



# X106 INTERNALLY MOUNTED CYLINDER SENSOR WITH EXTERNAL ELECTRONICS

## 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**
- **High durability and reliability**
- **High accuracy and stability**
- **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 X106 incorporates electronics system EX07 which is ATEX / IECEx / UKEX approved for use in potentially explosive **gas/vapour** atmospheres. The X106 is designed for demanding hydraulic or pneumatic cylinder position feedback applications where service life, environmental resistance and cost are important and is ideal for OEMs seeking good sensor performance for arduous applications in hazardous areas.

Overall performance, repeatability and stability are outstanding over a wide temperature range. The unit is highly compact and space-efficient, being responsive along almost its entire length. Like all Positek® sensors it provides a linear output proportional to travel, each unit is supplied with the output calibrated to the travel required by the customer, from 5 to 800mm and with full EMC protection built in.

The X106 is very rugged, being made of stainless steel with an inert fluoropolymer-sheathed probe with a stainless steel target tube. The probe and target are easy to install, as is the electronics module which has a range of mounting options. Environmental sealing is to IP65 or IP67 depending on selected cable or connector options.



### SPECIFICATION

#### Dimensions

Probe Diameter	20 mm
Probe Length:	calibrated travel + 62 mm
Electronics Module Diameter	35 mm
Electronics Module Length	40 or 42 mm (dependant on mounting option)
Target Tube Length	calibrated travel + 30 mm

*For full mechanical details see drawings X106-11*

#### 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

$\leq \pm 0.25\%$  FSO @ 20°C - up to 450 mm

$\leq \pm 0.5\%$  FSO @ 20°C - over 450 mm

$< \pm 0.01\%/^{\circ}C$  Gain &

$< \pm 0.01\%$ FS/ $^{\circ}C$  Offset

$> 10$  kHz (-3dB)

#### Temperature Coefficients

$> 10$  kHz (-3dB)

#### Frequency Response

#### Resolution

#### Noise

#### 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

(connector option/s)

(cable option/s)

#### Environmental Temperature Limits

Operating

Storage

Sealing

Hydraulic Pressure

EMC Performance

Vibration

Shock

MTBF

#### Drawing List

X106-11

P106-13

TG24-11

*Drawings, in AutoCAD® dwg or dxf format, available on request.*

U<sub>i</sub>: 11.4V, I<sub>i</sub>: 0.20A, P<sub>i</sub>: 0.51W.

C<sub>i</sub>: 1.16 $\mu$ F, L<sub>i</sub>: 50 $\mu$ H

C<sub>i</sub>: 1.36 $\mu$ F, L<sub>i</sub>: 860 $\mu$ H with 1km max. cable

-40°C to +80°C

-40°C to +125°C

IP65/IP67 depending on connector / cable option

350Bar

EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-3

IEC 68-2-6: 10 g

IEC 68-2-29: 40 g

350,000 hrs 40°C Gf

Sensor Outline

Typical Target Installation details

Optional Target Tube Flange details

**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 / UKEX 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 / vapour (Zones 2 to 0).

Gas / Vapour:

Protection class ia, denotes intrinsically safe for all zones

Apparatus group IIC: suitable for IIA, IIB and IIC explosive gas / vapour.

Temperature class T4: maximum sensor 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:-

Uj: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W  
Ci = 1.36µF\* Li = 860µH\* (cable option/s)  
Ci = 1.16µF Li = 50µH (connector option/s)

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

### TABLE OF OPTIONS

**CALIBRATED TRAVEL:** Factory-set to any length from 5 to 800 mm in increments of 1 mm.

#### ELECTRICAL INTERFACE OPTIONS

Sensors supplied with access to output 'zero' and 'span' calibration adjustments as standard. No access option available.

The Positek® **X005** Galvanic Isolation Amplifier is available with the following output options;

Standard: 0.5 - 9.5V or 4 - 20mA.  
Reverse: 9.5 - 0.5V or 20 - 4mA.

#### CONNECTOR/CABLE OPTIONS

Connector - Hirschmann GD series IP65

Cable† with M12 gland or short gland IP67

†Three core (black jacket) or five core (blue jacket) cable options available. Cable length >50 cm – please specify length in cm up to 15000 cm max.

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

#### MOUNTING THREAD OPTIONS

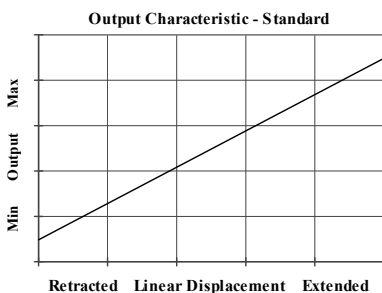
Flange 2 off 4.5 mm x 30 degree wide slots, 48 mm PCD.

M18 male thread 30 mm hex A/F, Ø30 mm seal face.

Supplied with O-ring seal.

#### FLANGE OPTIONS

Penny & Giles HLP100, Temposonics (M4 fixing) and Parker Hannifin cylinders versions available.



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# Three or Five-Wire Mode Connection

## FOR INTRINSICALLY SAFE SENSORS IN HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERES

The aim of this document is to help readers who do not understand what is meant by three or five wire modes of connection between the galvanic isolation amplifier and sensor, and the factors behind them. It is by no means an in-depth technical analysis of the subject.

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

Interconnecting cables are not perfect conductors and offer resistance to current flow, the magnitude of resistance<sup>†</sup> depends on conductors resistivity, which changes with temperature, cross sectional area<sup>‡</sup> and length. If the voltage were to be measured at both ends of a length of wire it would be found they are different, this is known as volts drop. Volts drop changes with current flow and can be calculated using Ohm's law, it should be noted that volts drop occurs in both positive and negative conductors. The effects of volts drop can be reduced by increasing the conductors cross sectional area, this does not however eliminate the effects due to temperature variation. 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.

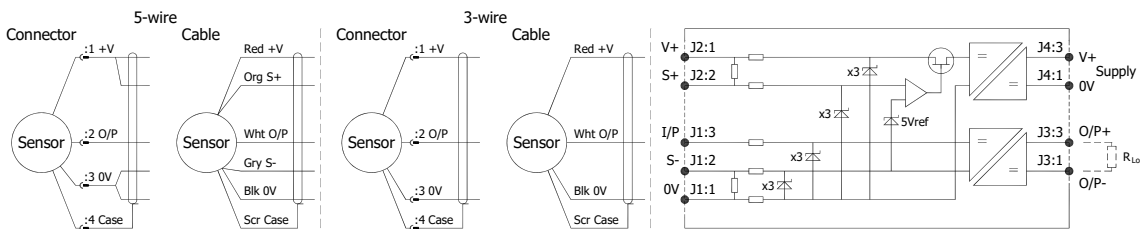
This is important because the effects of volts drop can significantly alter the perceived accuracy of the sensor which is ratiometric i.e. the output signal is directly affected by the voltage across the sensor. Changes in temperature will also be seen as gain variation in the sensor output.

**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 10m, volts drop can be reduced by introducing a terminal box close to the sensor and using a larger cross-section cable for a majority of the cable run. Sensors supplied with three core cable are calibrated with the cable fitted which largely eliminates errors due to conductor resistance at room temperature however, as mentioned above, small gain errors due to temperature fluctuations should be expected.

**Five wire mode** connections have significant benefits as losses in the positive and negative conductors are compensated for by the galvanic isolation amplifier which can 'sense' the voltage across the sensor and dynamically adjust the output voltage so that the voltage across the sensor is correct. The effects of cable resistance and associated temperature coefficients are eliminated allowing for smaller conductors than a three wire connection for the same cable run. The amplifier can compensate for up to 15Ω per conductor with a current flow of 15mA, which is more than adequate for 150m of 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> cable, longer lengths will require larger conductors.

**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 below for examples of connecting a sensor to the galvanic isolation amplifier.



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

The table above shows recommended conductor sizes with respect to cable length for both three and five wire connections, based on copper conductors. Three wire connections 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.)

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

Positek® sensors are supplied with three core 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> cable as standard, however five core 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> cable can be supplied on request. The galvanic isolation amplifier is available as;

- G005-\*\*\* for 'G' and 'H' prefix sensors
- X005-\*\*\* for 'E', 'M' and 'X' prefix sensors

<sup>†</sup>  $R = \rho L/A$   $\rho$  is the resistivity of the conductor ( $\Omega m$ )  $L$  is the length of conductor (m)  $A$  is the conductor cross-sectional area (m<sup>2</sup>).

<sup>‡</sup> It is presumed that direct current flow is uniform across the cross-section of the wire, the galvanic isolation amplifier and sensor are a dc system.



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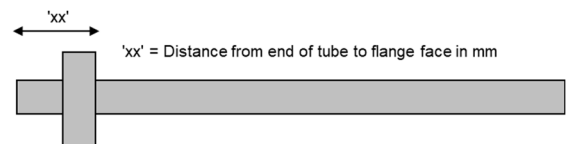
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## X106 Internally Mounted Cylinder Sensor With External Electronics

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	j	
X106	Displacement	A	Adjustments	Connections	N	Option	R	Option	Z-code

a Displacement (mm)		Value
Displacement in mm	e.g. 0 - 254 mm	<b>254</b>
b Output		
Supply V dc V <sub>s</sub> (tolerance)	Output	Code
+5V (4.5 - 5.5V)	0.5 - 4.5V (ratiometric with supply)	<b>A</b>
c Calibration Adjustments		Code
Accessible - default		blank
Sealed		<b>Y</b>
d Connections Cable or Connector		Code
	IP65 DIN 43650 'C'	<b>J</b>
Connector	pre-wired - 3-core cable	<b>Jxx</b>
	pre-wired - 5-core cable	<b>JQxx</b>
Cable Gland	IP67 M12 - 3-core cable	<b>Lxx</b>
Cable Gland	IP67 M12 - 5-core cable	<b>LQxx</b>
Cable Gland	IP67 Short - 3-core cable	<b>Mxx</b>
Cable Gland†	IP67 Short - 5-core cable	<b>MQxx</b>
Supplied with 50 cm as standard, specify required cable length specified in cm. e.g. L2000 specifies cable gland with 20 metres of cable. Nb: restricted cable pull strength.		
e Probe Housing		Code
O.D.: 20 mm	Supplied with O-ring seal	<b>N</b>
f Electronics Module Mount		Code
M18x1.5 Thread	Supplied with Dowty seal	<b>P</b>
Flange Mount		<b>T</b>
g Target Tube		Code
Stainless Steel 316	OD: 9.45 mm	<b>R</b>
See P100-12 Drawing for Typical Target Installation details.		
h Target Tube Mounting Flange		Code
None		<b>U</b>
Penny & Giles HLP100	Please specify flange position in mm.	<b>Vxx</b>
Temposonics (M4 fixing)	eg. W17.5 specifies a Tempo style flange fitted 17.5 mm from the	<b>Wxx</b>
Parker Hannifin		<b>Xxx</b>
See TG24-11 Drawing for Target Details.		

h Z-code	Code
Calibration to suit X005 - Default	<b>Z000</b>
Connector IP67 M12 M12 IEC 60176-2-101 must have options 'Y' & 'J'	<b>Z600</b>
Connector IP67 M12 M12 IEC 60176-2-101 must have option 'J'	<b>Z601</b>



### Note!

All Intrinsically Safe (IS) sensors must have a Z-code suffix.

IS sensors must be used in conjunction with a Galvanic Isolation Amplifier - See X005 for Output options.