Encoder Driver Interface Module

Instructions

General

The Encoder Driver Interface Module is a multi-purpose pulse amplifier primarily used for generating 15 milliampere, double ended, sink and source output signals. These signals are acceptable as inputs to digital reference and/or digital feedbacks into opto isolated circuits of Allen–Bradley drive products such as the Bulletin 1395, 1336 PLUS, 1336 FORCE and the 1399. The opto–isolated input signals are designed to guard against signal common loops and also to provide an improved signal to noise input circuit.

Module Capabilities

The Encoder Driver Interface Module has the capability of handling 2 independent quadrature encoder signals, with inputs designated as AI1 (TB1–1) and BI1 (TB1–2) for encoder 1 and AI2 (TB1–3) and BI2 (TB1–4) for encoder 2 (see Fig.1). These inputs are single ended, as they all are 0 to 5 volt signals referenced to module common (TB1–6 & TB1–8). Since the module inputs must be a maximum of 5 volt level, input resistive voltage dividers for example can be applied to reduce 12 volt encoder levels to the 5 volt level. If it is desirable to “Fan Out” one encoder that has double ended 0 to 15 milliamperes levels, it is recommended that a burden resistor (330 ohms), be mounted near the module input (within 300 millimeters (1ft.)) for optimum noise immunity for each channel.

The module outputs are all differential (or double ended), 0 to 5 volt signals. The module outputs all have the capability of continuously driving a total load of at least 45 milliamperes. Encoder 1 module outputs are denoted AO1 (TB2–1), & NAO1 (TB2–2) for the A Channel and BO1 (TB2–3) & NBO1 (TB2–4) for the B channel. In a similar manner, Encoder 2 module outputs are denoted AO2 (TB2–7) & NA02 (TB2–3) for the A channel and BO2 (TB2–9) & NBO1 (TB2–10) for the B channel. The Encoder Driver Module requires a DC power supply capable of 250 milliamperes minimum. The preferred input voltage is 12 volts, but the internal 5 volt regulator and heat sink in the module will accept up to a 24 volt input power supply. The Encoder Driver Module also has 4 terminals internally connected together which are dedicated for signal shield connections. These terminals are TB1–5, TB1–9, TB2–5 and TB2–6.

Specifications

**Electrical Input Signal:**
Single ended; 0 to 5 volts; 0 to 50 Khz throughput frequency; Input impedance greater than 100 K ohms.

**Electrical Output Signal:**
Differential; 0 to 5 volts; 0 to 50 Khz throughput frequency; 45 milliamperes maximum per output.
**Electrical Power Supply Input:** 12 to 24 volts; 250 milliamperes minimum current dependent on # of outputs utilized.

**Environmental:** Ambient temperature rating: 0 to 40°C (32 to 104°F)
Relative Humidity: 5 to 95% non-condensing
Altitude: 3300 feet (1000m) without derating

**Applications**

1395 RTP DC Drive – The Encoder Driver Interface Module was originally developed for Goss, GSD applications using the Bulletin 1395 RTP DC drive (Fig. 1). In this application, both the encoder used for drive feedback, denoted Belt Speed Encoder, and the magnetic pickup, denoted Press Speed Pick-up, are routed to a console side panel designed by Goss. The signals are used for processing roll diameter information and for setting up roll transferring operations. The signals that are brought out of this CPTC panel for drive input are single ended, 0 to 5 volts in magnitude, with severely limited current capability similar to a TTL gate output. The Encoder Driver Interface Module is designed so that these voltage signals can be changed to the proper impedance levels for the 1395 RTP digital reference and digital feedback signals. In order for the module to provide an improvement in noise immunity, it is recommended that the module be physically located as close as possible to the voltage source of its input signals (300 millimeters (1ft.) or less).

Belt Speed Encoder Feedback signals are connected as follows:
1. Encoder Channel A out of the RTP console (CPTC Board) is connected to the AI1 channel (TB1–2).
2. Encoder Channel B out of the RTP console is connected to the BI1 channel (TB1–1).
3. Module outputs described previously for encoder 1 are directly connected to the 1395 feedback encoder input terminals.

![Figure 1. 1395 RTP DC Drive Application](image-url)
Press Speed Pick-Up signals are connected as follows:

1. Only the channel A input is used, the HI signal is connected to AI2 channel (TB1–6).
2. Module outputs for the encoder 2 channel A output only are connected directly to the RTP digital ref adapter PC Board terminals.

**Quadrature Encoder/ Multiple Inputs** – Figure 2 depicts one quadrature encoder (with 0 to 12 volt, 15 milliampere outputs) that will be used to provide digital reference signals for four different drive inputs. Note that in this application it is necessary to both provide burden resistors for the outputs of the 12 volt encoder as well as voltage dividers to bring the input signal level to a maximum of 5 volts.

**Figure 2.**
Encoder Driver Module Multiple Input Application

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**Note:** Input AI1 Drives AO1, NAO1 Outputs
Input BI1 Drives BO1, NBO1 Outputs
Quadrature Encoder/ Impedance Isolation – Figure 3 depicts a single quadrature encoder used for impedance isolation of the drive feedback input signal on an AC drive. In this case, the feedback input signal of a 1399 AC drive is isolated from other controllers using the same encoder signals, which are creating common loops resulting in noise interference with the feedback signals of the 1399 drive.

Figure 3. Encoder Driver Module Impedance Isolation, 1399 Drive

Tools and Equipment  
You will need the following equipment to successfully install the Encoder Driver Module:
- A small flat blade screwdriver
- A wire stripper
- An electric drill
- 2 mounting screws (8–32) and a tap
- Cable, Alpha 2256 or equivalent
Mounting

ATTENTION: The ED Module and Allen–Bradley AC & DC Drives all contain ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) sensitive parts and assemblies. Static control precautions are required when installing, testing, servicing or repairing this assembly. Component damage may result if ESD control procedures are not followed. If you are not familiar with static control procedures, reference A-B publication 8000-4.5.2, Guarding Against Electrostatic Damage or any other applicable ESD protection handbook.

ATTENTION: Severe injury or death can result from electrical shock, burn, or unintended actuation of controlled equipment. Hazardous voltages may exist in the cabinet even with the circuit breaker in the off position. Multiple sources of power may be connected to the Drive. Recommended practice is to disconnect and lock out control equipment from all power sources and discharge stored energy in capacitors, if present. If it is necessary to work in the vicinity of energized equipment, the safety related work practices of NFPA 70E, Electrical Safety Requirements for Employee Workplaces, must be followed. DO NOT work alone on energized equipment!

1. Remove all power to the Drive.

2. The Encoder Driver Module is supplied with a mounting bracket for mounting in an appropriate enclosure outside the drive cabinet. It should be located as close to the reference device (encoder etc.) as possible. The module can be mounted in any orientation, but it must be isolated from vibration, temperatures outside the range of 0°C to +40°C (32°F to 104°F) and any contact with liquids, chemicals or volatile gas/dust.

Connections

1. Terminal strip TB1 on the Encoder Driver Module is used for incoming reference signal and power supply terminations as shown in Figures 1 thru 3. Incoming signals from a reference device could be connected are shown in these examples.

2. You must provide power in the range of 12VDC to 24VDC to the Encoder Driver Board at TB1 Terminals 7 & 8. In 1395 applications, 12VDC can be obtained from terminals 13 & 14 of TB3 provided the total load is not greater than the capability of the 12 volt supply. If 24VDC input power is desired it must be provided from a separate 24V power supply. The Encoder Driver Board has an internal regulator that automatically compensates, allowing it to operate with either power source. The module mounted heat sink will dissipate more power with the 24 volt supply input.

3. The Encoder Driver Board output signals originate at TB2. Use the examples in Figures 1 thru 3 as a reference when making output connections.
4. After all terminations have been made for your particular application, reapply Power to the Drive and check the Encoder Driver Interface Module for correct operation.

If the Encoder Driver Module does not seem to be operating properly check the following:

1. Check that all connections and cables are undamaged and are securely and correctly connected at the ED Module, the Digital Reference Adapter Board and the reference device.

2. Check that the ED Module has correctly rated DC power applied to it.

**ATTENTION:** Potentially fatal voltages may result from improper usage of an oscilloscope or other test equipment. The oscilloscope chassis may be at a potentially fatal voltage if not properly grounded. If an oscilloscope is used to measure high voltage waveforms, use only a dual channel oscilloscope in the differential mode with X 100 probes. It is recommended that the oscilloscope be used in the A minus B Quasi–differential mode with the oscilloscope chassis correctly grounded to an earth ground. Refer to equipment safety instructions for all test equipment before using with the Encoder Driver Module or 1395 Drive.

3. Check the encoder for proper power supply connections & value of supply.

4. Check the encoder outputs as well as any interface electronics between the encoder and the output terminals to the module.

5. If encoder outputs and signal outputs are correct, check signal channel outputs for pulse train information with the encoder rotating.

6. For Quadrature encoder signals, use a dual trace oscilloscope with A minus B differential capability to look for the correct differential pulse train coming into the drive at the Digital Reference Adapter Board. If the correct pulse train is not present, the ED Module may be malfunctioning.

7. DO NOT attempt to open or repair a suspect Encoder Driver Module. Return the unit to an authorized Allen–Bradley service center for repair or replacement.
NOTE: Unless otherwise specified:
1. All capacitors are in MFD
2. All Diodes are in 4148
3. Last Used: U2 R4 C9 D4
   TB2
4. All Resistor Values are in Ohms
5. Maximum throughput frequency 50 KHz