DIT-5200L
Noncontact differential impedance transducer
Features
- True differential for common mode rejection at an economical price
- High precision eddy current balanced bridge technology
- Capable of subnanometer resolution
- Thermal stability ±0.03% FS/°C, at null ±0.005% FS/°C
- Small package size: just 7.7 cubic inches
- High sensitivity: up to 10V/mil (39mV/μm)
- Extremely linear, to 0.1% full range
- Single and dual channel configurations

Applications
- Fast steering mirror
- Servo control position feedback
- Stage positioning
- Angular displacement indication
- X-Y orbit position feedback
- Stylus position

Differential Measurements
In an eddy current differential system, the two coils in the inductive bridge are housed in two separate sensors. Rather than one active coil and one reference coil, both sensors contain active coils as in figure 2. These two sensors are usually placed on opposite sides of a target or opposite sides of a target pivot point, as in figure 1.

Theory of Operation
As the target moves closer to one sensor, it moves away from the other, increasing the impedance in one leg of the inductive bridge, and decreasing the other. This push-pull effect amplifies the linear output-per-displacement and eliminates the need for summation amplifiers that add noise and drift. As a result, differential systems provide greater resolution and thermal stability than single-ended systems.

Figure 1: Differential target configurations

Figure 2: Differential system block diagram
CALCULATING RESOLUTION

**Equivalent RMS input noise:** A figure of merit used to quantify the noise contributed by a system component. It incorporates into a single value several factors that influence a noise specification such as signal-to-noise ratio, noise floor, and system bandwidth. Given a measuring system’s sensitivity/scale factor and the level of “white” noise in the system, equivalent RMS input noise can be expressed using actual measurement units.

**Effective resolution:** An application-dependent value determined by multiplying the equivalent RMS input noise specification by the square root of the measurement bandwidth.

Example: A 15N sensor monitoring a reciprocating target moving ±10 mils (FR) filtered externally to 15KHz bandwidth.

1. **Calculate a value for equivalent RMS input noise.**
   From the equivalent RMS input noise table, use the value of equivalent RMS input noise for a 15N sensor calibrated over a ±10 mil range. Multiply this by the full range of the calibration.
   Divide by 100. Noise value is a percent of full range.
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   (0.00002\% \times 0.020 \text{ inches}) / 100 = 1.4 \times 10^{-8} \text{ inches or 0.014 μinches}.
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2. **Calculate effective resolution.** From step 1, take the equivalent RMS input noise and multiply by the square root of the measurement bandwidth in Hz.
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   0.014 \mu\text{inches} \times \sqrt{15000} = 1.714 \mu\text{inches}
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3. **Approximate peak-to-peak resolution.** From step 2, take the effective resolution and multiply by 6.6.
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   1.714 \mu\text{inches} \times 6.6 = 11.312 \mu\text{inches}
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**PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS**

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Note: Full range (FR) is considered as twice the ±range value.
Temperature coefficient at null <0.005% FR/°C typical.
Performance specifications are based on aluminum target.
DIT-5200L Differential Sensors and Electronics

15N SENSOR

STANDARD-001

0.13 (3.18)
0.17 (4.19)
1.08 (27.3)
0.19 (4.78)

OPTIONAL-003

0.822

OPTIONAL-002

0.822

OPTIONAL-004A

0.142
0.005
0.210
0.172
0.235
0.377

20N SENSOR

0.400 DIA (10.2)
0.251 (6.40)

THREAD: 4-40 UNC2B

Note: All dimensions shown in inches (mm).
Standard enclosure. Note: Single channel systems use the x axis sensor connectors.