

# VIONiC<sup>™</sup> RTLC20/*FASTRACK*<sup>™</sup> linear encoder system



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Further information relating to the VIONiC encoder range can be found in the *VIONiC series encoder system* data sheet (Renishaw part no. L-9517-9678), *Advanced Diagnostic Tool ADTi-100* data sheet (Renishaw part no. L-9517-9699), *Advanced Diagnostic Tool ADTi-100 and ADT View software* quick-start guide (Renishaw part no. M-6195-9321), and the *Advanced Diagnostic Tool ADTi-100 and ADT View software* user guide (Renishaw part no. M-6195-9413). These can be downloaded from our website www.renishaw.com/vionicdownloads and are also available from your local Renishaw representative.

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Packaging Component	Material	ISO 11469	Recycling Guidance
Outer box	Cardboard	Not applicable	Recyclable
	Polypropylene	PP	Recyclable
Inserts	Low density polyethylene foam	LDPE	Recyclable
	Cardboard	Not applicable	Recyclable
Bags	High density polyethylene bag	HDPE	Recyclable
	Metalised polyethylene	PE	Recyclable

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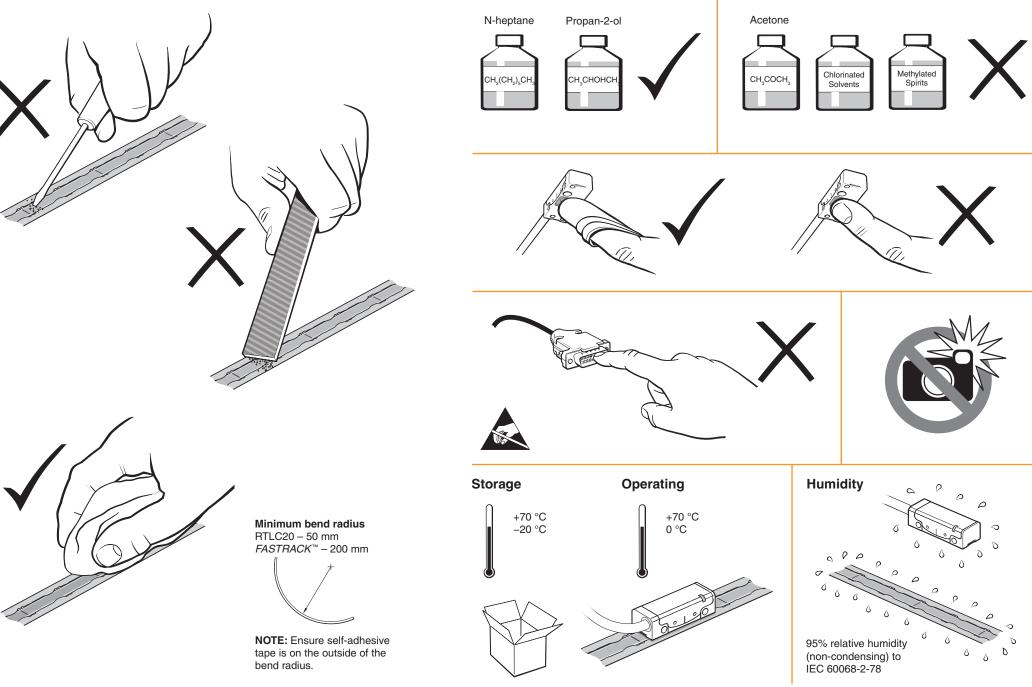


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# Storage and handling

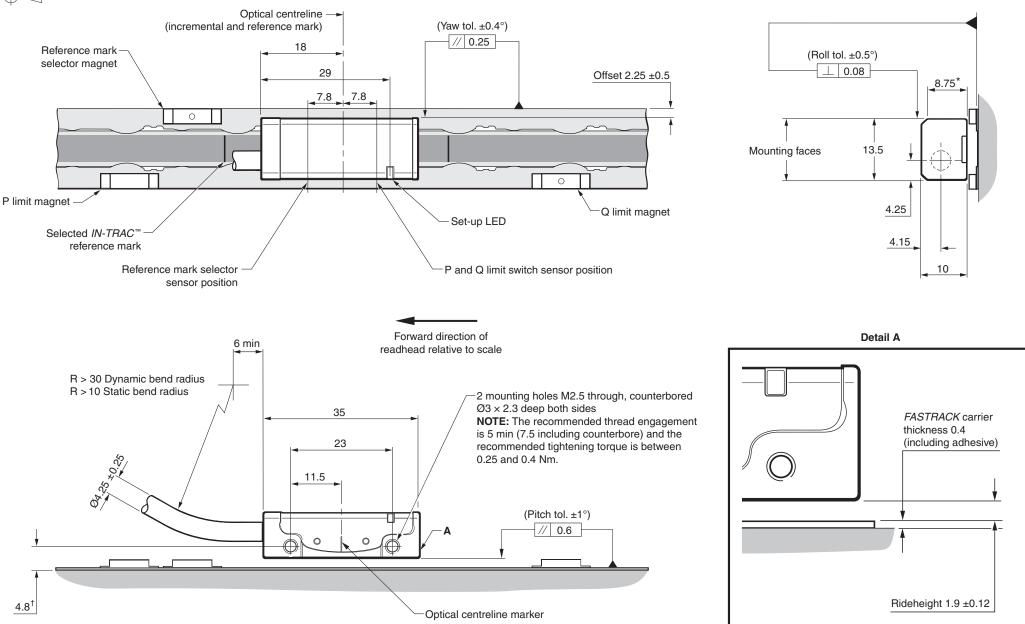
Scale and readhead

Readhead only

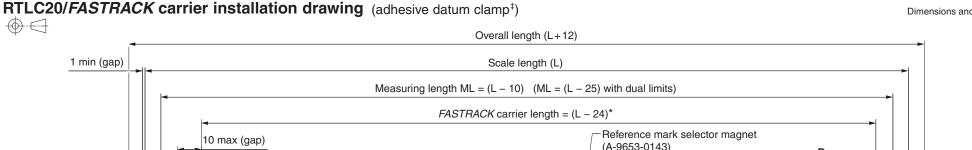


# VIONiC readhead installation drawing

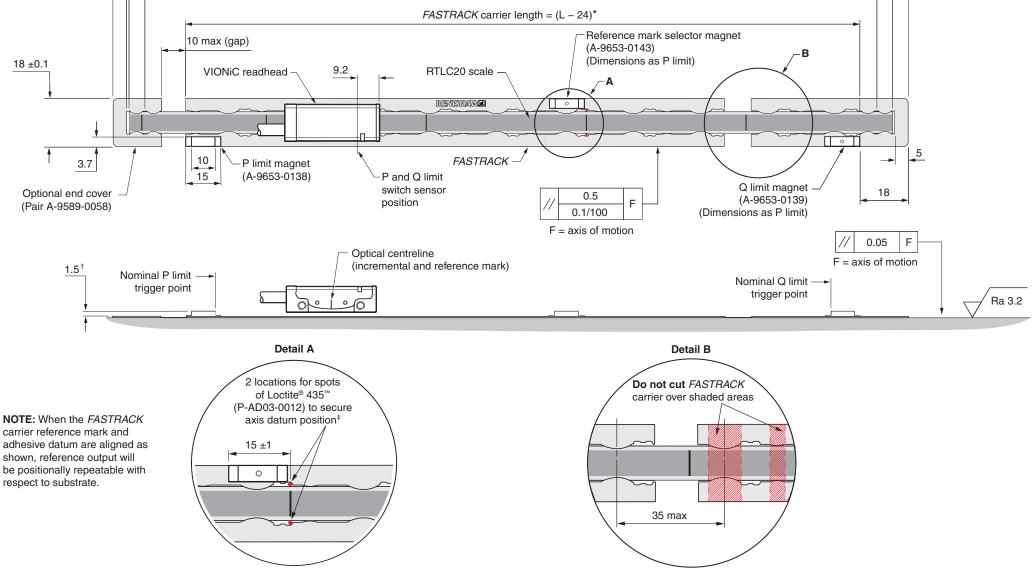




\* Extent of mounting face. † Dimension from substrate surface.







\*Assumes 1 mm gap between scale and end covers and zero gap between FASTRACK carrier and end covers. <sup>†</sup>Dimension from FASTRACK carrier surface. <sup>‡</sup>For alternative mechanical datum clamp methods see page 7. NOTES: Minimum recommended FASTRACK carrier length = 100 mm. The reference mark selector and limit actuator locations are correct for the readhead orientation shown.

External magnetic fields greater than 6 mT, in the vicinity of the readhead, may cause false activation of the limit and reference sensors.

# RTLC20/FASTRACK carrier installation

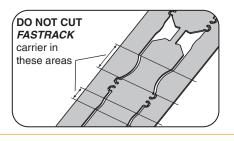
During handling or installation of the FASTRACK carrier suitable gloves should be worn to protect against injury from sharp edges.

1. If required cut the *FASTRACK* carrier and scale to length (separately) using guillotine (A-9589-0071) after referring to installation drawing.

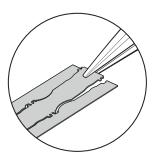
The guillotine should be held securely in place, using a suitable vice or clamping method.

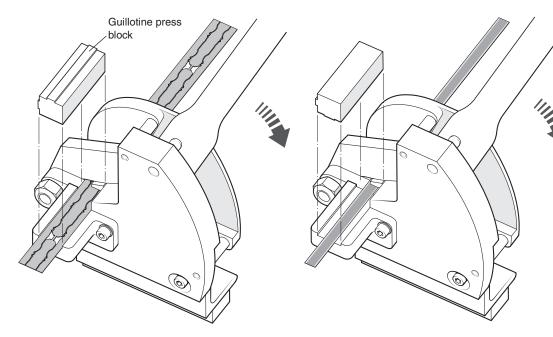
Feed *FASTRACK* carrier or scale through the guillotine as shown, and place the guillotine press block down onto the *FASTRACK* carrier or scale.

Ensure the block is in the correct orientation (as shown). Whilst holding the block in place, in a smooth motion, pull down the lever to cut through the *FASTRACK* carrier or scale.



3. Before sticking the *FASTRACK* carrier to the substrate bend the centre section upwards slightly using a small pair of pliers.





5.

 Remove backing liner and stick to substrate, locating against ledge/separate straight edge(s) or dowels.
 Ensure complete adhesion to the substrate by

applying firm finger pressure along the length of the *FASTRACK* carrier from the centre outwards towards each end using a lintfree cloth if required.

**NOTE:** Allow the *FASTRACK* carrier a minimum of 20 minutes to adhere before removing the centre section. forward pressure remove centre section. If the ledge method or similar is used then the appropriate side panel on the removal tool (A-9589-0122) will need to be removed as shown.

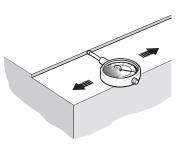
Engage centre section removal tool and with consistent

**IMPORTANT:** Wear suitable protective gloves whilst carrying out this procedure to avoid risk of cuts.



 Thoroughly clean and degrease the substrate and allow to dry.
 For the *FASTRACK* carrier location a ledge, separate straight edge(s) or dowels can be used.

> Check alignment of ledge/separate straight edge(s) with respect to axis of motion ('RTLC20/*FASTRACK* carrier installation drawing', page 5).



Side panels

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# RTLC20/FASTRACK carrier installation (continued)

6. Slide RTLC20 scale into the *FASTRACK* carrier ensuring the scale is fed under the projections as shown.

Scale can be installed manually by either pulling or pushing it through the *FASTRACK* carrier.

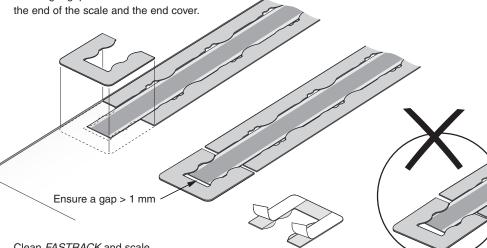
Alternatively use the optional scale installation tool (A-9589-0420) as shown, for easy installation.

**NOTE:** For instructions on how to use the scale installation tool, download the *RTL scale installation tool (A-9589-0420)* user guide (Renishaw part no. M-9589-9101) from the website at www.renishaw.com/vionicdownloads

> **IMPORTANT:** If manually installing the scale using fingers, suitable gloves should be worn to protect against injury from sharp edges.



 Optional: fix self-adhesive end covers ensuring a gap of at least 1 mm between the end of the scale and the end cover.



Projections

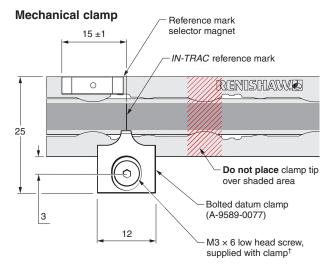
8. Clean FASTRACK and scale using a lint-free cloth.

Scale datum

The datum clamp fixes the RTLC20 scale rigidly to the substrate at the location chosen.

CAUTION: The metrology of the system may be compromised if the datum clamp is not used.

The datum clamp does not need to be fitted adjacent to a reference mark. It can be positioned anywhere along the axis depending upon the customer's requirements.

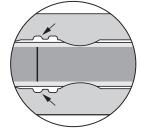


<sup>†</sup>Additional screws available (pack of 25 A-9584-2047).

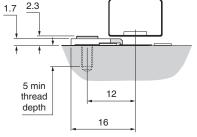
#### Adhesive clamp

Using dispensing tip P-TL50-0209 apply Loctite 435 between the scale and the *FASTRACK* carrier so it wicks underneath adjacent to user selected datum location as shown.

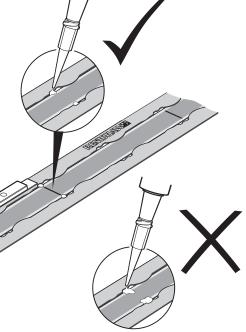
**NOTE:** Drawing shows the scale datum adjacent to the chosen reference mark.



**NOTE:** Only apply Loctite 435 in these gaps to ensure best bond. Loctite 435 will wick under the scale to lock it to the substrate.



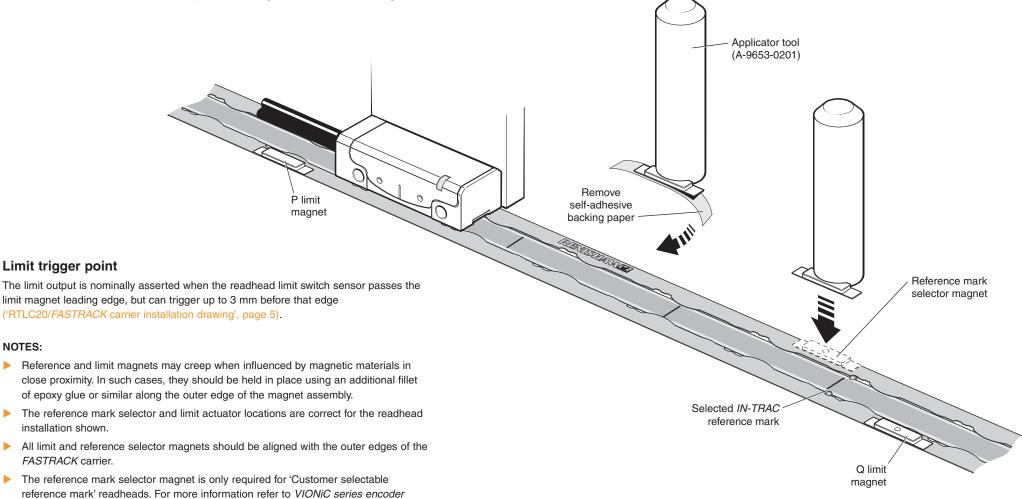
**NOTE:** When the reference mark and datum clamp are aligned as shown, the reference output will be positionally repeatable with respect to the substrate.



# Reference mark selector and limit magnet installation

For accuracy and ease of positioning of reference mark selector and limit magnets, the applicator tool (A-9653-0201) should be used. The magnet should be attached to the applicator tool as shown below and aligned with the outer edge of the FASTRACK carrier. Limit magnets can be positioned at any user-defined location along the FASTRACK carrier, but the reference mark selector magnet should be positioned adjacent to the selected IN-TRAC reference mark as shown below.

As the VIONiC readhead passes the reference mark selector magnet or limit switch magnet, a force of up to 0.2 N is generated between the magnet and the concentrators on the readhead. The design of the bracket should be sufficiently stiff so that it is able to tolerate such force without distorting. Following the clamping instructions on the scale installation will prevent this magnetic force from disturbing the scale.



External magnetic fields greater than 6mT, in the vicinity of the readhead, may cause false activation of the limit and reference sensors.

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system data sheet (Renishaw part no. L-9517-9678).

NOTES:

# VIONiC encoder system quick-start guide

This section is a quick-start guide to installing a VIONiC encoder system.

More detailed information on installing the system is contained on page 10 and page 11 of this installation guide.

The optional Advanced Diagnostic Tool ADTi-100\* (A-6165-0100) and ADT View software<sup>†</sup> can be used to aid installation and calibration.

#### INSTALLATION

Ensure scale, readhead optical window and mounting faces are clean and free from obstructions.

If required, ensure reference mark selector magnet is correctly positioned ('RTLC20/FASTRACK carrier installation drawing', page 5).

Connect the readhead to receiving electronics and power-up. The set-up LED on the readhead will flash.

Install and align the readhead to maximise signal strength over the full axis of travel as indicated by a Green flashing LED.

#### CALIBRATION

Cycle the power to the readhead to initiate the calibration routine. The LED will single flash Blue.

Move the readhead along the scale at slow speed (< 100 mm/s), without passing a reference mark, until the LED starts double flashing Blue.



The system is now calibrated and ready for use. Calibration values, Automatic Gain Control (AGC) and Automatic Offset Control (AOC) status are stored in readhead non-volatile memory at power down. **NOTE:** If calibration fails, restore factory defaults by obscuring the readhead optical window on power-up (page 12). Repeat the installation and calibration routine.

> \*For more details refer to the Advanced Diagnostic Tool ADTi-100 and ADT View software quick-start guide (Renishaw part no. M-6195-9321) and Advanced Diagnostic Tool ADTi-100 and ADT View software user guide (Renishaw part no. M-6195-9413). <sup>†</sup>The software can be downloaded for free from www.renishaw.com/adt

# Readhead mounting and alignment

#### Mounting brackets

The bracket must have a flat mounting surface and should provide adjustment to enable conformance to the installation tolerances, allow adjustment to the rideheight of the readhead, and be sufficiently stiff to prevent deflection or vibration of the readhead during operation.

#### **Readhead set-up**

Ensure that the scale, readhead optical window and mounting face are clean and free from obstructions.

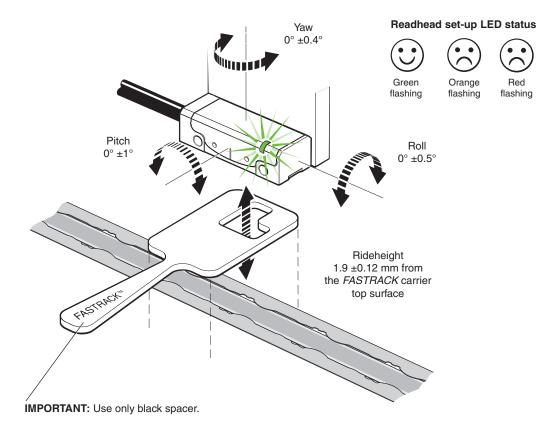
NOTE: When cleaning readhead and scale apply cleaning fluid sparingly; do not soak.

To set nominal rideheight, place the black spacer with the aperture under the optical centre of the readhead to allow normal LED function during set-up procedure. Adjust the readhead to achieve a flashing Green LED along the full axis of travel. The faster the flash rate, the closer it is to optimum set-up. The optional Advanced Diagnostic Tool ADTi-100 (A-6195-0100) and ADT View software can be used to optimise signal strength in challenging installations. See www.renishaw.com/adt for more information.

NOTE: When re-installing the readhead, factory defaults should be restored (page 12).

#### **Readhead LED diagnostics**

Mode	LED	Status
Installation mode	Green flashing	Good set-up, maximise flash rate for optimum set-up
	Orange flashing	Poor set-up, adjust readhead to obtain Green flashing LED
	Red flashing	Poor set-up, adjust readhead to obtain Green flashing LED
Calibration mode	Blue single flashing	Calibrating incremental signals
	Blue double flashing	Calibrating reference mark
Normal operation	Blue	AGC on, optimum set-up
	Green	AGC off, optimum set-up
	Red	Poor set-up; signal may be too low for reliable operation
	Blank flash	Reference mark detected (visible indication at speed < 100 mm/s only)
Alarm	4 red flashes	Low signal, over signal, or overspeed; system in error



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# System calibration

**NOTE:** The functions described below can also be carried out using the optional ADTi-100 and ADT View software. See <a href="https://www.renishaw.com/adt">www.renishaw.com/adt</a> for more information.

Ensure signal strength has been optimised along the full axis of travel, the LED will be flashing Green. Cycle the power to the readhead or connect the 'Remote CAL' output pin to 0 V for < 3 seconds. The readhead will then single flash Blue to indicate it is in calibration mode as detailed in 'Readhead mounting and alignment', page 10. The readhead will only enter calibration mode if the LED is flashing Green.

#### Step 1 – Incremental signal calibration

- Move the readhead along the axis at slow speed (< 100 mm/s or less than the readhead maximum speed, whichever is slower) ensuring it does not pass a reference mark, until the LED starts double-flashing indicating the incremental signals are now calibrated and the new settings are stored in the readhead memory.</p>
- The system is now ready for reference mark phasing. For systems without a reference mark, cycle the power to the readhead or connect the 'Remote CAL' output pin to 0 V for < 3 seconds to exit calibration mode.</p>
- If the system does not automatically enter the reference mark phasing stage (LED continues single flashing) the calibration of the incremental signals has failed. After ensuring failure is not due to overspeed (> 100 mm/s or exceeding the readhead maximum speed) exit the calibration routine, restore factory defaults as detailed below, and check the readhead installation and system cleanliness before repeating the calibration routine.

#### Step 2 – Reference mark phasing

- Move the readhead back and forth over the selected reference mark until the LED stops flashing and remains solid Blue (or Green if AGC is disabled). The reference mark is now phased.
- > The system automatically exits the calibration routine and is ready for operation.
- AGC and AOC are automatically switched on once calibration is complete. To switch off AGC refer to 'Enabling/disabling AGC', page 12.
- If the LED continues double-flashing after repeatedly passing the chosen reference mark it is not being detected.
  - Ensure that the correct readhead configuration is being used. Readheads can either output all reference marks or only output a reference mark where a reference selector magnet is fitted depending on the options chosen when ordering.
  - Check reference mark selector magnet is fitted in the correct location relative to readhead orientation ('RTLC20/FASTRACK carrier installation drawing', page 5).

#### Calibration routine manual exit

To exit the calibration routine at any stage cycle the power to the readhead or connect the 'Remote CAL' output pin to 0 V for < 3 seconds. The LED will then stop flashing.</p>

LED	Settings stored
Blue single flashing	None, restore factory defaults and recalibrate
Blue double flashing	Incremental only
Blue (auto-complete)	Incremental and reference mark

# **Restoring factory defaults**

When re-installing the system, or in the case of continued calibration failure, factory defaults should be restored.

#### To restore factory defaults:

- Switch system off.
- Obscure the readhead optical window (using the spacer supplied with the readhead ensuring the cut-out is NOT under the optical window) or connect the 'Remote CAL' output pin to 0 V.
- Power the readhead.
- > Remove the spacer or, if using, the connection from the 'Remote CAL' output pin to 0 V.
- The LED will start continuously flashing indicating factory defaults have been restored and the readhead is in installation mode (flashing set-up LED).
- Repeat 'Readhead set-up' procedure, see page 10.

# **Enabling/disabling AGC**

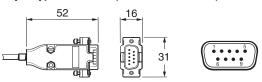
The AGC is switched on once the system has been calibrated indicated by a Blue LED. AGC can be manually switched off by connecting the 'Remote CAL' output pin to 0 V for > 3 seconds < 10 seconds. The LED will then be solid Green.

# **Output signals**

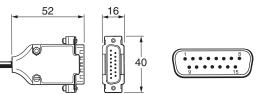
# **Digital outputs**

Function	Sig	nal	Colour	9-way D-type (A)	15-way D-type (D)	15-way D-type alternative pin-out (H)	12-way circular connector† (X)	14-way JST (J) <sup>‡</sup>
Power	5	V	Brown	5	7, 8	4, 12	G	10
	0	V	White	1	2, 9	2, 10	Н	1
Incremental	٨	+	Red	2	14	1	М	7
	A	-	Blue	6	6	9	L	2
	<b>D</b>	+	Yellow	4	13	3	J	11
	В	-	Green	8	5	11	К	9
Reference	7	+	Violet	3	12	14	D	8
mark	Z	-	Grey	7	4	7	E	12
Limits	F	c	Pink	-	11	8	A	14
	Q		Black	-	10	6	В	13
Alarm	E	-	Orange	-	3	13	F	3
Remote CAL*	C	CAL Clear		9	1	5	С	4
Shield	-	-	Screen	Case	Case	Case	Case	Ferrule

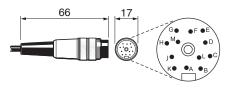
9-way D-type connector (termination code A)



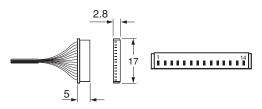
15-way D-type connector (termination code D, H)



12-way in-line circular connector (termination code X)



14-way JST connector (termination code J)<sup>‡</sup>



\* Remote CAL line must be connected for use with ADTi-100.
† 12-way circular Binder mating socket – A-6195-0105.
\* Pack of 5 14-way JST SH mating sockets: A-9417-0025 – Bottom mount; A-9417-0026 – Side mount. Maximum of 20 insertion cycles for JST connector.

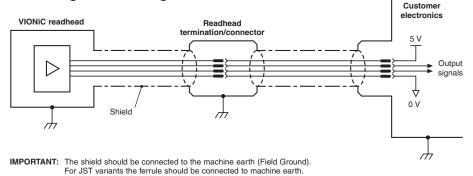
# Speed

Clocked output		Maximum speed (m/s)								Minimum edge			
option (MHz)	5 μm (D)										separation* (ns)		
50	12	12	12	7.25	3.63	1.81	1.45	0.906	0.725	0.363	0.181	0.091	25.3
40	12	12	12	5.80	2.90	1.45	1.16	0.725	0.580	0.290	0.145	0.073	31.8
25	12	12	9.06	3.63	1.81	0.906	0.725	0.453	0.363	0.181	0.091	0.045	51.2
20	12	12	8.06	3.22	1.61	0.806	0.645	0.403	0.322	0.161	0.081	0.040	57.7
12	12	10.36	5.18	2.07	1.04	0.518	0.414	0.259	0.207	0.104	0.052	0.026	90.2
10	12	8.53	4.27	1.71	0.850	0.427	0.341	0.213	0.171	0.085	0.043	0.021	110
08	12	6.91	3.45	1.38	0.690	0.345	0.276	0.173	0.138	0.069	0.035	0.017	136
06	12	5.37	2.69	1.07	0.540	0.269	0.215	0.134	0.107	0.054	0.027	0.013	175
04	12	3.63	1.81	0.730	0.360	0.181	0.145	0.091	0.073	0.036	0.018	0.009	259
01	4.53	0.910	0.450	0.180	0.090	0.045	0.036	0.023	0.018	0.009	0.005	0.002	1038

\*For a readhead with a 1 m cable.

# **Electrical connections**

# Grounding and shielding

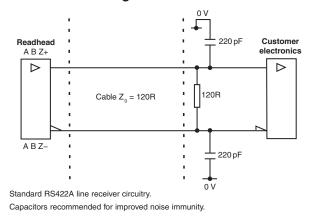


Maximum readhead cable length: 3 m

Maximum extension cable length: Dependent on cable type, readhead cable length and clock speed. Contact your local Renishaw representative for more information.

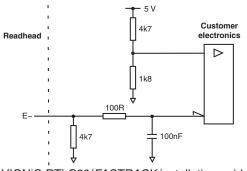
NOTE: The maximum cable length between the readhead and the ADTi-100 is 3 m.

#### **Recommended signal termination**



#### Single ended alarm signal termination

(Not available with 'A' cable termination)



#### Limit output

(Not available with 'A' cable termination)



\* Select R so that maximum current does not exceed 10 mA. Alternatively, use a suitable relay or opto-isolator.

#### **Remote CAL operation**



Remote operation of the CAL/AGC is possible via CAL signal.

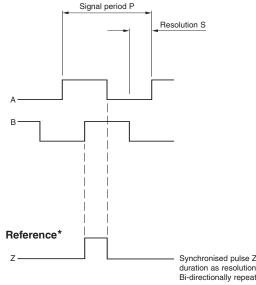
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# **Output specifications**

# **Digital output signals**

Form - Square wave differential line driver to EIA RS422A (except limits P and Q)

Incremental\* 2 channels A and B in quadrature (90° phase shifted)



Resolution option code	Ρ (μm)	S (µm)
D	20	5
х	4	1
z	2	0.5
w	0.8	0.2
Y	0.4	0.1
н	0.2	0.05
М	0.16	0.04
Р	0.1	0.025
I	0.08	0.02
0	0.04	0.01
Q	0.02	0.005
R	0.01	0.0025

NOTE: A wide reference mark option, outputting a reference pulse for the duration of the signal period

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is available.

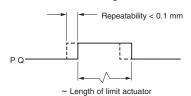
more information.

Synchronised pulse Z, duration as resolution. Bi-directionally repeatable.<sup>†</sup>

Limits Open collector output, asynchronous pulse

#### Active high

(Not available with 'A' cable termination)



Alarm

E-

Line driven (Asynchronous pulse)

(Not available with 'A' cable termination)



or 3-state alarm

Differentially transmitted signals forced open circuit for > 15 ms when alarm conditions valid.

\* Inverse signals not shown for clarity.

<sup>†</sup>Only calibrated reference mark is bi-directionally repeatable.

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# **General specifications**

Power supply	5 V -5%/+10%	Typically 200 mA fully terminated
		Power from a 5 Vdc supply complying with the requirements for SELV of standard IEC 60950-1
	Ripple	200 mVpp maximum @ frequency up to 500 kHz
Temperature	Storage	–20 °C to +70 °C
	Operating	0 °C to +70 °C
Humidity		95% relative humidity (non-condensing) to IEC 60068-2-78
Sealing		IP40
Acceleration (system)	Operating	400 m/s², 3 axes
Shock (system)	Operating	500 m/s², 11 ms, ½ sine, 3 axes
Vibration (system)	Operating	100 m/s <sup>2</sup> max @ 55 Hz to 2000 Hz, 3 axes
Mass	Readhead	8.6 g
	Cable	26 g/m
Readhead cable		Single-shielded, outside diameter 4.25 $\pm$ 0.25 mm
		Flex life > $20 \times 10^6$ cycles at 30 mm bend radius
		UL recognised component 🔊
Maximum readhead cable length*		3 m

\*Extension cables available. Contact your local Renishaw representative for further details.

**CAUTION:** Renishaw encoder systems have been designed to the relevant EMC standards, but must be correctly integrated to achieve EMC compliance. In particular, attention to shielding arrangements is essential.

# **RTLC20** scale technical specifications

Form $(H \times W)$	0.2 mm × 8 mm
Pitch	20 μm
Accuracy at 20 °C (includes slope and linearity)	$\pm 5\ \mu\text{m/m}$ calibration traceable to International Standards
Linearity	$\pm 2.5 \ \mu$ m/m achievable with 2 point error correction
Supplied lengths	20 mm to 10 m (> 10 m available on request)
Material	Hardened and tempered martensitic stainless steel
Coefficient of thermal expansion (at 20 °C)	10.1 ±0.2 μm/m/°C
Installation temperature	15 °C to 35 °C
Datum fixing	Loctite 435 or mechanical clamp (A-9585-0077)

# FASTRACK technical specifications

Form (H × W)	0.4 mm $\times$ 18 mm (including adhesive)
Minimum recommended length	100 mm
Supplied lengths	100 mm to 25 m
Material	Hardened and tempered martensitic stainless steel
Coefficient of thermal expansion (at 20 °C)	10.1 ±0.2 μm/m/°C
Installation temperature	15 °C to 35 °C
Mounting	Self-adhesive backing tape

# **Reference mark**

Туре		Customer selected <i>IN-TRAC</i> reference mark, directly embedded into incremental track. Bi-directional position repeatability.
Selection		Single reference mark selection by selector magnet (A-9653-0143) customer positioned
	L ≤ 100 mm	Single reference mark at scale centre
	L > 100 mm	Reference marks at 50 mm spacing (first reference mark 50 mm from scale end)
Repeatability		Unit of resolution repeatability (bi-directional) across full system rated speed and temperature ranges

# Limit switches

Туре	Magnetic actuators; with dimple triggers Q limit, without dimple triggers P limit ('RTLC20/ <i>FASTRACK</i> carrier installation drawing', page 5)
Trigger point	The limit output is nominally asserted when the readhead limit switch sensor passes the limit magnet leading edge, but can trigger up to 3 mm before that edge
Mounting	Customer placed at desired locations
Repeatablity	< 0.1 mm

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