50A Magnetic Closed Loop Current Sensor

Operating Manual – English 1.01



Introduction

The magnetic closed loop current sensor provides a 0.5V to 4.5Vdc output voltage which is proportional to a 50A bidirectional input current.

Advantages of closed loop current sensors over conventional current measurements techniques is that they provide the highest accuracy, are ideal for noisy electrical environments and they provide complete electrical isolation from the current carrying conductor.

1 Features

- Measures a bi-directional 50A current (for example Charge/Discharge currents)
- Electrically isolated from the current carrying conductor
- Provides a 0.5V to 4.5Vdc output voltage (0A=2.5Vdc) which is proportional to the measured current.
- Closed loop current sensor technology provides increased accuracy and noise immunity.
- No current shunt is required.
- Compact size, overall dimensions are 41 x 37x 36mm
- Wide input supply voltage range of 8 to 30V DC with built in voltage reversal for harsh electrical environments
- 1 year limited warranty

2 Specifications

Supply Voltage	8 to 30Vdc with built in reverse voltage protection
Current Consumption	Approx. 20mA @ 13.8Vdc
	Red – 8-30Vdc
Cable connection	Black – Ground
	Green – Signal (voltage output (0.5~4.5V)
Current Measurement Range	50A bi-directional
Current Conductor Hole	9.5mm diameter
	Approx. 2.5V at 0A
Voltage Output (Green wire)	Approx. 0.5V at -50A
	Approx. 4.5V at 50A
Linearity	<0.1%
Output Sensitivity	39mV/A
Working Temperature	-25°C to 70°C (-13°F to 158°F)
Storage Temperature	-40°C to 85°C (-40°F to 185°F)
Dimensions	See dimensional drawings below
Weight	Approx. 50 grams

3 Installation

Three wires need to be connected:

Red wire – This is connected to the positive power supply (avionics bus or EFIS secured supply output). The closed loop current sensor can be used on both 12V and 24V systems without the use of any pre-regulators. Ensure that the supply voltage will not drop below 8V during operation as this may result in incorrect readings. The use of an external 100mA fuse is recommended.

Black wire – This wire must be connected to the measuring device's reference ground. In case a RDAC is used, connect this to the reference ground terminal of the RDAC. Do not connect this wire to any other ground path as this will introduce measurement errors.

Green wire – This is the voltage signal that reflects the strength and direction of the current been measured. It is 2.5V with zero current and moves towards a maximum of about 4.5V or a minimum of about 0.5V depending on the strength and direction of the current.

Warning: Do not connect the green wire (Voltage output) to the positive supply. This will destroy the output stage of the built in amplifier.

Warning: High strength magnetic fields could change the output voltage. Avoid installation close to permanent magnets, electromagnets or iron that can cause distortion in the magnetic field.

3.1 Current Direction

There is an arrow on the top of the current sensor to indicate the direction of the measured current that will result in an increasing voltage for an increase in measured current.



3.2 Multi-turn winding to increase sensitivity

The sensitivity of the closed loop current sensor can be increased by passing the primary winding multiple times through the core. For example, passing the wire 5 times through the core will increase the sensitivity by a factor of 5 (The measurement range will decrease from 50A to 10A.

4 Dimensional Drawing

All dimensions in mm.



Front view

Side view

5 Warranty

This product carries a warranty for a period of one year from date of purchase against faulty workmanship or defective materials, provided there is no evidence that the unit has been mishandled or misused. Warranty is limited to the replacement of faulty components and includes the cost of labor. Shipping costs are for the account of the purchaser.

Note: Product warranty excludes damages caused by unprotected, unsuitable or incorrectly wired electrical supplies and or sensors, and damage caused by inductive loads.

6 Disclaimer

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