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Mercury TM **1000** Analog Output Encoder Systems For Customer Interpolation- Resolution to 0.078µm

Reflective Linear and Rotary Encoders



The Mercury 1000 encoder system includes the sensor, double shielded cable, connector, and either a linear or rotary glass scale. Mercury's space-saving, integrated configuration gives OEM system designers a breakthrough in performance.

Imagine what you can do with this!

Reduce the cost and size of your system, and increase its performance all at once. MicroE Systems' Mercury 1000 kit encoders are smaller, higher performance, faster to install, and easier to use than any other encoder. Advanced features include SmartPrecision[™] automatic offset and gain adjustments during set up to optimize accuracy. No manual adjustments are needed. The tiny sensor fits into very tight spaces, has broad alignment tolerances for fast and easy setup and works in both linear and rotary applications. The entire Mercury 1000 encoder system is EMI shielded for use in the toughest environments. With standard analog sine/cosine output, use your interpolation electronics to achieve the resolution required by your application.

Standard features

- Small sensor with ultra-low Z height; flush screw mounting
- Sensor is 8.4mm (H) x 12.7mm (W) x 20.6mm (L) and weighs 1.6g
- SmartPrecision automatic offset and gain set up
- Analog Sine/Cosine output and Index window
- Fundamental resolution: Linear 20μm; Rotary 2,500 16,384 CPR Interpolated resolution determined by customer electronics: Linear: 20μm - 0.078μm; rotary: 2,500 to 4.2M CPR
- Entire system is EMI shielded
- Bi-directional index signal
- Index mark at the center or end of the glass scale (linear)
- Alignment Tool enables fast set up (Required, see pg 2)

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Required accessories

• SmartPrecision Alignment Tool



Optional features

 Glass scale length or diameter: Linear lengths from 5mm to 2m Rotary diameters from 12mm to 108mm



- Cable length of 0.5m, 1m, 2m or custom
- SmartPrecision Software for set up



System Configurations

Standard and Optional Equipment



Encoder Sensor Same for linear and rotary scales.

Controller Interface Cable

15 pin standard D-sub connector with SmartPrecision[™] automatic gain and offset adjustments.

SmartPrecision™ Alignment Tool - SSAT 1000

Required for set up, the built-in LED indicators make alignment fast and easy, eliminating the need for an oscilloscope. In addition, The Alignment Tool automatically optimizes the M1000's gain and offset for increased accuracy with the push of a button.

The RS232 Interface Adapter provides power to the encoder and connections to a PC. This is included with the Alignment Tool.

M1000 Encoder System Standard Equipment

Optional Software

SmartPrecision[™] Software



Optional software lets you view signal strength, Lissajous plots, position data and diagnostics.

Broader Alignment Tolerances, Increased Standoff Clearance, Smallest Sensor and More

Why Mercury Encoders Make It Easier To Design High Performance Into Your Equipment



Eliminate the Frustration of Touchy Encoder Alignment

Mercury Solves this Problem for Good

Fussy alignment is no longer a concern. With Mercury's patented PurePrecision™ optics, advanced SmartPrecision™ electronics and LED alignment indicators, you can push the sensor against your reference surface, tighten the screws and you're finished. Try that with brand X or Y.

This performance is possible thanks to relaxed alignment tolerances, particularly in the theta Z axis. Mercury offers a $\pm 2^{\circ}$ sweet spot— that's a 300% improvement over the best competitive encoder. And that will result in dramatic savings in manufacturing costs.

No other commercially available encoder is easier to align, easier to use, or easier to integrate into your designs.

Alignment Tolerance Comparison ^{**}						
	Mercury*	Brand X	Brand Y	Mercury vs. Best Competitor		
Z Standoff	± 0.15mm	± 0.1mm	± 0.1mm	Mercury is 50% better		
Y	± 0.20mm for linear ± 0.10mm for rotary ≥19mm dia.	± 0.1mm	unspecified	Mercury is 100% better		
theta X	± 1.0°	unspecified	± 1.0°			
theta Y	± 2.0°	± 0.1°	± 1.0°	Mercury is 100% better		
theta Z	± 2.0°	± 0.006°	± 0.5°	Mercury is 300% better		

*Measured at a constant temperature for one axis at a time with all other axes at their ideal positions.

**Based on published specifications

Mercury Can Reduce System Size and Cost

Mercury's sensor height is 44% shorter than competitive encoders, making it easy to fit into your design. This reduction can also cut total system weight and cost by allowing the use of smaller motors and stages. Safe system operation is also enhanced thanks to Mercury's generous standoff clearance– 200% greater than other encoders. And its standoff tolerance is 50% greater than the best alternative. This significantly relaxes mechanical system tolerances, while reducing system costs.

Mechanical Dimension Comparison**

	Mercury	Brand X	Brand Y	Mercury vs. Best Competitor
Sensor Z height	8.4mm	23mm	15mm	44% better
Standoff clearance	2.4mm	0.5mm	0.8mm	200% better
Standoff tolerance	± 0.15mm	±0.1mm	±0.1mm	50% better
System height	11.7mm	28.5mm	15.8mm	26% better

**Based on published specifications



* Dimensions shown illustrate encoder system standoff clearance; see Mercury Encoder Interface Drawings for correct design reference surfaces.

System Specifications

System

Grating Period	20µm			
Signal Period	20µm			
System Resolution	Fundamental resolu	tion: Linear 20µm; F	Rotary 2500 - 16,384 CPR	
	Interpolated resolut	ion determined by	customer electronics:	
	Linear: 20µm - 0.07	78µm; rotary: 2,500	to 4.2M CPR	
Linear Accuracy*	Better than ±1µm a	wailable; contact N	1icroE	
	Better than $\pm 3\mu$ m up to 130mm, $\pm 5\mu$ m from 155mm to 1m,			
	±5µm per meter from 1m to 2m			
*Maximum peak to peak error over the specified movement when compared to a NIST-traceable laser interferometer standard, used at room temperature and with MicroE interpolation electronics.				
Rotary Accuracy*	Scale O.D.	Microradians	Arc-Seconds	
	12.00mm	±100	±21	
	19.05mm	±63	±13	
	31.75mm	±38	±7.8	

*Based on ideal scale mounting concentricity

Sensor Size

W:	12.70mm	0.500"	
L:	20.57mm	0.810"	
H:	8.38mm	0.330"	_

±19

±10

±3.9

±2.1

Operating and Electrical Specifications

57.15mm

107.95mm

Power Supply	5VDC ±5% @ 60mA
Temperature	
Operating:	0 to 70°C
Storage:	-20 to 70°C
Humidity:	10 - 90% RH non-condensing
EMI:	Entire system is EMI/RFI protected
Shock:	1500G 0.5ms half sine (Sensor)
Sensor Weight:	2.7g (Sensor without cable)
Cable:	Double Shield. Diameter: 3.6mm (0.142") Flex Life: 20 x 10 ⁶ cycles @ 20mm bending radius
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Maximum Speed

 Scale Length/Diameter 		Maximum Speed*	
Linear	All Lengths	7200mm/s	
Rotary	0.75″	8640 RPM	
	1.25″	5272 RPM	
	2.25″	2637 RPM	
	4.25″	1318 RPM	

*Assumes customer electronics have adequate bandwidth

Mechanical Information - Sensor and Connector



Analog Output Pins 7,8,14 and 15



Mercury 1000 Outputs

15-pin	Standard Male D-sub connector
PIN	FUNCTION
1	Index Window-
2	Index Window+
3	Reserved - do not connect
4	Reserved - do not connect
5	Reserved - do not connect
6	Reserved - do not connect
7	Cosine+
8	Sine+
9	Reserved - do not connect
10	Reserved - do not connect
11	Reserved - do not connect
12	+5VDC
13	Ground
14	Cosine-

Index Window Pin 2

Sine -

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Scale Specifications Standard and Customized Scales

MicroE Systems offers a wide array of chrome on glass scales for the highest accuracy and best thermal stability. Easy to install, standard linear and rotary scales meet most application requirements. Customized linear, rotary, and rotary segment scales are available where needed. All scales include an optical index. Mercury's glass scales save time by eliminating motion system calibrations or linearity corrections required by other encoders, and provide better thermal stability than metal tape scales.

Options include:

- Standard linear: 18mm 2m
- Standard rotary: 12mm 107.95mm diameter, with or without hubs
- Custom linear*: special lengths, widths, thickness, index mark locations and special low CTE materials
- Custom rotary*: special ID's, OD's (up to 304.8mm), index mark outside the main track and special low CTE materials
- Mounting of hubs for rotary scales: MicroE Systems can mount and align standard, custom, or customer-supplied hubs
- Rotary segments*: any angle range; wide range of radius values

*Custom scales or rotary segments are available in OEM quantities. Contact your local MicroE Systems sales office.

Standard Short Linear Scales

130mm and Shorter

Key: inches[mm]



Custom scales available

Standard Long Linear Scales

155mm and Longer

Key: inches[mm]



Custom scales available

Standard Rotary Scales



Specifications	
Material	Soda lime glass
Typical CTE	8ppm/°C

Key: inches[mm]

Model No.	Scale Outer Diameter	Scale Inner Diameter	Optical Diameter	Hub Inner Diameter +.0005/-0.0000	Hub Thickness	Fundamental CPR
R1206	0.472 [12.00]	0.250 [6.35]	0.413 [10.50]	0.1253 [3.18]	0.040 [1.02]	1650
R1910	0.750 [19.05]	0.375 [9.52]	0.627 [15.92]	0.1253 [3.183]	0.040 [1.02]	2500
R3213	1.250 [31.75]	0.500 [12.70]	1.027 [26.08]	0.2503 [6.358]	0.050 [1.27]	4096
R5725	2.250 [57.15]	1.000 [25.40]	2.053 [52.15]	0.5003 [12.708]	0.060 [1.52]	8192
R10851	4.250 [107.95]	2.000 [50.80]	4.106 [104.30]	1.0003 [25.408]	0.080 [2.03]	16384

Custom scales available

How to Order Mercury 1000 Encoder Systems

To specify your Mercury encoder with the desired scale, cable length and software, consult the chart below to create the correct part number for your order. Call MicroE Systems' Rapid Customer Response team for more information [508] 903-5000.

Example (Linear Encoder): M1000-M05-L55-C1 Example (Rotary Encoder): M1000-M10-R1910-HA

> - <u>Cable Length</u> -<u>M1000</u> Scale Model Scale Mounting M05 = 0.5 mLxxx or Rxxxx For linear scales: M10 = 1.0 m T = Tape mounting M20 = 2.0 mC1 = 3 scale clamps* C2 = 10 scale clamps** Hubs for Rotary Scales: NH = Without Hub HE = for R1206* 3 clamps for linear scales up to 130mm HA = for R1910** 10 clamps for linear scales 155mm or longer HB = for R3213 HC = for R5725HD = for R10851

How to Order SmartPrecision Alignment

Required for M1000 setup

Example: Alignment Tool for Mercury 1000 encoder, 120 VAC = SSAT1000-120

SSAT1000 -Voltage

> 120 = 120 VAC, 60Hz US Std. 2-prong plug 220 = 220 VAC, 50Hz European Std. 2-prong plug

How to Order SmartPrecision Software

Optional for SSAT1000 Alignment Tool

SmartPrecision Software

SSWA-AT = SmartPrecision software on CD

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Mercury™ 1000 Analog Output Encoder System

Installation Manual and Reference Guide







Manual No. IM-M1000 Rev G

Introduction

MicroE Systems was founded to advance encoder technology to a level never before achieved. Our objective was to design encoder systems that would be small enough to fit into densely packed OEM equipment designs, affordable enough for cost-sensitive applications and easy enough to enable installation, setup and alignment by assemblers with little training. We are pleased to say that all of these goals have been realized with the introduction of the Mercury family of encoders.



Precautions



- 1 Follow standard ESD precautions. Turn power off before connecting the sensor. Do not touch the electrical pins without static protection such as a grounded wrist strap.
- **2** Do not touch the glass scale unless you are wearing talc-free gloves or finger cots. Please read this installation manual for full instructions.

LASER SAFETY INFORMATION: Mercury & ChipEncoder

This product is sold solely for use as a component (or replacement) in an electronic product; therefore it is not required to, and does not comply with, 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11 which pertain to complete laser products. The manufacturer of the complete system-level electronic product is responsible for complying with 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11 and for providing the user with all necessary safety warnings and information.

MicroE encoders contain an infrared laser diode or diodes. Emitted invisible laser radiation levels have been measured to be within the CDRH Class 1 range, which is not considered hazardous; however, to minimize exposure to the diverging beam, the encoder sensor should be installed in its operational configuration in close proximity to the encoder scale before power is applied.



- Invisible laser radiation; wavelength: 850 nm
- Max power 2.4 mW CW (4.8 mW CW for Mercury II[™])
- CAUTION The use of optical instruments with this product will increase eye hazard. DO NOT VIEW DIRECTLY WITH OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS (MICROSCOPES, EYE LOUPES OR MAGNIFIERS).
- All maintenance procedures such as cleaning must be performed with the MicroE encoder turned off.
- Do not insert any reflective surface into the beam path when the encoder is powered.
- Do not attempt to service the MicroE encoder.

Patents

Covered by the following patents: US 5,991,249; EP 895,239; JP 3,025,237; US 6,897,435; and EP 1,451,933. Additional patents and patents pending may apply.

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Mercury 1000 Analog Encoder System with Linear scale



Mercury 1000 Analog Encoder System with Rotary scale



Installation Instructions Linear Encoders

Attach the scale to the base slide. Reference the preferred datum on the interface drawing for either end or center index orientation.

Depending on the mounting method, attach the scale to the slide with adhesive. Refer to pg. 8 for details.

Be sure the grating surface of the scale faces the sensor. Insure that there is no contact between these surfaces or damage may result. Install the sensor on your mounting surface referencing the appropriate datum surface as shown on the interface drawing. Use 2 washers per mounting screw.

Benching pins may be used to locate the sensor if the system mechanical tolerances are adequate. See data sheet for alignment tolerances, or keep mounting screws loose for sensor alignment if benching pins are not used.



Be sure the source power is off before connecting the SmartPrecision[™] Alignment Tool. Connect the M1000 to the SmartPrecision[™] Alignment Tool

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Installation Instructions Linear Encoders

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Proper sensor alignment may require minor adjustments to the sensor position with respect to the scale. This can be performed easily using the SmartPrecision[™] Alignment Tool as illustrated below.

The red, yellow, or green LED will light depending on sensor alignment. Slowly move the sensor by allowing it to slide on the mounting surface until the green LED, is illuminated. Optimal alignment will be displayed as a "Bright Green" LED.

IMPORTANT: Confirm that the green LED blinks when passing over the index. If not, readjust the sensor in the Y direction and repeat the above procedure. When alignment is completed, tighten the sensor mounting screws.



To align the sensor, move it in the Y or θ_{Z} directions.



Installation Instructions Rotary Encoders



Installation Instructions Rotary Encoders

Proper sensor alignment may require minor adjustments to the sensor position with respect to the scale. This can be performed easily using the SmartPrecision™ Alignment Tool as illustrated below.



SmartPrecision

The red, yellow, or green LED will light depending on sensor alignment. Slowly move the sensor by allowing it to slide on the mounting surface until the green LED, is illuminated. Optimal alignment will be displayed as a "Bright Green" LED.

IMPORTANT: Confirm that the green LED blinks when passing over the index. If not, readjust the sensor in the Y direction and repeat the above procedure. When alignment is completed, tighten the sensor mounting screws.



To align the sensor, move it in the Y or θ_7 directions.



This procedure must be completed for proper system operation each time the sensor is aligned.

Push the Calibration button inside the SS-AT 1000 body with a small diameter shaft, such as

Power/ Calibration

indicator

button

Proper

Alignment

indicator

Calibration

a bare cotton swab. This will set the gain and offset of the M1000, producing a 1V_{pp} output*.

The Power/Calibration indicator will flash

continuously. Move the scale past the sensor over a distance of at least 7mm (1/4"). Do not run off the end of the scale when using a segment scale. When the calibration procedure is complete, the Power/Calibration LED stops flashing.

 $\pm 15\%$ (Differential) across 120 Ω resistor



motion by sliding the scale past the sensor. The "green" LED must remain on over the entire range. If not aligned over the entire range of motion, loosen the sensor mounting screws and repeat step 5.

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Positioning the Scale

Note: Before beginning mounting procedure, use talc-free gloves or finger cots to handle the scales.

"Benching" the scale to the system means aligning the scale by means of benching pins. Pin locations are described on the appropriate interface drawing. Two benching pins are recommended on the long side of the scale and one at the end as shown. This is marked datum A on the interface drawing.



2 Be sure the benching pins do not extend too high in the Z direction to prevent mechanical interference with the sensor or sensor mount.



Mounting the Scale

MicroE Systems' linear scales should be affixed to the mounting surface. Two different approaches are described below:

Epoxy and RTV Mounting (Recommended for best accuracy)



Apply a hard epoxy, such as Tra-Con's Tra-Bond 2116, to the end of the scale at the end benching pin. Apply 100% Silicone RTV adhesive around the edges of the scale. This method allows thermal expansion from the benched end of the scale. After adhesive curing, remove the scale mounting clamps or, if permanently installing clamps, make sure they do not interfere with the sensor or sensor mount.

Two Sided Adhesive Tape Mounting



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Grounding Instructions for Mercury 1000 Encoder System

For Mercury 1000 encoder systems to operate reliably, it is essential that the sensor and cable shield are grounded properly according to the following instructions. The diagrams below show how to make the connections when the encoder's connector is plugged into the customer's controller chassis. If a customer-supplied extension cable is used, it should be a double shielded cable with conductive connector shells and must provide complete shielding over the conductors contained within it over its entire length. Furthermore, the shields should be grounded at the connection to the controller chassis the same way as the encoder connectors in the diagrams below.

Note: For best performance, isolate the encoder outer shield from motor cable shields and separate the encoder cable as far possible from motor cables.

Sensor mounted with good electrical contact to a well-grounded surface (preferred)

1. 15-pin D-sub connector grounding: the encoder's connector shell must be in intimate, electrically conductive contact with the customersupplied mating connector, which must be isolated from the controller's ground. If a customer-supplied shielded cable connects the encoder to the controller, then the outer shield on the customer-supplied cable must be isolated from the controller's ground.

2. The sensor mounting surface must have a low impedance (DC/AC) connection to ground. The encoder sensor mounting surface may have to be masked during painting or anodizing to insure good electrical contact with the sensor.



Sensor mounted to a surface that is grounded through bearings or a poorly-grounded surface, or mounted to a non-conducting surface

1. 15-pin D-sub connector grounding: the encoder's connector shell must be in intimate, electrically conductive contact with the customer-supplied mating connector, which must be connected to the controller's ground. If a customer-supplied shielded cable connects the encoder to the controller, then the outer shield on the customer-supplied cable must be connected to the controller's ground. The controller must be grounded to earth at the point of installation.

2. The encoder sensor must be mounted so that it is electrically isolated from ground.



Recommendations for Power

Mercury encoders require a minimum of 4.75V DC continuously. When designing circuits and extension cables to use Mercury encoders, be sure to account for voltage loss over distance and tolerances from the nominal supply voltage so that at least 4.75V DC is available to the Mercury encoder under all operating conditions.

Recommended Interface Termination

Customer Differential Amplifier



Customer Interface Cable Requirements

Customer cables that interface to Mercury series encoders must have the following characteristics:

- Twisted pair signal wiring.
- Characteristic impedance of 100-120 ohms.
- Sufficient wire gauge to meet the minimum voltage requirement at the encoder, for example 24AWG gauge wire for a 2m length cable. Examples of acceptable cables with 24 AWG gauge wire and 4 twisted pairs are Belden 9831, 8104, and 9844 or other manufacturer's equivalents.
- Single shield cable with a minimum of 90% coverage. Note that a double shielded cable may be required in high-noise applications.

Signal Wiring:

Each differential signal should be connected to a corresponding twisted pair as follows:

Mercury 1000	
Signal	Twisted Pair
Sine+	Pair 1
Sine-	
Cosine+	Pair 2
Cosine-	
Index+	Pair 3
Index-	
+5V	Pair 4
GND	

Shield Termination:

The customer's cable shield should be in 360° contact with the connector shroud and the connector shell to provide complete shielding. The connector shell should be metal with conductive surfaces. Suggested metal connector shells for use with Mercury 3500, 3000, 3000Si, and 2000 encoders: AMP 748676-1 or equivalent; for Mercury 1000 and 1500S encoders: AMP 745172-3, -2, or -1 where the dash number is dependent on the customer's outside cable diameter. The shield should be terminated as illustrated in the following diagram.



Fold braided shield back over jacket. Example shows double-shielded cable. Dimensions shown are for illustration only.

Troubleshooting

Problem

The Power/Calibration indicator will not come on.

Solution

- Make sure the M1000 15-pin D connector is fully seated and connected.
- Confirm that +5 Volts DC is being applied to pin 12 on the M1000 15-pin D connector and that pin 13 is connected to ground.

Problem

Can't get the SmartPrecision™ Alignment Tool "Signal" LEDs better than red or yellow; or the green, " green" indicator doesn't stay illuminated over the full length of the scale.

Solution

- Verify that the sensor has been aligned to the scale and that the mounting screws are tight. Check the dimensions for the mechanical
 mounting holes (and clamps if any) to make sure that the sensor is correctly located over the scale. Refer to appropriate the interface
 drawing.
- Check that the scale is firmly mounted and can't jiggle or move in other than the intended direction.
- Make sure that the scale is clean over its entire length or circumference.

Problem

The green Power/Calibration indicator is flashing unexpectedly.

Solution

• Part of the normal setup procedure is to activate the SmartPrecision™ Alignment Tool calibration process by pressing the recessed button on the SmartPrecision™ Alignment Tool connector body. The Power/Calibration indicator will flash until calibration is complete.





General Particle Removal

Blow off the contamination with nitrogen, clean air, or a similar gas.





Contamination Removal

Use a lint-free cleanroom wipe or cotton swab dampened with isopropyl alcohol or acetone only to wipe the surface clean. Handle the scale by the edges. Do not scrub the scale.

Thank you for purchasing a MicroE Systems product. You should expect the highest level of quality and support from MicroE. If you want to download the Mercury Encoder Installation Manual, Data Sheet or Interface Drawing, browse www.microesys.com and click on the Mercury Encoders button.



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Mercury 1000 Encoder System Interface Drawing: Short Linear Scales



Mercury 1000 Encoder System Interface Drawing: Long Linear Scales



Mercury 1000 Encoder System Interface Drawing: Rotary Scale with Hub

