



OPERATION

MICRO SWITCH CS series solid state current sensors monitor either alternating (AC) or direct (DC) current. This series includes a wide assortment of devices ranging from digital output current detectors capable of sensing a few hundred milliamps to linear sensors capable of monitoring over one thousand amps. The entire family of CS current sensors provides a means of accurate low-cost current sensing.

Current sensors monitor current flow. Digital sensors produce a digital output signal. Linear sensors produce an analog output signal. When these signals have reached a predetermined level, the control system logic is instructed to perform a function. The digital signal with its logic level output may sound an alarm, start a motor, open a valve, or shut down a pump. The linear signal duplicates the waveform of the current being sensed and is ideal for use as a feedback element to control a motor or regulate the amount of work being done by a machine.

Some CS current sensors utilize a through-hole design. This feature insures that there will not be any DC insertion loss in the conductor. In addition, the through-hole design simplifies installation by eliminating the need for direct connection, which minimizes energy dissipation, and provides output isolation at no extra cost. MICRO SWITCH CS through-hole current sensors cannot be damaged by overcurrent.

Current sensing is accomplished by measuring the magnetic field surrounding a current-carrying conductor. The conductor is passed through the flux collector which concentrates the magnetic field at the sensing element. The magnetic field is directly proportional to the current passing through the conductor. Thus, there is a direct relationship between the output voltage of the current sensor and

FEATURES

- Digital or linear output
- AC or DC current sensing
- Through-hole design
- Fast response time
- Output voltage isolation from input
- Minimum energy dissipation
- Maximum current limited only by conductor size
- Adjustable performance and built-in temperature compensation assures reliable operation
- Accurate, low cost sensing
- Operating temperature range -25 to 85°C

the level of input current. The waveform of this output voltage will track the waveform of the measured current. The through-hole design electrically isolates the sensor and insures that it will not be damaged by overcurrent or high voltage transients.

LINEAR CURRENT SENSORS

MICRO SWITCH CSL series linear current sensors incorporate our 91SS12-2 and SS94A1 linear output Hall effect transducer (LOHET™). The sensing element is assembled in a printed circuit board mountable housing. This housing is available in four configurations (as shown in mounting dimension Figures 1, 1a, 2, and 2a on page 59). Normal mounting is with 0.375 inch long 4-40 screw and square nut (not provided) inserted in the housing. The combination of the sensor, flux collector, and housing comprises the holder assembly.

When sensing zero current the output voltage of the current sensor is approximately equal to one half of the supply voltage (Voffset - 0.5 Vcc). CS series linear current sensors will sense current in both directions. Current flow in one direction will cause the output voltage to increase from its offset value. Current flow in the opposite direction will cause the output voltage to decrease from its offset value. The output voltage range is from 25% of the supply voltage to 75% of the supply voltage ($0.25 V_{cc} < V_o < 0.75 V_{cc}$).

While sensing either AC or DC current, the linear output voltage will track the waveform of the sensed current.

The output of these devices can be adjusted by varying the supply voltage, varying the gap cut in the flux collector, or increasing the number of turns of the conductor passing through the center of the flux collector. Devices on page 56 are ratiometric.

APPLICATION

- Variable speed motor controls
- Automotive diagnostics (battery drain detector)
- Ground fault detectors
- Motor overload protection
- Current monitoring of electric welders
- Energy management systems
- Protection of power semiconductors
- Control system diagnostics
- Burnt-out light bulb detection

ADJUSTABLE LINEAR CURRENT SENSORS

MICRO SWITCH offers two families of linear current sensors with adjustable offset voltage and sensitivity. Both families utilize the previously described linear current sensors mounted to a small printed circuit board containing additional circuitry. The adjustable feature enables the user to define the exact range of operation. The offset voltage and sensitivity are controlled by two trimpots soldered to the printed circuit board. These sensors are ratiometric.

DIGITAL CURRENT SENSORS

Each MICRO SWITCH CSD series digital current sensor provides a logic level output that changes from approximately Vcc to 0.4 volts when the sensed current exceeds the operate point. Each digital sensor will operate on AC or DC current, but the output will turn off at every zero crossing when sensing AC current.

Note: Operate and release currents are specified in Amps-Peak. When monitoring AC current using a digital sensor, peak values should be used. Multiply the RMS values by 1.414 to obtain the peak value.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT CURRENT SENSORS

Current sensors with industrial outputs easily interface with programmable controllers and other industrial control and monitoring devices. They have 4 to 20 mA or 1 to 5 VDC outputs and are packaged in a low-cost open PC board configuration or enclosed housings. These devices include a regulator. Therefore, they are not ratiometric.

CATALOG NUMBER SYSTEM

PLEASE NOTE: This matrix is intended **only** to aid you in identifying sensor catalog listings. It is not all-inclusive, and **must not be used** to form new listings.

Example: CSLA1CD

CS Current Sensors
Linear L
Digital D

- A1 Holder – 9SS
- A2 Holder – SS9
- B1 9SS DC-DC Ratiometric Unregulated
- B2 9SS AC-DC Ratiometric Unregulated
- B3 9SS AC-AC Ratiometric Unregulated
- B4 ALC DC-DC Ratiometric Unregulated
- B5 ALC AC-DC Ratiometric Unregulated
- B6 ALC AC-AC Ratiometric Unregulated
- C2 9SS AC-DC 1-5 Unregulated
- E1 9SS DC-DC 1-5 V Regulated
- E2 9SS AC-DC 1-5 V Regulated
- E3 9SS AC-AC 1-5 V Regulated
- E4 ALC DC-DC 1-5 V Regulated
- E5 ALC AC-DC 1-5 V Regulated
- E6 ALC AC-AC 1-5 V Regulated
- F1 9SS DC-DC 4-20 mA Regulated
- F2 9SS AC-DC 4-20 mA Regulated
- F3 9SS AC-AC 4-20 mA Regulated
- F4 ALC DC-DC 4-20 mA Regulated
- F5 ALC AC-DC 4-20 mA Regulated
- F6 ALC AC-AC 4-20 mA Regulated

- A PCB Small Holder
- B PCB Medium Holder
- C Small Holder
- D Medium Holder
- E Large Holder
- F PCB Large Holder
- G Small Sidemount
- H Plastic Housing Small Opening
- J Plastic Housing Large Opening
- K Metal Housing
- L PCB Small Sidemount

If 9SS		If SS9ALC	
		DC-DC	Other
A	14 Amps	C	24
B	16	D	57
C	33	E	72
D	57	F	92
E	75	G	114
F	100	H	125
G	120	I	148
H	150	J	150
J	225	K	245
K	325	L	235
L	625	M	250
		N	310
		O	400
		P	490
		Q	550
			604
			765
			950
			1208
			1500

HOW TO INTERPRET CURRENT SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS

The following definitions will help the user understand the characteristics of the MICRO SWITCH current sensor line.

Adjustable Operating Range — The adjustable linear current sensors give the user the option of changing the sensitivity according to the maximum sensed current of the application. The on-board sensitivity adjustment allows the user to alter the amplification of the Hall effect sensor, thereby adjusting the amount of sensed current needed to achieve maximum output voltage.

Example $V_{cc} - 12V$
Voffset $-V_{cc}/2 - 6V$
Vo maximum $-(75\%)V_{cc} - 9V$
Vspan available $-3V$

Assume a current maximum of 45 amps is determined. The user would then apply 45 amps through the toroid and adjust the sensitivity where indicated until a 9 volt output is achieved. The sensitivity is then determined as $(3V)/(45A) = 67mV/A$. This design allows for maximum sensor flexibility.

For best results, choose a sensor to operate toward its maximum operate range. Increased amplification occurs when the sensor is adjusted toward its minimum operate range. Any circuit noise is also amplified.

Offset Shift — The offset shift refers to the effect of temperature on the offset voltage. It is defined as a percentage of reading per degree Celsius. Example: Offset voltage is 6.0V at 25°C. The offset shift is $\pm 0.05\%/^{\circ}C$. Therefore, the offset voltage at 35°C is $6.0V \pm (0.05\%/^{\circ}C) (6.0V) (10^{\circ}C) = 6.0V \pm 0.03V$. The offset shift due to temperature increases as the device is operated toward the temperature extremes.

Offset Voltage — The offset voltage is the voltage output when no current is flowing through the current carrying conductor. This is also known as the null voltage.

Operate Current — The operate current is the level of current required to cause a change in logic state from the state at no current flow. For example, the logic output is high at no current flow. When the current level is increased to the operate point, the logic output goes low.

Ratiometric — Characteristics vary in proportion to supply voltage.

Release Current — The release current is the level of current required to cause a change in logic state as the current flow decreases from the operate point.

Response Time (linear) — Measured from the time the input current reaches 90% of its full scale value to the time when the sensor output reaches 90% of final value. This assumes rise time of 1 microsecond or less on input.

Response Time (digital) — The length of time it takes the output to switch to within ten percent of the supply voltage from the negative supply after the rated operate point is reached on the input. Measured time will vary proportionally with the overdrive current.

Sensed Current (Amps Peak) — The SS94A1 and 91SS12-2 linear output Hall effect sensors have a maximum sensed range. The toroid (flux collector) in each holder assembly has a gap in which the sensor is placed. By varying the width of the gap (lg), the level of current that produces the amount of gauss necessary to saturate the sensor is varied. In other words, the maximum/minimum output of the Hall element will always be obtained at rated gauss excitation. The current level needed to achieve that maximum/minimum output depends on the width of the gap in the flux collector. Max sensed current is also affected by number of times sensed current wire is looped thru sensor hole. If max sensed current is 100 amps and current wire is looped thru hole twice, max sensed current drops to 50 amps. Looped 4 times it drops to 25 amps, 5 times to 20 amps.

Sensitivity — The change in sensor output to 1 amp change in input. Units are in units/Nl where N is number of times sensed current wire is looped thru sensor hole. For example, if sensed current wire is looped thru hole twice then sensitivity doubles; looped thru 3 times, sensitivity triples, etc.

Temperature Range — The -25° to $+85^{\circ}C$ specified is the operating temperature range that the current sensor has been rated. The performance specifications are not considered to be valid outside the specified temperature range.

