



DuraCoder®

An integrated
resolver based encoder
designed as a direct
replacement for optical
encoders in motion sensing
applications

Beyond traditional solutions

For rotary motion sensing in industrial applications, two types of products have conventionally been employed. Traditionally, resolvers have offered the highest reliability in harsh industrial environments. However, until now their durability has come with a relatively high cost per unit. At a much lower price, optical encoders have proven a more economical solutions for many applications. But the relative fragility of their constructions typically leads to the need for frequent replacement. The AMCI DuraCoder® represents a technological advance that gives users a new and optimum choice.

The DuraCoder® optical encoder replacement

DuraCoder® is an integrated resolver-based encoder. So it offers all the reliability and durability of its resolver predecessors. However, significant technology breakthroughs in design and manufacturing make DuraCoder® less expensive than a typical resolver system. In fact, it's priced at the optical encoder level. That means that DuraCoder® can easily and economically replace the optical encoder in any industrial rotary motion sensing application. This includes applications requiring absolute measurement, where the device provides a unique, incorruptible output code for each shaft position, as well as incremental measurement, where the device measures precise distance traveled from a reference point.

Field-programmable

The implementation of LSI and surface-mount technologies also allows DuraCoder® to offer a user programming option. Using simple onboard switches, technicians and engineers can easily select the unique resolution (in pulse per turn) required by each incremental application. Since users no longer have to maintain a separate stock of unique spares for each application – as demanded by nonprogrammable optical encoders – DuraCoder® greatly simplifies inventory requirements and technical support.

Additional Features

Robust DuraCoder® design doesn't stop with brushless resolver technology. Six O-ring housing seals are used for maximum protection against all contaminants. Contact bearing seals give excellent protection against dust and water. The use of larger bearings allows 40% greater loading capacity than conventional encoders. This translates into longer life and less downtime for most applications. Various shaft modifications are available; please contact the factory.

Typical DuraCoder® applications

- Machine Control
- Process Control
- Lumber/Sawmill Machinery
- Motor Control Feedback
- Textile Machinery
- Robotics
- Machine Tools
- Printing Equipment
- Metal Stamping/Forming
- Packaging Machinery
- Paper Process Machinery
- Assembly Machinery

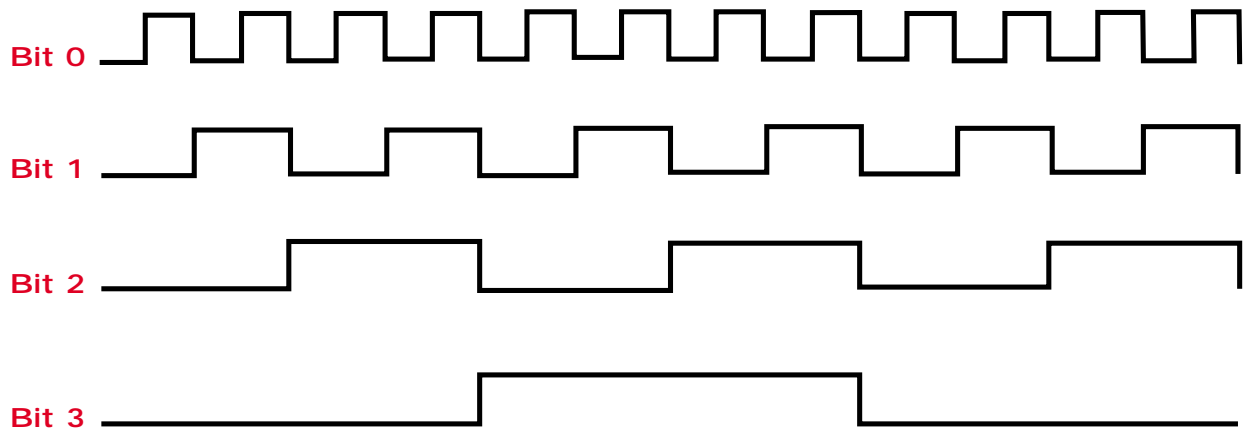




► Absolute Single Turn Digital Output Version

The AMCI absolute digital output DuraCoder® provides unique position data output in relation to shaft position, with resolutions up to 12 bits. The absolute DuraCoder® assigns a unique position value to each measured increment. This prevents erroneous readings caused by power failure. As power is restored, the absolute position data is reported without the need for a homing sequence or reference signal.

Output resolution can be ordered factory set or programmable, allowing the user to set the output code and resolution.

► Example of Absolute Digital Signal



DC25  **B** 
HOUSING
 F = Square Flange
 S = 2.5 " Dia. Servo Flange

BEARING SEAL

SHAFT DIA.
 1 = 0.375" Dia.
 2 = 10 mm Dia.
 3 = 0.250" Dia.

DURACODER® TYPE
 A = Absolute Parallel
 Lever Update¹
 B = Absolute Parallel
 Edge Update²
 L = Absolute Parallel
 Level Update¹, Mx³
 E = Absolute Parallel
 Level Update², Mx³

OUTPUT SCALING
 1 = 1,024 Gray Code
 2 = 1,024 Natural Binary
 3 = 4,096 Gray Code
 4 = 4,096 Natural Binary
 5 = 360 BCD
 6 = 1000 BCD
 7 = 3600 BCD
 8 = Programmable
 Resolution and Output Code
 B0002 to B4096
 Factory Set Binary
 D0002 to D4000
 Factory Set BCD
 G0002 to G4096
 Factory Set Gray

CONNECTOR
 S = Side
 E = End

OUTPUT CONFIGURATION
HIGH TRUE OUTPUTS

A = Current Source, Single Ended, 24 Vdc. Max.
 B = Current Sink, Single Ended, 24 Vdc. Max.
 C = Current Sink, Single Ended
 with 10KΩ Pull Up Resistor.

LOW TRUE OUTPUTS

F = Current Source, Single Ended, 24 Vdc. Max.
 G = Current Sink, Single Ended, 24 Vdc. Max.
 H = Current Sink, Single Ended,
 with 10KΩ Pull Up Resistor.

Notes:

- 1) **Level Update**-The outputs continuously update when a logic "1" voltage is supplied to the input pin.
- 2) **Edge Update**-The outputs update only when the voltage supplied to the input pin makes a transition.
- 3) **Mx**-Multiplex option. Outputs are passive when the input pin is pulled to GND. Allows multiple DuraCoders® on single input wires.

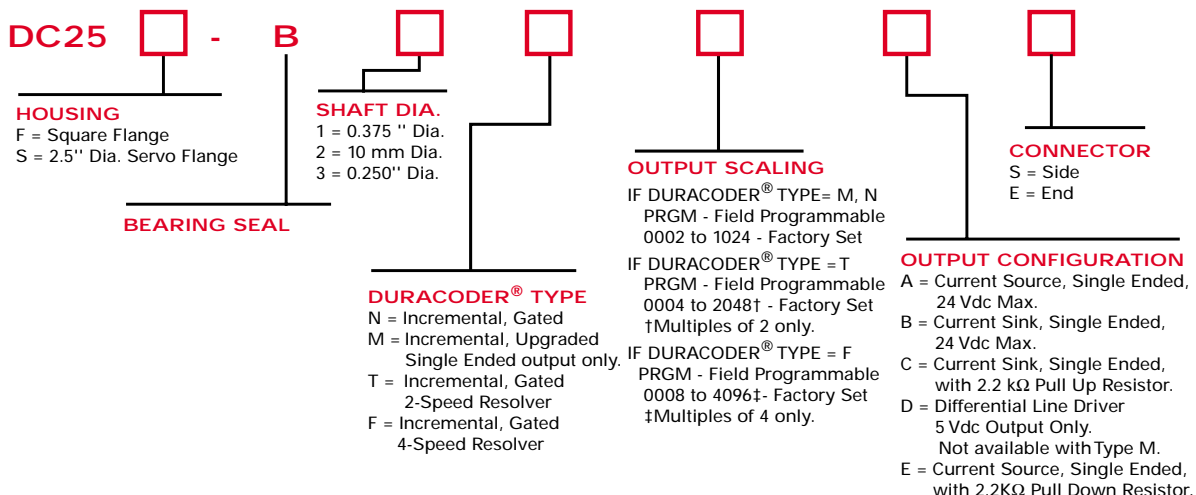
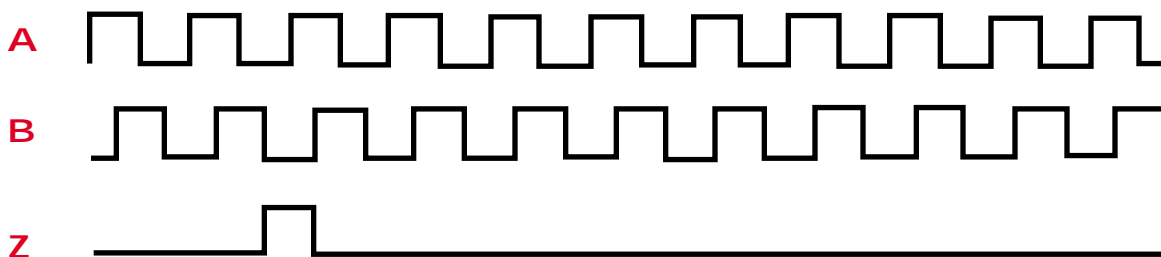


► Incremental Digital Output Version

The incremental digital output DuraCoder® is a virtually indestructible encoder for industrial motion applications. The Incremental DuraCoder® comes with a unique feature - programmability. The DuraCoder® is designed to allow the customer to set the number of cycles per turn to any value between 2 to 4096. This feature allows the customer to reduce inventory while maintaining the variety of output configurations present in any automation environment.

The DuraCoder® produces the standard quadrature output signals allowing for both unidirectional and bi-directional operation. The DuraCoder® also produces a marker pulse for homing or turns counting applications. Output types include sinking, sourcing, or differential line driver.

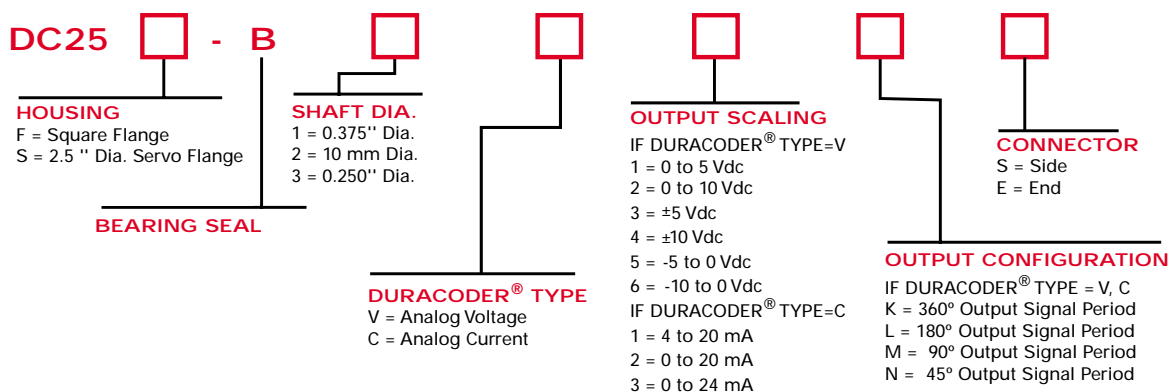
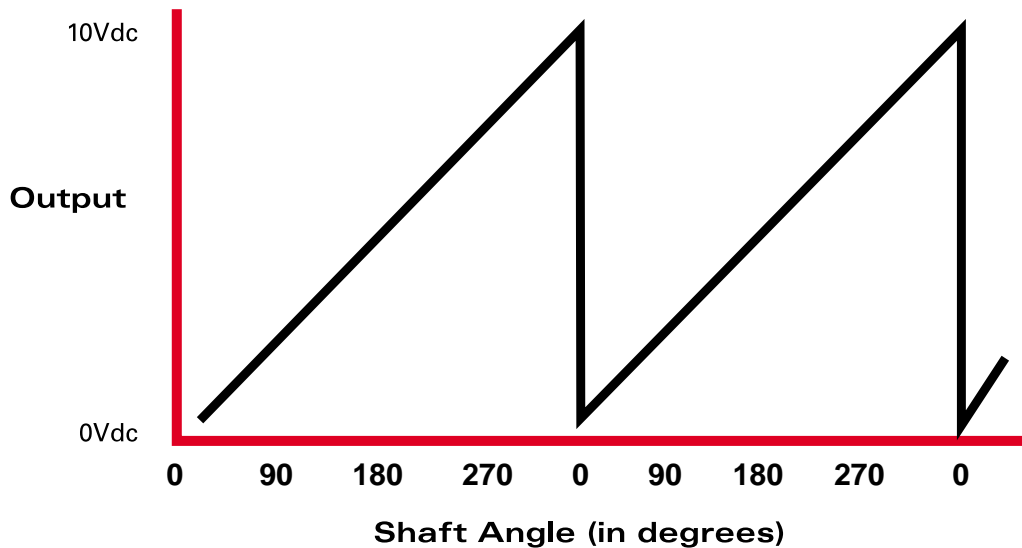
► Example of Incremental Digital Signal



► Absolute Single Turn Analog Output Version

Designed as a replacement for potentiometers, the analog output DuraCoder® is a perfect fit for closed loop process control. Available with analog voltage or analog current output, the analog DuraCoder® has an output format for any application. The analog DuraCoder® can be selected to produce the full output signal over 360, 180, 90, or 45 degrees. Available output signals include 0-5Vdc, 0-10Vdc, +/-5Vdc, or +/-10Vdc for analog voltage output. The analog current output versions are 4 to 20mA, 0 to 20mA, or 0 to 24mA.

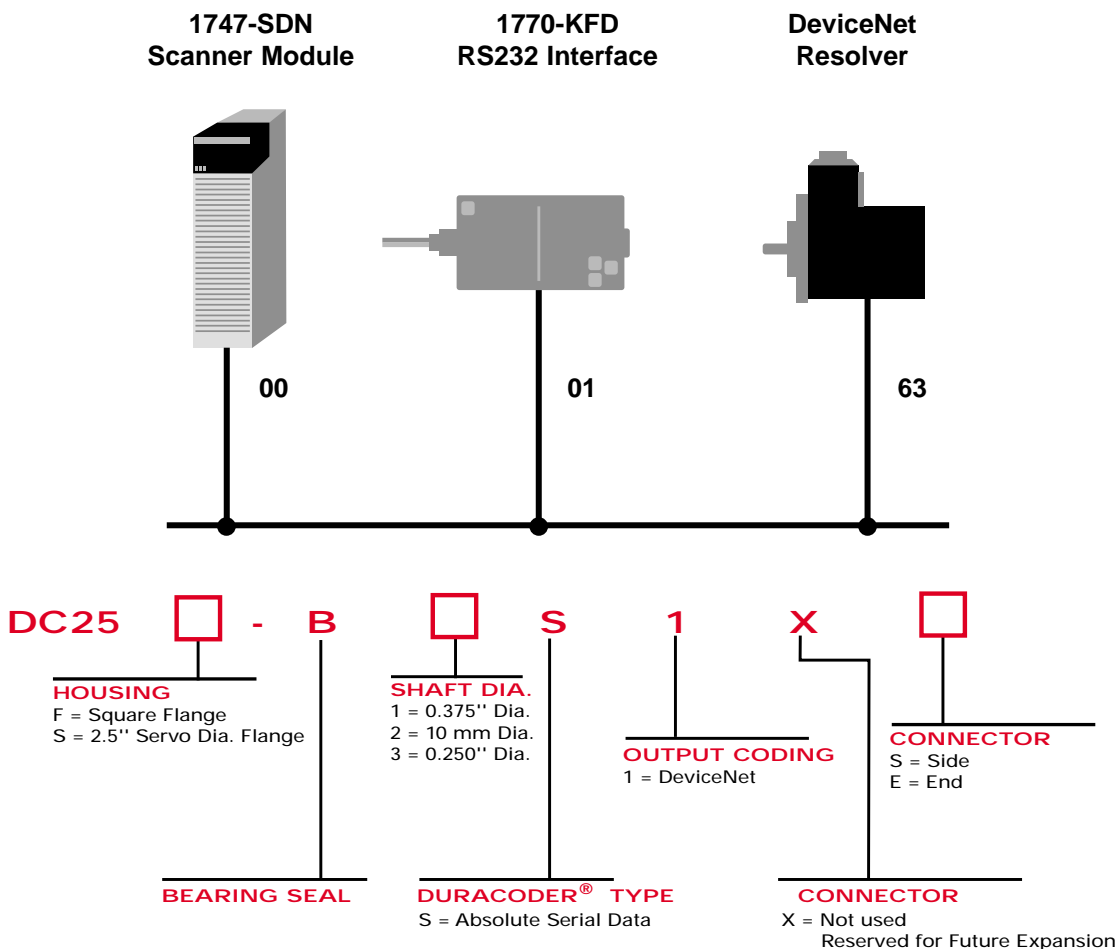
► Example of Analog Voltage Signal



► Absolute Serial/DeviceNet Output Version

As the use of networks increased in automation control, a networkable encoder was required. AMCI has filled that need with the DeviceNet DuraCoder®. Developed using the resolver device profile defined by ODVA, the DeviceNet DuraCoder® provides the durability of a resolver with the connectivity and versatility of a network. The resolution of the DeviceNet DuraCoder® is programmable over the network to a maximum value of 4096. Other programmable features include zero offset and programmable limit switch outputs.

► Example of DeviceNet Network



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