SENSORS FOR WIND ENERGY APPLICATIONS
PITCH CONTROL SOLUTIONS

**MAGNETIC ENCODER MNI40**
- AMR/GMR technology
- Up to 3600 pulses per revolution
- Ultra rugged – up to 200 g shock resistance, 40 g vibration resistance
- -40 ºC to 100 ºC
- Unaffected by harsh environments

**ABSOLUTE ROTARY ENCODERS**
- Mount directly to pitch drive or on idler gear
- Monitor absolute blade pitch position, even through power loss
- IP65 protection class

**INDUCTIVE PROXIMITY SENSORS**
- Sense motion of pitch slew rings and drive gears
- Mobile equipment-rated for exceptional reliability
- Wide range of sizes and styles to fit every application

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**SERVICE HOIST CONTROL**

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**ROTOR/HUB ANGULAR POSITION DETECTION**

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**INCLINATION/ACCELERATION SENSOR F99**
- 0º ... 360º rotational position
- Reliable – no moving parts!
- IP68/IP69K protection class
- 0.1º angular resolution

**ABSOLUTE ROTARY ENCODERS**
- Up to 30 bit resolution
- Solid, hollow, and recessed hollow shaft styles
- Up to IP65 protection class

**CABLE TWIST SENSOR**

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**ROTOR ENCODERS**
- Track nacelle rotation to prevent cable twisting
- Absolute encoders maintain position data through power loss
- Incremental encoders available with SIL3, PLe rating

**MAIN SHAFT DEFLECTION MONITORING**

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**ANALOG PROXIMITY SENSORS**
- Detect rotor load-induced deflection of main shaft
- 4-20 mA or 0-10 V DC output; ±10% linearity
- IP67 protection class
INDUCTIVE PROXIMITY SENSORS

- End of travel detection
- Wide variety of housing and mounting styles
- Cost effective and reliable drive gears
LEVEL MONITORING FOR GEARBOX LUBRICATION AND COOLANTS

CAPACITIVE SENSORS
- Noncontact level sensing
- Cylindrical and surface mount styles
- 1 mm to 50 mm range
- Stainless steel and crastin housings

VIBRACON SENSORS
- 100 °C and 150 °C liquid temperature versions available
- Small, slender design for easy mounting in limited-access locations

GENERATOR RPM MONITORING

INCREMENTAL ROTARY ENCODER
- Reliable, accurate feedback of generator speed
- Up to 50,000 pulses per revolution
- Styles to fit a variety of mounting configurations, including slip rings
- Durable optical technology for use in the most demanding environments

BRAKE PAD POSITION/WEAR MONITORING

INDUCTIVE PROXIMITY SENSORS
- Sense position of brake pads or actuator piston
- Wide variety of housings and mounting styles
- Mobile equipment-rated for exceptional reliability

ANALOG PROXIMITY SENSORS
- Detect amount of wear on friction surfaces to facilitate scheduling of preventive maintenance
- 4-20 mA or 0-10 V DC output; ±10% linearity
- IP67 protection class

VIBRACON SENSORS
- Direct measurement of absolute cab position
- No rope/cable slip or stretch error

POSITION CODING SYSTEM PCI
- Absolute, noncontact determination of angular position of slew ring
- Extremely reliable and resistant to soiling
- Analog output signal proportional to range of motion
- Resolution: 1 mm independent from radius

INDUCTIVE PROXIMITY SENSORS
- Directly sense gear teeth on slew ring or targets on yaw drive motors
- Mobile equipment-rated for exceptional reliability
- Cost effective and reliable

LASER DISTANCE MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS VDM28
- Direct measurement of absolute cab position
- No rope/cable slip or stretch error

YAW POSITION SOLUTIONS

ABSOLUTE ROTARY ENCODERS
- Mount directly to yaw drive
- Sense motion and direction to determine position of slew ring gear
- Absolute position maintained even through loss of power

POSITION CODING SYSTEM PCI
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GENERATION

ROTARY ENCODERS
- Absolute or incremental position
- Easy installation on lift drive or idler pulley

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**PEPPERL+FUCHS – COMPETENCE AT A GLANCE**

- Pepperl+Fuchs has over 10 years of experience in delivering reliable sensors to the wind power industry worldwide; we’re a valued supplier to four of the top five wind turbine manufacturers in the world.
- In partnership with valued customers, Pepperl+Fuchs has developed unique solutions to address the special requirements and specifications of the wind energy market.
- Together with leading wind industry certification agencies TÜV and Germanischer-Lloyd (GL), Pepperl+Fuchs is an active participant in the development of performance and test standards for both onshore and offshore wind applications.
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Choose from a wide range of innovative RFID identification systems, camera-based code readers and barcode scanners.

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