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FORTiS-N™ enclosed encoder system

Specification

Measuring standard	Renishaw stainless-steel scale with single track absolute encoding
Coefficient of thermal expansion (at 20 °C)	10.1 ±0.2 µm/m/°C
Thermal datum	At centre position (encoder position of 0.5 × measuring length)
Measuring lengths available (mm)	70, 120, 170, 220, 270, 320, 370, 420, 470, 520, 570, 620, 670, 720, 770, 820, 920, 1020, 1140, 1240, 1340, 1440, 1540, 1640, 1740, 1840, 2040 (mounting spar available – recommended for > 620 mm length)
Accuracy grades	High grade: ≤ ±3 µm Standard grade: ≤ ±5 µm
Resolution [1]	0.5 nm, 1 nm, 1.25 nm, 10 nm, 12.5 nm, 25 nm, 50 nm
Sub-Divisional Error (typical)	±40 nm
Jitter (RMS)	10 nm
Absolute position serial interface	BiSS C, FANUC (α/αi), Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ (with external interface), Yaskawa
Encoder electrical connection	Cable connector M12 custom
Controller electrical connection	8-way M12, FANUC 20-way, 10-way Mitsubishi, 17-way M23, 9-way D-Type, 14-way LEMO, flying lead
Cable length	Up to 100 m (with extension cable)
Power supply	5 V ±10% 1.25 W maximum (250 mA @ 5 V)
Set-up LED	Signal strength indicator LED
Maximum speed	4 m/s
Acceleration (readhead relative to scale)	< 200 m/s² in measuring direction
Moving force (maximum force required to move the readhead through the seals)	< 4 N
Vibration (55 Hz to 2 000 Hz)	Readhead: < 300 m/s² to IEC 60068-2-6 Housing without mounting spar: < 200 m/s² to IEC 60068-2-6 Housing with mounting spar: < 300 m/s² to IEC 60068-2-6
Shock 11 ms half-sine	< 300 m/s² IEC 60068-2-27
Operating temperature	0 °C to 50 °C
Environment protection	IP53 when installed correctly, IP64 with air purge
Air purge requirements	Air supply pressure = 1 bar at encoder At correct supply pressure the supplied air connection fitting restricts the air flow rate to 2 l/min
Weight	0.11 kg + 0.45 kg/m

[1] See page 2.

Resolution per accuracy grade and serial interface – standard options

Accuracy grade	Serial interface	Resolution nm	
		Single	Dual
3 µm	BiSS C, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ, Yaskawa	1	
	FANUC		1 / 0.5
			10 / 1.25
5 µm	BiSS C, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ, Yaskawa	10	
		50	
	FANUC		50 / 12.5
			50 / 25

NOTE: For BiSS C encoders, the standard position word length is 36 bits long. However, to accommodate controllers that require a shorter position word length, versions with 26 bit or 32 bit word length are also available (with standard 5 µm accuracy grade only).

Position word length	Nomenclature code	Accuracy grade	Resolution options (nm)		
			1	10	50
36 bit	36B	3 µm	OK	N/A	N/A
		5 µm	N/A	OK	OK
32 bit	32B		N/A	OK	N/A
26 bit	26B		N/A	N/A	OK

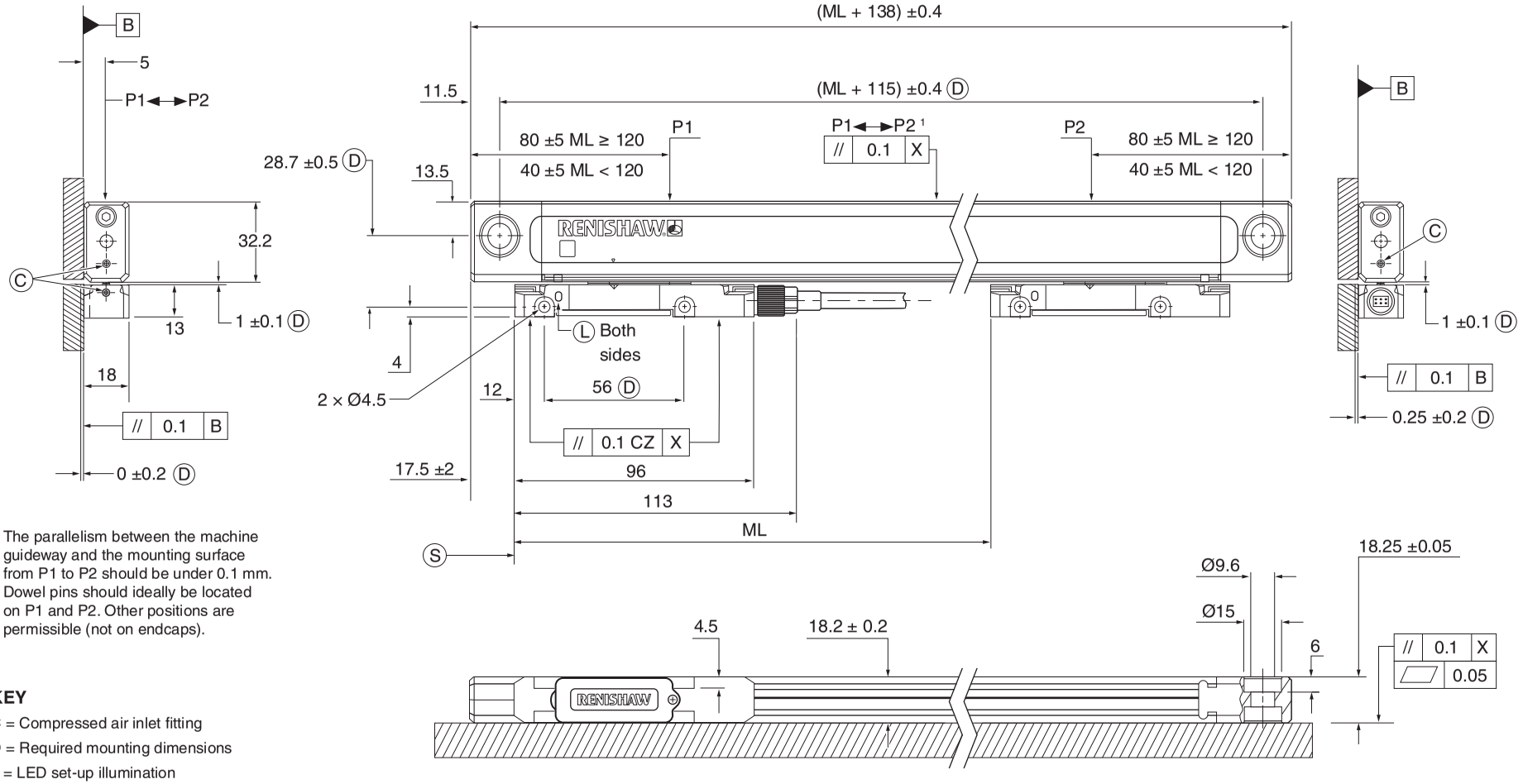
NOTE: For Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ encoders, the position word length is linked to the resolution, which in turn is linked to the accuracy grade. Here are the three options.

Position word length	Nomenclature code	Accuracy grade	Resolution options (nm)
34 bit	34D	3 µm	1
30 bit	30D	5 µm	10
28 bit	28D	5 µm	50

System installation drawing – standard end caps

(ML 320 mm shown)

Dimensions and tolerances in mm



[1] The parallelism between the machine guideway and the mounting surface from P1 to P2 should be under 0.1 mm. Dowel pins should ideally be located on P1 and P2. Other positions are permissible (not on endcaps).

KEY

C = Compressed air inlet fitting
D = Required mounting dimensions
L = LED set-up illumination
ML = Measuring length
P = Gauging points for alignment
S = Start of measuring length
X = Machine guideway/axis datum

ML	70	120	170	220	270	320	370	420	470	520	570	620	670	720	770	820	920	1020	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1740	1840	2040

System installation drawing – short end caps

(ML 320 mm shown)

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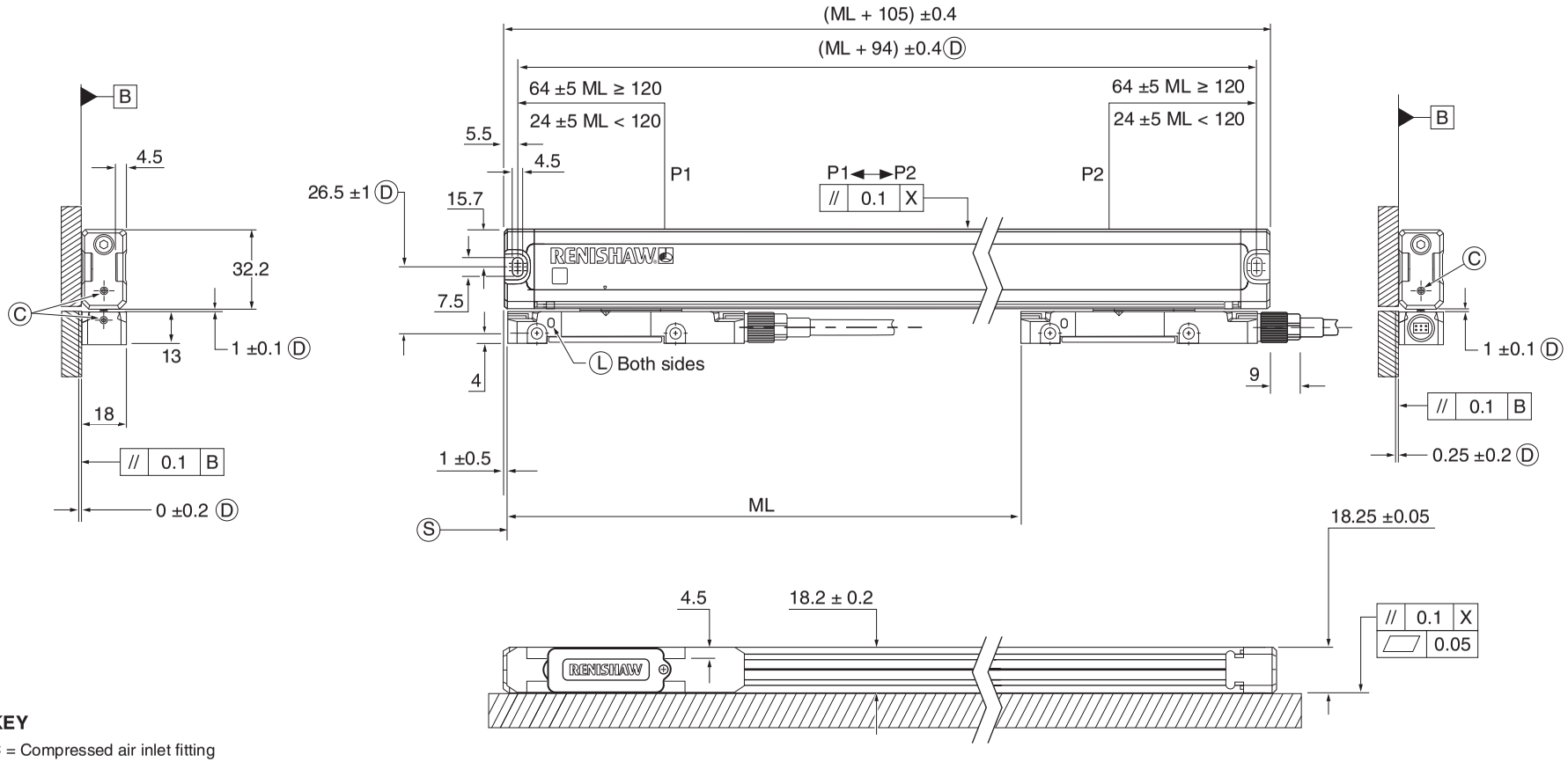

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Mounting orientations – standard end caps

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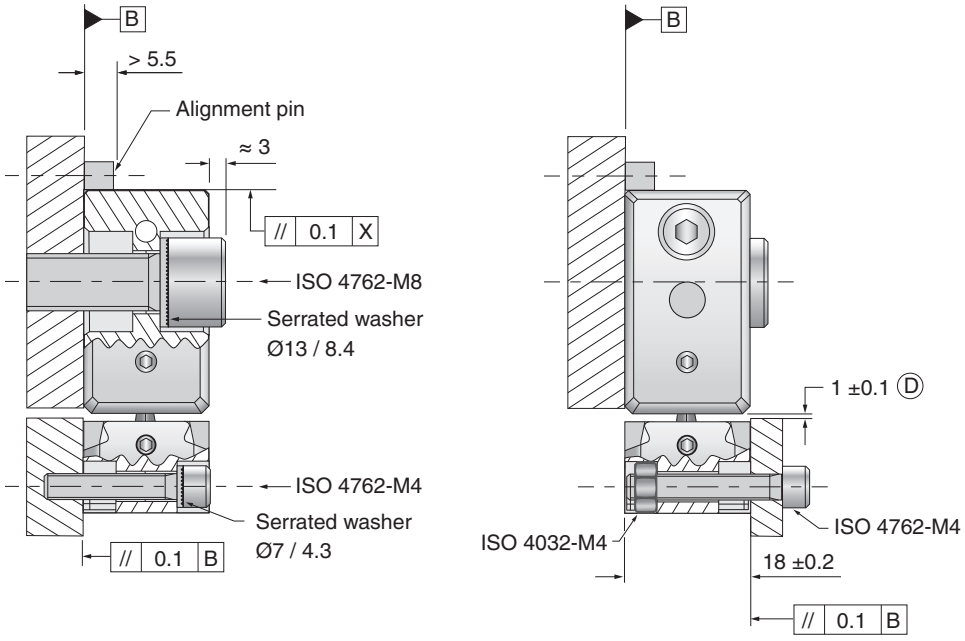

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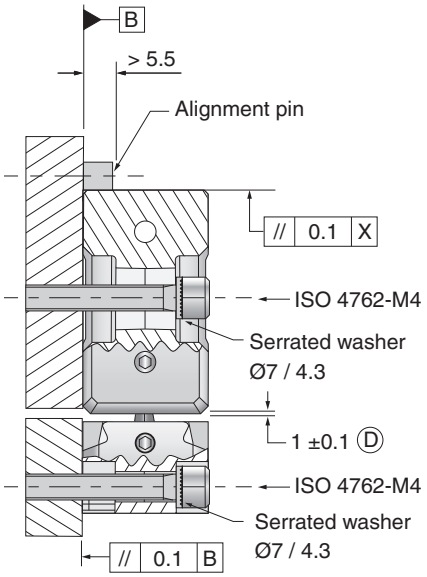
NOTES:

1. Side elevations show alternative mounting orientations.
2. Alignment pin and machine edge mounting options to mate directly to the top face of the extrusion.

Mounting orientations – short end caps



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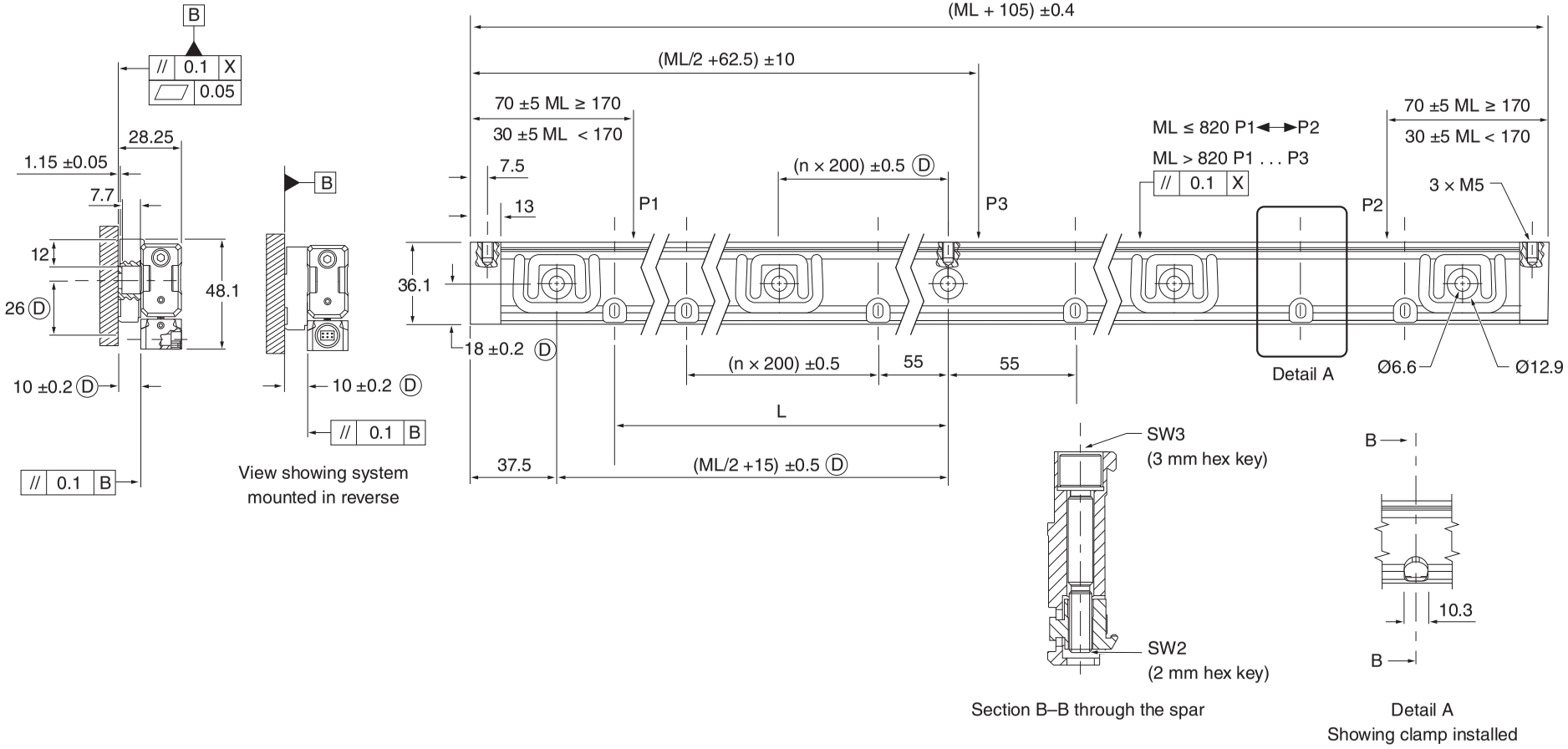
NOTES:

1. Side elevation shows alternative mounting orientation.
2. Extrusion mounting can be machine edge or dowel pins.

Mounting spar installation drawing

(ML 620 mm shown)

Dimensions and tolerances in mm



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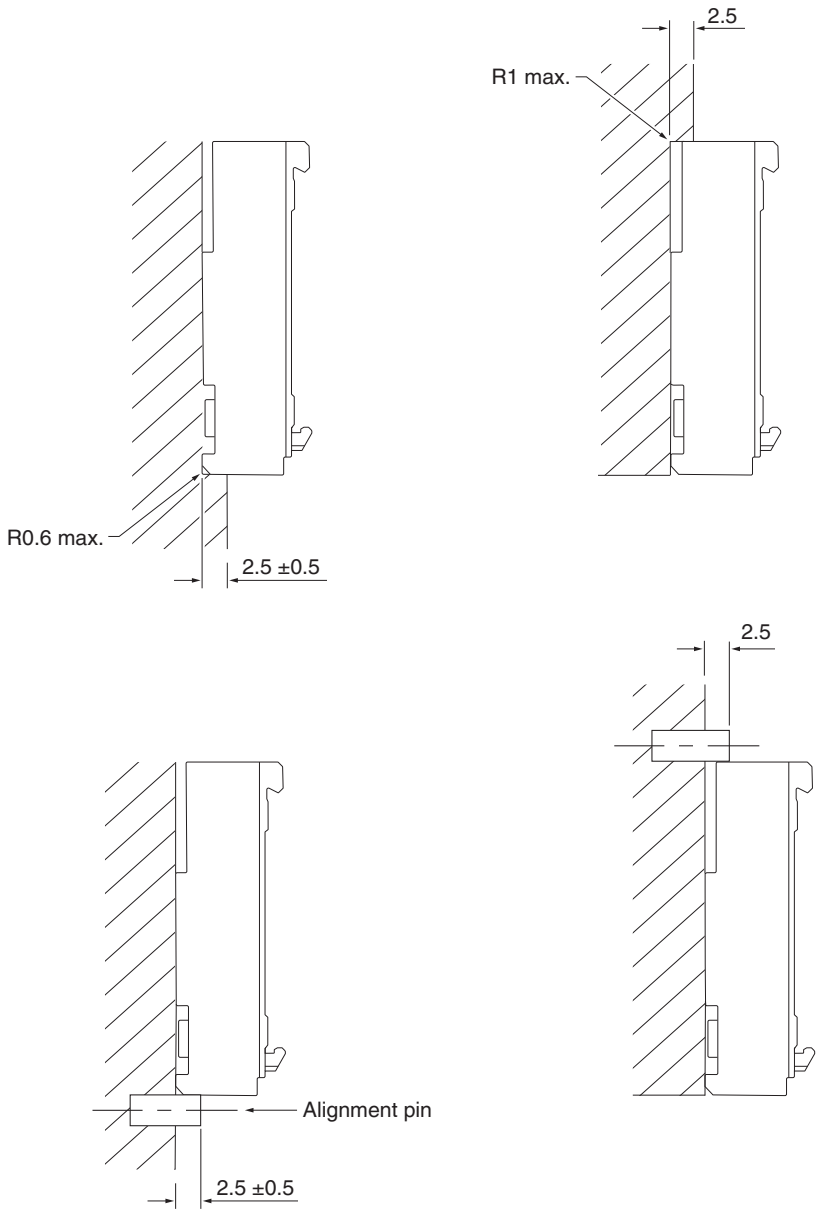
Spar mounting options

Dimensions and tolerances in mm



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Nomenclature

F N 1 0 0 A 204 S C 36B X 001 X

Product
F - FORTiS

Series
S - Standard (37 mm)
N - Narrow (18 mm)

Encoder type
1 - Absolute

Scale type
0 - 30 µm B code RTLA

End caps
0 - Standard
1 - Small end caps (N type only)

Lip seal configuration
A - DuraSeal™ × 1
B - DuraSeal × 2 (S type only)

Measuring length [1]
FORTiS-S 014 = 140 mm to 424 = 4240 mm
FORTiS-N 007 = 70 mm to 204 = 2040 mm

System accuracy
S - Standard accuracy
H - High accuracy

Thermal datum position
X - No datum
C - Centrally located [2]

Serial interface
26B - BiSS 26 bit (50 nm only)
32B - BiSS 32 bit (10 nm only)
36B - BiSS 36 bit
37F - 37 bit FANUC α and αi
40N - 40 bit Mitsubishi 4 wire
48P - 48 bit Panasonic
28D - Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ 28 bit (50 nm only)
30D - Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ 30 bit (10 nm only)
34D - Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ 34 bit (1 nm only)
36Y - 36 bit Yaskawa

Functional Safety
X - Standard
S - Functional Safety (BiSS Safety and Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ only)

Resolution
001 - 1 nm (all protocols except FANUC)
010 - 10 nm (all protocols except FANUC)
050 - 50 nm (all protocols except FANUC)
T12 - 1 / 0.5 nm (FANUC only)
108 - 10 / 1.25 nm (FANUC only)
502 - 50 / 25 nm (FANUC only)
504 - 50 / 12.5 nm (FANUC only)

Additional field
X - Standard, no option
D - Standard encoder with one additional readhead [3]

[1] For all permissible measuring length options refer to specification table.

[2] For other datum requirements contact your local Renishaw representative.

[3] For further information see the manual *FORTiS-N enclosed encoder system with multiple readheads* (Renishaw part no. M-6725-9200).

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