**AVTRON INCREMENTAL ENCODER**

**Model: AV685 SMARTach™ III**

1-1/8” Hollow Shaft

**DESCRIPTION**
The Avtron Model AV685 SMARTach™ III is a severe duty incremental encoder (also known as tachometer or rotary pulse generator). Its output is directly proportional to shaft position (pulse count) or speed (pulse rate). The AV685 operates down to zero speed and can be used for both control and instrumentation applications.

When mounted to a machine shaft, the AV685 design eliminates the need for shaft couplings, adapter flanges, or accessory mounting faces. The unit employs a keyless shaft mount to lock the AV685’s rotor to a 1.125” diameter shaft. An anti-rotation arm prevents housing rotation while allowing for shaft end float.

The AV685 utilizes magnetoresistive sensors. This proven technology is ideal for rugged environments since it is immune to many contaminants that cause optical encoders to fail. These factors make the AV685 ideal for demanding industries like paper, metals, and chemical processing.

An Avtron AV685 SMARTach III is equipped with one or two AV5 sensor modules. Each module has a two-phase output (A, B) 90° out of phase, with complements (A, B). A Quad B output is also present. Output resolution on the AV685 is determined by the sensor only. Unlike older models, any PPRs can be mixed and matched. Selection of the rotor is based only on the shaft mounting requirements (and not PPR).

**NOTE**
Special option 4xx selects an alternate PPR code definition. Example: PPR Code 0, special option code 401=1270 PPR (Left) / no right output.

The AV5 removable sensor assembly has a diagnostic package that includes Adaptive Electronics and a Fault-Check output.

**ADAPTIVE ELECTRONICS**
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**FAULT-CHECK**
If the Adaptive Electronics reach their adjustment limit, the Fault-Check alarm and LED will notify the drive and operator of an impending failure. This output can occur before a failure, allowing steps to be taken to replace the unit before it causes unscheduled downtime. Fault-Check annunciation is available as an “alarm” output through the connector or as an integrated LED.

**INSTALLATION**

**Equipment Needed for Installation**

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<td>- 1-3/4&quot; Spanner Wrench (484017)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Anti-Rotation Arm Kit</td>
<td>- 1/2” Wrench</td>
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<td>3. Threadlocker (blue)</td>
<td>- 2-1/2” Spanner Wrench (484018)</td>
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<td>4. Synthetic Grease</td>
<td>- Dial Indicator</td>
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<td>5. Anti-Seize (copper)</td>
<td>- 7/16” Wrench</td>
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**AV685 PART NUMBERS AND AVAILABLE OPTIONS INCLUDING AV5 SENSORS**

**Equipment Options**

- Include analog signal converter (K652)
- Include Spanner Wrenches
- Special PPR (see table below)
- Special Cable

**Connecter**

- Length, XX= Length in Feet

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**Connecter Options**

**Mounted on Encoder Body**

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| G- (Northstar TM Pinout) with Plug | E- (M737 Pinout) | A- without Plug | K- Conduit Twist Lock
| P- with Plug | F- "E" with Plug | B- with Plug & clamp | Mini MS with Plug
| V- with Plug, w/isulated adapter | H- (M727 Pinout) | G- with Plug & Flex. | 10 Pin Mini Epic With Plug
| J- | | L- with Right Angle Plug | (M3 & M4 Replacement) |

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<td>Y- &quot;T&quot; w/ins. adapter</td>
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**SPECIAL PPR OPTION CODES**

See table on page 3

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The hollow shaft AV685 design eliminates the potential for bearing and coupling failures from misalignment, however, excessive housing movement (wobble) may cause undesirable vibrations. The higher the RPM, the more severe the vibration will be from housing movement. In a typical installation, a housing movement of 0.007" TIR or less (as measured at the outside diameter of the main encoder body) will not have an adverse effect.

**ELECTRICAL**

**A. Operating Power (Vin)**
1. Volts......................................5-24 VDC
2. Current..................................100mA, nominal, no load

**B. Output Format**
1. 20/ & Comp ................................A, B, B (differential line driver)
3. Signal Type.................................Incremental, Square Wave, 50 ±10% Duty Cycle.
4. Direction Sensing................................O/ A leads O/ B for CW rotation as viewed from the back of the tach looking at the non-drive end of the motor.

**E. Phase Sep..................................15% minimum**
**F. Frequency Range.........................@5V, @1m cable, 250 kHz Max @24V, @300m cable, #8 output, 45 kHz Max**
**G. PPR........................................4-50000***
**H. Line Driver Specs........................See table**
**I. Connectors.................................See connector options on page 1**

**J. LED Indicator**
- GREEN: power on, unit ok.
- RED: alarm has occurred.
- ORANGE: wiring fault (Thermal Overload; Under-voltage)

**MECHANICAL**

**A. Shaft Inertia................................25 Oz. In. Sec ^2**
**B. Acceleration...............................5000 RPM/Sec. Max.**
**C. Speed......................................4000 RPM Max.****
**D. Weight.....................................15-17 lbs [6-8 kg.]**

**ENVIROMENTAL**

Solid cast aluminum stator and rotor
Fully potted electronics, protected against oil and water spray
V-Ring seals provided.
Operating Temperature:See Temp Rating on page 1.

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**MACHINE SHAFT PREPARATION**

Preparing the machine shaft prior to encoder installation is essential to providing an adequate barrier against environmental contamination. In some cases, a separate stub shaft (OD of 1.250" +0.0000/-0.0005 x 4.5" long) will be installed on the motor. To prepare the machine shaft onto which the AV685 is to be installed, conduct the following procedures (see figures):

1. Remove the end cap, 0-Ring, and wave spring, noting the location of each to assist in re-assembly.

**CAUTION**

SPANNER WRENCHES MUST BE USED DURING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES. Using a substitute can distort the 1-3/4" nut and damage the unit. Do not try to remove the 2-1/2" bearing locknut at any time. This locknut is factory adjusted for optimum AV685 performance.

**NOTE**

Two spanner wrenches, which are required for AV685 installation, accommodate the 1-3/4" and 2-1/2" nuts found under the cap.

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3. Holding the 2-1/2" bearing locknut, remove the 1-3/4" dia. clamping nut and slide out the internal compression sleeve.

4. Verify that the compression sleeve can be installed by hand on the shaft where the unit is to be installed. File any burrs that obstruct sleeve installation and lightly oil the shaft.

5. If a keyway or flats exists on the shaft, provide an interference medium, or true the shaft back to round using metal putty or equal.

6. Return the compression sleeve to the AV685 hub.

7. Thread the 1-3/4" clamping nut onto the AV685 by hand until resistance is felt. DO NOT TIGHTEN at this time.

**ENCODER INSTALLATION**

Installing the AV685 and Anti-Rotation Arm:

1. The free end of the anti-rotation arm must be secured by the customer to a stationary member such as the floor or machine frame. Refer to "Anti-Rotation Arm Mounting Guidelines" on the last page for general requirements.

2. Based on the location of the stationary point and the guidelines on page 6, attach the 1/4" thick mounting board to one of two places on the AV685. Use two 1/4-20 UNC by 3-1/4" long machine screws provided.

3. Apply anti-seize (copper), provided, to machine shaft. A packet of silicone grease is provided to lubricate the following shaft seals: First, ALL AV685 types have an O-Ring inside their hollow shafts at the motor end. In addition, in THRU-SHAFT types, the clamping nut has an O-Ring on the inside, plus the outside of the clamping nut requires lubrication for the radial lip seal per step 6b. Slide the AV685 onto the machine shaft, mounting the board first. Ideally, the AV685 housing will be 1/2" to 1" from the motor or machine housing, but this may vary depending on the machine profile and the anti-rotation arm clearance requirements. Consider shaft end float when positioning the AV685.
AV5 Maintenance and Replacement Part Numbers

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**ANTI-ROTATION ARM MOUNTING GUIDELINES**

The anti-rotation arm stabilizes the encoder and keeps it from rotating as the machine shaft rotates. To get the best performance, minimize encoder movement by following these anti-rotation arm mounting guidelines as closely as possible.

1. Mount AV685 with conduit entry ports positioned horizontally.
2. Fasten the 1/4" thick mounting board to the inboard side of the AV685 in one of the two positions shown. Use the two 1/4-20 UNC x 3/4" long fasteners.
3. Mount anti-rotation arm perpendicular to motor shaft axis of rotation. Arm mounting bolts and associated rod bearings should be parallel to motor shaft also (top view).
4. Mount anti-rotation arm approx. 90° to a line established between the mounting board mounting hole and shaft centerline (viewed from end).
5. Mount AV685 as close as possible to the motor with the mounting board closest to the motor.
6. Establish a stationary (static) mounting point for the free end of the anti-rotation arm, using the guidelines above. Use the bolt provided to fasten arm to stationary point.
7. The anti-rotation arm is fully threaded and can be adjusted in length. The recommended length is 8 to 12".

**WIRING INSTRUCTIONS**

**CAUTION**

Remove power before wiring.

For bidirectional operation of the 2-phase SMARTach III, proper phasing of the two output channels is important. Phase A channel leads Phase B channel for clockwise shaft rotation as viewed from the anti-drive or accessory end of the motor (AV685 mounting end).

Wiring option “G” provides a pinout compatible with Northstar encoders, with a cable shield connection on pin 10. Note that this option does not ground the shield; Avtron still recommends grounding the shield at the drive end of the cable for all wiring options.
3) Apply Power.
4) Verify encoder feedback is correct, using hand rotation of shaft, or jog mode of the speed controller.

Interconnecting cables specified in the wire selection chart below are based on typical applications. Refer to the system drawing for specific cable requirements where applicable.

Physical properties of cable such as abrasion, temperature, tensile strength, solvents, etc., are dictated by the specific application. General electrical requirements are: stranded copper, 22 thru 16 gauge (Industrial EPIC options can use 14-20 AWG), each wire pair individually shielded with braid or foil with drain wire, 0.05 uF maximum total mutual or direct capacitance, outer sheath insulator, 1,000 ft. max. See Wire Selection Chart below for some suggested cables.

NOTE
When using the industrial connector ("G", "P", "Q", "V", or "Z" options), the minimum wire size is 20 gauge, and 20 gauge (only) wire ends must be tinned with solder before connection at the screw terminals.

MAINTENANCE

GENERAL
This section describes routine maintenance for the Avtron AV685 Encoder. For support, contact Avtron’s field service department at 216-642-1230. For emergency after hours service contact us at 216-641-8317.

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FAULT-CHECK
After power-up and the internal rotor position is checked by the sensor, the Fault-Check LED will turn GREEN.
If the adaptive electronics reach their adjustment limit for any reason, the Fault-Check alarm and LED will notify the drive and operator of an impending failure. The LED will turn RED if the Adaptive Electronics reach their adjustment limit. This output occurs before an actual failure, allowing steps to be taken to replace the unit before it causes unscheduled downtime. Fault-Check annunciation is available as an “alarm” output through the connector and as an integrated LED.

TROUBLESHOOTING:
If the drive indicates a loss of encoder/tach fault and the AV685 fault-check LED is not illuminated, check the encoder power supply. If power is present, check polarity: one indicator of reversed power supply is that all outputs will be high at the same time. If the drive indicates encoder fault, but the LED shows GREEN, then check the wiring between the drive and the encoder. If the wiring appears correct and in good shape, test the wiring by replacing the AV5 sensor module. If the new module shows GREEN, and the drive still shows encoder loss/tach fault, then the wiring is faulty and should be repaired or replaced.

If the alarm output and/or LED indicate a fault (RED):
1. Remove an end sensor plate or the second sensor, and use the built-in gauge to check the location of the rotor (see Figure 1).
2. Remove the AV5 sensor from the housing. Clean the housing mounting surface for the AV5 sensor and the AV685 housing.

If the alarm output and/or LED indicate a fault (RED) on a properly mounted AV5 sensor and the rotor is properly located, replace the AV5 sensor.

An oscilloscope can also be used to verify proper output of the AV5 encoder at the encoder connector itself and at the drive/controller cabinet. If the outputs show large variations in the signals at steady speed (jitter or “accordian effect”, figure 1), check rotor position. If the rotor position is correct, the motor or shaft may be highly magnetized. Replace any magnetized shafts with non-magnetic material (stainless/aluminum). Consider replacing the sensors with super-shielded models, option -004.

If the alarm output and/or LED indicate a wiring fault (ORANGE):
Remove all output wires/connections (A, B, C, D, E, F). If all outputs are OFF (RED), the LED should turn GREEN. If the LED does not turn GREEN, the encoder is not receiving enough voltage at +V to properly operate. Correct input voltage problem at power supply or cabling.

If the LED turns GREEN once all outputs are disconnected, reconnect each output, one at a time, monitoring for ORANGE LED. For partial/resistive short circuits, the LED may take a few minutes to turn ORANGE. To speed the troubleshooting process, if possible, spin the encoder while replacing individual output connections. This will make the ORANGE LED condition occur faster. Once the shorted output(s) are located, correct the shorting condition, and the encoder LED should remain GREEN.

If the LED is OFF, but power is being applied to the encoder, check the output voltage level at A, B, C, D. If all outputs are ON (+V), the connections to +V and COM are reversed. Swap connections between +V and COM; the LED should turn GREEN.

WIRING DIAGRAMS

FOR DIFFERENTIAL APPLICATIONS

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TYPICAL WIRE SELECTION CHART
for 18 AWG, multiple pair, individually shielded

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ALARM OUTPUT CONNECTION

Avtron SMARTach III encoders provide an alarm signal if maintenance is required under specific circumstances. The LED indicator is green when the encoder is properly powered and there are no faults; red indicates alarm on. Green indicates power on, red indicates alarm on. Following are application examples provided to help install the alarm output.

Example 1. Alarm output using +V(OUT). +V(OUT) is equal to +V, the encoder power supply.


Note: Alarm output is “low true”; i.e. it goes to øV when activated
OUTLINE DIMENSIONS AND OPTION DETAILS

AV685 ENCODER

CUSTOMER SHAFT 4.50[114] NOMINAL 3.38-4.13 [85.7-104.9] SHAFT ENGAGEMENT

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OPTIONS "A", "B", & "C" PLUG IN INDUSTRIAL CONNECTOR SHOWN

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