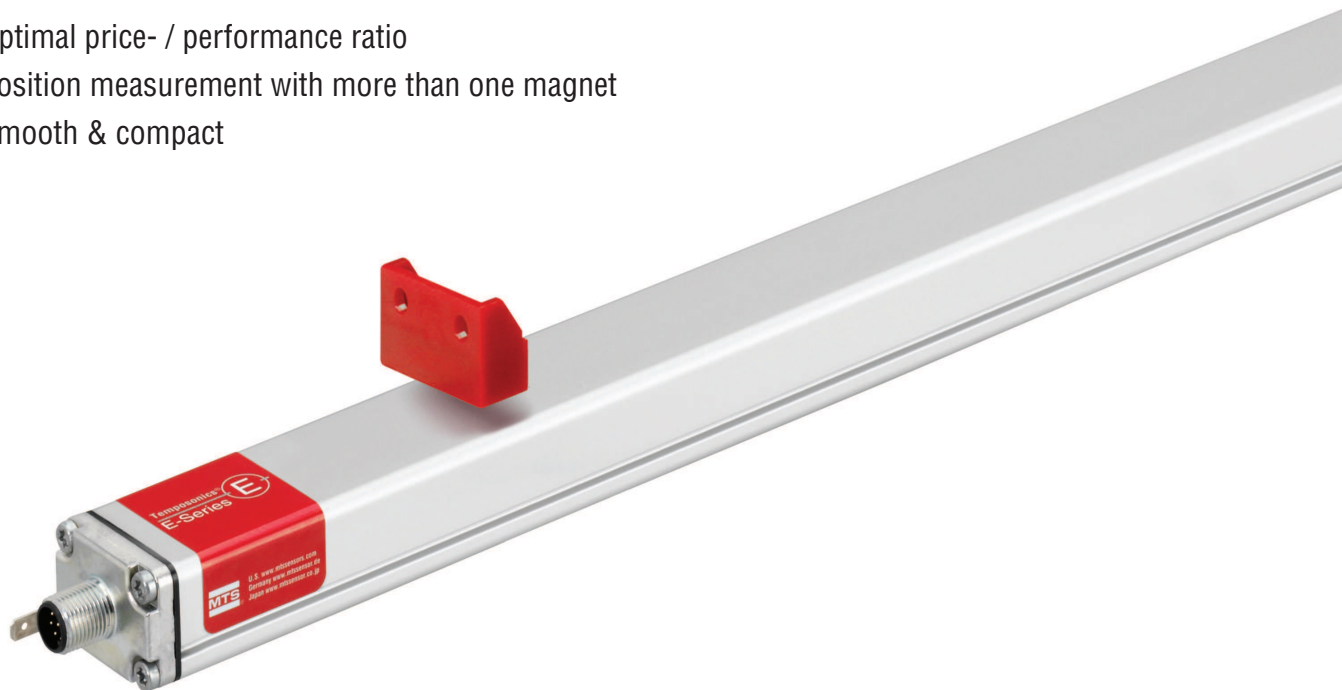**MTS** ®

SENSORS

Temposonics®

Magnetostrictive Linear Position Sensors

EP2 Start / Stop
Data Sheet

– Optimal price- / performance ratio
– Position measurement with more than one magnet
– Smooth & compact

MEASURING TECHNOLOGY

The absolute, linear position sensors provided by MTS Sensors rely on the company's proprietary Temposonics® magnetostrictive technology, which can determine position with a high level of precision and robustness. Each Temposonics® position sensor consists of a ferromagnetic waveguide, a position magnet, a strain pulse converter and supporting electronics. The magnet, connected to the object in motion in the application, generates a magnetic field at its location on the waveguide. A short current pulse is applied to the waveguide. This creates a momentary radial magnetic field and torsional strain on the waveguide. The momentary interaction of the magnetic fields releases a torsional strain pulse that propagates the length of the waveguide. When the ultrasonic wave reaches the end of the waveguide it is converted into an electrical signal. Since the speed of the ultrasonic wave in the waveguide is precisely known, the time required to receive the return signal can be converted into a linear position measurement with both high accuracy and repeatability.
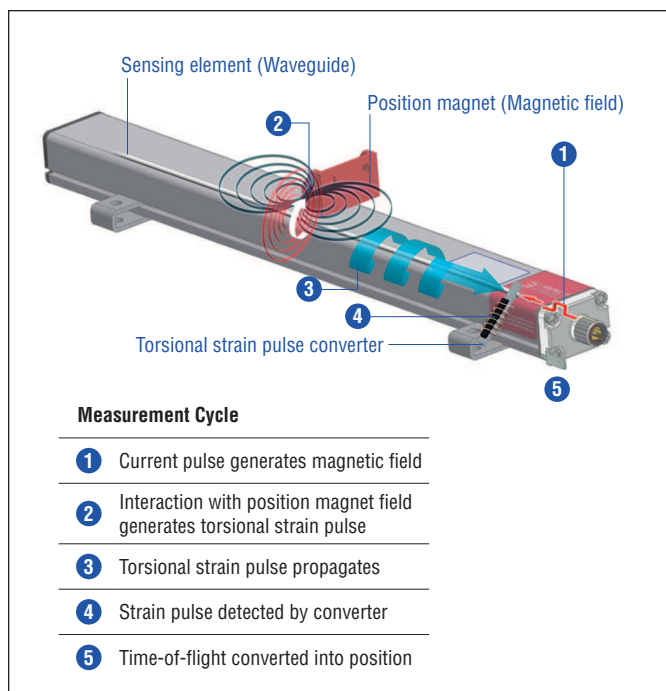

Measurement Cycle

1	Current pulse generates magnetic field
2	Interaction with position magnet field generates torsional strain pulse
3	Torsional strain pulse propagates
4	Strain pulse detected by converter
5	Time-of-flight converted into position

Fig. 1: Time-of-flight based magnetostrictive position sensing principle

EP2 SENSOR

Robust, non-contact and wear free, the Temposonics® linear position sensor provide high durability and precise position measurement feedback in harsh industrial environments. Measurement accuracy is tightly controlled by the quality of the waveguide manufactured exclusively by MTS Sensors.

The compact and smooth aluminum profile offers flexible mounting options and easy installation. Moreover, the position magnet can travel along the entire flat housing profile. The EP2 has an attractive price- / performance ratio and is ideal for industrial applications including plastics molding and processing, factory automation and packaging.

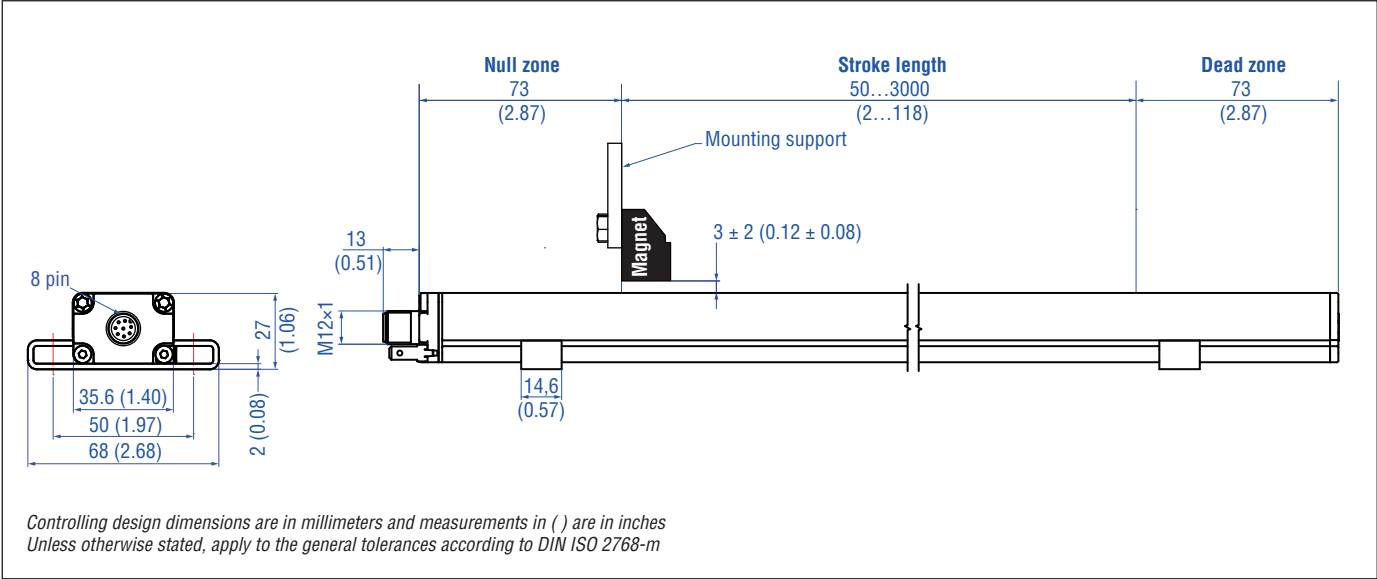*Fig. 2: Plastic granulate for injection molding or extrusion*

TECHNICAL DATA

Output	
Start / Stop	RS-422 differential signal Serial parameter upload available for: stroke length, offset, gradient, status, serial number and manufacturer number.
Measured variable	Position, Option: Multi-position measurement with a maximum of 2 magnets
Measurement parameters	
Resolution	Controller dependent
Cycle time	Controller dependent
Linearity	≤ ±0.02 % F.S. (minimum ±90 µm)
Repeatability	≤ ±0.005 % F.S. (minimum ±20 µm)
Operating conditions	
Operating temperature	–40…+75 °C (–40…+167 °F)
Humidity	90 % rel. humidity, no condensation
Ingress protection [1,2]	IP67 (if mating cable connector is correctly fitted)
Shock test	100 g (single shock) IEC standard 60068-2-27
Vibration test	8 g / 10…2000 Hz IEC standard 60068-2-6 (resonance frequencies excluded)
EMC test	Electromagnetic emission according to EN 61000-6-3 Electromagnetic immunity according to EN 61000-6-2 The sensor meets the requirements of the EC directives and is marked with $C\epsilon$.
Magnet movement velocity	Any
Design / Material	
Sensor lid	Zinc die-cast
Sensor profile	Aluminum
Stroke length	50…3000 mm (2…118 in.)
Mechanical mounting	
Mounting position	Any
Mounting instruction	Please consult the technical drawings and the brief instructions (document number: 551684)
Electrical connection	
Connection type	M12 (8 pin) male connector
Operating voltage	+24 VDC (–15 / +20 %); UL recognition requires an approved power supply with energy limitation (UL 61010-1), or Class 2 rating according to the National Electrical Code (USA) / Canadian Electrical Code.
Ripple	≤ 0.28 V_{pp}
Current consumption	50…100 mA
Dielectric strength	500 VDC (DC ground to machine ground)
Polarity protection	Up to –30 VDC
Overvoltage protection	Up to 36 VDC

1/ The IP rating is not part of the UL recognition
2/ The IP rating IP67 is only valid for the sensors electronics housing, as water and dust can get inside the profile
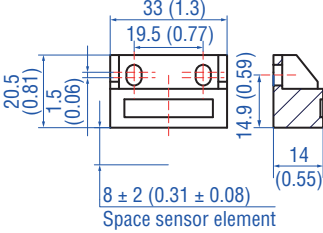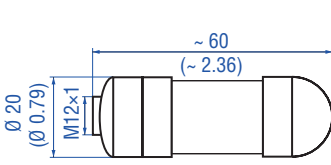
TECHNICAL DRAWING

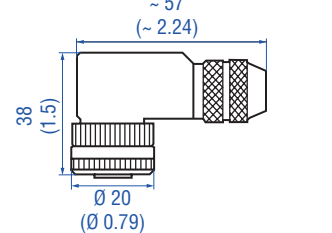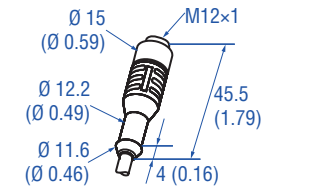Null zone
73
(2.87)

Stroke length
50…3000
(2…118)

Dead zone
73
(2.87)

Mounting support

3 ± 2 (0.12 ± 0.08)

8 pin

13
(0.51)

M12×1

27
(1.06)

35.6 (1.40)
50 (1.97)
68 (2.68)

2 (0.08)

14,6
(0.57)

Magnet

Controlling design dimensions are in millimeters and measurements in ( ) are in inches
Unless otherwise stated, apply to the general tolerances according to DIN ISO 2768-m
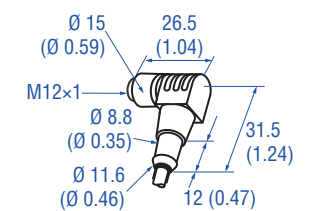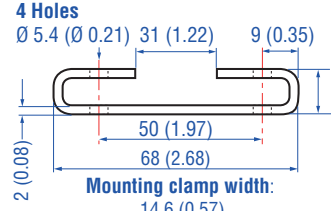
CONNECTOR WIRING

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M12 A-coded	Pin	Function
	1	Start (+)
	2	Start (−)
	3	Stop (+)
	4	Stop (−)
	5	Not connected
	6	Not connected
	7	+24 VDC (−15 / +20 %)
	8	DC Ground (0 V)

FREQUENTLY ORDERED ACCESSORIES – Additional options available in our Accessories Guide 📄 551444

Position magnet	Cable connectors [3]	

Block magnet L **Part no. 403 448**	**M12 (8 pin) female, straight** **Part no. 370 694**	**M12 (8 pin) female, angled** **Part no. 370 699**
Material: Hard ferrite Weight: Ca. 20 g Operating temperature: –40…+75 °C (–40…+167 °F) Fastening torque for M4 screws: 1 Nm	Housing: GD-ZnAL / IP67 Termination: Screw; 0.75 mm² Contact insert: CuZn Cable Ø: 4…9 mm (0.16…0.35 in.) Fastening torque: 0.6 Nm	Housing: GD-ZnAL / IP67 Termination: Screw; max. 0.5 mm² Contact insert: CuZn Cable Ø: 6…8 mm (0.24…0.31 in.) Fastening torque: 0.6 Nm

Cord sets		Mounting clamp

M12 (8 pin) female, straight **Part no. 370 674**	**M12 (8 pin) female, angled** **Part no. 370 676**	**Mounting clamp** **Part no. 403 508**
Ingress protection: IP67 Cable: Shielded, pigtail end Cable length: 5 m (16.4 ft.)	Ingress protection: IP67 Cable: Shielded, pigtail end Cable length: 5 m (16.4 ft.)	

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3/ Follow the manufacturer's mounting instructions when connecting the connectors

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ORDER CODE

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11		12		13	14
E	P	2								D	8	4		1		R	3
a				**b**						**c**				**d**		**e**	

a	**Sensor model**
E P 2	Smooth profile

b	**Stroke length**
X X X X M	0050…3000 mm
X X X . X U	002.0…118.0 in.

Standard stroke length (mm)*

Stroke length	Ordering steps
50 … 500 mm	25 mm
500 … 2500 mm	50 mm
2500…3000 mm	100 mm

Standard stroke length (in.)*

Stroke length	Ordering steps
2 … 20 in.	1.0 in.
20…100 in.	2.0 in.
100…118 in.	4.0 in.

c	**Connection type**
D 8 4	M12 (8 pin) male connector

d	**Operating voltage**
1	+24 VDC (−15 / +20 %)

e	**Output**
R 3	Start / Stop with sensor parameters upload function

DELIVERY

- Sensor
- 2 mounting clamps up to 1250 mm (50 in.) stroke length + 1 mounting clamp for each 500 mm (20 in.) additional stroke length

Accessories have to be ordered separately.

Operation manuals & software are available at:
www.mtssensors.com

*/ Non standard stroke lengths are available; must be encoded in 5 mm / 0.1 in. increments

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