High Resolution Wind Direction Encoder



Description

Based on a quad Hall- effect sensor the device reads the direction of a magnetic field provided by a small diametrically polarized magnet rotating above it. The device provides a linear voltage between 0 and 3V or 4.8V, coinciding with the absolute angle of the magnet and has no dead spot in the full 360 degree swing. The sensor, being completely solid state asserts no drag on the vane and has no mechanical parts to wear out.

Applications

- High definition/resolution wind direction monitoring & recording
- DIY and custom weather stations

Features

- Drag free
- Maintenance free, solid state
- No blind spots in full circle
- No false readings due to partially worn potentiometer.

• Interfaces direct to microcontroller ADC inputs

Electrical specifications

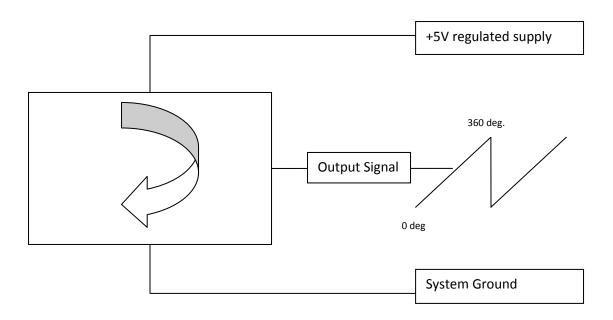
- Input voltage nominal 5V, maximum 5.5V
- Desired ADC input impedance > 100K
- DC output impedance ~ 10K
- Current consumption 18 mA @5V
- Resolution +/- 0.5 deg

Connections

Name	Symbol on PCB	Description	Condition	
Ground	GND	Ground reference		
Power	+5V	Regulated power input	5V +/- 5% , less than 50mv noise	
Output Signal	OUT	~0V to ~3.3V coinciding with	Low <0.1V,	High <3.3>3V
		angle 0-360 degree		

Mechanical specifications

- PCB dimension: Rround, 1" diameter
- Sensor to magnet distance 1.5mm +/- 10%



See schematic for 3V v.s. 4.8V output build options.

