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NSE-5310 Miniature Position Encoder with Zero Reference and I²C Output

1 General Description

The TRACKER NSE-5310 is an incremental position sensor with onchip encoding for direct digital output. A Hall element array on the chip is used to derive the incremental position of an external magnetic strip placed above the IC at a distance of 0.3 mm (typ). This sensor array detects the ends of the magnetic strip to provide a zero reference point.

The integration of Hall-effect position sensors, analog front end and digital signal processing on a single IC chip provides an ingeniously small position sensor, without the need for external pulse counters. Direct digital output is accessible over the serial interface using I²C protocol.

The TRACKER NSE-5310 provides absolute position information over the length of a magnet pole pair (2 mm). A user can count pole pairs and achieve absolute position information over the entire length of the magnet (essentially unlimited).

With better than 0.5 micron resolution, the TRACKER is a robust, cost-effective alternative to miniature optical encoders. It can be used as a linear or off-axis rotary encoder.

2 Key Features

- Direct digital output using I²C protocol
- End-of-magnet detection for built-in zero reference
- 0.488 μm resolution
- \blacksquare < 2 µm bi-directional repeatability
- $\leq \pm 10$ µm absolute error
- On-chip temperature sensor
- **Magnetic field strength monitor**
- Available in TSSOP-20
- Custom packaging such as wafer-level chip scale packaging can be provided. Minimum order quantities may apply.
- RoHS compliant

3 Applications

The NSE-5310 is ideal for Micro-actuator and servo drive feedback, Replacement for optical encoders, Optical and imaging systems, Consumer electronics, Precision biomedical devices, Instrumentation and automation, Automotive applications, and Integrated closed-loop motion systems using New Scale's SQUIGGLE micro motor.

Figure 1. TRACKER NSE-5310 Block Diagram

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4.1 Pin Descriptions

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5 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stresses beyond those listed in [Table 2](#page-5-1) may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated in [Electrical Characteristics on page 6](#page-6-0) is not implied. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Table 2. Absolute Maximum Ratings

6 Electrical Characteristics

Table 3. Operating Conditions

6.1 Magnet Input Specification

Table 4. Two Pole Cylindrical Diametrically Magnetized Source

Note: There is no upper speed limit for the absolute outputs. With increasing speed, the distance between two samples increases. The travelling distance between two subsequent samples can be calculated as:

sampling_dist =
$$
\frac{v}{fs}
$$

where:

sampling_distance = travelling distance between samples in mm

v = travelling speed in mm/sec

fs = sampling rate in Hz

Pole crossings need to be tracked to calculate absolute position beyond one pole pair. The ability to differentiate pole crossings may be a speed limiting factor in such cases.

6.2 Electrical System Specifications

Table 5. Electrical System Specifications

1. System integral non linearity is limited by magnetic source.

6.3 DC/AC Characteristics for Digital Inputs and Outputs

Table 6. CMOS Input, CMOS Input Pull Down, CMOS Input Pull Up

Table 7. CMOS Output

Table 8. Tristate CMOS Output

7 Detailed Description

The TRACKER measures the spatially varying magnetic field produced by moving a multi-pole magnetic strip over a Hall sensor array on the NSE-5310 chip [\(see Figure 3\).](#page-9-1) The internal sinusoidal (SIN) and phase-shifted sinusoidal (COS) signals are filtered and transformed into angle (ANG) and magnitude (MAG), representing the absolute linear position within a 2 mm pole pair on the magnet. Interpolation with 12 bit (4096) resolution yields 0.5 µm position resolution. Automatic gain control (AGC) adjusts for DC bias in the magnetic field and provides a large magnetic field dynamic range for high immunity to external magnetic fields. The absolute magnitude of the magnetic field intensity is used to detect the end of the magnetic strip and serves as a built-in zero reference. The length of the magnetic strip determines the maximum measured stroke.

Note: Hall sensor array and on-chip digital encoder yield absolute position within a pole pair. Use a system processor to count pole pair crossings for long-range absolute position.

Figure 3. Hall Sensor Array

The over travel pole crossing provides a precision home position and eliminates the need for a secondary zero reference sensor.

A system controller and user-supplied flash memory with the TRACKER NSE-5310 provide for long-range absolute position information that is retained during sleep mode or power-down.

Figure 5. Example of Absolute long-range position information with use of external flash memory and controller

7.1 Using 3.3V or 5V Operation

For 3.3V operation: Bypass the voltage regulator (LDO) by connecting VDD3V3 with VDD5V.

For 5V operation: Connect the 5V supply to pin VDD5V. VDD3V3 (LDO output) must be buffered by a 2.2µF to 10µF capacitor placed close to the supply pin.

In either case, a buffer capacitor of 100nF close to pin VDD5V is recommended.

Note: Pin VDD3V3 must always be buffered by a capacitor. It must not be left floating, as this may cause an instable internal 3.3V supply voltage which may lead to larger than normal jitter of the measured position.

The 3V3 output is intended for internal use only. It must not be loaded with an external load.

The output voltage of the digital interface I/Os corresponds to the voltage at pin VDD5V, as the I/O buffers are supplied from this pin.

Figure 6. Connections for 3.3V or 5V Supply Voltage

8 Application Information

8.1 Hall Sensor Array

Eight Hall Sensor Front End cells are connected to two current summation busses which end into two Active Load circuits. The Hall elements are arranged in an even linear array. The array is divided into four quadrants. For normal operation (position encoding), two opposite quadrants are summed up differentially to neglect magnetic offsets. The 90 degree angular shift of the quadrant pairs produces 90 degree phase shifted SIN and COS signals for a harmonic input signal provided by a diametrically magnetized source.

Table 9. Hall Sensor Array Characteristics

8.2 Automatic Gain Control (AGC)

As the magnetic input field varies non-linearly with the air gap between sensor and magnet, the gain is controlled to an optimum input signal for the SD ADC. The magnitude output is compared to a target register value. The most significant eight bits are used. If the actual magnitude differs from the target value, an UP/DOWN signal for the AGC counter signal is generated.

For air gap detection functionality, two magnitude-change outputs are derived from the AGC counter UP/DOWN signals while the loop is controlling the amplitude back to the target amplitude. Magnitude Increasing (MagINCn) and Magnitude Decreasing (MagDECn) signals indicate air gap (SIN/COS amplitude) changes. Both signals are high for saturation of the AGC counter (running into upper / lower limit) and produce a Non-Valid-Range alarm. The output pins can be connected together in wired-OR configuration to produce a single NVRn bit. For faster power-up and response time, a successive approximation algorithm is implemented.

8.3 Temperature Sensor

The Temperature Sensor provides the junction temperature information over the serial interface.

Table 10. Temperature Sensor Characteristics

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8.4 I²C User Interface

The device is accessible via an I2C two-wire serial interface. The default address is A<6:0>1000000. A<5:1> can be defined by the OTP I2C Address. A0 can be selected by pulling up pin 11 (default internal pull down). CSn (default internal pull up) must be low during I²C data transmission.

In addition to the position data, magnitude and temperature sensor information can be read out as described in [Automatic Gain Control \(AGC\) on](#page-12-2) [page 12](#page-12-2) and [Temperature Sensor on page 12](#page-12-3).

The information is sequenced by the order of priority during operation. Hence temperature readout is not needed for every access and magnitude information is only important if the AGC is out of range. The I²C readout can be stopped after every byte with the stop condition P.

Timing constraints are according to I2C-Bus Specification V2.1 / 2000.

8.4.1 Sync Mode

This mode is used to synchronize the external electronics with the NSE-5310. In this mode two signals are provided at the pins DTEST_A and DTEST_B.

To activate sync mode, the internal trim bit for Sync Mode must be set. Please refer to Application Note AN5310-10.

Every rising edge at DTEST1_A indicates that new data in the device is available. With this signal it is possible to trigger a µC (interrupt) and start the serial interface readout.

8.5 Z-axis Range Indication ("Red/Yellow/Green" Indicator)

The NSE-5310 provides several options of detecting the magnet distance by indicating the strength of the magnetic field. Signal indicators MagINCn and MagDECn are available both as hardware pins (pins 2 and 3) and as status bits in the serial data stream [\(see Figure 8\).](#page-13-1) Additionally the LIN status bit indicates the non-recommended "red" range.

The digital status bits MagINC, MagDec, LIN and the hardware pins MagINCn, MagDECn have the following function:

8.6 Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) Output

The NSE-5310 also provides a pulse width modulated output (PWM), whose duty cycle is proportional to the relative linear position of the magnet within one pole pair (2.0 mm). This cycle repeats after every subsequent pole pair:

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Position = \frac{t_{on} \cdot 4098}{(t_{on} + t_{off})} - 1
$$
 (EQ1)

Where:

Digital position = $0 - 4094$

Exception: A linear position of 1999.5 μ m = digital position 4095 will generate a pulse width of ton = 4097 μ s and a pause tor $F = 1\mu s$

The PWM frequency is internally trimmed to an accuracy of ±5% (±10% over full temperature range). This tolerance can be cancelled by measuring the complete duty cycle as shown above.

Operating Conditions: TAMB = -40 to +125ºC, VDD5V = 3.0~3.6V (3V operation) VDD5V = 4.5~5.5V (5V operation) unless otherwise noted. *Table 12. PWM Output Timing Considerations*

Figure 11. PWM Output Signal

8.7 Magnetic Strip Requirements

The NSE-5310 requires a magnetic strip with alternate poles (North-South) of pole length of 1 mm and pole pair length of 2 mm. A half pole is required at each end of the strip. The length of the strip determines the maximum measured stroke; it must be 3 mm greater than the stroke in 1 mm increments (1.5 mm on each end).

A circular magnet may be used to achieve off-axis rotary encoding.

Table 13. Magnetic Strip Requirements

8.7.1 Mounting the Magnet

Vertical Distance: As a rule of thumb, the gap between chip and magnet should be 1/2 of the pole length, that is Z=0.5mm for the 1.0mm pole length of the magnets. However, the gap also depends on the strength of the magnet. The NSE-5310 automatically adjusts for fluctuating magnet strength by using an automatic gain control (AGC). The vertical distance should be set such that the NSE-5310 is in the "green" range. See Z-axis Range Indication ("Red/Yellow/Green" Indicator) on page 15 for more details.

Alignment of Multi-pole Magnet and IC: When aligning the magnet strip or ring to the NSE-5310, the centerline of the magnet strip should be placed exactly over the Hall array. A lateral displacement in Y-direction (across the width of the magnet) is acceptable as long as it is within the active area of the magnet. The active area in width is the area in which the magnetic field strength across the width of the magnet is constant with reference to the centerline of the magnet.

Lateral Stroke of Multi-pole Strip Magnets: The lateral movement range (stroke) is limited by the area at which all Hall sensors of the IC are covered by the magnet in either direction. The Hall array on the NSE-5310 has a length of 2.0mm, hence the total stroke is:

maximum lateral Stroke = Length of active area - length of Hall array (EQ 2) (EQ 2)

Note: Active area in length is defined as the area containing poles with the specified 1.0mm pole length. Shorter poles at either edge of the magnet must be excluded from the active area.

Note: Further examples including use in off-axis rotary applications are shown in the "Magnet Selection Guide", available for download at www.ams.com/eng/content/view/download/11922

Figure 13. Vertical Cross Section

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8.8 Programming the NSE5310

Note: The NSE5310 has a default programming and can be operated without programming.

After power-on, programming the NSE5310 is enabled with the rising edge of CSn with PDIO = high and CLK = low.

The NSE5310 programming is a one-time-programming (OTP) method, based on poly silicon fuses. The advantage of this method is that a programming voltage of only 3.3V to 3.6V is required for programming (either with 3.3V or 5V supply).

The OTP consists of 52 bits, of which 24 bits are available for user programming. The remaining 28 bits contain factory settings.

A single OTP cell can be programmed only once. Per default, the cell is "0"; a programmed cell will contain a "1". While it is not possible to reset a programmed bit from "1" to "0", multiple OTP writes are possible, as long as only unprogrammed "0"-bits are programmed to "1".

Independent of the OTP programming, it is possible to overwrite the OTP register temporarily with an OTP write command at any time. This setting will be cleared and overwritten with the hard programmed OTP settings at each power-up sequence or by a LOAD operation.

The OTP memory can be accessed in the following ways:

Load Operation: The Load operation reads the OTP fuses and loads the contents into the OTP register. A Load operation is automatically executed after each power-on-reset.

Write Operation: The Write operation allows a temporary modification of the OTP register. It does not program the OTP. This operation can be invoked multiple times and will remain set while the chip is supplied with power and while the OTP register is not modified with another Write or Load operation.

Read Operation: The Read operation reads the contents of the OTP register, for example to verify a Write command or to read the OTP memory after a Load command.

Program Operation: The Program operation writes the contents of the OTP register permanently into the OTP ROM.

Analog Readback Operation: The Analog Readback operation allows a quantifiable verification of the programming. For each programmed or unprogrammed bit, there is a representative analog value (in essence, a resistor value) that is read to verify whether a bit has been successfully programmed or not.

8.8.1 Zero Position Programming

Zero position programming is an OTP option that simplifies assembly of a system, as the magnet does not need to be manually adjusted to the mechanical zero position. Once the assembly is completed, the mechanical and electrical zero positions can be matched by software. Any position within a full turn can be defined as the permanent new zero position.

For zero position programming, the magnet is turned to the mechanical zero position (e.g. the "off"-position of a rotary switch) and the actual angular value is read.

This value is written into the OTP register bits Z35:Z46.

Note: The zero position value can also be modified before programming, e.g. to program an electrical zero position that is 180º (half turn) from the mechanical zero position, just add 2048 to the value read at the mechanical zero position and program the new value into the OTP register.

8.8.2 User Selectable Settings

Table 14. OTP Bit Assignment

The NSE5310 allows programming of the following user selectable options:

- **PWMhalfEN_Indexwidth**: Setting this bit, the PWM pulse will be divided by 2, in case of quadrature incremental mode A/B/Index setting of Index impulse width from 1 LSB to 3LSB
- **MagCompEN**: Set this Bit to 1, **G**reen**Y**ellow**R**ed Mode is enabled
- **Output Md0 / Output Md1:** Set both this bits, Sync. Mode is enabled
- **Z [11:0]**: Programmable Zero / Index Position
- CCW: The OTP bit CCW allows to change the direction of increasing output codes. CORDIC angle Zero Position (Z[11:0]) = SIU output.
- **I²C_A[5:1]**: The default address is A<6:0>1000000. A<5:1> can be defined by the OTP I²C Address.

Figure 14. Setup and Exit Conditions

8.9 Fast / Slow Mode:

At Pin 7 (Mode_Index) it is possible to switch between Fast Mode and Slow Mode.

- \blacksquare Mode_Index=1; $-$ Fast Mode;
- Mode_Index=0; Slow Mode;

Without any signals on Mode_Index, the NSE5310 is using the default mode by the internal pull down resistor.

Set Pin Mode_Index at power-up. For changing the Mode it's necessary to re-power-up.

9 Package Drawings and Markings

Figure 16. 20-pin TSSOP Package

Notes:

- 1. Dimensions & Tolerancing confirm to *ASME Y14.5M-1994*.
- 2. All dimensions are in millimeters. Angles are in degrees.

Marking: YYWWMZZ.

JEDEC Package Outline Standard: MO - 153

Thermal Resistance Rth(j-a): 89 K/W in still air, soldered on PCB

9.1 Recommended PCB Footprint

Figure 17. PCB Footprint

Revision History

Note: Typos may not be explicitly mentioned under revision history.

10 Ordering Information

The devices are available as the standard products shown in [Table 15](#page-24-1).

Table 15. Ordering Information

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