

Determine pitch, roll and level

The dual-axis Model 900 is an inexpensive, gravityreferenced clinometer (tiltmeter) with wide dynamic range. Its small size and high precision make it a versatile choice for many measurement and control applications.

Model 900 measures angular position with respect to the stablest of all external references: the vertical gravity vector. Its advanced design assures high repeatability over a standard 40 degree measurement span (90 degree optional span). Model 900 also features a wide input voltage range and signal conditioned analog


Motion control for factory automation
outputs. Just install Model 900 and connect it to your voltmeter or data acquisition system. You are ready to begin your measurements!

The sensing element within Model 900 is a glass vial half-filled with a conductive liquid. When the sensor is level, fluid covers five internal electrodes to equal depth. When the sensor tilts, the depth of fluid on each electrode changes, altering the electrical resistance between matched pairs of electrodes. Model 900’s surface-mount electronics measure these changes, converting them to DC outputs proportional to the tilt angle.

## Key features include:

- Measures rotation in two orthogonal vertical planes
- Detailed 21-point calibrations supplied for each axis
- No mechanical moving parts to break or wear out -Optional temperature sensor

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## Model 900 Biaxial Clinometer

## Use Model 900 for:

- Factory automation and robotics
- Drilling and mining machinery
- Construction equipment
- Ships, buoys, ROVs, towfish
- Land vehicles
- Aircraft
- Antennae
- Any machine or structure


## Prewired connector supplied with each unit




Typical calibration


Typical nonlinearity


Cross-axis effect on scale factor


Model 900 dimensions, inches (mm)

Specifications

| OUTPUT CHANNELS | $\pm 2.5$ VDC per channel (single-ended); 0-5 VDC available. Optional temperature channel, -0.4 to +1.0 VDC |
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| ANGULAR RANGE | Model $900-\mathrm{H}$ : $\pm 10$ degrees ( 20 degrees span) or greater Model 900: $\pm 25$ degrees ( 50 degrees span) or greater Model 900-45: $\pm 50$ degrees ( 100 degrees span) or greater |
| RESOLUTION | 0.01 degree of arc |
| REPEATABILITY | 0.02 degree of arc at constant temperature |
| HYSTERESIS | 0.02 degree of arc |
| LINEARITY | Model 900: 1\% over half span; 2.5\% over full span. Model 900-45: $7 \%$ of full span. Factory polynomials improve linearity by 10 x |
| TEMPERATURE COEF. | $+0.05 \%$ of reading per ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ typical |
| SCALE FACTORS | Model 900: 10 degrees/Volt typ. Model 900-45: 25 degrees/Volt typ. Model $900-\mathrm{H}, 4$ degrees/Volt typ. Temp.: $0.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{mV}, \pm 0.75^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ accuracy |
| TIME CONSTANT, $\boldsymbol{T}$ | 0.15 second; output is proportional to $1-\mathrm{e}^{-t / T}-0.001 \mathrm{e}^{-t 5000 T}$ where $t$ is time in seconds |
| NATURAL FREQUENCY | 10 Hz |
| OUTPUT IMPEDANCE | 270 ohms, short circuit protected |
| POWER REQUIREMENTS | +8 to +24 VDC (bipolar output) or +10.5 to +26.5 VDC ( $0-5 \mathrm{VDC}$ output) <br> @ $7 \mathrm{~mA}, 250 \mathrm{mV}$ peak-to-peak ripple max., reverse polarity protected |
| ENVIRONMENTAL | $-40^{\circ}$ to $+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ operating and storage, 0-90\% humidity, noncondensing |
| SIZE \& WEIGHT | $2 \times 2 \times 0.64$ inches ( $51 \times 51 \times 17 \mathrm{~mm}$ ), 0.502 ( 15 grams); 18 inch ( 450 mm ) cable with connector |
| MOUNTING | Four 0.125 inch ( 3.2 mm ) no. 4 mounting holes, one in each corner |
| MATERIALS | Liquid filled glass sensor, fiberglass PC board, unpotted assembly |

Angle conversion chart

|  | Radians | Degrees | Arc minutes | Arc seconds | $\mu$ radians |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 Radian $=$ | 1 | 57.30 | 3438 | 206265 | $10^{6}$ |
| 1 Degree $=$ | 0.01745 | 1 | 60 | 3600 | 17453 |
| 1 Arc minute $=$ | $2.909 \times 10^{-4}$ | 0.01667 | 1 | 60 | 290.9 |
| 1 Arc second $=$ | $4.848 \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.778 \times 10^{-4}$ | 0.01667 | 1 | 4.848 |
| $1 \boldsymbol{\mu}$ radian $=$ | $10^{-6}$ | $5.730 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.438 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.2063 | 1 |

## Ordering Information

| Model $900-\mathrm{H}$ | $\pm 10$ degrees range |
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| Model $900-\mathrm{TH}$ | Adds temperature sensor |
| Model 900 | $\pm 25$ degrees range |
| Model $900-\mathrm{T}$ | Adds temperature sensor |
| Model $900-45$ | $\pm 50$ degrees range |
| Model $900-45 \mathrm{~T}$ | Adds temperature sensor |

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