

## Automotive / Appliance control - sensor

# 10 mm carbon potentiometer PT10



## Mechanical specifications

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Mechanical rotation angle <sup>1</sup> | 235° ± 5°   |
| Electrical rotation angle <sup>2</sup> | 220° ± 20°  |
| Torque rotational stop                 | 0.4 to 2 Ncm. (0.6 to 2.7 in-oz)<br>> 5 Ncm. (<7 in-oz) |
| Life <sup>3</sup>                      | up to 100K cycles                                       |

<sup>1</sup> 360° version available: ST10

<sup>2</sup> 333° version available: ST10

<sup>3</sup> Others: check availability.

## Electrical specifications

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Range of values <sup>1</sup>            | 100Ω ≤ Rn ≤ 5MΩ (Decad. 1.0 - 2.0 - 2.2 - 2.5 - 4.7 - 5.0) |
| Tolerance <sup>1</sup>                  | 100Ω ≤ Rn ≤ 1MΩ ± 20%<br>1MΩ ≤ Rn ≤ 5MΩ ± 30%              |
| Max. voltage                            | 200 VDC (lin) 100 VDC (no lin)                             |
| Nominal power 50°C (122°F) <sup>3</sup> | 0.15 W (lin) 0.07 W (no lin)                               |
| Taper                                   | Linear ; Log; Alog. (Log. & Alog. only Rn ≥ 1K)            |
| Residual resistance                     | ≤ 0.5% Rn (5Ω min.)  |
| Equivalent noise resistance             | ≤ 3% Rn (3Ω min.)  |
| Operating temperature <sup>2,3</sup>    | -25°C to +70°C (-13°F to + 158°F)                          |

<sup>1</sup> Others: check availability. <sup>2</sup> Up to 85°C depending on application.

<sup>3</sup> For higher specifications please visit our PTC10 series.

For reflow soldering capable models please see our PS10 datasheet.

## Main features

- Carbon resistive element.
- Dust proof enclosure.
- Polyester substrate.
- Wiper positioned at initial, 50% or fully clockwise.

Also upon request:

- Available in magazines for automatic insertion.
- Long life model for low-cost control potentiometer applications.
- Self-extinguishable plastic UL 94V-0.
- Cut track option (open circuit).
- Special tapers.
- Mechanical detents.
- Low torque version.
- Special switch option.
- 3% Linearity and 100K cycles mechanical life.

## Description

The PT10 potentiometer offers control where frequent adjustment is required. The shaftless design allows for employment of different engagement mechanisms, such as a customized shaft, a motor control or a human interface adjustment.

This potentiometer can also control variable outputs including frequency, change in motor speed or volume.

Typical applications include test and measurement equipment, consumer electronics, appliances, small engines, robotics, motion controllers, and medical equipment control panels.

This datasheet shows you the basics of the PT10 potentiometer that is quite versatile and easy to tailor. Do not hesitate to contact Piher for advice.

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**Rotors (Default delivery is at initial position. Wipers are shown positioned at 50% for the picture)**

Without shaft or knob.



**L = Screwdriver    M = Hexagonal    G = Hexagonal    K = Cross slot    R    B**

All rotors are thru-hole.

With inserted shaft.



**X =**  
Adjustable from  
collector side

**W =**  
Adjustable from  
terminal side

With knob/humbwheel inserted



**Y =** Adjustable from terminal side (default knob is 5034).

**Z =** Adjustable from collector side (default knob is 5034).

### Mounting methods. Dimensions



Download 3D - STEP files here: <https://piher.net/piher/?p=905>

V = horizontal mounting – vertical adjustment

H = vertical mounting – horizontal adjustment



**A = Initial    S = Wiper    E = Final**



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### Standard values - tolerances

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     |      |      |     |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| Resistance $\Omega$ | 100 | 200 | 220 | 250 | 470 | 500 | 1K  | 2K  | 2.2K | 2.5K | 4.7K | 5K  | 10K | 20K | 22K | 25K | 47K | 50K | 100K | 200K | 220K | 250K | 470K | 500K | 1M  | 2M  | 2.5M | 4.7M | 5M  |
| How to order code   | 101 | 201 | 221 | 251 | 471 | 501 | 102 | 202 | 222  | 252  | 472  | 502 | 103 | 203 | 223 | 253 | 473 | 503 | 104  | 204  | 224  | 254  | 474  | 504  | 105 | 205 | 255  | 475  | 505 |
| Standard tolerance  | 20% |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |      |      | 30% |     |      |      |     |

### Tapers



### Detents



Detents detail.  
(7 detents example)



— Relative detent positions along the total mechanical travel. Unless otherwise specified the detents are evenly spaced (using the end points as reference)

Standard mechanical life is 500 cycles.

Long life versions are available under request and have the following characteristics at T<sup>a</sup>:

- Potentiometers with 1 to 3 detents: up to 10K cycles
- Potentiometers with 4 and more detents: up to 5K cycles

Please consult your nearest Piher supplier if unique non-overlapping values at each detent position or LOG/ALOG tapers are required.

Different output voltage values can be matched at each detent position (see next page).

Detent torque can vary from 1.2 to 2.5 times the standard potentiometer torque.

For V05 mounting: check availability.

For more than 16 detents versions please contact your nearest PIHER authorised distributor.

For custom voltage outputs in any detent position see page 6.

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## Stepped outputs

Constant value zones can be combined with strategically located stops matching the flat areas of the output. If you require this feature, please, send us your requirements to [sales@piher.net](mailto:sales@piher.net)

### Stepped outputs version example (10 steps version):



### Improved repeatability

By combining the constant value zones with the detents, engineers can align the same voltage values with each of the detent stops when rotating the control both forward and backward.

This provides clear mechanical positions that are not only repeatable, but perfectly aligned electrical outputs at each of the (detent) angles.

Piher's detents also prevent output values from changing due to vibration or accidental rotor movements, furthering reliable control consistency.



## Stepped outputs

PIHER's potentiometers can feature special stepped outputs or 'constant voltage zones' for the 10mm and 15mm product families.

These constant voltage zones can be combined with PIHER's mechanical detents to provide exact alignment between the electrical output (flat areas) and the mechanical detent position. The result is a higher level of precision in controlling lighting, temperature, motor or other electronic control systems.

In addition to established catalogue detent configurations, we will design and manufacture any other configuration on our tried-and-tested carbon/cermet & THM/SMD potentiometer technology and processes.

With its precise control capabilities, our 10mm and 15mm potentiometers series are well suited for many consumer applications such as lighting (dimmers), power hand tools, relays, timers and HVAC systems.

### Design tip. Cost-effectiveness

Absolute encoders can easily be replaced connecting the potentiometer to the microprocessor's analogue input.



### Main advantages

- ✓ Unique, non-overlapping values at each stop (detent position)
- ✓ It prevents changes in the output value due to light vibration or accidental rotor micro-movements
- ✓ Fully customisable according to customer's needs
- ✓ Cost effective replacement for absolute encoders

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## Shafts

For G and M rotor types, top view.



Fig. 1 / Ref. 5016



Fig. 2 / Ref. 5053



Fig. 3 / Ref. 5012



Fig. 4 / Ref. 6053



Fig. 6 / Ref. 5035



Fig. 7 / Ref. 5115



Fig. 8 / Ref. 5116



Fig. 9 / Ref. 5119



Fig. 10 / Ref. 5120



Fig. 12 / Ref. 6052



Fig. 14 / Ref. 5055

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### Knobs/thumbwheels

For G and M rotor types, top view.



Fig. 5 / Ref. 5034

Fig. 15 / Ref. 6008

Fig. 16 / Ref. 5039

Fig. 17 / Ref. 5062

2- GANG Plastic Knob/ Plastic Shaft

Numbered Thumbwheel



Fig. 18 / Ref. 6064



Marking: configurable number of positions.  
Example of four positions marking pictured

For R rotor type only

Upon request.

By default, shafts, knobs & thumbwheels are delivered unassembled.

Mounted shafts, knobs & thumbwheels are delivered at random position but can be delivered at specific positions too (a drawing must be provided by the customer).

If you need the shaft or knob to be delivered assembled from the factory, please select the appropriate rotor in the part number: X, W, Y or Z.

The plastic color can be stated in the part number. Non flammable plastic can be ordered too.

If the potentiometer is ordered with non flammable plastic materials (UL 94V0) then the shaft or knob will be delivered with non flammable plastic too.

If you wish to use your own plastic shaft/knob/actuator, please, contact Piher for advice about compatible materials.

### Positioning

Std. Position = CCW. Other delivery positions upon request.



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### Switch versions

They can be delivered with or without detents/stops.

D48 Switch code example



A80 Switch code



### Switch standard specs.

Power Rating:  
24V / 15mA  
ON position resistance:  
≤ 5 Ω  
Insulation Resistance:  
≥ 30 MΩ



(D48, rotor shown at final position)



### Cut track (open circuit feature)

CCW on-off (A)



PCI  
Cut track at the beginning of the travel.



PCF  
Cut track at the end of the travel



CW on-off (E)



A = Initial S = Wiper E = Final. Other configurations available upon request.

### Packaging

Default packaging is bulk (boxes).



| Model           | Units per box            |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Without shaft   | 1000 (80 x 85 x 185 mm.) |
| With thumbwheel | 800 (80 x 85 x 185 mm.)  |
| With shaft      | 400 (80 x 85 x 185 mm.)  |

Magazines for automatic insertion are available with 50pcs per magazine.



Magazines for PT10 H01 and H05  
Also crimped term. H02

Magazines for PT10 V  
Also crimped term. V11

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## Tests

### Typical variations

|                                  |                           |                        |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Electrical life                  | 1000 h. @ 50°C; 0.15 W    | ±5 %                   |
| Mechanical life (cycles)         | 1000 @ 10 CPM ... 15 CPM  | ±3 % (Rn < 1 MΩ)       |
| Temperature coefficient          | -25°C; +70°C              | ±300 ppm (Rn < 100 KΩ) |
| Thermal cycling                  | 16 h. @ 85°C; 2h. @ -25°C | ±2.5 %                 |
| Damp heat                        | 500 h. @ 40°C @ 95% HR    | ±5 %                   |
| Vibration (for each plane x,y,z) | 2 h. @ 10 Hz. ... 55 Hz.  | ±2 %                   |

Out of range values may not comply with these results.  
For other tests or the full range of tests, please, contact us.

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## Recommended connections

Recommended connection scheme for Piher's position sensors (voltage divider)



## Power rating curve



For higher nominal power please visit our PTC-10 cermet potentiometer.

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