

Electronic Clinometer

Range: $\pm 60^\circ$
Resolution: 0.001°
Choice of Outputs

The Electronic Clinometer is an extremely accurate angle measurement device. This compact and rugged sensor is ideal where space is critical and environmental conditions are serious design concerns.

The heart of the system is a patented, capacitance-based sensor with no moving parts. When rotated about its sensitive axis, this unique sensor provides an exceedingly linear variation in capacitance, which is electronically converted into angular data. The sensor and low-power CMOS electronics are encased in a rugged plastic housing ready to install as a system component or as a stand-alone device.

Designed for easy integration, with a choice of analog, ratiometric, digital or serial models, the clinometer produces an output signal corresponding to direction and magnitude of angular displacement.



Features

- CE certified**
- Just 2" in diameter**
- Rugged plastic housing**
- Extremely accurate**
- Weighs only 2 oz.**

Applications

- Wheel alignment**
- Construction equipment**
- Antenna positioning**
- Robotics**

Performance Specifications

Total Range	$\pm 60^\circ$
Linear Range	$\pm 45^\circ$
Threshold	0.001°
Linearity	
Null to 10°	$\pm 0.1^\circ$
10 to 45°	$\pm 1\%$
45 to 60°	Monotonic
Null Repeatability	0.05°
Cross Axis Error	$<1\%$ up to 45°
Time Constant	0.3 sec
Freq. Response (-3db)	0.5 Hz
RF Susceptibility	$<\pm 2^\circ$

Environmental Specifications

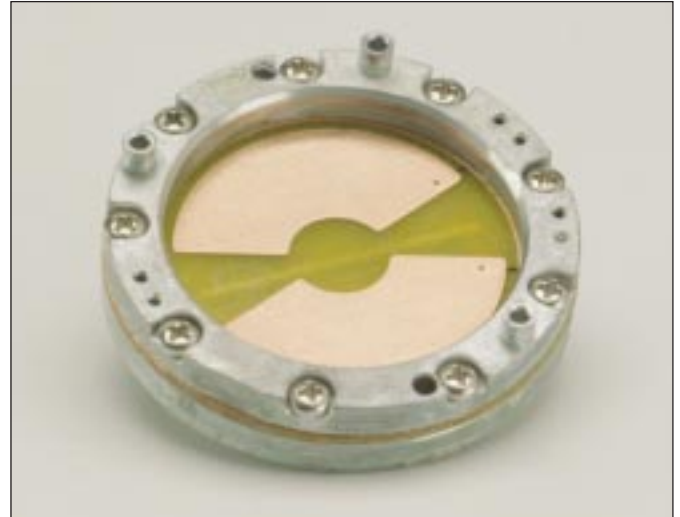
Temperature Range	
Operating	-30° to 65°C
Storage	-55° to 65°C
Temperature Coefficient	
Null	$0.008^\circ/\text{C}$
Scale Factor	$0.1\%/\text{C}$
EMC	
Emissions	EN55022 (CISPR 22) Limit B
Radiated Immunity	IEC 801-3 Level 3 10V/m
Burst Transients	IEC 801-4 Level 3 (2 kV)
ElectroStatic Discharge	IEC 801-2 Level 2 (8 kV air, 6 kV contact)
Conducted RF	MIL-STD 461D, CS114, Curve 2
Cable Length	18" standard length with flying lead terminator

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Design Concept

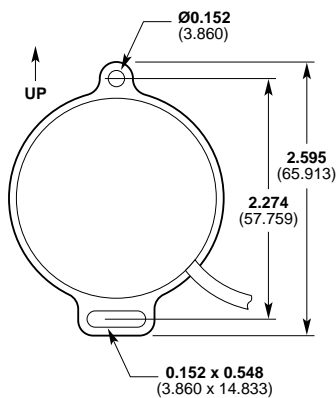
The unique design is based on a common capacitor plate sandwiched between sensor housing halves. The plate has been etched to form two variable capacitors. The assembled sensor is half filled with a dielectric liquid and inert gas. Rotation of the sensor produces a linear change in capacitance resulting in a corresponding output signal.



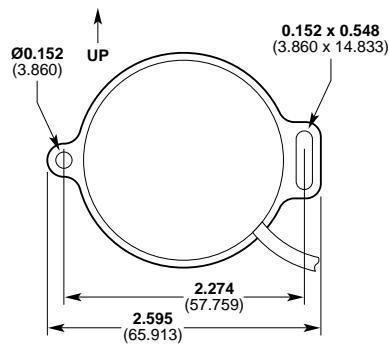
How to Order

Model Number	Description
	Ratiometric
AS-V-R	Vertical Flange
AS-H-R	Horizontal Flange
	Analog
AS-V-A	Vertical Flange
AS-H-A	Horizontal Flange
	Digital
AS-V-D	Vertical Flange
AS-H-D	Horizontal Flange
	Serial
AS-V-S	Vertical Flange
AS-H-S	Horizontal Flange

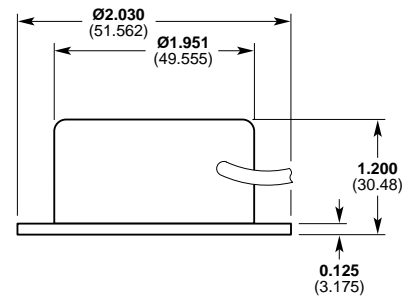
Dimensions in (mm)



Vertical Flange Mount



Horizontal Flange Mount



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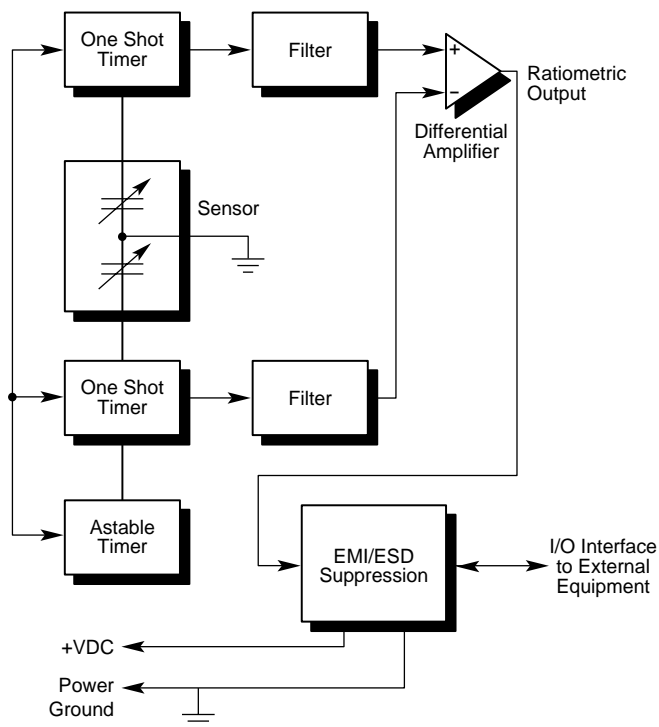
Ratiometric Output

Features

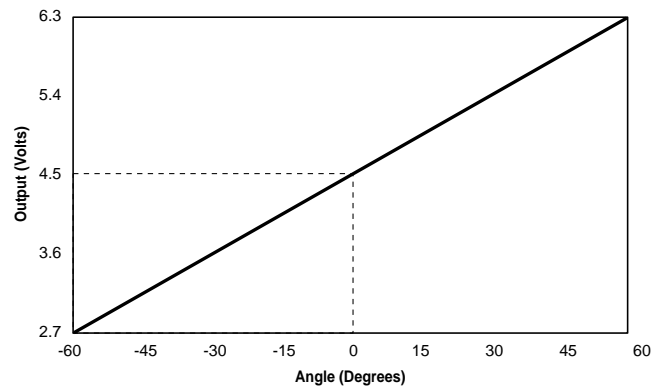
- ❑ **Low power consumption**
- ❑ **3 wire operation**

The Ratiometric clinometer is a signal conditioned sensor that has been designed to operate like a potentiometer. This is a three wire device: power; power ground; and signal. The signal is referenced to power ground. A regulated power supply is required since the output is supply dependent. The midscale output, zero degrees, is 1/2 the supply voltage while the scale factor is also supply dependent. With its low power consumption, 0.5 mA, this device is ideal for battery supplied applications. The Ratiometric clinometer was designed with EMI and ESD suppression circuitry on every line.

Ratiometric I/O Block Diagram



Ratiometric Output with 9 VDC supply



Ratiometric Electrical Specifications

Voltage

Voltage Supply

Nominal +9 VDC
Range (regulated) +5 to +15 VDC

Current 0.5mA

Scale Factor

Nominal (@9VDC) 30mV/degree ±10%

Load Resistance (min.) 10 kOhms

Level Output (0°) 1/2V_{cc}

Electrical Connections

Wire	Source
Black	Power ground
Red	Reg. +5 to +15 VDC
Yellow	Signal output (reference to power ground)

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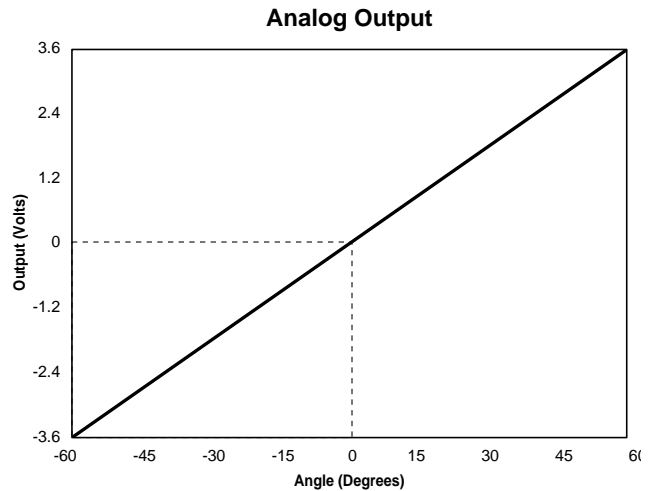
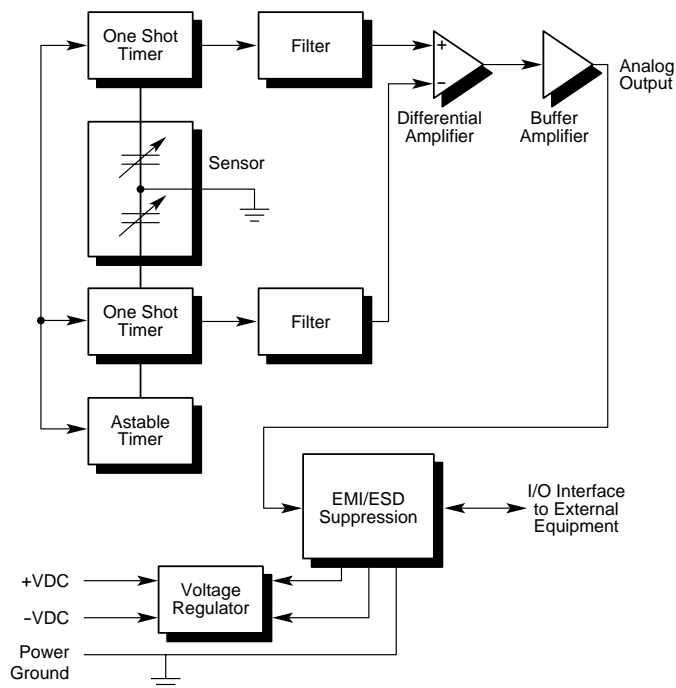
Analog Output

Features

- ❑ **Internally regulated**
- ❑ **Bipolar input/output**

The Analog clinometer is a signal conditioned sensor which has been designed for dc voltage, bipolar operation. The clinometer requires a bipolar supply of ± 8 to ± 15 VDC and delivers an output of ± 3.6 VDC. This device is internally regulated for various applications. The output scale is fixed at a nominal 60mV per degree not dependent on the supply voltage. The Analog clinometer has full EMI and ESD suppression circuitry on every line.

Analog I/O Block Diagram



Analog Electrical Specifications

Voltage

Voltage Supply

- Nominal ± 12 VDC
- Range (regulated) ± 8 to ± 15 VDC
- Current 5 mA/supply
- Scale Factor 60 mV/degree $\pm 10\%$
- Load Resistance (min.) 10 kOhms
- Level Output (0°) 0 VDC

Electrical Connections

Wire	Source
Black	Power ground
Red	+8 to +15 VDC
Gray	-8 to -15 VDC
Blue	Signal output (reference to power ground)

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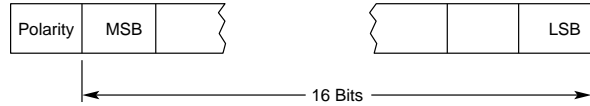
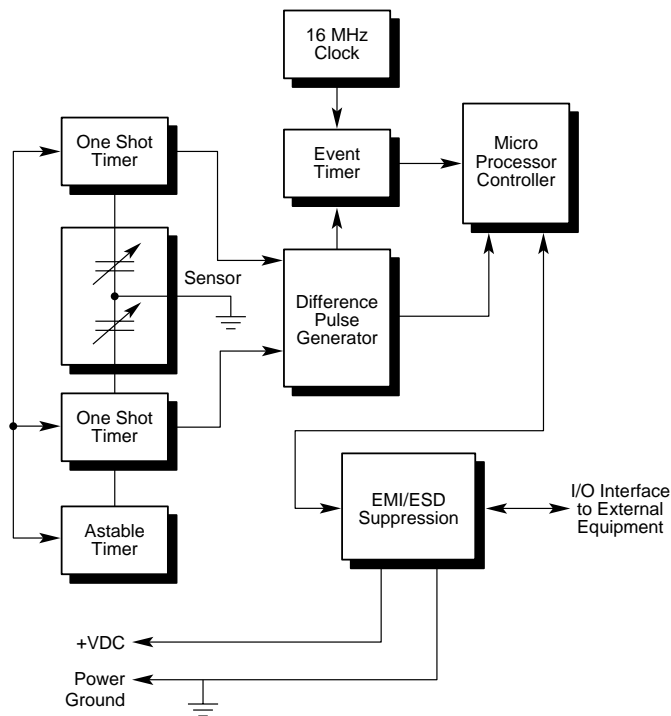
Serial Data Output

Features

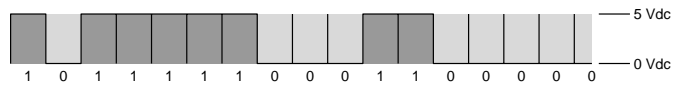
- **Microcontroller compatible**
- **Ideal for noisy environments**

The Serial clinometer is a signal conditioned sensor which resolves the angle of tilt to 16 bits of information plus a polarity bit. This device was designed to transmit data to a microcontroller or to an I/O card of a PC through a three wire interface which will work at both TTL and CMOS logic levels. Complete handshaking is used to eliminate timing and transmission problems. The standard version operates on a +5 VDC regulated power supply while an internally regulated version is available. The Serial clinometer was designed with EMI and ESD suppression circuitry on every line.

Serial I/O Block Diagram



Example
 $+31.84^\circ = 1\ 0111\ 1100\ 0110\ 0000$



Contact factory for more details.

Serial Electrical Specifications

Voltage

Voltage Supply

- Range** +5 VDC, $\pm 5\%$
- Current** 15 mA
- Scale Factor** 1000 counts/degree $\pm 10\%$
- Output** CMOS/TTL
- Level Output (0°)** 0 counts
- Binary Range** 16 bits + 1 bit polarity (serial)

Electrical Connections

Wire	Source
Black	Power ground
Red	+5 VDC
Yellow	Data
White	Request/Hold
Gray	Ready/Wait

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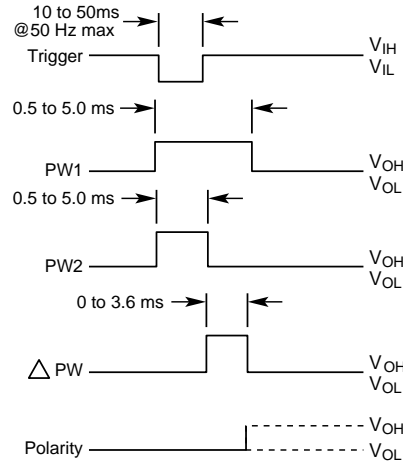
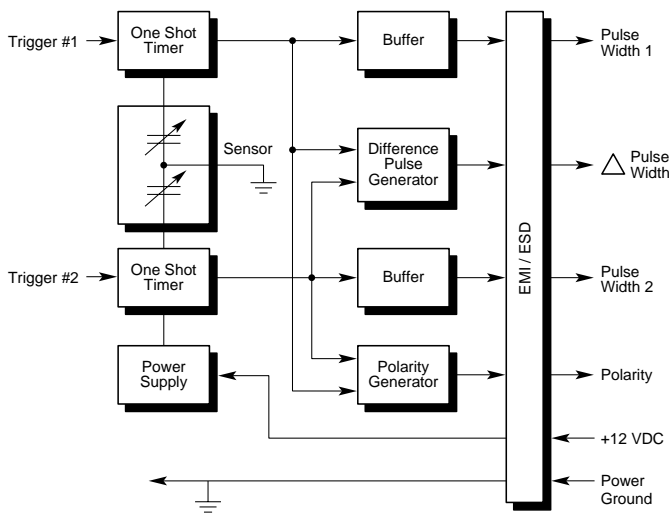
Digital Pulse Width Output

Features

- ☐ **Internally regulated**
- ☐ **Pulse width output**

The Digital Pulse Width clinometer is a signal conditioned sensor which resolves the angle of tilt to pulses, the length of which are directly proportional to the angle. When a trigger pulse is received on trigger 1 or trigger 2 a pulse is sent out the corresponding PW1 or PW2 line. Comparing the length of the two pulses determines the angle of the sensor. Triggering both lines together allows the user to read Delta PW which is the difference of PW1 and PW2. The polarity line will tell the user if the sensor is tilted clockwise or counterclockwise. The Digital Pulse Width clinometer was designed with EMI and ESD suppression circuitry on every line.

Digital I/O Block Diagram



V_{IH} (max) 5.3V V_{OH} (min) 4.95V
 V_{IH} (min) 3.0V V_{OL} (max) 0.05V
 V_{IL} (max) 0.8V Polarity updated on falling edge of Δ PW
 Polarity high CW, low CCW

Voltage output is TTL compatible. Each output can drive one low power Schottky or multiple CMOS devices.

Data Electrical Specifications

Voltage

Voltage Supply	
Nominal	12 VDC
Range	8 to 15 VDC
Current	5 mA
Scale Factor	60 μ sec/degree \pm 10%
Load Resistance	10K ohms
Level Output (0°)	DPW = 0 sec. PW1 = PW2

Trigger Pulse

(CE version)	10 to 50 μ sec @ 50 Hz max.
PW1/PW2	0.5 to 5 msec
ΔPW	0 to 3.6 msec
Polarity	High (CW) Low (CCW)

Electrical Connections

Wire	Source
Black	Ground
Red	8 to 15 VDC
Brown	Trigger 1
Blue	Trigger 2
Green	Polarity
Gray	PW1
White	PW
Yellow	Δ PW