

TCMTM 5

Tilt Compensated 3-Axis Compass Module



The TCM5 is the **ultimate** in compass modules, providing **ultra precise** heading information in any orientation. The first of its kind, this small, compact module provides for a **full 360° rotation** and complete flexibility, allowing it to be mounted in multiple orientations and positions. These advantages make the TCM5 the choice for applications that require the highest accuracy and performance anywhere in the world.

The TCM5 combines 3-axes of PNI Corporation's patented Magneto-Inductive (MI) magnetic sensors and a 3-axis MEMS accelerometer in a single module, offering unparalleled cost effectiveness and performance. MI sensors change inductance by 100% over the wide field measurement range. This variable inductance property is used in a cost and space efficient ASIC, incorporating a temperature and noise stabilized oscillator/counter circuit which is inherently free from offset drift.

Applications

- High performance solid state navigation equipment
- IMU system integration
- 3-axis magnetic field sensing
- Targeting systems
- Drilling applications
- Laser range finders
- Robotics systems

Features

- Ultra precise compass heading accuracy: 0.3°
- High resolution compass heading: 0.1°
- High repeatability: 0.05°
- Full 360° rotation: +/- 90° pitch; +/- 180° roll
- Multiple measurement modes: compass heading, magnetic field and 2-axis tilt
- Calibrated magnetic field measurement range: +/- 80 μ T (+/- 0.8 Gauss)
- High resolution magnetic field measurement: 0.05 μ T (0.0005 Gauss)
- Extended temperature range: -40° to 85°C
- Low Power: < 20 mA typical current draw
- Small size: 3.5 x 4.3 x 1.3 cm
- Advanced user calibration: hard-iron, soft-iron and tilt compensation
- Binary digital interface: RS-232
- Flexible mounting options: horizontal or vertical

Ordering Information

NAME	PART NUMBER
TCM2.5 Module	12608
TCM2.5 Interface Kit	90014
TCM2.5 Evaluation Kit	90021

Interface kit includes: module, manual, evaluation software and 18" pigtail cable

Evaluation kit includes: module, manual, evaluation software, 18" pigtail cable and 6ft finished DB-9 cable with power supply



TCM5 Specifications		
Parameter	Typical	Units
Heading Specifications		
Accuracy with < 70° of tilt	0.3°	Deg RMS
Accuracy with > 70° of tilt	0.5°	
Resolution	0.1°	Deg
Repeatability (1)	0.05°	Deg RMS
Max Dip Angle	85°	Deg
Magnetometer Specifications		
Calibrated Field Measurement Range	± 80	µT
Magnetic Resolution	± .05	
Magnetic Repeatability	±0.1	
Tilt Specifications		
Pitch Accuracy	0.2°	Deg RMS
Roll Accuracy	0.2° for pitch < 65° 0.5° for pitch < 80° 1.0° for pitch < 86°	
Tilt Range	± 90° pitch ± 180° Roll	Deg
Tilt Resolution	< 0.01°	
Tilt Repeatability (1)	0.05°	
Calibration		
Hard Iron Calibration	Yes	
Soft Iron Calibration	Yes	
Mechanical Specifications		
Dimensions (L x W x H)	3.5 x 4.3 x 1.3 *	cm
Weight	12	grams
Mounting Options	Screw Mounts/Standoffs horizontal or vertical	
Connector for RS-232 Interface	9-pin	
I/O Specifications		
Latency from Power-On	< 210	mSec
Latency from Sleep Mode	< 1	
Maximum Sample Rate	20	samples/sec
RS-232 Communication Rate	300 to 115200	baud
Output Formats	Binary High Performance Protocol	
Power Specifications		
Supply Voltage	3.6 to 5 V (Unregulated)	VDC
Typical Current Draw (Continuous Output)	Maximum	22
	Typical	< 20
Idle Mode (2)	14-18	mA
Sleep Mode	0.6	
Environmental Specifications		
Operating Temperature	-40° to 85°	C
Storage Temperature	-40° to 125°	
Shock	Up to 2500 G's, per MIL-STD-810F	
Vibration	Qualified to MIL-STD-810F	
Humidity	Non-Condensing/Qualified to MIL-STD-810F	

(1) Repeatability is based on statistical data at ± 3 sigma limit about the mean. (2) Based on user settings * Additional form factors may be available.

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