



### Main characteristics

- Absolute transducer
- Strokes from 50 to 4000mm (RK-4-\_\_\_\_-N/E/S)
- Digital output RS422 Start/Stop (RK-4-\_\_\_\_-S)
- Direct analog output (RK-4-\_\_\_\_-N/K/E)
- Operating temperature: -30...+90°C
- Resistance to vibration (DIN IEC68T2/6 20g)
- Power supply 18Vdc...30Vdc
- Optional 12Vdc power supply (RK-4-\_\_\_\_-K)
- The digital version (RK-4-\_\_\_\_-S) allows the remote connection (max. 50 m) of optional electronics for use of advanced analog (EKA) or CANopen (EKC) interfaces

Contactless linear position transducer with magnetostrictive technology: the absence of electrical contact on the cursor eliminates problems of wear and consumption and guarantees almost unlimited life.

The reduced dead zones and the head's threaded shape and small size make the RK-4 series ideal for applications requiring the installation of the transducer partially inside the hydraulic cylinder as a simplified alternative compared to the models of the IK4 series. The overall dimensions of the sensor are among the smallest available on the market.

For the interface signal, you can choose between a start/stop interface (which allows the use of multiple cursors) and an analog interface that gives the displacement of a single cursor (available in the several ranges in Voltage or Current).

Excellent linearity, repeatability, resistance to mechanical vibrations and shocks complete the product's specifications overview.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Model	from 50 to 4000 mm (max. 1250 mm RK-4-____-K)
Measurement taken	Displacement
Position read sampling time (typical)	1 ms
Shock test DIN IEC68T2-27	100g, 11ms single shock
Vibrations DIN IEC68T2-6	20g, 10...2000Hz
Displacement speed	≤10 m/s
Max. acceleration	≤ 100 m/s <sup>2</sup> displacement
Resolution	Infinite, limited by noise (10µm)
Working pressure	350 bar (peak max 500 bar)

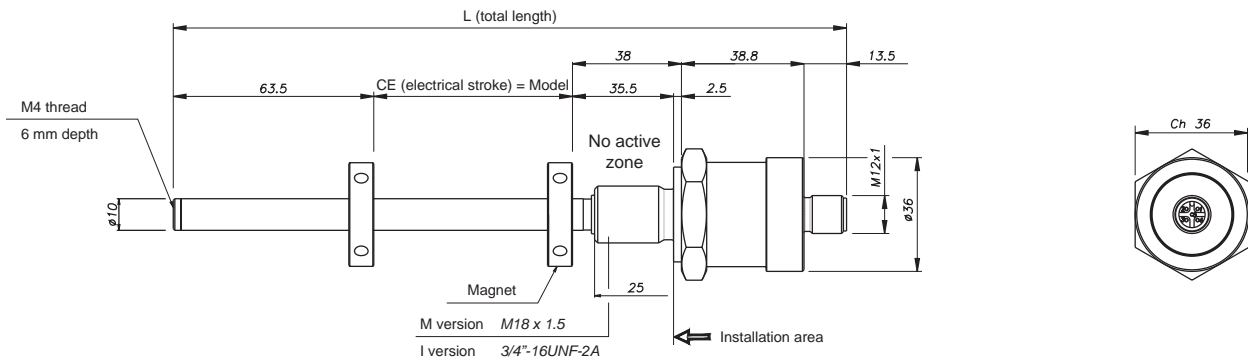
### ELECTRICAL DATA

Nominal power supply	18...30Vdc opt. 12Vdc (RK-4-____-K)
Max. power ripple	1Vpp
Output signal	Start/Stop (RK-4-____-S) 0.1...10.1Vdc (RK-4-____-N) 0.1...5.1Vdc (RK-4-____-K) 4...20mA (RK-4-____-E)
Max. analog output load	5KΩ
Output current consumption	max 40 mA (load on start/stop output: 300 Ω)
Electric isolation	100 Vdc
Protection against polarity inversion	Yes
Protection against overvoltage	Yes

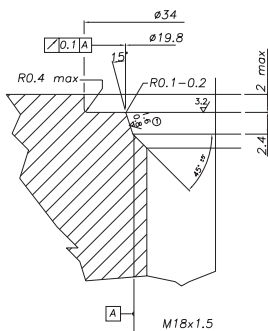
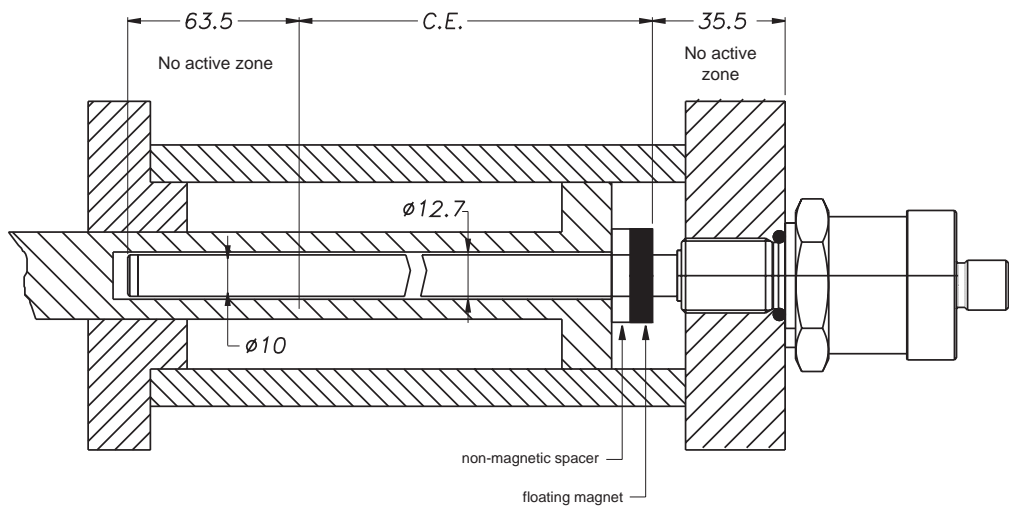
### ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Protection	IP 67
Operating temperature	-30°...+90°C for strokes ≤ 2500 mm and power supply ≤ 24 Vdc otherwise -30...+70°C
Storage temperature	-40°...+100°C
Coefficient temperature	0.005% FS / °C

## MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS

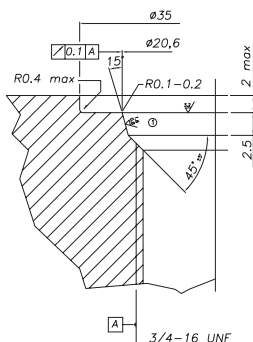
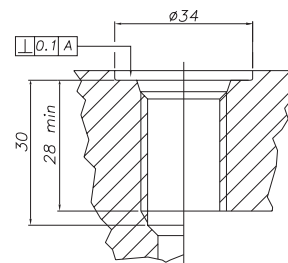


## MOUNTING INSIDE A CYLINDER



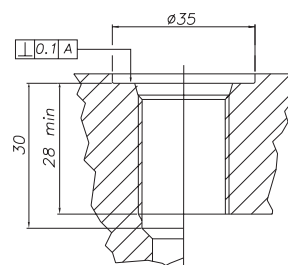
- THREAD M18x1,5**
- The seal surface must be free from winding or longitudinal scratches  
 Ro 1.6 $\mu$ m for seals with NON pulsating pressure  
 Ro 0.8 $\mu$ m for seals with pulsating pressure

Suggested O-Ring:  
 PARKER 6-349 15.4x2.1  
 Material: Viton 90° Shore-A  
 Mixes: PARKER N552-90



- THREAD 3/4"-16UNF**
- The seal surface must be free from winding or longitudinal scratches  
 Ro 1.6 $\mu$ m for seals with NON pulsating pressure  
 Ro 0.8 $\mu$ m for seals with pulsating pressure

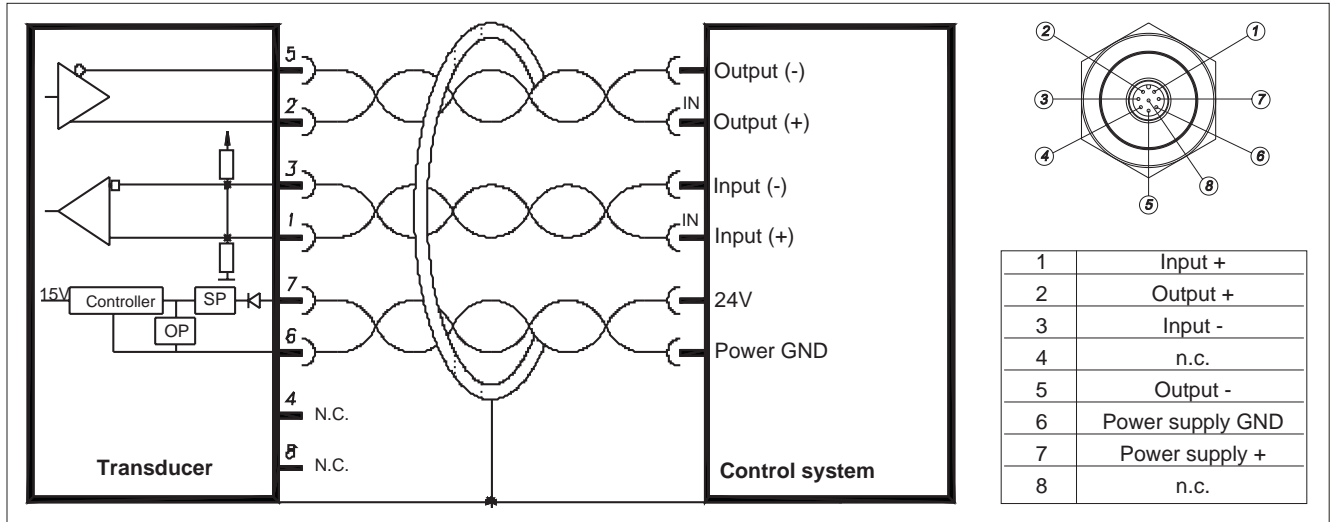
Suggested O-Ring:  
 PARKER 3-908 16.36x2.21  
 Material: Viton 90° Shore-A  
 Mixes: PARKER N552-90



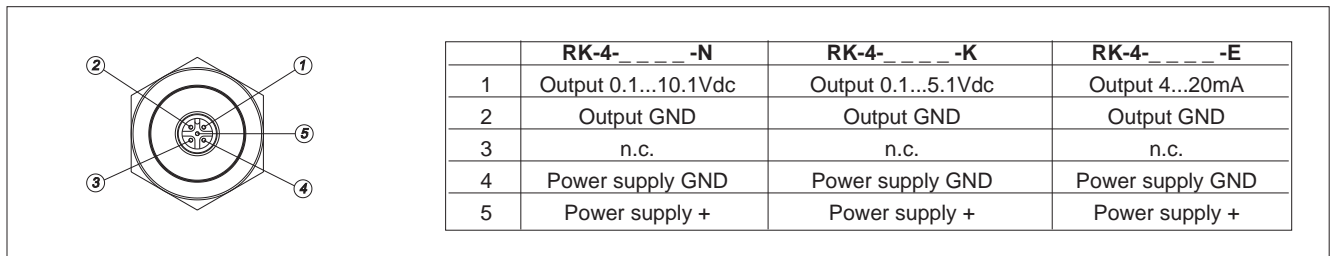
## ELECTRICAL / MECHANICAL DATA

Model		50	100	130	150	200	225	300	400	450	500	600	700	750	800	900	1000	1250	1500	1750	2000	2250	2500	2750	3000	3250	3500	3750	4000
Electrical stroke (C.E.)	mm	<b>Model</b>																											
Independent linearity		< ± 0.02% F.S. (Min. ± 0.060 mm)																											
Max. dimensions (L)	mm	<b>Model + 140.3</b> (excluding connector)																											
Repeatability	mm	< 0.01																											
Hysteresis		< ± 0.005% F.S.																											
Sampling time	msec	1 (1.5 for strokes from 1100 to 2000) (2 for strokes from ≥2000)																											

## ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS (RK- 4 - \_ \_ \_ \_ - S)



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## DIGITAL OUTPUT RK- 4 - \_ \_ \_ \_ - S

Series RK-4- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S magnetostrictive transducers supply digital outputs in START/STOP format with RS422 differential serial transmission.

The transducer requests an Initialisation pulse that launches sampling. The following pulses are transmitted on the outputs:

**Start:** the Initialisation pulse retransmitted

**Stop:** the pulse corresponding to the position of each magnet.

The time between the Start pulse and the subsequent Stop pulses is proportional to the position of each magnet according to the "Magnetostrictive wave propagation speed" constant, equal to about 2900 m/Ssec.

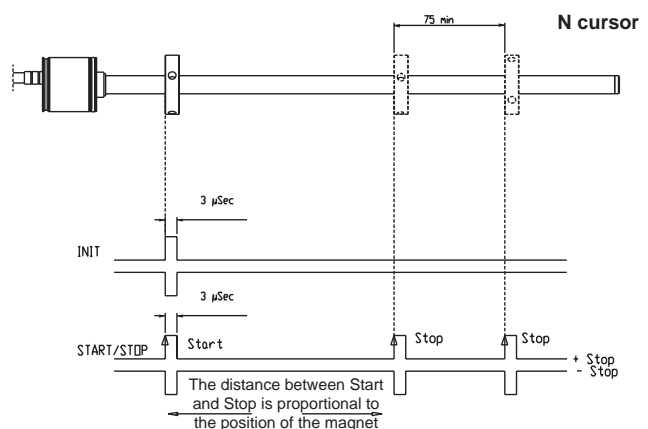
$$P = \text{Time} * 2900\text{m/Sec}$$

The correct propagation speed for each product is shown on the product label. Resolution in terms of metres is linked to the resolution used to measure time

- 1 µSec (1MHz) ==> 2.9 mm
- 10 nSec (100 MHz) ==> 0.029mm
- 1 nSec (1GHz) ==> 2.9 µm

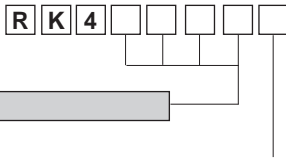
The measurement reference is the leading edge of the pulse.

Optimum width of the interrogation pulse is 3µSec, but the transducer works correctly for times from 1.5 to 5µSec



## ORDER CODE

Position transducer



Model

### Output

Start/Stop	Start/Stop interface	<b>S</b>
Analog	0.1...10.1Vdc interface (power supply 18...30Vdc)	<b>N</b>
Analog	0.1...5.1Vdc interface (power supply 12Vdc)	<b>K</b>
Analog	4...20mA interface (power supply 18...30Vdc)	<b>E</b>

0 0 0 0 X 0 0 0 X 0 0  0 X X

### Threading

M18 x 1.5 (standard)	<b>M</b>
3/4"-16UNF (option)	<b>I</b>

Mechanical and/or electrical characteristics differing from those in the standard version may be arranged on request.

## FLOATING CURSOR (to order separately)

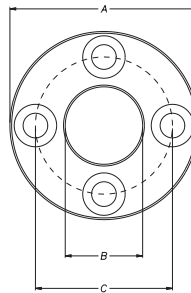


### Cursors

Cursor diameter 32.8	<b>022</b>
Cursor diameter 32.8 with 90° slit	<b>023</b>
Cursor diameter 25.4	<b>024</b>

Dimensions	A	B	C	Thickness
PCUR022	32.8	13.5	23.9	7.9
PCUR023				
PCUR024	25.4	13.5	-	

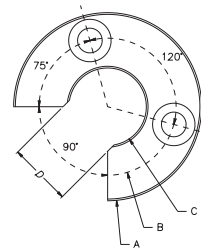
PCUR022



The **PCUR022** is supplied with:

N° 8 Brass nuts M4  
N° 8 Brass washers D4  
N° 4 Brass screws M4x25

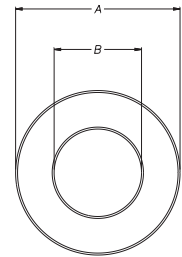
PCUR023



The **PCUR023** is supplied with:

N° 4 Brass nuts M4  
N° 4 Brass washers D4  
N° 2 Brass screws M4x25

PCUR024



## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES (to order separately)

### 5-pin cable code

Length "L"		CODE	
		Straight cable	Cable to 90°
2	mt	<b>CAV011</b>	<b>CAV021</b>
5	mt	<b>CAV012</b>	<b>CAV022</b>
10	mt	<b>CAV013</b>	<b>CAV023</b>
15	mt	<b>CAV015</b>	<b>CAV024</b>

### 8-pin cable code

Length "L"		CODE	
		Straight cable	Cable to 90°
2	mt	<b>CAV002</b>	<b>CAV005</b>
5	mt	<b>CAV003</b>	<b>CAV006</b>
10	mt	<b>CAV004</b>	<b>CAV007</b>
15	mt	<b>CAV009</b>	<b>CAV008</b>

## OPTIONAL REMOTE ELECTRONICS FOR RK-4- \_\_\_\_\_ -S



### Available in two versions

- With analog voltage or current output for displacement and speed measurement (model EKA)
- With CANopen DS-301 V4.01 Device Profile DS-406 V2.0 interface (model EKC)

### Main features

- Option for zero and full-scale adjustment over 100% of the stroke via "magnetic pen" (available on model EKA)
- Power range 10...30Vdc
- Connection to remote electronics via connector or screw terminal (PUR cable,  $\varnothing$  5 mm)
- MAX distance of remote electronics from sensor: 50 m

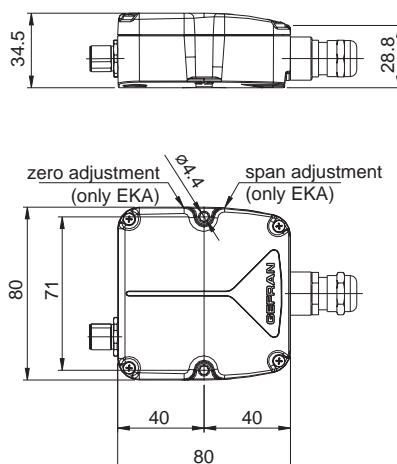
### TECHNICAL DATA (EKA)

Measurement taken	Displacement / Speed	
Speed range	0.1 ... 10 m/s	
Accuracy speed	< 2 % (in all F.S.)	
Speed calculation time	Sampling time + 500 $\mu$ sec	
Resolution	16 bit	
Output signal	0...10V (N,P,Y) 0...5V (K)	4...20mA (E,F,H) 0...20mA (B,C,D)
Nominal power supply	10...30Vdc	10...30Vdc
Max. power ripple	1Vpp	1Vpp
Current consumption	Depends on power supply voltage: max 70mA with power supply of 30Vdc * max 85mA with power supply of 24Vdc * max 110mA with power supply of 18Vdc ** max 200mA with power supply of 10Vdc **  * peak 0.2A at power ** peak 0.4A at power	
Output load	2 K $\Omega$	< 500 $\Omega$
Max. output ripple	< 5 mV pp	< 5 mV pp
Max. output value	10.6 V	25 mA
Electrical isolation	200 V	200 V
Protection against polarity inversion	YES	YES
Protection against overvoltage	YES	YES
Self-resetting internal fuse	YES	YES

### TECHNICAL DATA (EKC)

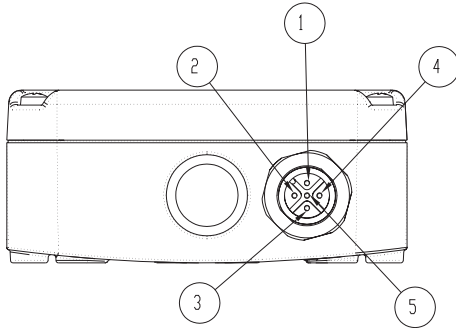
Measurement taken	Displacement / Speed	
Displacement resolution	5 $\mu$ m (2 $\mu$ m on request)	
Speed resolution	Up to 0.01 mm/sec	
Speed calculation time	Sampling time + 500 $\mu$ sec	
Output signal	CANopen digital communication	
Nominal power supply	10...30Vdc	
Max. power ripple	1V pp	
Current consumption	Depends on power supply voltage: max 70mA with power supply of 30Vdc * max 85mA with power supply of 24Vdc * max 110mA with power supply of 18Vdc ** max 200mA with power supply of 10Vdc **  * peak 0.2A at power ** peak 0.4A at power	
Electrical isolation	200V	
Protection against polarity inversion	YES	
Protection against overvoltage	Varistors on power supply line	
Overcurrent protection	PTC (internal self-resetting fuse on power supply line)	

### MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS

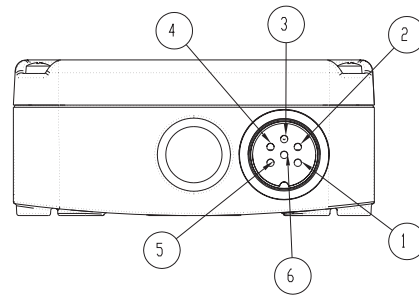


## ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

RK- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S-EKA- \_ -M- \_ \_  
 RK- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S-EKC- \_ -M- \_ \_



RK- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S-EKA- \_ -B- \_ \_  
 RK- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S-EKC- \_ -B- \_ \_



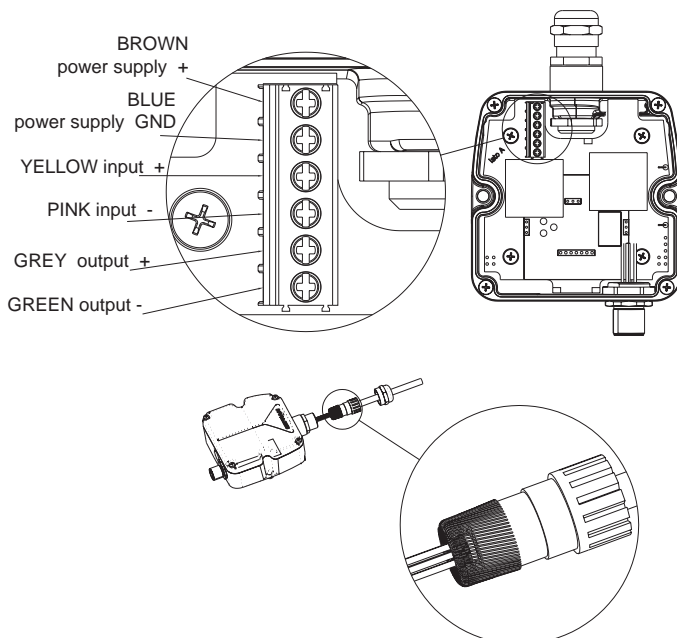
Function	EKA- _-M- _- M12 5-pin	EKA- _-B- _- M16 6-pin DIN 45322	Optional cable for M12
<b>Output 1 (displacement)</b> 0...10V 0...5V 4...20mA 0...20mA	1	1	Brown
<b>GND shift 1</b> (0V)	2	2	White
<b>Output 2</b> (reverse displacement, or second cursor or speed, depending on the model) 0...10V 0...5V 4...20mA 0...20mA	3	3	Blue
<b>GND shift 1/2</b> (0V)	2	4	White
<b>Power supply +</b>	5	5	Grey
<b>Power supply -</b>	4	6	Black

Function	EKC- _-M- _- M12 5-pin	EKC- _-B- _- M16 6-pin DIN 45322	Optional cable for M12
CAN L	5	1	Grey
CAN H	4	2	Black
n.c.	1	3	Brown
n.c.	-	4	-
<b>Power supply +</b>	2	5	White
<b>Power supply -</b>	3	6	Blue

## INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN PRIMARY SENSOR AND REMOTE ELECTRONICS

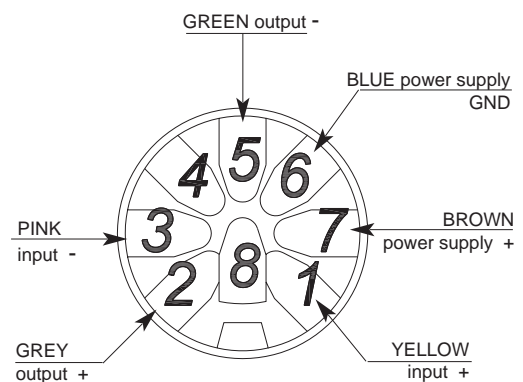
RK- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S-EKA- \_ \_ -R- \_ \_  
 RK- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S-EKC- \_ \_ -R- \_ \_

(interconnection with wire clamp and screw terminals)



RK- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S-EKA- \_ \_ -M- \_ \_  
 RK- \_ \_ \_ \_ -S-EKC- \_ \_ -M- \_ \_

(interconnection with M12 8-pin connector)



**Attention:**  
 do all wiring BEFORE powering the electronics  
 (i.e., with unit off).

## CALIBRATION WITH MAGNETIC PEN (option RK- \_ - \_ \_ \_ -S-EKA-D- \_ - \_ - \_)

The magnetic pen is needed to calibrate the useful stroke of the transducer in a manner other than as configured in the factory (default).

### • CALIBRATION OF ZERO POINT

when the magnet is at the required zero point, position the magnetic pen in the ZERO zone for a time between 0.5 and 10 seconds.

### • CALIBRATION OF FULL-SCALE POINT

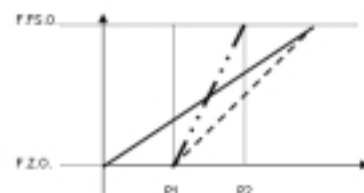
when the magnet is at the required full-scale point, position the magnetic pen in the FS zone for a time between 0.5 and 10 seconds.

### • SAVING THE NEW CALIBRATION

position the magnetic pen in the ZERO or FS zone for a time between 10 and 60 seconds. The programmed configuration will be saved and active at the next power-up.

### • RESTORING FACTORY DEFAULT CALIBRATION

position the magnetic pen in the ZERO or FS zone for more than 60 seconds. This will restore the original factory calibration in the internal EEPROM.



- Factory
  - - - Zero button with Magnet in P1
  - . - FS button with magnet in P2
- F.Z.O: 0V, 4mA, 0mA, -10V, -5V
- F.F.S.O: 10V, 20mA, 0mA, +10V, +5V

## ORDER CODE (RK-4 with EKA analog remote electronics)

**Position transducer** R K 4 [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] S - E K A [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] 0 0 0 0 X [ ] [ ] [ ] 0 0 [ ] 0 X X

Model	
Analog output	A
Analog output with zero and span setting	D

Output connector type	
M12, 5-pin connector output	M
DIN 45322 6-pin connector output	B

Type of connection to the primary sensor	
Internal screw terminal	R
M12, 8-pin connector	M

Output		
0...10Vdc	1 Cursor, double output position (standard)	N
0...10Vdc	1 Cursor, position and speed	P
0...10Vdc	2 Cursors	Y
4...20mA	1 Cursor, double output position	E
4...20mA	1 Cursor, position and speed	F
4...20mA	2 Cursors	H

Available on request		
0...20mA	1 Cursor, double output position	B
0...20mA	1 Cursor, position and speed	C
0...20mA	2 Cursors	D
0...+5Vdc	1 Cursor, double output position	K

Output of speed	
Only for analogic output option C, F, P	
Max. measurable speed: 0.1 ÷ 10.0 m/s	
00.0	Function not required

Power supply	
S	10...30V (standard)

Threading	
M	M18 x 1.5 (standard)
I	3/4"-16UNF (option)

Mechanical and/or electrical characteristics differing from those in the standard version may be arranged on request.

# ORDER CODE (RK-4 with EKC CANopen remote electronics)

Position transducer **R K 4**     **S - E K C A**     **0 0 0 0**     **0 0**   **0 X X**

**Model**

**Output connector type**

M12, 5-pin connector output	<b>M</b>
DIN 45322 6-pin connector output	<b>B</b>

**Type of connection to the primary sensor**

Internal screw terminal	<b>R</b>
M12, 8-pin connector	<b>M</b>

Type (see table 1)

Transmission speed (see table 2)

**Table 1**

Type	N. cursors	PD01	PD02	PD03	PD04
A	1	Displacement Speed Cams	No data	No data	No data
B	2	Displacement 1 Speed 1 Cams 1	Displacement 2 Speed 2 Cams 2	No data	No data

Displacement = 4 Byte - Speed = 2 Byte - Cams = 1 Byte

**Tabella 2 - velocità di trasmissione**

1 = 1 Mbaud	6 = 100 kBaud
2 = 800 kBaud	7 = 50 kBaud
3 = 500 kBaud	8 = 20 kBaud
4 = 250 kBaud	9 = 10 kBaud
5 = 125 kBaud	

**System resolution**

<b>1</b>	0.002 mm
<b>2</b>	0.005 mm (standard)
<b>3</b>	0.010 mm
<b>4</b>	0.020 mm
<b>5</b>	0.040 mm

**Programming node number**

<b>XXX</b>	Standard; node = 127
<b>nnn</b>	Node specified by customer

**Power supply**

<b>S</b>	10...30V (standard)
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**Threading**

<b>M</b>	M18 x 1.5 (standard)
<b>I</b>	3/4"-16UNF (option)

**Termination resistance**

<b>0</b>	Without resistance
<b>1</b>	Resistance 120Ω

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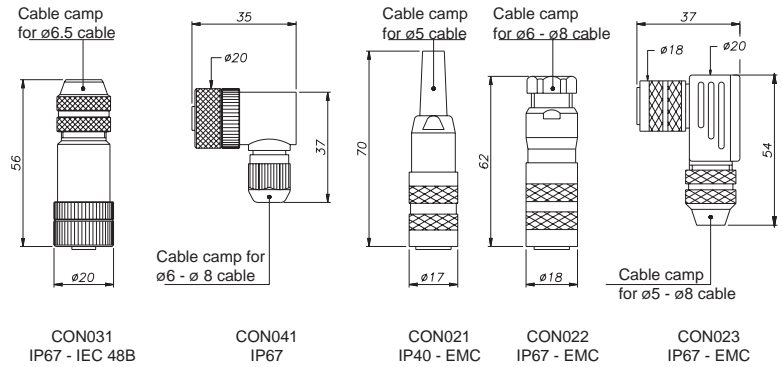
## OPTIONAL CONNECTORS FOR EKA and EKC OUTPUT

(to order separately)

For M outputs, M12 thread connector  
 (for RK- - - - -S-EKA- -M- - - )  
 (for RK- - - - -S-EKC- -M- - - )  
 Code: **CON031** 5-pin  
**CON041** 5-pin

For B outputs, M16 thread connector  
 (for RK- - - - -S-EKA- -B- - - )  
 (for RK- - - - -S-EKC- -B- - - )  
 Code: **CON021** 6-pin  
**CON022** 6-pin  
**CON023** 6-pin

Connector extraction length: 10mm



## OPTIONAL CABLES FOR EKA and EKC OUTPUT (to order separately)

Cable code (for RK- - - - -S-EKA- -M- - - ) (for RK- - - - -S-EKC- -M- - - )		CODE	
Length "L"		Straight cable	Cable to 90°
2	mt	<b>CAV011</b>	<b>CAV021</b>
5	mt	<b>CAV012</b>	<b>CAV022</b>
10	mt	<b>CAV013</b>	<b>CAV023</b>
15	mt	<b>CAV015</b>	<b>CAV024</b>

## OTHER ACCESSORIES FOR USE WITH EKA and EKC (to order separately)

M12, 8-pin axial male connector  
 for interconnection ..... **CON460**

Magnetic pen to calibrate  
 remote electronic (model EK-A-D) ..... **.PKIT312**

The EDS file can be downloaded from [www.gefran.com](http://www.gefran.com)

Sensors are manufactured in compliance with:  
 - EMC 2004/108/CE compatibility directive  
 - RoHS 2002/95/CE directive

Electrical installation requirements and Conformity certificate are available on our web site: [www.gefran.com](http://www.gefran.com)

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