Hall-effect Open-loop Current Sensor  
Application Sheet

POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

Production
- Machine tool
- Printing
- Paper
- Textile
- Plastic injection
- Rolling
- Cranes
- Robotics
- Pumps
- Battery chargers
- Fork lift trucks
- Electrolysis and electrochemistry
- Heating
- Energy management systems
- Smart building

Home Appliances
- Washing machine
- Air conditioner
- Microwave oven
- Vacuum cleaner

Public Appliances
- Wind mill
- Escalators and lifts
- Electrical opening doors system

Transportation
- Electric vehicles (zero-emission vehicles)
- Current measurement in traction
- Points-operation monitoring in trackside system

Power
- Power network failure recording & harmonic analyze
- Electronic ballast
- Battery monitoring
- Solar power

Medical
- Electrical wheel chairs
- X-ray
- CT and other imaging equipments

FEATURE AND BENEFITS
- No insertion losses for primary circuit
- Low power consumption
- Voltage output (basic) and multi-options
- Single or dual power supply
- Compact package size
- Low weight
- Perfect performance/price ratio

1. CURRENT SENSOR PRINCIPLE

1.1 Hall Effect Principle

The Hall effect was discovered by Dr. Edwin Hall in 1879 while he was a doctoral candidate at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Dr. Hall found when a magnet was placed so that its field was perpendicular to one face of a thin rectangle of gold through which current was flowing, a difference in potential appeared at the opposite edges. He found that this voltage was proportional to the current flowing through the conductor, and the flux density or magnetic induction perpendicular to the conductor.

When a current-carrying conductor is placed into a magnetic field, a voltage will be generated perpendicular to both the current and the field. This principle is known as the Hall effect.

Figure 1-1 illustrates the basic principle of the Hall effect. It shows a thin sheet of semiconducting material (Hall element) through which a current is passed. The output connections are perpendicular to the direction of current. When no magnetic field is present (Figure 1-1), current distribution is uniform and no potential difference is seen across the output.

Figure 1.1 Hall-effect basic principle

When a perpendicular magnetic field is present, as shown in Figure 1-2, a Lorentz force is exerted on the current. This force disturbs the current distribution, resulting in a potential difference (voltage) across the output. This voltage is the Hall voltage ($V_H$). The interaction of the magnetic field ($B$) and the drive current ($I_D$) is shown in equation form as equation 1-1. The formula as below:

$$V_H \propto I_D \times B$$  
Formula (1-1)
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Hall effect sensors can be applied in many types of sensing devices. If the quantity (parameter) to be sensed incorporates or can incorporate a magnetic field, a Hall sensor will perform the task.

Figure 1.2 Presence of a perpendicular magnetic field

1.2 Current Sensor Operation
As we know, when a current (primary current $I_p$) flows through a conductor, it creates a magnetic field around the conductor. The magnetic field is direct proportion to the current level. Using a core made with soft magnetic material around the primary conductor, almost all of the magnetic field is concentrated in the core. Cutting an air-gap in the core and putting a Hall in the gap allows the magnetic density to be sensed, and the Hall voltage ($V_H$) is direct proportion to the primary current ($I_p$). The formula as below:

$$V_H \propto I_p \times B,$$

Then, $V_H \propto I_p \times I_p$  

Formula (1-2)

If the drive current ($I_d$) is controlled using a constant current source and the differential Hall voltage amplified, an output voltage proportional to $I_p$ only can be obtained by the electronics circuit. Figure 1-3 illustrates the basic principle and structure of the Hall effect open-loop current sensor.

Figure 1.3 Formula illustration

2.0 NOMENCLATURE
- All sensors are rated -40 °C to +85 °C [-40 °F to 185 °F] operating range unless otherwise defined via a 3-digit number at the end of the listing.
- All sensors use UL recognized materials, and all plastics and wire insulation is to UL94-V0.

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NNNN 4-digit designator for nominal current rating
Examples: 0025 = 25 A rms; 0300 = 300 A rms

H Alphabetic designator for housing/casing style

YYY 3-digit designator defining the number of coil turns (closed loop sensors only)
Digit 1: Base number of turns (e.g. 1, 2, 3 etc.)
Digit 2: Supplementary number of turns (e.g. 5)
Digit 3: 10 to the power multiplier
Examples: 202 = 2000
352 = 3500
502 = 5000
301 = 300
000 = Not Applicable

XNN Alphanumeric designator for power supply
If letter, B: Bipolar (+/-) supply
U: Unipolar (+) supply
M: Mains supply voltage

If Letter = B or U: defines dc voltage supply
Example: B05= ±5 Vdc
If Letter = M: Defines ac voltage supply with x 1.0 multiplier
Example: M11=110 Vac

Y Alphabetic designator defining the output signal function
A: Current ratio output
B: ±4 V
C: ±5 V
D: 0.5 V to Vcc-0.5 V
E: 4 mA to 20 mA
F: 12 ±8 mA
G: Digital output
H: Serial output
J: 3 ±2 V

00 2-digit designator representing special modifications not affecting the basic form or function of the sensor
3.0 Application Schematics

3.1 ac variable speed drives and Servo motor drives

3.2 Static converters for dc motor drives

3.3 Backup power supply system monitor
3.4 Online-uninterruptible power supply monitor

3.5 Switched mode power supplies and dc welding
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