

# Linear Variable Differential Transformers























# *Linear Variable Differential Transformers Precision instruments for displacement measurement*

LVDTs provide simple, cost-effective solutions whenever you need accurate and precise measurement of linear displacement.

### **Typical applications**

- Servo-hydraulic systems
- Automotive engine management
- Marine engine management
- Structural movement monitoring
- Test rigs
- Level monitoring

As well as a wide range of other engineering and laboratory applications.

## LVDTs at a glance

- Rugged construction to withstand harsh environments
- Measurement ranges from ±0.25mm to ±550mm
- Efficient and accurate non-contact displacement measurement
- Available in a wide variety of configurations
- Zero mechanical friction models available
- Industrial, low cost and compact versions available
- High precision: non-linearity <0.5% and repeatability <0.1%
- Four output signal options unconditioned AC, unconditioned DC (voltage), conditioned DC (voltage) or conditioned DC (current)
- Fully customisable design service for non-standard applications





# **Selection Tips**

Our LVDTs come in a wide range of sizes and combinations. They are ruggedly constructed to withstand the harshest of industrial conditions.

Use this simple checklist to help you choose exactly the right products for your application.

When completed, please detach or photocopy and fax back to our sales team for an immediate quotation.

#### What do you need to cope with your operating environment?

| Construction material                    | <b>Operating Temperature</b><br>(-30°C to +85°C standard) | Sealing (IP65 standard) |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Standard stainless<br>steel construction | □ -30°C to +85°C  | □ IP65<br>□ IP66        |
| Other material<br>(please specify):      | □ -30°C to +150°C   | □ IP67<br>□ IP68        |

#### What sort of cable exit do you need?

#### What sort of core assembly is best for you?

□ Axial □ Radial

- Core only
- □ Plain core with extension rod
- Guided core with extension rod
- □ Spring loaded core with extension rod
- □ Guided core with extension rod and rod end bearings

#### What measurement range do you need?

The measurement range is quoted as the maximum displacement to be monitored in either direction away from the midpoint. The stroke length may also be quoted and this is equal to the distance between the maximum displacements in either direction (i.e. 2x measurement range).

#### For example a range of ±5.0mm equates to a stroke length of 10mm.

| Measurement range required (please specify):         |   |                 |
|--|---|-----------------|
| (Minimum = $\pm 0.25$ mm, maximum = $\pm 550$ mm)    |   |                 |
|  |   |                 |
|  |   |                 |
| What degree of linearity do you need?                | What electrical output                        | ut do vou need? |
| What degree of meanly do you need.                   |   |                 |
| Linearity is the accuracy with which the output      | The following standard outputs are available: |                 |
| signal reflects the measured displacement.           | 0   |                 |
| -  | 🗆 DC bipolar                                  | □ 0-5VDC        |
| $\Box$ Standard linearity (±0.5% full stroke length) | □ 0-10VDC                                     | □ 4-20mADC      |
| is sufficient  |   |                 |

□ Improved linearity required (please specify):



#### What type of electrical connection do you need?

□ Integral cable

- $\Box$  Detachable cable with:
- Hirschmann connector
- □ Lumberg connector
- Military Style connector
- Other connector (please specify):
  \_\_\_\_\_
- Standard 2 metres cable

 $\Box$  Free ends with:

□ Extra length to order (please specify): \_

#### What type of cable do you need?

#### Material

Finish

| $\Box$ PVC | $\Box$ PTFE    |
|------------|----------------|
| 🗆 ETFE     | 🗆 Polyurethane |

Plain
Overbraided

## **COMMON TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMY SERIES**

| Measurement range           |
|-----------------------------|
| Non-linearity               |
| Repeatability               |
| Operating temperature range |

Vibration resistance Shock resistance Construction material Connections  $\pm 0.25$  to  $\pm 550$ mm  $<\pm 0.50\%$  stroke length  $<\pm 0.10\%$  stroke length  $-30^{\circ}$ C to  $+85^{\circ}$ C (optional to  $+150^{\circ}$ C)  $0^{\circ}$ C to  $70^{\circ}$ C on DC models 20g up to 2kHz 1000g for 10ms Stainless steel core and case 2-metre screened cable Radial exit (optional axial)

| AC      |
|---------|
|         |
| 0-5VDC  |
| 0-10VDC |
| ±2.5VDC |
| ±5VDC   |
| 4-20mA  |
| ±       |



## Industrial, Economy or Miniature Series?

|                                   | Industrial  | Economy   | Miniature  |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| General comments<br>on use        | Highest level of<br>protection for severe<br>factory and processing<br>environments   | Used in less demanding<br>environments where cost<br>is more important  | Used in demanding<br>environments where<br>space is at a premium   |
| Typical applications              | <ul> <li>Paper mills</li> <li>Process plant</li> <li>Industrial test rigs</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Mechanical testing<br/>machines</li> <li>Automotive research</li> <li>Actuator position<br/>monitoring</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Materials testing</li> <li>Automotive test rigs<br/>and actuators</li> <li>Aerospace test rigs<br/>and actuators</li> <li>Load cells</li> <li>Pressure transducers</li> <li>Weighing systems</li> <li>Closed-loop control<br/>applications</li> </ul> |
| Standard build<br>characteristics | <ul> <li>Guided core and extension</li> <li>Sealed at one end</li> <li>Radial exit</li> <li>Electronics sealed to IP66</li> </ul>                       | <ul> <li>Free core and extension</li> <li>Open both ends</li> <li>Axial exit</li> <li>Electronics sealed to IP65</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Free core</li> <li>Body diameter<br/>up to 9.5mm</li> <li>Stroke length<br/>±0.25mm<br/>to ±50mm</li> </ul>   |
| Build options                     | <ul> <li>Axial exit</li> <li>Connector</li> <li>Spring loaded</li> <li>Rod end bearings</li> <li>Extension rod wiper</li> <li>Sealed to IP68</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Radial exit</li> <li>Spring loaded</li> <li>Guided core</li> <li>Rod end bearings</li> </ul>                       | <ul><li>Radial exit</li><li>Spring loaded</li></ul>  |

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