

# LIPS<sup>®</sup> M117 SLIM-LINE LINEAR POSITION SENSOR INTRINSICALLY SAFE FOR HAZARDOUS MINING ENVIRONMENTS

- Inherently safe for Mining to:  
Ex I/II M1/1GD
- Non-contacting inductive technology to eliminate wear
- Travel set to customer's requirement
- Compact 19 mm diameter body
- durable and reliable
- Sealing to IP67



As a leading designer and manufacturer of linear, rotary, tilt and intrinsically safe position sensors, Positek<sup>®</sup> has the expertise to supply a sensor to suit a wide variety of applications. Our M117 LIPS<sup>®</sup> (Linear Inductive Position Sensor) incorporates electronics system EX04 which is ATEX approved for use in potentially explosive gas/vapour and dust atmospheres and mining environments. The M117 is designed for industrial and scientific feedback applications 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 very compact and space-efficient with a small 19mm diameter body. The sensor is very robust, the body and push rod being made of stainless steel. The sensor is easy to install with mounting options including M5 male stud and M5 rod eye bearing. The push rod can be supplied free or captive, with male M5 thread or M5 rod eye. Like all Positek<sup>®</sup> sensors, the M117 provides a linear output proportional to displacement. Each unit is supplied with the output calibrated to the travel required by the customer, from 10 to 300mm and with full EMC protection built in. The M117 offers a range of mechanical options, environmental sealing is to IP67.

## SPECIFICATION

<b>DIMENSIONS</b>	
Body diameter	19 mm
Body length	
(Axial cable version)	measurement length + 109.7 mm
(Axial connector version)	measurement length + 109.7 mm
(Radial connector version)	measurement length + 118.5 mm
For full mechanical details see drawing M117-11	
<b>Power Supply</b>	+5V dc nom. ± 0.5V, 10mA typ 20mA max
<b>Output Signal</b>	0.5-4.5V dc ratiometric, Load: 5kΩ min.
<b>Independent linearity</b>	< ± 0.25% @ 20°C
<b>Temperature coefficients</b>	< ± 0.01%/°C Gain & < ± 0.01%FS/°C Offset
<b>Frequency response</b>	> 10 kHz (-3dB)
<b>Resolution</b>	Infinite
<b>Noise</b>	< 0.02% FSO
<b>Intrinsic Safety</b>	Ex I/II M1/1GD EEx ia I/II C T4 (Ta = -40°C to +80°C) Ex iaD 20 T135°C (Ta = -40°C to +80°C)
<b>Sensor Input parameters</b> (connector option/s)	Ui: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W.
(cable option/s)	Ci: 1.16µF, Li: 50µH Ci: 1.36µF, Li: 710µH with 1km max. cable
<b>Environmental Temperature Limits</b>	
Operating	-40 to +80°C
Storage	-40 to +125°C
<b>Sealing</b>	IP67
<b>EMC Performance</b>	EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-3
<b>Vibration</b>	IEC 68-2-6: 10g
<b>Shock</b>	IEC 68-2-29: 40 g
<b>MTBF</b>	350,000 hrs 40°C Gf
<b>Drawing List</b>	
M117-11	Sensor Outline
Drawings, in AutoCAD <sup>®</sup> 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 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 approved to; Ex I/II M1/1GD  
 EEx ia IIC T4 (Ta = -40°C to +80°C)  
 Ex iaD 20 T135°C (Ta = -40°C to +80°C)

Designates the sensor as belonging to; Groups I and II: suitable for all areas (including mining), Category M1/1 GD: can be used in areas with continuous, long or frequent periods of exposure to hazardous gas (Zones 2 to 0) and dust (Zone 20), equipment remains energised.

Gas:  
 Protection class ia, denotes intrinsically safe for all zones  
 Apparatus group IIC: suitable for IIA, IIB and IIC explosive gases.  
 Temperature class T4: maximum surface temperature under fault conditions 135°C.

Dust:  
 T135°C: maximum surface temperature under fault conditions 135°C.  
 Ambient temperature range extended to -40°C to +80°C.

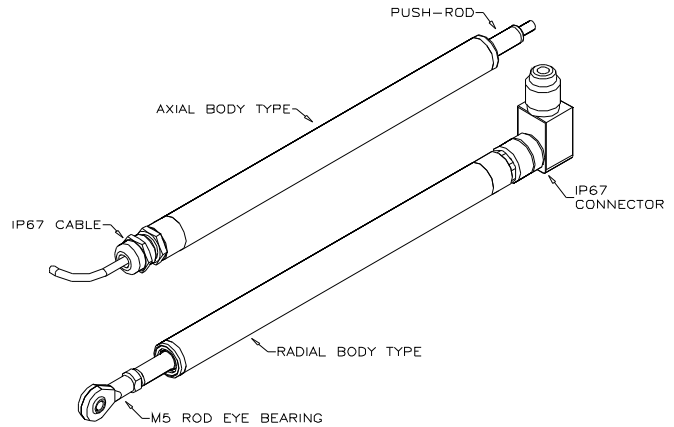
It is imperative Positek® intrinsically safe sensors be used in conjunction with a galvanic barrier to meet the requirements of the product certification. The Positek X005 Galvanic Isolation Amplifier is purpose made for Positek IS sensors making it the perfect choice. Refer to the X005 datasheet for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

**Safety Parameters:-**  
 Ui: 11.4V, Ii: 0.20A, Pi: 0.51W  
 Ci = 1.36µF\* Li = 710µH\* (cable option/s)  
 Ci = 1.16µF Li = 50µH (connector option/s)

\*Figures for 1km cable where: Ci = 200pF/m & Li = 660nH/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: ≤ 660 nH/m for max. total of: 660 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 approved sensors suitable for gas (X series) and dust (E series) applications, are also available from Positek.



## TABLE OF OPTIONS

**MEASUREMENT RANGE:** Factory-set to any length from 10 to 300 mm in increments of 1mm.

### ELECTRICAL INTERFACE OPTIONS

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

### CONNECTOR/CABLE OPTIONS

Connector - Binder 713 series Axial or Radial, IP67  
 Cable with PG9 gland Axial, IP67

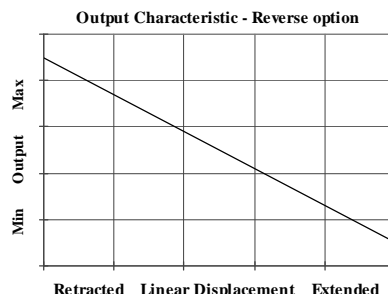
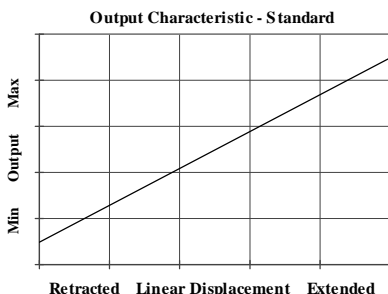
Cable length >50cm – please specify length in cm up to 15000cm maximum.

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

### MOUNTING OPTIONS

M5 rod eye bearing or M5x0.8 male thread ( radial versions).

**PUSH ROD OPTIONS** – standard retained with M5x0.8 male thread, M5 rod eye bearing or Free.



# 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 that 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 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.)

