

Positioning Hardware

Technical Support Bulletin

Encoder, Power amplifier, and motor Testing

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Abstract: This TSB describes a procedure to test the encoders on motors, power amplifier and motor armature used by Allen Datagraph. You can use this test if you suspect the encoder on your motor is malfunctioning.

Requirements:

5V source (you can use clip leads and test points on CPU board)

Volt Meter

12 v power supply with current meter

Encoder Testing (all products)

Procedure:

Connect +5 to red wire of encoder

Connect ground to black wire of encoder

Set meter to dc volts

Connect black lead of meter to black wire

Connect red lead of meter to red wire

Verify +5VDC \pm 0.2V

Set meter to ac volts

Move red lead of meter to green wire

AC voltage should be near zero

Spin motor

AC voltage should increase

Move red lead of meter to white wire

AC voltage should be near zero

Spin motor

AC voltage should increase



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Power Amplifier Testing (all products)

You can then check to see if the servo board properly processes the counts by checking the velocity voltage produced at xvel and yvel test points.

Connect DVM black lead to dgnd on servo board PL-00-05-427

Connect red to xvel test point

Unplug power to motor (2 pin connector)

Power on

With no movement the xvel will be near zero volts

While moving in one direction voltage will go up from zero and other direction voltage will go down.

Repeat with y-axis move red lead of meter to yvel.

You can also check the power amplifier to verify that it properly responds to errors produced by moving the motors. When the motor is in the correct position the power amplifier voltage is near zero. Deviations from the expected position produce voltage at VMX and VMY test points to return the motor to the correct position. With motor unplugged power on so you can move the motor in both directions. The machine will initialize with the motor at or near (less than 1/2 inch from) the expected position. Measure the voltage and VMX test point with black lead on DGND test point.

Moving the motor less than 3/4 inch of travel will produce both positive a negative voltages.

Repeat with y-axis, move read lead of meter to VMY test point.

Motor Testing (K-232 motors and K-240 motors only)

Connect motor to 12 volt power supply. No load condition. Verify current drawn is less than 200 ma for K-232 or K-240 motors. Reverse leads and repeat.