

FORTiS-N™ enclosed encoder system



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1.6 Product compliance

Renishaw plc declares that the FORTiS™ enclosed encoder system complies with the applicable standards and regulations. A copy of the EU declaration of conformity is available from our website at www.renishaw.com/productcompliance

1.7 Compliance

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

The user is cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved by Renishaw plc or authorised representative could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

NOTE: This unit was tested with shielded cables on the peripheral devices. Shielded cables must be used with the unit to ensure compliance.

1.8 Warnings

In all applications involving the use of machine tools, eye protection is recommended.

1.9 Further information

Further information relating to the FORTiS encoder range can be found in the FORTiS data sheets available from your local Renishaw representative. See also: www.renishaw.com

1.10 Packaging

The packaging of our products contains the following materials and can be recycled.

Packaging component	Material	ISO 11469	Description
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

*For some system lengths the packaging material will be wood.

1.11 REACH regulation

Information required by Article 33(1) of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 ("REACH") relating to products containing substances of very high concern (SVHCs) is available at www.renishaw.com/REACH

1.12 WEEE recycling guidelines



The use of this symbol on Renishaw products and/or accompanying documentation indicates that the product should not be mixed with general household waste upon disposal. It is the responsibility of the end user to dispose of this product at a designated collection point for waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) to enable reuse or recycling. Correct disposal of this product will help to save valuable resources and prevent potential negative effects on the environment. For more information, please contact your local waste disposal service or Renishaw distributor.

2 Overview of the FORTiS encoder system





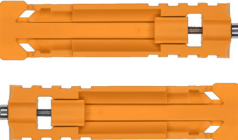


This system is an enclosed linear optical encoder designed for use in harsh industrial environments where high-precision feedback and metrology are required. Based upon Renishaw's award-winning absolute technology, the rugged non-contact design has no internal moving parts, such as bearings or wheeled readhead carriages, thus improving the overall reliability. Additionally, hysteresis and backlash errors associated with mechanical contact system designs are reduced.

In addition to enhanced breakage resistance, the robust steel scale has a coefficient of thermal expansion similar to the base material used in the majority of machines, reducing errors due to thermal effects whilst increasing measurement certainty.




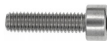
Renishaw's patented set-up LED provides instant verification of the encoder's signal strength and therefore its accurate alignment. This intuitive procedure eliminates the need for additional peripheral diagnostics equipment during installation. When combined with Renishaw's carefully designed installation accessories, these unique tools make installation easier and faster compared to traditional methods, whilst building confidence in a right-first-time installation.

3 Parts list

3.1 Included in the box

	Item	Description
	FORTiS encoder unit	The FORTiS enclosed encoder unit
	18 mm readhead setting shim	Plastic shim to be used as an installation aid
	Air connection fitting	To enable connection to one of the encoder air purge inlets
	Cable connection wrench	Used for securely connecting the encoder cable to the readhead
	Alignment brackets	2 × brackets secure the readhead during transit, and set the correct readhead alignment during installation. IMPORTANT: Retain until the installation is complete.
	Serrated washers	2 × M8 serrated washers for mounting an extrusion with standard end caps
	Serrated washers	2 × M4 serrated washers for mounting the readhead to the machine slideway
	FORTiS quality inspection certificate	Certifies specific encoder performance and provides traceability

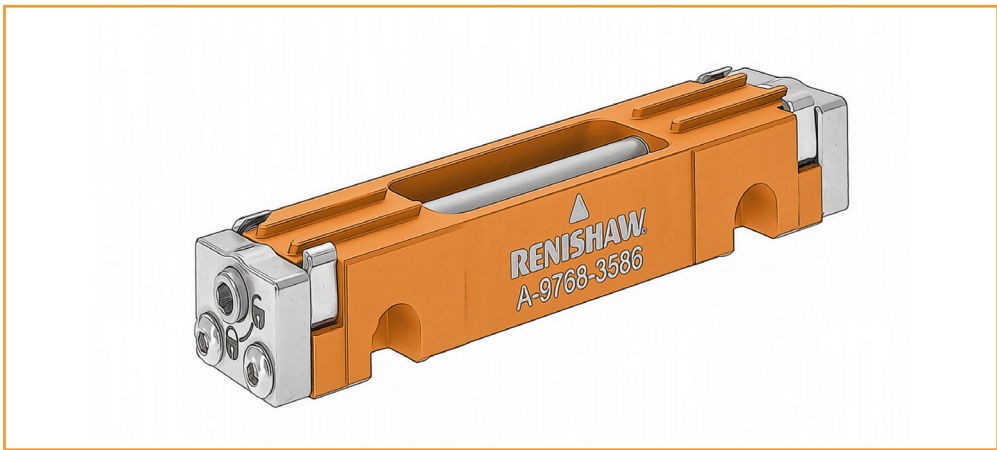
3.2 Not included / required tools

	Item	Description
	6 mm torque wrench	To tighten extrusion mounting screws
	3 mm torque wrench	To tighten readhead mounting screws
	1.5 mm hex key	Air bung removal (only if air purge is required)
	3 mm hex key	Alignment bracket removal
	M8 screws	2 × M8 × 1.25 screws length ≥ 20 mm for mounting extrusion
	M4 screws	2 × M4 × 0.7 screws length ≥ 20 mm for mounting readhead

3.3 Optional extras

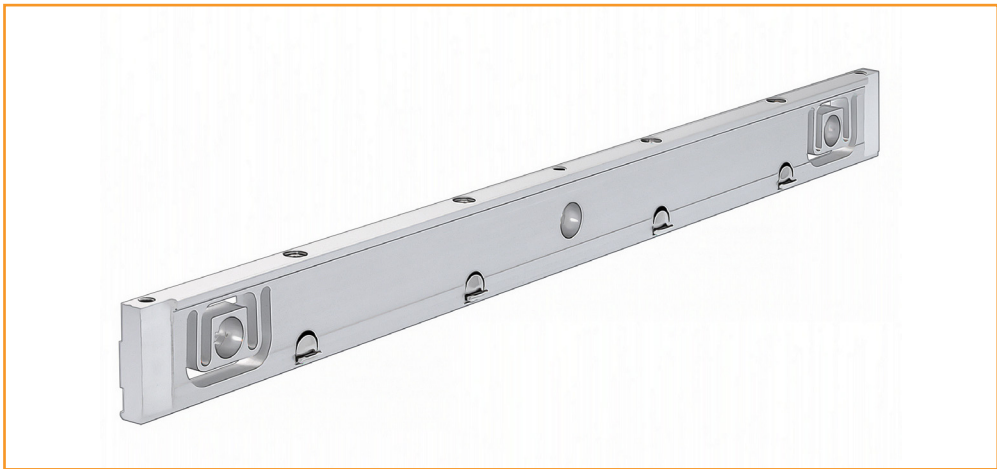
3.3.1 Mounting aid (part number A-9768-3586)

Optional installation aid to assist with mounting the readhead to a machine slideway that has more than one degree of freedom (see section 8.5 on page 22).




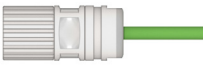
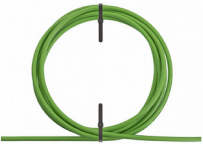


3.3.2 Mounting spar

For measuring lengths greater than 620 mm Renishaw recommends the use of a mounting spar (see section 7.4 on page 14).

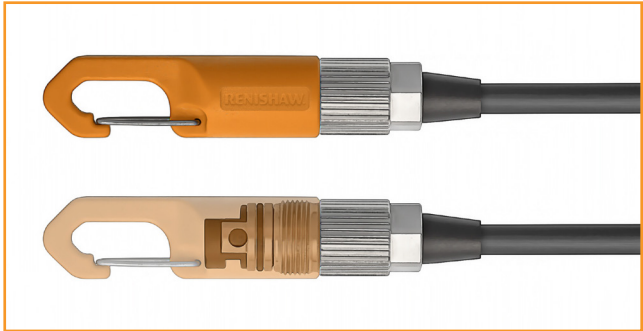


3.4 Cable options (cables not included)

	Item	Description
	Encoder cable type A	OD: 4.7 mm, 28 AWG, 7 core, single screen, black jacket Length options: 0.5 m, 1 m, 3 m, 6 m, 9 m
	Encoder cable type B	OD: 6.5 mm, 23 AWG, 6 core (3 x twisted pairs), single screen, green jacket Length options: 0.5 m, 1 m, 3 m, 6 m, 9 m
	Encoder cable type D	Armoured: OD 10 mm, 28 AWG, 7 core Length options: 1 m, 3 m, 6 m, 9 m
	Extension cable type B	OD: 6.5 mm, 23 AWG, 6 core (3 x twisted pairs), single screen, green jacket Length options: 1 m, 3 m, 6 m, 9 m, 15 m, 20 m
	Extension cable type C	OD: 7.8 mm, 20 AWG (power), 8 core (3 x twisted pairs + 2 power sense), single screen, green jacket Unterminated lengths available up to 100 m

3.4.1 FORTiS connector

All encoder cables include a custom FORTiS connector that connects to the readhead. The connector is covered with a protective cap with an integrated clip; this clip can be used to assist with cable routing.



4 Storage and handling

IMPORTANT: Handle carefully to avoid damage to the location faces when unpacking and installing.

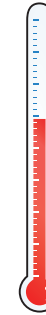
Storage temperature

-20 °C to +70 °C

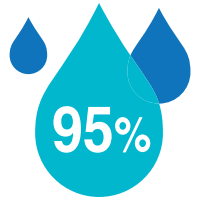


Operating temperature

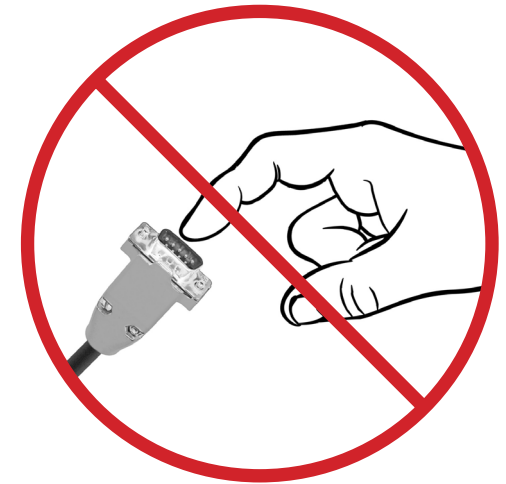
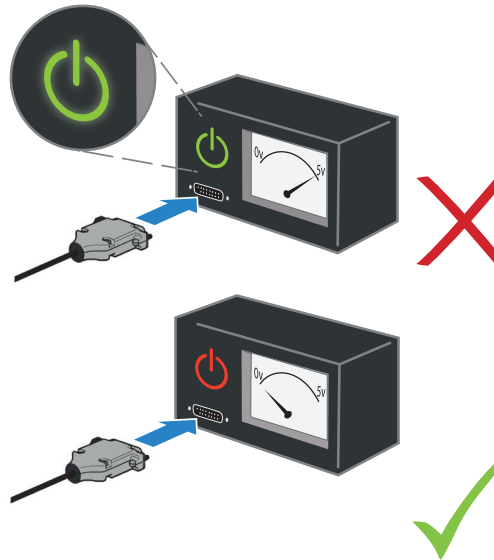
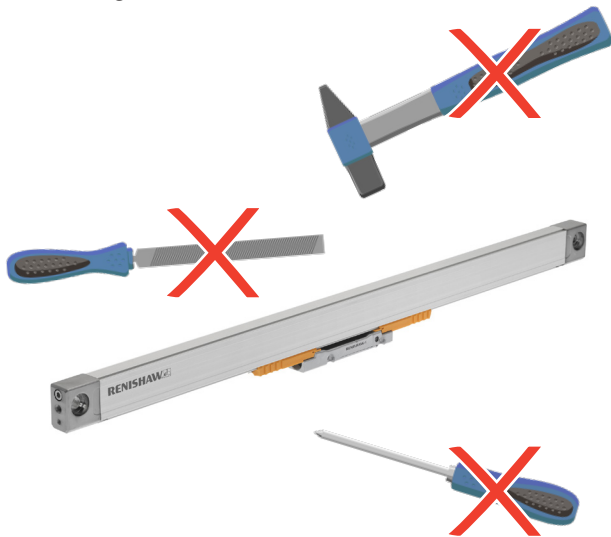
0 °C to +50 °C



95% relative humidity
(non-condensing) to IEC 60068-2-78



Handling instructions



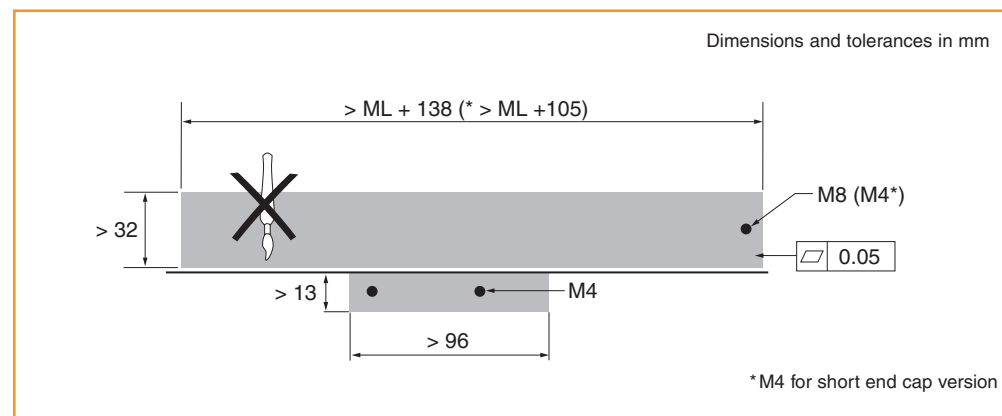
5 Installation drawings

5.1 Mounting surface preparation

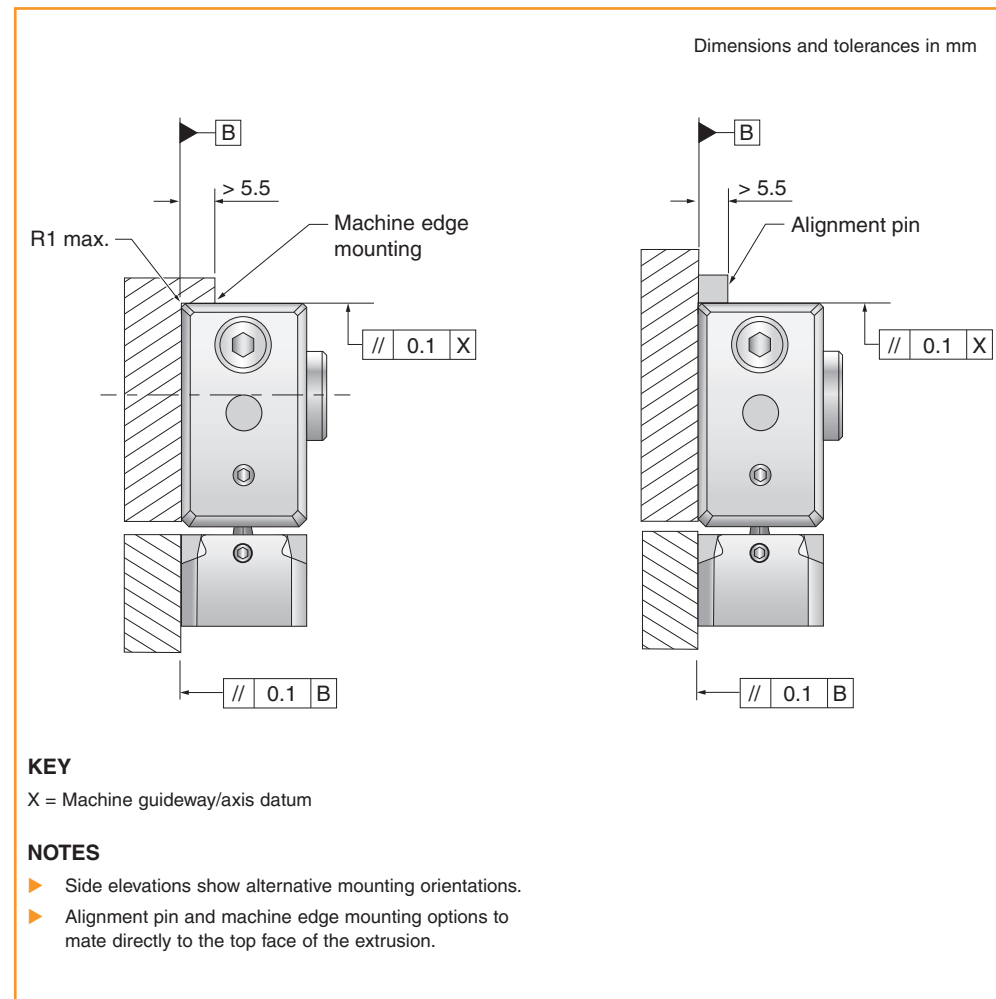
To ensure correct operation, the mounting surface should be prepared as follows:

- surface flatness requirement of 0.05 mm/m
- surface should be free of paint and burrs
- refer to installation drawing for required mounting hole positions (see page 9).

To further simplify and help reduce installation time, it is recommended that the machine axis to which the encoder is to be mounted is prepared with a datum edge or aligned dowel pins to help locate the edge of the extrusion and ensure parallelism to the axis of motion.

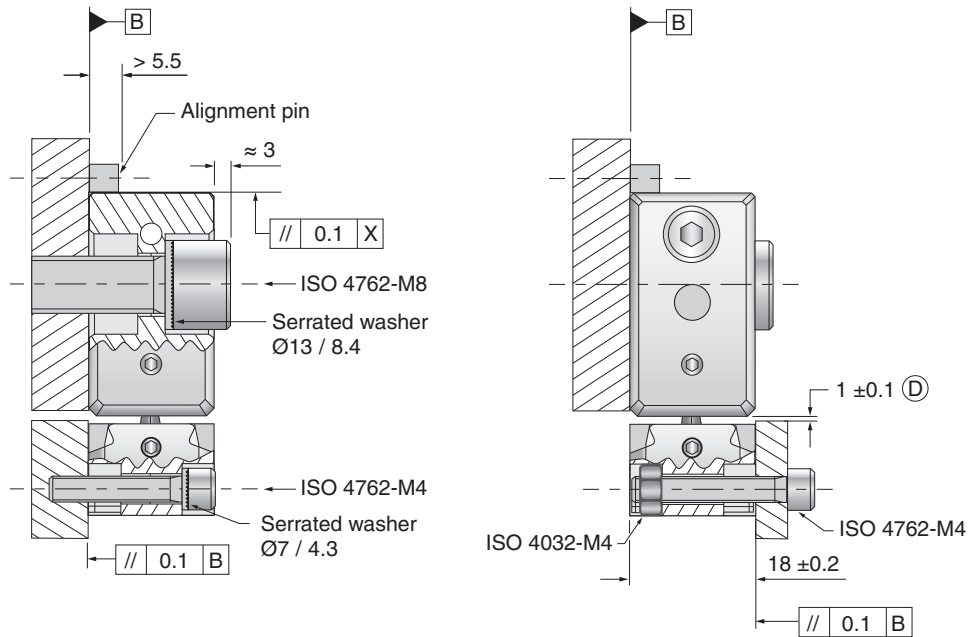


5.2 Datum location edge or dowel pins – standard end caps



5.3 Mounting orientations – standard end caps

Dimensions and tolerances in mm



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D = Required mounting dimensions

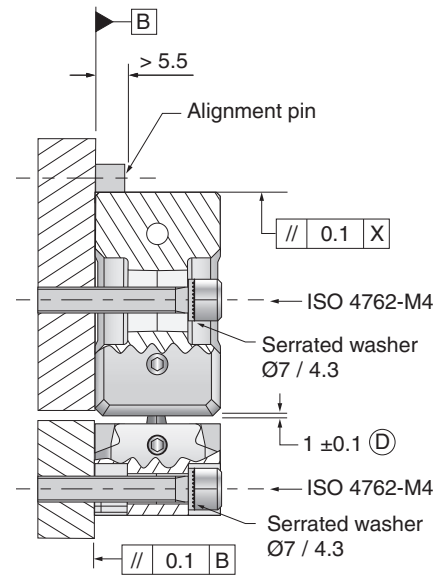
X = Machine guideway/axis datum

NOTES

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

5.4 Mounting orientations – short end caps

Dimensions and tolerances in mm



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D = Required mounting dimensions

X = Machine guideway/axis datum

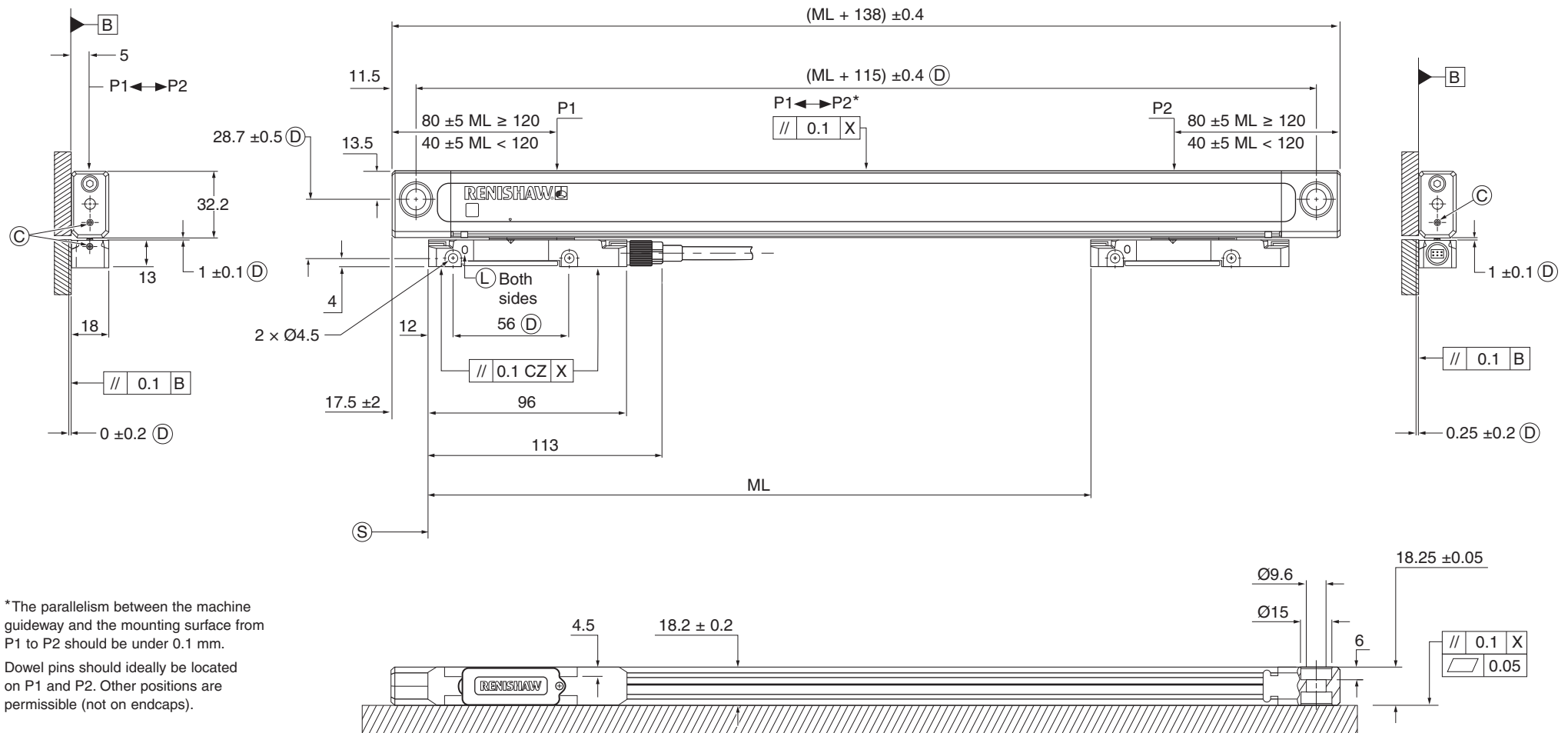
NOTES

- ▶ Side elevation shows alternative mounting orientation.
- ▶ Extrusion mounting can be machine edge or dowel pins.

5.5 FORTiS system installation drawing – standard end caps

(ML 320 mm shown)

Dimensions and tolerances in mm



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
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6 Product 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 nm, 1.25 nm (FANUC only), 10 nm, 12.5 nm (FANUC only), 50 nm
Absolute position protocols	BiSS C, Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ (with external interface), FANUC ($\alpha/\alpha i$), Panasonic, Mitsubishi
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) NOTE: Current consumption figures refer to terminated FORTiS systems. Renishaw encoder systems must be powered 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

Set-up LED	Signal strength indicator LED colour: Excellent: BLUE Good: GREEN Satisfactory: ORANGE Poor: RED No signal: Flashing RED
Maximum speed	4 m/s
Acceleration (readhead relative to scale)	< 200 m/s ² in measuring direction
Moving force (maximum force required to move the readhead through the seals)	< 4 N
Vibration (55 Hz to 2000 Hz)	Readhead: < 300 m/s ² to IEC 60068-2-6 Housing without mounting spar: < 200 m/s ² to IEC 60068-2-6 Housing with mounting spar: < 300 m/s ² to IEC 60068-2-6
Shock 11 ms half-sine	< 300 m/s ² 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 Air quality: see section 8.8 on page 26 for details
Weight	0.11 kg + 0.45 kg/m

IMPORTANT: Specifications are subject to the correct installation procedures as set out in this installation guide. If in doubt, contact your local Renishaw representative.

7 Installation procedure – extrusion

Please note that fitment of the extrusion is independent of readhead mounting. For illustrative purposes, a datum edge is displayed, but the procedure is identical for dowel pins. Where neither an edge or dowel pins are available, begin by aligning extrusion mounting holes.

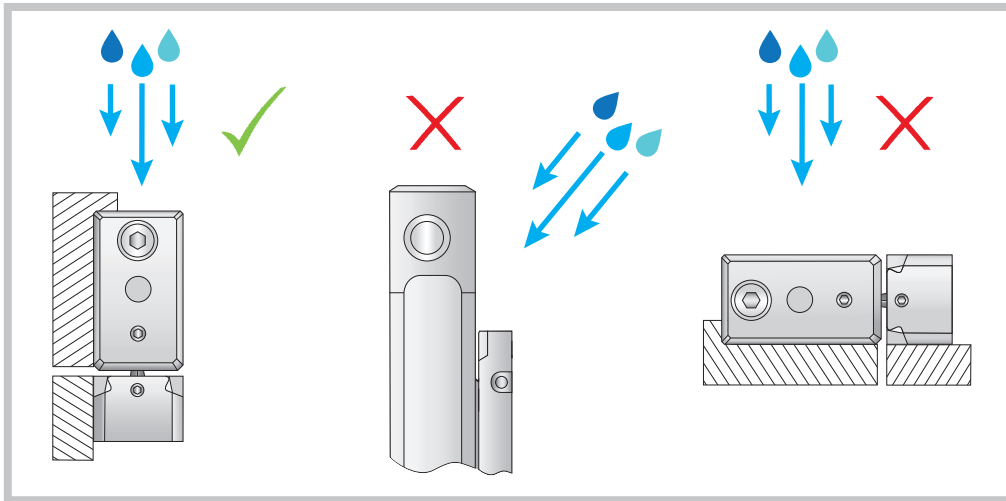
NOTES

- ▶ If a suitable reference edge or dowel pins are not available then we recommend that the extrusion is checked against a dial gauge to ensure parallelism to the machine axis.
- ▶ For measuring lengths greater than 620 mm Renishaw recommends the use of a mounting spar (see section 7.4 on page 14).

Ensure the mounting faces are clean before installation.

7.1 Protection for sealed linear encoders

IP53 requires installation with sealing lips positioned away from splash water in accordance with EN 60529/IEC 60529. For ingress protection to IP64, please see section 8.8 on page 26.



7.2 Thermal datum

The thermal datum of the encoder is located centrally. The coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) of the encoder is $10.1 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{m}/^\circ\text{C}$.

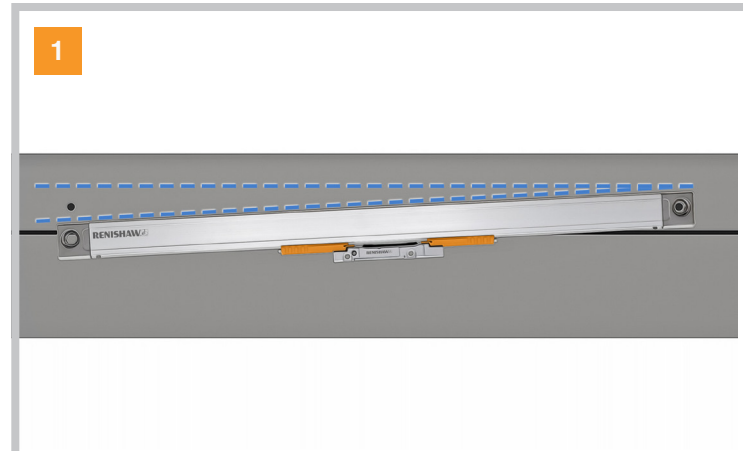
The standard end cap version is mounted using two M8 screws; a high clamping torque of 20 Nm enables the extrusion to follow the expansion of the mounting surface material.

For measuring lengths > 620 mm a mounting spar is recommended; please refer to sections 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6 for full details. (If required, a mounting spar can be used for measuring lengths under 620 mm.) The aluminium mounting spar's fixed central mounting hole provides a centrally located thermal datum position. The other mounting positions use flexures to allow the spar to effectively float over the machine's surface, ensuring reproducible thermal behaviour.

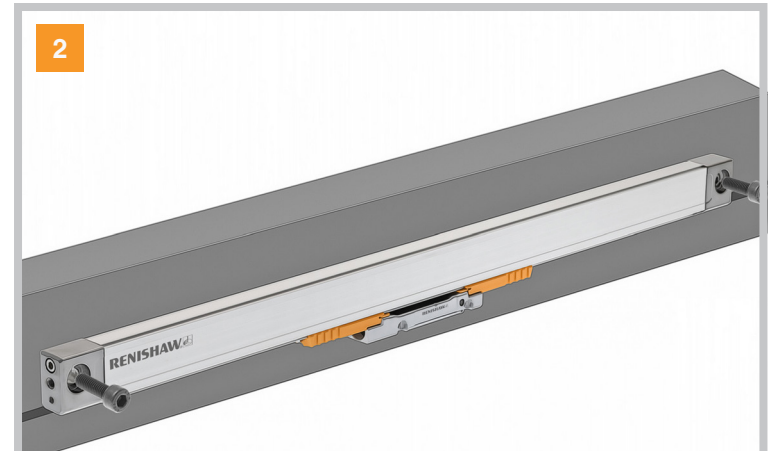
A short end cap version is recommended for use with the mounting spar.

NOTE: If the short end cap version of the encoder is installed directly onto a different mounting surface using two M4 screws without using the mounting spar, its thermal datum properties will be compromised.

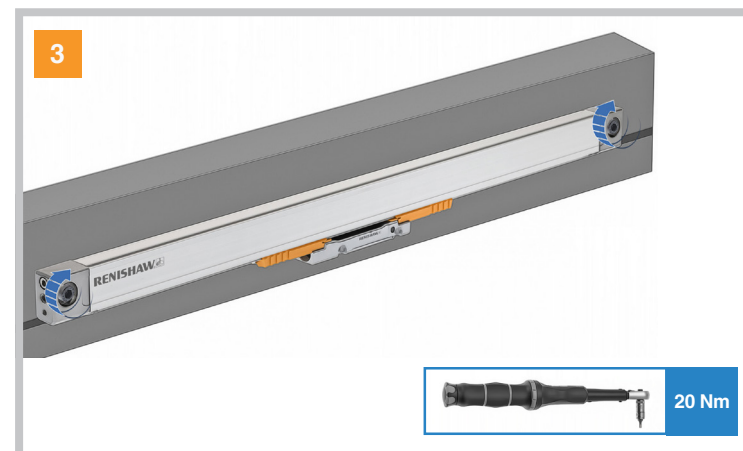
7.3 Extrusion installation without mounting spar



Place the encoder on the mounting surface and firmly push against mounting edge/dowel pins. Position the encoder to align mounting holes.



Loosely secure the extrusion to the mounting surface with the two supplied serrated washers and M8 screws placed in the end cap mounting holes.

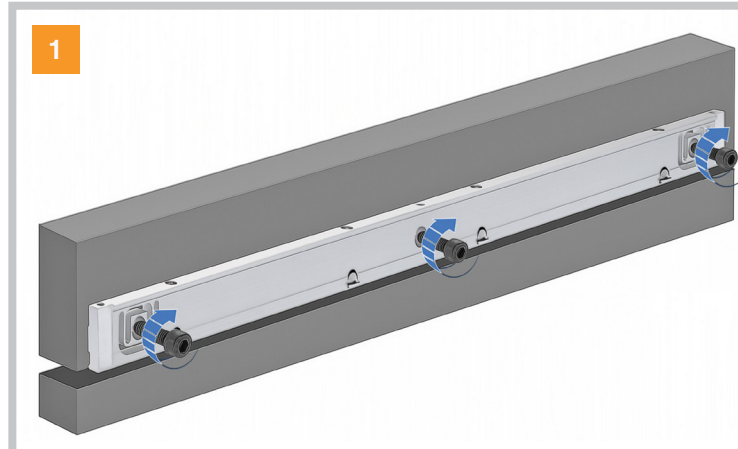


Tighten to a torque of 20 Nm.

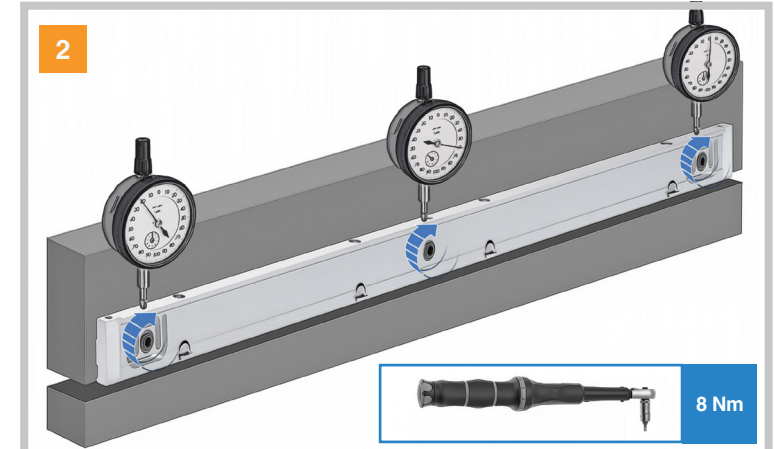
7.4 Installation with mounting spar

For measuring lengths greater than 620 mm Renishaw recommends the use of a mounting spar.

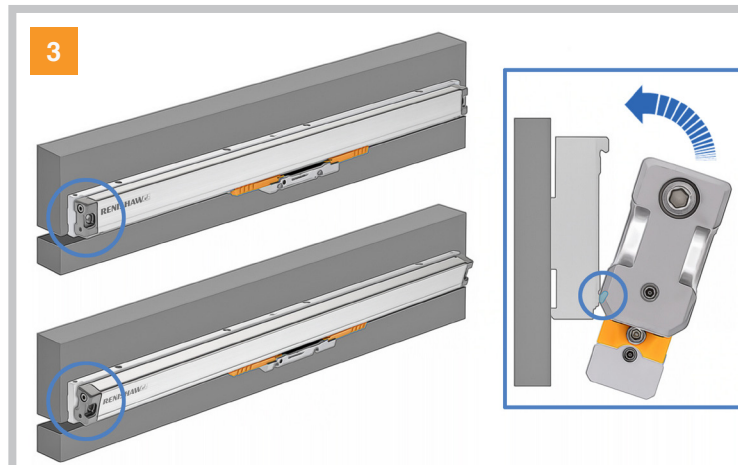
The spar should be installed prior to fitting the encoder.



Place the mounting spar on the mounting surface and firmly push against the mounting edge/dowel pins. Position the spar to align to the surface mounting holes. Loosely secure the mounting spar to the mounting surface with appropriate M6 screws.

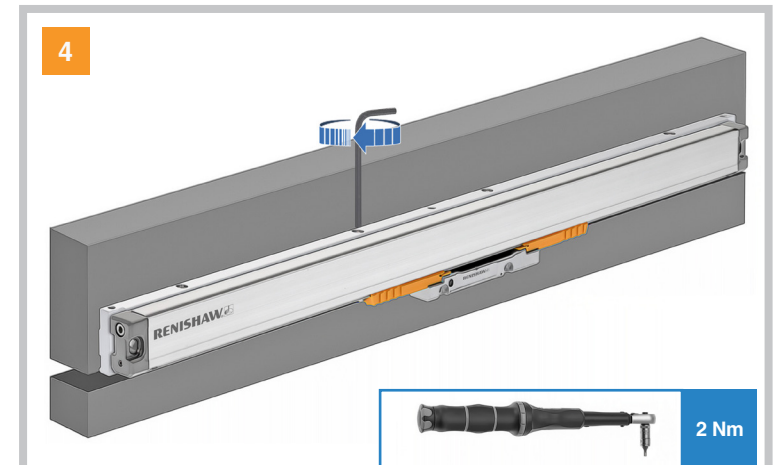


Use a dial gauge to ensure the mounting spar is set to the correct parallelism compared to the machine guideway. Once aligned tighten the screws to a torque of 8 Nm.



Position the encoder against the spar.

Inset: Ensure the clips on the mounting spar engage correctly with the extrusion profile.

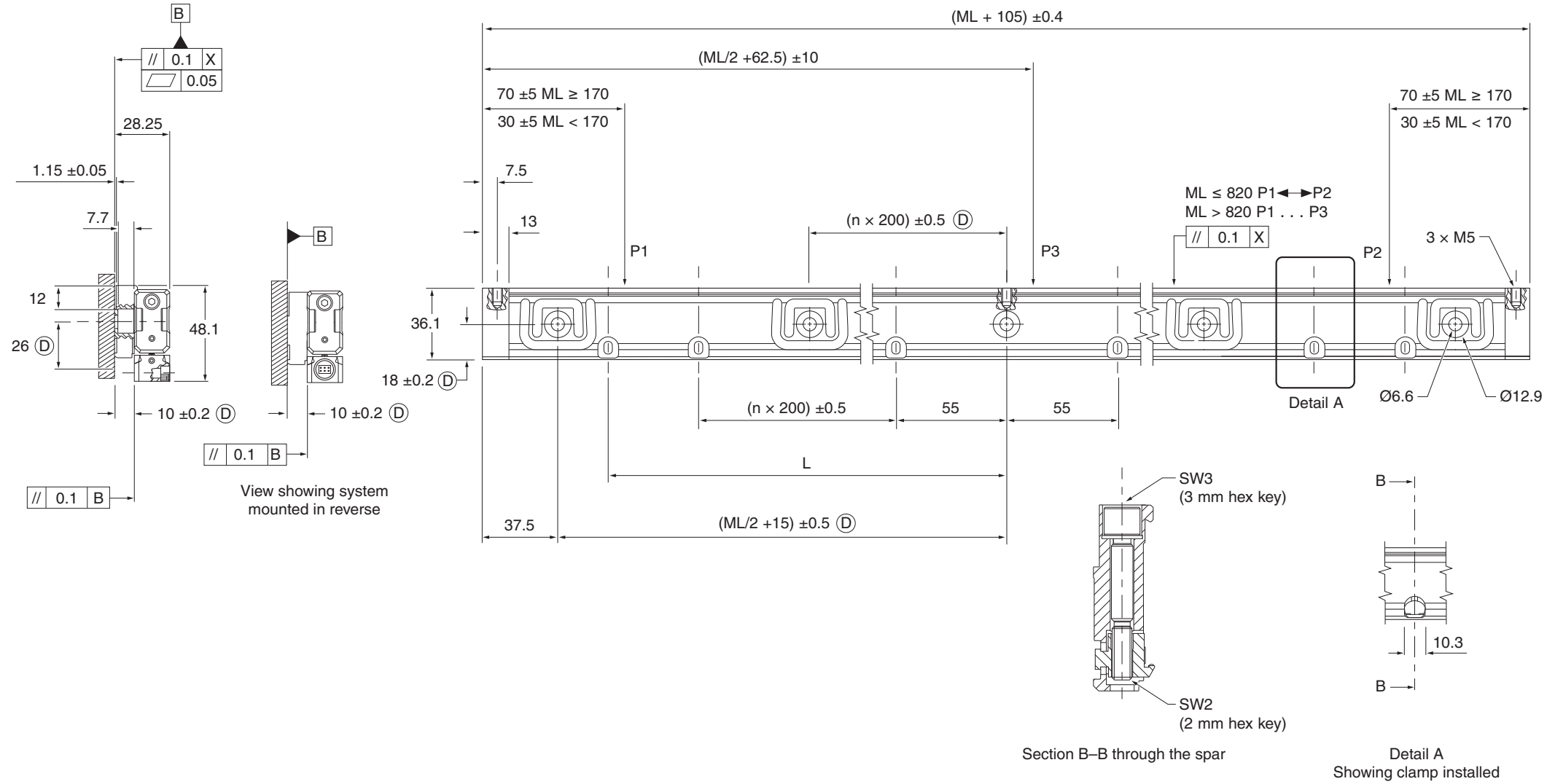


Tighten the screws on the top of the mounting spar to secure the encoder firmly to the mounting spar.

Tighten all bolts, working from left to right.

7.5 Mounting spar installation drawing (ML 620 mm shown)

Dimensions and tolerances in mm

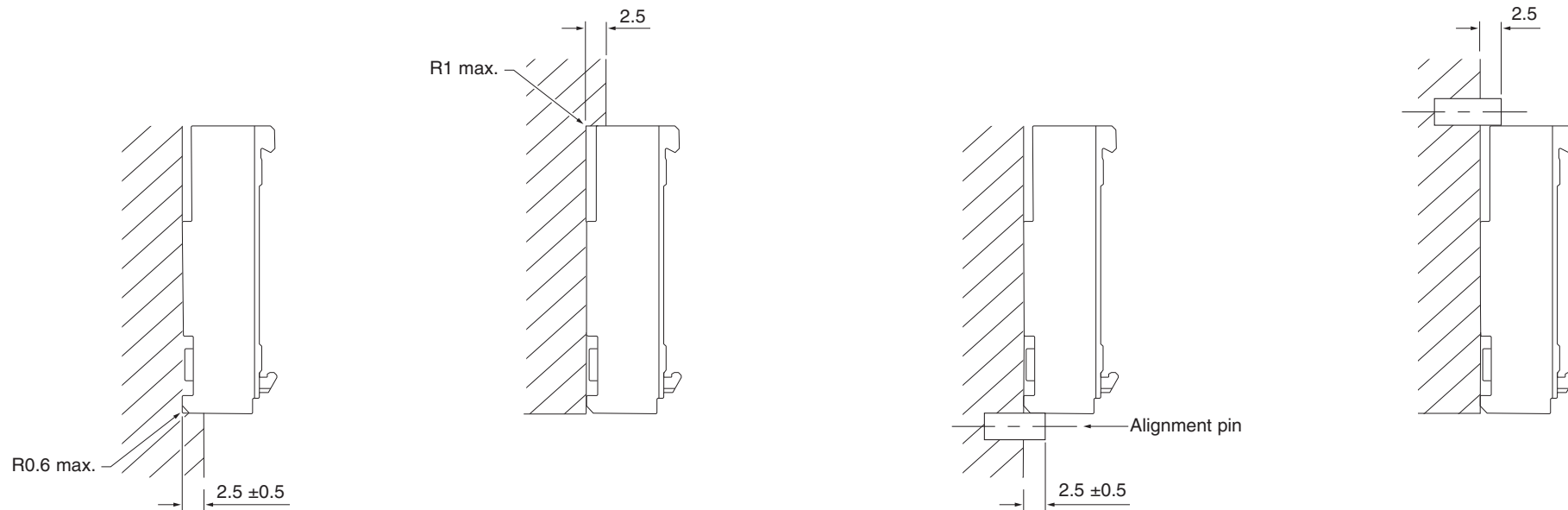


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7.6 Spar mounting options

Dimensions and tolerances in mm



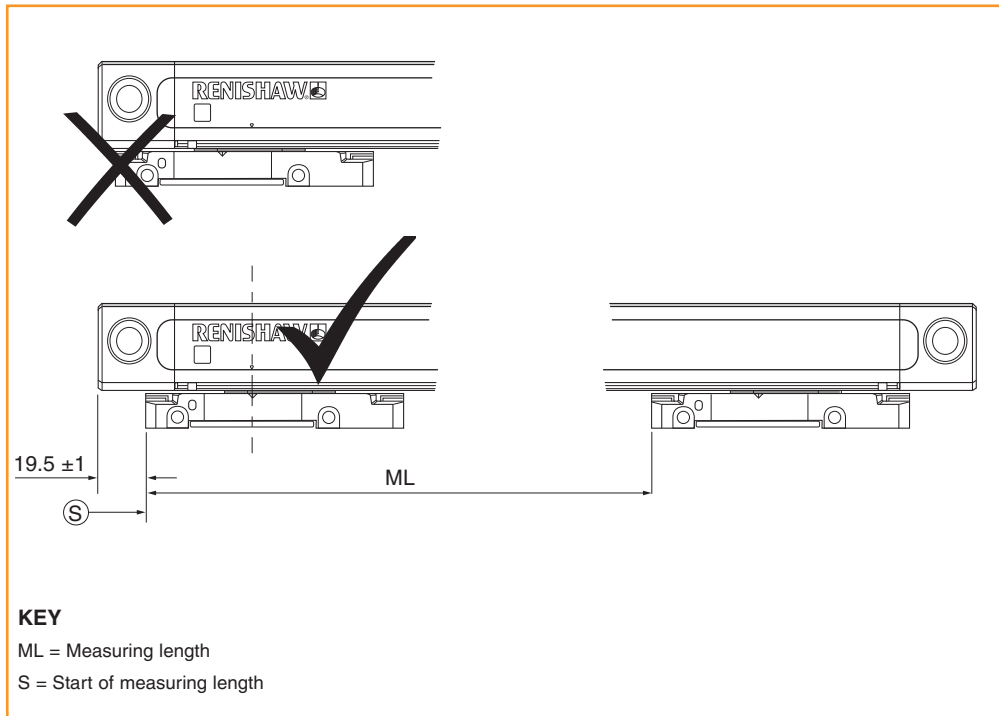
8 Installation procedure – readhead

Three different methods may be used to install the readhead, making installation easier for a wide range of machine types and mounting surfaces. These are outlined in the following sections.

Please note, installation of the extrusion follows the procedure outlined in [section 7 on page 12](#) and is independent of the readhead installation method being used.

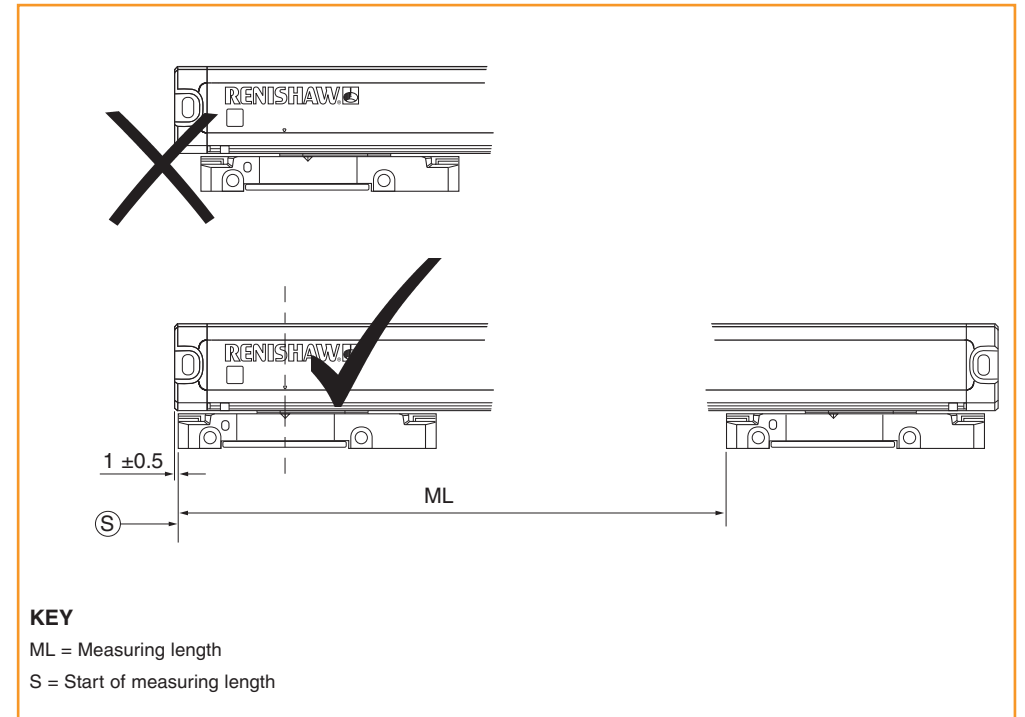
8.1 Start of measuring length – standard

The start of the measuring length (ML) is indicated by the triangular marking on the extrusion; a corresponding arrow on the readhead should be aligned to this arrow to ensure the readhead is within the encoder measuring length.



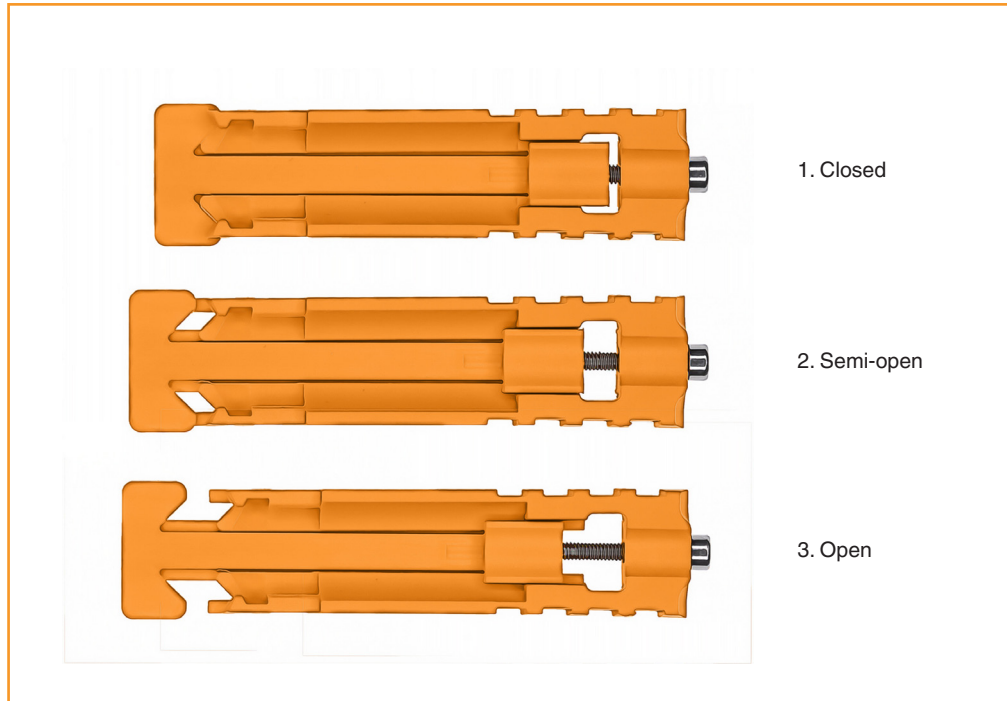
WARNING: Failure to ensure the readhead is within the measuring length of the encoder could lead to a collision and damage.

8.2 Start of measuring length – short end caps



8.3 Alignment bracket method

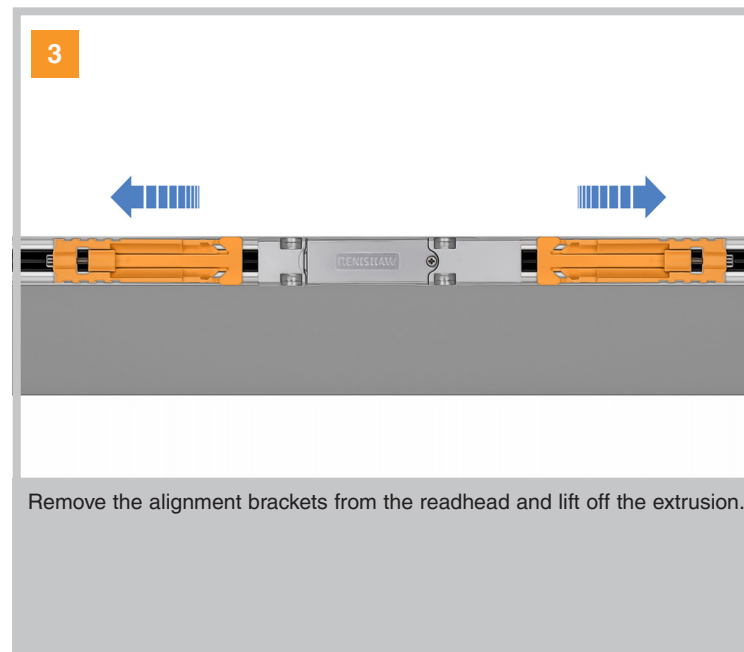
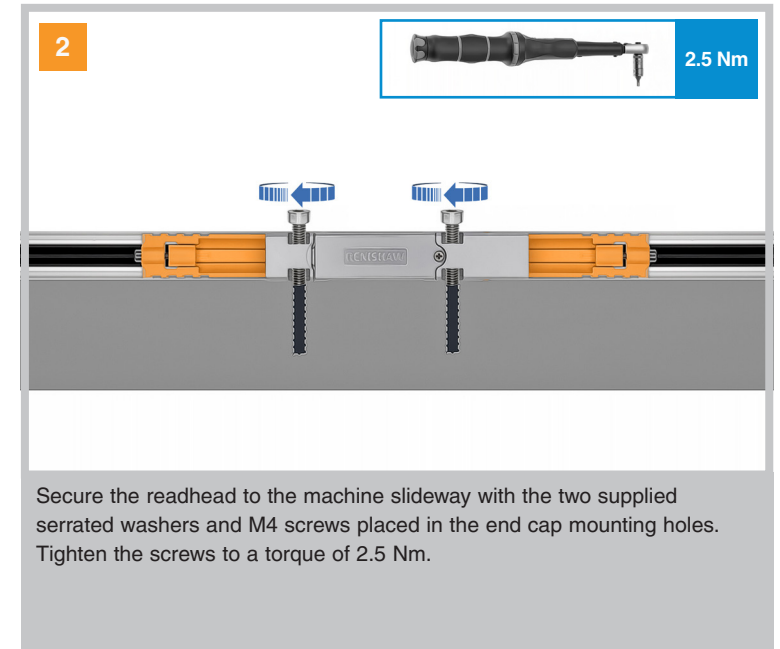
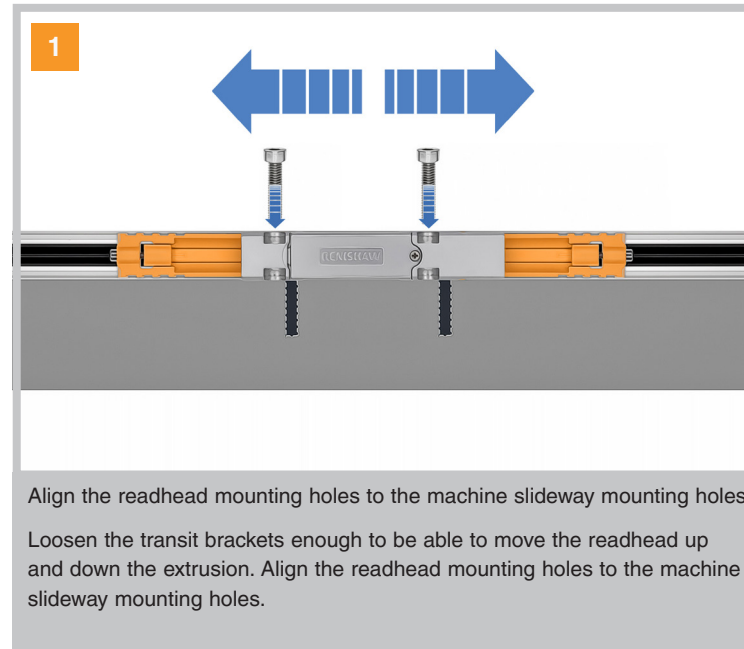
Pre-fitted alignment brackets help protect and secure the readhead to the extrusion during transit. These alignment brackets can also be used to set the readhead at the nominal installation rideheight and remain in place during installation.



The alignment bracket can be loosened to allow position adjustment of the readhead (whilst maintaining the correct rideheight) by loosening the M2.5 screw at the end of the bracket. The alignment brackets must be fully removed following installation.

NOTE: This method cannot be used if an armoured cable is fitted, due to space restrictions.

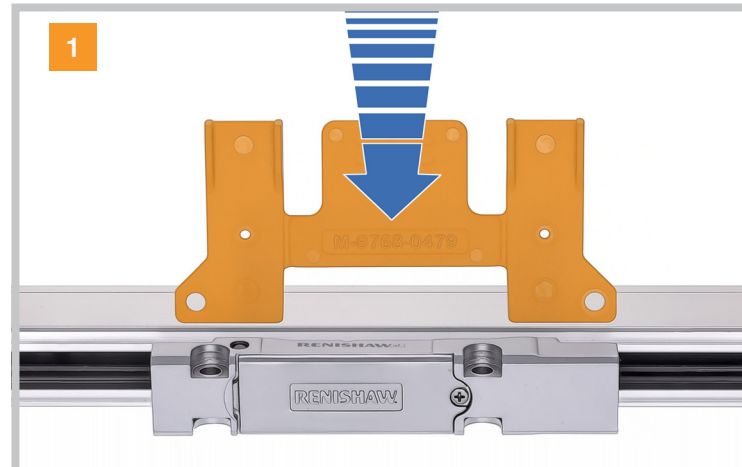
8.3.1 Installation using the alignment bracket method



8.4 Set-up shim method

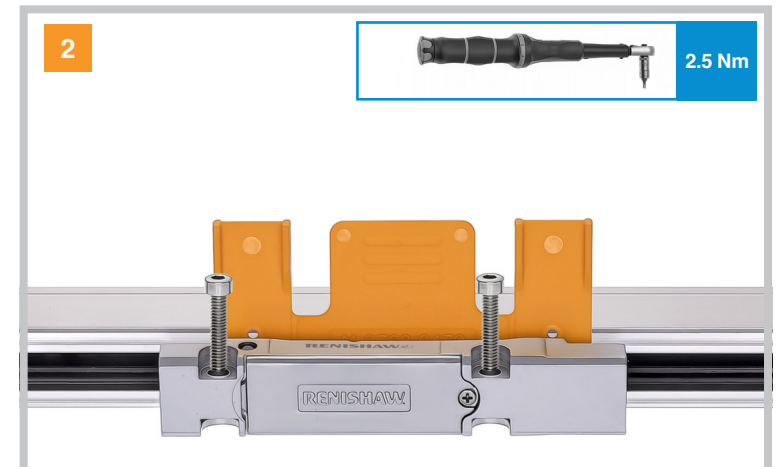
When using this method, remove the alignment brackets (see section 8.3 on page 18) just prior to installation. Where access to the readhead from either side is restricted in the installation position, a set-up shim can be used instead of the alignment brackets to ensure correct positioning of the readhead relative to the extrusion. This shim is easily inserted between the readhead and encoder extrusion.

8.4.1 Front setting shim procedure



Place set-up shim between the readhead and the extrusion.

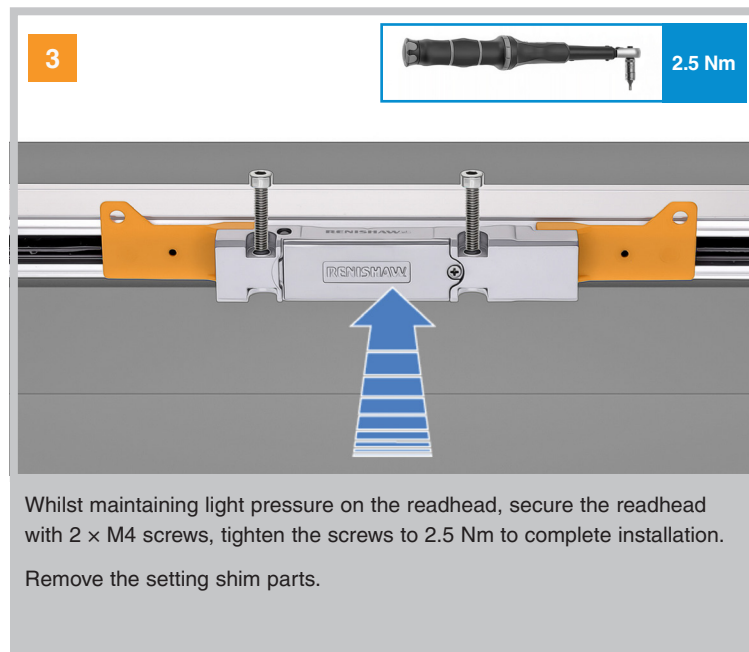
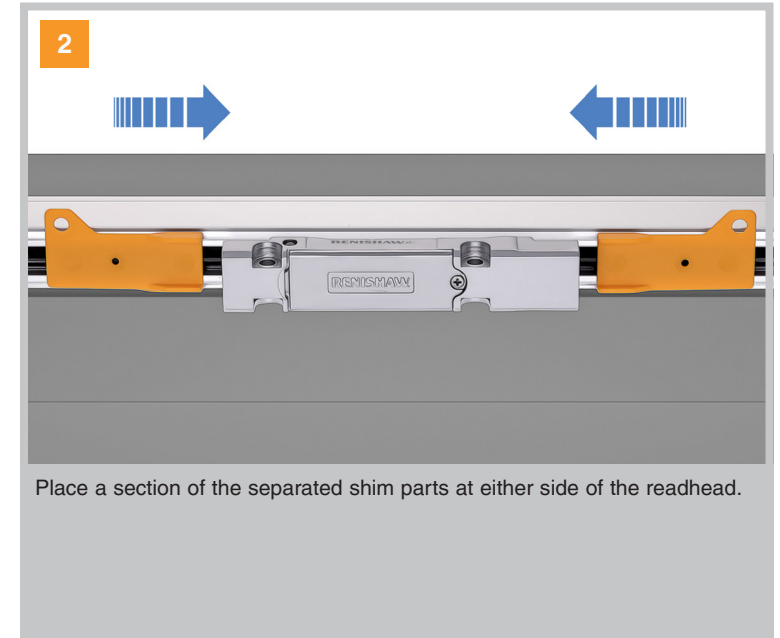
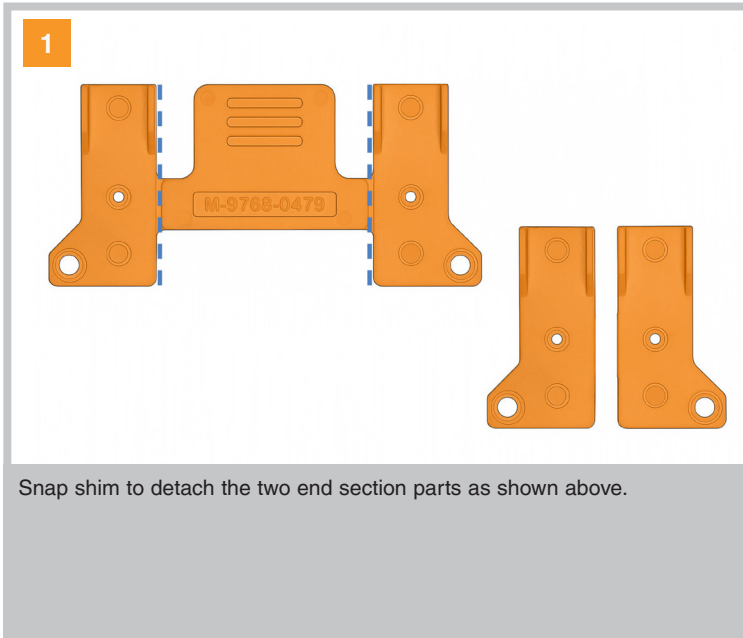
Push the readhead lightly against the shim to set rideheight and align the readhead mounting holes.



Whilst maintaining light pressure on the readhead, secure the readhead with 2 × M4 screws. Tighten the screws to 2.5 Nm to complete the installation.

Remove the setting shim.

8.4.2 Side setting shim procedure

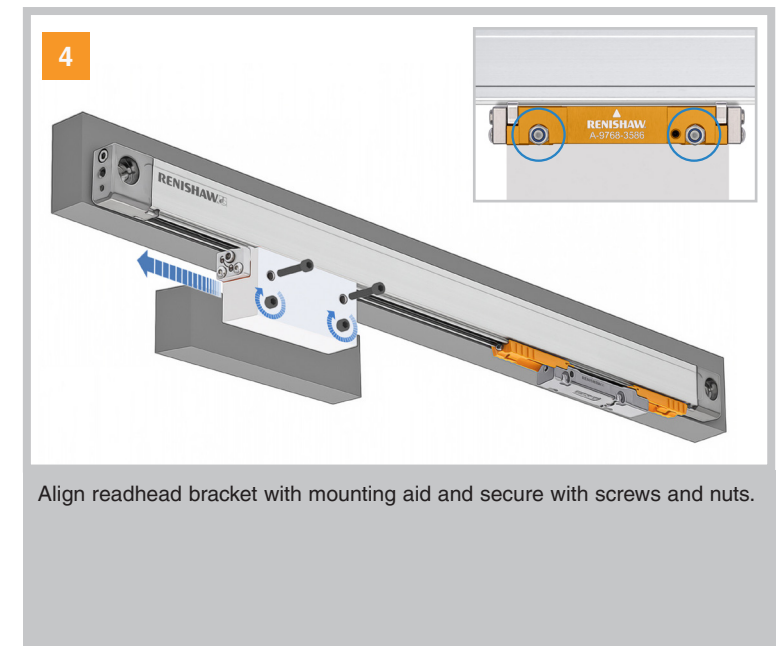
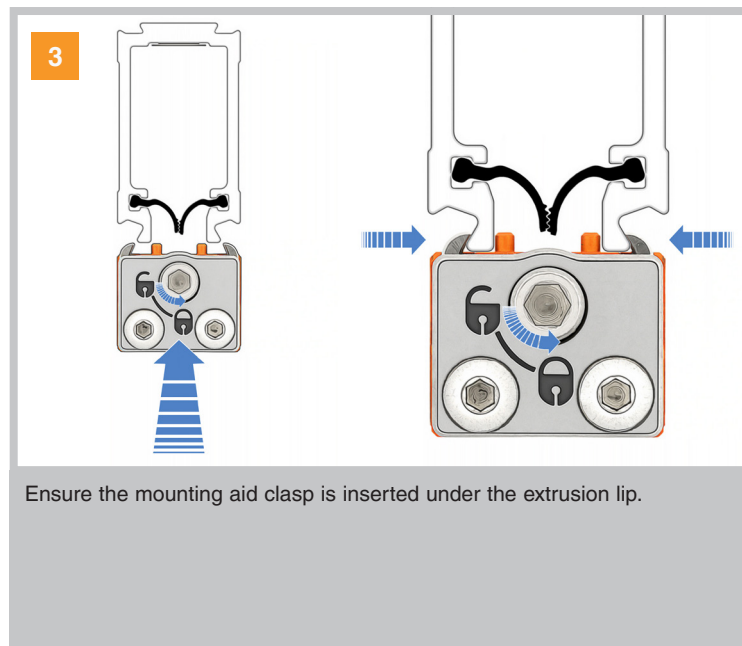
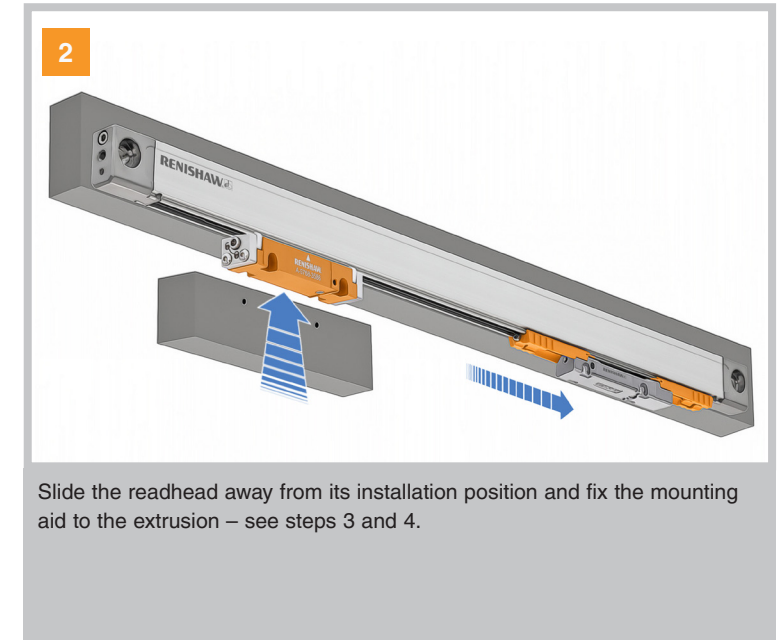
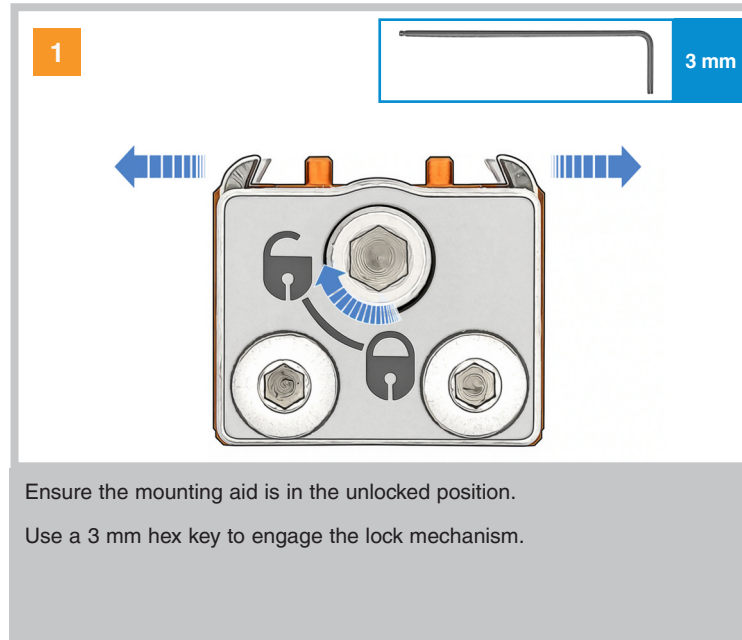


8.5 Installation using the mounting aid method

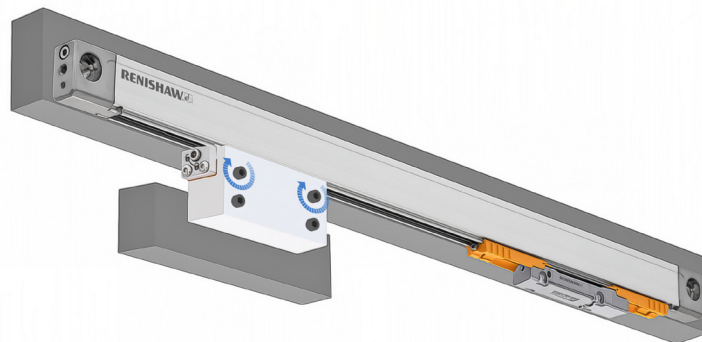
Remove alignment brackets prior to installation using the setting shim.

When mounting a readhead to a machine slideway via an unconstrained bracket, an installation mounting aid can be used to accurately position, secure and fit the bracket to the slideway. The mounting aid clamps securely to the extrusion, allowing any machine slideway to be adjusted and secured horizontally in the correct location before readhead mounting.

18 mm mounting aid and 3 mm hex key required.

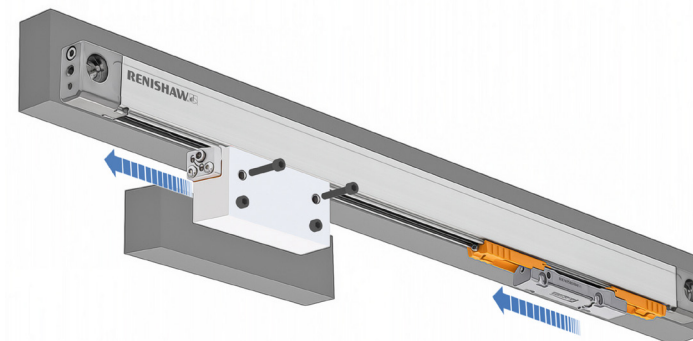


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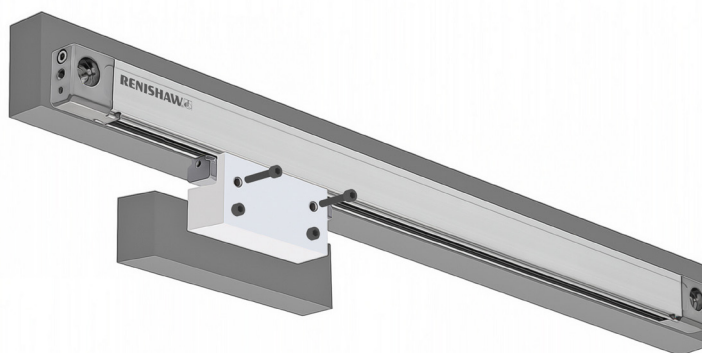
Align the axis slideway with readhead bracket and secure using M4 screws.

6



Remove the screws and nuts from the mounting aid, unlock and remove from the extrusion.

7



Align the readhead with the readhead mounting bracket and secure with M4 screws and nuts.

8



Using the correct tool, tighten the screws to a torque of 2.5 Nm.

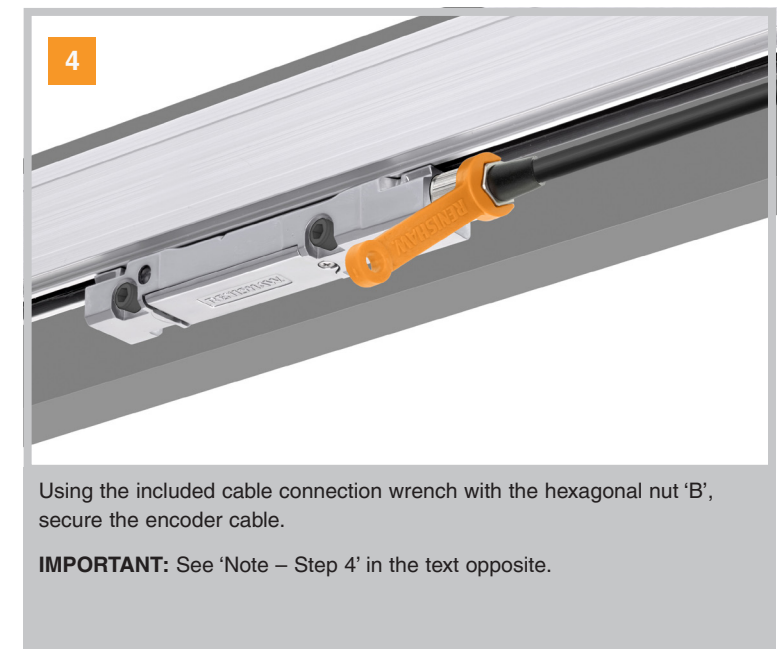
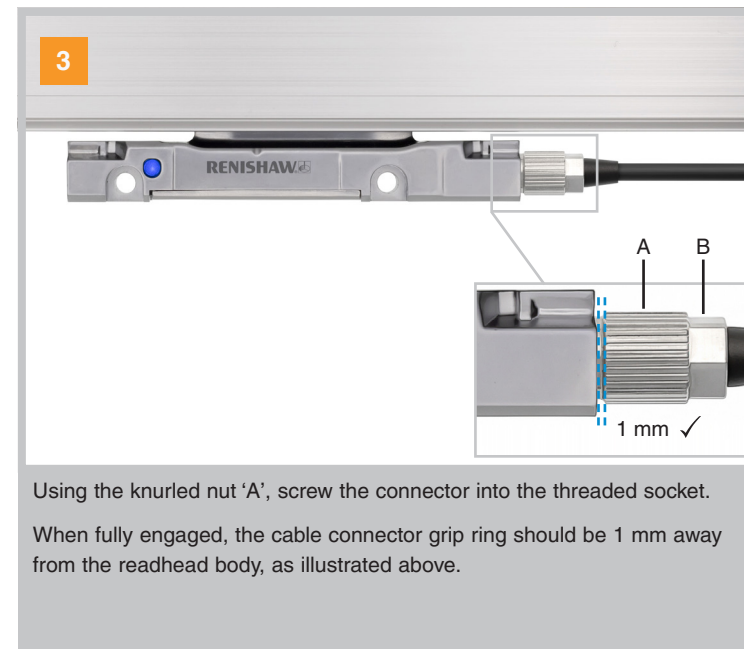
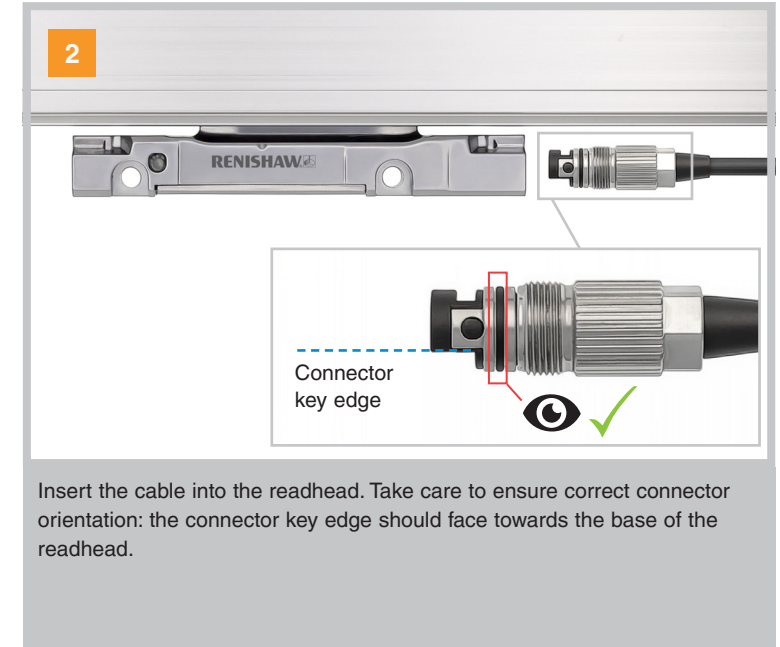
8.6 FORTiS cable connection

To assist with cable management the FORTiS-N system has a cable entry port, allowing the cable to be inserted into the side of the readhead.

The default cable port output direction is as per the installation drawing in [section 5.5 on page 9](#). If an alternative cable output port direction is needed please contact your local Renishaw representative.

NOTE – STEP 4

Once the connector is engaged as shown, apply a further torque by hand on the knurled nut 'A' to ensure there is an adequate ground connection. The measured resistance of the ground connection (between the readhead body and the shield connection at the controller end of the cable assembly) must be less than 1 ohm.








IMPORTANT: See 'Note – Step 4' in the text opposite.

8.7 Validating an installation

To validate the encoder installation the set-up LED provides instant verification of the encoder's signal strength and therefore its accurate alignment and installation.

The encoder requires power to enable the set-up LED; this can be via an appropriate cable plugged into the machine's controller. See [section 9 on page 27](#) for encoder power supply requirements.

NOTE: If the set-up LED is obscured then the signal strength can be obtained using the Advanced Diagnostic Tool for absolute encoders (ADTa-100).

LED status	Description	Required action
 BLUE	Signal level is optimal	No adjustment required
 GREEN	Signal level is good	No adjustment required
 ORANGE	Signal level is acceptable	Ensure the extrusion is parallel to the machine axis of motion (see section 5 on page 7) and adjust the readhead to maximise the signal strength along the full axis of travel to achieve a Green or Blue LED
 RED	Signal level is NOT acceptable	
 FLASHING RED	Unable to determine the position	Readhead not picking up the scale due to contamination or poor installation NOTE: Flashing LED indicates scale reading error. Flashing state is latched for some serial protocols. Remove power to reset.

8.8 Air filtration

FORTiS encoders can be operated with an additional compressed air supply to increase the level of ingress protection from IP53 to IP64. If using air purge the air supply must meet pressure and cleanliness criteria as shown in the table below at the supply input of the encoder.

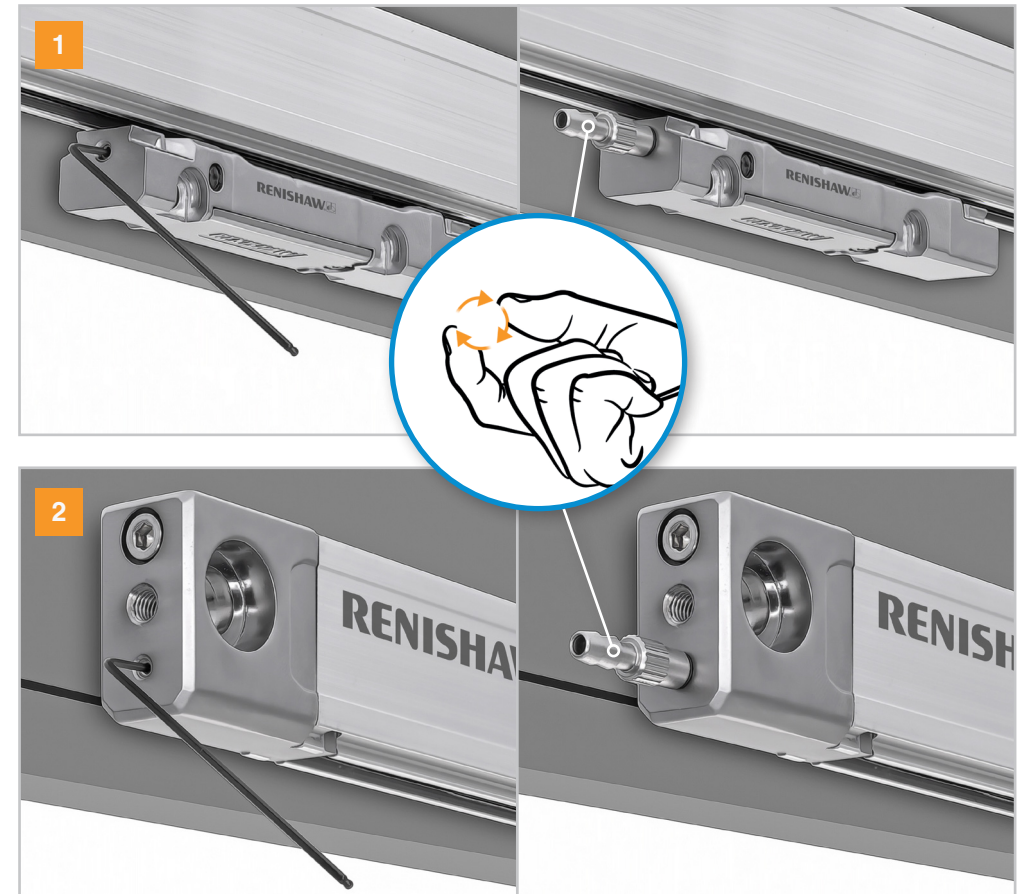
Air supply cleanliness requirements		
Air supply pressure	1 bar (pressure at encoder air inlet; air inlet connector has an integrated throttle that ensures the correct volume of airflow of 2 l/min through the encoder)	
Air quality	Particle size	No. of particles per m ³
	0.1 µm to 0.5 µm	≤ 20 000
	0.5 µm to 1.0 µm	≤ 400
	1.0 µm to 5.0 µm	≤ 10
Max pressure dew point	ISO 8573-1 Class 4 (pressure dew point at 3 °C)	
Total oil content	ISO 8573-1 Class 1 (max. oil concentration: 0.01 mg/m ³)	

It may be convenient to connect the air purge supply to the system part that will be fixed, i.e. depending on the machine configuration and axis movement, either the extrusion or the readhead may move with the machine slideway.

Air inlets are included on one side of the readhead and on both the extrusion end caps. Use a suitable air supply hose with a 4 mm bore.

WARNING: Remove the blanking plug only from the position at which the purge air supply is to be connected, or the sealing integrity may be compromised.

Removal of the air supply bung and fitment of the air connection fitting into either the readhead (top) or extrusion end cap (bottom). Finger tighten (0.3 Nm maximum).



9 Electrical connections

9.1 Electrical preparation

It is necessary to power the FORTiS readhead to install the system correctly.

- Input voltage requirement at readhead carriage: 5 Vdc \pm 10%.
- Operating current: 250 mA.
- Operating power @5 V: 1.25 W.

System must be earthed as per the image opposite.

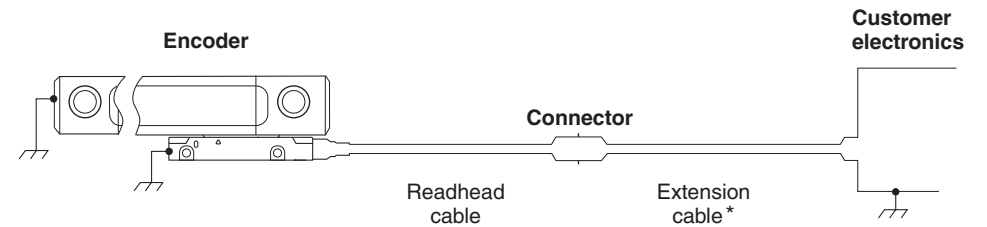
9.2 FORTiS grounding and shielding

NOTE: On Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ systems, the connector between the readhead cable and extension cable will mate via the A-9796-0575 interface.

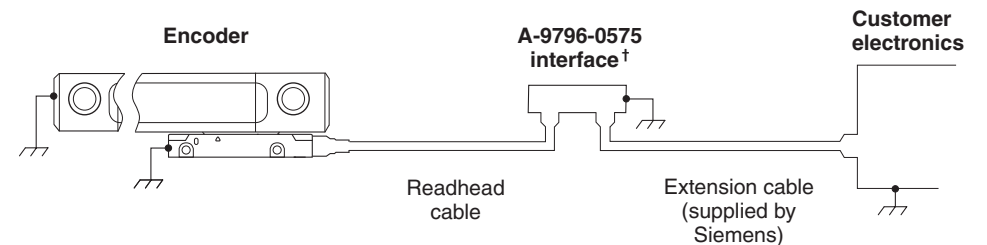
IMPORTANT: The shield should be connected to the machine Earth (Field Ground).

IMPORTANT: If the flying lead variant is used or the connector is modified or replaced, the customer must ensure that both 0 V cores (White and Green) are connected to 0 V. In such situations, care should also be taken to ensure that 0 V and Earth remain properly insulated from each other throughout the cable run.

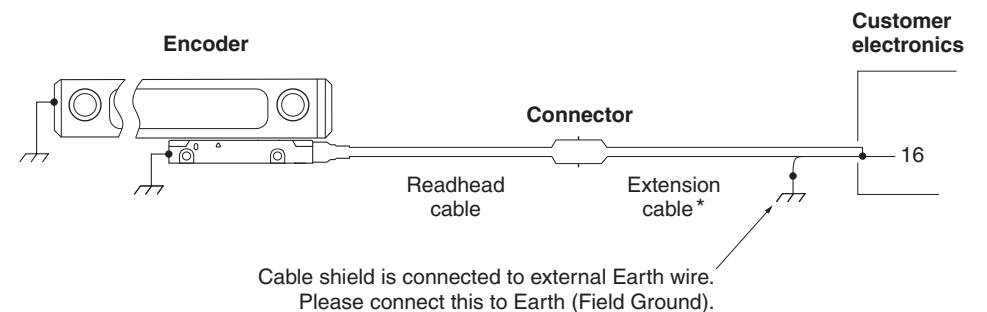
1) Standard arrangement



2) Arrangement for Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ versions



3) Arrangement when 20-way Honda connector (plastic body) is used with FANUC



*For maximum extension cable length please consult your local Renishaw representative.

†See [page 32](#) for details.

10 Cables and protocols

10.1 General specifications

Readhead cable	Type A	Ø4.7 mm, 28 AWG, 7 core, single screen, black jacket Flex life > 20 × 10 ⁶ cycles at 20 mm bend radius Minimum static bend radius (internal radius): 15 mm
	Type B	OD: 6.3 mm, 23 AWG, 6 core (3 × twisted pairs), single screen, green jacket Flex life > 20 × 10 ⁶ cycles at 75 mm bend radius Minimum static bend radius (internal radius): 31.5 mm
	Type D	Armoured: OD 10 mm, 28 AWG, 7 core Flex life > 20 × 10 ⁶ cycles at 100 mm bend radius Minimum static bend radius (internal radius): 35 mm
Extension cable (if applicable)	Type B	OD: 6.3 mm, 23 AWG, 6 core (3 × twisted pairs), single screen, green jacket Flex life > 20 × 10 ⁶ cycles at 75 mm bend radius Minimum static bend radius (internal radius): 31.5 mm
	Type C	OD: 7.8 mm, 20 AWG (power), 8 core (3 × twisted pairs + 2 power sense), single screen, green jacket Flex life > 20 × 10 ⁶ cycles at 75 mm bend radius Minimum static bend radius (internal radius): 58 mm

CAUTION: The FORTiS encoder system has been designed to the relevant EMC standards, but must be correctly integrated to achieve EMC compliance. In particular, attention to shielding arrangements is essential.

10.2 Permissible cable lengths

The tables below show permissible cable and extension cable combinations for the FORTiS range of enclosed linear encoders. For longer extension cable lengths, a shorter readhead cable is required. This information is valid for all communication protocols and connector types. At the worse case the minimum acceptable supply voltage is 4.5 Vdc.

Type B extension cables

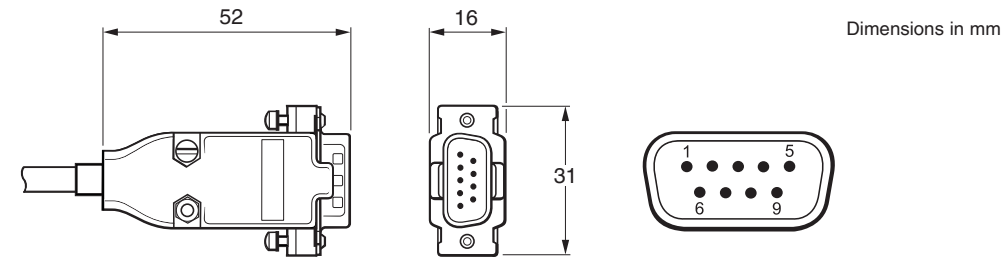
			Extension cable length (m)						
			1	3	6	9	12	15	20
Readhead cable length (m)	Type A	0.5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
		9	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
	Type B	0.5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	Type C (armoured)	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
		9	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Type C extension cables

			Extension cable length (m)
Readhead cable length (m)	Type A	0.5	≤ 65
		1	≤ 62
		3	≤ 50
		6	≤ 30
		9	≤ 12
	Type B	0.5	≤ 67
		1	≤ 65
		3	≤ 62
		6	≤ 56
		9	≤ 50

10.3 BiSS C serial communications

9-way D-type

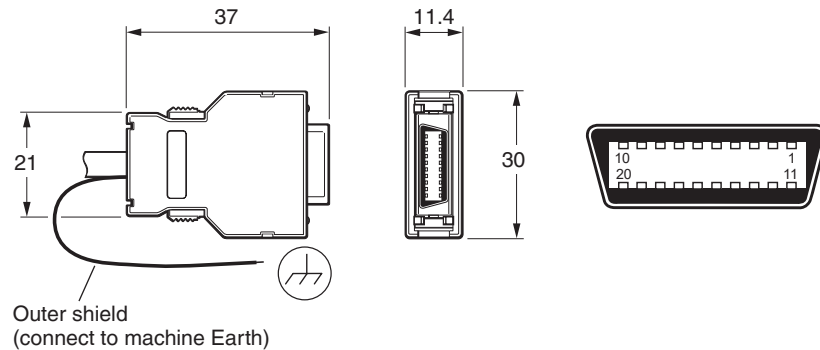


BiSS C (unidirectional) output signals

Function	Signal	Wire colour	Pin-out 9-way D
Power	5 V	Brown	4, 5
	0 V	White	8, 9
Serial communications	MA+	Violet	2
	MA–	Yellow	3
	SLO+	Grey	6
	SLO–	Pink	7
Shield	Shield	Cable braid	Case

10.4 FANUC serial communications

20-way plug



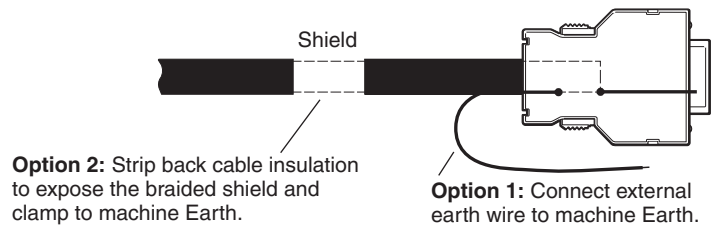
FANUC output signals

Function	Signal		Wire colour	Pin-out 20-way
	FANUC α	FANUC αi		
Power	5 V	5 V	Brown	9, 20
	0 V	0 V	White	12, 14
Serial communications	REQ+	REQ+ / SD+	Violet	5
	REQ-	REQ- / SD-	Yellow	6
	SD+	Do not connect	Grey	1
	SD-		Pink	2
Shield	Shield	Shield	Cable braid	External

Connecting the cable screen

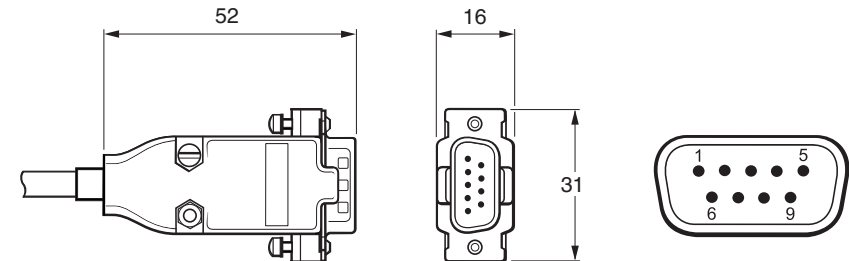
⚠ The following arrangement should be applied to FANUC versions only.

The cable is supplied with the shield connected to pin 16 inside the connector, making the required connection to the FANUC equipment. The Shield must also be connected to machine Earth, either by using the external Earth wire provided, or by cutting back the cable insulation to expose the shield and clamping that to machine Earth.

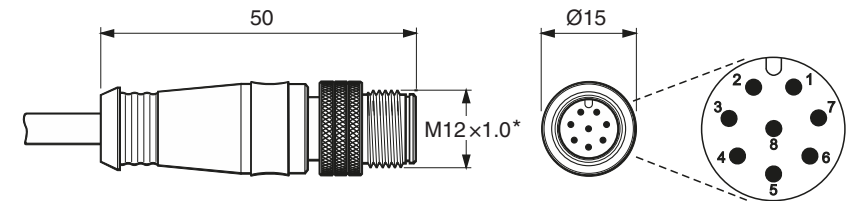


10.5 Panasonic serial communications

9-way D-type



M12



*The recommended tightening torque is 4 Nm.

Panasonic

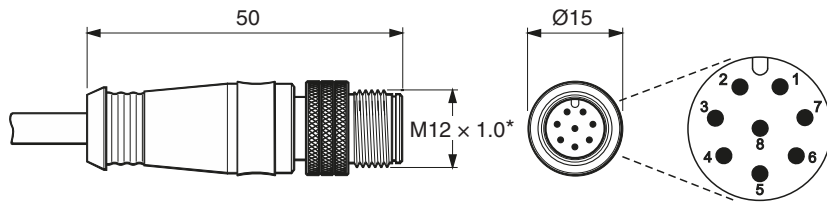
Function	Signal	Wire colour	Pin-out 9-way D	Pin-out M12
Power	5 V	Brown	4, 5	2
	0 V	White	8, 9	5, 8
Serial communications	REQ+ / SD+	Violet	2	3
	REQ- / SD-	Yellow	3	4
Reserved	Do not connect	Grey	6	7
		Pink	7	6
Shield	Shield	Cable braid	Case	Case

10.6 Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ serial communications

Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ specifications

Power supply	24 V	1.8 W maximum (75 mA @ 24 V), 24 V as per DRIVE-CLiQ specification. 24 V power is provided by the DRIVE-CLiQ network NOTE: The Renishaw DRIVE-CLiQ interface must be powered from a 24 Vdc supply complying with the requirements for SELV of standard IEC 60950-1
	Ripple	200 mVpp maximum @ frequency up to 500 kHz
Maximum total cable length	Readhead to DRIVE-CLiQ interface 9 m (Refer to Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ specifications for maximum cable length from interface to controller) Extension cables from the FORTiS DRIVE-CLiQ interface to controller should be sourced directly from Siemens	
Connector tightening torque	M12 – 4 Nm	

M12



*The recommended tightening torque is 4 Nm.

Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ signals between readhead and interface

Function	Signal	Wire colour	Pin-out M12
Power	5 V	Brown	2
	0 V	White	5, 8
Serial communications	A+	Violet	3
	A–	Yellow	4
Reserved	Do not connect	Grey	7
		Pink	6
Shield	Shield	Cable braid	Case

10.7 Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ interface

RDY LED functions

Colour	Status	Description
-	Off	Power supply is missing or outside permissible tolerance range
Green	Continuous light	The component is ready for operation and cyclic DRIVE-CLiQ communication is taking place
Orange	Continuous light	DRIVE-CLiQ communication is being established
Red	Continuous light	At least one fault is present in this component NOTE: The LED is activated regardless of whether the corresponding messages have been reconfigured
Green/Orange or Red/Orange	Flashing light	Component recognition via LED is activated (p0144) NOTE: Both options depend on the LED status when component recognition is activated via p0144=1

Status LED function

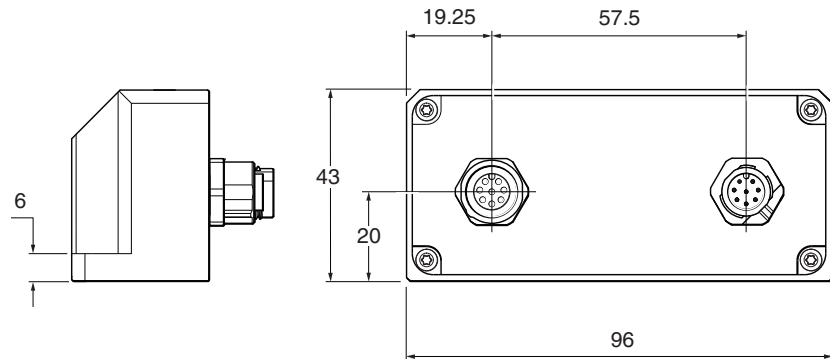
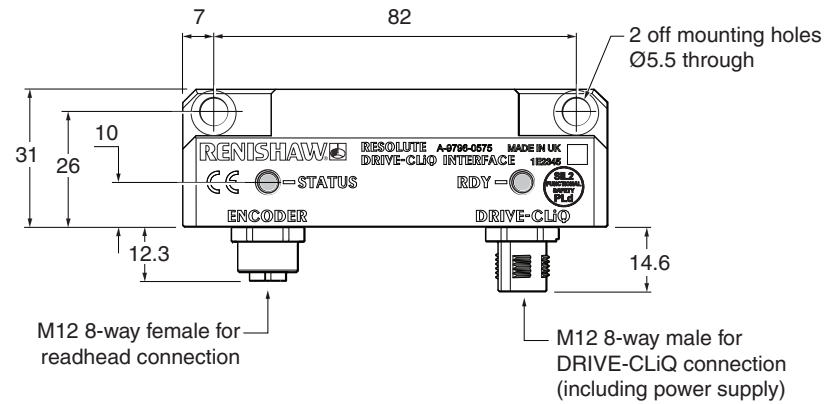
STATUS displays the readhead set-up status as shown on the readhead set-up LED; see [section 8.7 on page 25](#) for more details.

Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ interface output

Function	Signal	Pin-out M12
Power	24 V	1
	0 V	5
DRIVE-CLiQ communications	RX+	3
	RX–	4
	TX+	7
	TX–	6
Shield	Shield	Case

Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ interface installation drawing

Single readhead (A-9796-0575)



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