



**mm X103**

**Features**

- Intrinsically safe for Gas to: Ex II 1G
- Non-contacting inductive technology to eliminate wear
- Travel set to customer's requirement
- Short body length
- Accurate, stable and reliable
- Sealing to IP65/IP67 as required

**Description**

As a leading designer and manufacturer of linear, rotary, tilt and intrinsically safe position sensors, Althen Sensors & Controls has the expertise to supply a sensor to suit a wide variety of applications. Our intrinsically safe X103 LIPS® (Linear Inductive Position Sensor) incorporates electronics system EX07 which is ATEX/IECEX approved for use in potentially explosive **gas/vapour** atmospheres.

The X103 is designed for a wide range of industrial applications and is ideal for OEMs seeking good sensor performance in situations where a short-bodied sensor is required for operation in hazardous areas. The unit is compact and space-efficient, being responsive along almost its entire length, and like all Althen sensors provides a linear output proportional to travel. Each unit is supplied with the output calibrated to the travel required by the customer, from 2 to 50mm and with full EMC protection built in.

Overall performance, repeatability and stability are outstanding over a wide temperature range. The sensor has a rugged stainless steel body and plunger. It is easy to install and set up, mounting options include flange and body clamps. The plunger can be supplied free or captive, with female M4 thread, or spring-loaded with a ball end. The X103 also offers a wide range of mechanical options, environmental sealing is to IP65 or IP67 depending on selected cable or connector options.

**Do you need a position sensor made to order to suit a particular installation requirement or specification? We'll be happy to modify any of our designs to suit your needs - please contact us with your requirements.**



**Technical specification**

Dimensions		
Body diameter	35 mm	
Body length	Dependant on calibrated travel & mounting option	
Shaft	15 mm Ø 6 mm	
Calibrated Travel	Standard	Flange mounted
2 mm to 10 mm	65 mm	81.3 mm
11 mm to 20 mm	75 mm	91.3 mm
21 mm to 30 mm	85 mm	101.3 mm
31 mm to 50 mm	105 mm	121.3 mm
Plunger	Ø 6 mm	

*For full mechanical details see drawing X103-11*

<b>Power Supply</b>	+5V dc nom. ± 0.5V, 10mA typ 20mA max	
<b>Output Signal</b>	0.5-4.5V dc ratiometric, Load: 5kΩ min.	
<b>Independent Linearity</b>	≤ ± 0.25% FSO @ 20°C ≤ ± 0.1% FSO @ 20°C* available upon request.	
<i>* Sensors with calibrated travel of 10 mm and above.</i>		
<b>Temperature Coefficients</b>	< ± 0.01%/°C Gain & < ± 0.01%FS/°C Offset	
<b>Frequency Response</b>	> 10 kHz (-3dB)	
<b>Resolution</b>	Infinite	
<b>Noise</b>	< 0.02% FSO	
<b>Intrinsic Safety</b>	Ex II 1G Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta= -40°C to 80°C)	
<i>Approval only applies to the specified ambient temperature range and atmospheric conditions in the range 0.80 to 1.10 Bar, oxygen ≤ 21%</i>		
Sensor Input Parameters (connector option/s)	Ui: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W. Ci: 1.16µF, Li: 50µH	
(cable option/s)	Ci: 1.36µF, Li: 860µH with 1km max. cable	
Environmental Temperature Limits		
Operating	-40°C to +80°C	
Storage	-40°C to +125°C	
<b>Sealing</b>	IP65/IP67 depending on connector /cable option	
<b>EMC Performance</b>	EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-3	
<b>Vibration</b>	IEC 68-2-6: 10 g	
<b>Shock</b>	IEC 68-2-29: 40 g	
<b>MTBF</b>	350,000 hrs 40°C Gf	
<b>Drawing list</b>	Sensor Outline	
X103-11		
<i>Drawings, in AutoCAD® dwg or dxf format, available on request.</i>		

## Position Sensors X103

Intrinsically safe for Hazardous Gas/Vapour Atmospheres

Intrinsically safe equipment is defined as "equipment which is incapable of releasing sufficient electrical or thermal energy under normal or abnormal conditions to cause ignition of a specific hazardous atmosphere mixture in its most easily ignited concentration."

ATEX / IECEx approved to;

Ex II 1G

Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta = -40°C to +80°C)

Designates the sensor as belonging to; Group II: suitable for all areas **except mining**, Category 1 G: can be used in areas with continuous, long or frequent periods of exposure to hazardous gas (Zone 0).

Protection class ia, denotes intrinsically safe for all zones Apparatus group IIC: suitable for IIA to IIC explosive gas. Temperature class T4: maximum surface temperature under fault conditions 135°C.

Ambient temperature range extended to -40°C to +80°C. It is imperative Althen Sensors & Controls intrinsically safe sensors be used in conjunction with a galvanic barrier to meet the requirements of the product certification. The Althen Sensors & Controls X005 Galvanic Isolation Amplifier is purpose made for Althen IS sensors making it the perfect choice. Refer to the X005 datasheet for product specification and output configuration options.

### Safety Parameters:-

Ui: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W

Ci = 1.36µF\* Li = 860µH\* (cable option/s)

Ci = 1.16µF Li = 50µH (connector option/s)

\*Figures for 1km cable where: Ci = 200pF/m & Li = 810nH/m

Sensors can be installed with a maximum of 1000m of cable.

Cable characteristics must not exceed:-

Capacitance: ≤ 200 pF/m for max. total of: 200 nF.

Inductance: ≤ 810 nH/m for max. total of: 810 µH

For cable lengths exceeding 10 metres a five wire connection is recommended to eliminate errors introduced by cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients.

ATEX / IECEx approved sensors suitable for dust (E series) and mining (M series) applications, are also available from Althen Sensors & Controls.

### Table of Options

<b>Calibrated Travel</b>	Factory-set to any length from 0-2mm to 0-50mm (e.g. 36mm).
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#### Electrical Interface Options

The Althen Sensors & Controls X005 Galvanic Isolation Amplifier is available with the following output options;

Standard	0.5 - 9.5V or 4 - 20mA.
Reverse	9.5 - 0.5V or 20 - 4mA.

#### Connector/Cable Options

<b>Connector - Hirschmann GD series</b>	IP65
<b>Cable† with M12 gland or short gland</b>	IP67

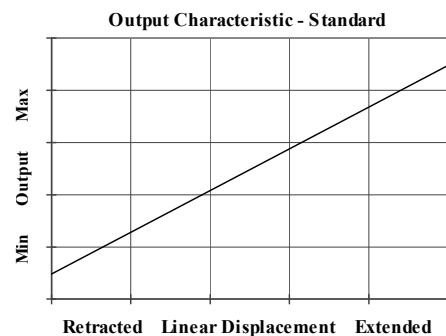
†Three core (black jacket) or five core (blue jacket) cable options available.

Cable length >50 cm – please specify length in cm up to 15000 cm max.

We recommend all customers refer to the 3 or 5-Wire Mode Connection page.

#### Push Rod Options

standard retained with M4x0.7 female thread Sprung loaded (spring supplied loose), Dome end (sprung loaded) or Free.



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The aim of this document is to help readers who do not understand what is meant by three or five wire modes of connection between the galvanic isolation amplifier and sensor, and the factors behind them. It is by no means an in-depth technical analysis of the subject. Whether opting for a pre-wired Althen Sensors & Controls Intrinsically Safe sensor or one with a connector, choosing the right mode of connection and cable to suit the application requires careful consideration.

Interconnecting cables are not perfect conductors and offer resistance to current flow, the magnitude of resistance<sup>†</sup> depends on conductors resistivity, which changes with temperature, cross sectional area<sup>‡</sup> and length. If the voltage were to be measured at both ends of a length of wire it would be found they are different, this is known as volts drop. Volts drop changes with current flow and can be calculated using Ohm's law, it should be noted that volts drop occurs in both positive and negative conductors. The effects of volts drop can be reduced by increasing the conductors cross sectional area, this does not however eliminate the effects due to temperature variation. There are instances where large cross-section cables are not practical; for example most standard industrial connectors of the type used for sensors have a maximum conductor capacity of 0.75mm<sup>2</sup>, copper prices and ease of installation are other considerations.

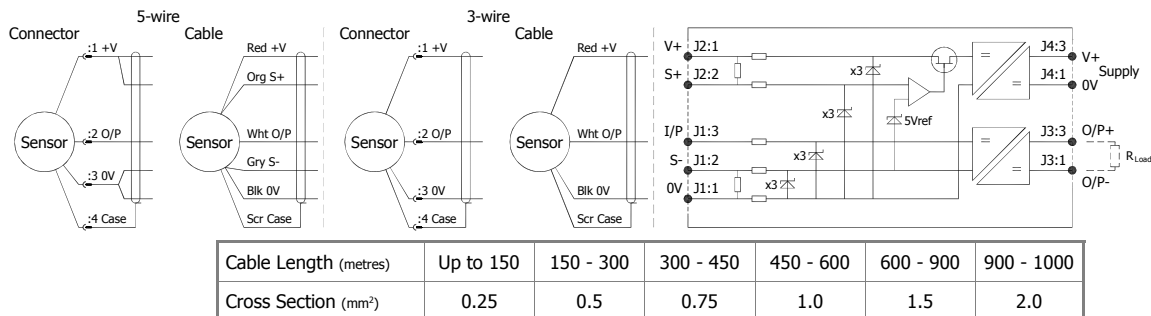
This is important because the effects of volts drop can significantly alter the perceived accuracy of the sensor which is ratiometric i.e. the output signal is directly affected by the voltage across the sensor. Changes in temperature will also be seen as gain variation in the sensor output.

**Three wire mode** connections are common and are suitable in most cases with short or moderate cable runs. Applications that do not require a high degree of accuracy but have cable runs, say in excess of 10m, volts drop can be reduced by introducing a terminal box close to the sensor and using a larger cross-section cable for a majority of the cable run. Sensors supplied with three core cable are calibrated with the cable fitted which largely eliminates errors due to conductor resistance at room temperature however, as mentioned above, small gain errors due to temperature fluctuations should be expected.

**Five wire mode** connections have significant benefits as losses in the positive and negative conductors are compensated for by the galvanic isolation amplifier which can 'sense' the voltage across the sensor and dynamically adjust the output voltage so that the voltage across the sensor is correct. The effects of cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients are eliminated allowing for smaller conductors than a three wire connection for the same cable run. The amplifier can compensate for up to 15Ω per conductor with a current flow of 15mA, which is more than adequate for 150m of 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> cable, longer lengths will require larger conductors.

**For this reason Althen Sensors & Controls recommends five wire connections for cable lengths exceeding 10 metres in 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> cable to preserve the full accuracy of the sensor.**

See illustrations below for examples of connecting a sensor to the galvanic isolation amplifier.



The table above shows recommended conductor sizes with respect to cable length for both three and five wire connections, based on copper conductors. Three wire connections will introduce a gain reduction of 5% and a ±1% temperature dependence of gain over the range -40°C to +80°C for the cable temperature. (i.e. about -150 ppm/°C for the maximum lengths shown and less pro rata for shorter lengths.)

It should be noted that the maximum cable length, as specified in the sensor certification, takes **precedence** and **must not** be exceeded.

Althen sensors are supplied with three core 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> cable as standard, however five core 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> cable can be supplied on request.

The galvanic isolation amplifier is available as;

G005-\*\*\* for 'G' and 'H' prefix sensors

X005-\*\*\* for 'E', 'M' and 'X' prefix sensors

<sup>†</sup>  $R = \rho L / A$   $\rho$  is the resistivity of the conductor (Ωm) L is the length of conductor (m) A is the conductor cross-sectional area (m<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>‡</sup> It is presumed that direct current flow is uniform across the cross-section of the wire, the galvanic isolation amplifier and sensor are a dc system.