

# Encoder Conditioning Unit (ECU) Hardware Manual

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## Chapter 1: Encoder Conditioning Unit (ECU)

The ECU interface is designed for use with any 1 Vpp analog encoder.

It dynamically applies Automatic Offset, Balance and Gain Control (AOC, ABC, AGC) to the input signals. Accurate, constant amplitude 1 Vpp industry standard signals are then output.

A tri-colored LED indicates input signal strength and allows ease of setup for optimum performance. If this LED is not visible when the interface is installed, a separate external setup signal can be used and a calibration cycle also helps to simplify installation.

These features result in the output signals having very low cyclic error, typically less than 50 nm.

The interface is fully RoHS compliant and also supports readheads with single or dual limit outputs.

- Compatible with all standard 1 Vpp analog output readheads
- Outputs accurate, industry standard, 1 Vpp analog differential signals
- Low cyclic error
- Tri-color integral setup LED
- User selectable automatic gain control (AGC)
- Automatic offset and balance control (AOC and ABC)
- Single or dual-limit capability

## 1.1. Interface Features

### 1.1.1. Self-Tuning Active Correction

The ECU interface actively corrects for input signal imperfections to optimize system accuracy. Corrections are made for the following:

<b>Automatic Offset Control (AOC)</b>	adjusts offset independently for the sine and cosine signals
<b>Automatic Gain Control (AGC)</b>	ensures consistent 1 Vpp signal amplitude
<b>Automatic Balance Control (ABC)</b>	adjusts the gain to equalize the sine and cosine signals

These correction mechanisms operate over the full working speed range of the readhead. The user can disable/enable the AGC by pressing the calibrate button for greater than 3 seconds.

### 1.1.2. LED Indicators

The tri-colored SETUP LED provides visual feedback of signal strength and error condition for setup and diagnostic use. It flashes Off momentarily to indicate a reference mark, up to 100 mm/s only

**Table 1-1: Setup LED**

Color	State	Indication	%
Purple	FLASHING	High Signal Alarm Condition	>135%
	ON	High Signal	>110% and <135%
Blue	FLASHING	Over Speed Alarm Condition	
	ON	Optimum Signal	>90% and <110%
Green	ON	Acceptable Signal	>70% and <90%
Orange	ON	Low Signal	>50% and <70%
Red	ON	Unacceptable Signal	>20% and <50%
	FLASHING	Unacceptable Signal Alarm Condition	<20%

The Yellow CAL/AGC LED indicates when the ECU is in a calibration routine and whether or not AGC is active

**Table 1-2: CAL/AGC LED**

Color	State	Indication
Yellow	ON	AGC active
	OFF	AGC inactive
	SLOW FLASH	calibration routine
	FAST FLASH	calibration failure

### 1.1.3. Calibration Procedure

The calibration procedure is required to optimize the gain, balance and offset of the analog input signals in the ECU interface. These settings are then stored and recalled for initial use at startup.

To calibrate the system, the following sequence should be carried out:

- Prior to calibration, AGC should be off. To switch AGC on or off, the calibrate button should be pressed for more than 3 seconds. When AGC is on, the CAL/AGC LED will be on and when AGC is off, the CAL/AGC LED will be off.
- Install the readhead and set up to obtain optimum (1 Vpp) signal amplitude
- Enter the calibration routine by pressing the CALIBRATE button momentarily. The calibration routine is indicated by slow flashing of the CAL/AGC LED.
- Traverse the readhead slowly past the scale until the CAL/AGC LED stops flashing. The calibration cycle is now complete.

If calibration fails, the CAL/AGC LED will flash quickly instead of switching off. If this happens the CALIBRATE button should be pressed momentarily to exit the calibration routine. The calibration procedure should then be repeated.

If the unit continues to fail calibration, factory default settings should be restored by powering down, then pressing the CALIBRATE button as power is re-applied. The calibration procedure should then be repeated.

**NOTE:** To exit the calibration routine at any time, the CALIBRATE button should be pressed momentarily.

## 1.2. Operating and Electrical Specifications

Table 1-3: Analog Specifications

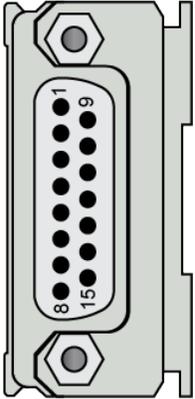
Specification		Description
Power Supply	5 V -5% + 10%	<b>ANALOG:</b> 150 mA current consumption (interface only), when terminated with 120 $\Omega$ . Provision is given to feed a maximum of an additional 100 mA to the readhead. The interface will be fully active <300 ms after power is applied. Encoder systems must be powered from a 5 V dc supply complying with the requirements for SELV of standard EN (IEC) 60950. Provision is given for remote sensing via two conductors of the cable. The interface and readhead are protected from reverse voltage and over voltage of up to 12 V.
	Ripple	200 mVpp maximum @ frequency up to 500 kHz maximum
Acceleration	Operating	500 m/s <sup>2</sup> BS EN 60068-2-7:1993 (IEC 68-2-7:1983)
Shock	Non-Operating	1000 m/s <sup>2</sup> , 6 ms, 1/2 sine BS EN 60068-2-27:1993 (IEC 68-2-27:1987)
Vibration	Operating	100 m/s <sup>2</sup> , 55 to 2000 Hz BS EN 60068-2-6:1996 (IEC 68-2-6:1995)
Temperature	Storage	-20°C to +70°C
	Operating	0°C to +55°C
Humidity	Storage	95% maximum relative humidity (non-condensing)
	Operating	80% maximum relative humidity (non-condensing)
Sealing		IP40
Mass		95 g
EMC Compliance		BS EN 61000 BS EN 55011
Connectors (input/output)		15-Pin D type socket/plug

### 1.3. I/O Signals

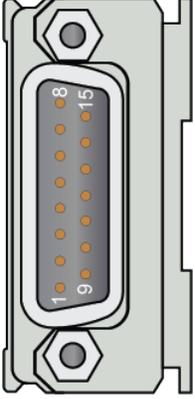
The ECU interface is designed to be used with industry standard 1 Vpp readheads. Cos, Sin, and reference mark differential input signals should have nominal signal amplitude of 1 Vpp developed across 120 Ω input termination resistor.

One or two open collector limit switch signals, active high or active low can also be input.

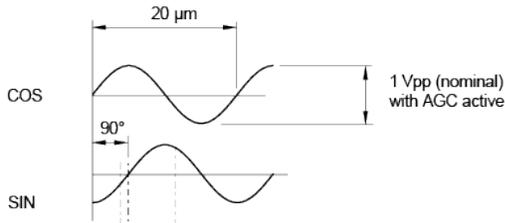
**Table 1-4: 15 Pin 'D' Type Socket**

Pin	Signal	Description	Connector
1	COS-N	Cosine-N	
2	SIN-N	Sine-N	
3	MRK	Reference mark	
4	5 V	5 V power supply	
5	5 V	5 V power supply	
6	-	Not connected	
7	SETUP	Setup signal/second (P) limit switch on dual limit readheads	
8	V <sub>q</sub>	First (Q) limit switch	
9	COS	Cosine	
10	SIN	Sine	
11	MRK-N	Reference mark	
12	COM	0 V power supply	
13	COM	0 V power supply	
14	-	Do not connect	
15	Inner	Cable's inner shield connection to 0 V	

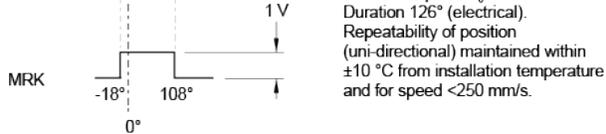
**Table 1-5: 15 Pin 'D' Type Plug**

Pin	Signal	Description	Connector
1	COS-N	Cosine-N	
2	SIN-N	Sine-N	
3	MRK	Reference mark	
4	5 V	5 V power supply	
5	5 V	5 V power supply	
6	BID	Bi/uni-directional reference mark select	
7	SETUP	Setup signal/P limit switch on dual limit readheads	
8	V <sub>q</sub>	Q limit switch	
9	COS	Cosine	
10	SIN	Sine	
11	MRK-N	Reference mark	
12	COM	0 V power supply	
13	COM	0 V power supply	
14	DIR	Direction selector for reference mark	
15	-	Not connected	

Incremental 2 channels differential sinusoids in quadrature (90° phase shifted)



Reference

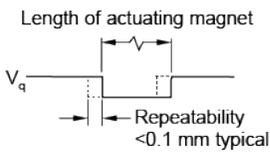


NOTE: The set-up LED on the ECU interface cannot be used for reference mark set-up. Only the readhead LED should be used for this purpose.

Limit

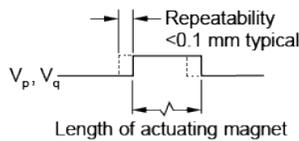
Open collector output

Single limit



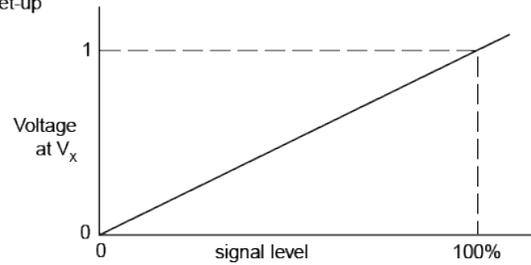
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Dual limit



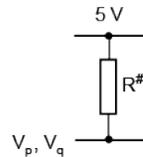
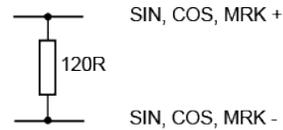
Asynchronous pulse P, Q

Set-up



Setup signal voltage proportional to signal amplitude

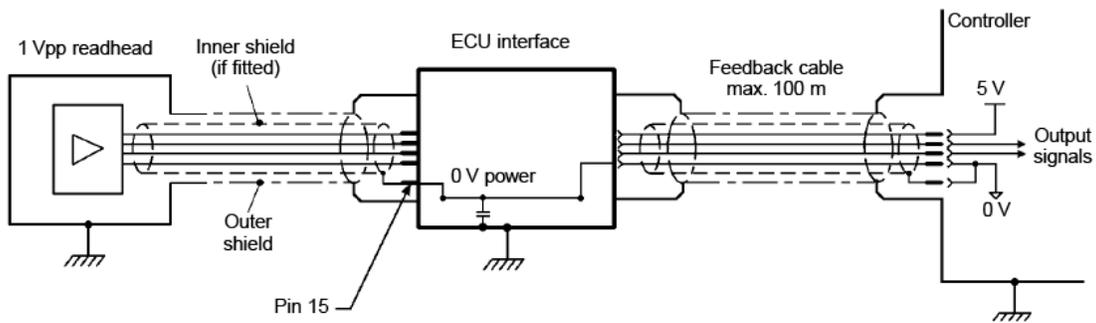
Recommended signal termination



\*Select R so that the maximum current does not exceed 20 mA.

Electrical connections

Grounding and shielding



NOTE: Extension cable inner shield must be connected to 0V at customer electronics only

Figure 1-1: Analog Output Specifications



**WARNING:** The outer shield should be connected to the earth ground. The inner shield should be connected to 0V. Care should be taken to ensure that the inner and outer shields are insulated from each other. If the inner and outer shields are connected together, this will cause a short between 0V and earth, which could cause electrical noise issues.

### 1.4. Dimensions

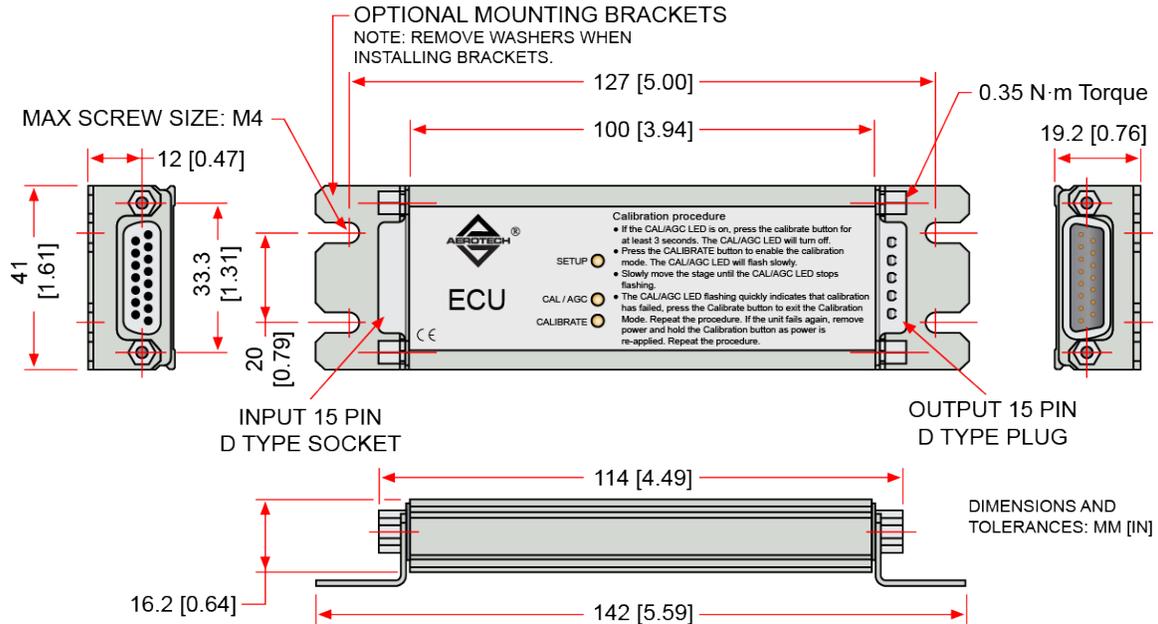


Figure 1-2: ECU Dimensions

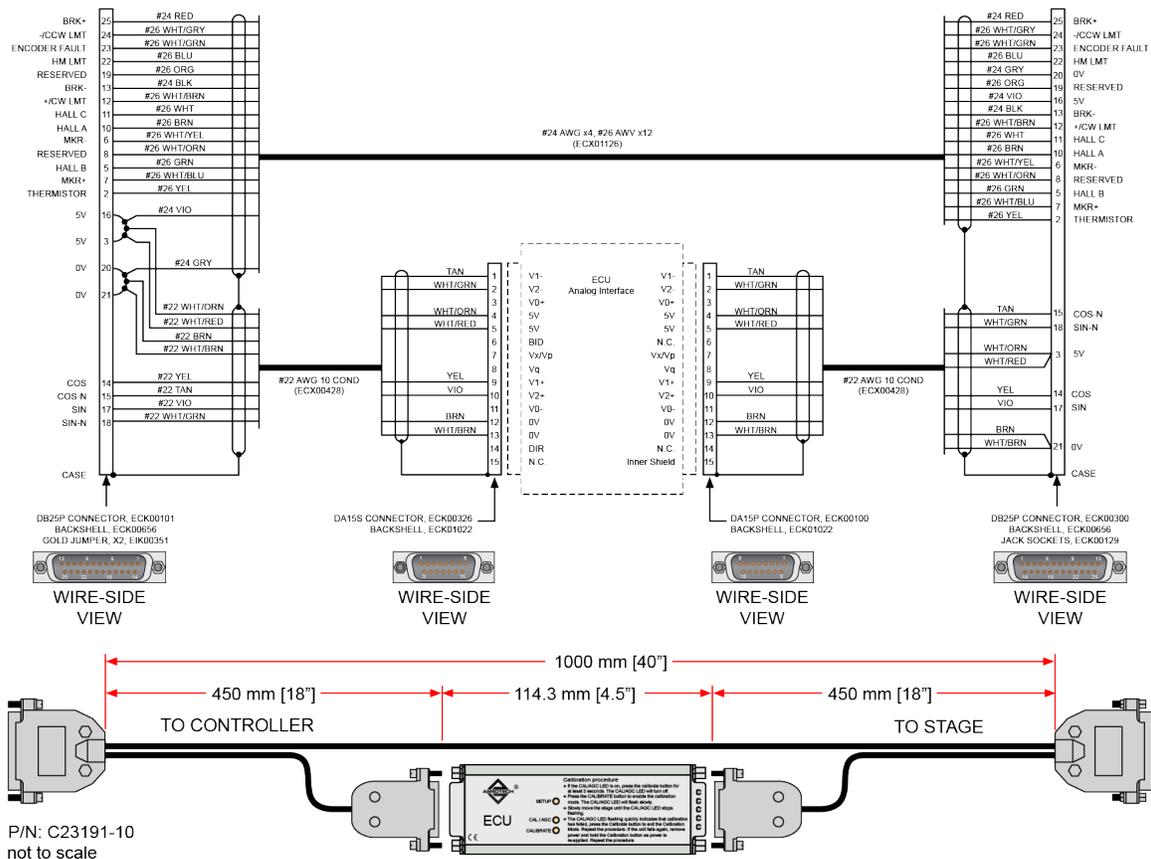


Figure 1-3: ECU Standard Interconnection Cable (C23191)

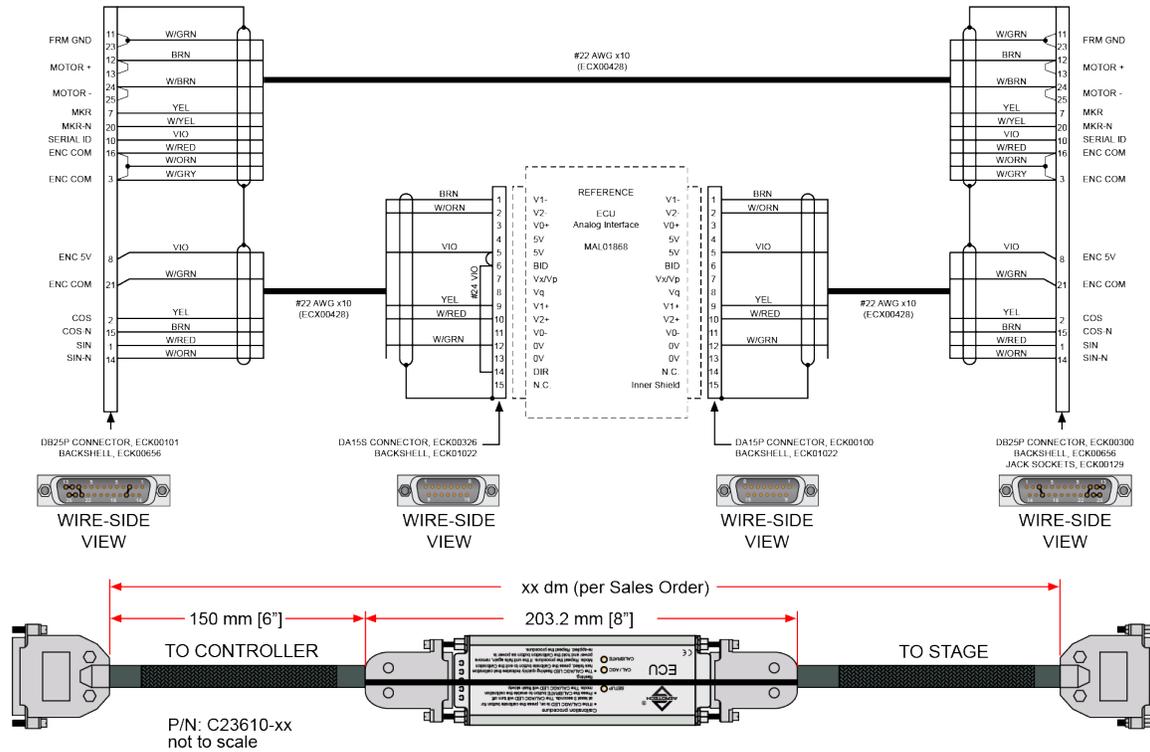


Figure 1-4: ECU Cable for TLG (C23610)

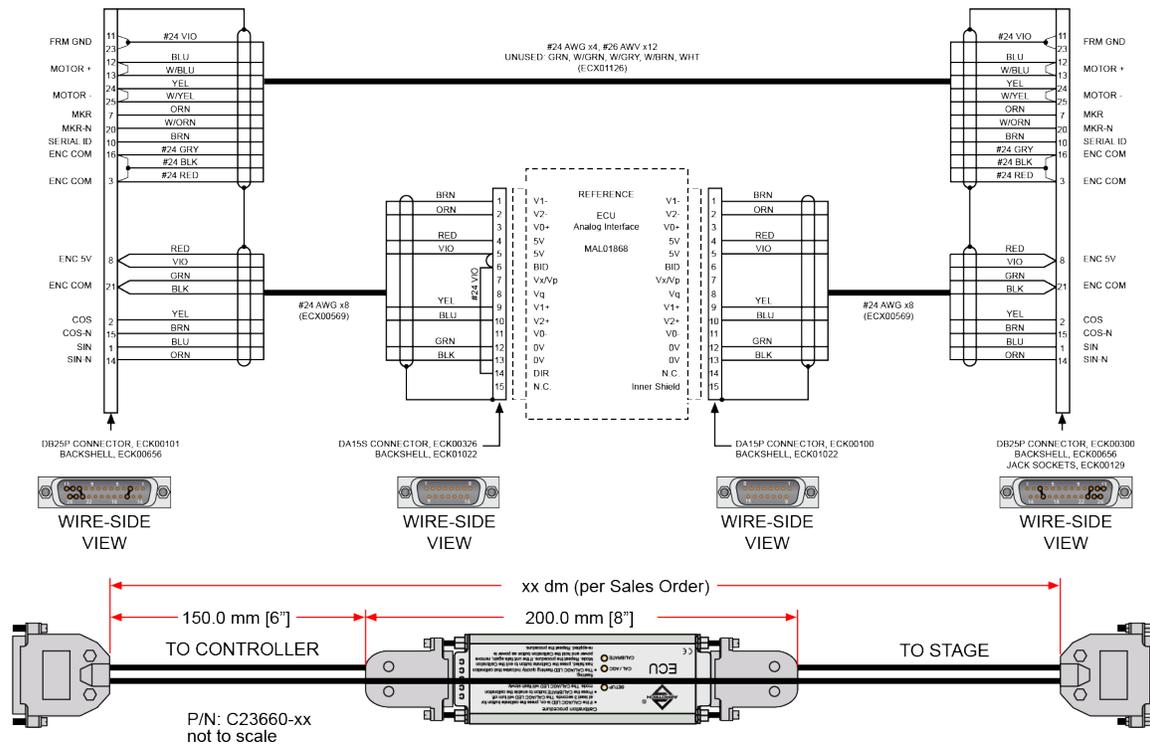


Figure 1-5: ECU Hi-Flex Cable for TLG (C23660)

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## Appendix B: Revision History

Revision	Description
1.02.00	Updated Cable Drawings
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1.00.00	New Manual

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