

# Angular Displacement Sensor (ADS) I2C Protocol Specification

## 1. General Specifications

- Default I2C Address: 0x12
- Bootloader Address: 0x12
- I2C Speed: 400 kHz
- Packet Size: 3 bytes

## 2. I2C Transaction Format

All I2C transactions use a standard 3-byte packet format.

### 2.1 Write Format

- Byte 0: Command code
- Bytes 1-2: Command parameters

### 2.2 Read Format

- Byte 0: Packet type
- Bytes 1-2: Data (typically encoded as a 16-bit value)

## 3. Command Codes

Command Code (Hex)	Command Name	Description
0x00	RUN	Set sensor in free-run or standby mode
0x01	SPS	Set sample rate for free-run mode
0x02	RESET	Software reset
0x03	DFU	Enter bootloader mode for firmware update
0x04	SET_ADDRESS	Update the I2C address
0x05	POLLED_MODE	Set sensor in polled mode or standby

Command Code (Hex)	Command Name	Description
0x06	GET_FW_VER	Get firmware version
0x07	CALIBRATE	Perform sensor calibration
0x08	READ_STRETCH	Enable/disable stretch measurements
0x09	SHUTDOWN	Enter ultra-low power mode (~50nA)
0x0A	GET_DEV_ID	Get device ID

## 4. Packet Types (Response Codes)

Packet Type (Hex)	Name	Description
0x00	SAMPLE	Packet contains bend angle data
0x01	FW_VER	Packet contains firmware version
0x02	DEV_ID	Packet contains device ID
0x03	STRETCH_SAMPLE	Packet contains stretch data

## 5. Command Details

### 5.1 RUN (0x00)

Sets the sensor in free-run interrupt mode or standby.

**Write Format:**

- Byte 0: 0x00
- Byte 1: 0x01 = activate, 0x00 = standby
- Byte 2: 0x00 (unused)

**Example:**

To activate: 0x00 0x01 0x00

To standby: 0x00 0x00 0x00

### 5.2 SPS (0x01)

Sets the sample rate in free-run mode.

**Write Format:**

- Byte 0: 0x01

- Bytes 1-2: Sample rate value (16-bit, little-endian)

#### Sample Rate Values:

Value (Hex)	Value (Dec)	Rate	Notes
0x4000	16384	1 Hz	
0x0666	1638	10 Hz	
0x0333	819	20 Hz	
0x0147	327	50 Hz	
0x00A3	163	100 Hz	
0x0051	81	200 Hz	Max rate for bend + stretch
0x0031	49	333 Hz	
0x0020	32	500 Hz	Max rate

#### Example:

For 100 Hz: 0x01 0xA3 0x00

## 5.3 RESET (0x02)

Performs a software reset.

#### Write Format:

- Byte 0: 0x02
- Bytes 1-2: 0x00 0x00 (unused)

#### Example:

0x02 0x00 0x00

## 5.4 DFU (0x03)

Resets the sensor into bootloader mode for firmware update.

#### Write Format:

- Byte 0: 0x03
- Bytes 1-2: 0x00 0x00 (unused)

#### Example:

0x03 0x00 0x00

## 5.5 SET\_ADDRESS (0x04)

Updates the I2C address of the sensor.

### Write Format:

- Byte 0: 0x04
- Byte 1: New 7-bit I2C address
- Byte 2: 0x00 (unused)

### Example:

To set address 0x13: 0x04 0x13 0x00

## 5.6 POLLED\_MODE (0x05)

Places sensor in polled mode or standby. In polled mode, a new sample is taken each time sensor data is read.

### Write Format:

- Byte 0: 0x05
- Byte 1: 0x01 = activate, 0x00 = standby
- Byte 2: 0x00 (unused)

### Example:

To activate: 0x05 0x01 0x00

To standby: 0x05 0x00 0x00

## 5.7 GET\_FW\_VER (0x06)

Gets the firmware version.

### Write Format:

- Byte 0: 0x06
- Bytes 1-2: 0x00 0x00 (unused)

### Read Response:

- Byte 0: 0x01 (FW\_VER)
- Bytes 1-2: Firmware version (16-bit, little-endian)

### Example:

Write: 0x06 0x00 0x00

Read response: 0x01 0x2A 0x01 (firmware version 0x012A = 298)

## 5.8 CALIBRATE (0x07)

Performs sensor calibration.

**Write Format:**

- Byte 0: 0x07
- Byte 1: Calibration step (see table below)
- Byte 2: Angle in degrees (for step 0x00 and 0x01) or 0x00 for other steps

**Calibration Steps:**

Value (Hex)	Description
0x00	First calibration point (typically 0°)
0x01	Second calibration point (45°-255°)
0x02	Clear user calibration, restore factory
0x03	0mm strain calibration point
0x04	Second strain point (typically 30mm)

**Example:**

For 0° calibration: 0x07 0x00 0x00  
For 90° calibration: 0x07 0x01 0x5A (0x5A = 90 in decimal)

## 5.9 READ\_STRETCH (0x08)

Enables or disables stretch measurements.

**Write Format:**

- Byte 0: 0x08
- Byte 1: 0x01 = enable, 0x00 = disable
- Byte 2: 0x00 (unused)

**Example:**

To enable: 0x08 0x01 0x00  
To disable: 0x08 0x00 0x00

## 5.10 SHUTDOWN (0x09)

Puts the sensor in ultra-low power mode (~50nA). Requires reset to wake up.

**Write Format:**

- Byte 0: 0x09
- Bytes 1-2: 0x00 0x00 (unused)

**Example:**

0x09 0x00 0x00

## 5.11 GET\_DEV\_ID (0x0A)

Gets the device ID.

**Write Format:**

- Byte 0: 0x0A
- Bytes 1-2: 0x00 0x00 (unused)

**Read Response:**

- Byte 0: 0x02 (DEV\_ID)
- Byte 1: Device ID (see table below)
- Byte 2: 0x00 (unused)

**Device ID Values:**

Value (Hex)	Description
0x01	One-axis sensor v1
0x02	Two-axis sensor v1
0x0C	One-axis sensor v2

**Example:**

Write: 0x0A 0x00 0x00

Read response: 0x02 0x01 0x00 (One-axis sensor v1)

## 6. Data Interpretation

### 6.1 Bend Angle Data

When reading from the sensor in any mode, a packet with type 0x00 (SAMPLE) contains bend angle data.

**Read Format:**

- Byte 0: 0x00 (SAMPLE)
- Bytes 1-2: Bend angle data (16-bit signed int, little-endian)

**Conversion:**

Angle in degrees = (16-bit value) / 64.0

**Example:**

Read: 0x00 0x80 0x01

16-bit value: 0x0180 = 384

Angle = 384 / 64.0 = 6.0 degrees

## 6.2 Stretch Data

When stretch measurements are enabled, packets with type 0x03 (STRETCH\_SAMPLE) contain stretch data.

**Read Format:**

- Byte 0: 0x03 (STRETCH\_SAMPLE)
- Bytes 1-2: Stretch data (16-bit signed int, little-endian)

**Conversion:**

Stretch value = (16-bit value) / 64.0

**Example:**

Read: 0x03 0x00 0x05

16-bit value: 0x0500 = 1280

Stretch = 1280 / 64.0 = 20.0

## 7. Typical I2C Operation Examples

### 7.1 Initialize in Free-Run Mode (100 Hz)

# Set sample rate to 100 Hz

Write: 0x01 0xA3 0x00

# Start sampling in free-run mode

Write: 0x00 0x01 0x00

# Sensor will now generate samples at 100 Hz on the interrupt pin

### 7.2 Initialize in Polled Mode

# Enter polled mode

Write: 0x05 0x01 0x00

```
# Read a sample when needed
```

```
Read: 0x00 0x80 0x01 (example response with bend data)
```

## 7.3 Calibration Sequence

```
# First calibration point at 0 degrees
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```
Write: 0x07 0x00 0x00
```

```
# Second calibration point at 90 degrees
```

```
Write: 0x07 0x01 0x5A
```

## 7.4 Enable Stretch and Bend Measurements

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# Enable stretch measurements
```

```
Write: 0x08 0x01 0x00
```

```
# Sensor will now provide both bend (type 0x00) and stretch (type 0x03) packets
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# 8. Bootloader Operation

## 8.1 Update Process

1. Reset the device into bootloader mode:

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Write: 0x03 0x00 0x00
```

2. Subsequent communications should be addressed to the bootloader address (0x12) and follow the bootloader protocol.

3. The bootloader protocol involves:

- Sending a 4-byte firmware length
- Sending firmware data in 64-byte pages
- Receiving acknowledgments between operations

**Note:** Detailed bootloader protocol is available in the firmware update documentation.