



**Model TO646B32**

**4-20 mA Output Accelerometer with Temperature**

**Installation and Operating Manual**

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**Model 640/641/645/646 B Series Industrial 4-20mA Sensor**

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**Operating Guide with Enclosed Warranty Information**

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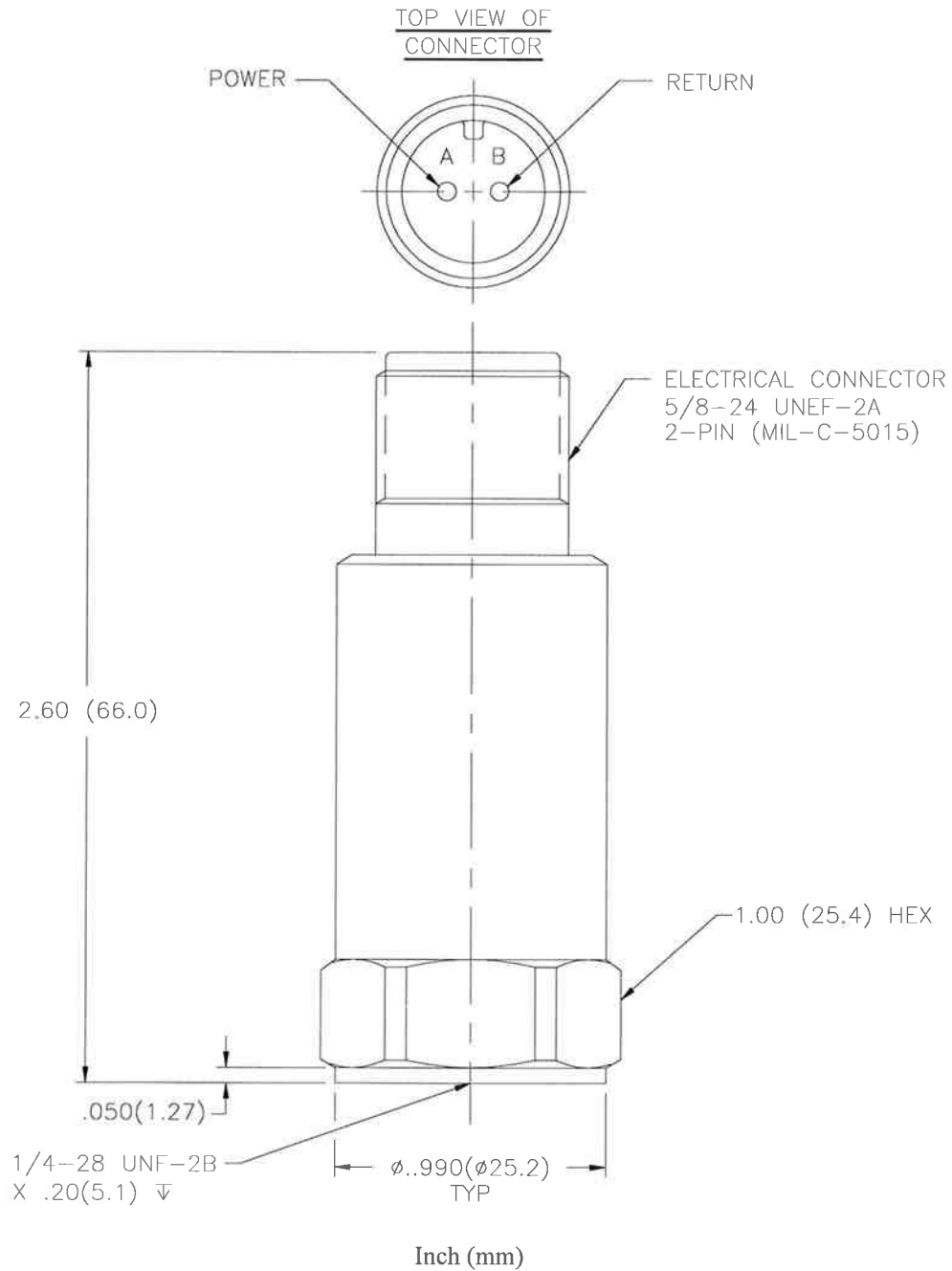
## Introduction

The Model 640/641/645/646 B Series Industrial 4-20mA Sensors combine the capabilities of a piezoelectric vibration sensor and a 4-20mA vibration transmitter. The sensor outputs a 4-20mA signal that is proportional to the overall velocity or acceleration of the machinery. Ideal for monitoring the vibration of process equipment such as fans, motors and pumps, the output of the sensor is used for process control or predictive maintenance. There are many options in this series. Please refer to specific specification sheets for further details.

### **General Features**

- Imbedded Piezoelectric Accelerometer for improved accuracy and frequency response.
- Vibration range can be in Acceleration or Velocity.
- Allows for continuous vibration monitoring of critical applications.
- Reduces sophisticated vibration analysis requirements.
- RV (Raw Vibration) option for conducting frequency analysis and machinery diagnostics.
- RVVO (Raw Vibration Velocity Output) option for conducting freq. analysis and machinery diagnosis.
- TO (Temperature Output) option via an independent 4-20mA loop.
- Readily interfaces to existing process control and predictive maintenance equipment.
- Rugged stainless steel construction for applications in harsh environments.
- Flexible design allows for various custom requirements.

**Dimension Drawing**

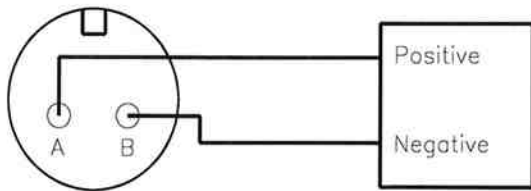


## Operation and Wiring

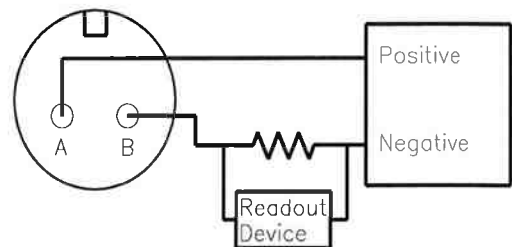
### Standard Wiring

The Model 640/641/645/646 B Series operates from a standard 2-wire, 4-20mA loop. If using a loop powered unit, attach the positive (+) input from the power supply to Pin A or **Red** wire on the sensor and the negative (-) input from the power supply to Pin B or **Blue** wire of the sensor.

**Figure 1 – wiring: loop powered**



**Figure 2 – wiring: loop powered/DC source**



If using a standard DC power supply, install either an ammeter and/or load resistor in line with the output, Pin B or **Blue** wire.

The resistor will generate a DC voltage that is proportional to current by:

$$V = IR$$

*If  $R = 500$  ohms and  $I = 6$  mA, then  $V = 3$  VDC*

**Note:**

- Resistor value must be less than:  $(V_{\text{supply}} - 12) \times 50$ .
- For integral cable sensors: RED wire is positive, BLUE wire is negative.

### Taking Measurements

When measuring the current output from the unit, use the following formula to calculate the vibration level:

$$\text{Vibration Output} = (\text{Measured Output} - 4\text{mA}) \times (\text{Full Scale Vibration Output} / 16\text{mA})$$

<b>Measured mA</b>	<b>640BX0</b>	<b>640BX1</b>	<b>640BX2</b>
4.00	0.0 ips, pk	0.0 ips, pk	0.0 ips, pk
8.00	0.125 ips, pk	0.25 ips, pk	0.5 ips, pk
12.0	0.25 ips, pk	0.5 ips, pk	1.0 ips, pk
15.75	0.37 ips, pk	0.73 ips, pk	1.47 ips, pk
20	0.5 ips, pk	1.0 ips, pk	2.0 ips, pk

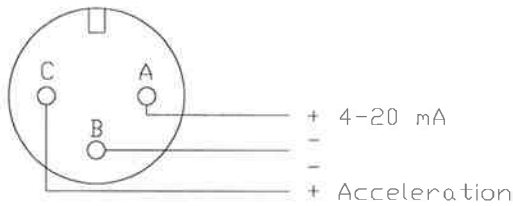
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12.0	0.25 ips, rms	0.5 ips, rms	1.0 ips, rms
15.75	0.37 ips, rms	0.73 ips, rms	1.47 ips, rms
20	0.5 ips, rms	1.0 ips, rms	2.0 ips, rms

<b>Measured mA</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>646</b>
4.00	0.0 g rms	0.0 g rms
8.00	1.25 g rms	2.50 g rms
12.0	2.50 g rms	5.00 g rms
15.75	3.67 g rms	7.34 g rms
20	5.00 g rms	10.0 g rms

### RV Option

The RV (raw vibration) option includes a 100mV/g  $\pm 20\%$  additional output. The accelerometer frequency range is 1 Hz-10 kHz, maximum amplitude of 15 g-pk. Data collectors or analyzers can use this vibration signal for further analysis. This output is extended to the RVVO (Raw Vibration Velocity Output) option, which integrates the signal to a value of 100mV/IPS ( $\pm 20\%$ ).

**Figure 3 – RV and RVVO wiring**



For integral cable sensors:

<b>RED</b>	<b>4-20mA Positive</b>
<b>BLACK</b>	<b>4-20mA Negative (same as green)</b>
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>-RV and RVVO negative (same as black)</b>
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>+RV and RVVO positive</b>

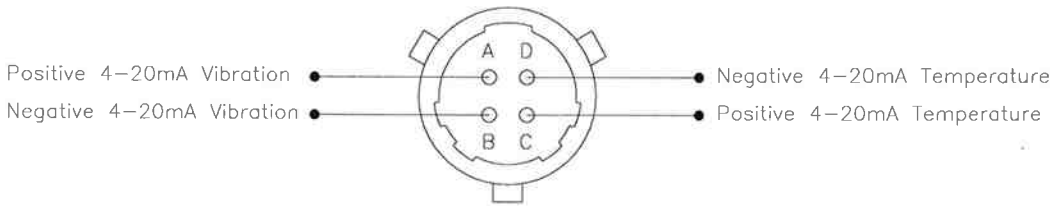
**Note:**

- The RV and RVVO Signal Negative has to be isolated from any grounding. If this terminal is grounded, the 4-20mA loop will short, causing no output.
- The RV and RVVO output signal is ideally suited for use with portable battery powered data collectors or analyzers.

**TO Option**

The TO (Temperature Output) option includes an additional independent 4-20mA output for temperature measurement. The temperature range is from -40°C to 125°C with an overall accuracy of  $\pm 5\%$ FSO. The imbedded temperature sensor monitors the environment internal to the sensor housing and is situated at approximately mid level.

**Figure 4 – TO wiring**



For integral cable sensors:

<b>RED</b>	<b>4-20mA Vibration Positive</b>
<b>BLACK</b>	<b>4-20mA Vibration Negative</b>
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>4-20mA Temperature Negative</b>
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>4-20mA Temperature Positive</b>

**Note:**

- The same power supply can be used for both 4-20mA loops. Connect the both positive terminals to directly to the power supply, then use the negative terminals for independent process loops.

## Installation

When choosing a mounting method, consider closely the advantages and disadvantages of each technique. Typical mounting types are stud, direct adhesive, adhesive mounting base and magnetic mounting base. Since the frequency response is limited to 1 kHz on the 640/641, any of the four methods can be used without seriously affecting the data values. The mounting method might affect some of the 645/646 series because of the increased frequency response.

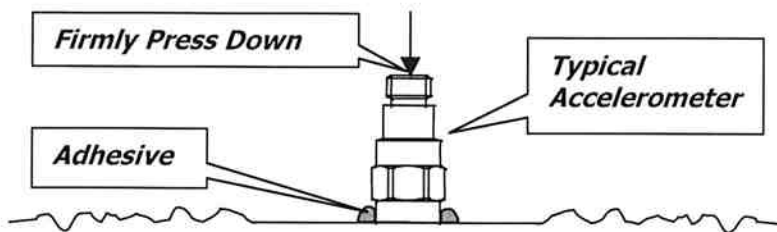
### Direct Adhesive Mount Procedure

For restrictions of space or for convenience, most sensors (with the exception of integral stud models) can be adhesive-mounted directly to the machine surface.

**STEP 1** Prepare a smooth, flat mounting surface. A minimum surface finish of 63  $\mu\text{m}$  [0,00016 mm] generally works best.

**STEP 2** Place a small portion of adhesive on the underside of the sensor. Firmly press down on the top of the assembly to displace any adhesive. Be aware that excessive amounts of adhesive can make sensor removal difficult.

*Figure 5 – direct adhesive mounting*



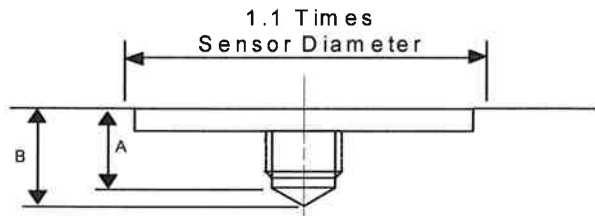
### Standard Stud Mount Procedure

This mounting technique requires smooth, flat contact surfaces for proper operation and is recommended for permanent and/or secure installations. Stud mounting is also recommended when testing at high frequencies.

**Note:** DO NOT attempt mounting on curved, rough or uneven surfaces, as the potential for misalignment and limited contact surface may significantly reduce the sensor's upper operating frequency range.

**Figure 6 – mounting surface preparation**

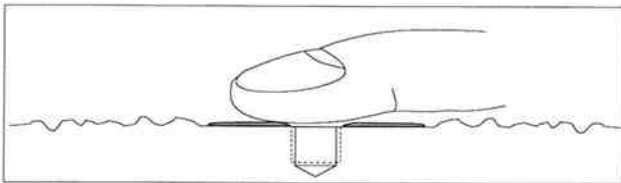
<u>1/4-28 Stud</u>	<u>1/4-28 Captive Screw</u>	
<b>A (in)</b>	0.250	0.250
<b>B (in)</b>	0.350	0.350
<b>Torque (ft-lb)</b>	2 to 5	2 to 5



**STEP 1** First, prepare a smooth, flat mounting surface, and then drill and tap a mounting hole in the center of this area as shown in Figure 6. A precision-machined mounting surface with a minimum finish of 63  $\mu\text{in}$  [0,00016 mm] is recommended. (If it is not possible to properly prepare the machine surface, consider using an adhesive mounting pad as a possible alternative.) Inspect the area, checking that there are no burrs or other foreign particles interfering with the contact surface.

**STEP 2** Wipe clean the mounting surface and spread on a light film of grease, oil or similar coupling fluid prior to installation.

**Figure 7 – mounting surface lubrication**



Adding a coupling fluid improves vibration transmissibility by filling small voids in the mounting surface and increasing the mounting stiffness. For semi-permanent mounting, substitute epoxy or another type of adhesive.

**STEP 3** **HAND-tighten** the sensor/mounting stud to the machine, then secure the sensor with a torque wrench to the mounting surface by applying the recommended mounting torque (see enclosed specification data sheet for proper mounting torque). It is important to use a torque wrench during this step. **Under-torquing the sensor may not adequately couple the device; over-torquing may result in stud failure and possibly permanent damage.**

### **Adhesive Stud Mount Procedure**

Adhesive mounting is often used for temporary installation or when the machine surface cannot be adequately prepared for stud mounting. Adhesives like hot glue or wax work well for temporary mounts; two-part epoxies and quick-bonding gels provide a more permanent mount.

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**Note:** Adhesively mounted sensors often exhibit a reduction in high-frequency range. Generally, smooth surfaces and stiff adhesives provide the best frequency response. Contact the factory for recommended epoxies.

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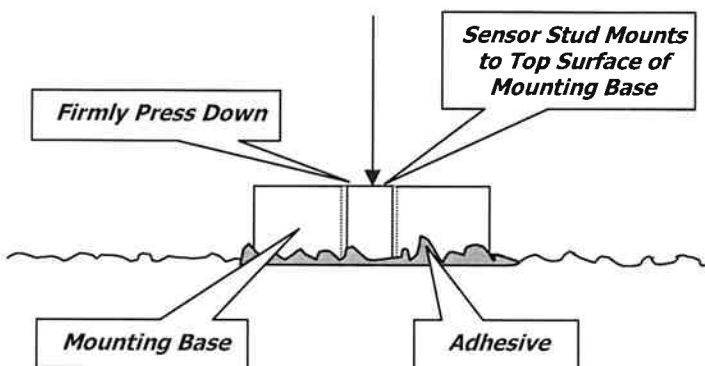
This method involves attaching a base to the machine surface, then securing the sensor to the base. This allows for easy removal of the accelerometer.

**STEP 1** Prepare a smooth, flat mounting surface. A minimum surface finish of 63  $\mu\text{in}$  [0,00016 mm] generally works best.

**STEP 2** Stud-mount the sensor to the appropriate adhesive mounting base according to the guidelines set forth in Steps 2 and 3 of the *Standard Stud Mount Procedure*.

**STEP 3** Place a small portion of adhesive on the underside of the mounting base. Firmly press down on the assembly to displace any extra adhesive remaining under the base.

**Figure 8 – mounting base: adhesive installation**



### Magnetic Mount Procedure

Magnetic mounting provides a convenient means for making portable measurements and is commonly used for machinery monitoring and other portable or trending applications.

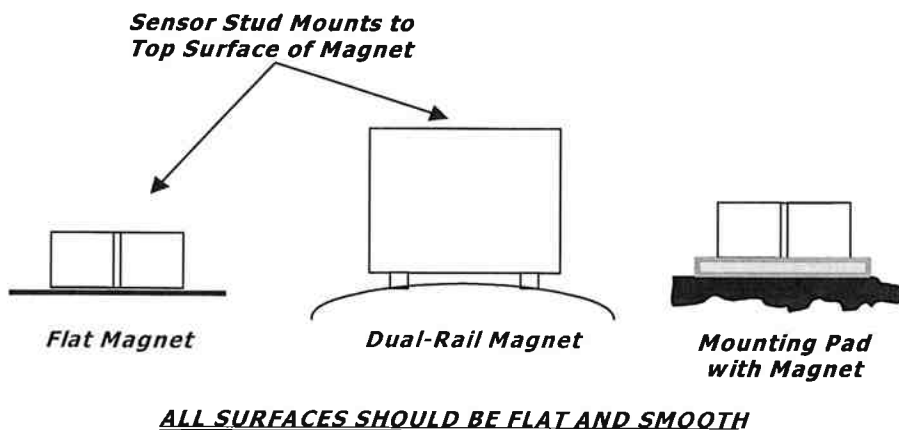
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**Note:** The correct magnet choice and an adequately prepared mounting surface is critical for obtaining reliable measurements, especially at high frequencies. Poor installations can cause as much as a 50% drop in the sensor frequency range.

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**Not every magnet is suitable for all applications. For example, rare earth magnets are commonly used because of their high strength. Flat magnets work well on smooth, flat surfaces, while dual-rail magnets are required for curved surfaces. In the case of non-magnetic or rough surfaces, it is recommended that the user first weld, epoxy or otherwise adhere a steel mounting pad to the test surface. This provides a smooth and repeatable location for mounting.**

**Figure 9 – magnet types**



**STEP 1** After choosing the correct magnet type, inspect the unit, verifying that the mounting surfaces are flat and smooth.

**STEP 2** Stud-mount the accelerometer to the appropriate magnet according to the guidelines set forth in Steps 2 and 3 of the Standard Stud Mount Procedure.

**STEP 3** Prepare a smooth, flat mounting surface. A minimum surface finish of 63  $\mu\text{in}$  [0,00016 mm] generally works best. After cleaning the surface and checking for burrs, wipe on a light film of silicone grease, machine oil or similar-type coupling fluid.

**STEP 4** Mount the magnet/sensor assembly to the prepared test surface by gently "rocking" or "sliding" it into place.

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**Note:** Magnetically mounting accelerometers carelessly has the potential to generate very high (and very damaging) g levels. To prevent damage, install the assembly gently. If unsure, please contact the factory for assistance.

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## **Warning 1 – ESD sensitivity**

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**The power supply/signal conditioner should not be opened by anyone other than qualified service personnel.** This product is intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the safety precautions required to avoid injury.

## **Warning 2 – ESD sensitivity**

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This equipment is designed with user safety in mind; however, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired if the equipment is used in a manner not specified by PCB Piezotronics, Inc.

## **Caution 1 – ESD sensitivity**

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**Cables can kill your equipment.** High voltage electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage electrical devices. Similar to a capacitor, a cable can hold a charge caused by triboelectric transfer, such as that which occurs in the following:

- *Laying on and moving across a rug,*
- *Any movement through air,*
- *The action of rolling out a cable, and/or*
- *Contact with a non-grounded person.*

### **The PCB solution for product safety:**

- *Connect the cables only with the AC power off.*
- *Temporarily "short" the end of the cable before attaching it to any signal input or output.*

## **Caution 2 – ESD sensitivity**

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**ESD considerations should be made prior to performing any internal adjustments on the equipment.** Any piece of electronic equipment is vulnerable to ESD when opened for adjustments. Internal adjustments should therefore be done ONLY at an ESD-safe work area. Many products have ESD protection, but the level of protection may be exceeded by extremely high voltage.



## **Warranty**

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IMI instrumentation is warranted against defective material and workmanship for 1 year unless otherwise expressly specified. Damage to instruments caused by incorrect power or misapplication, is not covered by warranty. *If there are any questions regarding power, intended application, or general usage, please consult with your local sales contact or distributor.* Batteries and other expendable hardware items are not covered by warranty.

## **Service**

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Because of the sophisticated nature of IMI instrumentation, field repair is typically **NOT** recommended and may void any warranty. If factory service is required, return the instrumentation according to the "Return Procedure" stated below. *A repair and/or replacement quotation will be provided prior to servicing at no charge.* Before returning the unit, please consult a factory IMI applications engineer concerning the situation as certain problems can often be corrected with simple on-site procedures.

## **Return procedure**

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*To expedite returned instrumentation, contact a factory IMI applications engineer for a RETURN MATERIAL AUTHORIZATION (RMA) NUMBER. Please have information available such as model and serial number. Also, to insure efficient service, provide a written description of the symptoms and problems with the equipment to a local sales representative or distributor, or contact IMI if none are located in your area.*

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IMI, a division of PCB Piezotronics, guarantees **Total Customer Satisfaction**. If, at any time, for any reason, you are not completely satisfied with any IMI product, IMI will repair, replace, or exchange it at no charge. You may also choose to have your purchase price refunded.

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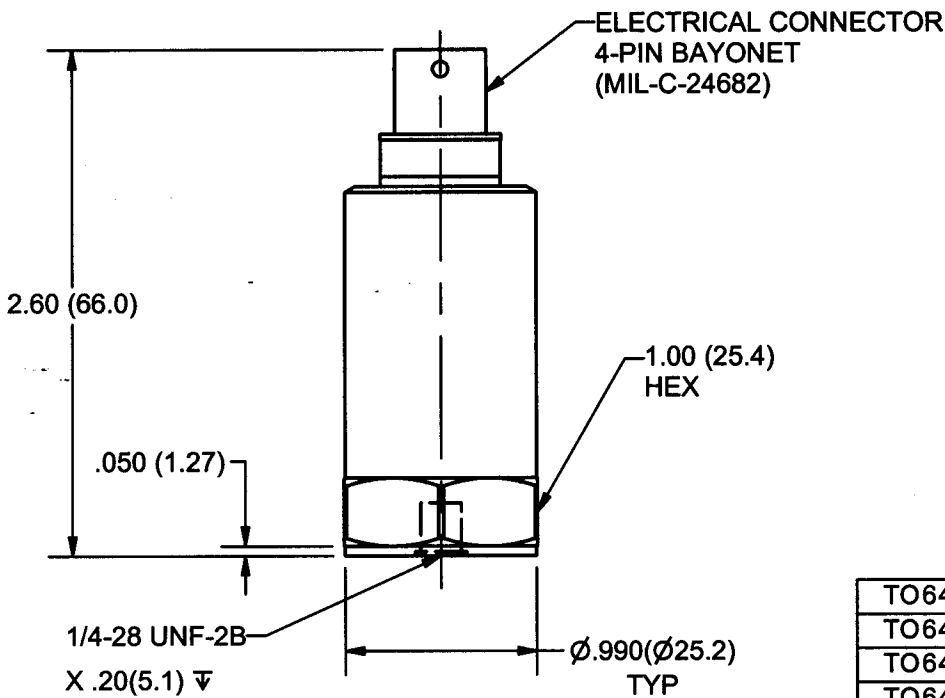
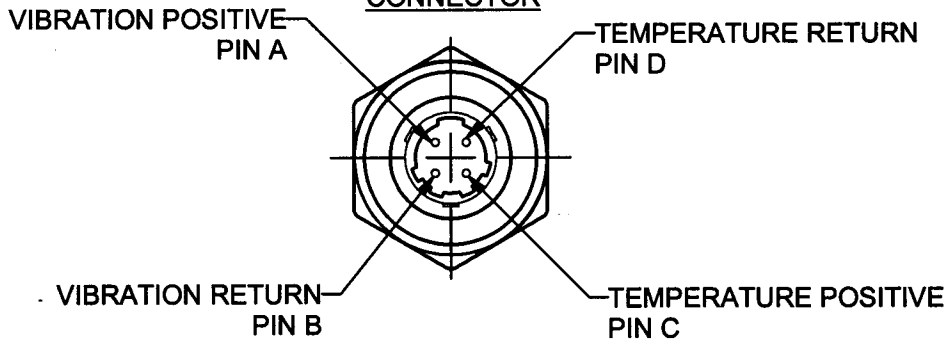
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TO646B31	0-10 g, 3Hz-5kHz
TO646B30	0-10 g, 3Hz-1kHz
TO645B32	0-5 g, 3Hz-10kHz
TO645B31	0-5 g, 3Hz-5kHz
TO645B30	0-5 g, 3Hz-1kHz
MODEL	DESCRIPTION

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED TOLERANCES ARE:

DIMENSIONS IN INCHES	DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS [ IN BRACKETS ]
DECIMALS XX ± .01	DECIMALS X ± 0.3
XXX ± .005	XX ± 0.13
ANGLES ± 2 DEGREES	ANGLES ± 2 DEGREES

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