

# Instruction Manual

**Rotating Torque Sensor**  
Type 4501A...

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(with standard square  
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## Foreword

This manual applies to the rotating torque sensor Type 4501A... .

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## 1. Introduction

Please take the time to thoroughly read this instruction manual. It will help you with the installation, maintenance, and use of this product.

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- Signal conditioners, indicators and calibrators
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## 2. Important Information

### 2.1 Disposal Instructions for Electrical and Electronic Equipment



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### 2.2 Symbols Used



**NOTE**

This symbol indicates instructions that enable more effective and more economic use of the NC joining module.

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### 3. Application and Key Features

- Torque sensor with strain gages
- Signal transfer by slip rings
- Measurement of constant and variable torque
- Measurement of torque from the rotating shaft
- Integrated system for rotation angle measurement (only version QA)
- Suitable for laboratory use and quality control
- Ideal for use with power tools
- Primarily suitable for low speed ranges
- Suitable for momentary measurement of torque (intermittent duty)

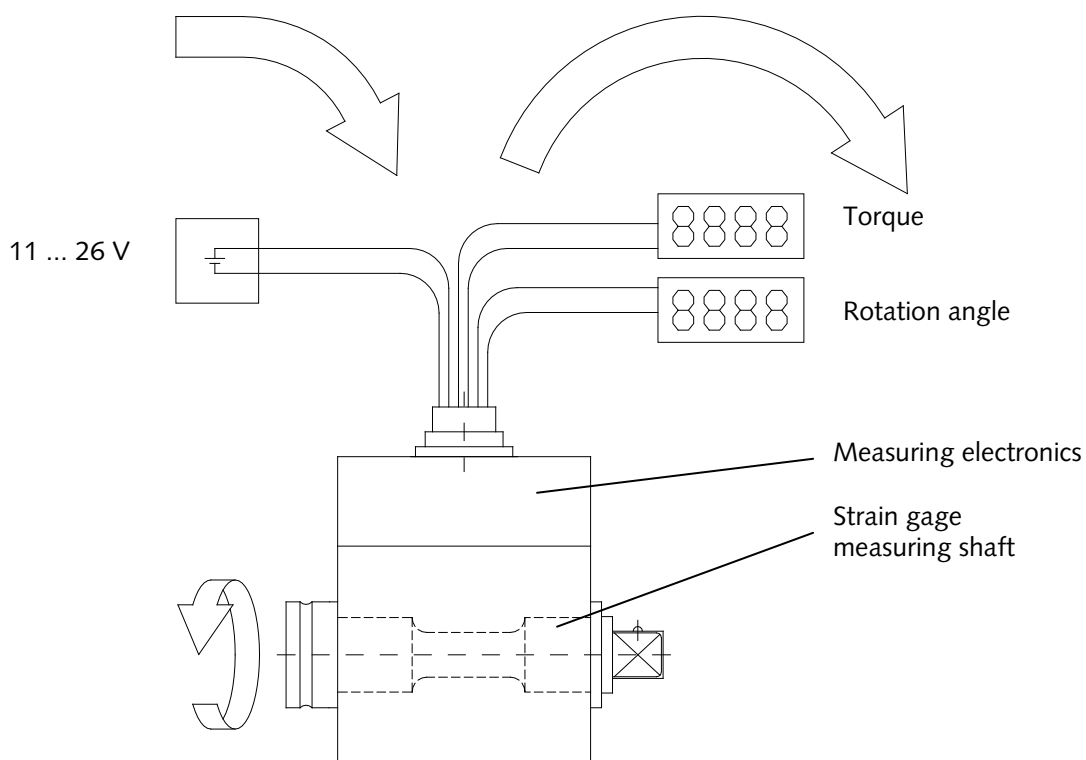


Fig. 1: Rotating torque sensor



## 4. Description

### 4.1 Mechanical Design

Torque sensors Type 4501A... comprise a rotating shaft mounted on bearings inside a housing. The shaft has a necked section - called the torsion zone - to which strain gages are attached and connected in a full bridge circuit. Slip rings and brushes provide the link between rotor and housing with two slip rings carrying the electric power supply to the strain gages on the rotating shaft. Two other slip rings serve to transfer the measuring signals from the rotating shaft to the stationary housing. The full bridge circuit is connected directly through the slip rings and brushes to the lead connector which is mounted on the housing of the torque sensor.

In version QA torque sensors an optical rotation angle measurement system is integrated. It consists of a pulse disk on the rotating shaft with 360 light-dark stripes. Two light barriers are installed into the stator. Inside the torque sensor there is a small electronics for processing of the angle pulses.

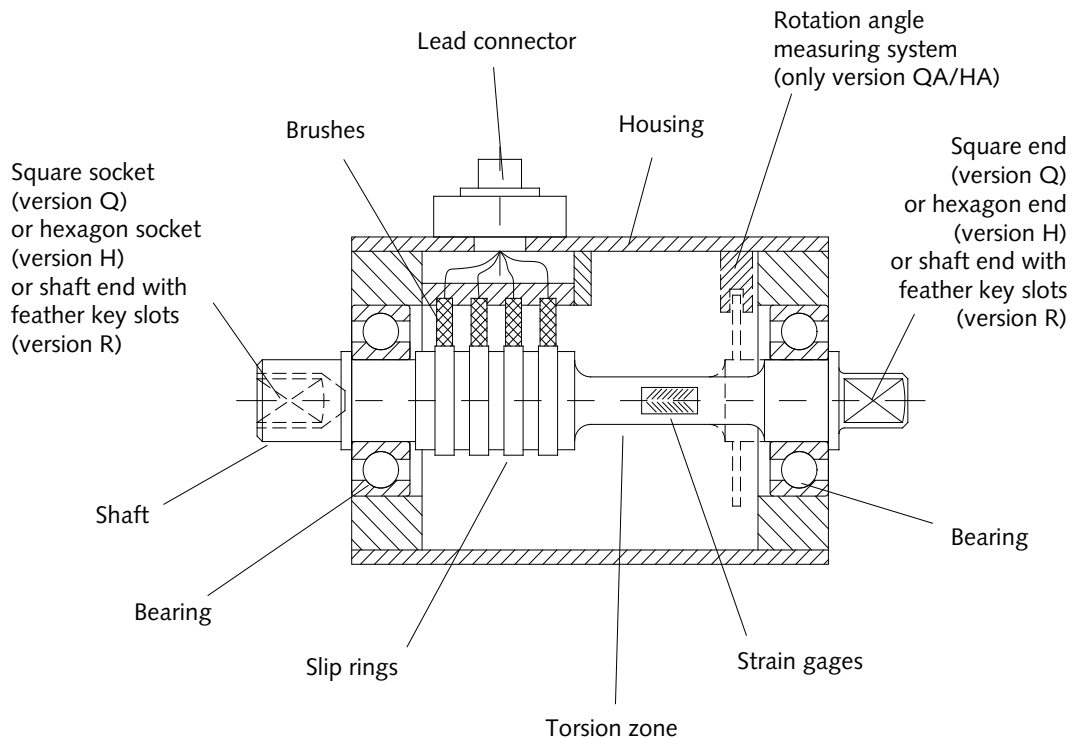


Fig. 2: Mechanical design rotating torque sensor Type 4501A...

## 4.2 Electrical Design

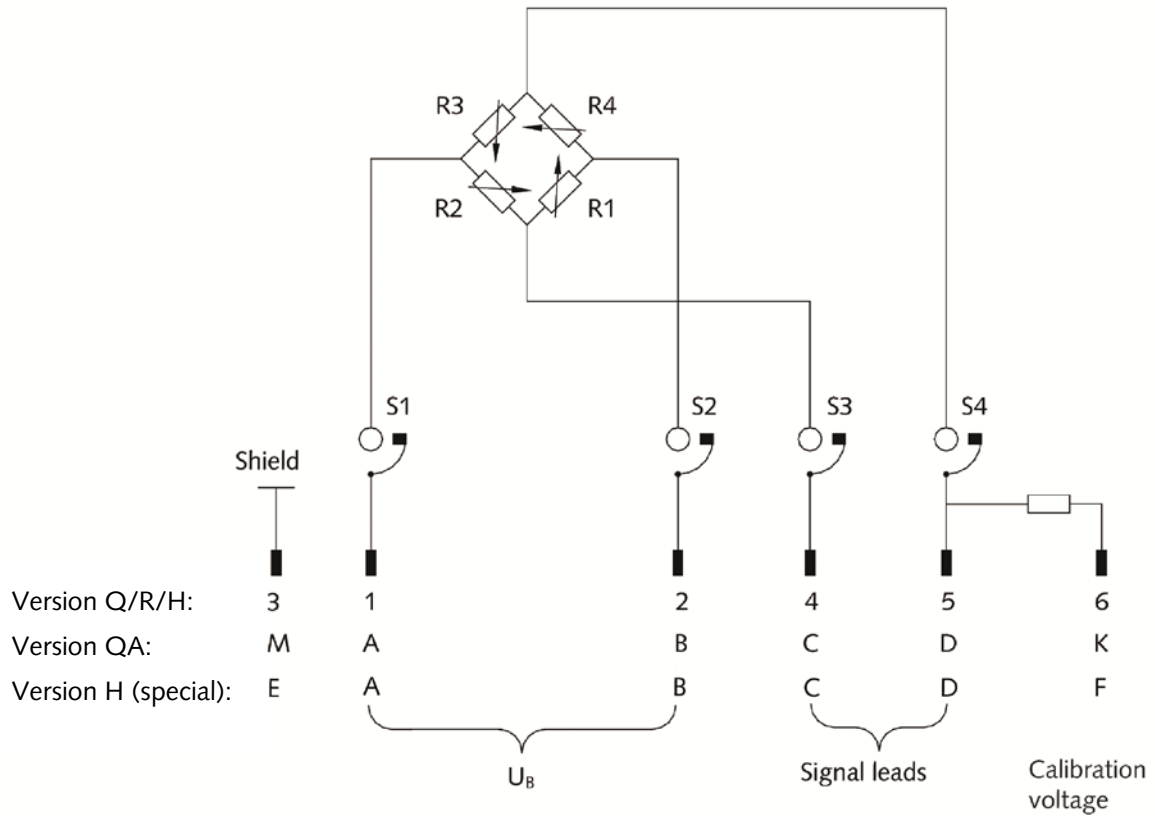


Fig. 3: Electrical design

- R1 ... R4 = Gages for measuring mechanical strain
- S1 ... S4 = Slip rings with brushes

### 4.3 Rotation Angle Measuring System (Version QA and HA only)

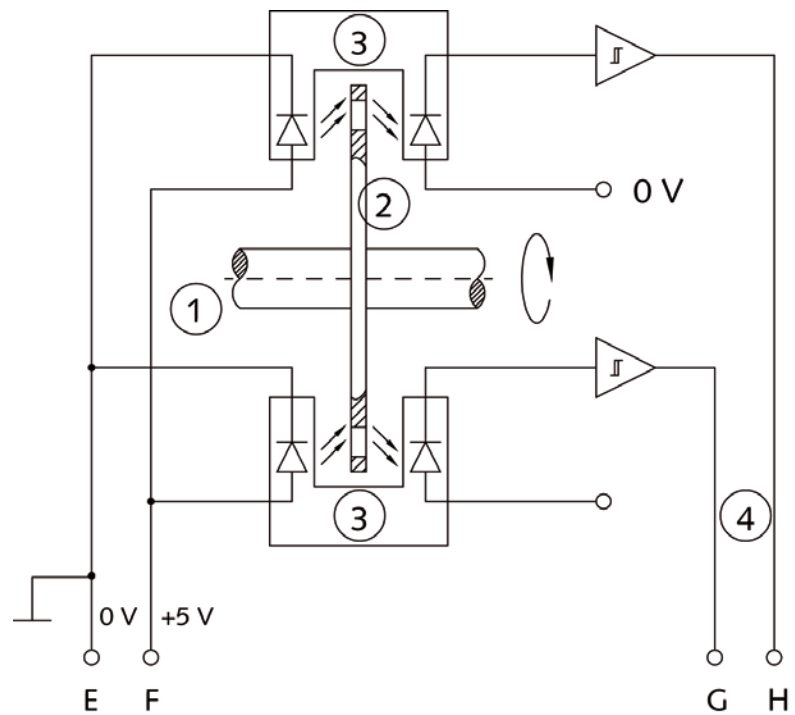


Fig. 4: Diagram showing the design of the rotation angle measuring system

- 1 Rotating shaft
- 2 Pulse disk
- 3 Forked light barrier with LED and photo diode
- 4 Operation amplifier

#### Features

- 360 light-dark stripes on the pulse disk
- Two forked light barriers shifted by phase angle 90°
- Pulse number proportional to the rotation angle

### 4.4 Adjustment for Angle-pulse Output (version QA only)

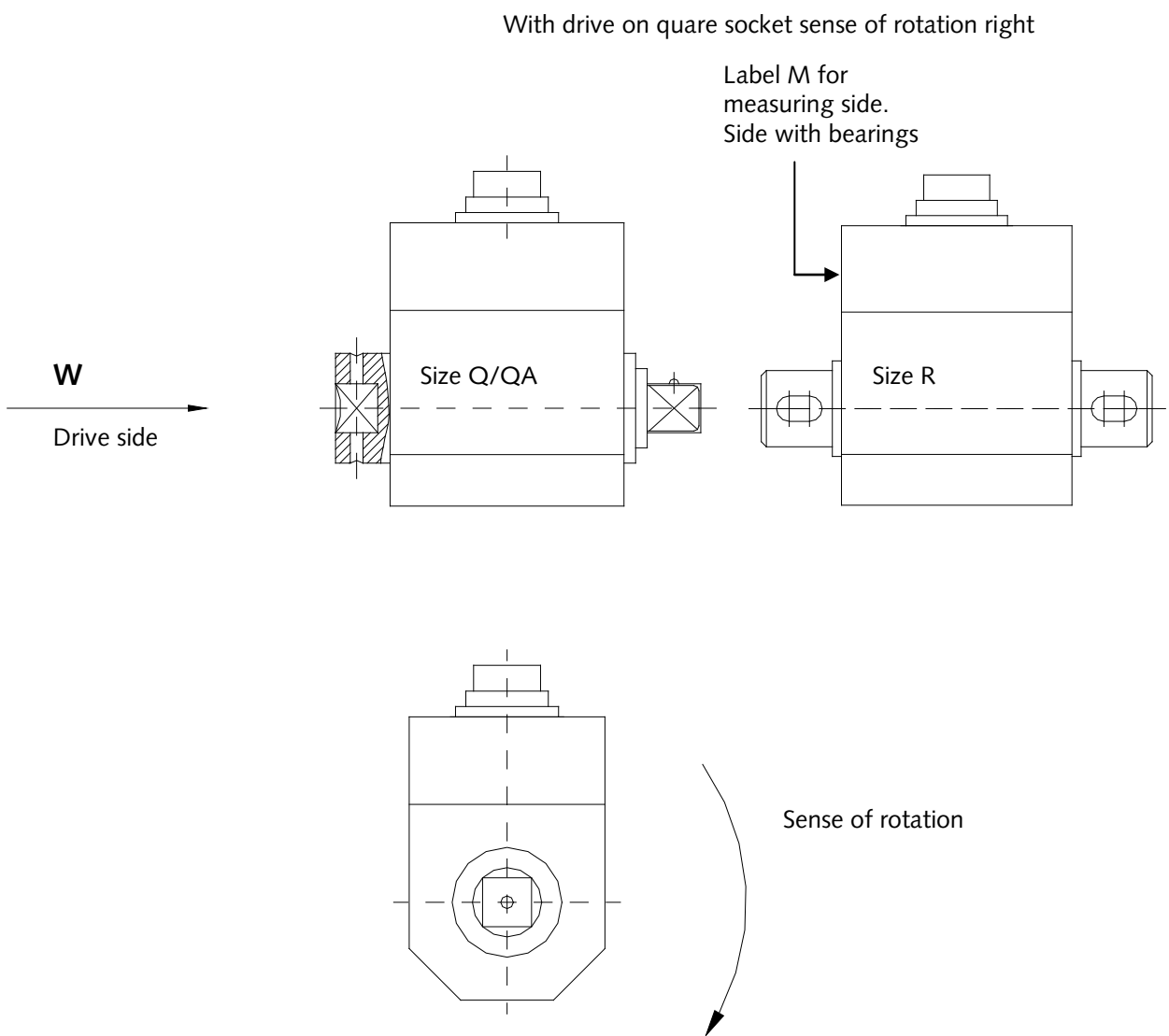
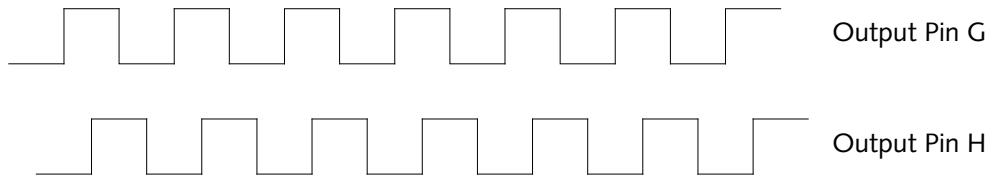


Fig. 5: Adjustment for angle-pulse output

## 5. Electrical Connections

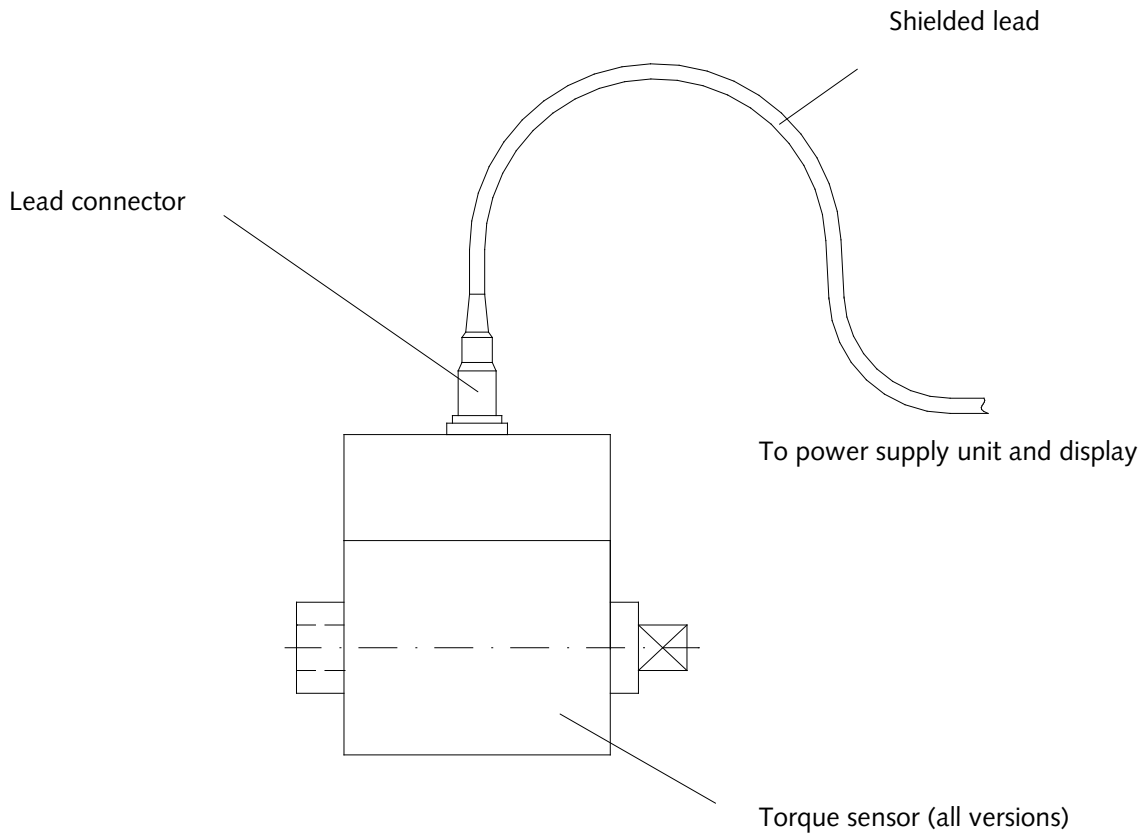
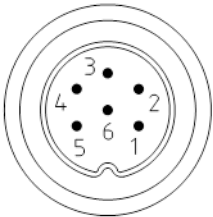


Fig. 6: Electrical connections

- Shielded lead of 0,25 mm<sup>2</sup> (version X: 0,14 mm<sup>2</sup>) cross section
- Factory-calibrated with 5 m of lead.  
A change in lead of 2,5 m will cause an error of approximately 1 %

## 5.1 Description of Interfaces

### 5.1.1 Versions Q/R/H

| Function                             | PIN | Description                            | Top view built-in plug  |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--|---|
| - Power supply                       | 1   | e.g. 6 VDC                             |  |
| + Power supply                       | 2   | e.g. 6 VDC                             |   |
| Shield                               | 3   | Not connected                          |   |
| + Measuring signal                   | 4   | 2 mV/V approx. 350 Ω*                  |   |
| - Measuring signal                   | 5   | 2 mV/V approx. 350 Ω*                  |   |
| - Power supply (Calibration voltage) | 6   | 100 % calibration, causes 100 % signal |   |

\* Customized, see calibration certificate

### 5.1.2 Connection Cable Q/R/H

#### 5.1.2.1 Cable Diagram with Plugs on Both Sides Mat. No.: 18008930, Type KSM071860-5, Versions Q/R/H

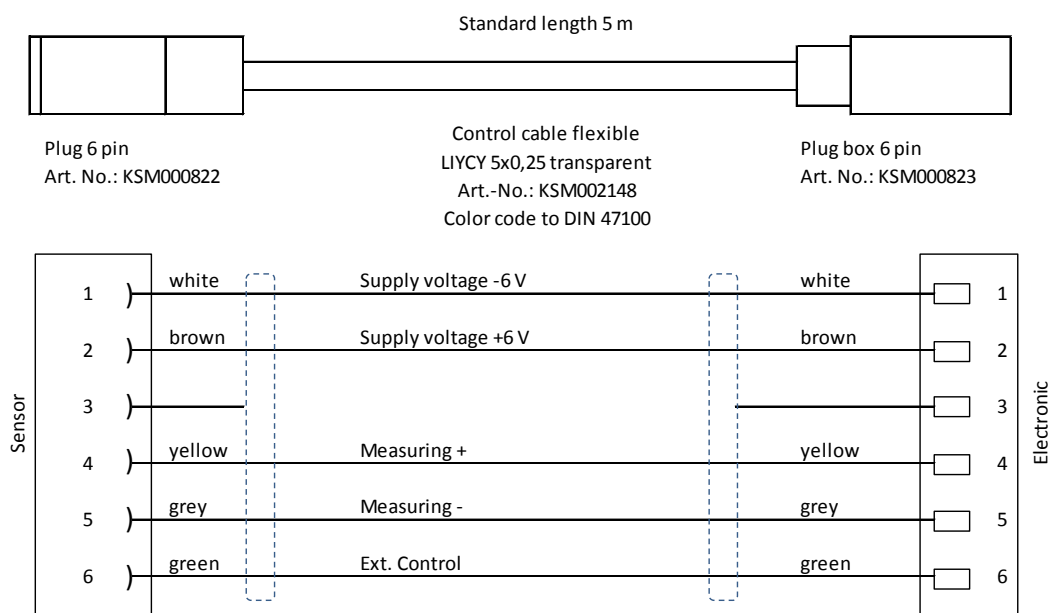


Fig. 7: Cable diagram connection cable

**5.1.2.2 Cable Diagram, Plug (Transducer), Open Ends Mat. No.: 18008939, Type KSM103820-5, Versions Q/R/H**

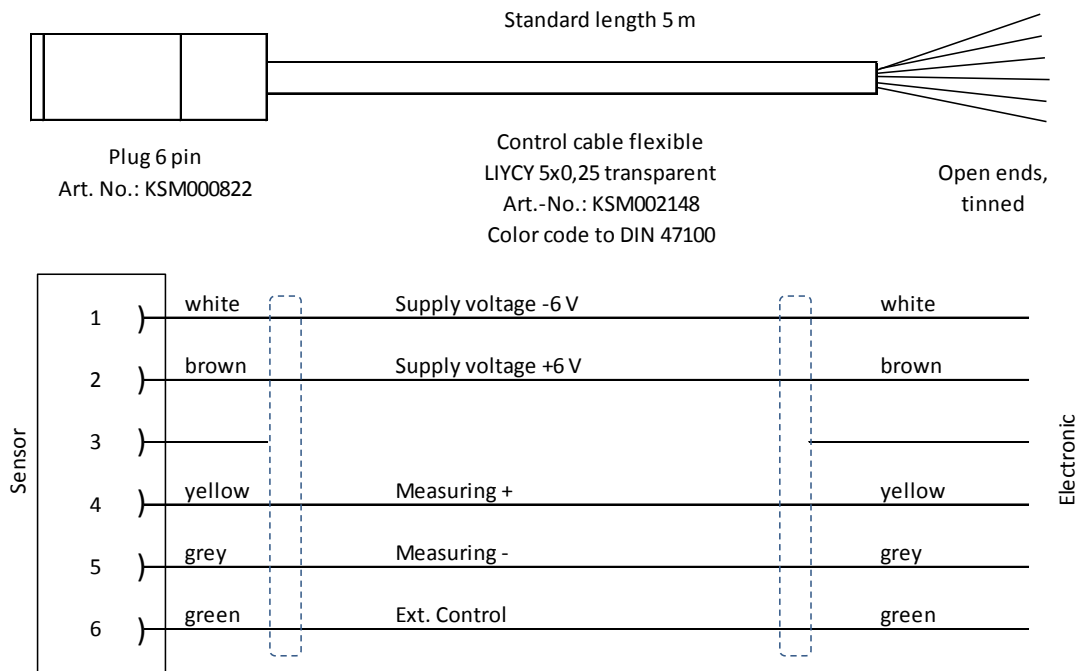


Fig. 8: Cable diagram, plug (transducer), open ends

**5.1.3 Versions QA/HA**

| Function                           | PIN | Description                            | Top view built-in plug |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|------------------------|
| - Power supply                     | A   | Strain gage full bridge                |                        |
| + Power supply                     | B   |  |                        |
| + Measuring signal output          | C   |  |                        |
| - Measuring signal output          | D   |  |                        |
| Angle 0 V                          | E   | Rotation angle pulses                  |                        |
| Angle +5 V ±10 %                   | F   |  |                        |
| Pulse l, leading, TTL              | G   |  |                        |
| Pulse r, lagging, TTL              | H   | 0 V                                    |                        |
| Power supply (Calibration voltage) | K   | 100 % calibration, causes 100 % signal |                        |
| Shield                             | N   | Not connected                          |                        |

### 5.1.4 Connection Cables QA, HA

#### 5.1.4.1 Cable Diagram with Plugs on Both Sides, Mat. No.: 18008955, Type KSM170690-5, Version QA and HA

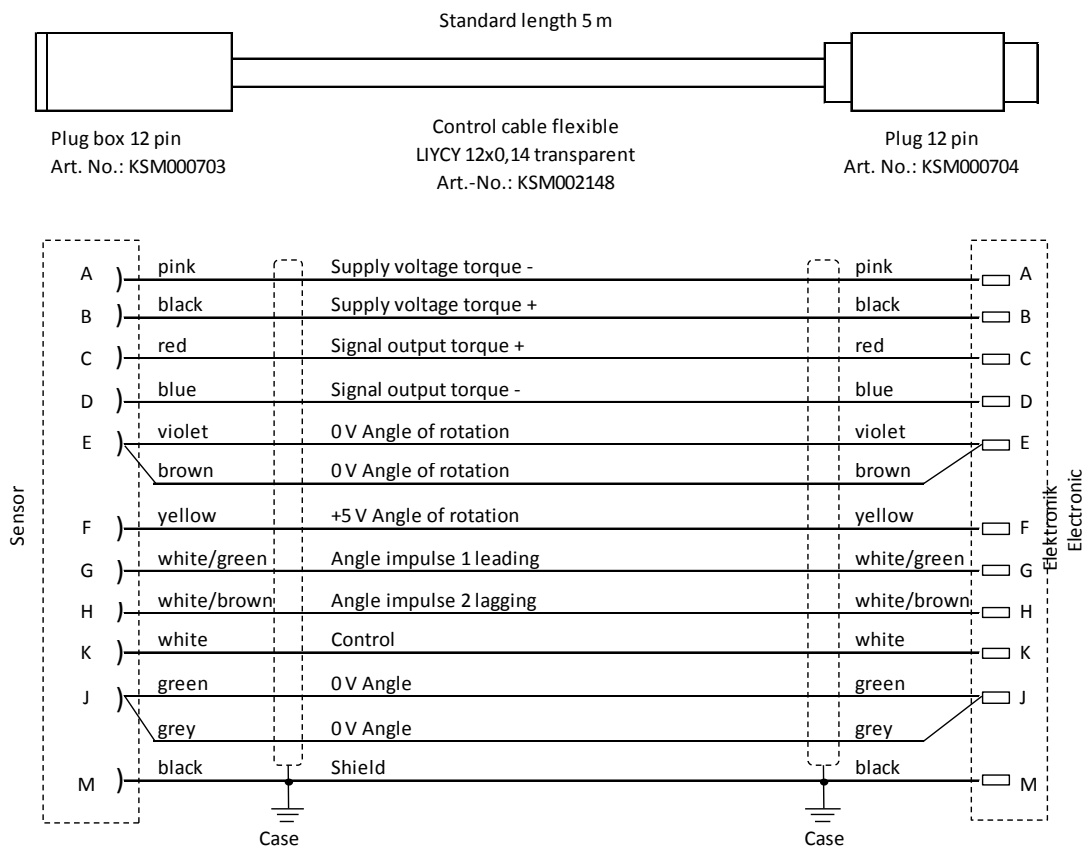


Fig. 9: Cable diagram connection cable



**5.1.4.2 Cable Diagram, Plug (Transducer), Open Ends, Mat. No.: 18008958, Type KSM183150-5, Version QA and HA**

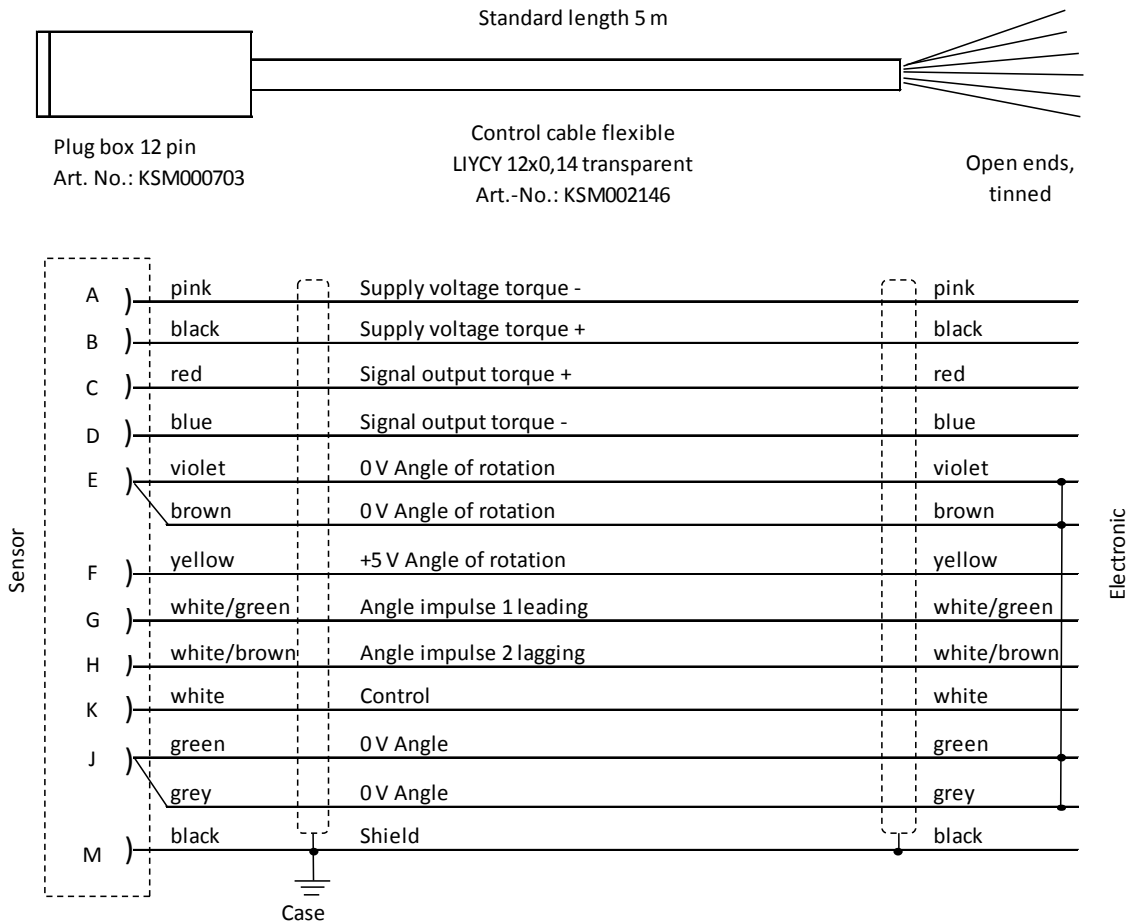


Fig. 10: Cable diagram, plug (transducer), open ends

**5.1.5 Plug Series MIL, CA-Bayonet**

| Function                                       | PIN | Description                               | Top view built-in plug |
|--|-----|---|------------------------|
| + Power supply                                 | A   | z.B. +6 VDC                               |                        |
| - Power supply                                 | B   | z.B. -6 VDC                               |                        |
| - Output (measuring signal)                    | C   | z.B. 2 mV/V ca. 350 Ω*                    |                        |
| + Output (measuring signal)                    | D   | z.B. 2 mV/V ca. 350 Ω*                    |                        |
| Shield   | E   | Im Sensor nicht belegt                    |                        |
| - 100 % control (supply) (Calibration voltage) | F   | 100 % Kalibrierung, d.h. 100 % Messsignal |                        |

\* Customized, see calibration certificate

**5.1.6 Cable Diagram, Plug, Open Ends Mat. No.: 18025415, Type KSM007331, MIL/CA-Bayonet**

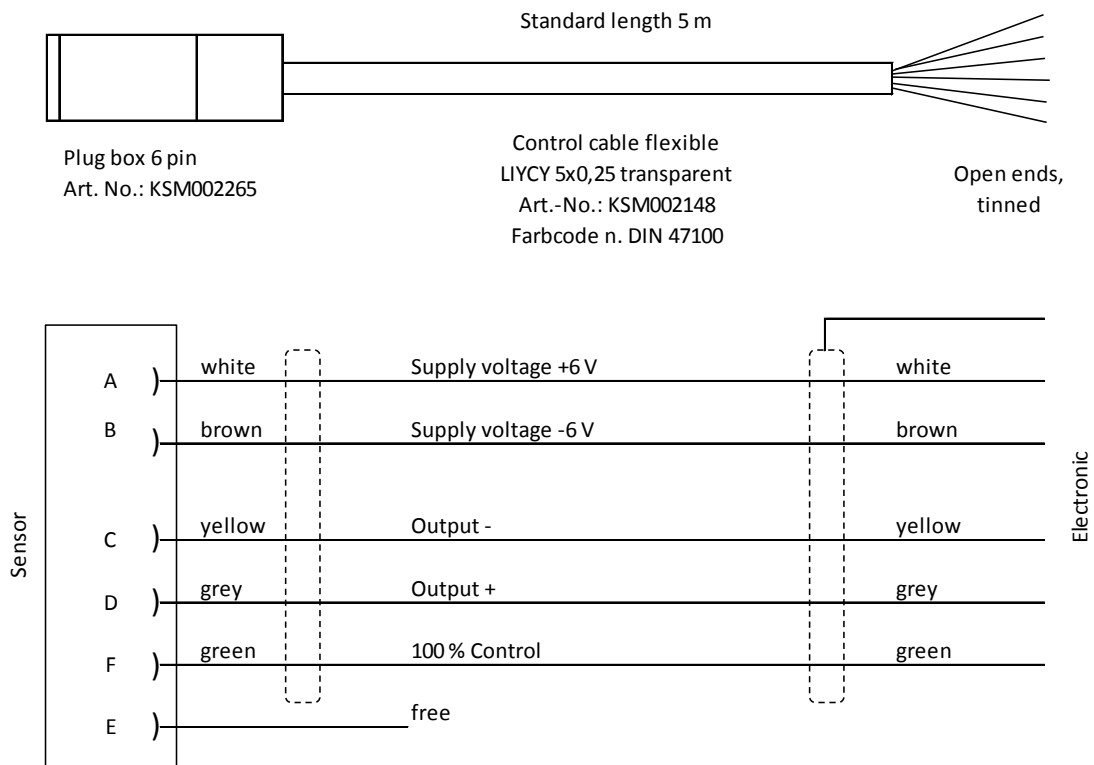


Fig. 11: Cable diagram, plug, open ends

## 5.2 Installing the Signal Lead

- Do not run the lead parallel to power cables or control circuits.
- Do not place the lead close to equipment producing strong electromagnetic fields, e.g. transformers, welders, contactors, electric motors, etc.
- If such situations cannot be avoided, run the lead inside earthed steel conduit.
- Excess lengths should be prevented. If it isn't possible to avoid, then do not lay excess lengths in closed loops.

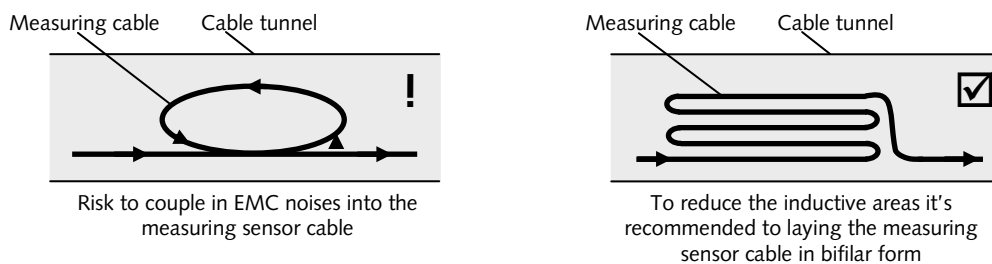


Fig. 12: Laying of the measuring cable

## 6. Using the Torque Sensor

### 6.1 Versions Q, QA, H, HA

- Torque sensors of version Q and QA have square connections for plug-in tools acc. to DIN 3121
- Torque sensor of version H have hexagon connections acc. to DIN 3126, form E/F
- The torque sensors are plugged on to the drive spindle as shown below

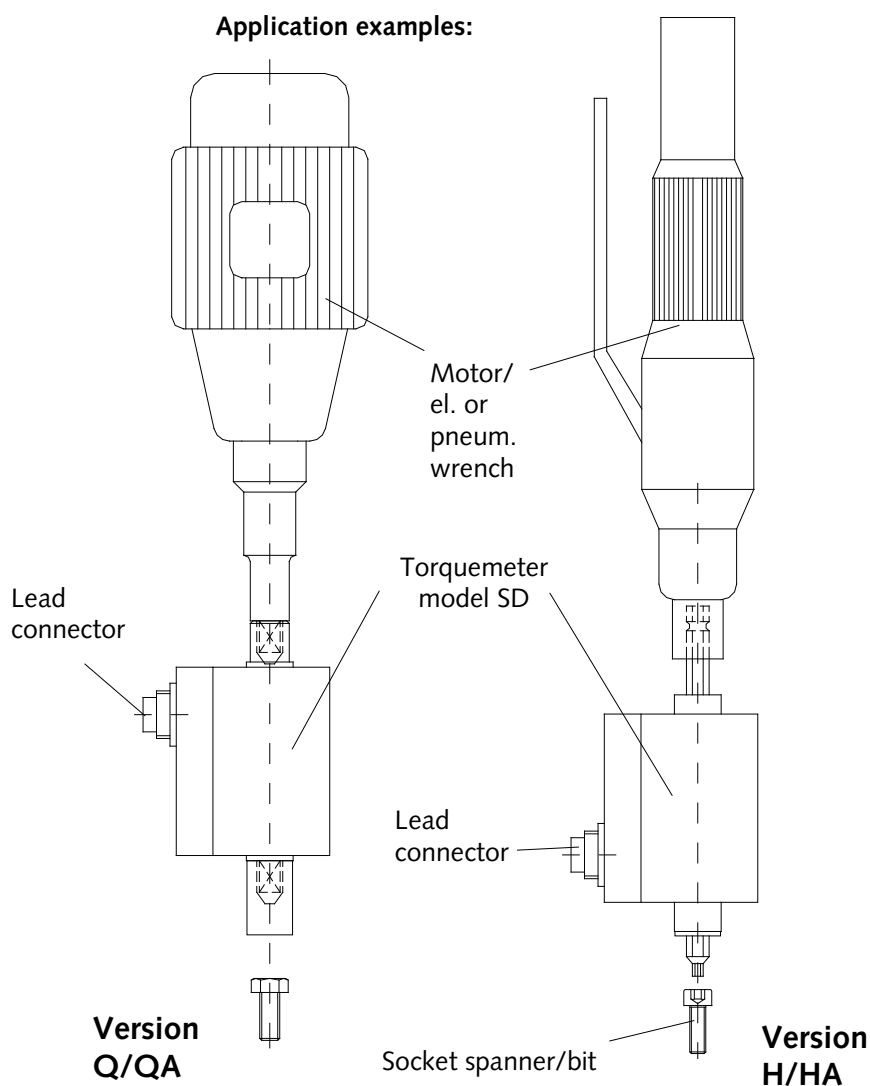


Fig. 13: Application examples versions Q/QA and H/HA

## 6.2 Version R



The torque sensor is adapted to the measuring application by couplings.



For a free floating installation we recommend two torsionally rigid half couplings.

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### Application example:

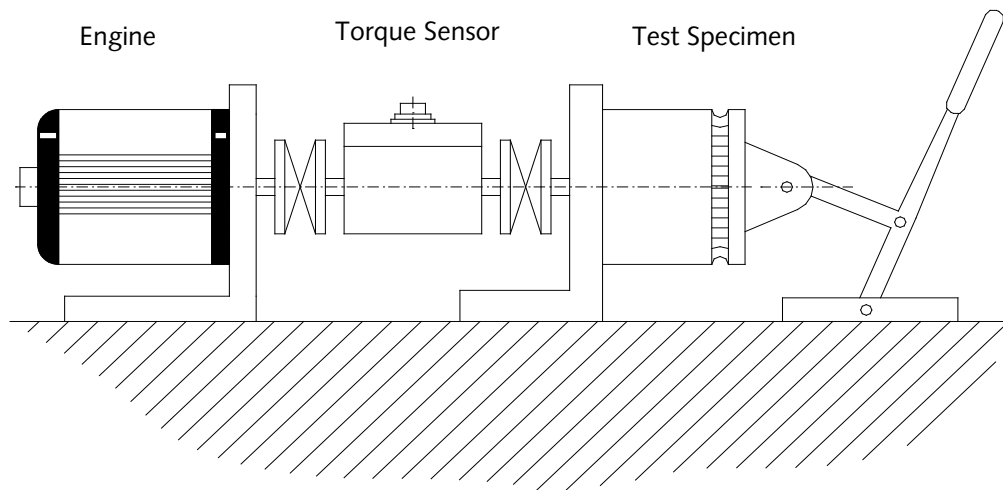


Fig. 14: Application example version R

## 7. Static Calibration



This procedure requires the use of a calibration device with a lever arm and weights for producing specific values of torque.

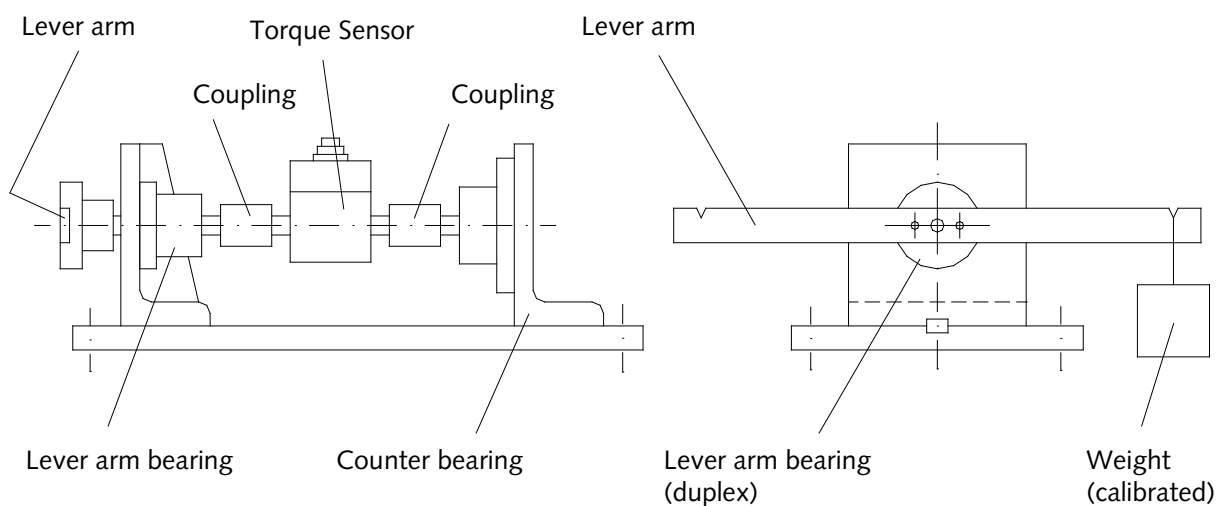
### The calibration procedure is as follows

- Apply the rated value of torque to the torque sensor and then remove it again
- Adjust the zero reading accurately
- Apply a known value of torque to the torque sensor.
- Adjust the displayed reading to the corresponding value

### Plotting a calibration curve

- Calibrate the torque sensor as described above.
- Apply torque in 1/10 steps up to the full rated value and then remove it again in the same way. A delay of at least 30 seconds must be allowed between the individual 1/10 steps so that each reading can stabilize before it is recorded

### 7.1 Making a Simple Calibration Device



Coupling = Loose half-couplings Type 2301A... or Type 2302A... or Type 2303A...

Fig. 15: Calibration device

## 7.2 Calculation Example for Lever Arm Length

$$L = \frac{M}{m \cdot g}, \text{ whereby}$$

$M$  = Torque

$L$  = Length of lever arm required

$m$  = Mass required

$g$  = 9.80665 m/s<sup>2</sup>

(= standard gravity – varies with location)

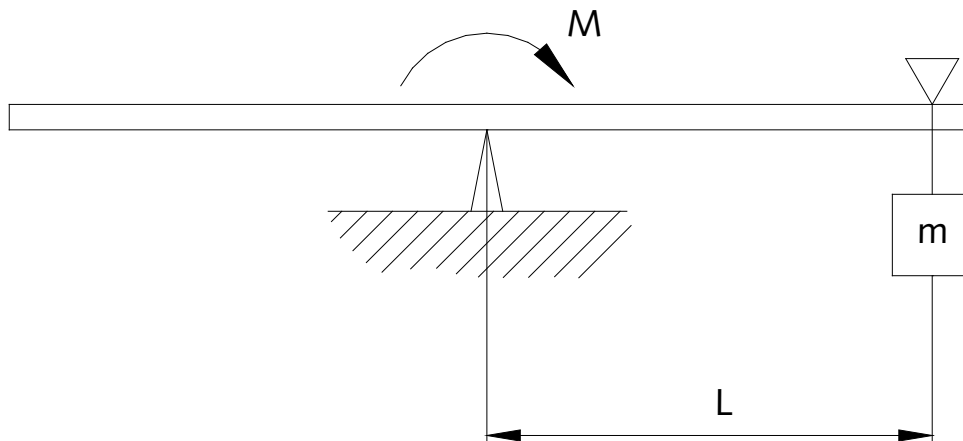


Fig. 15: Calculation of lever arm length

**Example:**  $m = 1 \text{ kg}$   
 $M = 10 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$

$$L = \frac{10 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}}{1 \text{ kg} \cdot 9,80665 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}} \approx 1,0196 \text{ m}$$

## 8. Maintenance

- Gradual wear of the brushes and slip rings produces an electrically-conductive dust inside the torque sensor which might cause an electrical short between the slip rings and cause instability of the zero reading during rotation. Therefore, it is important to clean the torque sensor regularly.
- The recommended cleaning cycle is approximately  $10^6$  revolutions.
- In order to clean the interior, loosen the 4 fixing screws and remove the cover plate.
- Use a soft linen cloth, a fine hair brush or oil-free compressed air to clean the dust from the slip rings and the spaces between them.
- Carefully clean the brushes and the plastic part with the springs using a hair brush or oil-free compressed air.
- Version QA+HA: Be careful when cleaning, do not scratch the pulse wheel.
- Also clean the lead connector.
- Measure the brush thickness; it should be more than 0,5 mm. New brushes can only be fitted at the factory.
- Replace the cover plate carefully and re-tighten the fixing screws.
- Check the torque sensor:
  - Zero reading stable during rotation
  - Produce a torque by twisting the sensor by hand and note the reading
- If the torque sensor is used for precision work it should be recalibrated every year (either at the factory or by means of a suitable calibration device).



## 9. Repairs

| Fault   | Cause  | Remedy   |
|---|--|--|
| Shaft stiff to turn                                   | Bearing defect due to:<br>a) Torsional or flexural vibration<br>b) High axial or radial loads<br>c) Worn bearings<br>d) Bent shaft | Return to factory                                      |
| Zero shift less than 2 %                              | Torsional vibration<br>Torsional shock   | The zero reading can be readjusted at the display      |
| Zero shift between approx. 2 and 5 % of full scale    | Torque sensor has been overloaded<br>Torsional vibration<br>Torsional shock  | The zero reading can be readjusted once at the display |
| Hysteresis between clockwise and anticlockwise torque | Torque sensor overloaded by high alternating loads or torsional vibration  | Return to factory                                      |
| Zero unstable during rotation                         | Slip rings and/or brushes dirty  | Open and clean the torque sensor (see section 7)       |
| Angle pulses roll out (only version QA)               | Pulse disk and optical sensor are soiled by coal dust  | Clean carefully  |

## 10. Ordering Key

Type 4501A

### Measuring Ranges in N·m/

#### Available Versions

|       |   |    |   |    |   |  |            |
|-------|---|----|---|----|---|--|------------|
| 2     | - | -  | H | HA | - |  | <b>002</b> |
| 6     | Q | QA | H | HA | - |  | <b>006</b> |
| 10    | - | -  | - | -  | R |  | <b>010</b> |
| 12    | Q | QA | H | HA | - |  | <b>012</b> |
| 20    | - | -  | H | HA | R |  | <b>020</b> |
| 25    | Q | QA | - | -  | - |  | <b>025</b> |
| 50    | - | -  | - | -  | R |  | <b>050</b> |
| 63    | Q | QA | - | -  | - |  | <b>063</b> |
| 100   | - | -  | - | -  | R |  | <b>100</b> |
| 160   | Q | QA | - | -  | - |  | <b>160</b> |
| 200   | - | -  | - | -  | R |  | <b>200</b> |
| 500   | Q | QA | - | -  | R |  | <b>500</b> |
| 1 000 | Q | QA | - | -  | R |  | <b>1k0</b> |

#### Versions

#### (Note Dependence with Measuring Range)

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Square socket                             | <b>Q</b>  |
| Square socket with rotational angle meas. | <b>QA</b> |
| 1/4" hex                                  | <b>H</b>  |
| 1/4" hex with rotational angle meas.      | <b>HA</b> |
| Feather keyways                           | <b>R</b>  |

#### Order Example:

Type 4501A012QA

Torque sensor: rated torque 12 N·m: **012**, Version **QA**: square socket with Rotational angle measurement

## 11. Declaration of Conformity



### EC Declaration of Conformity EG-Konformitätserklärung Déclaration de conformité CE

Manufacturer  
Hersteller  
Fabricant

Kistler Lorch GmbH  
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Germany

declares that the product/erklärt, dass das Produkt/déclare que le produit

Name/Name/Nom  
Type/Typ/Type

Torque Sensor/Drehmomentsensor/Torque Capteur  
4501A...

Modules/Module/Modules  
Options/Optionen/Options

-  
all/alle/toutes

relates with the following standards/mit den folgenden Normen übereinstimmt/  
est conforme aux normes suivantes

EMC Emission  
EMV Störaussendung  
Emission EMC

EN 61000-6-4:2011-09 (Class A)

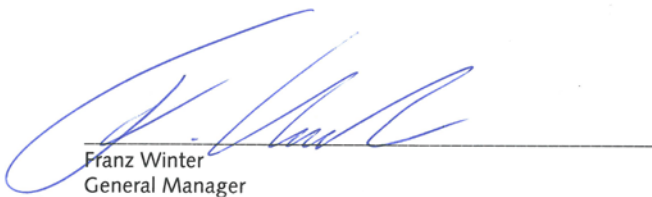
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EMV Störfestigkeit  
Immunité EMC

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