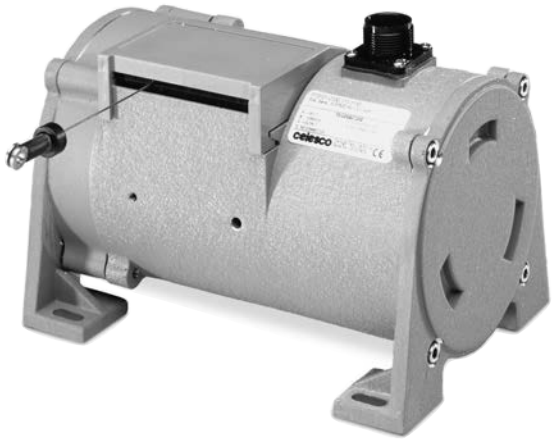
RS232 Data Communication
Ranges: 0-75 to 0-550 inches
Industrial Grade

PT9232



Specification Summary:

GENERAL

Full Stroke Ranges ..... 0-75 to 0-550 inches
Electrical Interface RS232
Format ..... HEX
Accuracy ..... ± 0.10% full stroke
Repeatability ..... ± 0.02% full stroke
Resolution ..... ± 0.003% full stroke
Measuring Cable ..... stainless steel, nylon-coated or thermoplastic
Enclosure Material ..... powder-painted aluminum or stainless steel
Sensor ..... plastic-hybrid precision potentiometer
Potentiometer Cycle Life ..... 250,000 cycles *before signal degradation may occur*
Maximum Retraction Acceleration ..... *see ordering information*
Maximum Velocity ..... *see ordering information*
Weight, Aluminum (Stainless Steel) Enclosure ..... 8 lbs. (16 lbs.), max.

ELECTRICAL

Input Voltage ..... 9...22 VDC
Input Current ..... 40 mA
Baud Rate ..... 9600 (selectable to 38.4K)
Update Rate ..... 32 msec

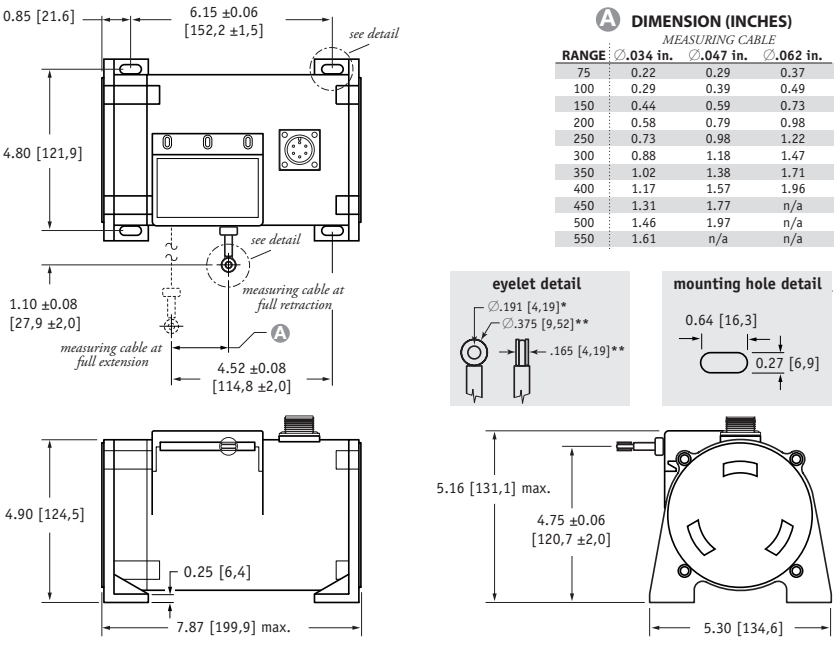
ENVIRONMENTAL

Environmental Suitability ..... NEMA 4X/6, IP 67
Operating Temperature ..... -40° to 200°F (-40° to 90°C)
Vibration ..... up to 10 G's to 2000 Hz maximum

The PT9232 delivers position feedback via RS232 serial communication to your data acquisition or controller system. The PT9232 sends a raw 16-bit count from 0000H to FFFFH. Additionally this device can be set to continuously send data or send data only when polled.

As the internal position sensing element is a precision potentiometer, this transducer maintains current accurate position even during power loss and does not need to be reset to a "home" position.

Fig. 1 – Outline Drawing



A DIMENSION (INCHES)
MEASURING CABLE

RANGE	∅.034 in.	∅.047 in.	∅.062 in.
75	0.22	0.29	0.37
100	0.29	0.39	0.49
150	0.44	0.59	0.73
200	0.58	0.79	0.98
250	0.73	0.98	1.22
300	0.88	1.18	1.47
350	1.02	1.38	1.71
400	1.17	1.57	1.96
450	1.31	1.77	n/a
500	1.46	1.97	n/a
550	1.61	n/a	n/a

DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MM]
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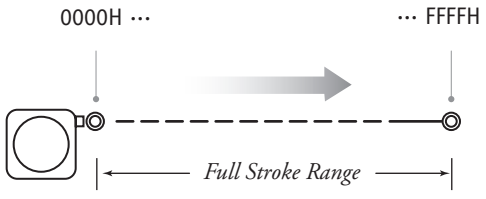
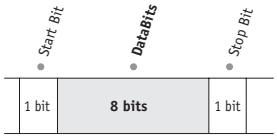
Output Signal



I/O Format:

Data Format



no parity bit

Data Frame

6 byte Hex string:

STX	CMD	B_0	B_1	B_2	ETX

STX = 0x02 **CMD** = Command Code* **B_0 - B_2** = Data Field* **ETX** = 0x03

** –see below*

Important! All communications to/from the transducer are in **HEX**!

User Commands:

	User Command				Sensor Response			
Description	**<CMD>**	**<B_0>**	**<B_1>**	**<B_2>**	**<CMD>**	**<B_0>**	**<B_1>**	**<B_2>**
Get Sensor Info	0x05	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x05	version(4)	date(5)	date(5)
Get Serial Number	0x15	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x15	serial number(3)		
Start Continuous Data	0x25	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x25	0x00	0x00	0x00
Stop Continuous Data	0x35	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x35	0x00	0x00	0x00
Get Position Data	0x45	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x45	CMC(1)	CMC(1)	status(2)

(1)CMC - Current Measurement Count (Position)

The **C**urrent **M**easurement **C**ount (**CMC**) is the output data that indicates the present position of the measuring cable.

The CMC is a 16-bit value that occupies the first two bytes (B_0 and B_1) of the data field. B_0 is the MSB (most significant byte) and B_1 is the LSB (least significant byte).

The CMC starts at 0000H with the measuring cable fully retracted and continues upward to the end of the stroke range stopping at FFFFH. This holds true for all ranges.

(2)Status

The status byte is used as a flag to indicate the validity of the position signal that the internal electronics receives from the potentiometer.

Flags are as follows:
0x00 = GREEN, 0x55 = YELLOW, 0xAA = RED

A "green" flag shows everything OK. A "yellow" or "red" flag indicates that the sensor has either been extended beyond its range or that there is a problem with the potentiometer.

(3)Serial Number

Each sensor has it's own unique serial number. This information can be retrieved by sending the sensor the "Get Serial Number" command.

The serial number is a 3 byte value from which ranges from 0 to 9999999 (decimal).

(4)Version

This is a single byte value (0-255 decimal) which indicates the currently installed firmware version of the sensor.

(5)Date

This is a 2 byte value showing the date of currently installed firmware. This value ranges from 01011 - 12319 (decimal). Format is MMDDY. While the month and day are expressed as two digit numbers the year is expressed in a single digit only.

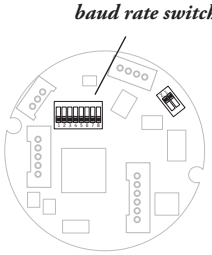
Example: 08054 = August 5, 2004

Baud Rate

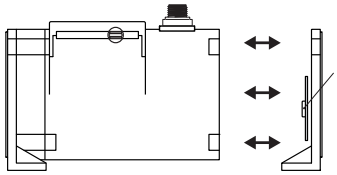
The baud rate can be set using switches **7** & **8** on the 8-pole DIP switch found on the rs232 controller board located inside the transducer.

DIP-7	DIP-8	baud rate
0	0	9600
1	0	19200
0	1	38400
1	1	9600

RS232 Controller Board and DIP Switch Location



Caution! Do Not Remove Spring-Side End Cover
removing spring-side end cover could cause spring to become unseated and permanently damaged.



internal dip switches & controller board
to gain access to the controller board, remove four Allen-Head Screws and remove end cover bracket.

Ordering Information:

Model Number:

PT9232 - ____ - ___ - ___ - ___ - ___ - ___
order code: Ⓡ Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ Ⓔ

Sample Model Number:

PT9232 - 200 - AL - N34 - 26 - FR - M6

Ⓡ	range:	200 inches
Ⓐ	enclosure	aluminum
Ⓑ	measuring cable:	.034 nylon-coated stainless
Ⓒ	measuring cable tension:	18 oz.
Ⓓ	cable exit:	front (horizontal)
Ⓔ	electrical connection:	6-pin plastic connector

Full Stroke Range:

Ⓡ order code:	75	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450*	500*	550*
full stroke range, min:	75 in.	100 in.	150 in.	200 in.	250 in.	300 in.	350 in.	400 in.	450 in.	500 in.	550 in.

** – 36 oz. cable tension strongly recommended*

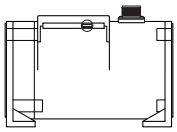
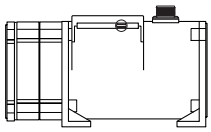
Enclosure Material:

Ⓐ order code:	AL	SS
	powder-painted aluminum	303 stainless

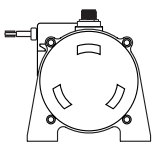
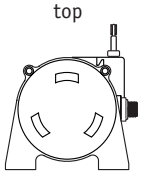
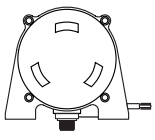
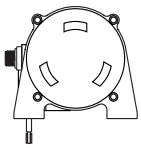
Measuring Cable:

Ⓑ order code:	N34	S47	V62
	Ø.034-inch nylon-coated stainless steel *available in **all** ranges*	Ø.047-inch stainless steel *all ranges up to **500 inches***	Ø.062-inch thermoplastic *all ranges up to **400 inches***

Measuring Cable Tension:

Ⓒ order code:	26		52	
tension (30%):	18 oz.		36 oz.	
enclosure material:	*aluminum*	*stainless steel*	*aluminum*	*stainless steel*
max. acceleration:	1 G	.33 G	5 G	2 G
max. velocity:	60 inches/sec	20 inches/sec	200 inches/sec	80 inches/sec
	 standard housing *see fig 1.*		 dual-spring housing *see fig 2.*	

Cable Exit:

Ⓓ order code:	FR	UP	BK	DN
	front	top	back	down
				

Ordering Information:

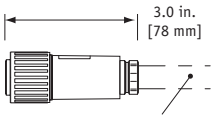
Electrical Connection:

Ⓔ *order code:*

M6

6-pin plastic connector with mating plug

IP 67, NEMA 6, NEMA 4X (stainless enclosure only)



.30 – .39 in. [8 – 10 mm] cable dia.
16 AWG max conductor size
connector: MS3102E-14S-6P
mating plug: MS3106E-14S-6S

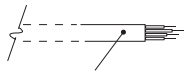
contact view

pin	signal
A	9...22 VDC
B	common
C	–
D	Transmitted Data
E	Received Data
F	common

C25

25-ft. instrumentation cable 24 AWG, shielded

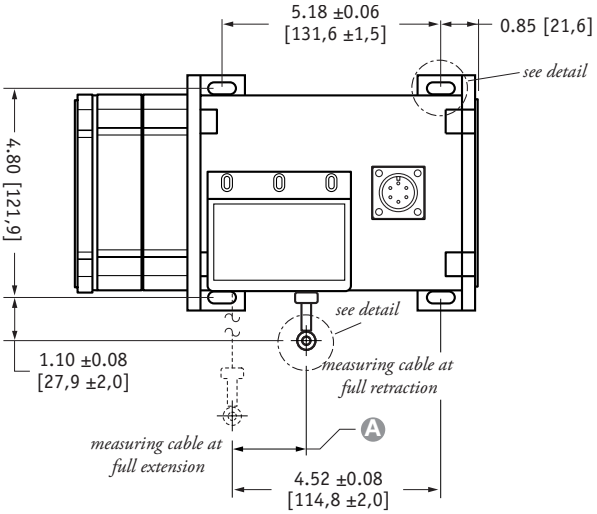
IP 67, NEMA 6



25 ft. x 0.2-in. dia.
[7,5 M x 5 mm dia.]
24 AWG, shielded

color code	signal
Red	9...22 VDC
Black	common
White	–
Green	Transmitted Data
Blue	Received Data
Brown	common

Fig. 2– Outline Drawing (36 oz. cable tension only)



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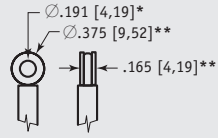
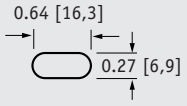
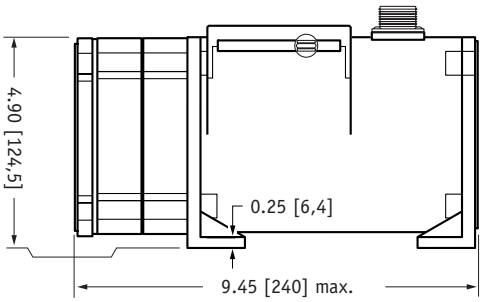
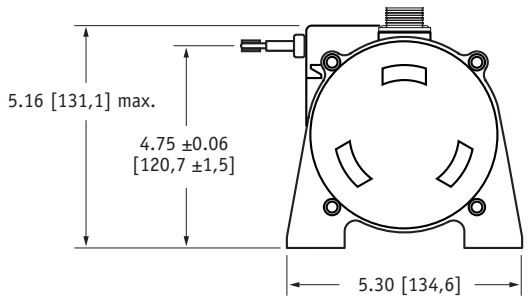


mounting hole detail







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