

# RLB

## Miniature Incremental Magnetic Encoder Module

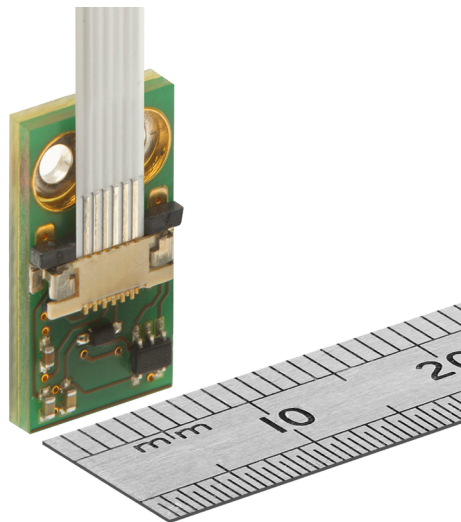
RLB is a PCB-level incremental encoder system consisting of a PCB sensor and a magnetic scale or ring. It is designed for embedded motion control applications as a position control loop element in applications with limited space.

The state-of-the-art position detection guarantees a highly repeatable position measurement under wide installation tolerances and temperature ranges.

MINIATURE  
DESIGN

INCREMENTAL-  
QUADRATURE  
OUTPUT

SIMPLE  
CONNECTION  
WITH FLEX  
CABLE



## Features and benefits

- ▶ Miniature design: 4.1 x 8 x 14 mm
- ▶ Incremental quadrature A, B, Z (TTL)
- ▶ Periodic-bidirectional reference mark
- ▶ High speed operation
- ▶ Additional error output
- ▶ Flex cable connection
- ▶ RoHS compliant



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## General information

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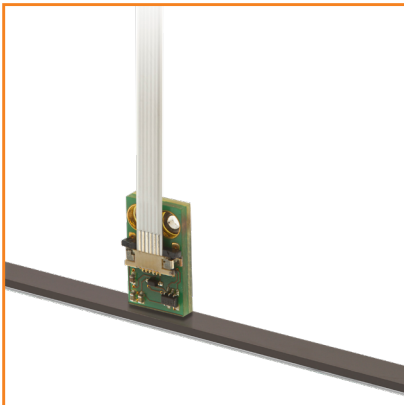
The RLB's miniature design offers the possibility of integration into space-constrained and relatively clean applications, such as various medical devices, SMT pick-and-place machines, lighting fixtures, gimbals, XYZ motion stages, and the like. The readhead can be connected via the FFC low-profile connector with locking mechanism. The position information is output in incremental quadrature single-ended TTL format, with the option to output a periodic reference mark at each magnetic pole (2 mm).

## Choose your RLB system

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The robust RLB readhead is compatible with the RLS incremental scale MS05 as well as the RLS axial and radial rings. You can select the length of the MS05 scale up to 50 m in three different accuracy grades. There is also a wide range of axial and radial incremental rings available.

### RLB + magnetic scale



More about the MS magnetic scales can be found in the MSD01 at [RLS Media center](#).

### RLB + radial magnetic ring



More about the radial rings can be found in the MR02D02 at [RLS Media center](#).

### RLB + axial magnetic ring



More about the axial rings can be found in the MR01D01 at [RLS Media center](#).

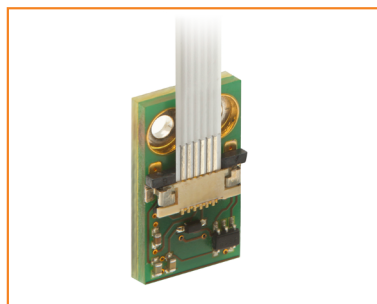
## Encoder variants

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### RLB module



### RLB module with ribbon cable included



## Storage and handling

All data given below refer to the readhead only. Complete systems with magnetic scale or ring may have other limitations. For more information, see the MSD01, MR02D02 or MR01D01 data sheet at [RLS Media center](#).

### Storage temperature



-40 °C to +85 °C

### Operating temperature

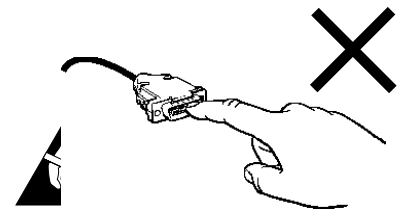
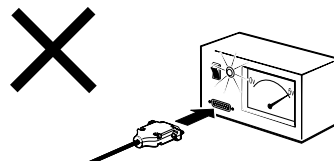
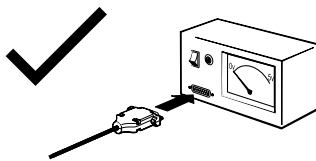


-30 °C to +85 °C

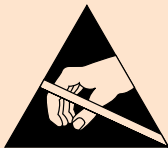
### Humidity



Up to 70 % non-condensing



The encoder is a mechanically sensitive component. Handle it by its edges, touch it lightly, minimize pressure and eliminate bending while maintaining a secure grip to prevent falls. Maximize cleanliness. When it's not in use, place it in an ESD protective packaging (box or tray).



### Readhead is ESD sensitive - handle with care.

Do not touch electronic circuit, wires or sensor area without proper ESD protection or outside of ESD controlled environment.

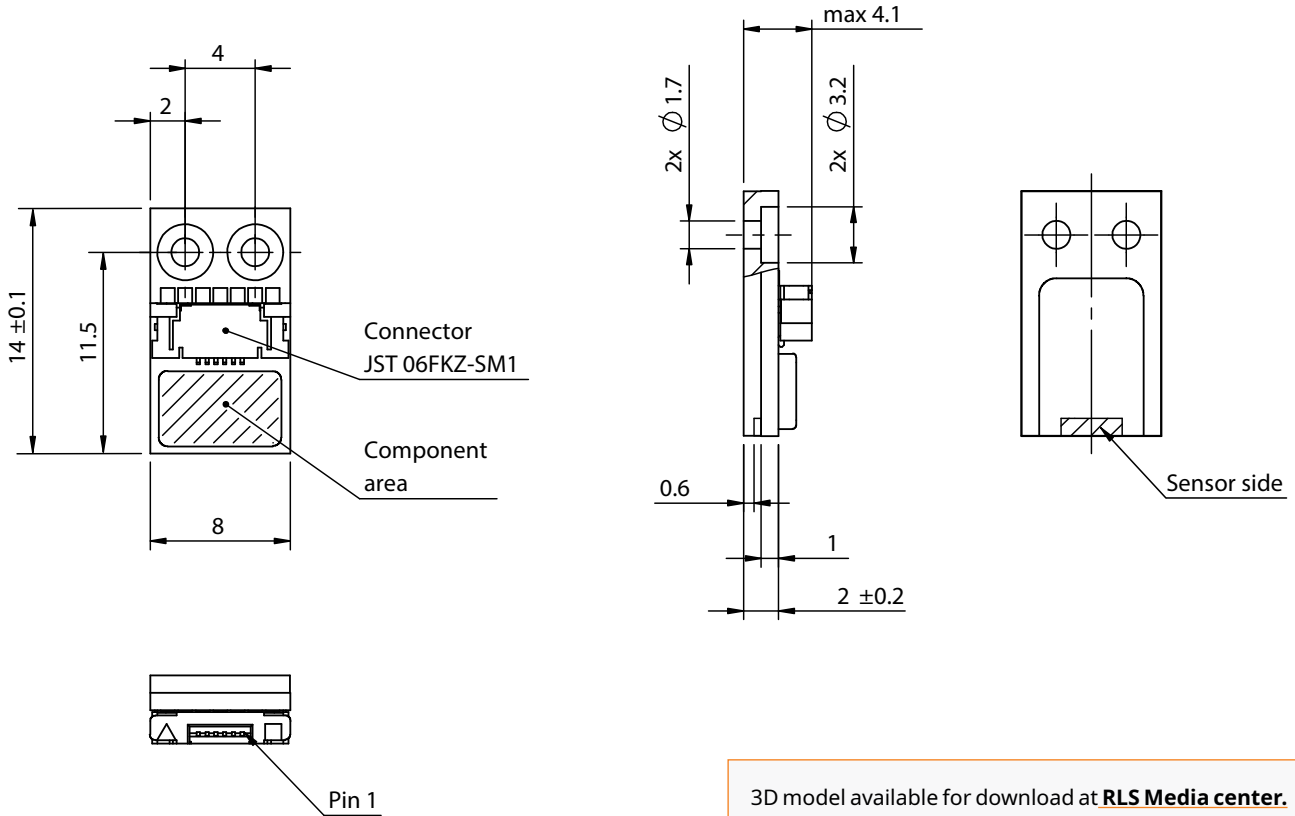
## Packaging

Less than 20 units are individually packed in antistatic boxes. For quantities of 20 pieces or more, the readheads are packed in trays (see table below). The trays are packed together in a cardboard box (19 trays per box).

Part	Tray size	Box size
RLB2HD with connector	120 units per tray	19 trays per box

## Dimensions and installation drawings

Dimensions and tolerances are in mm. Dimensions without tolerance values are in accordance with ISO 2768-m.



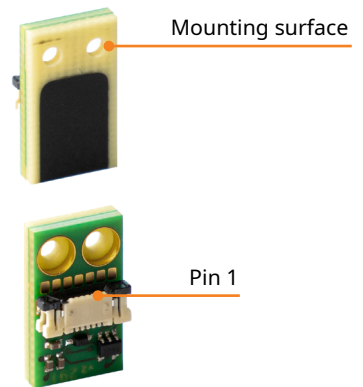
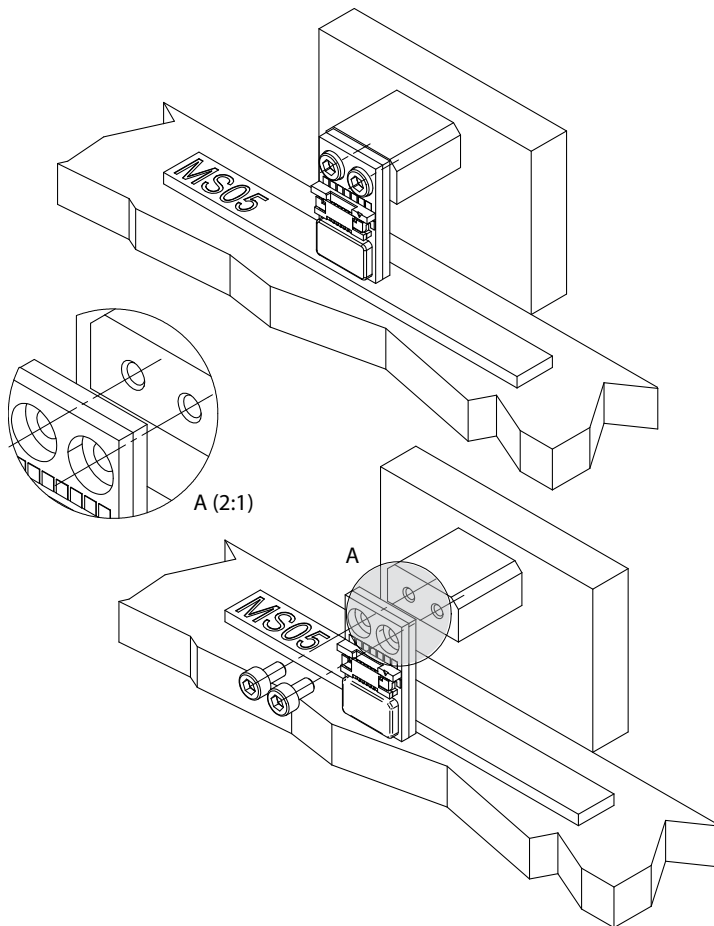
3D model available for download at [RLS Media center](#).

### General tolerances for linear dimensions according to ISO 2768 m

Tolerance class	up to 6	6-30	30-120
<b>m (medium)</b>	±0.1	±0.2	±0.3

# Installation instructions

When mounting the RLB, make sure that only the mounting surfaces of the PCB assembly are in contact with the mounting bracket. All other parts of the PCB assembly should maintain a minimum distance of 0.1 mm from other metal objects. All permissible distance and angle tolerances must be strictly complied according to the mounting instructions found at MSD01, MR01D01 or MR02D02 data sheet at [RLS Media center](#).



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## Position of installation holes

Recommended use of stainless steel, DIN912. For more information, see [Table of recommended fastener tightening torques](#) at [RLS Media center](#).

**To avoid mechanical damage to the PCB assembly, do not use countersunk fasteners.**

- The magnetic encoder system must be installed and mounted in strict compliance with the dimensions and tolerances given on **page 4**. All permissible distance and angle tolerances must be strictly complied according to the mounting instructions found at MSD01, MR01D01 or MR02D02 data sheet at **RLS Media center**.
- It is important that the space between the readhead and the magnetic scale is maintained over the entire measuring range.
- The magnetic encoder system must be used in accordance with the specified degree of protection. The following factors must be taken into account: IP protection class, operating temperature, external magnetic field, humidity level, mechanical load and EMC compatibility.
- The magnetic encoder system is sensitive to the external magnetic fields. The magnitude of the influence on the magnetic encoder system depends on the magnitude and direction of the external magnetic field. In particular, the rapidly changing stray magnetic fields affect the system and can alter its function. Magnetic field strength within 1 mT reduces the accuracy of the system. Field strengths greater than 1 mT will cause the system to malfunction and as a result the readhead will report an incorrect position. Magnetic field strengths greater than 25 mT will cause irreversible damage to the magnetic scale or ring and will have to be replaced.

## Technical specifications

### System data

<b>Pole length</b>		2 mm
<b>Maximum measuring length</b>		50 m
<b>System accuracy</b>	Linear application	±10 µm/m / ±20 µm/m / ±40 µm/m
	MS05 magnetic scale	Different accuracy grades of MS05 magnetic scale available. Refer to MSD01 available at <b>RLS Media center</b> .
	Rotary application	<b>Axial:</b> Refer to MR01D01 available at <b>RLS media center</b> <b>Radial:</b> Refer to MR02D02 available at <b>RLS media center</b>
<b>Hysteresis</b>		< 3 µm (at 0.3 mm ride height)
<b>Repeatability (unidirectional)</b>		< 1 µm
<b>Interpolator latency</b>		< 250 ns
<b>Reference mark</b>		Periodic (per pole pitch - 2 mm)
<b>Set-up time</b>		< 50 ms (after power supply voltage is set in operating range)
<b>Resolution</b>		Max. 13 bit (~0.244 µm) For details refer to the <b>Table of available resolutions</b> .
<b>Maximum speed</b>	Linear application	Refer to MSD01 available at <b>RLS media center</b>
	Rotary application	<b>Axial:</b> Refer to MR01D04 available at <b>RLS media center</b> . <b>Radial:</b> Refer to speed calculator available at <b>RLS website</b> .

### Electrical data

<b>Power supply</b>		5 V ±0.25 V - voltage on readhead
<b>Current consumption</b>		< 20 mA
<b>Reverse polarity protection</b>		With reverse polarity protection
<b>Maximum cable length</b>		Flex cable: 0.5 m (R ≤ 0.75 Ω/m)

## Mechanical data

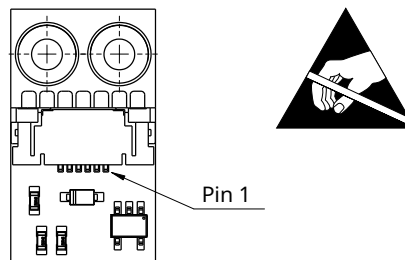
<b>Mass</b>	0.46 g
<b>Connection type</b>	JST 06FKZ-SM1

## Environmental data

<b>Temperature</b>	Operating	-30 °C to +85 °C
	Storage	-40 °C to +85 °C
<b>Vibrations (55 Hz to 2000 Hz)</b>		300 m/s <sup>2</sup> (IEC 60068-2-6)
<b>Shocks (6 ms)</b>		300 m/s <sup>2</sup> (IEC 60068-2-27)
<b>Humidity</b>		70 % non condensing
<b>External magnetic field during operation</b>		< 1 mT
<b>ESD immunity</b>		HBM, Class 2, ±2kV

## Electrical connections

Pin	Signal
1	Error
2	Vdd
3	GND
4	Z
5	B
6	A



The test pads do not correspond to the pin-out of the connector and must not be used for soldering wires.

## Output type

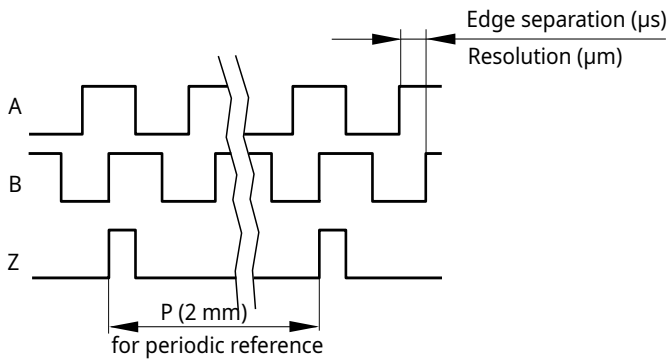
### Incremental, no line driver

RLB2HD

#### Specifications

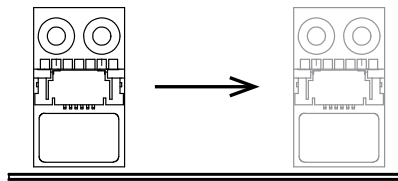
Output signals	Digital – TTL-level (A, B, Z)
Saturation voltage HI (I = -4 mA)	$V_{dd} - 0.4 V$
Saturation voltage LO (I = 4 mA)	0.4 V
Rise and fall time ( $c_c = 50 pF$ )	60 ns

#### Timing diagram



#### Positive direction

Digital output signals – A leads B



For more information, see the MSD01, MR02D02 or MR01D01 data sheet at [RLS Media center](#).



## Error output

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To enable successful error diagnosis, different types of errors are signaled on the error line with a PWM formatted code as described below. In case of an amplitude or frequency error, the PWM cycle frequency is approximately 16.5 Hz (cycle duration: 60.7 ms).

Failure mode	Error output	Possible cause of failure
No error (position data is valid)	High	-
Amplitude error (position data is not valid)	Low: 75 % High: 25 %	Readhead removed from the scale / ring The readhead is out of alignment with the magnetic scale or the magnetic scale/ring is demagnetised*
Frequency error (position data is not valid)	Low: 50 % High: 50 %	Velocity too high**
System error (position data is not valid)	Low	Undervoltage EEPROM Configuration

\*The Amplitude error does not indicate non-optimal installation of the readhead such as accuracy outside of specification.

\*\*For max. speed table for axial rings refer to the MR01D01 at [RLS Media center](#) or speed calculator for radial rings at [RLS website](#).

For max. speed table for magnetic scales refer to the MSD01 at [RLS Media center](#).

If an amplitude error occurs, the conversion process is stopped and the incremental output signals are terminated. An amplitude error excludes the possibility of a frequency error.

The error output is an open collector type with built-in pull-up resistor. It can be used in a “wired-OR” digital logic configuration with other error signals in the system.

# Part numbering

RLB 2 HD A 13B A 00 C 00

## Pole length

2 - 2 mm

## Output type

HD - Incremental, no line driver

## Option

A - Standard

## Interpolation factor (Resolutions)\*

## Max Speed Calculators

13B - 8192 (~0.244 μm)

09B - 512 (~3.906 μm)

D10 - 100 (~20 μm)

12B - 4096 (~0.488 μm)

D50 - 500 (~4 μm)

D08 - 80 (~25 μm)

11B - 2048 (~0.976 μm)

D40 - 400 (~5 μm)

06B - 64 (~31.25 μm)

2D0 - 2000 (~1 μm)

D32 - 320 (~6.25 μm)

D04 - 40 (~50 μm)

1D6 - 1600 (~1.25 μm)

08B - 256 (~7.812 μm)

05B - 32 (~62.5 μm)

10B - 1024 (~1.953 μm)

D20 - 200 (~10 μm)

04B - 16 (~125 μm)

1D0 - 1000 (~2 μm)

D16 - 160 (~12.5 μm)

03B - 8 (~250 μm)

D80 - 800 (~2.5 μm)

07B - 128 (~15.625 μm)

\*For exact values see table of **Available resolutions**.

## Minimum edge separation

## Max Speed Calculators

K - 0.07 μs (15 MHz)

E - 4 μs (0.25 MHz)

A - 0.12 μs (8 MHz)

F - 5 μs (0.2 MHz)

B - 0.5 μs (2 MHz)

G - 10 μs (0.1 MHz)

C - 1 μs (1 MHz)

H - 20 μs (0.05 MHz)

D - 2 μs (0.5 MHz)

The customer's controller must support the selected edge separation time even if the encoder is used below the maximum speed.

## Connector

00 - Connector only

06 - With FFC cable, length 127 mm

## Reference mark

C - Periodic reference mark as per scale pitch (every 2 mm)

Reference periods correspond to pole length of magnetisation. Magnetic scale or ring must be ordered with no reference mark.

## Special requirements

00 - No special requirements (standard)

Not all part number combinations are valid. Please refer to the table of available combinations on the next page for available options.

## Table of available combinations

Series	Pole length	Output type	Option	Interpolation factor	Minimum edge separation	Connector	Reference mark	Special requirements
RLB	2	HD	A	xxx*	K / A / B / C / D / E / F / G / H	00 / 06	C	00
				04B	A / B / C / D / E / F / G / H			
				03B	B / C / D / E / F / G / H			

\*Please check the table below for available interpolation factors.

For the part numbering of the MS incremental magnetic scale or the MR radial and axial incremental magnetic ring, refer to the corresponding data sheet at [RLS Media Center](#).

## Available resolutions

**Table of available resolutions,**  
for 2 mm pole length

Part number	Interpolation factor	Resolution [µm]
13B	2 <sup>13</sup>	0.244140625
12B	2 <sup>12</sup>	0.48828125
11B	2 <sup>11</sup>	0.9765625
2D0	2000	1
1D6	1600	1.25
10B	2 <sup>10</sup>	1.953125
1D0	1000	2
D80	800	2.5
09B	2 <sup>9</sup>	3.90625
D50	500	4
D40	400	5
D32	320	6.25
08B	2 <sup>8</sup>	7.8125
D20	200	10
D16	160	12.5
07B	2 <sup>7</sup>	15.625
D10	100	20
D08	80	25
06B	2 <sup>6</sup>	31.25
D04	40	50
05B	2 <sup>5</sup>	62.5
04B	2 <sup>4</sup>	125
03B	2 <sup>3</sup>	250

### Resolutions calculation

$$\text{Resolution } [\mu\text{m}] = \frac{\text{Pole length } [\mu\text{m}]}{\text{Interpolation factor}} = \frac{2000}{\text{Interpolation factor}}$$

For ring applications:

CPR – Counts per revolution (resolution)

$$\text{Resolution [CPR]} = \text{Pole number}^* \times \text{Interpolation factor}$$

PPR – Pulses per revolution

$$\text{Resolution [PPR]} = \frac{\text{Resolution [CPR]}}{4}$$

\*See pole numbers in the MR01D01 or MR02D02 data sheet at [RLS Media center](#).

## Accessories

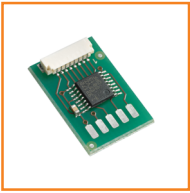
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USB encoder interface  
**E201-9Q**



Connector adapter FFC to  
DB9 (connects to E201):  
**RLACC005**



Line driver board for  
incremental encoders  
**LDB01**

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Date	Issue	Page	Description
15. 12. 2022	5	General	New design, data amended
15. 9. 2023	6	6, 10	Menu (button) Max Speed Calculators added
13. 10. 2023	7	6	Set-up time amended
9. 9. 2024	8	12	LDB01 added

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