MAGNETIC FIELD SENSORS
FOR POSITION DETECTION ON HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS

The patented Magnetic Field Sensors from Pepperl+Fuchs considerably simplify the detection of position on thick-walled hydraulic cylinders.

Our magnetic field sensors render ferromagnetic materials “transparent” so that actuating components can be detected ‘through the wall’.

Requirements:
- Piston with magnet system
- Cylinder of magnetisable material as, for example, Fe 360 steel, commonly used for hydraulic components.

Advantages:
- Zero-contact detection of the piston
- Freely positionable sensor
- Simple and protected installation
- No holes in the cylinder required
- Detection of intermediate and end positions

User friendly:
- 2 LEDs as switching indicators
- Output antivalent (N.O. and N.C.)
- Series in pnp and npn available
- Cable or plug connector

Principle of operation:
1. After the magnet system has traversed the full cylinder stroke, a remanent magnetic field remains in the cylinder wall. This field is aligned in accordance with the polarity of the magnet system.
2. The magnetic field sensor detects the polarity of this remanence.
3. As the piston approaches the sensor, the stronger field of the magnet system predominates and the sensor switches due to the polarity reversal of the field.
In the Pepperl+Fuchs solution you get more than just a sensor – you get a complete system for position detection on hydraulic cylinders.

This problem solving package contains the following:
- Magnetic field sensor
- MagCalc software
- Magnet system tester
- Accessories such as magnets and fixing material.

**MagCalc software**
This user-friendly Windows program supports you in the calculation of the required magnet system.

**Advantages:**
- 4 magnet systems to choose from
- Simple to operate
- On-line help
- Graphics to clarify the results
- Data base with standard and user-defined magnet systems

**Example of a magnet system**

**Magnet system tester MTo1**
The magnet system tester enables you to check whether an adequate magnetic field has been generated to allow the magnetic field sensor to function. Simply align the tester with the piston and hold the test button depressed. The LEDs show whether the magnet system is functioning correctly.

**Advantages:**
- Battery operated hand-held device
- Optical strip display comprising 10 LEDs
- Measurement of the flux density on the cylinder surface
- Easy handling
- High security of function
- Rapid fault detection

Try out our interesting power package for yourself!
## Technical Data

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<th>MB-F32-A2 (Fig. 1)</th>
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<td><strong>Switch output</strong></td>
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1) Measuring set-up: Piston speed 0.5 m/s; cylinder with OD 46 mm, wall thickness 3 mm, operating width: Distance between on and off switch points.
2) Switching hysteresis: Directionally dependent switch point shift
3) The PVC cable is oil, petrol and weather resistant, UV resistant, flame retardant (UD 106/2464), flame resistant in the stated range and not subject to cold fracture.

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**Fig. 1**

[Diagram of MB-F32-A2]

**Fig. 2**

[Diagram of MB-F32-A2-V1]

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