the interval) of the grating. The lines and spaces are accurately placed on the scale.

Signal Period

When scanning the grating, the encoder head produces sinusoidal signals with a period equal to the grating pitch.

Interpolation

The sinusoidal signal period can be electronically divided into equal parts. The interpolation circuitry generates a square wave edge for each division.

Measuring Step (Resolution)

The smallest digital counting step produced by an encoder.

Reference Pulse (Reference Mark)

There is an additional track of marks printed next to the grating to allow a user to find an absolute position along the length of the scale. A one increment wide signal is generated when the encoder head passes the reference mark on the scale.

This is called a "true" reference mark since it is repeatable in both directions. Subsequent electronics use this pulse to assign a preset value to the absolute reference mark position.

Error Signal

This signal appears when a malfunctioning encoder generates faulty scanning signals.

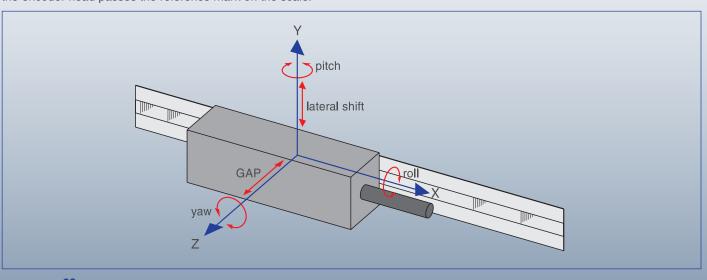
Accuracy

This is a fundamental characteristic, which is specified with an accuracy grade (e.g. $\pm 5 \, \mu \text{m/m}$).

Abbe Error

Measuring error due to lateral distance between the measuring system and the machining level.

Yaw Angle, Pitch Angle, Roll Angle, Lateral Shift, Airgap Mounting tolerances of the encoder head relative to the scale.



REQUIREMENTS IN AN EXPOSED LINEAR ENCODER

- Contamination resistance
- Immunity against aging and temperature changes
- High resolution
- High traversing speed
- Large mounting tolerances
- Small dimensions

The MS 2x series meets all these requirements!

The trend today in motion control applications is for exposed Linear Encoder systems.

This is driven by steadily increasing demands for

- higher traversing speed
- higher operating cycles
- lower mechanical backlash
- zero frictional force induced by the encoder. Only exposed, non-contact encoders fulfill all these requirements.

For special requirements like closed loop, speed control, highest accuracy and others it is important to minimize the interpolation errors.

Historically, the small grating periods used had the disadvantages of smaller mounting gaps and very tight overall mounting tolerances.

The MS 2x series encoders 40 µm grating period minimizes interpolation errors but can be mounted with a large gap and liberal mounting tolerances.

A drawback of many exposed Linear Encoders is their sensitivity to dirt and contamination on the scale. The MS 2x series encoders' unique optical design minimizes the effect of dirt and contamination normally associated with the exposed Linear Encoders.

The MS 2x series utilizes a unique scanning principle which allows high traversing speeds (up to 10 m/s), large mounting tolerances and contamination on the scale.

Reference marks, accurate and repeatable from both traversing directions, are standard.

Version MS 21, MS 26: The position of the reference mark can be selected by the customer.

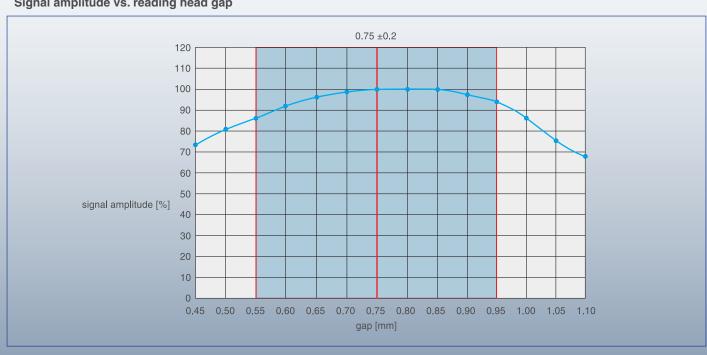
A wide range of interpolation electronics, integrated into the encoder head, enables resolutions from 10 µm to 100 nm. Square-wave signals, single ended, or via Line Driver RS 422, are provided at the output of the encoder head.

Units with sinusoidal output, 1Vpp, are also available.

Two end of travel optical switch signals are available directly out of the reader head. The end of travel signal locations can be easily set by the user.

Due to recent advancements in technology, all of these benefits are now available in a small package design.

Signal amplitude vs. reading head gap



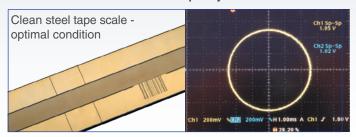
SCANNING PRINCIPLE

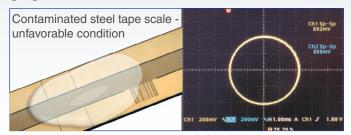
The MS 2x series incremental Linear Encoders work with the imaging, photoelectric measuring principle and a **singlefield reflective scanning** method. A scale graduation pattern on a steel tape (with gold grating) or a glass scale (with chrome grating) with 40 µm grating pitch is used. The light from an infrared LED with a small light emitting surface is collimated parallel by a condenser lens and directed through the scanning reticle to the scale. When the scale is moved relative to the encoder head, the light is modulated by the scale gratings and produces a periodic intensity signal that is converted into electrical signals by photo elements back in the encoder head.

The scanning reticle is designed to allow for a large mounting gap and liberal mounting tolerances. This system is insensitive to waviness of the steel tape due to poor mounting conditions. Any minor differences in the grating period of the scale or the scanning reticle will not cause a measuring problem due to the large continuous pattern reflected onto the structured sensor. This sensor consists of multiple photo elements connected in a pattern to generate four sinusoidal signals, each shifted by 90°. All four signals are generated from one scanning field and all four signals are equally influenced by any contamination simultaneously. When all four signals are influenced at the same time by the same amount, interpolation error is eliminated.



Effect of contamination on the quality and size of the measuring signal





High insensitivity to contamination by use of a new scanning principle

SHIELDING, PIN ASSIGNMENTS

Single-shielded PUR-cable, Ø: 4.3 mm Bending radius fixed mounting: >10 mm, continuous flexing: >50 mm

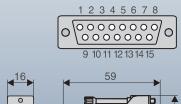
Torsion: >300.000 cycles, Dragchain: >5.000.000 cycles Applicable cables for use in vacuumapplications are also available on request.



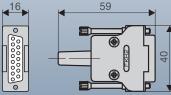
Connector LD15 15-pin

Pin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sinusoidal voltage signals 1 Vpp	nc	0 V sensor	nc	RI	A2	A1	+5 V sensor	+5 V	0 V	S1**	S2**	RI	A2	A1	shield
Square-wave signals via Line Driver	test*	0 V sensor	US	RI	T2	T1	+5 V sensor	+5 V	0 V	S1**	S2**	RI	T2	T1	shield

- Test: Analog signal switch-over for setup
 By applying +5 V to the test pin, the test signals (analog) are switched to the output connector.
- * MS 25, MS 26 = nc
- ** Version without switch signals (version 0) = nc
- Sensor: The sensor-pins are bridged in the chassis with the particular power supply.
- MS 20, MS 25: S1, S2 = switch signals
 MS 21, MS 26: S1 = conditionally useable as switch signal
 S2 = switch signal
- The shield is additional connected with the chassis.



Pin Assignment (view on pins)



OUTPUT SIGNALS

Sinusoidal voltage signals 1Vpp

(drawing shows "positive counting direction")

Two sinusoidal voltage signals A1 and A2 and one reference mark signal (all with inverted signals).

Power supply: +5 V ±5%, max. 130 mA (unloaded)

Track signals (differential voltage A1 to $\overline{A1}$ resp. A2 to $\overline{A2}$):

Signal amplitude 0.6 Vpp to 1.2 Vpp; typ. 1 Vpp

(with terminating impendance Zo = 120 Ω between A1 to $\overline{A1}$ resp. A2 to $\overline{A2}$)

Reference mark

(differential voltage RI to \overline{RI}):

Useable component 0.2 up to 0.85 V; typical 0.5 V (with terminating impedance Zo = 120 Ω between RI to $\overline{\text{RI}}$)

Advantage:

- High traversing speed with long cable lengths possible

Square-wave signals

(drawing shows "positive counting direction")

With a Schmitt-Trigger (for times 1) or interpolation electronics (for times -5, -10, -20, -25, -50 or -100) the photoelement output signals are converted into two square-wave signals that have a phase shift of 90°. Output signals either can be "single ended" or Line Driver "differential" (RS 422). One measuring step reflects the measuring distance between two edges of the square-wave signals.

The controls/DRO's must be able to detect each edge of the square-wave signals. The minimum edge separation a_{min} is listed in the technical data and refers to a measurement at the output of the interpolator (inside the scanning head). Propagation-time differences in the Line Driver, the cable and the Line Receiver reduce the edge separation.

Propagation-time differences:

Line Driver: max. 10 ns Cable: 0.2 ns per meter

Line receiver: max. 10 ns refered to the recommended Line Receiver circuit

To prevent counting errors, the controls/DRO's must be able to process the resulting edge separation.

Example:

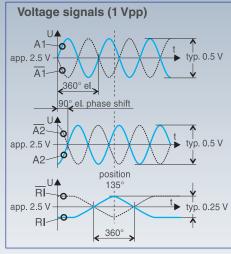
 $a_{min} = 100 \text{ ns}, 10 \text{ m cable}$

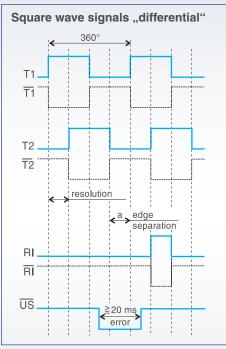
 $100 \text{ ns} - 10 \text{ ns} - 10 \times 0.2 \text{ ns} - 10 \text{ ns} = 78 \text{ ns}$

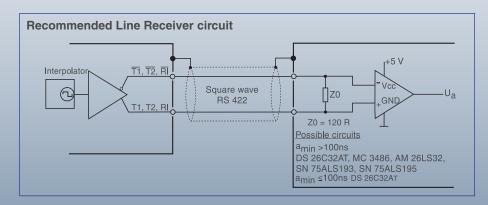
Power supply: +5 V ±5%, max. 165 mA (unloaded)

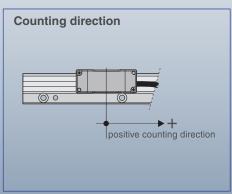
Advantage:

- Noise immune signals
- No further subdividing electronics necessary











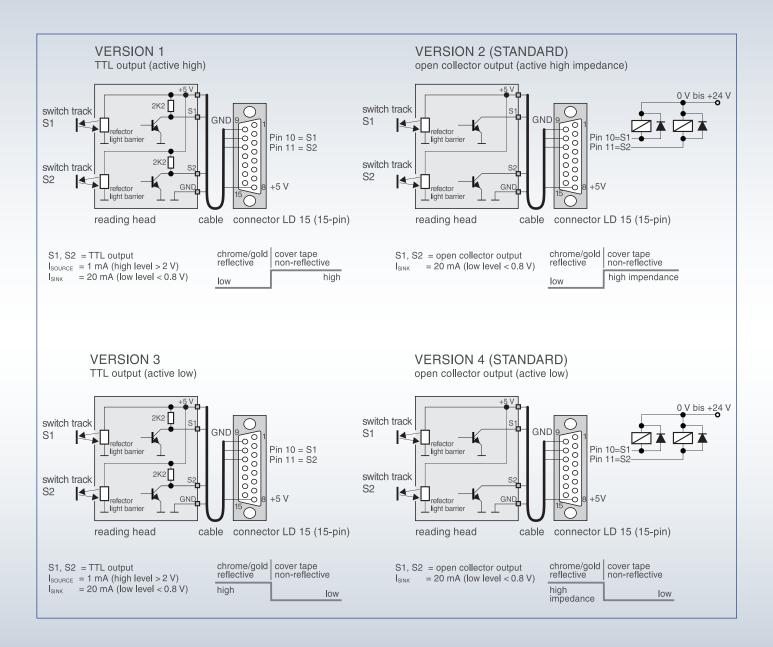
SWITCH SIGNAL OUTPUT

For individual special functions there are two additional switch tracks on the glass scale/ metal tape. The switching point position can be chosen by the user by placing self-adhesive covering tapes.

With the MS 21.xx, MS 26.xx version there is just one switch signal available.

The second track of this version is used to select the reference mark.

This feature makes the selection of the reference mark position, by the user, very easy.



MS 25, MS 26 WITH INTEGRATED MOUNTING CONTROL



Features:

- Easy mounting; no test box or oscilloscope needed
- The quality of the scanning signal is visible via a tricolored LED directly at the reading head
- Permanent-control of the scanning signals over the whole measuring length
- Function-control of the reference impulse
- MS 25: Two independent switch signals for individual functions
- MS 26: Position of reference mark can be selected by the customer one switch signal for special functions

LED-display to evaluate the "counting signals"

Amplitude- range sin cos	LED flashes	LED colour	Mounting is
1.35 V - 1.45 V	5x		insufficient
1.25 V - 1.35 V	4x	•	insufficient
1.15 V - 1.25 V	Зх	•	acceptable
1.05 V - 1.15 V	2x	•	good
0.95 V - 1.05 V	1x	•	best
0.85 V - 0.95 V	2x	•	good
0.75 V - 0.85 V	Зх	•	acceptable
0.65 V - 0.75 V	4x	•	insufficient
0.55 V - 0.65 V	5x	•	insufficient
0.45 V - 0.55 V	6x	•	insufficient
0.35 V - 0.45 V	7x	•	insufficient
<0.35 V	8x	•	insufficient

Function-control reference impulse (RI)

While passing the reference mark, the LED switches shortly into blue resp. red

RI out of tolerance

RI within tolerance

Note! The status display of the reference mark signal is switched off at higher velocities, in order to avoid permanent blinking. The information of the incremental signals would otherwise no longer be displayed.

Attention:

- At MS 25, MS 26 version with square-wave signals, no analogue-signal switch-over for additional external mounting control is provided
- The remaining features and technical data are the same as for versions MS 20 and MS 21

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MS 20, MS 21, MS 25, MS 26 TECHNICAL DATA

Features:

- MS 25, MS 26 with integrated mounting control
- Small dimensions
- Easy mounting as a result of large mounting tolerances
- High insensitivity to contamination by use of an extensive Quasi-singlefield scanning principle
- High traversing speed
- Integrated subdividing electronics in the encoder head for up to times 100 interpolation (before quadrature)
- Reference mark (accurate and repeatable from both traversing directions)
- MS 20, MS 25: Two independent switch signals (optical) for individual functions
- MS 21, MS 26: Position of reference mark can be selected by the customer
- MS 21, MS 26: One switch signal for special functions

Reading head: 40 µm grating pitch

Scale model	Output signals	System resolution [µm]	Integrated interpolation	Max. velocity [m/s]	Max. output frequency [kHz]	
MS 2x.04	∼ 1 Vpp	depending on external interpolation		10.0	250	
					Edge separation amin	
MS 2x.24	л	10	times 1	10.0	500 ns	
MS 2x.34	7	5	times 2	10.0	250 ns	
MS 2x.64	7	2	times 5	6.4	300 ns	
MS 2x.74	7	1	times 10	3.2	300 ns	
MS 2x.44	л	0.5	times 20	2.4	200 ns	
MS 2x.54	Т	0.4	times 25	1.92	200 ns	
MS 2x.84	Т	0.2	times 50	1.92	100 ns	
MS 2x.94	л	0.1	times 100	0.96	100 ns	

Mounting-adjustment/Test: With electronic signal test/set-up box to optimize or check the mounting (Page 18)

Permissible vibration: 150 m/s² (40 bis 2000 Hz)

Permissible shock: 750 m/s² (8 ms)

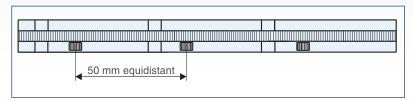
Permissible temperature:

-20 °C bis +70 °C (storage), 0 °C bis +50 °C (operation)

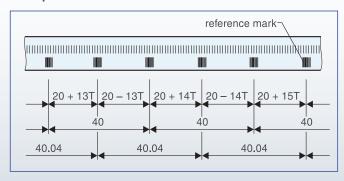
Scale unit: Grating carrier: Glass, glass ceramic (ROBAX, ZERODUR) or steel

Mechanical features of the scale unit	MS 20,	MS 25	MS 21, MS 26			
Grating carrier	glass	steel	glass	steel		
Grating pitch (T)	40 μm	40 μm	40 μm	40 μm		
Accuracy grades	±3, ±5 μm/m	±5, ±15 μm/m	±3, ±5 μm/m	±5, ±15 μm/m		
Non-linearity	≤±1 μm/70 mm ≤±3 μm/1000 mm		≦±1 μm/70 mm ≦±3 μm/1000 mm			
Maximum measuring length (ML)	3140 mm	20 000 mm	3140 mm	20 000 mm		
Reference marks (RI)						
Standard: 50 mm (equidistant)	•	•	•			
At any location, on request		•	•	•		
Distance-coded	•	up to ML 6240 mm				
Position selectable by customer		•	•	•		
Switch tracks	2	2	1	1		

Principle of the standard reference marks



Principle of the distance-coded reference marks



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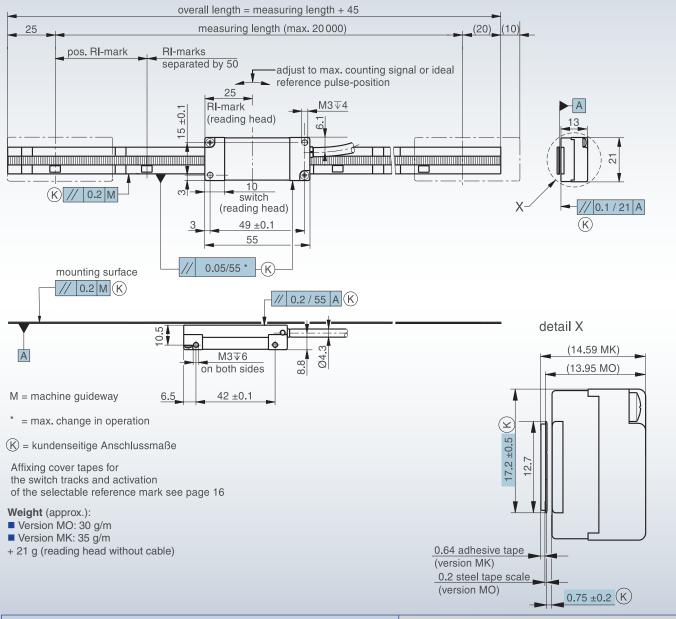


MS 20, MS 21, MS 25, MS 26 MO/MK

- Version MO: Steel tape scale only
- Version MK: Steel tape scale with adhesive tape



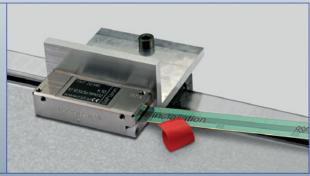
Dimensions, mounting tolerances:



Bandanbauhilfe TMT 20 MK (optional)

For safe and precise mounting of the steel tape scale.

- Mount TMT 20 MK instead of the reading head MS 2x
- Thread steel tape scale (version MK) and move along the scale length
- Remove TMT 20 MK, mount reading head MS 2x

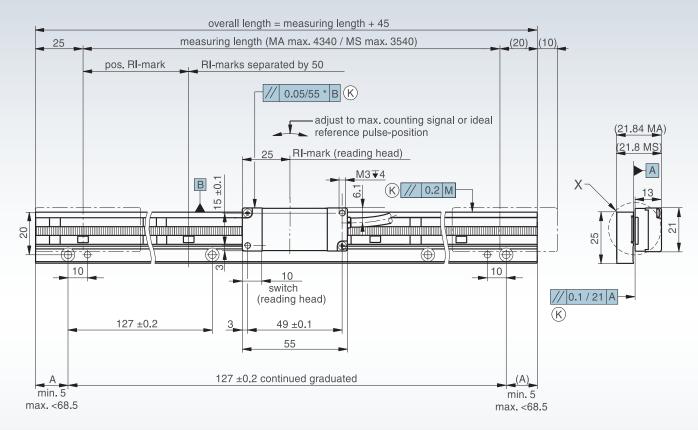


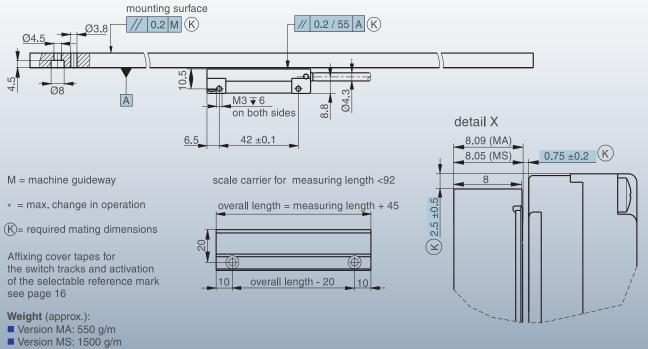
MS 20, MS 21, MS 25, MS 26 MA/MS

- Version MA: Steel tape scale on aluminum carrier
- Version MS: Steel tape scale on steel carrier
- Version MA, MS: Carrier bolted



Dimensions, mounting tolerances:





+ 21 g (reading head without cable)

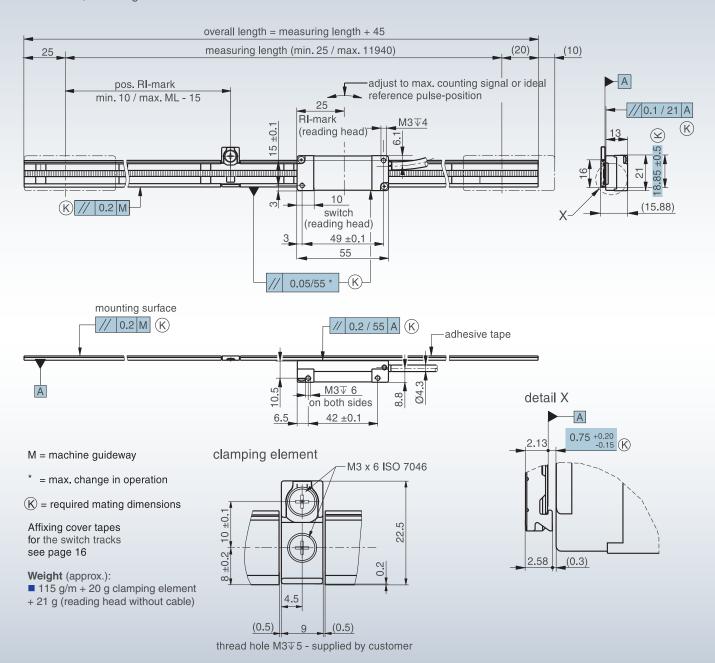


MS 20, MS 21, MS 25, MS 26 MP

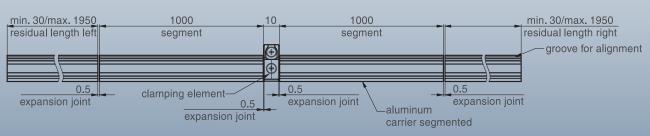
- Steel tape scale in aluminum carrier with clamping element
- Carrier with adhesive tape



Dimensions, mounting tolerances:



arrangements of the segments at large measuring lengths



MS 20, MS 21, MS 25, MS 26 MT

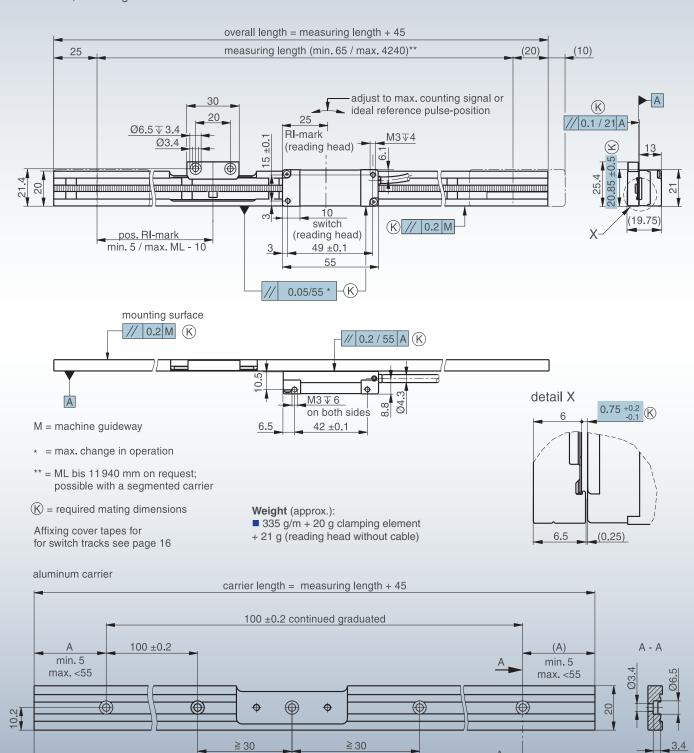
 Steel tape scale in aluminum carrier with clamping element

drilling = pos. RI-mark + 25

Carrier bolted



Dimensions, mounting tolerances:



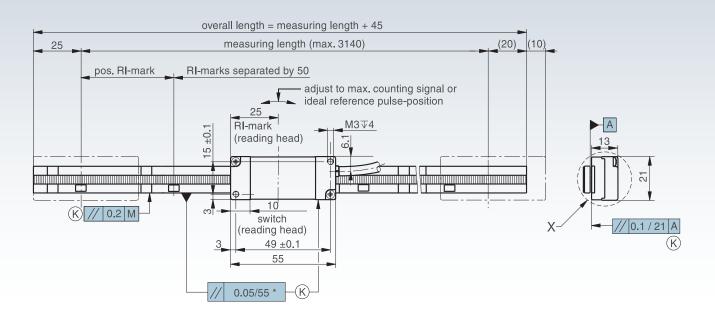


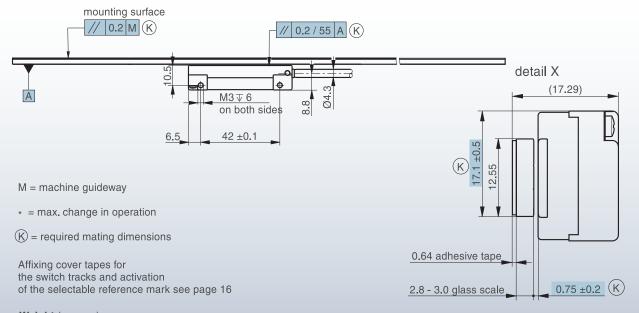
MS 20, MS 21, MS 25, MS 26 GK

Glass scale with adhesive tape



Dimensions, mounting tolerances:





Weight (approx.):

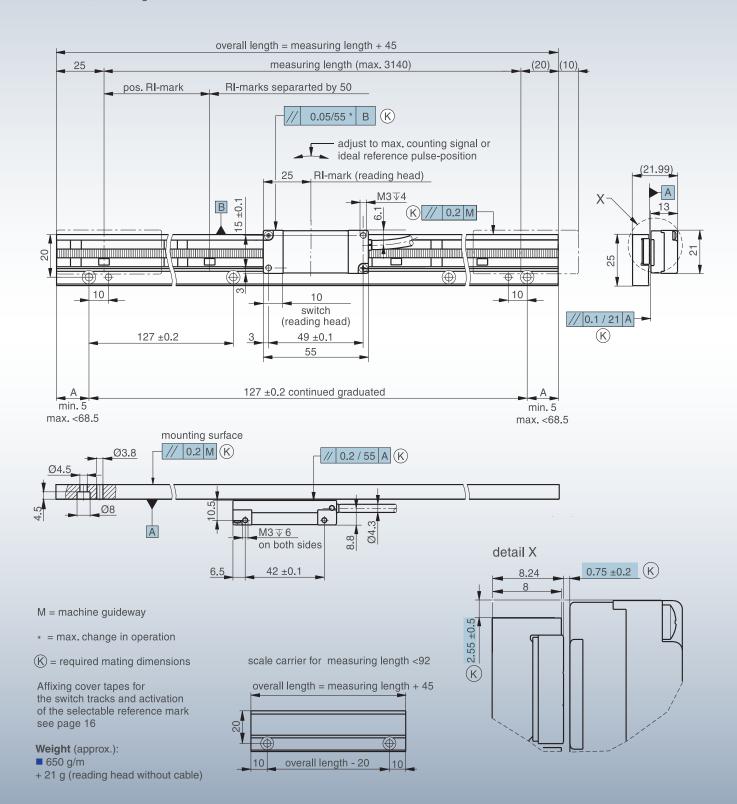
- 100 g/m
- + 21 g (reading head without cable)

MS 20, MS 21, MS 25, MS 26 GA

- Glass scale in aluminum carrier
- Carrier bolted



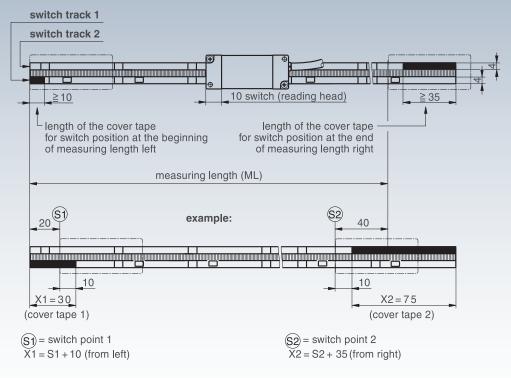
Dimensions, mounting tolerances:





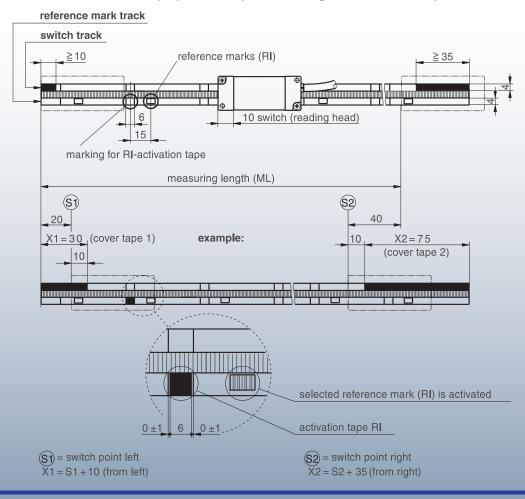
SWITCH TRACKS

MS 20, MS 25: Positioning of the switch points



E. g.: S1: 20 mm from the beginning of ML (left) Lenght X1=20 mm+10 mm=30 mm S2: 40 mm from the end of ML (right) Lenght X2=40 mm+35 mm=75 mm

MS 21, MS 26: Reference mark (RI)-select, positioning of the switch points



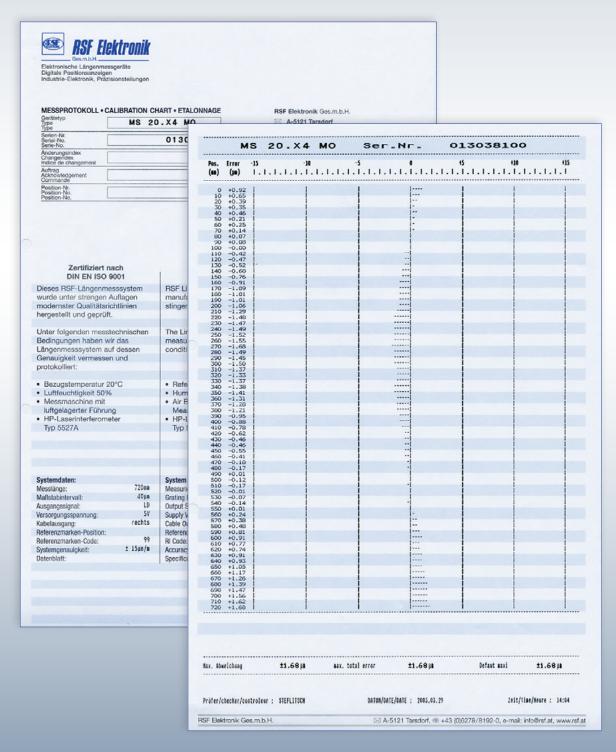
ACCURACY

The accuracy of the Linear Encoder is classified with a " \pm tolerance" in μ m/m (e.g. \pm 5 μ m/m).

The accuracy and tolerance apply to any meter within the measuring length. For measuring lengths less than 1000 mm, the accuracy specification applies to the whole measuring length.

For best system accuracy, the encoder should be mounted near the machining level and as parallel as possible to the motion direction.

Example of a typical calibration chart for a MS 2x scale tape:





PG ELECTRONIC SIGNAL TEST/SET-UP BOXES

Exposed Linear Encoders are adjusted at the factory to provide optimal signals at the specified mounting conditions.

Even though the Linear Encoders of the MS 2x series allow for large mechanical mounting tolerances, it is recommended to inspect the mounting by checking the quality of the output signals.

There are various methods of checking the quality of the output signals. The signals can be connected to an oscilloscope and checked for conformity with signal specifications. This method requires effort, training and expensive test equipment (oscilloscope). Often one or all of these items are unavailable to the installing technician.

As an alternative to this method, RSF offers different signal test boxes. With these test boxes all encoder signals can be quickly and easily checked.

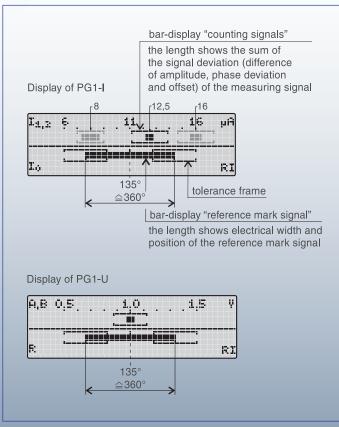
The **PG1-I** / **PG1-U** is an all-purpose signal test box where all the relevant signals are displayed on LCD Bars.

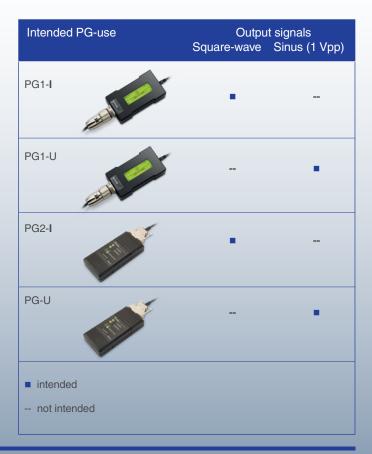
The **PG1-I** / **PG1-U** allows the quantitative as well as the qualitative evaluation of the encoder signals.

The **PG2-I** / **PG-U** test box checks all relevant signals; amplitude, phase and offset, and displays the results in a qualitative format on a polychromatic LED display.



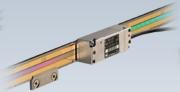






PRODUCT DIRECTORY









MS 14 Series

Reflective scanning Linear Encoder with integrated mounting

- Easy mounting; no test box or oscilloscope needed
- Quality of the scanning signals is directly visible at the reading head via a 3-coloured LED
- Extremely small dimensions
- Easy mounting as a result of large mounting tolerances
- High insensitivity against contamination
- High traversing speed
- Integrated subdividing: up to times 100 interpolation
- Max. measuring length Steel tape scale: 20 000 mm

MS 30, MS 31 Series

Reflective scanning Linear Encoder

- Two independent switch signals for individual special functions
- Position of reference mark selectable
- Small dimensions
- Easy mounting as a result of large mounting tolerances
- High traversing speed
- High insensitivity against contamination
- Integrated subdividing: up to times 100 interpolation
- Max. measuring length
 Glass scale: 3140 mm
 Steel tape scale: 11 940 mm

MS 45 Series

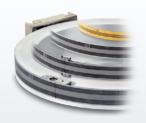
Reflective scanning Linear Encoder with integrated mounting control (only MS 45)

- Easy mounting; no test box or oscilloscope needed
- Quality of the scanning signals is directly visible at the reading head via a 3-coloured LED
- Small dimensions
- Easy mounting as a result of large mounting tolerances
- High insensitivity against contamination
- High traversing speed
- Integrated subdividing: up to times 100 interpolation
- Max. measuring length
 Steel tape scale: 30 000 mm

MS 82 Series

Interferential Linear Encoder

- Two switch tracks for individual special functions
- Non-contact reflective scanning
- High traversing speed
- Small dimensions
- Scale unit: glass scale or ROBAX® glass cramic scale with phasse grating
- Max. measuring length Glass scale: 3140 mm Glass ceramic: 1540 mm



MSR 40

Modular Rotary Encoder with steel tape scale Different versions

- Full-circle or segment version
- Grating pitch: 200 µm
- Accuracy of the grating (stretched): ±30 µm/m
- High rotational speed resp. circumferential speed
- Integrated subdividing: up to times 100 interpolation

MSR 20

- Segment version
- Grating pitch: 40 µm
- Accuracy of the grating (stretched): ±15 µm/m
- High circumferential speed
- Integrated subdividing: up to times 100 interpolation



MSA 170 Series

- Sealed version
- Guided by ball bearings
- Distance-coded reference marks
- Mounting holes on the extrusion ends
- Max. measuring length:520 mm



MSA 7xx, MSA 8xx

Series (small dimensions) MSA 4xx, MSA 5xx

Series (large dimensions)

- Optimized thermal behavior
- Connection cable pluggable (optional)
- Sealed version
- Distance-coded reference marks
- Mounting holes at the ends or along the scale unit for improved vibration stability
- Max. measuring length: 3040 mm



MSA 374 Series

- With integrated guide rail system
- For application on presses bending machines and hydraulic cylinders
- Sealed version
- Roller bearing dual guided scanning carriage
- Free positionable switching magnets for special functions
- Distance-coded reference marks
- Mounting holes on the extrusion ends
- Max. measuring length: 720 mm

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