

SENSORS FOR COLLABORATIVE ROBOTS (COBOTS)

Sensors are used in robotics for accurate monitoring of a variety of system components to prevent or eliminate down time as well as enabling the safe and efficient operation of robots or cobots. These cobots are intended to interact with and assist human workers as opposed to being standalone automated equipment with little to no human interaction. Cobots in manufacturing environments can also handle complex or dangerous tasks that humans either cannot complete or cannot perform safely. As safety requirements for collaborative robots have been developed and expanded, sensors have been used to help monitor and control these industrial robots and cobots achieve these functional safety requirements. TE Connectivity offers a variety of sensors used in industrial robots and collaborative robots, including position, torque, force, temperature, and optical.

TE CONNECTIVITY ADVANTAGES

- Engineering Expertise
- Industry Experience
- Manufacturing Scale
- Portfolio Breadth
- Customization Capability

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Sensor Technology		Application	Key Product Features	Benefits
<u>Safety Torque</u> <u>Sensor</u>	0	Detects unexpected loads and forces during operation	 Two independent channels Fast time response Designed with high strength, low mass materials Digital interface Proven MEMS microfused technology Includes stiffener for high cross load applications 	Redundancy, very reliable data Reduces or eliminates dangerous conditions Allows robot to operate more efficiently Easy interface and integration into system Robust and reliable feedback to system For use in joint design without cross-roller bearing
APD Optical Sensor Series 8 APD Optical Sensor Series 9		Navigation and collision prevention	 High accuracy Multiple pixel active area Customizable designs 	• Increased safety
KMXP AMR Position Sensor	Honorad Barris	• Monitors position of various components of the robot	 Reliable and accurate position feedback Designed for harsh environments Simple and reliable interface 	 Provides accurate feedback to systems Reliable position feedback to system Simplifies system design
NTC Thermistor		Monitors temperature of motors and actuators	 Fast and accurate sensing Designed for harsh environments Excellent longevity and stability 	 Provides fast temperature feedback to the system Provides years of reliable sensing
FX29 Compact Compression Load Cell		Monitors gripping force or other robotic forces	 Fast time response Designed with high strength, low mass materials Digital interface Proven MEMS microfused technology 	 Reduces or eliminates dangerous conditions Allows robot to operate more efficiently Easy interface and integration into system Robust and reliable feedback to system

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