



The PT8CN, using a high cycle plastic-hybrid potentiometer, communicates to your PLC via the CANbus SAE J1939 interface. Suitable for factory and harsh environment applications requiring linear position feedback in ranges up to 60".

As a member of our innovative family of NEMA 4 rated cable actuated sensors, the PT8CN installs in minutes by simply mounting its body to a fixed surface and attaching its cable to the movable object. Perfect parallel alignment not required.

Output Signal



PT8CN Cable Actuated Sensor CANbus • SAE J1939 Output Signal

Industrial Grade String Pot Absolute Linear Position to 60 inches (1524 mm) Aluminum or Stainless Steel Enclosure Options NEMA 6 / IP67

General

Full Stroke Ranges	0-2 to 0-60 inches
Electrical Interface	CANbus SAE J1939
Protocol	Proprietary B
Accuracy	±1.0% to ±0.1% full stroke (see ordering information
Repeatability	± 0.02% full stroke
Resolution	± 0.003% full stroke
Measuring Cable	stainless steel or thermoplastic
Enclosure Material	powder-painted aluminum or stainless steel
Sensor	plastic-hybrid precision potentiometer
Potentiometer Cycle Life	see ordering information
Maximum Retraction Acceleration	see ordering information
Weight, Aluminum (Stainless Steel) Enclosure	3 lbs. (6 lbs.), max.

Electrical

Input Voltage	7 - 18 VDC
Input Current	60 mA max.
Baud Rate	125K, 250K, or 500K via DIP switches
Update Rate	10 ms. (20 ms. available, contact factory)

Environmental

Environmental Suitability	NEMA 4X/6, IP 67
Operating Temperature	-40° to 185°F (-40° to 85°C)
Vibration	up to 10 g to 2000 Hz maximum

I/O Format and Settings



repetition = 8 msec.

Identifier

ei	Mess	age Pri	iority	Fut U:	ure se	J1939 Reference Proprietary B				Data Field Type*							Not	Used	Node ID**										
Example –	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Identifier Bit No. –	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Hex Value –			()			I	F			I	-			5	5			3	3			3	3			F	:	

*Sensor field data can be factory set to customer specific value. **Customer defined, set via Dips 1-6. Bit values shown for example only, see Address Setting below.

Data Field

 B_0 = LSB current % of measurement range byte B_1 = MSB current % of measurement range byte

B₂ = LSB current measurement count byte

 $B_2 = MSB$ current measurement count byte

B₇ B₆ B₅ B₄ B₃ B₂ B₁ B₀

Current Measurement Count

The Current Measurement Count (CMC) is the output data that indicates the present position of the measuring cable. The CMC is a 16-bit value that occupies bytes B_2 and B_3 of the data field. B_2 is the LSB (least significant byte) and B_3 is the MSB (most significant byte).

The CMC starts at 0x0000 with the measuring cable fully retracted and continues upward to the end of the stroke range stopping at 0xFFFF. This holds true for all ranges.

Converting CMC to Linear Measurement

To convert the current measurment count to inches or millimeters, simply divide the count by 65,535 (total counts over the range) and then multiply that value by the full stroke range:



Sample Conversion:

If the full stroke range is **30 inches** and the current position is **0x0FF2** (4082 Decimal) then,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4082 \\ \hline 65,535 \end{pmatrix}$$
 X 30.00 inches = 1.87 inches

If the full stroke range is **625 mm** and the current position is **0x0FF2** (4082 Decimal) then,



B₄ = error flag B₅ = error flag B₆ = LSB velocity data byte B₇ = MSB velocity data byte



B₇ B₆ B₅ B₄ B₃ B₂ B₁ B₀

Current % of Measurement Range

The Current % of Measurement Range is a 2-byte value that expresses the current linear position as a percentage of the entire full stroke range. Resolution is **.1** % of the full stroke measurement range.

This value starts at **0x0000** at the beginning of the stroke and ends at **0x03E8**.

Example:

Hex	Decimal	Percent
0000	0000	0.0%
0001	0001	0.1%
0002	0002	0.2%
03E8	1000	100.0%

B₇ B₆ B₅ B₄ B₃ B₂ B₁ B₀

Error Flags

0x55 (yellow LED on controller board) indicates that the sensor has begun to travel beyond the calibrated range of the internal position potentiometer.

OxAA (red LED on controller board) indicates that the sensor has moved well beyond the calibrated range of the internal position potentiometer.

If either error flag occurs within the full stroke range of the sensor, the unit should be returned to the factory for repair and recalibration.

B₇ B₆ B₅ B₄ B₃ B₂ B₁ B₀

Velocity

Data in bytes $B_7 - B_6$ is the change in the CMC (current measurement count) over a 100 msec time period. This data can then be used to calculate velocity in a post processing operation.



Velocity Calculation



Sample Calculations

Cable Extension (positive direction):

B₇-B₆ = 0x89C6 (43462 Dec), full stroke = 60 in.

$$\left(\frac{35270-32767}{.1 \text{ sec}}\right) X \left(\frac{60 \text{ in.}}{65,535}\right) = 22.92 \text{ in. / sec.}$$

Cable Retraction (negative direction):

B₇-B₆ = 0x61A8 (25000 Dec), full stroke = 60 in.

$$\left(\frac{25000-32767}{.1 \text{ sec}}\right) \chi \left(\frac{60 \text{ in.}}{.65,535}\right) = -71.11 \text{ in.}/\text{ sec.}$$

Setting the Address (Node ID) and Baud Rate

Address Setting (Node ID)

The Address Setting (Node ID) is set via 6 switches located on the 8-pole DIP switch found on the DeviceNET controller board located inside the transducer.

The DIP switch settings are binary starting with switch number $1 (= 2^0)$ and ending with switch number $6 (= 2^5)$.

DIP-3

(2²)

0

0

0

1

DIP-4

(23)

0

0

0

...

1

DIP-5 DIP-6

(24)

0

0

0

1

(25)

0

0

0

1

Baud Rate

address

(decimal)

0

1

2

63

The transmission baud rate may be either factory preset at the time of order or set manually at the time of installation.

The baud rate can be set using switches 7 & 8 on the 8-pole DIP switch found on the DeviceNET controller board located inside the transducer.

DIP-8

0

0

1

1

baud rate

125k

250k

500k

125k

 12345678
 ↓ = "0"

DIP-7

0

1

0

1

CANBus Controller Board





to gain access to the controller board, remove four Allen-Head Screws and remove rear cover.

Outline Drawing

DIP-1 DIP-2

(21)

0

0

1

1

(20)

0

1

0

1



Ordering Information



l - 50ALN34T1CG - J50032SC5										
	50	(50 inches)								
2	AL	(aluminum)								
g cable:	N34	(.034 nylon-coated stainless)								
g cable tension:	T1	(standard)								
ide:	CG	(standard)								
:	J	(CANbus SAE J1939)								
:	500	(500k bits/sec.)								
	32	(32 decimal)								
connection:	SC5	(5-meter cordset with straight plug)								

Full Stroke Range:

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R _order code:	2	5	10		15		20		25		30		40		50		60	
full stroke range, min:	2 in.	5 in.	10 in.		15 in.	*	20 in.	-	25 in.	*	30 in.	-	40 in.	•	50	•	60	
accuracy (% of f.s.):	1.00%	1.00%	0.15%		0.15%	:	0.15%		0.15%		0.15%		0.10%	•••••	0.10%		0.10%	
potentiometer cycle life*:	2.5 x 10 ⁶	2.5 x 10 ⁶	5 x 10 ⁵	*	5 x 10 ⁵	*	5 x 10 ⁵		5 x 10 ⁵	*	5 x 10 ⁵		2.5 x 10 ⁵	•	2.5 x 10 ⁵	: 2	2.5 x 10 ⁵	

*-1 cycle is defined as the travel of the measuring cable from full retraction to full extension and back to full retraction

Enclosure Material:

A order code:	AL	SS	SS							
	powder-painted aluminum	303 stainle	316 stainless steel							
Measuring Cable:										
B _order code:	N34	S47	S31	V62						
cable construction:	Ø.034-inch nylon-coated stainless steel rope	Ø.047-inch bare stainless steel rope	Ø.031-inch bare stainless steel rope	Ø.058-inch PVC jacketed vectra fiber rope						
available ranges:	all ranges	5, 15, 20, 25, 30-inch only	40, 50, 60-inch only	thru 30 inches only						
general use:	indoor	outdoor, debris, high temperature	outdoor, debris, high temperature	high voltage or magnetic field						

Measuring Cable Tension:

	• order code:	T1		T2	Т3
		standard tension	-	medium tension	high tension
	2, 10-inch:	39 oz.		65 oz.	116 oz.
full stroke range	15-inch:	26 oz.		43 oz.	77 oz.
cable tension	20, 40-inch:	20 oz.		33 oz.	60 oz.
specifications	5, 25, 50-inch:	16 oz.		26 oz.	47 oz.
	30, 60-inch:	13 oz.		22 oz.	40 oz.
					tension tolerance: \pm 50%
		maximum acceleration		maximum acceleration	maximum acceleration
a	aluminum enclosure:	15 g		25 g	40 g
stain	less steel enclosure:	6 g		12 g	18 g
a stain	30, 60-inch:	13 oz. <i>maximum acceleration</i> 15 g 6 g	* * *	22 oz. <i>mdximum acceleration</i> 25 g 12 g	40 oz. tension tolerance: ± 50 <i>maximum acceleration</i> 40 g 18 g

Cable Guide:



Baud Rate:



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