Product data

Features

- Highly miniaturized encoder
- Differential inductive sensing principle
- Insensitive to magnetic interference fields
- Robust against oil, water, dust, particles
- Ultra-thin encoder and scale (total < 2 mm)
- Optional with cable, connector and holder

Applications

- Linear actuators
- Industrial / laboratory automation
- X-Y stages
- Pick & Place assembly equipment
- Mechatronics applications

Key Specifications

Output format....................SSI

Absolute position range ....up to 19 mm

Resolution.........................14 bit / scale-period of 1.2 mm

Maximum speed ....up to 15 m/s

Airgap ....up to 0.5 mm

Supply...............................5 V, 30 mA

Temperature ....-20 to 100°C

Description

The AP3403L absolute encoder kit consists of an encoder and a linear scale (Fig. 1). The encoder consists of two integrated circuits in a PCB housing. Each circuit provides an SSI output (Fig. 2). The linear scale is a PCB with passive copper strips arranged in 2 tracks with an unequal number of periods N1 and N2 (Fig. 4 and Table 5). The absolute position is calculated by subtracting the two SSI values. The algorithm for this calculation is available from POSIC.

Maximum speed

The maximum speed of the encoder is user-programmable or can be programmed ex-factory according to Table 2.

SSI code

The SSI code is Gray or binary and is user-programmable or can be programmed ex-factory according to Table 3.

Scales

Scales with different absolute measurement ranges are available and are selected in Table 5. The scale may be mounted on any substrate, using an alignment edge ≤ 0.2 mm for accurate positioning in front of the encoder.
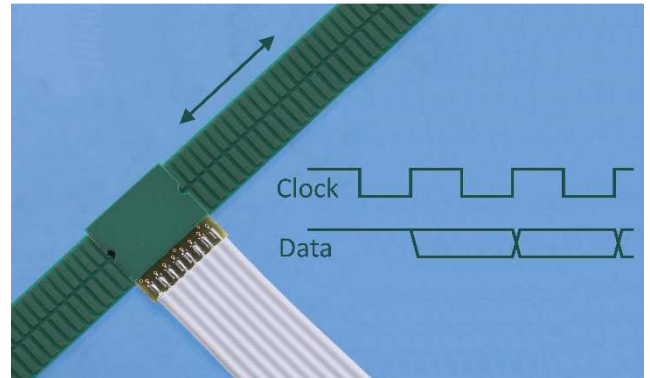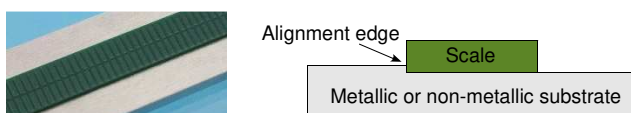
Encoder holders

Different encoder holder options are available and can be selected in Table 6.

The encoder holder **type A** (Fig. 5) may be mounted on any substrate using 4 screw-holes. It has a strain relief for the cable.
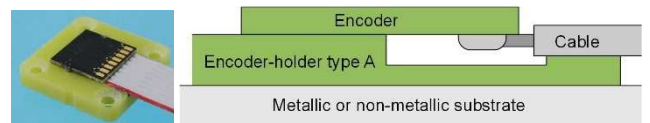
The encoder holder **type B** (Fig. 3) may be mounted on any substrate. Use half-holes on encoder PCB housing and alignment pins for accurate positioning.

The encoder without holder may be mounted on non-metallic substrates. Use half-holes on encoder housing and alignment pins for accurate positioning.
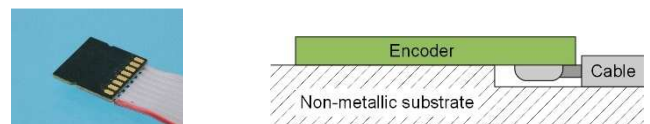
Encoder cable and connector

The encoder on holder can be supplied with a flat cable of pitch 1.27 mm and a connector (Fig. 7). The cable length and the connector type are selected in Tables 7 and 8.

Encoder programming

The Evaluation and Programming Tool (EPT) including an interface board and the ASSIST software is available for the linearization and programming of the encoder.

3D models of encoder, holder and scales

STEP models are available on www.posic.com.

Specifications

Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Remark	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply voltage	VDD		4.5	5.0	5.5	V
Operating Temperature	T_A		-20		100	°C
SSI clock frequency	$F_{SSIclock}$		25		600	kHz
SSI Wait time	$t_{SSIwait}$	Time between SSI-frames	100			us
Airgap*	Z			0.2	0.5	mm
Lateral tolerance	ΔY				0.1	mm
Airgap tolerance	ΔZ				0.1	mm

Max Airgap depends on max speed (Table 2), linearization (Table 4) and scale (Table 5).

Electrical Characteristics
Electrical characteristics over recommended operating conditions, typical values at VDD = 5.0 V, T_A = 25°C.

Parameter	Symbol	Remark	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply current	IDD	No load	15	30	45	mA
SSI Time out	$t_{SSItimeout}$	Time-out after SSI-frame	22	65	95	us
Derating for Max speed, Table 2		Temp range 0 to 65°C Temp range -20 to 100°C			-8 -14	%
High level output voltage	V_{OH}	I_L = 2 mA	VDD–0.5			V
Low level output voltage	V_{OL}	I_L = 2 mA			0.5	V
Rise time, fall time	t_r, t_f	C_L = 47 pF			20	ns

Linearity
For high-resolution high-precision applications, it is possible to linearize the encoder by means of a Look-Up Table (LUT) that is located inside the encoder. The LUT can be programmed in volatile or in non-volatile memory by means of the Evaluation and Programming Tool (EPT) or it can be pre-programmed ex-factory. The LUT option is selected in Table 4.
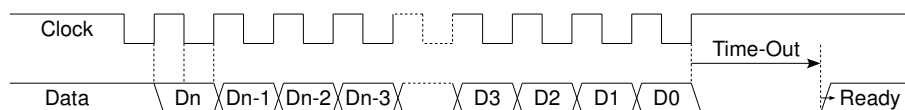

Fig. 2A SSI protocol when the complete data-word is read. Dn is most significant bit, D0 is least significant bit. After the time-out, the encoder is "ready" to transmit the next SSI-data-word. The length of the data-word is 14 bits, the coding can be selected Binary or Gray (Table 3). The data-word represents the position within one period of the scale.
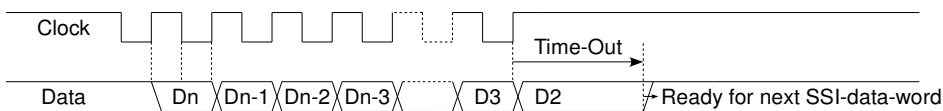

Fig. 2B SSI protocol when data-word is read partially. After time-out, the encoder is "ready" to transmit the next SSI-data-word.
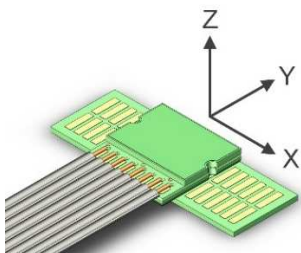

Fig. 1 Coordinate system XYZ.

Definitions

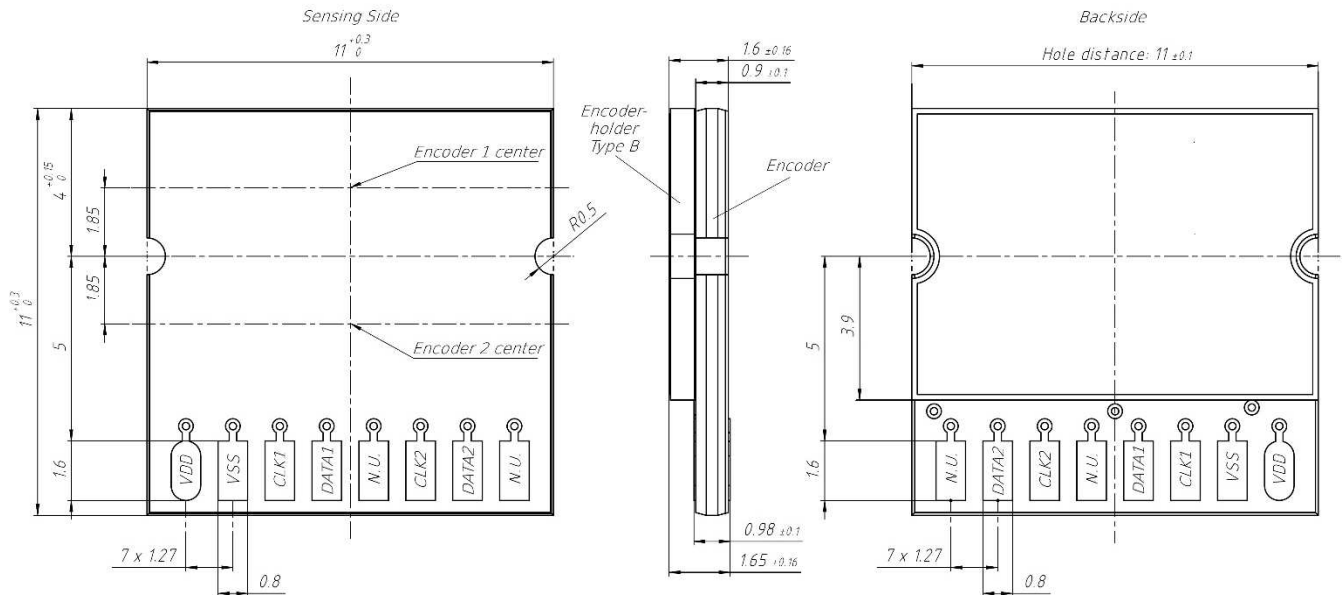|	
Airgap	Distance between encoder and scale in Z-direction. See Fig. 1.
°e	Electrical degree (one Cycle is 360°e)
SSI	Serial Synchronous Interface
Period	One copper strip on a linear scale

Technical drawings

Fig. 3   Dimensions and pin-out of AP3403 encoder. Encoder 1 center must be aligned to Track 1 center (Fig 4) and Encoder 2 to Track 2.
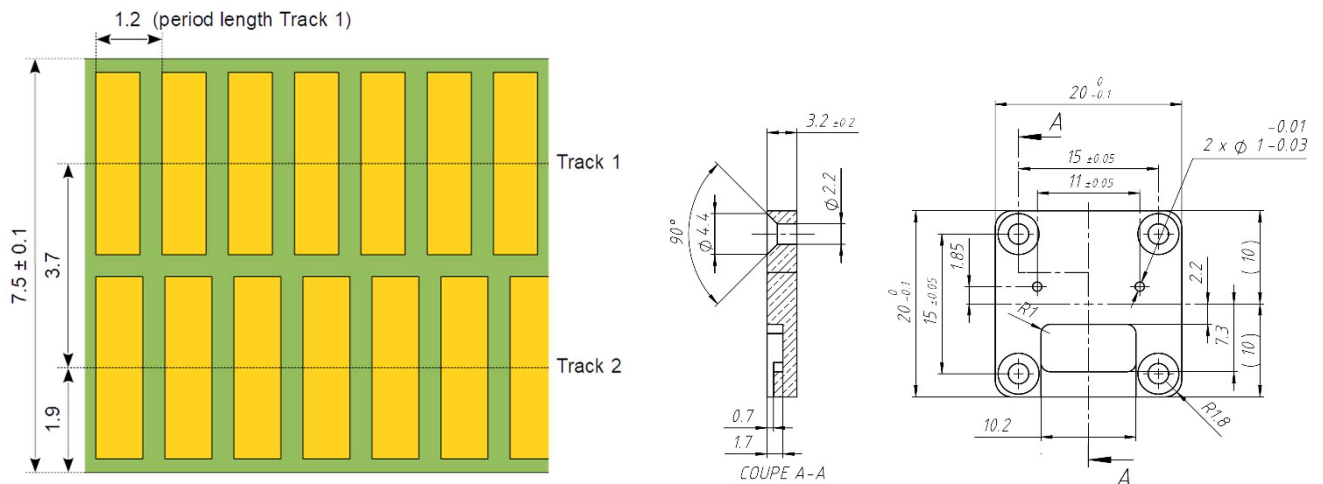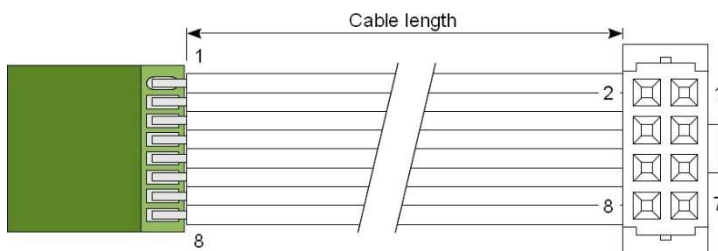

Fig. 4   Linear scale with different period lengths (drawing not to scale).
Information on Track 1 and Track 2 in Table 5.

Fig. 5   Encoder Holder type A (see Table 6).

Fig. 7   Dimensions (mm) and connector pin-out of encoder on holder type A with flat cable (pitch 1.27 mm) and 8-pin DIN41651 connector.

Pin	Name	Description
1	VDD	5V Supply
2	VSS	Ground
3	CLK1	Clock 1
4	DATA1	Data 1
5	N.U.	Not used
6	CLK2	Clock 2
7	DATA2	Data 2
8	N.U.	Not used

Ordering information

Ordering code: AP3403L-ABBCCD-EEEEE-F-GGG-HH

A	Orientation	Table 1
BB	Maximum speed	Table 2
CC	SSI code	Table 3
D	Look-Up Table	Table 4
EEEEE	Linear scale	Table 5
F	Encoder holder	Table 6
GGG	Cable	Table 7
HH	Connector	Table 8

Table 1:   Orientation. Arrows indicate direction of movement of the scale with increasing position.

A	Orientation
0	Not progr. (default 0°)
3	0°
5	180°
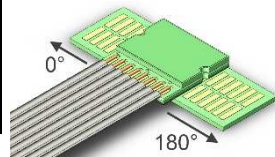
Table 2:   Maximum speed

BB	Max speed (m/s)*	Typical delay (ms)
00	Not programmed (default 0.005 m/s)	
01	0.014	30
02	0.029	15
03	0.058	8
04	0.11	4
05	0.23	2
06	0.46	1
07	0.93	0.5
08	1.8	0.25
09	3.7	0.13
21	7.5	0 at const. speed
22	15.0	0 at const. speed

*Max speed valid at 25°C, temp. derating in specs, page 2.
Lower Max speed leads to a lower position-noise level.

Table 3:   SSI Code

CC	SSI Code
00	Not programmed (default Gray)
01	Binary
02	Gray

Table 4:   Look-Up Table (LUT)

D	Look-Up Table programmed in OTP
0	Not programmed
1	LUT according to scale, to be specified
8	Custom LUT, to be specified
9	Default LUT, no scale specified

Table 5:   Linear scale

EEEEE	N1	N2	Absolute range (mm)	Total scale length (mm)
00000	No scale			
08xxx	8	7	9.6	537.6
16xxx	16	15	19.2	537.6

Track 1 (Fig 4) has period 1.2 mm and is absolute over N1 periods. Track 2 has N2 periods. The scale is made of FR4-material and can be cut to the desired length xxx mm. Complete scale: xxx = 538.

Table 6:   Encoder holder

F	Encoder holder
0	No holder
A	Holder A (Fig. 5)
B	Holder B (Fig. 3)

Table 7:   Cable

GGG	Cable
000	No cable
0xx	Flat ribbon cable, length xx cm

Table 8:   Connector

HH	Connector
00	No connector
04	8-pin connector DIN 41651 (Fig. 6)
05	10-pin connector DIN 41651