**DESCRIPTION**

The Avtron Model M6-4, M6-5, M6-6 and M6-7 are Hollow Shaft Incremental Encoders (also known as tachometers or pulse generators). They are a similar to the model M4 Heavy Mill Duty rotary hollow shaft incremental encoders but utilize flameproof and increased safety construction. The M6 compliance with the Essential Health and Safety Requirements has been assured by compliance with EN60079-0, EN60079-1 and EN60079-7 (Certificate of Conformity No. DEMKO 02 ATEX 131477X). The M6 is certified for use in CAT 2 (Zone 1) Gas Group IIC potentially explosive atmospheres when marked with the code Ex II 2G Ex de IIC T4 Gb (Tamb -20°C to +80°C). Tamb -40°C also available (Special modification 001 or 005).

When mounted to a motor or machine, the M6 output is directly proportional to shaft position (pulse count) or speed (pulse rate). The M6 can be used for both control and instrumentation applications. The hollow shaft version of the model M6 eliminates shaft couplings, adapter flanges, or accessory mounting faces. The unit employs a hollow shaft and clamping collar to lock the encoder to the shaft. An anti-rotation bracket prevents rotation of the encoder while allowing for shaft end float.

The enclosures on all Model M6s are rated IP 66 to protect the internal components from the entry of dust and water. Additionally, the M6 uses magnetoresistive sensing technology, making the M6 ideal for demanding industrial environments.

All M6s can be equipped with one or two outputs. Each output is electrically independent and totally isolated.

The outputs can be wired as single ended single phase, single ended two phase (A,B), or differential (A Quad B). Output resolution is determined by the rotor’s base PPR (pulses per revolution), times a sensor multiplier. The sensor module can provide: 1/2 the base PPR, the base PPR, or double the base PPR (see table). With two outputs, the same encoder can provide two different PPRs from a given rotor at the same time. Only one rotor per encoder is possible.

Example: an M6 could use a 1024 PPR sensor output on one side for feedback to a drive system, and simultaneously use a 256 PPR sensor on the other side for a process computer.

**INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The M6 standard flexible anti-rotation bracket will tolerate ± 0.1” of shaft end float. Consideration should be taken when positioning the encoder.

**CAUTION**

Be careful not to damage clamping fingers during handling. Do not tighten clamping collar before installation onto motor shaft. Damaging clamping fingers can affect the quality of installation.

**M6 ENVIRONMENT**

The M6 does not produce flammable gasses or dusts in normal operating modes. The M6 does not cause injury or harm when used in conjunction with the installation guide. The M6 does not produce ignition capable electrical sparks or arcs and has been designed not to produce potential ignition sources from electromagnetic, acoustic, optical or other energy sources. The M6 is not considered as a safety device and is not suitable for connection into a safety system. The installer should refer to the latest edition of the following standards before installing or operating in a Hazardous Area:

- EN 1127-1 Explosive Atmospheres - Explosion prevention and protection, basic concepts, and methodology.
- EN 60079-14 Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres - Part 14: Electrical installations in hazardous areas (other than mines).

The M6 housing and shaft materials are listed in the specifications. These materials are not considered as able to trigger an explosion in normal operating modes and various fault modes in accordance with the requirements for Cat 2 equipment. These materials are not known to react with any explosive atmospheres to which the M6 may be subject. It is however the responsibility of the end user to ensure that the M6 is selected correctly for the potentially explosive atmosphere in which the equipment is to be put into service.

**INSTALLATION**

**CONDITIONS FOR SAFE USE**

- Installation should be performed only by qualified personnel. Safety precautions must be taken to ensure machinery cannot rotate and all sources of power are removed during installation.
- The M6 cover plate on the main body of the M6 encoder must not be opened under any circumstances. Doing so will void the warranty and may void ATEX rating and cause a risk of fire or explosion resulting in injury, property damage, or even death.
- The M6 “Increased Safety” conduit entry covers must not be opened in Flammable Atmosphere or when energized.
- The ambient temperature range is: -20°C ≤ Tamb ≤ 80°C standard. -40°C ≤ Tamb ≤ 80°C for special option codes 001 and 005.
- Contact the original manufacturer for information on the flameproof joints.
- Socket head cap screws holding the flameproof cover onto the encoder have a minimum yield strength of 1220 N/mm2.
Corrective Action for Excess Housing Movement (Wobble)

The hollow shaft M6 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. If excessive housing movement is detected in the installation:

1. Check the shaft the M6 is mounted on for excessive shaft runout. NEMA MG1 calls for 0.002” TIR or less.
2. Verify that the M6 engagement with the motor shaft conforms to the engagement rules on page 4. In general, maximizing engagement will minimize housing movement.
3. Verify that the mounting shaft diameters conform to the rules on page 4. Excessive housing movement occurs when the clearance between the motor shaft and pulse generator shaft allows the two center lines to miss match.

If excessive housing movement still exists after the above steps, it may be necessary to physically bias the attitude of the encoder on the motor shaft while the clamping collar is being tightened. Either by eye or using dial indicators, note the position around the outside diameter of the encoder that is most out of position from true while turning the motor shaft slowly. With the motor shaft no longer turning, loosen the clamping collar. While applying moderate force by hand against the outside diameter of the encoder on the side opposite where the out of true position was observed, retighten the clamping collar. Several iterations may be necessary if the first attempt under or over compensates. This method may be used to help compensate for undersized shafts, shaft runout, bent clamping fingers, and other problems.

WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

The M6 can be wired for single phase, two-phase, with or without complements, with or without markers. See wiring diagram.

WARNING

- Do not wire the M6 Encoder while energized. Doing so may damage the encoder, and/or cause risk of fire or explosion.
- All cable entry devices used in the increased safety enclosure shall be certified for the type of increased safety enclosure “e” rated IP66, suitable for the conditions of use and correctly installed.
- Unused apertures in the increased safety enclosure shall be closed with a suitably certified Ex “e” blanking elements, rated IP66.
- For ambient temperatures below -10°C and above +60°C use wiring suitable for both minimum and maximum ambient temperatures. At maximum ambient wire & cable glands must be rated 91°C or better.

For bidirectional operation of the encoder, 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 (M6 mounting end).

CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR PHASE REVERSAL

1) Remove Power.
2) Exchange wires on cable, either at encoder cable end, or at speed controller end (but not both).
   a) Single Ended 2 Phase Wiring (see wiring diagram)
      Exchange A and B at the use end of the wires.
   b) Differential 2 Phase Wiring (see wiring diagram)
      Exchange either A with A in the phase A pair OR B with B in the phase B pair but NOT both.
3) Apply Power.
4) Verify encoder feedback is correct, using hand rotation of shaft, or jog mode of the speed controller.

Refer to the system drawing for specific cable requirements where applicable.

Physical properties of cable such as abrasion, tensile strength, solvents, marine applications, etc., are dictated by the specific application. Requirements for hazardous locations are dictated by the relevant codes. General electrical requirements are: stranded copper, 20 AWG (.52mm2) thru 16 AWG (1.5mm2) solid conductor wire may be used up to 14AWG. Each wire pair individually shielded with braid or foil with drain wire, 0.05 uF maximum total mutual or direct capacitance, outer sheath insulator, 2,000 ft. max. (see line driver specifications.) Temperature ratings of wire and wire glands shall be 20°C over the maximum expected ambient or motor temperature to allow for temperature rise in the M6 itself. Ground wires must be a minimum of 14AWG.

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### MAINTENANCE

**CAUTION**

Do not open the M6 housing. Doing so will void the warranty and may cause the risk of fire or explosion.

There are no field replaceable parts in an M6. The unit should be returned to the factory for any repairs.

Build up of large amounts of contamination are to be avoided, therefore periodic external cleaning is recommended.

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**M6 PART NUMBERS AND AVAILABLE OPTIONS**

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### SPECIFICATIONS

#### ELECTRICAL

- **A. Operating Power (Vin)**
  1. Volts: 240 to 600 VDC, no load
  2. Current: 120mA, no load
- **B. Output Format**
  1. 220 & 1200 (A, B, B)
  2. 220 & 1200 (A, B, B)
- **C. Signal Type**
  Incremental, Square Wave, 50 ±10% Duty Cycle
- **D. 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. Transition Separations**
  15% minimum
- **F. Frequency Range**
  0 to 150,000 Hz.
- **G. PPR**
  240, 256, 300, 480, 512, 600, 960, 1024, 1200
- **H. See Line Driver Options**

#### MECHANICAL

- **A. Shaft Inertia**
  0.6 to 0.83 oz in. sec.
- **B. Acceleration**
  5,000 RPM/Sec. Maximum
- **C. Starting Torque**
  1.5 to 20 Oz. In.
- **D. Speed**
  5,000 RPM Max. (M6-4, 5); 3600 RPM Max. (M6-6, 7)
- **E. Weight**
  18 lbs. Maximum
- **F. Shaft Diameter**
  Tolerance: See drawing on page 4.
- **G. Shaft Engagement**
  See drawing on page 4.
- **H. Bearing Protection**
  Shaft seal & double bearing seal.
- **I. Bearing Life with No Additional Loading**
  6 to 100,000 Hours
- **J. Maximum Additional Bearing Load**
  1. -6 (5/8") 5 pounds axial or 20 pounds radial
  2. -6 (2") 30 pounds axial or 90 pounds radial
- **K. Shaft Material**
  Black Oxide treated steel.
- **L. Housing Material**
  Cast aluminum with Polane S Plus polyurethane enamel finish.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL

- **A. Enclosure Rating**
  IP66
- **B. Operating Temperature**
  -80°C to -40°C (-40°C optional, -20°C standard)
- **C. Hazardous Locations**
  Ex de IIC T4 Gb (Tamb -20°C to +80°C Standard, -40°C to +80°C Standard, 0°C to +60°C Standard, -40°C to +80°C Standard, 0°C to +60°C Standard)

#### OUTPUT TERMINATIONS

Terminal Block: EEx e II compression type. Accepts AWG 16 (1.5mm²) to AWG 20 (0.52mm²) stranded wire. Housing available with 3/4 NPT or optional armored cable gland available (at maximum ambient wire and cable glands must be rated 91°C or better.)

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**WIRING DIAGRAMS**

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**SINGLE ENDED**

**SINGLE PHASE APPLICATIONS**

![Diagram of single ended single phase applications]

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**TYPICAL WIRE:**

18 AWG (.82mm²), multiple pair, individually shielded.

Ground wire 14AWG minimum

**NOTE:** Avtron standard warranty applies. Copies available upon request. Specifications subject to change without notice.
OUTLINE DRAWING

12.00 MAX
ADJUSTABLE ANTI-ROTATION ARM ASSY

90° MOUNTING BRACKET

6.44 [163.63]
3/8-16 X .50 BUTTON HD SCREWS

5.12
INBOARD VIEW

OPTION "W" TERMINAL BLOCK
WITH ARMORED CABLE GLAND
NOTE: CABLE GLAND TUMB (-40°C to +80°C)
MUST BE DERATED FOR TEMPERATURE RISE IN ENCODER.

NOTE:
FOR MAXIMUM STABILITY AND OPERATING
CONDITIONS, MOUNT THE ANTI-ROTATION
ARM ASSY WITH THE M6 TACH AS
CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE MOTOR HOUSING,
UTILIZING THE ABOVE MOUNTING PROCEDURE.

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* "VDC" to be "5-18" or "5-24" or "12-24"
** Tamb -20°C to +80°C standard, optional Tamb -40°C to +80°C available with special option codes 001 and 005.

4 – IDENTIFICATION LABEL: SEE ABOVE
3 – DIMENSIONS IN PARENTHESES ARE MILLIMETERS
2 – ALL DIMENSIONS ARE APPROX.
1 – WEIGHT: 18 LBS. MAX.

Features and specifications subject to change without notice.
Avtron standard warranty applies. All dimensions are in inches [mm] approx.

EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY: The Model M6 Encoder has been assessed and type tested against the following Harmonized European Standards: EN61000-6-4:2007, EN61000-6-2:2005. The Model M6 has been found to be compliant with the requirements of EMC directive 2004/108/EC provided that the following conditions are met: The electrical supply to the M6 must be within specified limits. The electrical supply must offer suitable protection from voltage surges unless the application does not require such protection. On behalf of Avtron: Terry Shadduck, Chief Engineer.

These instructions have been reviewed and the product evaluated as suitable for our application.

Company Name __________________________

Authorized Company Representative __________________________

Title __________________________ Date __________________________

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