ENCODERS FOR
MOTORS & DRIVES
The best of both worlds

An encoder operates on the threshold between mechanics and electronics, and these two worlds require completely different qualities of the encoder. On the electrical side, an encoder must offer the highest level of reliability, precision and accuracy. On the mechanical side, it must withstand powerful forces, vibrations and extreme temperatures.

In a drive system, the encoder provides the link between motor and frequency converter. This brochure outlines the criteria to be considered when choosing a solution optimised for both worlds.
Precision at the highest speeds

At a paper mill the paper progresses at high speed through the manufacturing process. The paper is carried by a large number of rolls driven by various motors. The speed of each motor must be controlled and synchronised with the other motors in the line.

It is vital to be able to regulate the motor speed with great precision, particularly on start-up and when changing operating speed. During operation, the speed of the various motors must be able to compensate for factors such as the elasticity of the paper. Otherwise there is a risk that the paper may tear, resulting in expensive stoppages.

With its accurate speed feedback function, the encoder plays a central role in this system.

**Key features of a drive system**
- Immediate adjustment of deviations helps to maintain a constant speed.
- Accurate speed information, even at very low shaft speeds (for example, on start-up).
- Controlled speed adjustment in the event of acceleration.
- Speeds are adjusted according to current production demands.
- Optimisation of torque and speed helps to reduce energy consumption by the motor.

**The principle behind a drive system**

1. The motor shaft drives a load at a certain torque. Intentional speed adjustments may be required during operation; but also, unintentional changes in speed can occur, as the speed is affected by a number of factors, for instance, a variation in the load and by slip.

2. The encoder is mounted directly on the rotor and measures the real speed of the motor shaft.

3. The encoder sends a constant stream of feedback of the speed to the frequency converter.

4. The frequency converter interprets the encoder signals and calculates the necessary compensation for the speed.

5. The frequency converter regulates frequency and voltage, which control the speed of the stator’s rotating magnetic field.

**Inside an encoder**
The internal structure of an encoder is based on a rotating disc with a large number of measurement points around its circumference. With a pulse rate of 1,024 ppr, one revolution will provide 4,096 measurement points. This means that the encoder can detect a movement of 0.1 mechanical degrees and that an updated speed can be calculated 4,096 times during each revolution. This enables immediate compensation for deviations, so that the preferred speed can be maintained.
Challenging environments

Leine & Linde specialises in encoders for motors used in exposed environments, where heat, cold, rain, dirt, mechanical forces and vibrations are the norm. The best test of all is real operation in the field, where the products have a long history of successful operation in applications with extremely demanding surroundings.

**Temperature**

Encoders are used in a vast range of environments. Some must withstand intense cold during the winter, while others are exposed to heat in, for example, metal processing. There are encoder models designed for use in various temperature ranges between -50 °C and +100 °C.

**Explosion protection**

Leine & Linde’s encoders are approved for use in potentially explosive environments. Standard products comply with the requirements for zones 2/22, but there are also specific models intended for use in more hazardous zones.

- **II 3 G Ex nA IIB 120°C**
- **II 3 D Ex tD A22 IP6X T120°C**
- **II 2 GD Ex d IIC T6 Ex tD A21 IP65 T71°C**
- **II 2 GD Ex d IIC TS Ex tD A21 IP65 T91°C**
- **II 2 GD Ex d IIC TS Ex tD A21 IP65 T95°C**

**Encapsulation**

All Leine & Linde’s encoders are tested and verified for use in applications where moisture and dirt are present. The encapsulating cover has a seal in accordance with IP66 or IP67. The surface normally comprises anodised aluminium, which is salt water-resistant. Special solutions in stainless steel can also be produced for the majority of models.

**Mechanical forces, vibrations and shock**

Leine & Linde’s encoders are built using robust bearings and vibration-resistant electronics. Each application has its own demands as regards robustness, and the encoder shall be chosen accordingly. Detailed data is provided in the data sheet for each model.
Leine & Linde produces several different encoder series which differ in terms of size, robustness and functionality. Each series offers a wide range of mechanical and electrical options, all designed to suit the application in question. The design guide on the following pages describes solutions in Leine & Linde’s range and provides guidelines for the encoder’s design criteria based on the system where it is used.

**Product Finder**

Visit [www.leinelinde.com](http://www.leinelinde.com) to find the product you are looking for. Using the Product Finder you can:
- combine options and create your own encoder
- generate a detailed data sheet for your exact variant.

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<td>1000 Extreme</td>
<td>Very robust encapsulation and extremely resistant to mechanical forces.</td>
<td>115 mm in diameter - 250 mm in length</td>
<td>±20 mm solid shaft</td>
<td>Incremental, absolute, dual</td>
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<td>800 Heavy Duty</td>
<td>For applications in the heavy duty segment with high mechanical forces and high reliability demands.</td>
<td>100 mm in diameter - 70 mm in length</td>
<td>±25.4 mm hollow shaft ±11 mm solid shaft</td>
<td>Incremental, ADS™, Ex, Optolink, dual</td>
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<td>700 Compact</td>
<td>Compact yet robust for applications with medium mechanical forces.</td>
<td>100 mm in diameter - 55 mm in length</td>
<td>±25.4 mm hollow shaft</td>
<td>Incremental</td>
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<tr>
<td>600 Industrial</td>
<td>Absolute encoder series for applications with limited mechanical forces.</td>
<td>58 mm in diameter - 55 mm in length</td>
<td>±12 mm hollow shaft ±10 mm solid shaft</td>
<td>Absolute, fieldbus</td>
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<td>500 Robust</td>
<td>Space-saving and versatile series for applications with limited mechanical forces.</td>
<td>58 mm in diameter - 40 mm in length</td>
<td>±15 mm hollow shaft ±10 mm solid shaft</td>
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Shafts and flanges
– mechanical solutions for easy assembly

### Flange and solid shaft
An encoder with a solid shaft is fixed to the motor with the aid of a mounting flange. The assembly is very stable and prevents the encoder moving.

Shaft rotation is transferred by means of a flexible shaft coupling that compensates for axial and radial movement of the motor shaft. This reduces wear on the encoder’s bearings, maximising its service life.

Leine & Linde offers a large number of industrial grade flanges, for example, clamping flange, synchro flange and euro flange, as well as several customised versions.

- **Key characteristic:** Stable assembly
- **Fixing:** Shaft coupling
- **Available in:** 1000, 800, 600 and 500 series

### Through-going hollow shaft
This assembly is the most space-efficient axially. The encoder’s hollow shaft is mounted directly on to the motor shaft, meaning there are no protruding shafts or intermediate couplings taking up valuable space. A clamping ring is used to fix the encoder to the motor shaft.

Leine & Linde’s 700 series is, despite its robust design, built to be axially as short as possible, making it ideal for applications where space is at a premium.

- **Key characteristic:** Short build length
- **Fixing:** Clamping ring
- **Available in:** 800, 700, 600 and 500 series

### Blind hollow shaft
If space is limited radially, a good solution is to choose an encoder with a blind hollow shaft. This feature makes an axial output possible, which avoids adding anything to the radius. To prevent the encoder rotating with the shaft, it is fitted with a flexible stator coupling, which has also been designed to add as little as possible to the radius.

- **Key characteristic:** Minimal radial space
- **Fixing:** Clamping ring
- **Available in:** 600 and 500 series

### Hollow shaft with axial mounting screw
A common fixing solution is to secure the encoder’s hollow shaft to the motor shaft using an axial screw. With a prepared mating shaft, assembly can be performed quickly and easily, during both manufacture of the motor and servicing. This solution also facilitates the process of centering the encoder to the mating shaft.

- **Key characteristic:** Easily accessible assembly
- **Fixing:** Axial screw
- **Available in:** 800 and 500 series

### Flexible fixing
A hollow shaft encoder must have an attachment point that prevents it moving as the shaft rotates. It is important that the assembly be flexible, so that the encoder has a degree of freedom to move if the motor shaft moves radially or axially. If the assembly is rigid, there is a risk that the movement of the motor shaft will wear down the encoder’s bearings prematurely. Leine & Linde offers a number of solutions for optimised installation.

- **Torque arms** – in different lengths, insulated
- **Torque arm brackets** – several different types
- **Stator couplings** – several different types
Resolution
– function adapted for each motor

Asynchronous motors
Asynchronous motors often use incremental encoders to provide direct speed feedback and to enable necessary speed adjustments.
Leine & Linde offers a huge range of pulse rates from 1 to 10,000 ppr. When deciding on a pulse rate, it is necessary to consider the speed at which the motor is expected to operate as well as the frequency that can be handled by the receiving electronics. The following formula can be used as a guideline:

\[ \text{pulse rate [ppr]} < \frac{60 \times \text{frequency}_{\text{max}} [\text{Hz}]}{\text{shaft speed}_{\text{max}} [\text{rpm}]} \times 10^5 \]

If the motor is designed to operate at low speeds, a high pulse rate is often selected to ensure that pulses are produced at sufficiently close intervals to guarantee accuracy. However, if the motor is designed to operate at high speeds, a low pulse rate is chosen to prevent the frequency exceeding the receiving electronics’ limit value.

Synchronous motors
Synchronous motors often require absolute feedback on the shaft position. Each marking on the code disc of an absolute position encoder generates a unique code, allowing the shaft’s exact position to be read directly on start-up of the motor.
The resolution is normally 25 bits. This is equivalent to 8,192 unique positions on each individual revolution, multiplied by 4,096 distinguishable revolutions. Other resolutions may be available on request.

Expanded solutions for special requirements

Taper hollow shaft with axial mounting screw
Leine & Linde’s 800 series includes an option with a taper hollow shaft. When the mounting screw passes through the hollow shaft of the encoder into the motor shaft, the cone is pressed against the motor shaft along its entire surface. This guarantees maximum friction between the shafts and ensures that the encoder is centred.
- Key characteristic: Maximum friction and centring
- Fixing: Axial screw
- Available in the 800 series

Key and keyway
In safety-critical applications, there are sometimes demands for mating shafts to be connected by a keyway, which guarantees to counteract slippage. Leine & Linde’s shaft encoders can be supplied with a key, while hollow shaft encoders can be supplied with a keyway.
- Key characteristic: Counteracts slippage
- Fixing: Shaft coupling/axial screw
- Available in the 1000 and 800 series

Insulated shafts
A motor driven by a frequency converter can be affected by voltages passing over the motor shaft. This can lead to currents passing through the bearings of the motor or encoder, which dramatically reduces the service life of the bearings. Leine & Linde has developed several different types of shaft insulation to help overcome this problem.
- Peek insert – insulates the encoder’s hollow shaft from the motor shaft. Available in the 800, 700 and 500 series.
- Hybrid bearings – insulates the encoder’s hollow shaft from the motor shaft. Available in the 800 series.
- Insulated shaft coupling – solution for encoders with a solid shaft. Available in the 1000, 800 and 500 series.
- Shaft grounding ring – directs currents away from the motor shaft via the encoder’s cover. Available in the 800 series.
Electronics
– feedback via many interfaces

Square waves
Square waves are the most common signal type for an incremental encoder. Leine & Linde’s products are supplied as standard with 6 channels. Signal S00 is followed by signal S90, which is displaced 90 electrical degrees. The two inverted signals, S00 and S90, enable differential transmission, which reduces the sensitivity of the signals to electrical interference. To check the position of the shaft, a reference pulse is produced once per revolution, Sref with its inverse Sref⁻¹.

There are several variations of electrical interface with different supply voltages and signal levels. When choosing an interface, it is necessary to take into account factors in the motor’s operating environment. The exact properties of the interface is affected by frequency, cable length and temperature.

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<td>Suitable for</td>
<td>Low frequencies over short cables</td>
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<td>Max frequency</td>
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<td>Max cable length</td>
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Sine waves
Sine waves are another form of output signal. The analog signal produces a unique amplitude for each position on the wave, allowing interpolation and very high resolutions. The interface 1 Vpp is often used in safety-critical applications where detection are required of extremely small movements.
• Available in the 800 and 700 series

Optical transmission
Optical transmission via fibres produces signals that are unaffected by electrical interference in the environment. It also enables transmission over distances of kilometres, and the use of optical fibres reduces the system weight compared with normal cables. Optolink is available integrated into the 800 series or as an accessory gateway for other series.
• Available in the 800 series

Absolute position encoders
Absolute position encoders are offered with serial interfaces such as SSI and EnDat or with integrated fieldbus communication of various kinds, ready for installation in an existing fieldbus system.
• Available in the 1000, 600 and 500 series

Increased function and safety

Dual solutions
Two separate encoders can be integrated into one and the same cover. This solution provides added safety in the form of true redundancy, something required in critical applications where the risk of component faults must be avoided. The two outputs can also be connected to two separate systems with different functions, and there are solutions for combining an incremental and an absolute output in one and the same product.
• Available in the 1000, 800 and 500 series

ADS Online
ADS Online is an Advanced Diagnostic System that continuously monitors the encoder function. If the encoder is nearing the end of its life, a warning is transmitted, enabling action to be taken in good time before problems arise. This system is integrated into the encoder and is used in applications with high demands for reliability, for example, in motors for continuous operation at a paper mill.
• Available in the 800 series
Connection
– a quick and easy process

- **Cable**
The encoder can be supplied with a cable pre-installed. The exact cable length is defined upon order to ensure a perfect fit for each installation.
- Available in the 1000, 800, 700, 600 and 500 series

- **Screw terminal**
If long cable lengths are required during installation, it is a good idea to choose an encoder with terminals that allow the user to connect their own cable. This makes it easy to adjust the length of the cable on site and replace the cable if need be.
- Available in the 1000, 800 and 600 series

- **Connector**
There is a wealth of different connectors to choose from, for example, M23 and M12. With a connector, the connection can be prepared at the factory to make on-site installation easier. It also helps to avoid incorrect connection. Connectors also make it simple to replace encoders during servicing.
- Available in the 800, 700, 600 and 500 series

- **Cable with connector for panel mount**
A cable with a pre-installed connector simplifies the installation process when assembling the motor. The length of the cable is specified upon order to fit the exact installation where the connection is made to a panel or terminal box. There the connector is screwed securely into place, forming a tight seal with the surface to prevent penetration by moisture or dust.
- Available in the 1000, 800, 700, 600 and 500 series

- **Axial or radial output**
The direction of the encoder’s connection output can be selected to best suit the installation. A radial output means a shorter encoder, while an axial output is better if space around the encoder is limited.

- **Mating connectors**
Suitable mating connectors can be ordered as accessories, with or without a pre-installed cable.
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