

# LIPS® X103 SHORT STROKE LINEAR POSITION SENSOR

## INTRINSICALLY SAFE FOR HAZARDOUS GAS/VAPOUR ATMOSPHERES

- Intrinsically safe for Gas to:  
Ex II 1G
- Non-contacting inductive technology to eliminate wear
- Travel set to customer's requirement
- Short body length
- Accurate, stable, durable and reliable
- Sealing to IP65/IP67 as required



As a leading designer and manufacturer of linear, rotary, tilt and intrinsically safe position sensors, Positek® has the expertise to supply a sensor to suit a wide variety of applications.

Our intrinsically safe X103 LIPS® (Linear Inductive Position Sensor) incorporates electronics system EX07 which is ATEX / IECEx approved for use in potentially explosive gas/vapour atmospheres. The X103 is designed for a wide range of industrial applications and is ideal for OEMs seeking good sensor performance in situations where a short-bodied sensor is required for operation in hazardous areas. The unit is compact and space-efficient, being responsive along almost its entire length, and like all Positek® sensors provides a linear output proportional to displacement. Each unit is supplied with the output calibrated to the travel required by the customer, from 2 to 50mm and with full EMC protection built in.

Overall performance, repeatability and stability are outstanding over a wide temperature range.

The sensor has a rugged stainless steel body and plunger. It is easy to install and set up, mounting options include flange and body clamps. The plunger can be supplied free or captive, with female M4 thread, or spring-loaded with a ball end. The X103 also offers a wide range of mechanical options, environmental sealing is to IP65 or IP67 depending on selected cable or connector options.

### SPECIFICATION

#### DIMENSIONS

For full mechanical details see drawing X103-11

Power Supply	+5V dc nom. $\pm 0.5V$ , 10mA typ 20mA max
Output Signal	0.5-4.5V dc ratiometric, Load: 5k $\Omega$ min.
Independent linearity	< $\pm 0.25\%$ @ 20°C
Temperature coefficients	< $\pm 0.01\%/^{\circ}C$ Gain & < $\pm 0.01\%FS/^{\circ}C$ Offset
Frequency response	> 10 kHz (-3dB)
Resolution	Infinite
Noise	< 0.02% FSO
Intrinsic Safety	Ex II 1G

Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta = -40°C to +80°C)  
 Approval only applies to the specified ambient temperature range and atmospheric conditions in the range 0.80 to 1.10 Bar, oxygen  $\leq 21\%$

Sensor Input parameters	Ui: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W. Ci: 1.36 $\mu F$ , Li: 860 $\mu H$ with 1km max. cable Ci: 1.16 $\mu F$ , Li: 50 $\mu H$ (Connector option)
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#### Environmental Temperature Limits

Operating	-40 to +80°C
Storage	-40 to +125°C
Sealing	IP65/IP67 depending on connector / cable option

EMC Performance	EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-3
Vibration	IEC 68-2-6: 10g
Shock	IEC 68-2-29: 40g
MTBF	350,000 hrs 40°C Gf

#### Drawing List

X103-11	Sensor Outline
Drawings, in AutoCAD® dwg or dxf format, available on request.	

Do you need a position sensor made to order to suit a particular installation requirement or specification? We'll be happy to modify any of our designs to suit your needs - please contact us with your requirements.

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## INTRINSICALLY SAFE FOR HAZARDOUS GAS/VAPOUR ATMOSPHERES

Intrinsically safe equipment is defined as "equipment which is incapable of releasing sufficient electrical or thermal energy under normal or abnormal conditions to cause ignition of a specific hazardous atmosphere mixture in its most easily ignited concentration."

ATEX / IECEx approved to;

Ex II 1G

Ex ia IIC T4 Ga (Ta = -40°C to +80°C)

Designates the sensor as belonging to; Group II: suitable for all areas except mining, Category 1 G: can be used in areas with continuous, long or frequent periods of exposure to hazardous gas (Zone 0).

Protection class ia, denotes intrinsically safe for all zones

Apparatus group IIC: suitable for IIA to IIC explosive gas.

Temperature class T4: maximum surface temperature under fault conditions 135°C.

Ambient temperature range extended to -40°C to +80°C.

It is imperative Positek® intrinsically safe sensors be used in conjunction with a galvanic barrier to meet the requirements of the product certification. The Positek X005 Galvanic Isolation Amplifier is purpose made for Positek IS sensors making it the perfect choice. Refer to the X005 datasheet for product specification and output configuration options.

### Safety Parameters:-

Ui: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W

Ci = 1.36µF\* Li = 860µH\*

\*Figures for 1km cable where: Ci = 200pF/m & Li = 810nH/m

Sensors can be installed with a maximum of 1000m of cable.

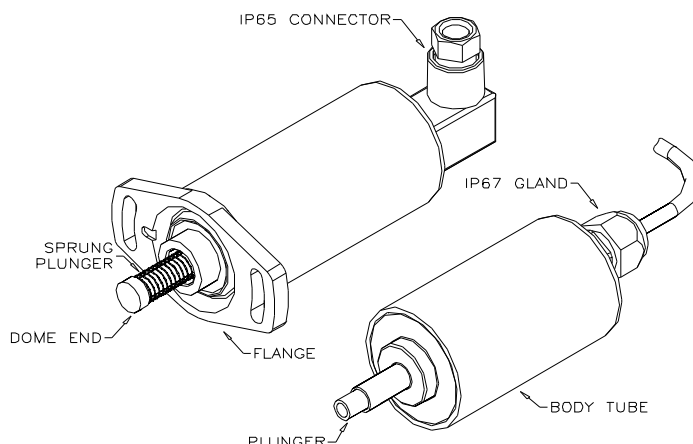
Cable characteristics must not exceed:-

Capacitance: ≤ 200 pF/m for max. total of: 200 nF.

Inductance: ≤ 810 nH/m for max. total of: 810 µH

For cable lengths exceeding 10 metres a five wire connection is recommended to eliminate errors introduced by cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients.

ATEX / IECEx approved sensors suitable for dust (E series) and mining (M series) applications, are also available from Positek.



### TABLE OF OPTIONS

**MEASUREMENT RANGE:** Factory-set to any length from 2 to 50 mm in increments of 1mm.

### ELECTRICAL INTERFACE OPTIONS

Option for output signal 'zero' and 'span' adjustment available.

The Positek® X005 Galvanic Isolation Amplifier is available with 0.5 - 9.5V or 4 - 20mA transmission output options or reverse outputs of 9.5 - 0.5 volts or 20 - 4 mA.

### CONNECTOR/CABLE OPTIONS

Connector - Hirschmann GD series IP65

Cable with M12 gland or short gland IP67

Cable length >50cm – please specify length in cm up to 15000cm maximum.

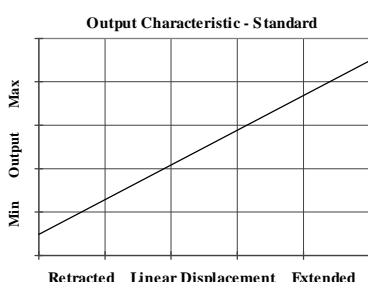
We recommend all customers refer to the 3 or 5-Wire Mode Connection page.

### MOUNTING OPTIONS

Flange, Body Tube Clamp.

**PUSH ROD OPTIONS** – standard retained with M4x0.7 female thread

Sprung loaded (spring supplied loose), Dome end (sprung loaded) or Free.



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# Three or Five-Wire Mode Connection

## FOR INTRINSICALLY SAFE SENSORS IN HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERES

The following discussion about three and five wire mode connections, between the X005 Galvanic Isolation Amplifier and sensor, is intended as an aid for end-users who are not familiar with the topic.

Whether opting for a pre-wired Positek® Intrinsically Safe sensor or one with a connector, choosing the right mode of connection and cable to suit the application requires careful consideration.

Conductor resistance, a function of conductor cross-section, cable length and temperature, causes volts drop across a cable. As the term implies cables do not transmit the voltage perfectly, depending on material resistivity, conductor cross section and the current drawn from the power supply the voltage at the end of the cable will be less than at the power supply. This can significantly alter the perceived accuracy of the sensor which is ratiometric i.e. the output signal is directly affected by the supply voltage at the sensor.

It should be noted that volts drop calculations consider the current flow return path so the cable length is multiplied by two.

Three wire mode connections are common and are suitable in most cases with short or moderate cable runs. Applications that do not require a high degree of accuracy but have cable runs, say in excess of 50m, volts drop can be reduced by introducing a terminal box close to the sensor and using a larger cross-section cable with for a majority of the intended cable run. Another factor to consider is conductor temperature. Fluctuations in temperature cause minor changes in resistance, the effects of which will be seen as gain variation in the sensor output.

Sensors supplied with cable are calibrated with the cable fitted which negates errors due to conductor resistance at room temperature; however, small gain errors due to temperature fluctuations in the cable should be expected.

There are instances where large cross-section cables are not practical; for example most standard industrial connectors of the type used for sensors have a maximum conductor capacity of 0.75mm<sup>2</sup>, copper prices and ease of installation are other considerations.

Five wire mode connections have significant benefits over three wire mode as losses in the power and ground conductors are compensated for, thus smaller cables can be used. The Galvanic Isolation Amplifier senses and dynamically adjusts the output voltage so that the voltage at the sensor is correct, the effects of cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients are eliminated. The X005 amplifier can compensate for up to 15Ω per conductor with a current flow of 15mA, which is more than adequate for 150m of 0.25mm<sup>2</sup> cable.

**For this reason Positek recommends five wire connections for cable lengths exceeding 10 metres in 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> cable to preserve the full accuracy of the sensor.**

See illustrations right for examples of connecting a sensor to the Galvanic Isolation Amplifier.

The X005 will compensate for up to 15 ohms resistance in each conductor, this imposes the following minimum cable sizes:-

Cross Section (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Cable Length (metres)
0.25	Up to 150
0.5	150 to 300
0.75	300 to 450
1.0	450 to 600
1.5	600 to 900
2.0	900 to 1000

It should be noted that the maximum cable length as specified in the sensors certification takes precedence and must not be exceeded.

The above lengths and conductor sizes used in a three wire connection will introduce a gain reduction of 5% and a ±1% temperature dependence of gain over the range -40°C to +80°C for the cable temperature. (i.e. about -150 ppm/°C for the maximum lengths shown and less pro rata for shorter lengths.)

