

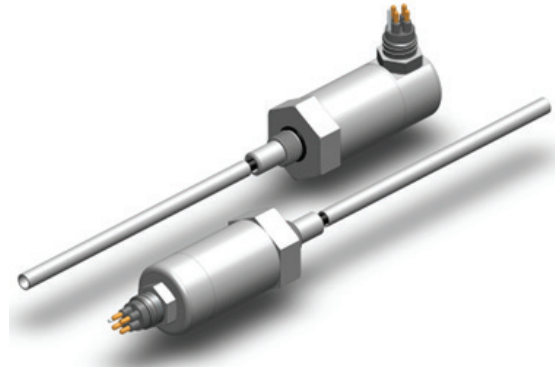


mm

S120

APPLICATION

- Non-contacting inductive technology to eliminate wear
- Travel set to customer's requirement
- Compact and self-contained
- High durability and reliability
- High accuracy and stability
- Sealing to IP68 350 Bar



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 S120 is an affordable, durable, high-accuracy position sensor designed for arduous underwater hydraulic or pneumatic cylinder position feedback applications where service life, environmental resistance and cost are important.

It is particularly suitable for OEMs seeking good sensor performance for arduous applications such as industrial machinery. Overall performance, repeatability and stability are outstanding over a wide temperature range. The unit is highly compact and space-efficient, being responsive along almost its entire length. Like all Althen sensors it provides a linear output proportional to travel. Each unit is supplied with the output calibrated to the travel required by the customer, any stroke from 0-5mm to 0-800mm and with full EMC protection built in.

The sensor is very rugged, being made of stainless steel with an inert fluoropolymer-sheathed probe with a stainless steel target tube. The sensor is easy to install in cylinders and has a wide range of mechanical and electrical options. Environmental sealing is to IP68 350 Bar. The maximum system pressure is limited to 350 Bar (Water pressure plus hydraulic pressure).

SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions¹	
Body diameter	40 mm
Body Length (to seal face)	80.3 mm (axial), 88.8 mm (radial)
Probe Length (from seal face)	calibrated travel + 58 mm
Target Tube Length	calibrated travel + 30 mm, Ø9.45 mm
Independent Linearity	$\leq \pm 0.25\%$ FSO @ 20°C - up to 450 mm $\leq \pm 0.5\%$ FSO @ 20°C - over 450 mm
Temperature Coefficients	$< \pm 0.01\%/^{\circ}\text{C}$ Gain & $< \pm 0.01\%$ FS/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ Offset
Frequency Response	> 10 kHz (-3dB) > 300 Hz (-3dB) 2 wire 4 to 20 mA
Resolution	Infinite
Noise	$< 0.02\%$ FSO
Environmental Temperature Limits	
Operating	-4°C to +50°C
Storage	-4°C to +50°C
Sealing	IP68 350 Bar
Hydraulic Pressure	350Bar Absolute Limit of 350 Bar for water pressure + hydraulic pressure
EMC Performance	EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-3
Vibration	IEC 68-2-6: 10 g
Shock	IEC 68-2-29: 40 g

SPECIFICATIONS (CONTINUED)

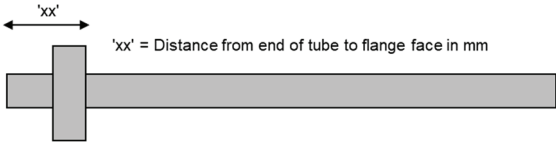
MTBF	350,000 hrs 40°C Gf
Drawing List ² S120-11 P100-12 P100-15 TG24-11	Sensor Outline Typical Target Installation details Mounting Thread details Optional Target Tube Flange details
¹ For full mechanical details see drawings S120-11 ² 3D models, step or .igs format, available on request	

HOW ALTHEN'S TECHNOLOGY ELIMINATES WEAR FOR LONGER LIFE

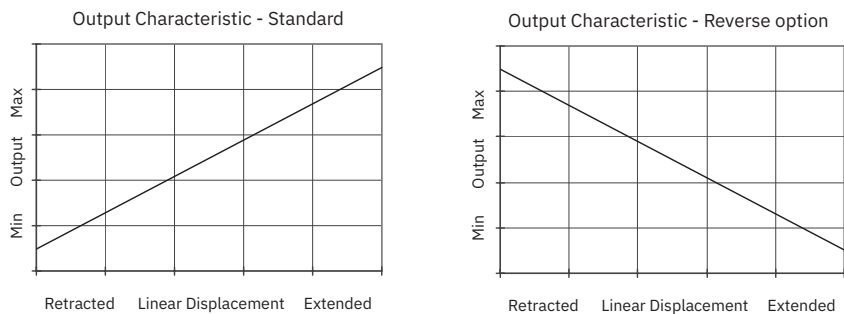
Althen's Inductive technology is a major advance in displacement sensor design. Our displacement transducers have the simplicity of a potentiometer with the life of an LVDT/RVDT. Our technology combines the best in fundamental inductive principles with advanced micro-electronic integrated circuit technology. An Althen sensor, based on simple inductive coils using Althen's ASIC control technology, directly measures absolute position giving a DC analogue output signal. Because there is no contact between moving electrical components, reliability is high and wear is eliminated for an exceptionally long life. It also overcomes the drawbacks of LVDT technology – bulky coils, poor length-to-stroke ratio and the need for special magnetic materials, no requirement for separate signal conditioning. We also offer a range of ATEX-qualified intrinsically-safe sensors.

S120	a	b	c	d	e	f
	Displacement	Output	Connections	Option	Option	Z-code

a Displacement		Value
Factory set to any length from 0-5 mm to 0-800 mm (e.g. 0-254 mm)		254
b Output		
Supply V_{dc} (tolerance)	Output	Code
+5V (4.5 - 5.5V)	0.5 - 4.5V (ratiometric with supply)	A
±15V nom. (±9 - 28V)	±5V	B
+24V nom. (13 - 28V)	0.5 - 9.5V	C
±15V nom. (±13.5 - 28V)	±10V	D
+24V nom. (18 - 28V)	4 - 20mA (2 wire)	E
+24V nom. (13 - 28V)	4 - 20mA (3 wire Sink)	F
+24V nom. (9 - 28V)	0.5 - 4.5V	G
+24V nom. (13 - 28V)	4 - 20mA (3 wire Source)	H
Supply Current: 'A' 10mA nominal, 12mA max. 'B', 'D' & 'G' 12mA nominal, 15mA max. 'E' 26mA max. 'F' & 'H' 32mA nominal, 35mA max.		
c Connections		Code
Connector axial IP68 350 Bar Wet mate 4 pin MC BH-4-M		J50
Connector radial IP68 350 Bar Wet mate 4 pin MC BH-4-M		K50
Supplied with an over-moulded MC IL-4-F connector with 0.5 m, 4-core 20 AWG (0.5mm ²) EPDM cable assembly, and locking collar as standard.		
d Mounting Thread		Code
3/4 16 UNF	Hex. 30 mm A/F, Ø 30 mm seal face. Supplied with O-ring seal.	P
M18 x 1.5		T
See P100-15 Drawing for Mating Thread Details.		
e Target Tube Mounting Flange		Code
None		U
Penny & Giles HLP100		Vxx
Temposonics (M4 fixing)	Please specify flange position in mm. eg. W17.5 specifies a Tempo style flange fitted 17.5 mm from the front face	Wxx
Parker Hannifin		Xxx
See TG24-11 Drawing for Target Details.		
j Z-code (optional)		Code
Tighter Independent Linearity; ≤± xx% FSO @20°C ≤± 0.1% 0 - 10 mm min. to 0 - 450 mm ≤± 0.25% 0 - 451 mm to 0 - 600 mm ≤± 0.5% 0 - 601 mm to 0 - 800 mm max.		Z650



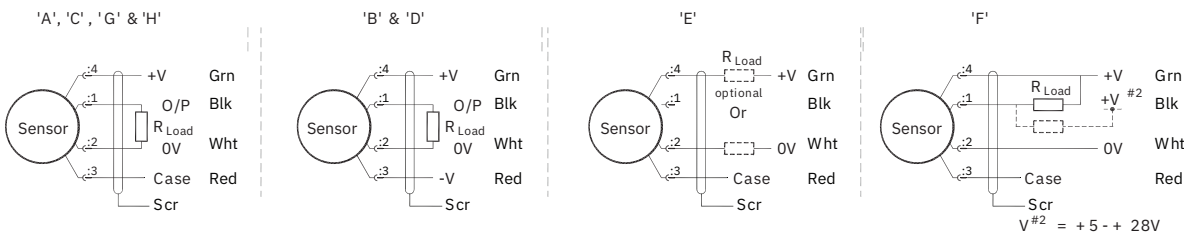
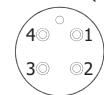
06.2025 | version 0001



INSTALLATION INFORMATION

Table with 4 columns: Output Option, Output Description, Supply Voltage: Vs (tolerance), and Load resistance: (include leads for 4 to 20mA O/Ps). It lists various output options (A-H) and their corresponding supply voltage and load resistance requirements.

Connector Pinout Layout:
MC BH 4 M (face view)



MECHANICAL MOUNTING

Via mounting thread, maximum tightening torque: 100Nm. See drawing P100-15, Installation Details Mounting Threads & Seals. An O ring seal is provided, size BS908 for 3/4 UNF thread or 14.3 x 2.4 for M18 thread. Install the target tube using the flange provided or fix directly into the piston rod using adhesive for instance, the end of the target tube can be proud or flush with the piston end face as required - see drawing P100-12.

N.b. cable free end must be appropriately terminated to prevent water ingress into the cable. See page 2 for connector handling instructions.

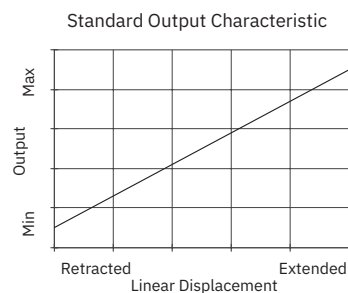
INCORRECT CONNECTION PROTECTION LEVELS

Table with 2 columns: Output Option and Protection Level. It details the protection levels for different output options, such as 'Not protected' for option A and 'Protected against any misconnection' for options E, F, and H.

06.2025 | version 0001

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTIC

Target position at start of normal travel is 36.0 mm from seal face. The output increases as the target is moved away from the sensor body, the calibrated stroke is between 5 mm and 800 mm.



CONNECTOR MATING INSTRUCTIONS

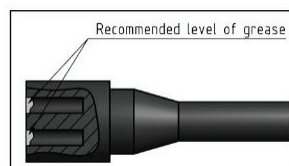
Handling

- Always apply grease mating
- Disconnect by pulling straight, not at an angle
- Do not pull on the cable and avoid sharp bends at cable entry
- When using bulkhead connector, ensure that there are no angular load
- Do not over-tighten the bulkhead nuts
- Connectors should not be exposed to extended periods of heat or direct sunlight. If a connector becomes very dry, it should be soaked in fresh water before use

Cleaning

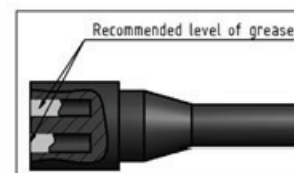
- General cleaning to remove any accumulated sand or mud on a connector should be performed using spray based contact cleaner (isopropyl alcohol)
- New grease must be applied again prior to mating

GREASING AND MATING ABOVE WATER (DRY MATE)



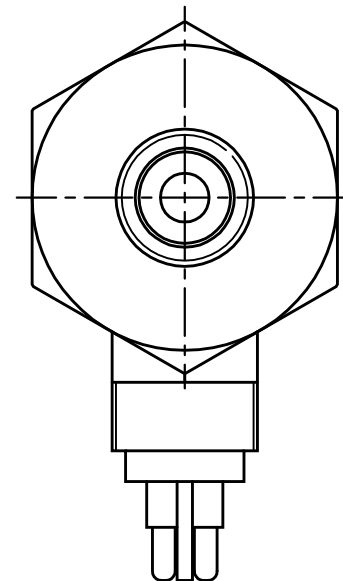
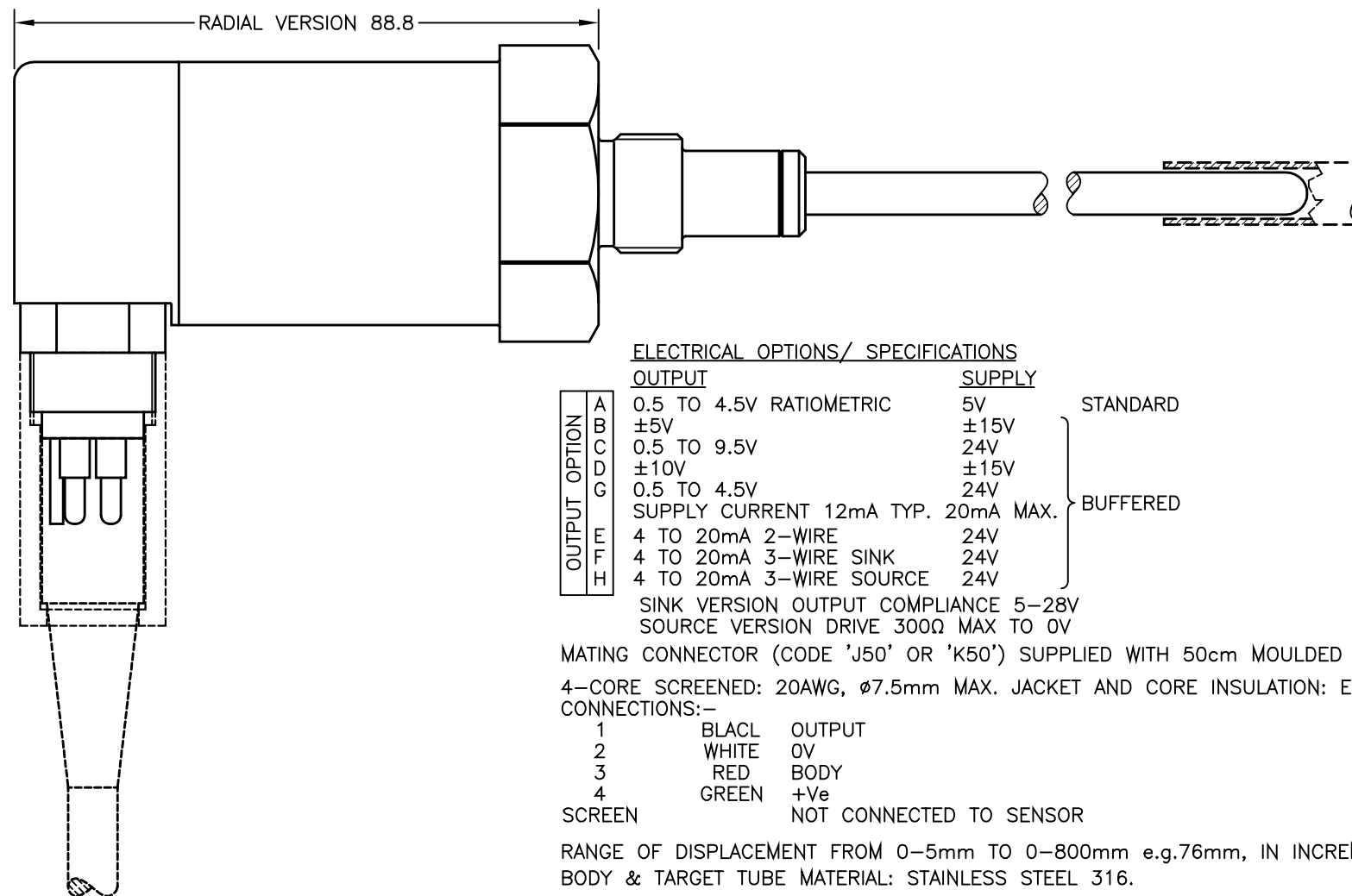
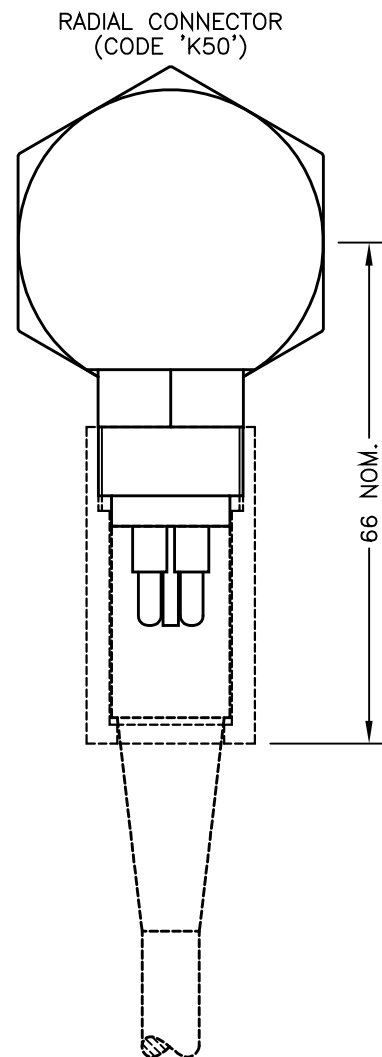
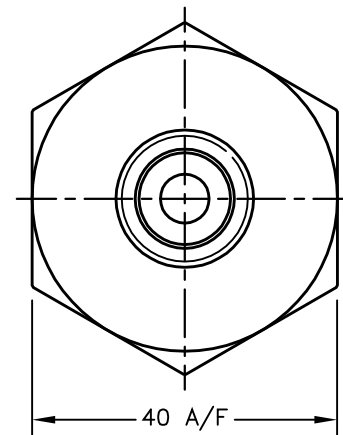
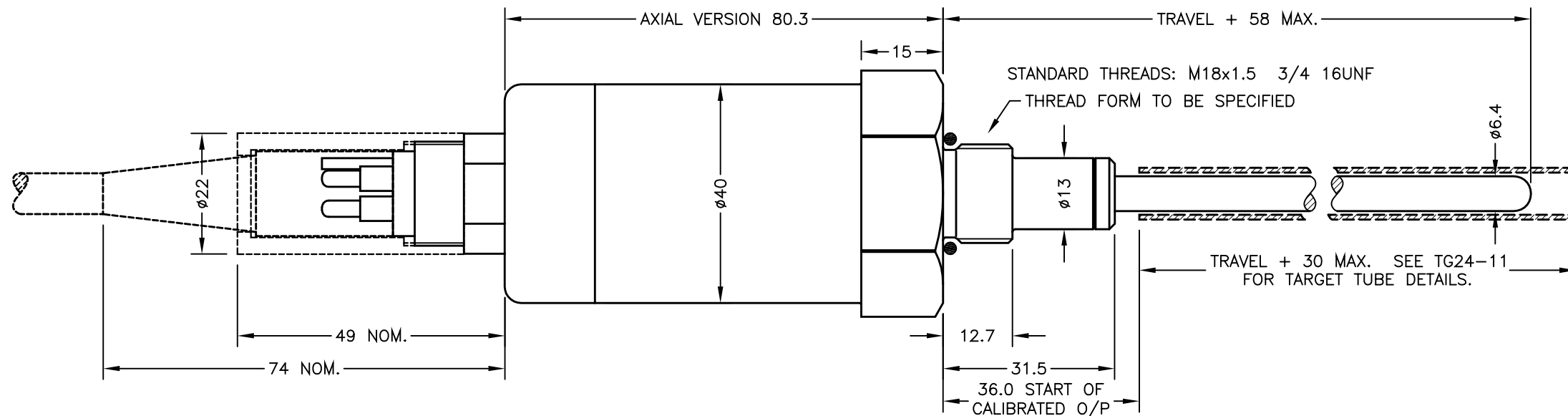
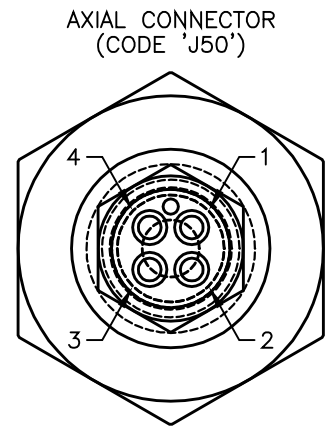
- Connectors must be greased with Molykote 44 Medium before every mating
- A layer of grease corresponding to approximately 1/10 of the socket depth should be applied to the female connector
- The inner edge of all the sockets should be completely covered, and a transparent layer of grease left visible on the face of the connector
- After greasing, fully mate the male and female connector in order to secure optimal distribution of grease on pins and in sockets
- To confirm that the grease has been sufficiently applied, de- mate and check for grease on every male pin. Then re-mate the connector

GREASING AND MATING ABOVE WATER (WET MATE)



- Connectors must be greased with Molykote 44 Medium before every mating
- A layer of grease corresponding to approximately 1/3 of the socket depth should be applied to the female connector
- All sockets should be completely sealed, and a transparent layer of grease left visible on the face of the connector
- After greasing, fully mate the male and female connector and remove any excess grease from the connector joint

CONNECTORS; MICRO MINI WETMATE, 4-POLE.
BULKHEAD; MCBH-4-MP-SS, STAINLESS STEEL/MOLDED NEOPRENE, SEALING; 340 BAR OPEN FACE, 600 BAR MATED.
IN-LINE; MCIL-4-FS, MOLDED NEOPRENE WITH CABLE. LOCKING SLEEVE; MCDLS-F, DELRIN.



ELECTRICAL OPTIONS/ SPECIFICATIONS

OUTPUT		SUPPLY	
OUTPUT OPTION A B C D E F G H	0.5 TO 4.5V RATIO METRIC	5V	STANDARD
	±5V	±15V	
	0.5 TO 9.5V	24V	
	±10V	±15V	BUFFERED
	0.5 TO 4.5V	24V	
	SUPPLY CURRENT 12mA TYP.	20mA MAX.	
	4 TO 20mA 2-WIRE	24V	
	4 TO 20mA 3-WIRE SINK	24V	
	4 TO 20mA 3-WIRE SOURCE	24V	
	SINK VERSION OUTPUT COMPLIANCE		5-28V
SOURCE VERSION DRIVE 300Ω MAX TO 0V			

MATING CONNECTOR (CODE 'J50' OR 'K50') SUPPLIED WITH 50cm MOULDED CABLE AS STANDARD.

4-CORE SCREENED: 20AWG, Ø7.5mm MAX. JACKET AND CORE INSULATION: EPDM.

CONNECTIONS:-

1	BLACK	OUTPUT
2	WHITE	0V
3	RED	BODY
4	GREEN	+Ve

SCREEN NOT CONNECTED TO SENSOR

RANGE OF DISPLACEMENT FROM 0-5mm TO 0-800mm e.g.76mm, IN INCREMENTS OF 1mm.

BODY & TARGET TUBE MATERIAL: STAINLESS STEEL 316.

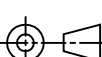

SEE P100-12 FOR DETAILS TYPICAL TARGET TUBE MOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS

MAXIMUM WORKING PRESSURE; HYDRAULIC / PNEUMATIC CYLINDER AND EXTERNAL WATER PRESSURE MUST NOT EXCEED 350 BAR.
WHERE THE FREE END OF THE CABLE IS TO BE TERMINATED IN A SUBMERGED POSITION, ADEQUATE SEALING MUST BE PROVIDED TO PROTECT CONNECTIONS.

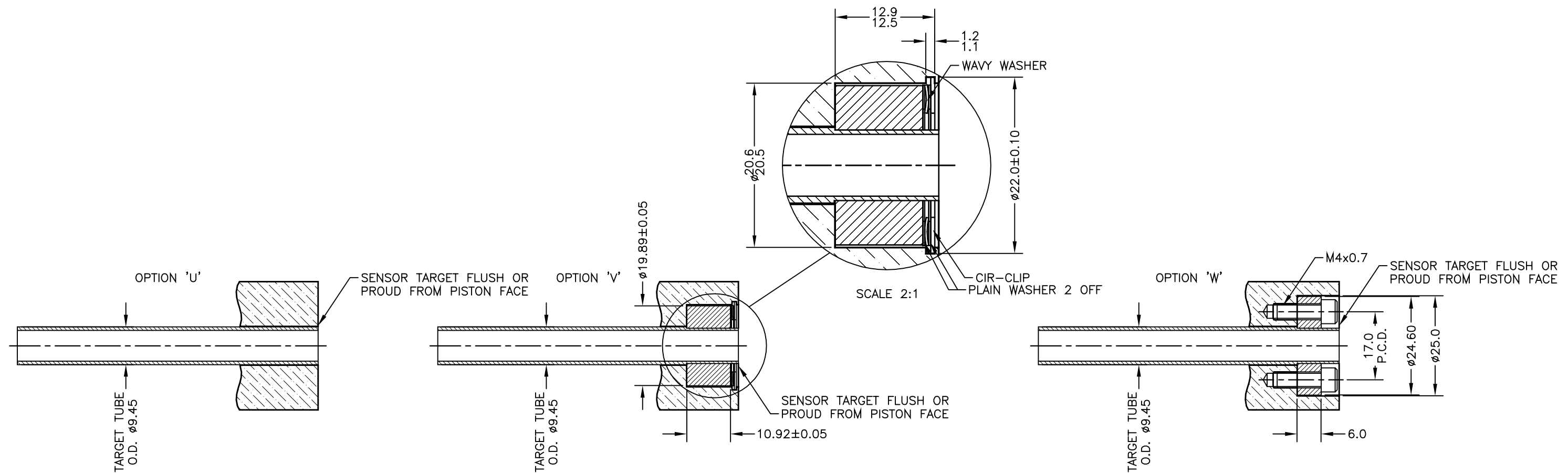
A	FIRST ISSUE ~ RAN1219	PDM



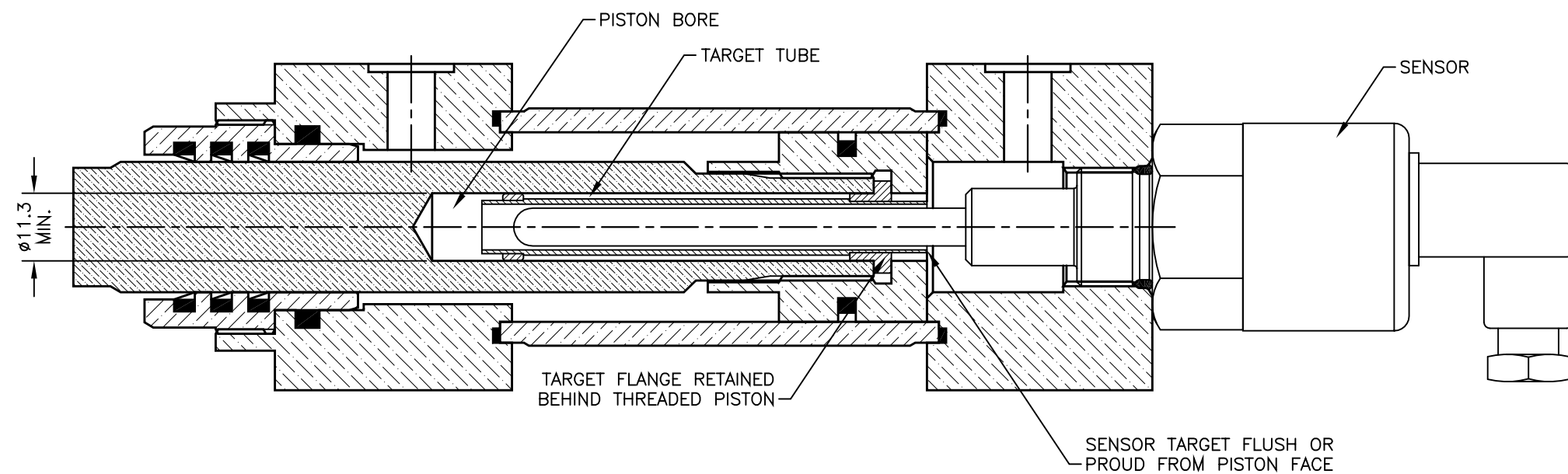
DRAWINGS NOT TO BE CHANGED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE CHANGE PROCEDURE.
CHANGES TO PARTS USED IN INTRINSICALLY SAFE PRODUCT MUST BE APPROVED
BY THE AUTHORISED PERSON
THIS IS AN UNCONTROLLED PRINT AND WILL NOT BE UPDATED.

A	23/11/17		CHECKED BY	X	±0.4
			RDS	X.X	±0.2
				X.XX	±0.1
				DIMS	mm
		DESCRIPTION			
		S120 350 BAR SUBMERSIBLE			
		LIPS CYLINDER LINEAR			
		POSITION SENSOR			
SCALE		DRAWING NUMBER		S120-11	REV
10mm					A
				SHEET	1 OF 1

SEE DRAWING TG24-11 FOR TARGET TUBE FLANGE OPTIONS 'V', 'W' & 'X'.





OPTION 'X'



A	FIRST ISSUE.	RDS
B	REDRAWN.	PDM
C	WORDING AMMENDED	RDS
D	TARGET NOTES AMENDED - RAN1349	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
THIS IS AN UNCONTROLLED PRINT AND WILL NOT BE UPDATED.

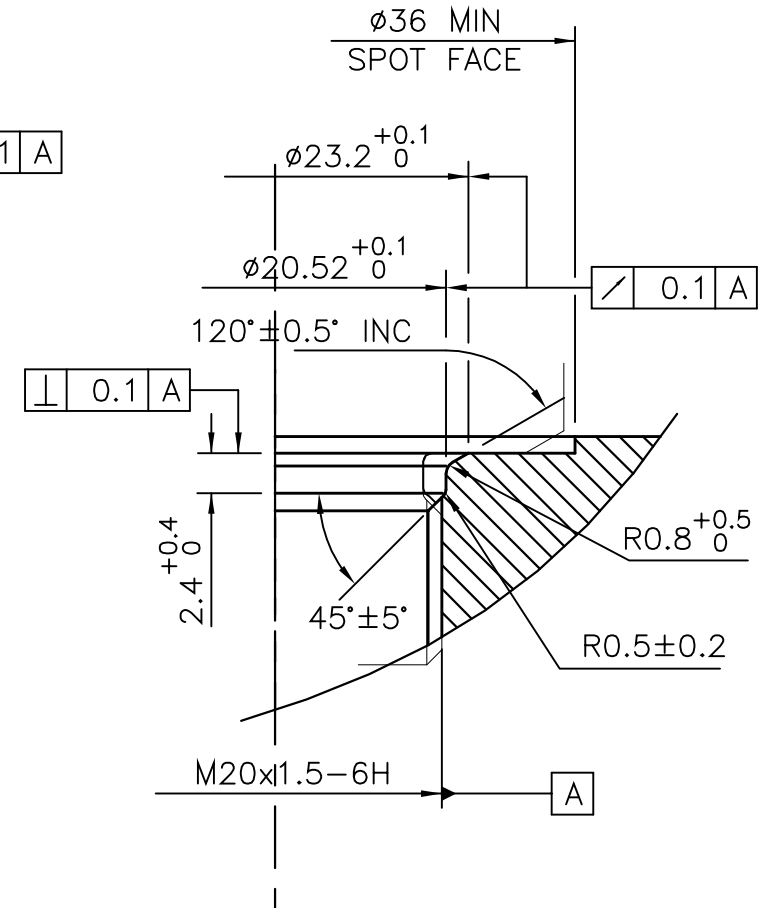
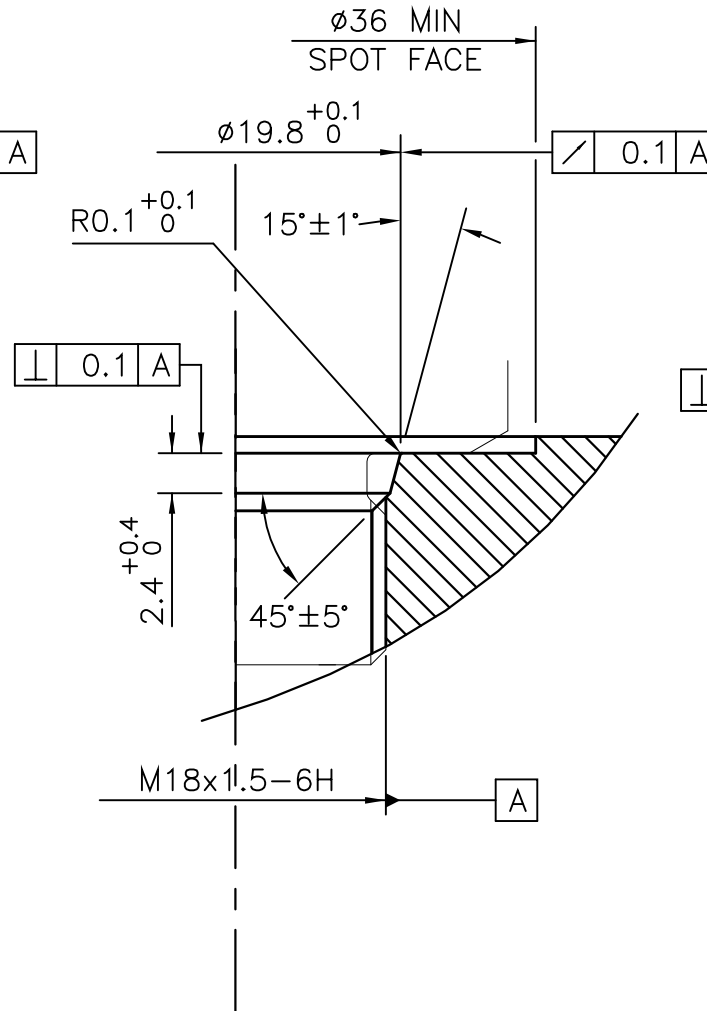
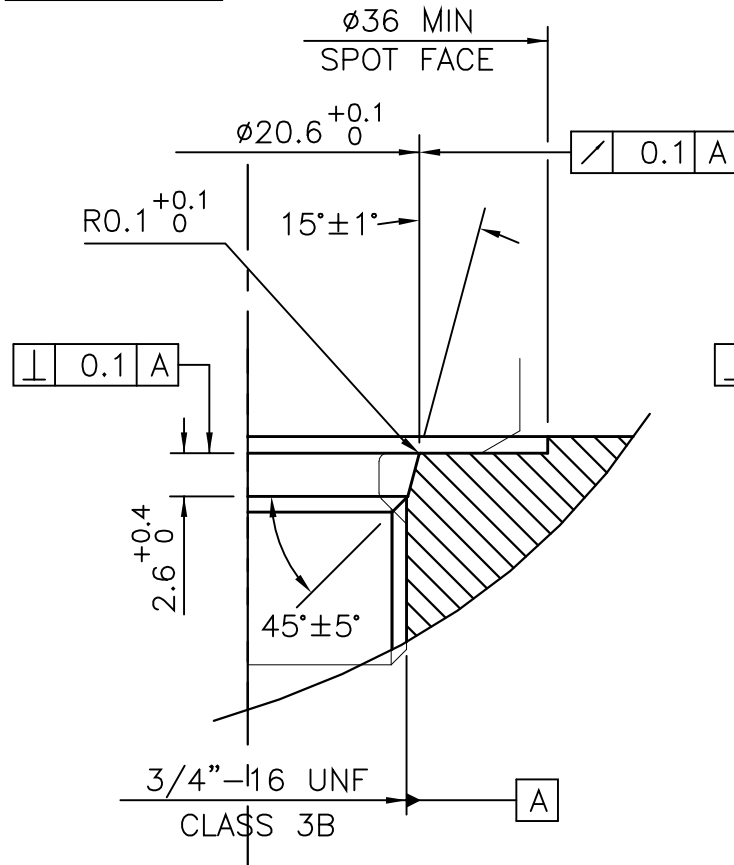
A	28/06/95		CHECKED BY	X	±0.4
B	04/10/11		RDM	X.X	±0.2
C	26/10/17			X.XX	±0.1
D	22/01/21			DiMS	mm
		DESCRIPTION			
		TYPICAL TARGET TUBE			
		FITTING OPTIONS			
SCALE 10mm 		DRAWING NUMBER P100-12			
		REV D			
		SHEET 1 OF 1			

CHECKED
AT REV.



A

RDS

DRAWING NOT TO BE CHANGED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE CHANGE PROCEEDURE.
CHANGES TO PARTS USED IN INTRINSICALLY SAFE PRODUCT MUST BE APPROVED
BY THE AUTHORISED PERSON
THIS IS AN UNCONTROLLED PRINT AND WILL NOT BE UPDATED



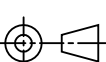

A	FIRST ISSUE	COH/DS
---	-------------	--------

A	29/01/95		MATERIAL SEE NOTE 1	X ± 0.4 X.X ± 0.2 X.XX ± 0.1 ALL DIMS mm
			DESCRIPTION INSTALLATION DETAILS MOUNTING THREADS & SEALS	
			SCALE 5mm 	DRAWING NUMBER P100-15 REV A
				SHEET 1 OF 1

3. SPECIFY DIMENSION 'x' (mm), NOT APPLICABLE CODE 'U' PLAIN TUBE.



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
 THIS IS AN UNCONTROLLED PRINT AND WILL NOT BE UPDATED.

E	16/10/06		CHECKED BY	X	±0.4
F	24/09/08			X.X	±0.2
G	13/11/08			X.XX	±0.1
				DIMS	mm
H	11/12/12	DESCRIPTION			
J	23/07/14	TARGET TUBE AND FLANGE			
K	30/11/16	OPTIONS (LIPS 100/106)			
L	08/11/22				
SCALE		DRAWING NUMBER	TG24-11	REV	L
5mm 					
		SHEET 1 OF 1			