

FORTiS-S™ enclosed encoder system Functional Safety installation guide and safety manual



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KR1630471	CN102388295	EP2417423	KR1701535	US2012007980
CN102460077	EP2438402	US20120072169	KR1851015	JP6074392
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1.6 Product compliance

This document is an installation guide and safety manual which details the actions required for the safe integration of the FORTiS-S FS encoder system with BiSS Safety or Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ protocols, as designated by the letter S in this location in the part number, e.g. FN100A012HC28DS050X, into a functionally safe system.



The FORTiS-S FS encoder system is suitable for use in a Category 3 performance level d (PLd) application in compliance with ISO 13849-1 and in a safety integrity level 2 (SIL2) application in compliance with IEC 61508-1 and IEC 61800-5-2 when installed and operated in accordance with the instructions defined. Failure to follow the correct use instructions and failure to heed the limitations may result in SIL2 and/or PLd not being achieved and will invalidate the Functional Safety certification.

A copy of the FORTiS-S FS encoder system certificate 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-S FS encoder range can be found in the FORTiS-S FS data sheets available from your local Renishaw representative. See also: www.renishaw.com/fsencoders

1.10 Packaging

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

Packaging component	Material	ISO 11469	Description
Wooden box	Plywood and softwood	Not applicable	Recyclable
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

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 Definitions

WARNING A hazard with a medium risk of injury if not avoided

ESD handling



The ESD Susceptibility Symbol consists of a triangle, a reaching hand, and a slash through the reaching hand. The triangle means 'Caution' and the slash through the reaching hand means 'Don't touch'.

Mechanical safe position

The maximum distance the scale might move from its installed position, for example if the fixings work loose.

Evaluation unit

External item of equipment in which the output signal of the encoder is evaluated, e.g. machine controller or safety relay.

System manufacturer

Personnel with responsibility for selecting the encoder and verifying its capability is appropriate for the safety-related application.

System installer

Personnel with responsibility for fitting the encoder in the specific application.

3 Information for use

WARNING Not to be used in environments where there is an explosive atmosphere

WARNING Not to be used by medical devices

The FORTiS-S FS encoder system is designed to be used as part of a safety-related control system as specified by the system manufacturer. It is the responsibility of the system manufacturer to set the evaluation unit to implement the appropriate actions when the FORTiS-S FS encoder system reports an error. The decision to use this system for the intended purpose is the responsibility of the system manufacturer. The FORTiS-S FS encoder system is certified to the SIL and PL levels as shown in the 'Functional Safety data declaration' table; however, the system manufacturer must conduct their own assessment of the full system to determine its safety capability.

Correct use includes:

- ▶ Operating the FORTiS-S FS encoder system within the limits defined in this document.
- ▶ Installing the system as described in this document.
- ▶ Maintaining the system as described in this document.

System components covered by this installation guide:

The FORTiS-S FS encoder system comprises the following parts:

- ▶ FORTiS-S FS encoder unit.
- ▶ Accessories.
- ▶ Cable.
- ▶ Extension cable (when required).
- ▶ DRIVE-CLiQ interface (when required).

NOTE:

If the original termination supplied with the FORTiS-S FS encoder system is altered or a non-Renishaw cable that is not approved is used, then it is the responsibility of the system manufacturer to make sure the system is compliant with IEC 61800-5-2:2016 *Electromagnetic immunity requirement for safety related systems – Annex E, second environment.*

4 Functional Safety data declaration

Product identification	FORTIS-S FS with BiSS Safety and Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ protocols
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IEC 61508 safety data

Safety integrity level	2	
Random hardware failures (per hour) – BiSS Safety protocol	$\lambda_s = 8.60E-07$	$\lambda_{DU} = 1.25E-07$
	$\lambda_D = 1.25E-06$	$\lambda_{DD} = 1.13E-06$
	$\lambda_{DU} = 1.25E-07$	
Random hardware failures (per hour) – Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ protocol	$\lambda_s = 1.11E-06$	$\lambda_{DU} = 1.70E-07$
	$\lambda_D = 1.70E-06$	$\lambda_{DD} = 1.53E-06$
	$\lambda_{DU} = 1.70E-07$	
$PF_{D_{avg}}$	Not applicable due to continuous demand mode	
PFH (per hour) – BiSS Safety protocol	$\lambda_{DU} = 1.25E-07$	
PFH (per hour) – Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ protocol	$\lambda_{DU} = 1.70E-07$	
Architectural constraints	Type	B
	HFT	0
	SFF	94%
Hardware safety integrity compliance	Route 1H	
Systematic safety integrity compliance	Route 1S	
Systematic capability	SC 2	
Demand mode	Continuous	
Proof test interval	Not required for continuous demand mode	

ISO 13849 safety data

$MTTF_D$ – BiSS Safety protocol	91 years
$MTTF_D$ – Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ protocol	67 years
Diagnostic coverage	Medium (90%)
Category	3
Performance level	d
Lifetime/replacement limits	20 years

The FORTIS-S FS encoder system provides safe position data that supports the following safety sub-functions defined by IEC 61800-5-2:

- ▶ Safe stop 1 (SS1) and Safe stop 2 (SS2) *
- ▶ Safe operating stop (SOS) *
- ▶ Safe limited acceleration (SLA) $\leq 200 \text{ m/s}^2$
- ▶ Safe acceleration range (SAR) $\leq 200 \text{ m/s}^2$
- ▶ Safe limited speed (SLS) $\leq 4 \text{ m/s}$
- ▶ Safe speed range (SSR) $\leq 4 \text{ m/s}$
- ▶ Safely limited position (SLP) *
- ▶ Safely limited increment (SLI) *
- ▶ Safe direction (SDI)
- ▶ Safe speed monitor (SSM) $\leq 4 \text{ m/s}$.

* See the safety function restrictions for the safe position figure for each FORTIS-S FS encoder system variant.

5 Safety function

The FORTiS-S FS encoder system shall provide a safe position when requested by the evaluation unit.

The following restrictions apply to this claim:

- ▶ The system installer must perform a verified commissioning test during installation.
- ▶ The system repairer must perform a verified commissioning test following replacement of a system part.
- ▶ The maximum request rate supported is 32 kHz.
- ▶ Electrical errors for the BiSS Safety protocol are detected by the evaluation unit comparing CPW and SPW content. See *BiSS Safety for RESOLUTE encoders* data sheet (Renishaw part no. L-9517-9884) for more information.
- ▶ Electrical errors for the Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ protocol are detected by the evaluation unit comparing POS1 and POS2 content. See the relevant Siemens AG evaluation unit manual for more information.
- ▶ When installed correctly, the FORTiS-S FS encoder system has a mechanical safe position of ± 1 mm.

5.1 Fault exclusions

The following will invalidate the Functional Safety certification of the FORTiS-S FS encoder system:

- ▶ Faults caused by cutting and reconnecting the cable or the use of a non-Renishaw cable that is not approved.
- ▶ Incorrect installation.
- ▶ Dismantling.
- ▶ Operating the system outside of the limits specified in this installation guide.

5.2 Failure modes effects and diagnostics analysis

All diagnosed failure modes are detected immediately except for a position discrepancy between the two measurement methods which is detected within 375 μ s.

See '[Functional Safety data declaration](#)' on page 4 for a summary of the FMEDA.

NOTE: For the purposes of the FMEDA calculation the following conditions have been assumed:

Method: SN29500-2005-1 **Environment:** Ground mobile **Temperature:** 85 °C

5.3 Installation

For the safety function to be valid the instructions detailed in this installation guide must be followed.

5.4 Commissioning test

The following test **MUST** be performed when commissioning the FORTiS-S FS encoder system and after any repair or maintenance of the system.

Resolution check Move the axis by a known distance and confirm that the position changes as expected. The tolerance for raising a fault condition is relative to the safe position determined by the system manufacturer.

5.5 Evaluation unit monitoring

To achieve full system integrity the evaluation unit must continuously monitor the error condition of the FORTiS-S FS encoder system, and in the case of fault detection place the system into a safe state within the process safety time.

NOTES:

- ▶ The evaluation unit must have its Functional Safety functions enabled (as often it is a configuration parameter to turn on Functional Safety functionality) and must respond correctly to a FORTiS-S FS encoder system position error flag.
- ▶ A persistent fault condition may indicate a hardware failure of the FORTiS-S FS encoder system or an installation problem.

5.6 Maintenance

The maintenance check intervals will be defined by the system manufacturer according to their risk assessment. There are no user-serviceable parts within the FORTiS-S FS encoder system.

The following maintenance actions are advised:

- ▶ Check the extrusion screws and readhead retaining screws are correctly tightened.
- ▶ Check for worn or damaged cables and connectors.
- ▶ Check the cable connectors are correctly tightened/located.
- ▶ Check the air supply fitting is correctly tightened and the air hose is correctly fitted.
- ▶ When the DRIVE-CLiQ interface is used check the retaining screws are correctly tightened.

5.7 Repair

- ▶ Repair of the FORTiS-S FS encoder system is only by replacement of parts.
- ▶ The replacement parts must have the same part number as the original parts.
- ▶ The repaired encoder system must be installed and commissioned in accordance with the 'Commissioning test' above.
- ▶ In the event of failure the affected parts should be returned to Renishaw for further analysis.
- ▶ Using damaged parts invalidates the Functional Safety certification.

5.8 Proof testing

It is the responsibility of the system manufacturer to define any proof testing of the system. Due to the diagnostic coverage (DC) and safe failure fraction (SFF) required to achieve SIL2, the encoder can only support continuous demand use.

6 Certification

FORTiS-S FS encoder system

Functional Safety Certificate No. FSC003



Under the terms of CSA SIRA Functional Safety Certificate SIRA *CASS00023/01*, for the management and self-certification of functional safety activities up to SIL3/PLd.

Renishaw plc declares that the products listed by this installation guide meet the requirements of:

IEC 61508-1:2010, IEC 61508-2:2010 and IEC 61508-3:2010

IEC 61800-5-2:2016

ISO 13849-1:2015 and ISO 13849-2:2012

when used as an element/subsystem in safety-related systems performing safety functions requiring up to and including:

SIL2 with HFT = 0 (1oo1)

Category 3, PLd.

7 Summary of EU declaration of conformity EUD2020-00525

Renishaw plc declares under its sole responsibility that the products identified below are in conformity with the relevant Union legislation:

Product name:	FORTiS-S™ series FS encoder system
Description:	FORTiS-S™ FS encoder system that is functional safety certified
Part no.:	FS1*-02, e.g. FS100B044SC36BS050X-02
Valid from:	Mod level -02

The product complies with EU directives:

2006/42/EC	Machinery directive
2014/30/EU	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)
2011/65/EU	On the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (recast)

The product complies with the following technical standards:

EN 12100:2010	Safety of machinery – General principles for design – Risk assessment and risk reduction
EN 61326-1:2013	Electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use. Part 1: General requirements Immunity to Table 2 – Industrial electromagnetic environment Emissions to Class A – Industrial electromagnetic environment
EN 13849-1:2015	Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems Part 1: General principles for design
EN 13849-2:2012	Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems Part 2: Validation
EN 62471:2008	Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems
EN 63000:2018	Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances

For the full declaration of conformity EUD2020-00525 see www.renishaw.com/productcompliance

8 Overview of the FORTiS-S FS 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.

9 Parts list

9.1 Included in the box

	Item	Description
	FORTIS-S FS encoder unit	The FORTIS-S FS enclosed encoder system
	37 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 installation is complete.
	FORTIS-S FS quality inspection certificate	Certifies specific encoder performance and provides traceability
	Yellow Functional Safety card	Shows the web address for accessing the installation guide.

9.2 Not included / required tools

	Item	Description
	5 mm torque wrench	To tighten extrusion and readhead mounting screws
	1.5 mm hex key	Air bung removal (only if air purge is required)
	5 mm hex key	For securing of readhead
	4 mm hex key	For locking of mounting aid
	M6 screws	2 × M6 × 1.0 screws length ≥ 35 mm for mounting readhead M6 × 1.0 screws length ≥ 20 mm for mounting extrusion to machine bed (see table in section 11.5 on page 13 for required quantity)

9.3 Optional extras

9.3.1 Mounting aid (part number A-9768-3580)

Optional installation aid to assist with mounting the readhead to a machine slideway that has more than one degree of freedom (see section 14.5 on page 20).

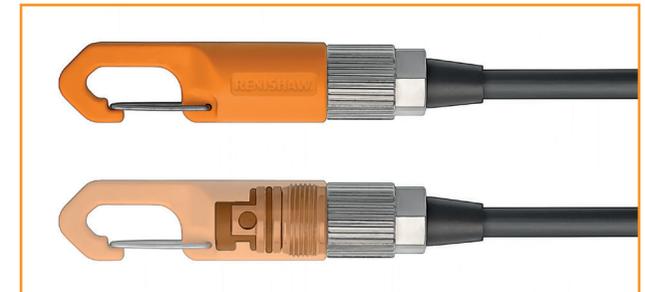


9.4 Cable options (cables not included)

	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: 6.3 mm, 23 AWG, 6 core (3 × 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: 6.3 mm, 23 AWG, 6 core (3 × 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 × twisted pair + 2 power sense), single screen, green jacket Unterminated lengths available up to 100 m

9.4.1 FORTiS-S FS connector

All encoder cables include a custom FORTiS-S FS 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.

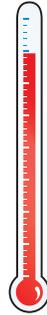


10 Storage and handling

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

Storage temperature

-20 °C to +70 °C



Operating temperature

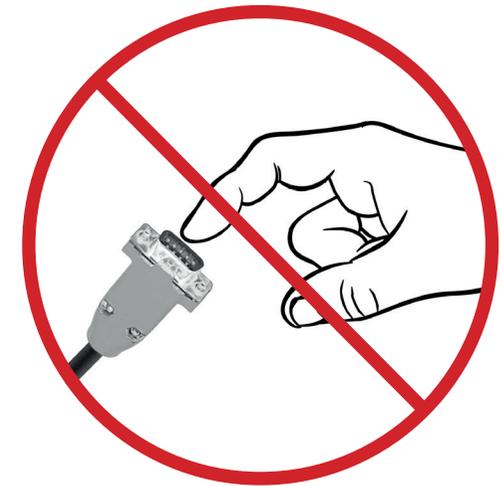
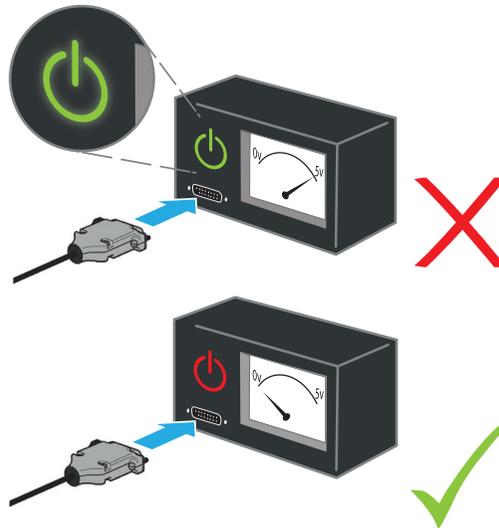
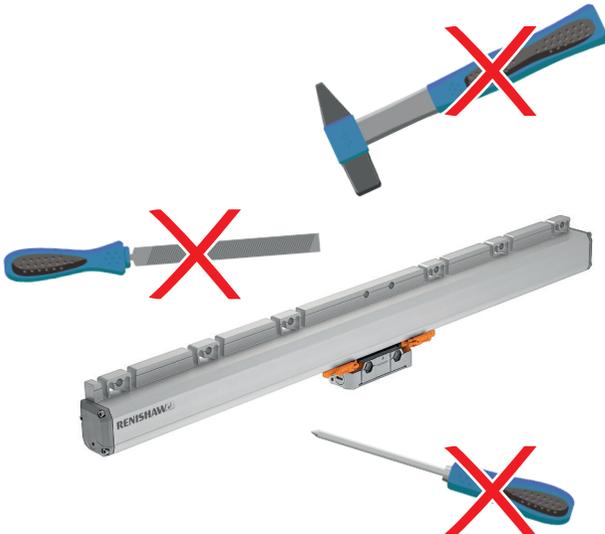
0 °C to +50 °C



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



Handling instructions



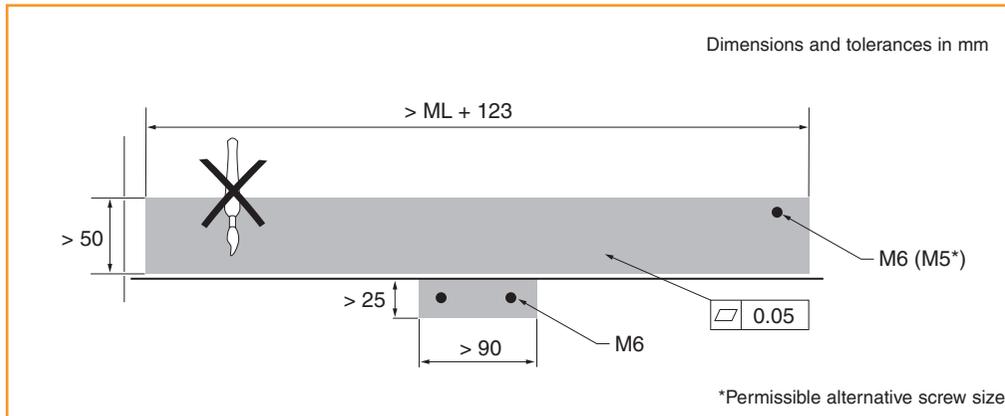
11 Installation drawings

11.1 Mounting surface preparation

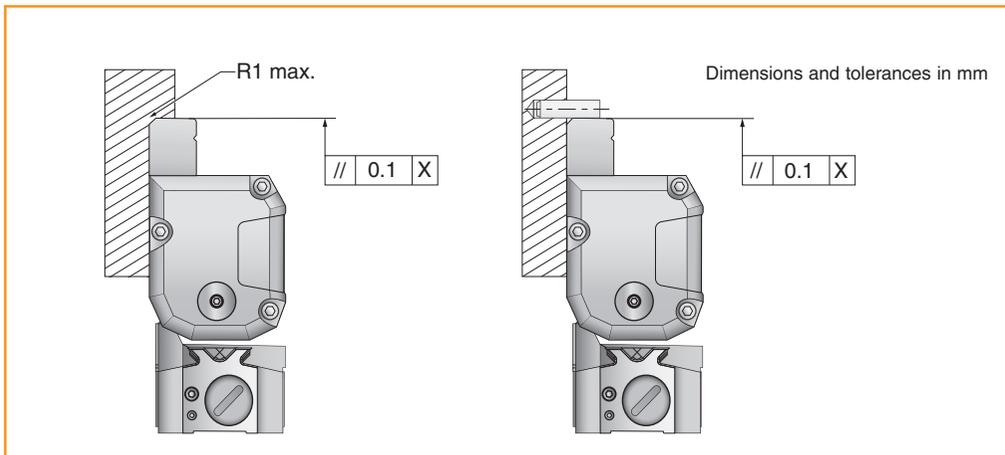
To ensure correct operation, the mounting surface should be prepared as follows:

- 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.

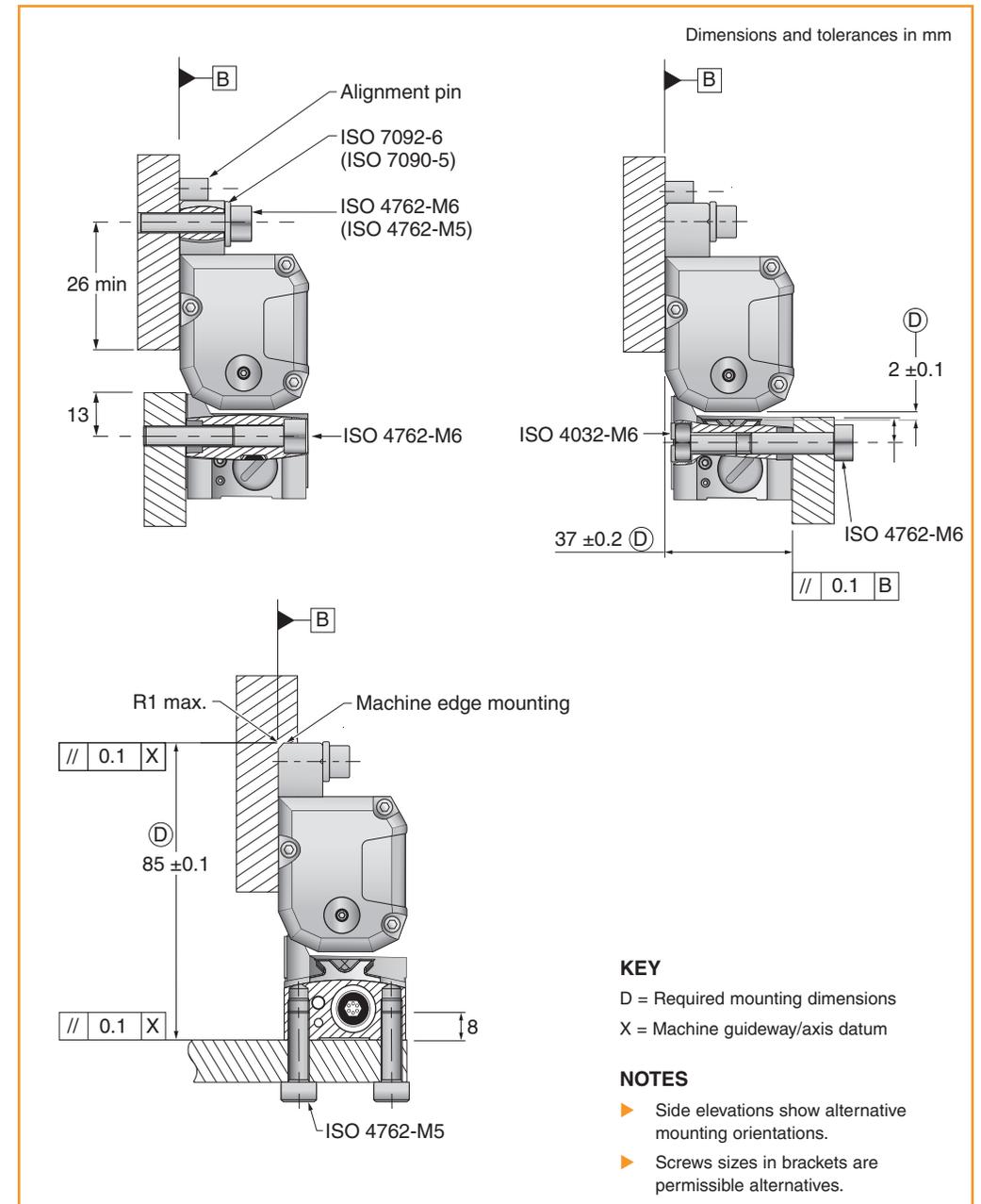
To further simplify and help reduce installation time, it is recommended that the machine axis to which the encoder is to be mounted is prepared with a datum edge or aligned dowel pins to help locate the edge of the extrusion and ensure parallelism to the axis of motion.



11.2 Location edge or dowel pins



11.3 Mounting orientations



11.5 Mounting holes positions table

Measuring length	Overall length	Recommended thermal datum	Non-preferred thermal datum *		Flexure holes, H every 100 mm			
		Static hole H1	Static hole H2	Static hole H3	First flexure hole	Missing flexure hole	Last flexure hole	QTY of flexure holes
140	263	136	171	-	36	136	236	2
240	363	186	221	236	36	236	336	3
340	463	236	271	-	36	236	436	4
440 (shown)	563	286	321	336	36	336	536	5
540	663	336	371	-	36	336	636	6
640	763	386	421	436	36	436	736	7
740	863	436	471	-	36	436	836	8
840	963	486	521	536	36	536	936	9
940	1063	536	571	-	36	536	1036	10
1040	1163	586	621	636	36	636	1136	11
1140	1263	636	671	-	36	636	1236	12
1240	1363	686	721	736	36	736	1136	13
1340	1463	736	771	-	36	736	1436	14
1440	1563	786	821	836	36	836	1563	15
1540	1663	836	871	-	36	836	1636	16
1640	1763	886	921	936	36	936	1736	17
1740	1863	936	971	-	36	936	1836	18
1840	1963	986	1021	1036	36	1036	1936	19
2040	2163	1086	1121	1136	36	1136	2136	21
2240	2363	1186	1221	1236	36	1236	2336	23
2440	2563	1286	1321	1336	36	1336	2536	25
2640	2763	1386	1421	1436	36	1436	2736	27
2840	2963	1486	1521	1536	36	1536	2936	29
3040	3163	1586	1621	1636	36	1636	3136	31

*The non-preferred thermal datum holes are only included to provide bolt-hole compatibility with old, obsolete encoders. New machines should be designed to use the recommended thermal datum only.

12 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)	140, 240, 340, 440, 540, 640, 740, 840, 940, 1040, 1140, 1240, 1340, 1440, 1540, 1640, 1740, 1840, 2040, 2240, 2440, 2640, 2840, 3040
Accuracy grades	High grade: ≤ ±3 µm Standard grade: ≤ ±5 µm
Resolution	1 nm, 10 nm, 50 nm
Absolute position protocols	BiSS Safety, Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ (with external interface)
Encoder electrical connection	Cable connector M12 custom (customer configurable exit direction)
Controller electrical connection	8-way M12, 9-way D-type, flying lead
Cable length	See section 15.2 on page 25
Power supply	See section 15.3 on page 26 and section 15.4 on page 27

Set-up LED	See section 14.7 on page 23
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)	< 5 N
Vibration (55 Hz to 2000 Hz)	Housing: < 300 m/s ² to IEC 60068-2-6 Readhead: < 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
Storage temperature	-20 °C to 70 °C
Environment protection	IP53 when installed correctly, IP64 with air purge Protection class III Pollution degree II Altitude 2000 m
EMC immunity	IEC 61800-5-2:2016 <i>Electromagnetic immunity requirement for safety related systems - Annex E, second environment</i>
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 14.8 on page 24 for details
Weight	0.27 kg + 2.0 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.

13 Installation procedure – extrusion

13.1 Protection for sealed linear encoders

IP53 requires installation with sealing lips positioned away from splash water in accordance with EN 60529/IEC 60529.

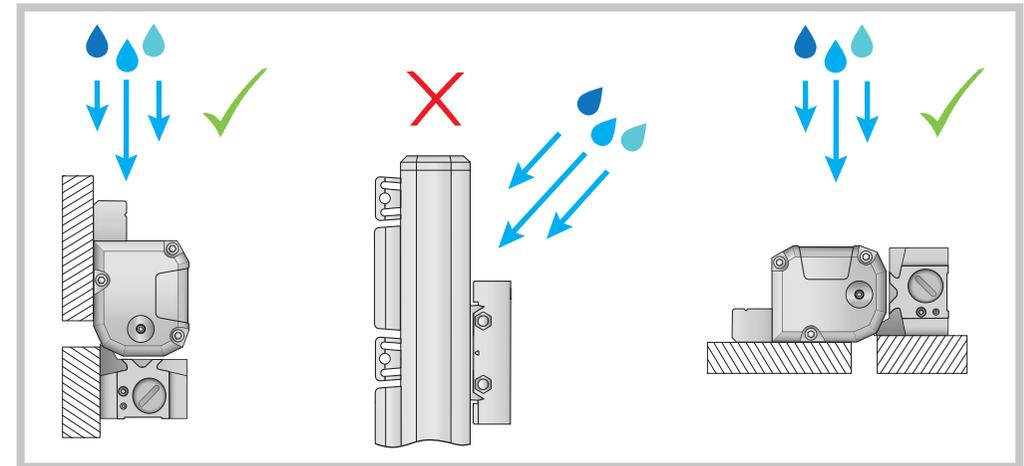
For ingress protection to IP64, please see [section 14.8 on page 24](#).

13.2 Fitment – general

Please note that fitment of the extrusion is independent of readhead mounting. For illustrative purposes dowel pins are displayed, but the procedure for a datum edge is identical. Where neither an edge nor dowel pins are available, begin by aligning extrusion mounting holes.*

Ensure the mounting faces are clean before installation.

* 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.



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

See [page 11](#), [section 11.2](#) and [section 11.3](#).



Loosely secure the extrusion to the mounting surface using M6 screws and washers as specified in [section 11.3 on page 11](#).



Using the correct tool, tighten the screws to a torque of 8 Nm. Tighten all bolts, working from left to right. (The numbers on the illustration show the order of tightening.)

14 Installation procedure – readhead

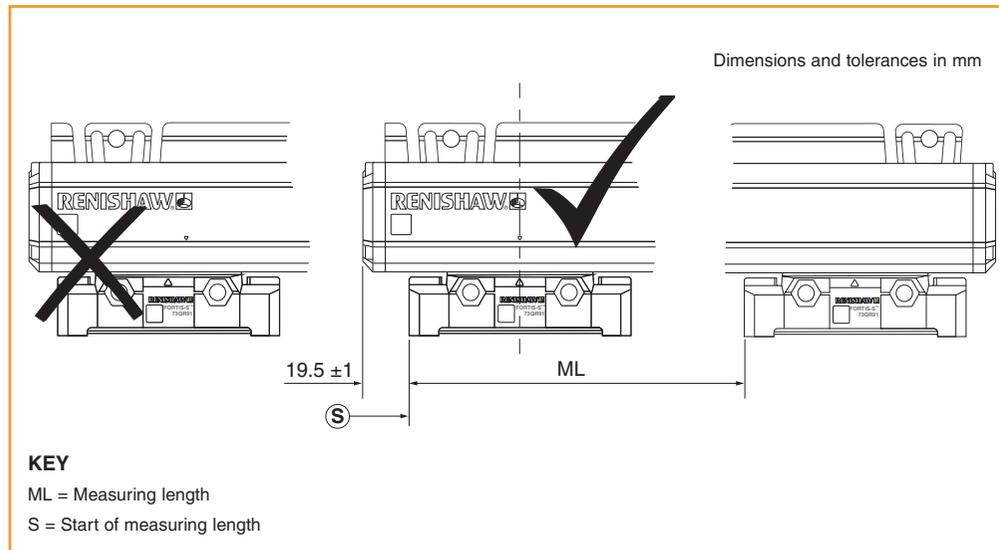
Three different methods may be used to install the readhead, making installation easier for a wide range of machine types and mounting surfaces. These are outlined in the following sections.

Please note, installation of the extrusion follows the procedure outlined in [section 13 on page 15](#) and is independent of the readhead installation method being used.

14.1 Measuring length

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.

14.2 Start of measuring length

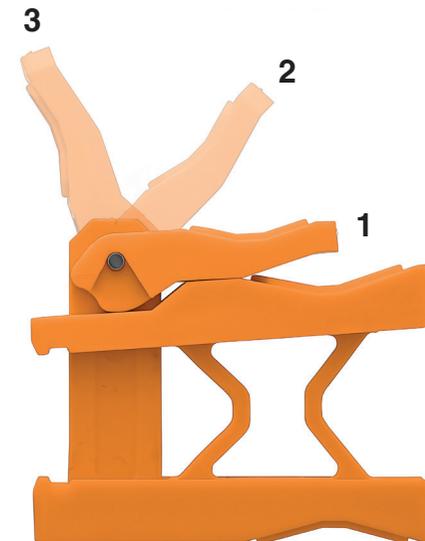


WARNING: Failure to ensure the readhead is within the measuring length of the encoder could lead to a collision and damage.

14.3 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.

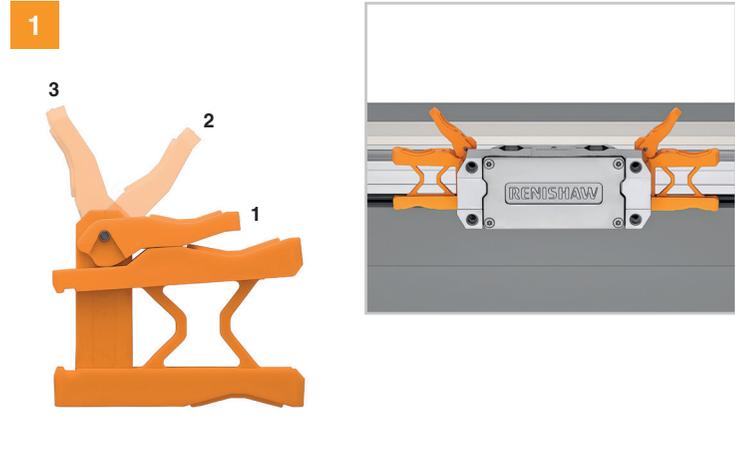
The alignment brackets have three different operating positions which are detailed in the table below.



Position	Status	Description
1	Closed	Alignment bracket locks the readhead to the extrusion for transit
2	Semi-open	Readhead can be moved along the extrusion for alignment purposes, whilst maintaining optimum rideheight
3	Open	Alignment bracket can be removed from the extrusion after installation

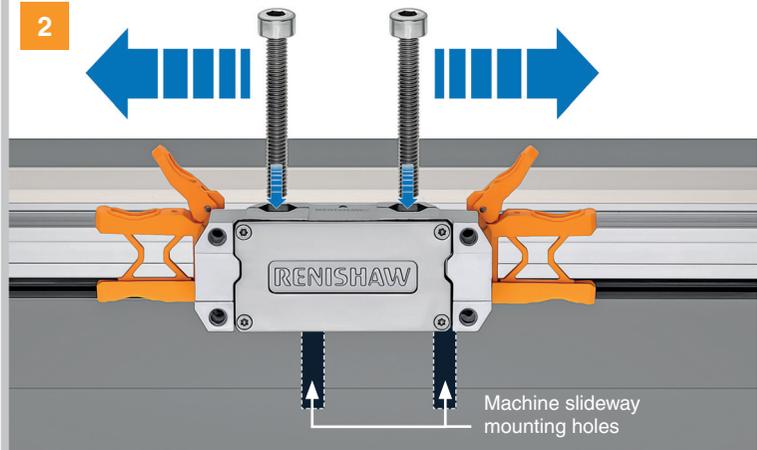
14.3.1 Installation using the alignment bracket method

1



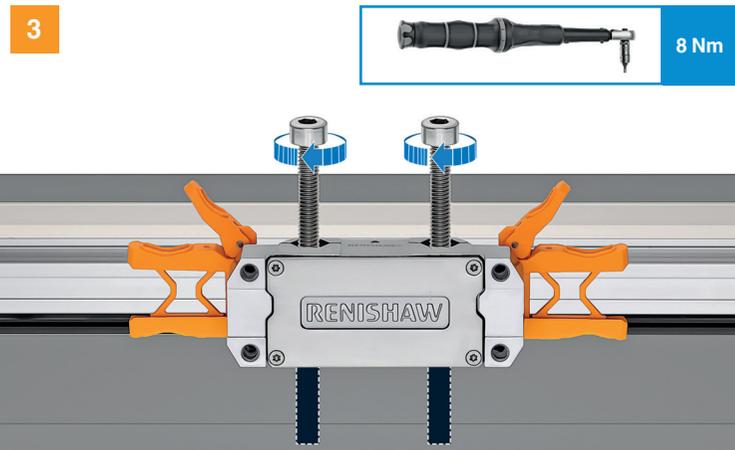
Set the alignment brackets to position 2.

2



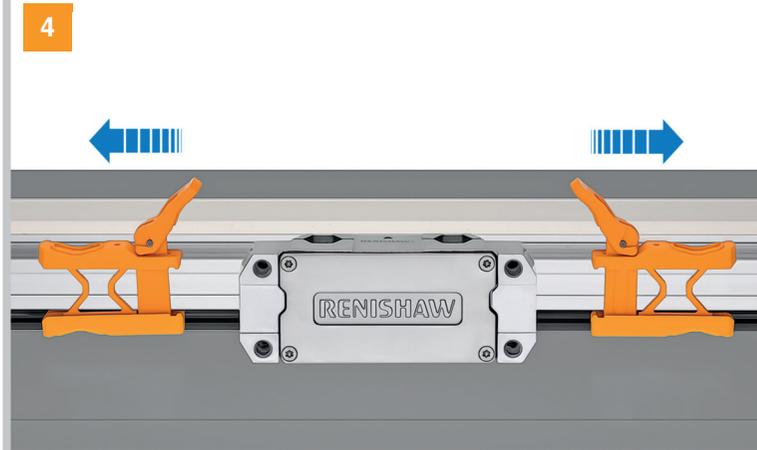
Slide the readhead to align the readhead mounting holes to the machine slideway mounting holes.

3



Secure the readhead using 2 × M6 screws; tighten screws to a torque of 8 Nm.

4



Pull alignment bracket lever upwards into position 3 to open the alignment bracket. Slide the alignment brackets away from the readhead and remove from the extrusion.

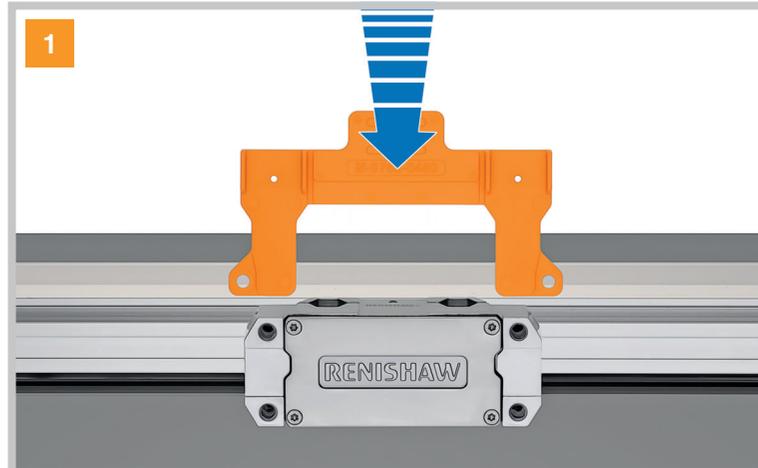
NOTE: The alignment brackets must be removed after installation.

14.4 Set-up shim method

When using this method, remove the alignment brackets (see section 14.3.1 on page 17) just prior to installation.

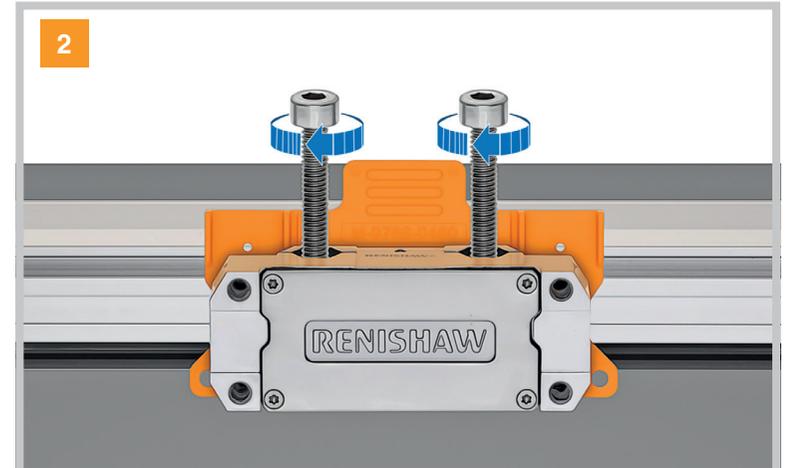
Where access to the readhead from either side is restricted in the installation position, a setting shim can be used instead of the alignment brackets to ensure correct positioning of the readhead relative to the extrusion. The shim is easily inserted between the readhead and encoder extrusion.

14.4.1 Front setting shim procedure



Place setting 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 × M6 screws. Tighten screws to 8 Nm to complete the installation.

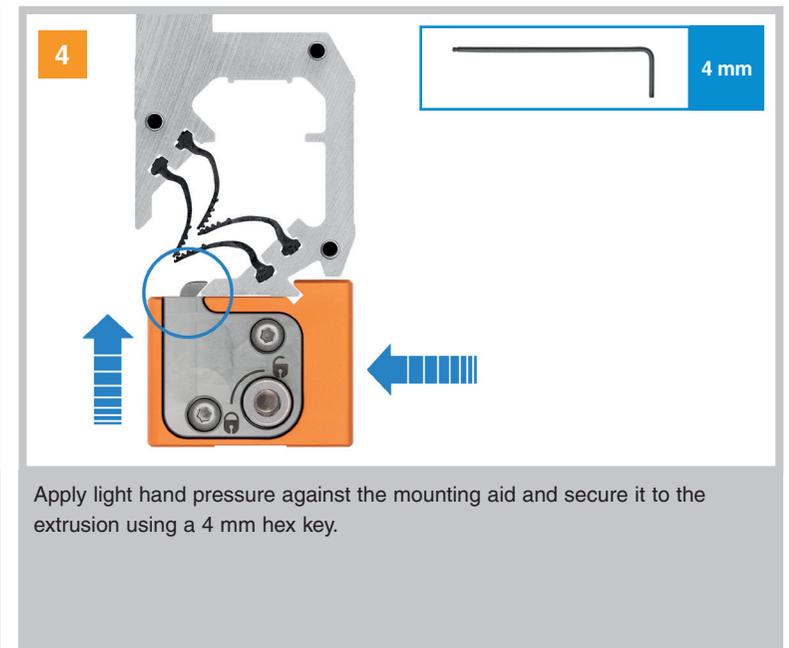
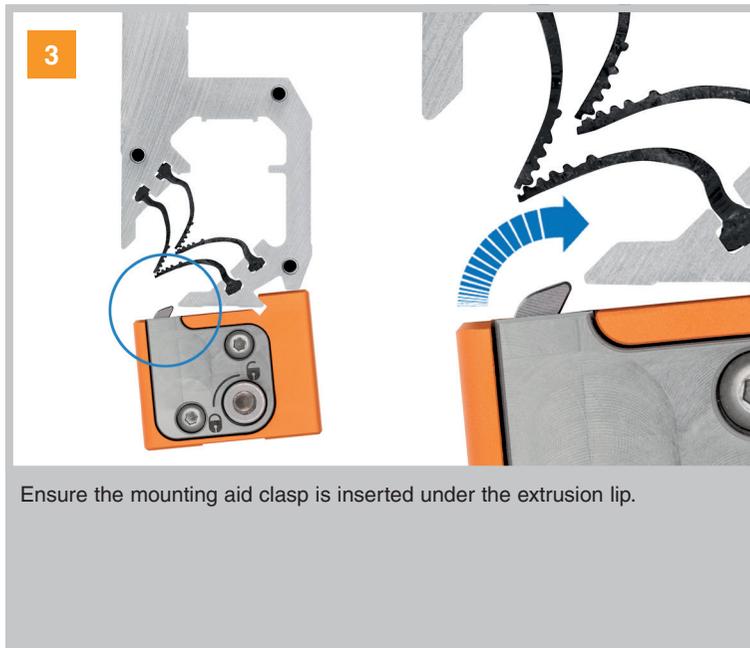
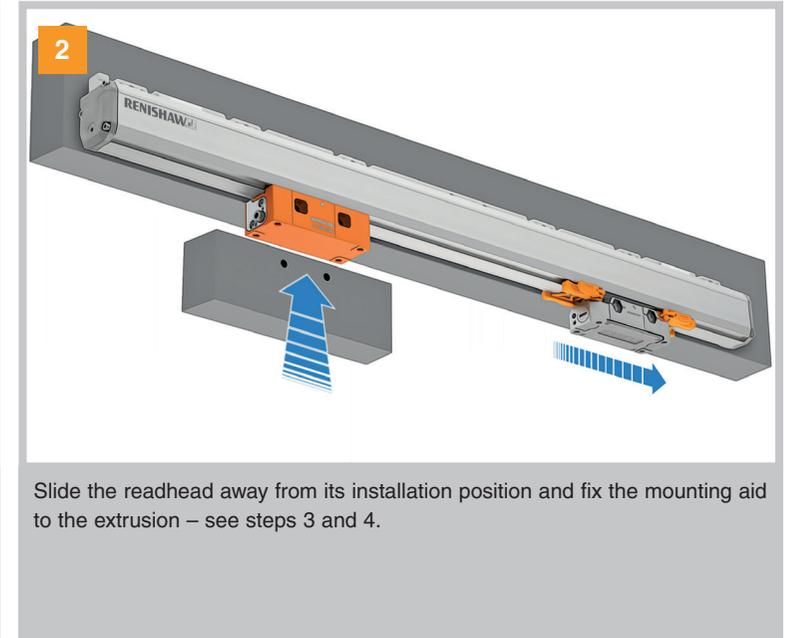
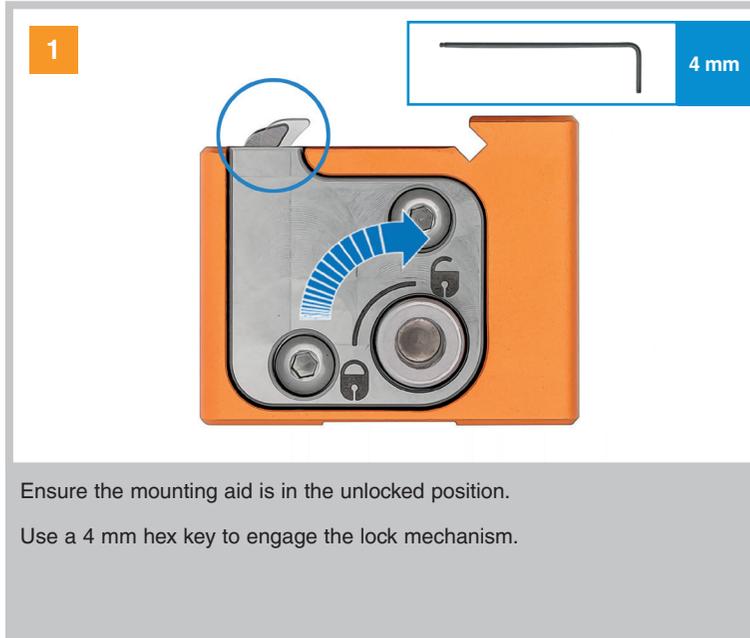
Remove the setting shim.

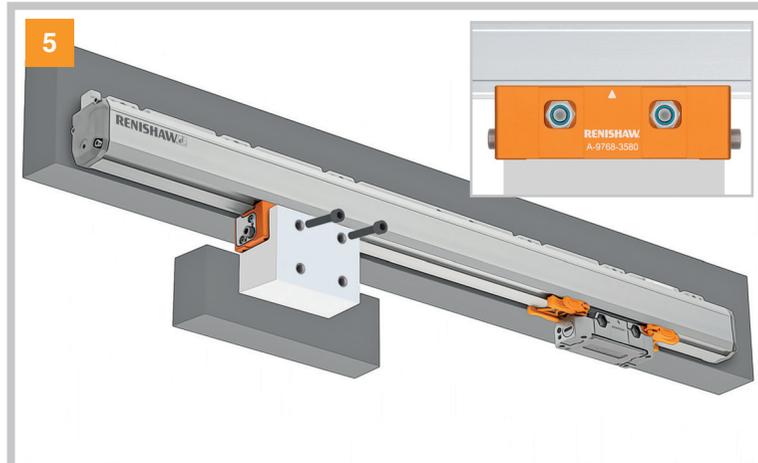
14.5 Installation using the mounting aid method

Remove alignment brackets prior to installation using the mounting aid.

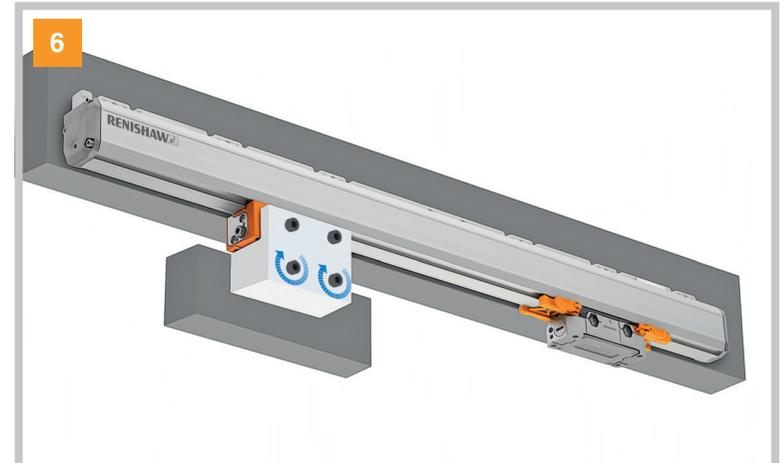
When mounting a readhead to a machine slideway via an unconstrained bracket, an installation mounting aid can be used to accurately position, secure and fit the bracket to the slideway. The mounting aid clamps securely to the extrusion, allowing any machine slideway to be adjusted and secured horizontally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

37 mm mounting aid and 4 mm hex key required.

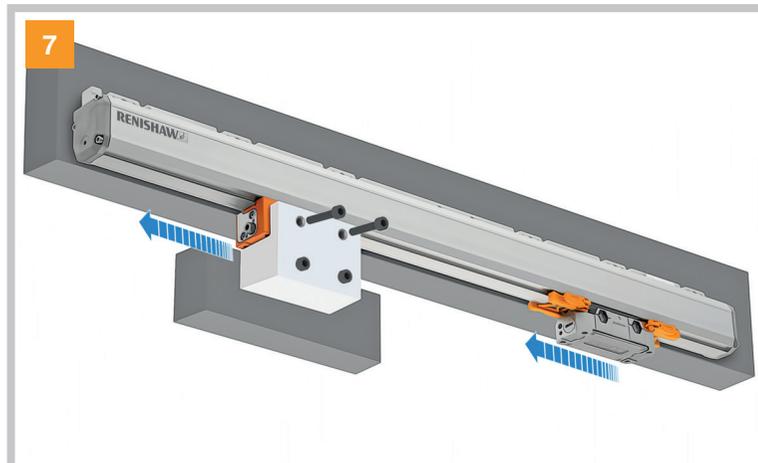




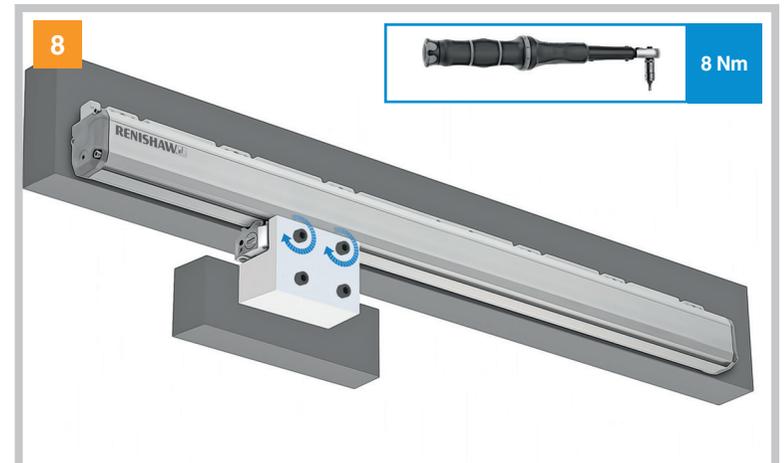
5
Align the readhead bracket with mounting aid and secure using screws and nuts.



6
Align the axis slideway with the readhead bracket and secure using M6 screws.



7
Remove screws and nuts from mounting aid, unlock and remove from extrusion.



8
Align readhead with the readhead mounting bracket and secure with M6 screws and nuts.

Using the correct tool, tighten the screws to a torque of 8 Nm.

14.6 FORTiS-S FS cable connection

To assist with cable management the FORTiS-S FS system has two cable entry ports, allowing the cable to be inserted into either side of the readhead.

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.

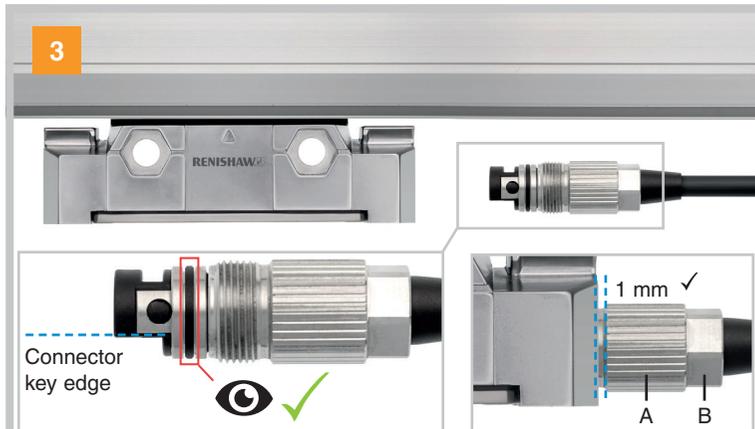


1
Connector screw plug.

The cable connector port that is not being used should be fitted with the supplied screw plug.



2
2 × cable connector ports (one either side).



3
Insert the cable into the readhead. Take care to ensure correct connector orientation: the connector key edge should face towards to the base of the readhead.

When fully engaged, the cable connector grip ring should be 1 mm away from the readhead body, as illustrated above.

Using the knurled nut 'A', screw the connector into the threaded socket.



4
Using the included cable connection wrench with the hexagonal nut 'B', secure the encoder cable.

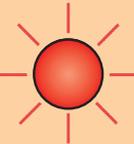
IMPORTANT: See 'Note – Step 4' in the text opposite.

14.7 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 15 on page 25](#) 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 11 on page 11) 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.

14.8 Air filtration

FORTiS-S FS system 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.

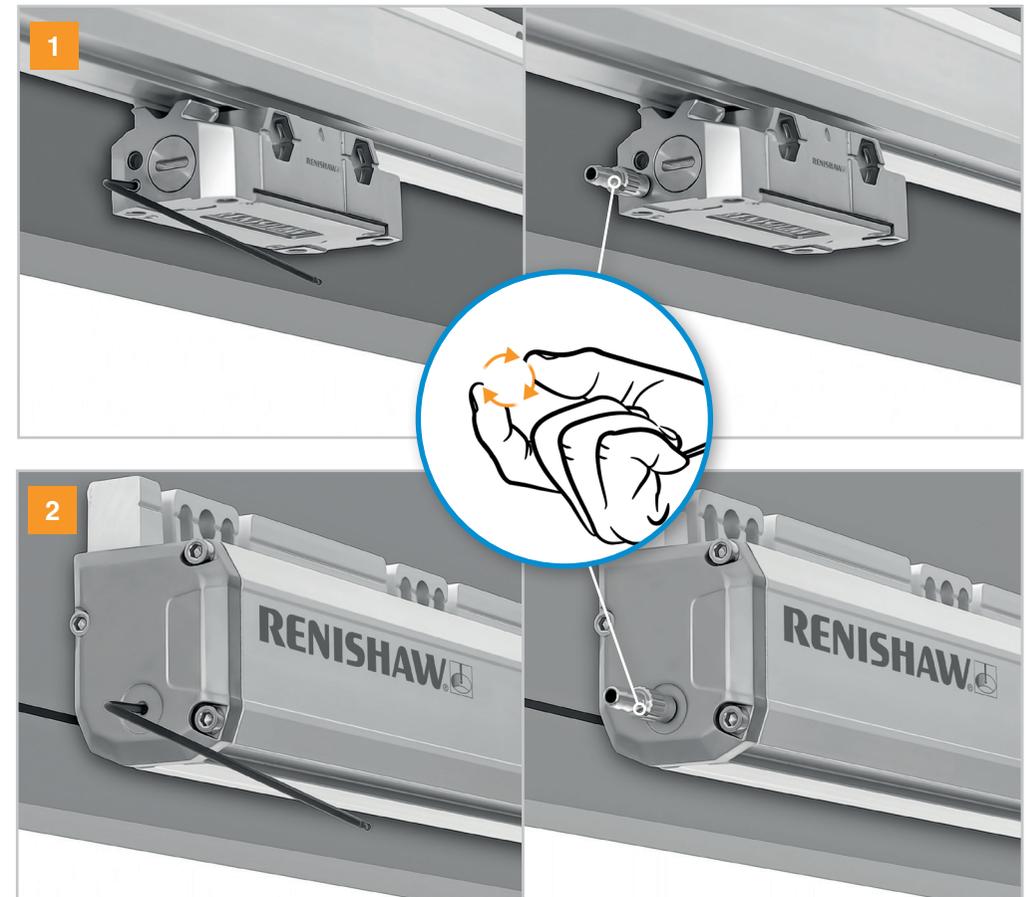
Air supply cleanliness requirements		
Air supply pressure	1 bar (pressure at encoder air inlet; air inlet connector has an integrated throttle that ensures the correct volume of airflow of 2 l/min through the encoder)	
Air quality	Particle size	No. of particles per m ³
	0.1 µm to 0.5 µm	≤ 20 000
	0.5 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 sideways.

Air inlets are included on both sides 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 (1) or extrusion end cap (2). Finger tighten (0.3 Nm maximum).



15 Cables and protocols

15.1 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
	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-S FS 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.

15.2 Permissible cable lengths

The tables opposite show permissible cable and extension cable combinations for the FORTIS-S FS 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 worst case the minimum acceptable supply voltage is 4.75 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 D (armoured)	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
6		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	
9		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	

Type C extension cables

			Max. extension cable length (m)
Readhead cable length (m)	Type A	0.5	55
		1	51
		3	38
		6	20
		9	1
	Type B	0.5	56
		1	55
		3	51
		6	45
		9	39

15.3 BiSS C serial communications

BiSS C specifications

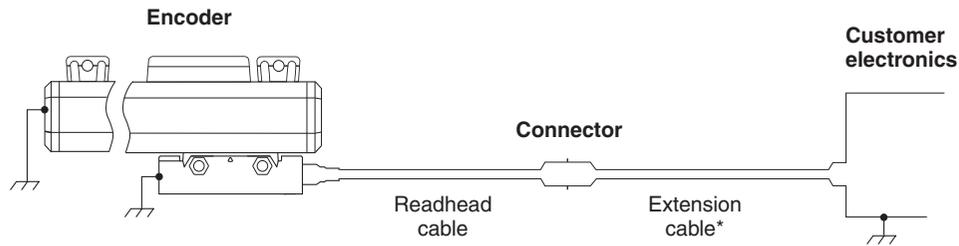
Power supply 5 V \pm 10% 1.25 W maximum (250 mA @ 5 V)

NOTES:

- ▶ Current consumption figures refer to terminated FORTiS-S FS systems. Renishaw encoder systems must be powered from a 5 Vdc supply complying with the requirements for PELV of standard IEC 60950-1
- ▶ Over voltage protection \pm 10 V.

Ripple 200 mVpp maximum @ frequency up to 500 kHz

FORTiS-S FS grounding and shielding – BiSS C

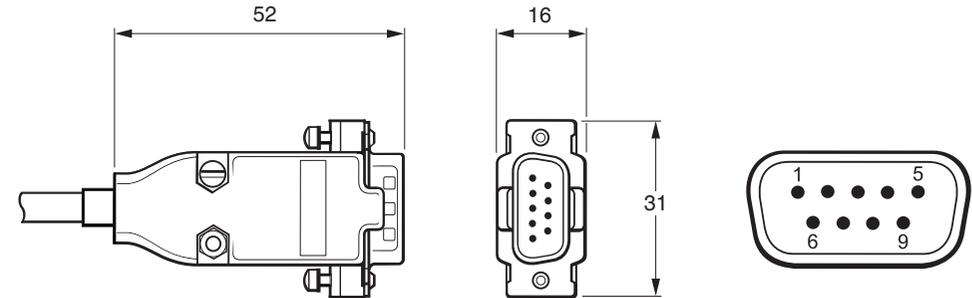


* For maximum extension cable length please consult your local Renishaw representative.

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.

9-way D-type



BiSS C (unidirectional) output signals

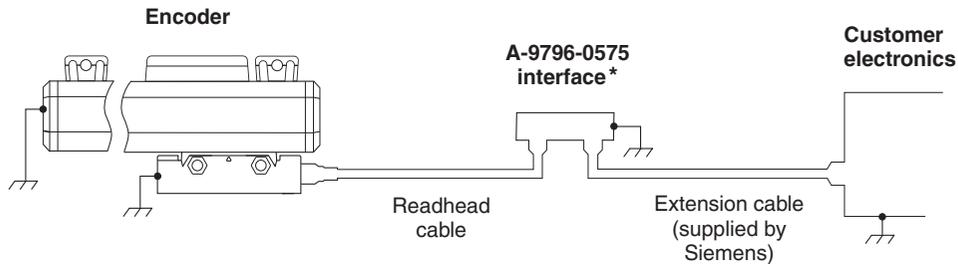
Function	Signal	Wire colour	Pin-out 9-way D
Power	5 V	Brown	4, 5
	0 V	White	8, 9
Serial communications	MA+	Violet	2
	MA-	Yellow	3
	SLO+	Grey	6
	SLO-	Pink	7
Shield	Shield	Cable braid	Case

15.4 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
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-S FS DRIVE-CLiQ interface to controller should be sourced directly from Siemens
Connector tightening torque	M12 – 4 Nm	
Vibration (interface)	< 100 m/s ² to IEC 60068-2-6	
Environment protection (interface)	IP67	

FORTIS-S FS grounding and shielding – Siemens DRIVE-CLiQ versions



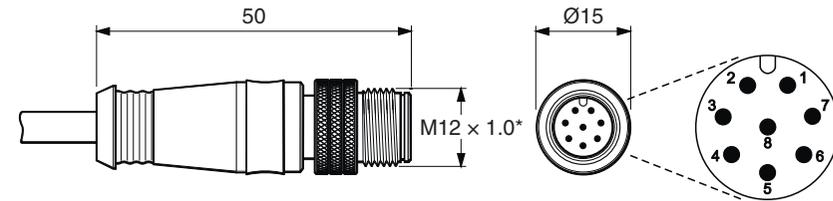
*See page 28 for details.

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.

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

15.4.1 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

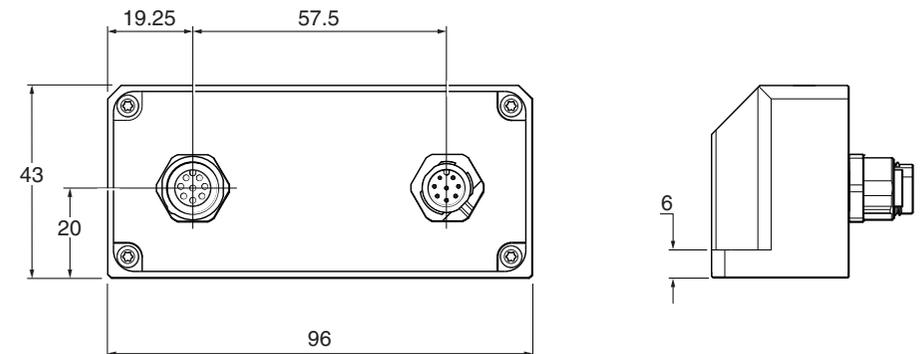
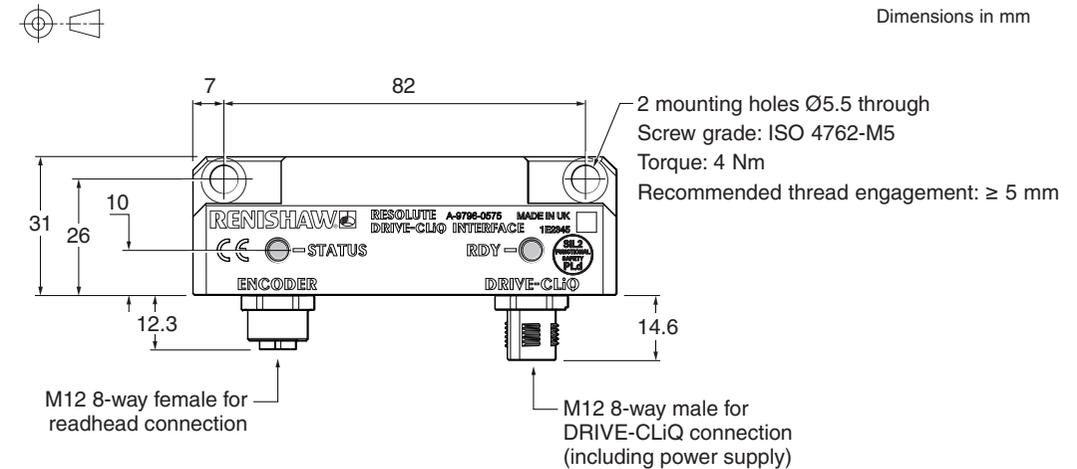
STATUS displays the readhead set-up status as shown on the readhead set-up LED; see [section 14.7](#) on [page 23](#) for more details.

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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