**MagLine** | Magnetic length and angle measurement systems, speed measuring technology

**Magline Product Overview**
- MagLine Micro
- MagLine Basic
- MagLine Macro
- MagLine Roto
- Inclinometers
1963
Dr.-Ing. Günther Wandres founded SIKO GmbH.

1980
A milestone on the way to a global market: establishment of the subsidiary SIKO Products in the USA.

1992
Introduction of the magnetic measuring principle.

1993
Start of magnetic tape production.

1995
Introduction / development of the magnetic compact sensors (MSK).

1996
Introduction / development of magnetic, absolute length measurement (NSA/NBA).

1999
Introduction of the unique “Mag-Line” product range and brand label.

2000
Introduction / development of the first linear encoders for direct drives.
2013 Foundation of the Singapore affiliate.

2015 Introduction of the magnetic measurement principle with certified safety function.

2016 Introduction of the pluggable compact sensors MSC500.

2017 Introduction Industry 4.0 sensors LEC100 and LEC200 for drive technology, handling systems and robotics.

2006 Introduction / development of the first high-resolution absolute sensor.

2003 and 2005 Foundation of subsidiaries in Switzerland, Italy and China.
MagLine – Magnetic length and angle measurement systems

The magnetic principle

From the idea to the solution

The MagLine product line follows the idea of replacing measurement systems based on encoders with rack-and-pinion by a contactless system based on a magnetic principle.

To date, four product groups cover the whole scope of industrial measurement tasks. System accuracy, resolution and tape reading distance are major distinguishing features. The magnetic SIKO technology of MagLine is the first choice wherever precision, reproducibility and robustness of the measurement processes are demanded.

The focus of application is on the acquisition of linear and radial positions, angle values, and rotational speeds.

Benefits:

- Absolutely wear-free technology
- Resistant to dust, shavings, humidity, oil, grease, etc.
- Robust against shock and vibration
- No measurement errors caused by transmission errors or backlash
- High system accuracy and reproducibility
- Easy handling and assembly
- Nearly maintenance-free

The magnetic measurement principle

A permanently mounted magnetic tape (also called scale) is the core element of magnetic linear measurement. A magnetic sensor fastened on the movable part of the relevant machine scans this tape contactlessly. The sensor converts the measurement values acquired into digital or analog signals via an integrated electronic unit. These signals are available for a variety of devices including translation modules, superordinate controls (PLC) or displays connected on-site.

The actual magnetic measurement process results from magnetoresistance. SIKO encodes the magnetic tapes in specially developed processes. The resulting tape encoding enables incremental or absolute measuring procedures with different levels of resolution.

Incremental and absolute coding methods enable position acquisition with differently utilizable feedback (see picture).

Incremental systems
In the incremental system, the magnetic tape is magnetized with north and south poles at uniform periods with the pole length among others determining maximum resolution and system accuracy. When the sensor is moved over the tape, the periods generate the path information which is processed in the form of digital square-wave signals (counting pulses) or analogous sine / cosine signals. Counting of the pulses permits a statement concerning the distance traveled.

In an incremental system, at least absolute reference is required – the so-called reference point. This point serves for realignment of the system and can be stored as additional information on the magnetic tape. This reference point in an incremental system is important because the actual position value is lost as a rule after power interruption (e.g. after system shutdown and restart) or when the sensor position has changed.

A system with no buffer battery will require a new reference travel. Battery-buffered systems are regarded as quasi-absolute systems.

Absolute systems
By contrast, no reference travel is required at all for linear measurements with absolutely coded magnetic tapes. The flexible plastic tape has been magnetized with a specific absolute Code.

Commissioning is via one-time calibration of the system. No buffer battery is required owing to the absolute coding of the tape because the actual position value will be available at any position immediately after starting the system.

A change of position even in the de-energized state will not influence the correctness of the measured value displayed since the position is stored absolutely on any place in the coded magnetic tape. Likewise, no reference travel is required when the sensor is lifted from the tape e.g. for maintenance purposes.

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MagLine benefits ...
... mainly the branches of industry that put high requirements on repeat accuracy of linear or rotative measuring processes under adverse ambient conditions, including ...

- Wood, metal and plastic working
- Stone working
- Medical technology
- Direct drives
- Warehouse technology
- Stage and studio technology
- Speed recording
- Window construction
- Mobile construction
- Renewable energies
Profile
This high-resolution feedback system is especially designed for precise, highly dynamic processes with special measurement requirements in the μm range.

Features:
- Measurement lengths up to 100 m
- Freely selectable parameters
- Sensors with or without integrated translation module
- System for incremental or absolute acquisition of measured values
- Primary application: linear and rotative guide and drive technologies
- Interfaces with real-time signal output
- High precision for exact determination of position and optimum control quality

Specifications of MagLine Micro
- Resolution 0.2...5 μm
- System accuracy ±10 μm
- Repeat accuracy ±1 μm
- Sensor-tape gap up to 0.4 mm

Advantages:
- Highest resolution
- Incremental/absolute
- Economical
- Small and compact

Highly efficient even with flying metal cuttings.
Use of micro systems in the production of printed circuit boards. The Micro systems reliably realize highly precise acquisition of measured values and positions even under particularly demanding ambient conditions.

### Combinations

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*Customer’s downstream electronic unit
On duty: Incremental and absolute position acquisition by means of Basic systems. The combination with compatible electronic equipment enables the connection to control units or direct display on-site.

Profile
Proven and technically sophisticated, the Basic product series offers a particularly wide range of components which are geared to each other. The economical solutions offer a variety of individual applications, which fulfill all standard requirements regarding measurement accuracy.

Features:
- Measurement lengths infinite
- Sensors with or without integrated translation module
- System for incremental / absolute acquisition of measured values
- Complete systems with sensor and connected display

Specifications of MagLine Basic
- Resolution 1 … 100 µm
- System accuracy ±25 µm
- Repeat accuracy ±5 µm
- Sensor-tape gap up to 2.5 mm

Advantages:
- Versatile system
- Easily customizable
- Ideal in serial use
- Uncomplicated retrofitting

MagLine Basic
Accuracy class 50 µm, typical resolution 10 µm

Open video
Open flyer
Direct display of measured values with a vertical panel saw...  ...or adjustment of the length stop.

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*Customer’s downstream electronic unit

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MagLine Basic

e.g. CT patient beds, frame saws, stone cutting...
The small and compact design of scale and associated sensors is the basis for simple and unobtrusive integration into nearly any guide unit.

**Profile**
Specially designed for very long measurement distances, MagLine Macro enables safe position detection with millimeter accuracy and interplay of many flexible units.

**Features:**
- Measurement lengths infinite
- Height differences in the measuring length can be compensated for thanks to a reading gap of up to 20 mm
- System for incremental acquisition of measured values
- Particularly suitable for extended measuring lengths, as for example in storage or conveyor applications

**Specifications of MagLine Macro**
- Resolution 0.25 ... 2 mm
- System accuracy ±1 mm
- Repeat accuracy ±1 mm
- Sensor-tape gap up to 20 mm

**Advantages:**
- High resolution with very extended measuring lengths
- High protection class (IP67)
- Large mounting tolerances are admissible

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e.g. stone cutting, forklifts, waste and scrap presses ...
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*Customer’s downstream electronic unit

MagLine sensors on duty in the storage and conveyor technologies.
Profile

The open system of the Roto series is the ideal alternative to conventional optical rotary encoder systems – especially for exact revolution or angle measurement under extreme conditions.

Features:
- Acquisition of measurement values under difficult ambient conditions
- Particularly durable, since high mechanical stress is not transferred to the measuring system
- Typical areas of application include speed measurement or angle measurement, e.g. on rotary tables

MagLine Roto
- Resolution 100,000 ... 200,000 pulses/revolution
- System accuracy ±0.05°
- Repeat accuracy ±1 increment
- Sensor-ring gap up to 2 mm

Advantages:
- High service reliability
- Long service life
- High protection class (IP67)
- Flexible, customer-specific ring solutions

Use in the elevator technology for measuring speeds.
Extremely robust and designed for direct angle and speed recording – the typical applications of MagLine Roto benefit from the contactless magnetic measuring method in several aspects.

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*Customer’s downstream electronic unit

E.g. speed measurement, elevator technology, tube bending technology ...
Profile
Inclinations with respect to the earth’s center can be measured most easily by means of SIKO inclinometers.

The SIKO inclinometers all work according to the modern principle of MEMS technology (Micro-Electronic-Mechanical System). With this measuring principle, a series of electrodes are housed in a hermetically sealed ASIC chip. The capacitive voltage between the electrodes is then measured.

Recording can be done either as a single axis (0 ... 0.1°) or as a double (2) axis (±80 °) with a system accuracy of ±0.1° and a resolution of 0.01°.

The measured data is output directly as analog (0 ... 10 Volt or 4 ... 20 mA) or digital (RS232) values or via CANopen. When using the CANopen interface, a bus operation is also possible for up to 127 participants.

SIKO inclinometers, however, have further advantages such as being able to program various parameters freely (e.g., filters, rotating direction, the zero point) via the RS232 or CANopen or limiting the measured area via the ‘teach-in-function’ in the client application (For example, 45°... 180 °).

It is possible to set the zero point of the encoder on-site in the application via a separate PIN (teach-in-function).

Additional advantages are the easy installation of the encoder onto the surface to be measured (by means of simple screwing) as well as a high IP protective class. All encoders are protected for submersion in water for a long period (IP68) or with high pressure/steam jet cleaning (IP69k).

Whether medical technology, mobile automation or renewable energies – inclinometers cover a wide range of applications.

Features:
- Resolution: max. 0.01°
- System accuracy: ±0.1° or ±0.5°
- Repeat accuracy: ±0.02°

Advantages:
- High protection classes IP68 and IP69K
- Robust mechanical design
- Truly-absolute measurement

Inclinometers
Sensors for easy acquisition of tilts

e.g. medical and laboratory technologies, mobile automation, dancer rolls
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Motor feedback on linear and torque motors

SIKO sensors have been used in the area of motor feedback for decades. Applications include:

- Real-time recording of motor feedback on linear motors
- Warrantee of optimum control quality on torque motors
- Synchronization of the feed motors of two axes on gantry drives
- Speed an angle measurement in robotics
- Speed an angle measurement even under extreme conditions (e.g. in the oil bath)

MagLine sensors in medical engineering

Based on our long-standing experience we offer our customers from medical engineering, analytical and laboratory technologies precise length, angle and speed measurement technologies for:

- Tomographs and X-ray apparatuses
- Surgical tables and patient benches
- Laboratory and analytical technologies
- Robotics
- Rehabilitation machines
For the glass industry, SIKO provides highly precise and high-resolution incremental and absolute measurement technologies for:

- One-and double-sided glass grinding machines
- Glass cutting tables
- Water jet cutting machines
- Rotative water jet cutting heads

MagLine sensors in stone working

In the area of stone working, SIKO can score with long years of experience in measuring length and angle positions on:

- Stone band and buzz saws
- Edge-polishing machines
- Machining centers in the area of stone working
- Transport and handling systems
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- Free service

3D models for mechanical engineering
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Production: Germany and Switzerland
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