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## M502

### APPLICATION

- Intrinsically safe for Gas and Dust to: Ex II 1GD
- Non-contacting inductive technology to eliminate wear
- Angle set to customer's requirement
- Compact, durable and reliable
- High accuracy and stability
- Sealing to IP67



As a leading designer and manufacturer of linear, rotary, tilt and intrinsically safe position sensors, Althen has the expertise to supply a sensor to suit a wide variety of applications. Our M502 incorporates electronics system EX07 which is ATEX / IECEx / UKEX approved for use in potentially explosive **gas/vapour, dust** atmospheres and **mining** environments. M502 is designed for industrial and scientific feedback applications, like the M500 but with better resolution at smaller angles of deflection, and is ideal for OEMs seeking good sensor performance for arduous applications in hazardous areas. The M502, like all Althen sensors, is supplied with the output calibrated to the angle required by the customer, between 5 and 15 degrees and with full EMC protection built in. The sensor provides a linear output proportional with input shaft rotation, which has full 360 degree rotational freedom. There is a machined registration mark to identify the calibrated mid point.

Overall performance, repeatability and stability are outstanding over a wide temperature range. The M502 has long service life and environmental resistance with a rugged stainless steel body, shaft, flange or servo mount. The flange or servo mounting options make the sensor easy to install, it also offers a range of mechanical options. Environmental sealing is to IP67.

### SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Dimensions<sup>1</sup></b>	
Body diameter	35 mm
Body Length (to seal face)	44 mm
Shaft	15 mm Ø 6 mm
<b>Independent Linearity</b>	≤ ± 0.25% FSO @ 20°C
<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>Torque</b>	< 20 mNm Static
<b>Intrinsic Safety<sup>2</sup></b>	Ex I/II M1/GD Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta= -40°C to 80°C) Ex ia IIIC T135°C Da (Ta= -40°C to 80°C) Ex ia I Ma (Ta=-40°C to 80°C)
<b>Sensor Input Parameters (connector option/s) (cable option/s)</b>	Ui: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W. Ci: 1.16µF, Li: 50µH Ci: 1.36µF, Li: 860µH with 1km max. cable
<b>Environmental Temperature Limits</b>	
Operating	-40°C to +80°C
Storage	-40°C to +125°C
<b>Sealing</b>	IP67
<b>EMC Performance</b>	EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-3

SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Vibration	IEC 68-2-6: 10 g
Shock	IEC 68-2-29: 40 g
MTBF	350,000 hrs 40°C Gf
Drawing List <sup>3</sup> M502-11	Sensor Outline

<sup>1</sup> For full mechanical details see drawings M502-11  
<sup>2</sup> Approval only applies to the specified ambient temperature range and atmospheric conditions in the range 0.80 to 1.10 Bar, oxygen ≤ 21%  
<sup>3</sup> 3D models, step or .igs format, available on request

INTRINSICALLY SAFE EQUIPMENT

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 / UKEX approved to;

- Ex I/II M1/GD
- Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta= -40°C to 80°C)
- Ex ia IIIC T135°C Da (Ta= -40°C to 80°C)
- Ex ia I Ma (Ta=-40°C to 80°C)

Designates the sensor as belonging to; Groups I and II: suitable for all areas (including mining), Category M1/1 GD: can be used in areas with continuous, long or frequent periods of exposure to hazardous gas (Zones 2 to 0) and dust (Zone 20), equipment remains energised.

Gas / Vapour:

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

Dust:

T135°C: maximum surface temperature under fault conditions.  
Ambient temperature range extended to -40°C to +80°C.

It is imperative Althen intrinsically safe sensors be used in conjunction with a galvanic barrier to meet the requirements of the product certification. The Althen 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.

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 / UKEX approved sensors suitable for gas (X series) and dust (E series) applications, are also available from Althen.

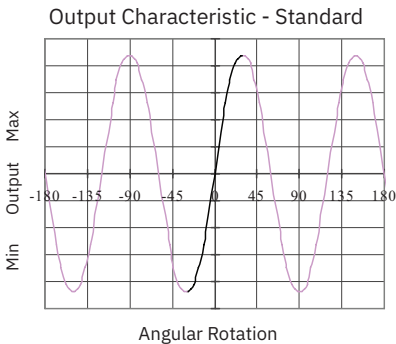


Table with 7 columns: a, b, c, d, e, f, g. Row 1: M502, Displacement, A, Y, Connections, Option, Option, Z000.

Table with 2 columns: a, Value. Rows include Displacement (8), Output (Supply Vdc, Output, Code), Calibration Adjustments (Sealed, Y), Connections (Connector IP67, Cable gland), and Z-code (Calibration to suit X005 required).

Table with 2 columns: e, Code. Rows include Shaft Option (None default, Sprung to stop up to 100° maximum), Sensor Mounting (Flange default, Servo Mount), and Z-code (Calibration to suit X005 required).

THREE OR FIVE-WIRE MODE CONNECTION

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 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 depends on conductors resistivity, which changes with temperature, cross sectional area 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 0.75mm², 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 mm² cable, longer lengths will require larger conductors.

For this reason Althen recommends five wire connections for cable lengths exceeding 10 metres in 0.25 mm² cable to preserve the full accuracy of the sensor.

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

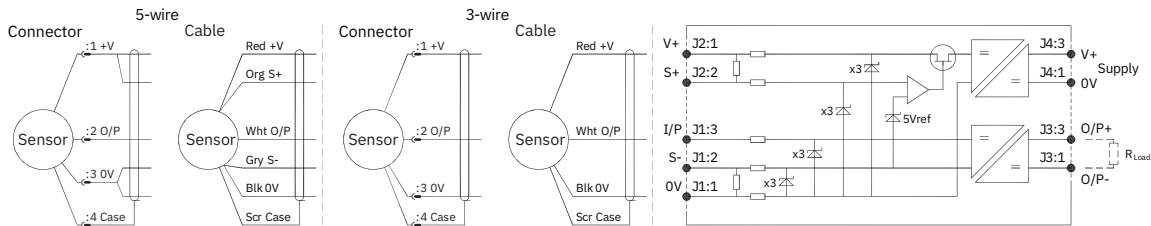


Table with 7 columns: Cable Length (metres), Cross Section (mm²), and six length ranges (Up to 150, 150 - 300, 300 - 450, 450 - 600, 600 - 900, 900 - 1000) with corresponding cross-section values (0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0).

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 mm² cable as standard, however five core 0.25 mm² 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

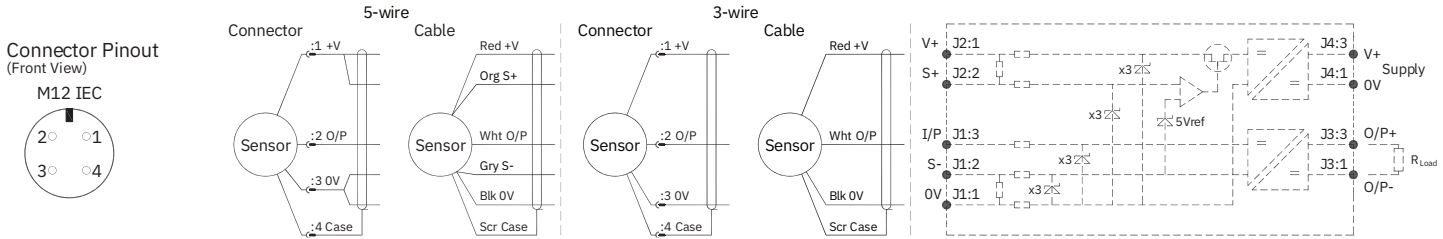
† R = ρL/A ρ is the resistivity of the conductor (Ωm) L is the length of conductor (m) A is the conductor cross-sectional area (m²).
‡ It is presumed that direct current flow is uniform across the cross-section of the wire, the galvanic isolation amplifier and sensor are a dc system.

INSTALLATION INFORMATION

For certificate number and safety parameters information for product marked EX04, see next page.

Table with 4 columns: Electronics Version, Output Description, Supply Voltage: Vs (tolerance), and Load resistance. Row 1: EX07, 0.5 - 4.5V (ratiometric with supply) [Output code 'A'], +5V (4.5 - 5.5V), 5kΩ min.

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PUTTING INTO SERVICE

The sensor must be used with a galvanic isolation barrier designed to supply the sensor with a nominal 5V and to transmit the sensor output to a safe area. The barrier parameters must not exceed:-

Ui = 11.4V	Ii = 0.20A	Pi = 0.51W
Ci = 1.36µF*	Li = 860µH*	(with maximum cable length)
Ci = 1.16µF	Li = 50µH	(without cable)

\*Figures for 1km cable where: Ci = 200pF/m & Li = 810nH/m  
The sensor is certified to be used with up to **1000m** of cable, cable characteristics must not exceed:-  
Capacitance: ≤ 200 pF/m or max. total of: 200 nF  
Inductance: ≤ 810 nH/m or max. total of: 810 µH  
Approval only applies to specified ambient temperature range and atmospheric conditions in the range: 0.80 to 1.10 Bar, oxygen ≤ 21%.

The performance of the sensor may be affected by voltage drops associated with long cable lengths; For cable lengths exceeding 10 metres a five wire connection is recommended to eliminate errors introduced by cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients.

**Warning -** The M12 IEC connector may be rotated for purposes of convenient orientation of the connector and cable, however rotating the connector more than one complete revolution is not recommended. **Repeated rotation of the connector will damage the internal wiring!**

MECHANICAL MOUNTING

Flange mounted or servo mount, with appropriate clips - see drawing M502-11. The sensor should be mounted with minimal axial and radial loading on the shaft for optimum life. It is recommended that the shaft is coupled to the drive using a flexible coupling, recommended maximum axial load 1kg. Tests indicate that life in excess of 16 million cycles can be achieved with 1kg side and end load.

INCORRECT CONNECTION PROTECTION LEVELS

A	<b>Not protected</b> – the sensor is <b>not</b> protected against either reverse polarity or over-voltage. The risk of damage should be minimal where the supply current is limited to less than 50mA.
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SPECIAL CONDITION FOR SAFE USE

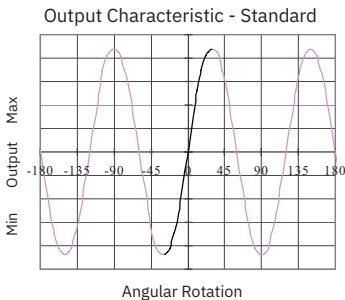
The apparatus does not meet the 500 V r.m.s dielectric strength test between circuit and frame, in accordance with clause 6.3.13 of IEC 60079- 11:2011. This must be taken into consideration on installation.

When using a Sensor that has an integral cable in a dust application, the free end of the cable shall be appropriately terminated for the zone of use. Under certain extreme circumstances, the non-metallic and isolated metal parts incorporated in the enclosure of this equipment may generate an ignition-capable level of electrostatic charge. Therefore the equipment shall not be installed in a location where the external conditions are conducive to the build-up of electrostatic charge on such surfaces. This is particularly important if the equipment is installed in a zone 0 location. In addition, the equipment shall only be cleaned with a damp cloth.

- Use:** The sensor is designed to measure linear displacement and provide an analogue output signal.
- Assembly and Dismantling:** The unit is not to be serviced or dismantled and re-assembled by the user.
- Maintenance:** No maintenance is required.

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTIC

The sensor has full rotational freedom and six sectors, 60° apart, over which linear response can be achieved. At the mid point of the calibrated range the output signal will be half full scale deflection, and the flat on the shaft is aligned with the registration mark in the base of the sensor. In the calibrated range the output increases as the shaft is rotated in an anti-clockwise direction viewed from the shaft. The calibrated output is factory set to be between 5° and 15°.



For certificate number and safety parameters information for product marked EX07, see previous page.

ATEX Qualified to Intrinsic Safety Standard Certificate numbers SIRA 00ATEX2076X			EX I/II M1/1GD EEx ia I/IIC T4 (Ta = -40°C to +80°C) Ex ia D 20 T135°C (Ta = -40°C to +80°C)
Electronics Version	Output Description	Supply Voltage: V <sub>s</sub> (tolerance)	Load resistance
EX04	0.5 - 4.5V (ratiometric with supply) [Output code 'A']	+5V (4.5 - 5.5V)	5kΩ min

The barrier parameters must not exceed:-

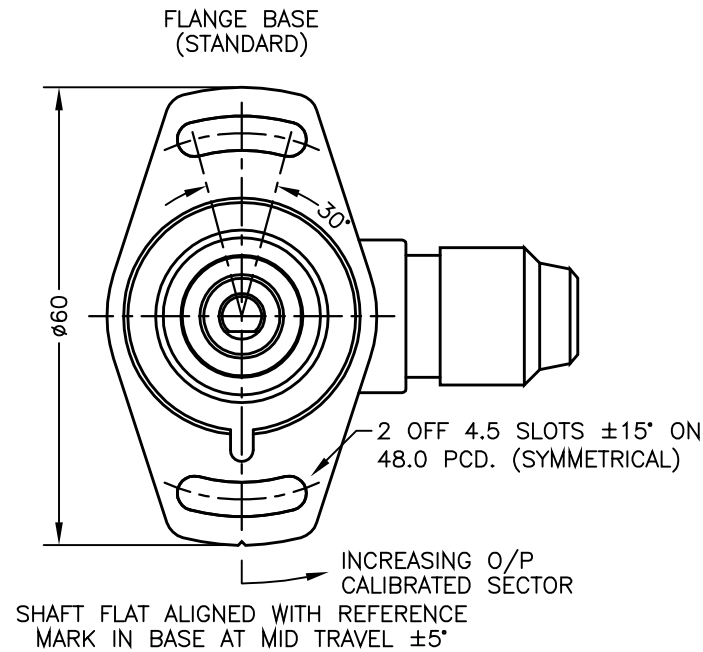
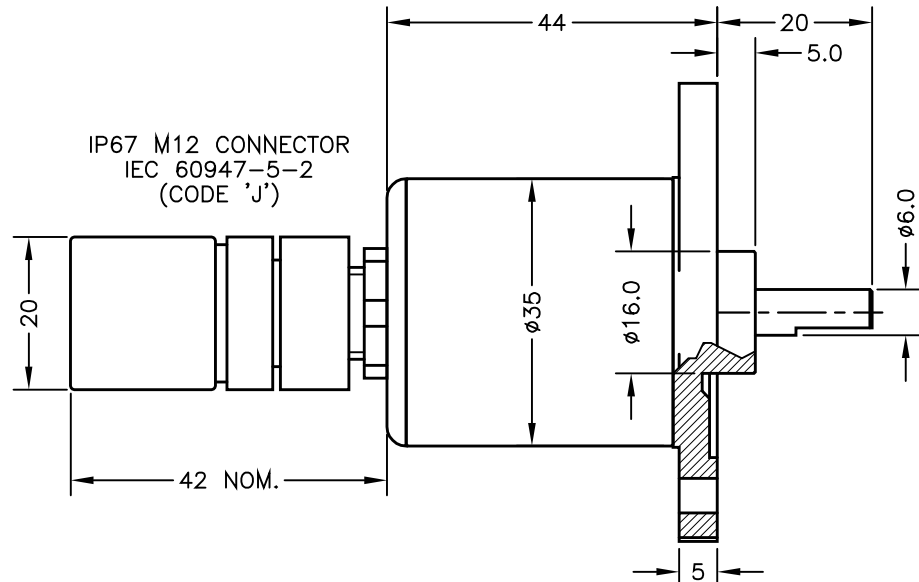
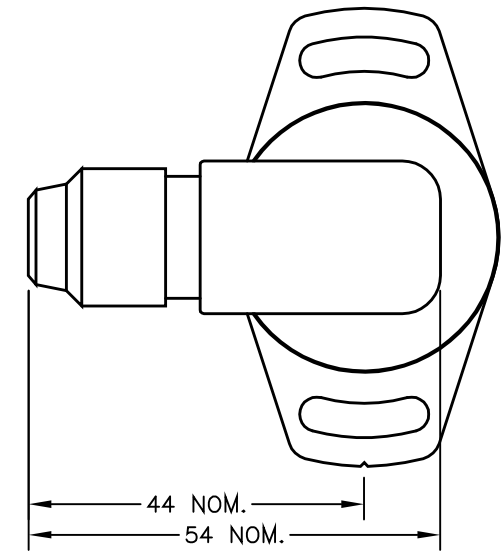
Ui = 11.4V	Ii = 0.20A	Pi = 0.51W
Ci = 1.36µF*	Li = 710µH* ('Lxx' option)	*Figures for 1km cable
Ci = 1.16µF	Li = 50µH ('J' option)	

The sensor is certified to be used with up to **1000m** of cable, cable characteristics must not exceed:-

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

Inductance: ≤ 660 nH/m or max. total of: 660 µH

With the exception of the certificate number and safety parameters above, all other notes regarding Putting Into Service, Use, Assembly and Dismantling etc. on previous page apply to sensors marked EX04 or EX07.



#### ELECTRICAL OPTIONS/ SPECIFICATIONS

OUTPUT SUPPLY  
0.5 TO 4.5V RATIOMETRIC 5V  
SUPPLY CURRENT 12mA TYP. 20mA MAX.

CABLE: 0.2mm<sup>2</sup>, 0/A SCREEN, PUR JACKET – SUPPLIED  
WITH 50cm OR REQUIRED LENGTH IN cm (15000cm MAX).  
STANDARD 3–CORE: JACKET Ø4mm BLACK e.g. 'L50'  
OPTIONAL 5–CORE: JACKET Ø4.6mm BLUE e.g. 'LQ50'

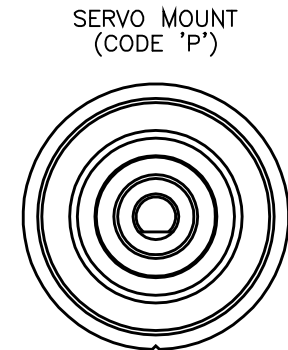
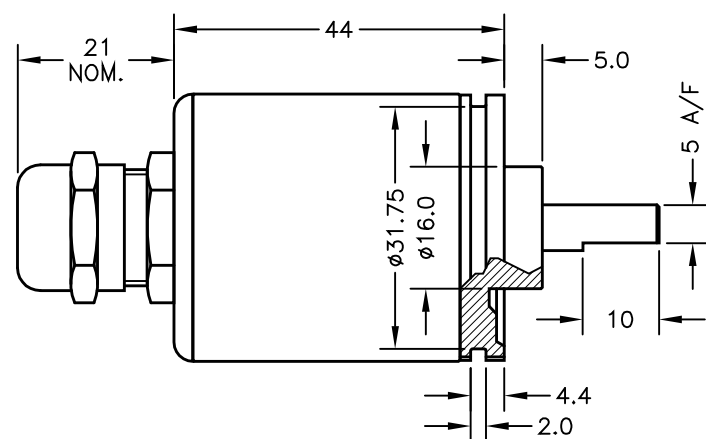
CABLE/CONNECTOR\* CONNECTIONS;  
3 CORE 5 CORE CONNECTOR  
RED RED :1 +Ve  
– ORG :1 +SENSE (5–WIRE ONLY)  
BLACK BLACK :3 0V  
– GRY :3 –SENSE (5–WIRE ONLY)  
WHITE WHITE :2 OUTPUT  
SCREEN SCREEN :4 BODY

\*CONNECTORS; MAXIMUM CONDUCTOR CROSS SECTION 0.75mm<sup>2</sup>  
RANGE OF DISPLACEMENT FROM 0–5° TO 0–15° e.g.12°,  
IN INCREMENTS OF 1°.

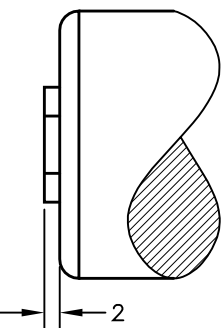
BODY MATERIAL:– STAINLESS STEEL.  
FLANGE BASE MATERIAL:– STAINLESS STEEL.  
SERVO MOUNT MATERIAL:– STAINLESS STEEL.

FURTHER OPTIONS:  
SPRING RETURN (CODE 'N') AVAILABLE UP TO ±50°  
CALIBRATED OUTPUT, PHYSICAL STOPS ±55°  
NOTE STANDARD DEVICE HAS NO STOPS.

IP67 CABLE GLAND  
(CODE 'Lxx'/'LQxx')



IP67 SHORT CABLE GLAND  
– AXIAL (CODE 'Mxx'/'MQxx')



NOTE:– READ INSTALLATION SHEET M502–19  
FOR FULL INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE.

ATEX / IECEx APPROVED TO  
Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta= -40° to +80°C)  
Ex ia IIIC T135°C Da (Ta= -40° to +80°C)  
Ex ia I Ma (Ta= -40° to +80°C)  
Ui 11.4V, li 0.2A, Pi 0.51W

APPROVED FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH A GALVANICALLY ISOLATED BARRIER.

NOTE: APPROVAL ONLY APPLIES AT NORMAL  
ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE!

C	li 0.2A WAS 0.46A - RAN266	PDM
D	ADDITIONAL DIMS/VIEWS ADDED.	PDM
E	DISP. 5 TO 15° WAS 5 TO 20° RAN442	PDM
F	APPROVAL STANDARDS UPDATED - RAN465.	PDM
G	5-CORE OPTION ADDED ~ RAN1102	PDM
H	OPTION 'M' ADDED ~ RAN1166, RANGE NOTE AMENDED ~ RAN1200	PDM



DRAWINGS NOT TO BE CHANGED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE CHANGE PROCEDURE.  
CHANGES TO PARTS USED IN INTRINSICALLY SAFE PRODUCT MUST BE APPROVED  
BY THE AUTHORISED PERSON  
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C	21/04/10		CHECKED BY	X ±0.4
D	06/07/11		RDS	X.X ±0.2
E	07/11/13			X.XX ±0.1
F	11/03/14			DIMS mm
G	26/04/17	DESCRIPTION	M502 INTRINSICALLY SAFE	
H	11/09/17	SMALL ANGLE ROTARY SENSOR	REVISION	
SCALE 10mm		DRAWING NUMBER	M502-11	REV H
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