## USER MANUAL

# Tri-Axial Gyro Inclinometer, SAE J1939 

P/N: AX060900 - Two M12 Connectors P/N: AX060910 - Two M12 Connectors, Extended Dynamic Range

## ACRONYMS

| 3D | Three-Dimensional |
| :---: | :---: |
| ARI | Angular Rate Information (PGN 61482) |
| CAN | Controller Area Network |
| CE | The CE mark, or formerly EC mark, is a mandatory conformity marking for certain products sold within the European Economic Area (EEA) since 1985 |
| DM | Diagnostic Message. Defined in J1939/73 standard |
| EA | The Axiomatic Electronic Assistant, a PC application software from Axiomatic, primarily designed to view and program Axiomatic control configuration parameters (setpoints) through CAN bus using J1939 Memory Access Protocol |
| ECU | Electronic Control Unit |
| EEPROM | Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory |
| EKF | Extended Kalman Filter |
| EMC | Electromagnetic Compatibility |
| EMI | Electromagnetic Interference |
| G | Gravitational Acceleration on Earth |
| GPS | Global Positioning System |
| Grms | Root Mean Square Acceleration in G units |
| Hz | Hertz |
| IEC | International Electrotechnical Commission |
| LSB | Less Significant Byte |
| MEMS | Microelectromechanical System |
| NED | North-East-Down coordinate system |
| PC | Personal Computer |
| PGN | Parameter Group Number. Defined in J1939/73 standard |
| P/N | Part Number |
| RoHS | Restriction of Hazardous Substances |
| SAE J1939 | CAN-based higher-level protocol designed and supported by Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE) |
| SAE J670 | Vehicle Dynamics Terminology standard designed and supported by Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE) |
| SSI | Slope Sensor Information (PGN 61459) |
| SSI2 | Slope Sensor Information 2 (PGN 61481) |
| UM | User Manual |
| USB | Universal Serial Bus |
| UTP | Un-shielded twisted pair |
| VDS | Voltage Direct Current or Vehicle Direction/Speed (PGN 65256) |
| VDS2 | Vehicle Direction/Speed 2 (PGN 64905) |
| XOR | Exclusive OR, a logical operation |

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The following user manual describes: architecture, functionality, configuration parameters and flashing instructions for Tri-Axial Gyro Inclinometers. It also contains technical specifications and installation instructions for the devices.

The application firmware version numbers described in the user manual, together with the Axiomatic EA version numbers supporting all inclinometer configuration parameters, are shown on the user manual front page.

The user manual is usually valid for application firmware with the same major version number as the user manual. For example, this user manual is valid for any inclinometer application firmware version 7.xx.

Updates specific to the user manual are done by adding letters: $A, B, \ldots, Z$ to the user manual version number.

The user should check whether the application firmware installed in the inclinometer is covered by this user manual. It can be done using Axiomatic Electronic Assistant (EA) software through CAN bus.

The inclinometers support SAE J1939 CAN interface. It is assumed, that the user is familiar with the J1939 group of standards. The terminology from these standards is widely used in this manual.

## 2 INCLINOMETER DESCRIPTION

The inclinometer is designed to measure pitch and roll inclination angles in the presence of dynamic disturbances: linear accelerations, vibrations, etc., in a full $\pm 180$-degree orientation range. The device can also output gravity angle, accelerations and angular rates in three orthogonal directions.

The inclinometer transmits data over CAN bus using a standard J1939 protocol.
The J1939 inclinometer can operate at standard 250kbit/s and $500 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ baud rates or nonstandard $667 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ and $1000 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ ( $1 \mathrm{Mbit} / \mathrm{s}$ ) baud rates. The required baud rate is detected automatically upon connection to the CAN network. ${ }^{2}$
${ }^{2}$ Inclinometers with firmware V1.xx...4.xx could operate only at $250 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ baud rate, and with firmware V5.xx...6.xx - at 250, 500, and $1000 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ baud rates.

The inclinometer can be configured through a set of configuration parameters to fit the userspecific application requirements using Axiomatic Electronic Assistant software.

### 2.1 Inclinometer Modifications

The inclinometer comes in two modifications: with regular (AX060900) and extended dynamic range (AX060910) sensors.

The extended dynamic range inclinometer (AX060910) has an accelerometer and gyroscopes with a larger measurement range, which allow the inclinometer to operate without saturation in a wider range of dynamic disturbances. A separate precision accelerometer is added in this modification to provide accurate static measurements of all inclination angles.

### 2.2 Theory of Operation

### 2.2.1 Unit Coordinate System

The inclinometer uses a standard right-handed Z-down Cartesian coordinate system, see Figure 1.
The arrows in Figure 1 represent a direction of motion that produces a positive change of the parameter. For $\mathrm{ax}_{\mathrm{x}}, \mathrm{ay}, \mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{z}}$ accelerations, the positive acceleration direction is the same as the axis direction. For $\theta, \phi, \psi$ rotation angles the positive direction is contraclockwise about the axis of rotation (right-hand rule).

The Z-down coordinate system is described by in the SAE J670 standard for automotive applications. It is used in SAE J1939 slope sensor PGN definitions. This system is similar to the NED (North-East-Down) coordinate system used in aerospace and navigation, but without reference to the cardinal directions.


Figure 1. Inclinometer Coordinate System

### 2.2.2 Unit Reference Frames

Several Z-down coordinate systems or frames are used to describe the inclinometer orientation.
The ( $X, Y, Z$ ) coordinate system attached to the unit forms a unit or inclinometer frame, see Figure 2. The original (default) unit frame orientation is shown on the inclinometer label. It can be changed using configuration parameters to facilitate the unit installation.


Figure 2. Inclinometer Reference Frames
The ( $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{M}}, \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{M}}, \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{M}}$ ) coordinate system attached to the machine, where the inclinometer is installed, defines a machine frame. The Earth coordinate system ( $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{E}}$ ), aligned with the Earth gravity, defines the Earth absolute reference frame.

The machine frame is coincident with the Earth reference frame in the initial null-angle position of the machine when it is leveled on the operation area.

The unit calculates accelerations, angles and angular rates referred to the machine frame ( $X_{M}, Y_{M}, Z_{M}$ ). Conversion from the unit frame ( $X, Y, Z$ ) to the machine frame ( $X_{M}, Y_{M}, Z_{M}$ ) is performed internally using the unit initial installation angles. They are set to zero by default.

After the inclinometer is installed on the machine at the customer site, the customer can set-up the unit initial installation angles through configuration parameters.

To simplify further description of inclinometer operations, unless specially mentioned, it will be assumed that the unit frame orientation is original, initial installation angles are zero and all inclinometer parameters are referred therefore to the unit frame ( $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}$ ).

### 2.2.3 Angle measurements

### 2.2.3.1 Static Condition

In the static condition, the inclination angles are measured by a three-axis MEMS accelerometer. The accelerometer senses accelerations in three orthogonal directions $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ and $\mathrm{Z}: \vec{a}=\left(a_{x}, a_{y}, a_{z}\right)$.

This acceleration vector is a superposition of external accelerations applied to the unit and the gravity acceleration:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\vec{a}=\overrightarrow{\mathrm{A}}-\vec{g}, \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where: $\vec{A}=\left(A_{x}, A_{y}, A_{z}\right)$ - external accelerations applied to the unit, $\vec{g}=\left(g_{x}, g_{y}, g_{z}\right)-$ gravity acceleration.

Since the external accelerations are absent in the static condition ( $\vec{A}=0$ ), the gravity acceleration vector is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\vec{g}=-\vec{a} . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

The inclinometer angular displacement can be presented as a rotation of the unit coordinate system (frame) from the original position, with the predefined value of the gravity vector, to the current position with the measured value of the same gravity vector. For example, if the original position is defined in the absolute Earth frame, then $\vec{g}_{E}=(0,0,1)$ and the gravity vector in the unit frame $\vec{g}=\vec{g}_{U}$ is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\vec{g}_{U}^{T}=R_{E}^{U} \vec{g}_{E}^{T}, \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $R_{E}^{U}$ - rotation matrix converting $\vec{g}_{E}$ into $\vec{g}_{U}$ (symbol ${ }^{\top}$ states that the vectors are transposed for this operation).

The $\theta$ - pitch, $\phi$ - roll, and $\rho$ - gravity angles can be calculated from the rotation matrix elements, which themselves can be calculated from $\vec{g}_{U}$. There is not enough information based only on the gravity vector to calculate the $\psi$ - yaw angle.

### 2.2.3.2 Dynamic Condition

In dynamics, the inclination angles are measured using three single-axis MEMS gyroscopes. The gyroscopes provide angular rates about three orthogonal directions $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ and $\mathrm{Z}: \vec{\omega}=\left(\omega_{x}, \omega_{y}, \omega_{z}\right)$.

When the inclinometer rotation is described by a quaternion $\boldsymbol{q}=\boldsymbol{q}(t)$, the rotation dynamics is defined by the following differential equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}=\frac{1}{2} \Omega \cdot \boldsymbol{q} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where: $\Omega=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & -\omega_{x} & -\omega_{y} & -\omega_{z} \\ \omega_{x} & 0 & \omega_{z} & -\omega_{y} \\ \omega_{y} & -\omega_{z} & 0 & \omega_{x} \\ \omega_{z} & \omega_{y} & -\omega_{x} & 0\end{array}\right]$ - rotation matrix for quaternion, derived from angular rates.
The inclinometer angular displacement can be found by integrating this equation over time and converting the result to the corresponding rotation matrix and the estimate of the gravity vector in the unit frame $\overrightarrow{\hat{g}}_{U}$. This estimate can be used for calculating: $\hat{\theta}-$ pitch, $\hat{\phi}$ - roll, and $\hat{\rho}$ - gravity angles the same way as for the inclinometer static condition.

### 2.2.3.3 Sensor Fusion

Both static and dynamic angular measurements have their own advantages and disadvantages. The static measurements based on the accelerometer data are susceptible to parasitic accelerations normally present in a moving machine.

The dynamic measurements, on the other hand, accumulate integration errors of the gyroscope angular rates and are very sensitive to short-term sensor saturations that void any further measurements. This does not allow using dynamic measurements alone. They need to be constantly corrected by the static measurement data.

To combine the advantages of both methods, the inclinometer angular displacements, calculated using accelerometer and gyroscope data, are fused together using the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF).

This technique removes excessive noise from the accelerometer angular measurements while providing a fast and accurate response to angular changes using the gyroscope data.

### 2.2.4 Tilt and Rotation Angles

The unit calculates: $\theta$ - pitch, $\phi$ - roll, and $\rho$ - gravity angles from the rotation matrix elements.
The pitch and roll angles can be calculated in two different ways: as tilt or rotation angles. The gravity angle is always a tilt angle.

### 2.2.4.1 Tilt Angles

The pitch and roll tilt angles define the inclination of the unit relatively to the ground plane. The gravity angle defines the inclination of the unit relatively to the gravity vector.

The pitch $\theta^{t}$ and roll $\phi^{t}$ tilt angles define the inclination of the unit relatively to the ( $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}$ ) ground plane parallel to the Earth surface in the Earth frame $\left(\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{E}}\right)$, see Figure 3. The pitch angle $\theta^{t}$ is an angle between the vertical projection $X_{E(X Y)}{ }^{*}$ of the unit $X$ axis onto the ground plane and the X axis. Similarly, the roll angle $\phi^{t}$ is an angle between the vertical projection $\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{XY})^{*}}$ of the unit Y axis onto the ground plane and the Y axis.

The angle between the axis projections $X_{E(X Y)}{ }^{*}$ and $Y_{E(X Y)}{ }^{*}$ is not $90^{\circ}$ in general case. It is $90^{\circ}$ when the unit is parallel and $180^{\circ}$ - when perpendicular to the ground plane.

The gravity angle $\rho$ is an angle between the $Z_{E}$ axis of the Earth frame and the unit $Z$ axis.

The sign of the pitch and roll tilt angles is defined by the right-hand rule and presented by arrows about the Y and X axes. Since the pitch angle $\theta^{t}$ direction in Figure 3 is the same as the positive direction defined by the yellow arrow about the Y axis, the angle is positive. The same way, the roll angle $\phi^{t}$ direction is the opposite to the positive direction defined by the green arrow about the X axis. Therefore, the roll angle $\phi^{t}$ in Figure 3 is negative.

Pitch and roll tilt angles can be calculated either in the $\pm 90^{\circ}$ or $\pm 180^{\circ}$ measurement range depending on the application requirements.


Plane $\left(X_{E}, Y_{E}\right)$ is parallel to the Earth surface
Figure 3. Tilt Angles
In the static condition, for tilt angles in the $\pm 90^{\circ}$ range:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\theta^{t}=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(-g_{x}, \sqrt{g_{y}^{2}+g_{z}^{2}}\right), & \theta^{t} \in\left[-90^{\circ} ; 90^{\circ}\right],  \tag{5}\\
\phi^{t}=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(g_{y}, \sqrt{g_{x}^{2}+g_{z}^{2}}\right), & \phi^{t} \in\left[-90^{\circ} ; 90^{\circ}\right],
\end{array}
$$

For tilt angles in the $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\theta^{t}=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(-g_{x}, \operatorname{sign}\left(g_{z}\right) \cdot \sqrt{g_{y}^{2}+g_{z}^{2}}\right), & \theta^{t} \in\left[-180^{\circ} ; 180^{\circ}\right],  \tag{6}\\
\phi^{t}=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(g_{y}, \operatorname{sign}\left(g_{z}\right) \cdot \sqrt{g_{x}^{2}+g_{z}^{2}}\right), & \phi^{t} \in\left[-180^{\circ} ; 180^{\circ}\right],
\end{array}
$$

where: $\operatorname{sign}(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{r}-1, \\ 1, \\ 1 \geq 0 \\ x \geq 0\end{array}\right.$,
and: $\vec{g}=\left(g_{x}, g_{y}, g_{z}\right)-$ measured gravity vector.
When measured in the $\pm 90^{\circ}$ range, the tilt angles are the angles that a dual-axis inclinometer (or two single-axis inclinometers placed in orthogonal directions) will measure in the same position as the unit. They will not detect a roll-over condition.

To detect a roll-over, the gravity angle can be used. The gravity angle is calculated using the following formula:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(\sqrt{g_{x}^{2}+g_{y}^{2}}, g_{z}\right), \quad \rho \in\left[0^{\circ} ; 180^{\circ}\right] . \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

When $\rho>90^{\circ}$, the roll-over occurs.
When pitch $\theta^{t}$ and roll $\phi^{t}$ angles are measured in the $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range, the tilt angles will detect a rollover when: $\left|\theta^{t}\right|>90^{\circ}$ or $\left|\phi^{t}\right|>90^{\circ}$, but they will lose a smooth angular transition in the roll-over points.

When the unit is parallel to the Earth surface, all tilt angles are zero: $\theta^{t}=\phi^{t}=\rho=0^{\circ}$.

### 2.2.4.2 Rotation Angles

In opposite to tilt angles that measure an inclination angle of the unit from a certain reference plane or a vector, the rotation angles measure a rotation angle of the unit about a certain axis.

The unit can measure two types of rotation angles: unit rotation angles and Euler angles.

### 2.2.4.2.1 Unit Rotation Angles

The unit rotation angles define rotations about the axes in the unit frame ( $X, Y, Z$ ) the following way, see Figure 4.

The rotation about the Y axis defines the pitch angle $\theta^{u}$ and the rotation about the X axis - the roll angle $\phi^{u}$. The pitch angle $\theta^{u}$ is an angle between the horizontal projection $X_{E(X Z)}{ }^{*}$ of the unit $X$ axis onto the ( $X_{E}, Z_{E}$ ) plane and the $X_{E}$ axis. Similarly, the roll angle $\phi^{u}$ is an angle between the horizontal projection $\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{YZ})}{ }^{*}$ of the unit Y axis onto the $\left(\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{E}}\right)$ plane and the $\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}$ axis.

The ( $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{E}}$ ) and ( $\mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{E}}$ ) planes are perpendicular to the Earth surface ( $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}$ ) in the Earth frame $\left(X_{E}, Y_{E}, Z_{E}\right)$. The angle between $X_{E(X Z)}{ }^{*}$ and $Y_{E(Y Z)}{ }^{*}$ is always $90^{\circ}$.


Plane $\left(X_{E}, Y_{E}\right)$ is parallel to the Earth surface
Figure 4. Simple Rotation Angles
The rotation about the $Z$ axis (yaw angle) is not shown in Figure 4. It cannot be calculated based on the gravity acceleration $\vec{g}$.

The sign of the pitch and roll angles is defined by the right-hand rule and presented by arrows about the Y and X axes. Since the pitch angle $\theta^{u}$ direction in Figure 4 is the same as the positive direction defined by the yellow arrow about the Y axis, the angle is positive. The same way, the roll angle $\phi^{u}$ direction is the opposite to the positive direction defined by the green arrow about the X axis. Therefore, the roll angle $\phi^{u}$ in Figure 4 is negative.

In the static condition, the unit rotation angles are calculated using the following formulas:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\theta^{u}=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(-g_{x}, g_{z}\right), & \theta^{u} \in\left[-180^{\circ} ; 180^{\circ}\right]  \tag{8}\\
\phi^{u}=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(g_{y}, g_{z}\right), & \phi^{u} \in\left[-180^{\circ} ; 180^{\circ}\right]
\end{array}
$$

where: $\vec{g}=\left(g_{x}, g_{y}, g_{z}\right)$ - gravity vector measured by the unit.
The roll-over condition is observed when: $\left|\theta^{u}\right|>90^{\circ}$ or $\left|\phi^{u}\right|>90^{\circ}$.
When the unit is parallel to the Earth surface, the unit rotation angles are zero: $\theta^{u}=\phi^{u}=0^{\circ}$.
The unit rotation angles do not uniquely define the unit angular position in space. If this is required, the Euler angles should be used.

### 2.2.4.2.2 Euler Angles

The Euler angles are coordinate system rotation angles performed in a specific order to rotate the unit from its original position, parallel to the Earth surface, to its current position.

The Euler angles: $\theta^{E}$ and $\phi^{E}$, together with the $\psi^{E}$, are rotation angles about the $Z_{E}, Y_{E}{ }^{*}$ and $X$ axes performed in a standard (yaw, pitch, roll) rotation sequence used in aerospace and defined in SAE J670 standard for automotive applications, see Figure 5.


Plane $\left(X_{E}, Y_{E}\right)$ is parallel to the Earth surface
Figure 5. Euler Angles
The first rotation defines the $\psi^{E}$ - yaw angle. It is performed about the $Z_{E}$ axis of the Earth-fixed coordinate system ( $X_{E}, Y_{E}, Z_{E}$ ) from the $X_{E}$ axis to the $X_{E}{ }^{*}$ axis. An intermediate coordinate system $\left(\mathrm{Xe}^{*}, \mathrm{YE}^{*}, \mathrm{ZE}^{*}\right)$ is a Z -down coordinate system whose $\mathrm{Xe}^{*}$ and $\mathrm{YE}^{*}$ axes are parallel to the ground plane ( $X_{E}, Y_{E}$ ), with the $X_{E}{ }^{*}$ axis aligned with the vertical projection of the $X$ axis onto the ground
plane. Since the yaw rotation $\psi^{E}$ on Figure 5 is opposite to the positive rotation direction, shown by the red arrow about the $Z_{\mathrm{E}}$ axis, the resulted angle is negative.

The second rotation defines the $\theta^{E}$ - pitch angle. It is performed about the $Y_{E}{ }^{*}$ axis of the intermediate coordinate system ( $\mathrm{XE}^{*}, \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}{ }^{*}, \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{E}}{ }^{*}$ ) from the $\mathrm{XE}^{*}$ axis to the X axis. The pitch rotation $\theta^{E}$ on Figure 5 is in the positive rotation direction, defined by the yellow arrow about the $\mathrm{YE}^{*}$ axis, and the resulted angle is therefore positive.

The final third rotation defines the $\phi^{E}$ - roll angle, as a rotation about the X axis from the $\mathrm{YE}^{*}$ axis to the Y axis. The roll rotation $\phi^{E}$ on Figure 5 is negative. It is performed in the direction opposite to the positive rotation direction shown by the green arrow about the X axis.

The set of the three: yaw, pitch, and roll Euler angles fully represents the angular position of the inclinometer in space.

In the static condition, the Euler angles are calculated using the following formulas:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\theta^{E}=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(-g_{x}, \sqrt{g_{y}^{2}+g_{z}^{2}}\right), & \theta^{E} \in\left[-90^{\circ} ; 90^{\circ}\right],  \tag{9}\\
\phi^{E}=\operatorname{atan} 2\left(g_{y}, g_{z}\right), & \phi^{E} \in\left[-180^{\circ} ; 180^{\circ}\right],
\end{array}
$$

where: $\vec{g}=\left(g_{x}, g_{y}, g_{z}\right)$ - measured gravity vector.
There is not enough information for the unit to calculate the yaw angle based only on the measured gravity vector in the static condition.

The roll angles for both: the unit rotation and Euler angles are the same: $\phi^{u}=\phi^{E}$.
The roll-over condition is observed when: $\left|\phi^{E}\right|>90^{\circ}$.
When the unit is parallel to the Earth surface, the Euler angles are zero: $\theta^{E}=\phi^{E}=0^{\circ}$.

### 2.2.4.2.3 Gimbal Lock

The formulas for the roll angle $\phi^{E}$ and $\phi^{u}$ are numerically unstable when both: $g_{y}=g_{z}=0$. This condition, called a gimbal lock, happens when the unit is placed in the vertical position with the X axis parallel to the gravity vector, see Figure 6. When this happens, the unit effectively loses one degree of freedom and the roll angles $\phi^{E}$ and $\phi^{u}$ become undefined and can take any random value.


Plane ( $X_{E}, Y_{E}$ ) is parallel to the Earth surface
Figure 6. Gimbal Lock
The same condition occurs with the pitch angle $\theta^{u}$ when both: $g_{x}=g_{z}=0$.
The gimbal lock should be avoided in the inclinometer initial installation position. It should be also avoided in the inclinometer working range when it leads to unstable angular measurements.

The user can avoid the gimbal lock condition by changing orientation of the unit frame (a coordinate system attached to the unit) using configuration parameters when necessary.

### 2.2.4.3 Maximum Gravity Acceleration Error

All angular measurements in the static condition are based on the assumption that the only acceleration applied to the unit is the gravity acceleration $\vec{g}$, see (2). This is not entirely true when the inclinometer is installed on a moving machine and is experiencing various external accelerations. These accelerations will affect the angular calculations and, at some point, will make the accuracy of the calculations inacceptable.

To monitor the validity of the angular calculations, the inclinometer is calculating the Gravity Acceleration Error $\delta_{g}$ as a difference between the measured gravity acceleration $\vec{g}$ and its expected theoretical value:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{g}=\left|1-\sqrt{g_{x}^{2}+g_{y}^{2}+g_{z}^{2}}\right| \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

When the difference exceeds a predefined value $\delta_{g}>\delta_{g}^{(\max )}$, the angular calculations are considered invalid and the inclinometer sets the error state in the Angular Figure of Merit.

The Maximum Gravity Acceleration Error $\delta_{g}^{(\max )}$ is set by the user normally above the expected external accelerations at the customer site during normal operation conditions.

Please remember that even when $\delta_{g} \leq \delta_{g}^{(\max )}$, the rated inclinometer static parameters including accuracy are not guaranteed during external accelerations. The $\delta_{g}^{(\max )}$ only sets a threshold to notify the user that the external accelerations are too high for the angular measurements.

The Maximum Gravity Acceleration Error $\delta_{g}^{(\max )}$ is not used to void the angular measurement results when the sensor fusion is enabled ${ }^{1}$.
${ }^{1}$ The Gravity Acceleration Error was used in firmware versions 1.xx, ..., 5.xx to void the angular measurement results when the sensor fusion was enabled but temporarily not being used due to a sensor saturation or other sensor malfunction.

### 2.2.4.4 Practical Recommendations

In the beginning, the user defines an inclinometer position on the machine, direction of the measurement angle or two angles in orthogonal directions, and the angular ranges.

It is important to understand that the inclinometer calculates angles based on the gravity acceleration and the angles are measured between the inclinometer unit frame or machine frame and the Earth absolute reference frame ( $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{E}}$ ) where the gravity acceleration vector is uniquely defined.

The inclinometer can measure only pitch $\theta$ and roll $\phi$ angles. It cannot measure the yaw angle $\psi$, since the yaw angle is in the plane perpendicular to the gravity acceleration in the Earth absolute reference frame ( $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{E}}, \mathrm{Y}_{\mathrm{E},} \mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{E}}$ ) and therefore cannot be detected by an accelerometer.

The user starts with aligning the inclinometer unit frame with the Earth absolute reference frame at the inclinometer expected position on the machine. This is done by pointing the unit frame Z-axis down, making it coinsident with the gravity acceleration vector, and then alinging the unit pitch $\theta$ and roll $\phi$ angles with the required measurement angles.

The user can do this alignment either by mechanically rotating the inclinometer housing on the machine or by changing the unit frame orientation using inclinometer configuration parameters.

After the inclinometer position and the unit frame orientation are defined, the user should choose the type of the angles, since both: tilt and rotation angles have their pros and cons for angular measurements.

Table 1. Tilt and Rotation Angles

| Inclination Angles | Advantages | Disadvantages |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Tilt, $\pm 90^{\circ}$ Range | $\bullet$ Numerically stable in the <br> whole angular range. <br> $\bullet \quad$ Smooth angular transition <br> inside the measurement range. | $\bullet$ <br> $\bullet 90^{\circ}$ range for pitch and roll angles. <br> No roll-over detection. |
| Tilt, $\pm 180^{\circ}$ Range | - Numerically stable in the <br> whole angular range. | - Abrupt angular transition inside the <br> measurement range in roll-over points. |


| Inclination Angles | Advantages | Disadvantages |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range for pitch and roll angles. <br> - Roll-over detection. |  |
| Unit Rotation Angles | - Smooth angular transition inside the measurement range, except for the gimbal lock points. - $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range for pitch and roll angles. <br> - Roll-over detection. | - Numerically unstable pitch and roll angles in gimbal lock points. |
| Euler Angles | - Smooth angular transition inside the measurement range, except for the roll angle in gimbal lock points. <br> - $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range for the roll angle; <br> - Roll-over detection. <br> - Uniquely define the unit angular position in space. | - $\pm 90^{\circ}$ range for pitch angle to avoid ambiguity in angular rotations. <br> - Numerically unstable roll angle in gimbal lock points. |

For single and dual-axis measurements, when the measurement range is not above $\pm 90^{\circ}$, the tilt angles in the $\pm 90^{\circ}$ range are recommended, see Figure 7 and Figure 8. They are numerically stable and have a smooth angular transition inside the measurement range. If necessary, the rollover can be monitored by the gravity angle.

For single-axis measurements, when the measurement range is above $\pm 90$, the rotation angles are recommended. For unit rotation angles, either pitch or roll angle can be used depending on the position of the unit on the machine. For Euler angles, the roll angle can be used, since it covers the entire $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range.


Figure 7. Single-Axis Measurements
For dual-axis measurements with the measurement range above $\pm 90$, both: tilt angles in the $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range or rotation angles can be used, see Figure 8. If a smooth angular transition inside the measurement range is not necessary, the tilt angles in the $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range are recommended due to their numerical stability in the whole measurement range.


Figure 8. Dual-Axis Measurements
In case it is necessary to get the $\pm 180^{\circ}$ range for both: pitch and roll angles with a smooth angular transition, the unit rotation angles should be used. Otherwise, the Euler angles are preferred, since they have a gimbal lock only for the roll angle, the pitch angle is numerically stable in the whole measurement range.

The Euler angles are the angles of choice when it is necessary to define the unit angular position in space. The yaw angle is then determined by an external magnetic or GPS sensor.

Even when the Euler angles are not used to calculate the pitch and roll angles, they are still used internally to compensate the unit initial installation angles.

### 2.2.4.5 Default Settings

Both: AX060900 and AX060910 inclinometers measure tilt angles in the $\pm 90^{\circ}$ range by default.

### 2.3 Hardware Block Diagram

The inclinometers, depending on configuration, contain one or two three-axis MEMS accelerometers, and three single-axis MEMS gyroscopes, see Figure 9.


Figure 9. Simplified Inclinometer Hardware Block Diagram
The extended dynamic range inclinometer (AX060910) has a dedicated 3D low-g accelerometer to accurately measure inclination angles in a static condition.

The outputs of MEMS accelerometers and gyroscopes are processed by a 32-bit microcontroller to calculate the unit accelerations, angular rates, and inclination angles. The inclination angles are then output to CAN bus together with all other necessary additional information.

The inclinometers have a wide range of protection features including a transient and reverse polarity protection, see Technical Specifications section.

### 2.4 Software Organization

### 2.4.1 Angular Measurements

The inclinometer software block diagram for measuring angles, accelerations, and angular rates is presented in Figure 10.


Figure 10. Software Block Diagram for Angular Measurements
A separate 3D low-g accelerometer is used in the extended dynamic range inclinometer (AX060910). A signal of this low-g accelerometer is combined with a regular 3D accelerometer to improve the accuracy of static angular measurements, see Figure 11.

The unit accelerations and angular rates from accelerometers and gyroscopes are first converted to the machine frame. Then the acceleration and angular rate signals go through the low pass filters and are output separately in two sets of data, one representing acceleration and the other one - the angular rate of the unit.

The unit angles are measured with or without dynamic compensation. When the dynamic compensation is on, the Kalman Filter is used to combine accelerations with the angular rates to estimate the gravity vector used for angular calculations. When the dynamic compensation is off, the filtered accelerometer signals define the gravity vector and are used to calculate the unit angles.


Figure 11. Acceleration Data Collection with Low-g Accelerometer

Even when the dynamic compensation is on, the Kalman Filter might be temporarily disabled due to the sensor saturation or other malfunction. In this case, the unfiltered accelerometer signals are used for angular calculations until the Kalman Filter is ready to take over the gravity vector calculations to define the unit angles.

An auxiliary set of uncompensated angular measurements, calculated on the base of the filtered accelerometer signals, is provided to evaluate the efficiency of the Kalman Filter in real time. When the dynamic compensation is off, the uncompensated angular measurements are the same as the regular angular measurements.

### 2.4.2 Configurable Internal Architecture

The inclinometer belongs to a family of Axiomatic smart controllers with configurable internal architecture. This architecture allows building a controlling algorithm using a set of internal configurable function blocks without the need of a custom software.

The inclinometer data acquisition and angular measurement internal software structure, shown in Figure 10, is presented in Accelerometer, Gyroscope, and Angle Measurement function blocks.

The user can modify the inclinometer functionality using PC-based Axiomatic Electronic Assistant (EA) software through the CAN interface, without disconnecting the inclinometer from the user's system.

The inclinometer application firmware can be also updated in the field using the Axiomatic EA, see the Flashing New Firmware section.

### 2.5 CAN Interface

The inclinometer CAN interface is compliant with Bosch CAN protocol specification, Rev.2.0, Part B, and the following J1939 standards:

Table 2. J1939 Standard Support

| ISO/OSI Network ModeI <br> Layer | J1939 Standard |
| :--- | :--- |
| Physical | J1939/11 - Physical Layer, 250K bit/s, Twisted Shielded Pair. Rev. <br> SEP 2006. <br> J1939/15 - Reduced Physical Layer, 250K bits/sec, Un-Shielded Twisted <br> Pair (UTP). Rev. AUG 2008. <br> J1939/14- Physical Layer, 500 Kbps. Rev. OCT 2011. <br> J1939/16 - Automatic Baud Rate Detection Process. Rev. NOV 2018. |
| J1939/21 - Data Link Layer. Rev. DEC 2006 |  |
|  | The inclinometer supports Transport Protocol for: Commanded Address <br> messages (PGN 65240), ECU identification messages -ECUID (PGN <br> 64965), and software identification messages -SOFT (PGN 65242). It also <br> supports responses on PGN Requests (PGN 59904). <br> Please note that the Proprietary A PGN (PGN 61184) is taken by Axiomatic <br> Simple Proprietary Protocol and is not available for the user. |
|  | J1939, Appendix B - Address and Identity Assignments. Rev. FEB 2010. <br>  |


| ISO/OSI Network Model <br> Layer | J1939 Standard |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | The inclinometer is an Arbitrary Address Capable ECU. It can dynamically <br> change its network address in real time to resolve an address conflict with <br> other ECUs. <br> The inclinometer supports: Address Claimed Messages (PGN 60928), <br> Requests for Address Claimed Messages (PGN 59904) and Commanded <br> Address Messages (PGN 65240). |
| Transport | N/A in J1939. |
| Session | N/A in J1939. |
| Presentation | N/A in J1939. |
| Application | J1939/71 - Vehicle Application Layer. Rev. SEP 2013 |
|  | The inclinometer can receive application-specific PGNs with input signals <br> and transmit application specific PGNs with up to ten output signals. All <br> application specific PGNs are user programmable. |
|  | J1939/73 - Application Layer - Diagnostics. Rev. FEB 2010 |
| Memory access protocol (MAP) support. DM14, DM15, DM16 messages <br> used by the Axiomatic EA to program configuration parameters. |  |

### 2.5.1 CAN Baud Rate

The inclinometer can operate at J 1939 standard $250 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ and $500 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ baud rates. It can also run at $667 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ and at $1 \mathrm{Mbit} / \mathrm{s}$ - the maximum baud rate supported by the CAN inclinometer hardware. ${ }^{1}$
${ }^{1}$ Inclinometers with firmware V1.xx...4.xx could operate only at 250kbit/s baud rate, and with firmware V5.xx...6.xx - at 250, 500, and 1000 kbit/s (1Mbit/s) baud rates.

The baud rate selection is performed automatically upon connection to the CAN network using passive and active automatic baud rate detection process described in J1939/16. Once detected, the baud rate is stored in non-volatile memory and used on the next inclinometer power-up.

The baud rate detection can be disabled for permanently installed units to maintain the desired baud rate on the CAN network.

### 2.5.2 J1939 Name and Address

Before sending and receiving any application data, the inclinometer claims its network address with a unique J1939 Name. The Name fields are presented in the table below:

Table 3. J1939 Name Fields

| Field Name | Field Length | Field Value | Configurable |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Arbitrary Address Capable | 1 bit | 1 (Capable) | No |
| Industry Group | 3 bit | 3 (Construction Equipment) | No |
| Vehicle System Instance | 4 bit | 0 (First Instance) | No |
| Vehicle System | 7 bit | 0 (Nonspecific System) | No |
| Reserved | 1 bit | 0 | No |
| Function | 8 bit | 136 (Slope Sensor) | No |
| Function Instance | 5 bit | 6 (AX06090x, Tri-Axial Gyro <br> Inclinometer, SAE J1939, <br> Axiomatic proprietary value) | No |


| Field Name | Field Length | Field Value | Configurable |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ECU Instance | 3 bit | 0 (First Instance) | Yes |
| Manufacturer Code | 11 bit | $162($ Axiomatic Technologies <br> Corp.) | No |
| Identity Number | 21 bit | Calculated on the base of the <br> microcontroller unique ID | No |

The user can change the inclinometer ECU Instance using the Axiomatic EA to accommodate multiple units on the same CAN network.

The inclinometer takes its network ECU Address from a pool of addresses assigned to selfconfigurable ECUs. The default address can be changed during an arbitration process or upon receiving a commanded address message. The new address value will be stored in a non-volatile memory and used next time for claiming the network address. The ECU Address can also be changed in the Axiomatic EA, see J1939 Network function block.

### 2.5.3 Slew Rate Control

The inclinometer has an ability to adjust the CAN transceiver slew rate for better performance on the CAN physical network, see $\mathbf{J 1 9 3 9}$ Network function block for further details.

### 2.5.4 Network Bus Terminating Resistors

The inclinometers do not have an embedded 120 Ohm CAN bus terminating resistor.
The terminating resistors should be installed externally on both ends of the CAN twisted pair cable according to the J1939/11(15) standards to avoid communication errors.

Even if the length of the CAN network is short and the signal reflection from both ends of the cable can be ignored, at least one 120 Ohm resistor is required for the majority of CAN transceivers to operate properly.

### 2.6 Default Settings

The inclinometer is shipped with the following preconfigured settings to transmit angular and angular rate data on the CAN bus.

### 2.6.1 CAN Interface

By default, the inclinometer angular and angular rate data is transmitted in a standard PGN:

- PGN 61481, Slope Sensor Information 2, SSI2.

The inclinometer is also preconfigured the way that it can send data in:

- PGN 61459, Slope Sensor Information, SSI.
- PGN 61482, Angular Rate Information, ARI;
- PGN 65256, Vehicle Direction/Speed, VDS;
- PGN 64905, Vehicle Direction/Speed 2, VDS2.

The user should use the Axiomatic EA to activate sending the appropriate preconfigured PGNs by changing the Transmission Enable configuration parameter from No to Yes, see CAN Output Message function block. Any other user-defined PGNs can be configured by the EA as well.

### 2.6.1.1 PGN 61459, Slope Sensor Information, SSI

This PGN provides measurements of the vehicle pitch and roll angles, and a measurement of the vehicle pitch rate. It has the following parameters:

| Transmission Repetition Rate: | 10 ms |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Data Length: |  | 8 |  |
| Default Priority: |  | 3 |  |
| Parameter Group Number: |  | 61459 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Start Position | Length | Parameter Name | SPN |
| $1-2$ | 2 bytes | Pitch Angle | 3318 |
| $3-4$ | 2 bytes | Roll Angle | 3319 |
| $5-6$ | 2 bytes | Pitch Rate | 3322 |
| 7.1 | 2 bits | Pitch Angle Figure of Merit | 3323 |
| 7.3 | 2 bits | Roll Angle Figure of Merit | 3324 |
| 7.5 | 2 bits | Pitch Rate Figure of Merit | 3325 |
| 7.7 | 2 bits | Pitch and Roll Compensated | 3326 |
| 8 | 1 byte | Roll and Pitch Measurement Latency | 3327 |


| Parameter Name: | Pitch Angle |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Data Length: | 2 bytes |  |
| Resolution: | 0.002 deg/bit, -64 offset |  |
| Data Range: | -64 to 64.51 deg | Operational Range: same as data range |
| Type: | Measured |  |


Parameter Name: $\quad$ Pitch Angle Figure of Merit

Data Length:

Type:
Parameter Name:
Data Length:

2 bits
Bit 2 Bit 1
$0 \quad 0 \quad$ Pitch angle fully functional. Data is within sensor specification.
$0 \quad 1 \quad$ Pitch angle degraded. Data is suspect due to environmental conditions.
10 Error
$1 \quad 1$ Not available
Status
Roll Angle Figure of Merit
2 bits
Bit 2 Bit 1
$0 \quad 0 \quad$ Roll angle fully functional. Data is within sensor specification.

|  | 0 | 1 | Roll angle degraded. Data is suspect due to environmental conditions. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 0 | Error |
|  |  | 1 | Not available |
| Type: | Status |  |  |
| Parameter Name: | Pitch Rate Figure of Merit |  |  |
| Data Length: | 2 bits |  |  |
|  | Bit 2 | Bit 1 |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | Pitch rate fully functional. Data is within sensor specification. Pitch rate degraded. Data is suspect due to environmental conditions. |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 0 | Error |
|  | 1 | 1 | Not available |
| Type: | Status |  |  |
| Parameter Name: | Pitch and Roll Compensated |  |  |
| Data Length: | 2 bits |  |  |
|  | Bit 2 | Bit 1 |  |
|  |  |  | Compensation Off |
|  |  | 1 | Compensation On |
|  |  | 0 | Error |
|  |  | 1 | Not available |
| Type: | Status |  |  |
| Parameter Name: | Roll and Pitch Measurement Latency |  |  |
| Data Length: | 1 byte |  |  |
| Resolution: | $0.5 \mathrm{~ms} / \mathrm{bit}$, 0 offset |  |  |
| Data Range: | 0 to 125 ms Operational Range: same as data range |  |  |
| Type: | Measured |  |  |

### 2.6.1.2 PGN 61481, Slope Sensor Information 2, SSI2

This PGN provides measurements of the vehicle extended pitch and roll angle. It has the following parameters:

Transmission Repetition Rate: 10 ms
Data Length:
Default Priority:
Parameter Group Number:8361481
Start Position4980
4981Roll and Pitch Extended Range Measurement Latency4982
Parameter Name: Pitch Angle Extended Range
Data Length:


Type: Measured

### 2.6.1.3 PGN 61482, Angular Rate Information, ARI

This PGN provides measurements of the vehicle pitch, roll, and yaw rate. It has the following parameters:


|  | 0 | 0 | Roll rate fully functional. Data is within sensor specification. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | Roll rate degraded. Data is suspect due to environmental conditions. |
|  | 1 | 0 | Error |
|  | 1 | 1 | Not available |
| Type: | Status |  |  |
| Parameter Name: | Yaw Rate Extended Range Figure of Merit |  |  |
| Data Length: | 2 bits |  |  |
|  | Bit 2 | Bit 1 |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | Yaw rate fully functional. Data is within sensor specification. Yaw rate degraded. Data is suspect due to environmental conditions. |
|  | 0 | 1 |  |
|  | 1 | 0 | Error |
|  | 1 | 1 | Not available |
| Type: | Status |  |  |
| Parameter Name: | Angular Rate Measurement Latency |  |  |
| Data Length: | 1 byte |  |  |
| Resolution: | $0.5 \mathrm{~ms} / \mathrm{bit}$ |  |  |
| Offset: | 0 ms |  |  |
| Type: | Measured |  |  |

### 2.6.1.4 PGN 65256, Vehicle Direction/Speed, VDS

| Transmission Repetition Rate: | On request |
| :--- | :--- |
| Data Length: | 8 |
| Default Priority: | 6 |
| Parameter Group Number: | 65256 |


| Start Position | Length | Parameter Name | SPN |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1-2$ | 2 bytes | Compass Bearing | 165 |
| $3-4$ | 2 bytes | Navigation-Based Vehicle Speed | 517 |
| $5-6$ | 2 bytes | Pitch | 583 |
| $7-8$ | 2 bytes | Altitude | 580 |


| Parameter Name: | Compass Bearing. (Not used by the inclinometer. Populated with 0xFFFF) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Data Length: | 2 bytes |  |
| Resolution: | $1 / 128$ deg/bit, 0 offset |  |
| Data Range: | 0 to 501.99 deg |  |

Type:
Parameter Name: $\quad$ Navigation-Based Vehicle Speed (Not used by the inclinometer. Populated with 0xFFFF)
Data Length:
Resolution:
Data Range:
Type:
Parameter Name: Pitch
Data Length: 2 bytes
Resolution:
Data Range:

2 bytes
1/256 km/h per bit, 0 offset
0 to 250.996 km/h Operational Range: same as data range
Measured

1/128 deg/bit, -200 deg offset -200 to 301.99 deg
Type: Measured

| Parameter Name: | Altitude (Not used by the inclinometer. Populated with 0xFFFF) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Data Length: | 2 bytes |  |
| Resolution: | $0.125 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{bit},-2500 \mathrm{~m}$ offset |  |
| Data Range: | -2500 to 5531.875 m |  |
| Type: | Measured | Operational Range: same as data range |
|  |  |  |

### 2.6.1.5 PGN 64905, Vehicle Direction/Speed 2, VDS2

| Transmission Repetition Rate: | On request |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Data Length: | 8 |  |
| Default Priority: | 6 |  |
| Parameter Group Number: | 64905 |  |
|  |  |  |
| Start Position | Length | Parameter Name |
| $1-2$ | 2 bytes | Vehicle Roll |
|  |  |  |
| Parameter Name: | Vehicle Roll |  |
| Data Length: | 2 bytes |  |
| Resolution: | $1 / 128$ deg/bit, -200 deg offset |  |
| Data Range: | -200 to 301.99 deg | Operational Range: -90 to 90 degrees |
| Type: | Measured |  |

## 3 INCLINOMETER LOGICAL STRUCTURE

The inclinometer is internally organized as a set of function blocks, which can be individually configured and arbitrarily connected together to achieve the required inclinometer functionality, see Figure 12.


The actual connections between signal inputs and outputs are defined by the configuration parameters.

Figure 12. The Inclinometer Logical Block Diagram
Each function block is absolutely independent and has its own set of configuration parameters, or setpoints. The configuration parameters can be viewed and changed through CAN bus using Axiomatic Electronic Assistant (EA) software.

The gyroscope and accelerometer sensors are presented by Gyroscope and Accelerometer function blocks, respectively. Angle Measurement function block controls measurements of the inclination angles. Unit Installation function block is used to compensate installation angles after
the unit is mounted at a customer's site. Sensor Calibration is an auxiliary function block representing the inclinometer calibration parameters.

The J1939 CAN interface is represented by the CAN Input Signal, CAN Output Message and J1939 Network function blocks. The CAN Input Signal function blocks are used to receive CAN signals transmitted on the CAN bus. They have one signal output, which is updated once the signal is received. The CAN Output Message function blocks are used to transmit CAN signals on the CAN bus. Each CAN message can contain up to ten individual CAN output signals, which receive data from their individual signal inputs.

In case the inclinometer data need to be processed before been output, the unit has ten Binary Function blocks to do simple data conversion operations.

The inclinometer also has a Global Parameters function block containing four constant output signals and other auxiliary output signals.

### 3.1 Function Block Signals

The inclinometer function blocks can contain signal inputs and outputs to communicate with each other. Each signal input can be connected to any signal output using an appropriate configuration parameter. There is no limitation on the number of signal inputs connected to a signal output.

When a signal input is connected to a signal output, data from the signal output of one function block is available on the signal input of another function block.

The function block signal data can have the following signal types: \{Undefined, Discrete or Continuous\}.

### 3.1.1 Undefined Signal

The Undefined signal type is used to present a no-signal condition in signal data or to specify that the signal input is not connected (not used).

### 3.1.2 Discrete Signal

The Discrete signal type is used to present a discrete signal that has a finite number of states in signal data or to specify that the signal input or output is communicating this type of signals.

The discrete signals are stored in four-byte unsigned integer variables that can present any state value in the $0 . . .0 x F F F F F F F F$ range.

### 3.1.3 Continuous Signal

The Continuous signal type presents continuous signals, usually physical parameters, in signal data or as a signal input or output type.

The continuous signals are stored in floating point variables. They are not normalized and present data in the appropriate physical units. The user can do simple scaling of the continuous signal data by changing Scale (Resolution) and Offset configuration parameters in the appropriate function blocks.

### 3.1.4 Signal Type Conversion

Discrete and Continuous signals are automatically converted into each other when a signal input of one signal type is connected to a signal output of a different signal type.

### 3.1.4.1 Discrete to Continuous Conversion

A Discrete signal is converted into a positive Continuous signal of the same value.

### 3.1.4.2 Continuous to Discrete Conversion

A positive Continuous signal is converted into the same value Discrete signal. A fractional part of the Continuous signal is truncated. If the Continuous signal value is above the maximum Discrete signal value, the resulted Discrete signal value will saturate to the maximum Discrete signal value: 0xFFFFFFFFF.

All negative Continuous signals are converted into zero value Discrete signals.

### 3.1.4.3 Undefined Signal Conversion

An Undefined signal is not converted into a specific discrete or continuous signal value. It presents a no-signal condition on both: Discrete and Continuous signal inputs and outputs. The value of an undefined signal is not defined unless a default signal value configuration parameter is used in a function block. In this case, the configuration parameter value is used as a signal value when the signal is not defined, see Binary Function blocks.

### 3.2 Gyroscope

The Gyroscope function block presents all three gyroscope MEMS sensors sensing inclinometer angular rate in three orthogonal directions (3D).


Figure 13. Gyroscope Function Block
This function block has 8 signal outputs. The $X, Y, Z$ - Axis Angular Rate continuous signals represent the gyroscope angular rates about the appropriate axis in the machine frame in [deg/s]. The machine frame is coincident with the unit frame by default when the initial pitch and roll angles are zero in the Unit Installation function block.

The Angular Rate Measurement Latency continuous signal defines the angular rate measurement latency in [ms].

The Angular Rate Figure of Merit discrete signal defines whether the gyroscope angular rate data can be trusted. It has the following set of states:

Table 4. Gyroscope Angular Rate Figure of Merit

| State | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | All gyroscopes are fully functional. Data is within the sensor specification. |
| 1 | Data is suspect due to environmental conditions. Set when any of the gyroscope sensor <br> temperatures is less than $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or greater than $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. |
| 2 | Error condition has been detected. |

The $X, Y, Z$ - Axis Gyro Sensor Temperature continuous signals represent the internal temperatures for each individual gyroscope sensor in [ $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$.

The Gyroscope function block configuration parameters are defined below.
Table 5. Gyroscope Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Input Filter | On | $\{$ Off, On $\}$ | - | Low-pass input filter. |
| Input Filter Cut-Off <br> Frequency | 5 | $[1 \ldots 35]$ | Hz | Cut-Off Frequency when <br> Input Filter is On. |

### 3.3 Accelerometer

The Accelerometer function block represents the 3D accelerometer sensor.


Figure 14. Accelerometer Function Block
The Accelerometer function block has 6 signal outputs. The unit accelerations: $X, Y, Z$ - Axis Acceleration are presented in gravity units [g] in the machine frame. The machine frame is coincident with the unit frame by default when the initial pitch and roll angles are zero in the Unit Installation function block.

The Acceleration Measurement Latency continuous signal defines the acceleration measurement latency in [ms].

The Acceleration Rate Figure of Merit discrete signal defines whether the acceleration data can be trusted. It has the following set of states:

Table 6. Gyroscope Angular Rate Figure of Merit

| State | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | Accelerometer is fully functional. Data is within the sensor specification. |


| State | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Data is suspect due to environmental conditions. Set when the accelerometer sensor <br> temperature is less than $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or greater than $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. <br> 2 |

The Accelerometer Sensor Temperature output represents the 3D accelerometer sensor temperature in $\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$.

The Accelerometer function block configuration parameters are defined below.
Table 7. Accelerometer Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Input Filter | On | $\{$ Off, On\} | - | Low-pass input filter. |
| Input Filter Cut-Off <br> Frequency | 5 | $[1 \ldots 35]$ | Hz | Cut-Off Frequency when <br> Input Filter is On. |

### 3.4 Angle Measurement

The Angle Measurement function block calculates pitch, roll and gravity angles in the machine frame, see Figure 15. The machine frame is coincident with the unit frame by default when the initial pitch and roll angles are zero in the Unit Installation function block.

The angles can be calculated with or without a sensor fusion algorithm. The angle outputs calculated without the sensor fusion algorithm are named as Uncompensated.

For example, Pitch Angle Uncompensated output is a version of a regular Pitch Angle output calculated without using the sensor fusion algorithm. This allows to evaluate the performance of a sensor fusion algorithm in real time to make a knowledgeable decision whether using the gyroscope-compensated inclinometer provides a noticeable advantage in the customer's application.

The sensor fusion algorithm can be enabled or disabled by the Dynamic Angle Compensation configuration parameter. When the sensor fusion is disabled, there is no difference between the uncompensated and regular outputs; they both output the same data.

By default, the Dynamic Angle Compensation is On and the sensor fusion algorithm is enabled.


Figure 15. Angle Measurement Function Block
The Pitch Angle and Pitch Angle Uncompensated are continuous signals that output the unit pitch angle $\theta$ in [deg]. They have $\pm 90$ [deg] range for Euler angles and $\pm 180$ [deg] for unit rotation angles. For tilt angles, they can be either $\pm 90$ or $\pm 180$ [deg] depending on the Tilt Angle Range configuration parameter.

The Roll Angle and Roll Angle Uncompensated are continuous signals that output the roll angle $\phi$ in [deg]. They have a full $\pm 180$ [deg] range for Euler and unit rotation angles. For tilt angles, they can be either $\pm 90$ or $\pm 180$ [deg] depending on the Tilt Angle Range configuration parameter.

The Gravity Angle and Gravity Angle Uncompensated are continuous signals that output the gravity angle $\rho$ in [deg]. They have 0... 180 [deg] range.

The Gravity Acceleration Error and Gravity Acceleration Error Uncompensated continuous signals output the gravity acceleration error $\delta_{g}$ in [g].

The Angular Measurement Latency and Angular Measurement Latency Uncompensated continuous signals output the angular measurement latency in [ms].

The Angular Figure of Merit and Angular Figure of Merit Uncompensated are discrete signals that define whether the angular output data can be trusted. They have the following set of states:

Table 8. Angular Figure of Merit

| State | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | Angular data is fully functional. Data is within the sensor specification. |
| 1 | Angular data is suspect due to environmental conditions. <br> Dynamic Angle Compensation: <br> On - The accelerometer sensor temperature or one of the gyroscope sensor temperatures is <br> less than $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or greater than $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. <br> Off - Accelerometer sensor temperature is less than $-40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or greater than $+125^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. <br> 2 |


| State | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Dynamic Angle Compensation: <br> On -The accelerometer sensor or one of the gyroscope sensors is saturated or is <br> malfunctioning or the sensor fusion algorithm is temporarily disabled (due to a sensor error or <br> while recovering from an error condition) <br>  <br> Off - The accelerometer sensor is saturated or is malfunctioning or the gravity acceleration <br> error has exceeded the maximum configured value. |

${ }^{1}$ The Gravity Acceleration Error was used to determine an error condition for the Angular Figure of Merit when the sensor fusion algorithm was temporarily disabled in firmware versions 1.xx, ..., 5.xx.

The Angle Compensation and Angle Compensation Inverted are discrete output signals that define whether the sensor fusion algorithm is being used. They have the following set of states:

Table 9. Angle Compensation

| State | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | Angle Compensation is Off. The sensor fusion algorithm is disabled. |
| 1 | Angle Compensation is On. The sensor fusion algorithm is enabled and being used. |
| 2 | Error State. The sensor fusion algorithm is enabled but not being used (temporarily disabled). |

Table 10. Angle Compensation Inverted

| State | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0 | Angle Compensation is On. The sensor fusion algorithm is enabled and being used. |
| 1 | Angle Compensation is Off. The sensor fusion algorithm is disabled. |
| 2 | Error State. The sensor fusion algorithm is enabled but not being used (temporarily disabled). |

The Angle Measurement function block configuration parameters are presented below:
Table 11. Angle Measurement Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default <br> Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pitch and Roll <br> Angle Type | Tilt Angle | \{Euler Angle, <br> Tilt Angle, <br> Unit Rotation <br> Angle | - |  |
| Tilt Angle Range | $\pm 90$ | $\{ \pm 90, \pm 180\}$ | deg | Tilt angle measurement range. |
| Maximum <br> Gravity <br> Acceleration <br> Error | 0.2 | $[0.05 \ldots 0.5]$ | g pitch and roll angle. |  |
| Dynamic Angle <br> Compensation | On | $\{$ Off, On $\}$ | - | Maximum gravity acceleration <br> error acceptable for the angular <br> calculations. |


| Name | Default <br> Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Accelerometer <br> Noise Density | $0.12^{1}$ <br> $0.037^{2}$ | $[0 \ldots 1]$ | $\mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{sqrt(Hz)}$ | Accelerometer white-noise Kalman <br> filter parameter. |
| Gyro Noise <br> Density | $0.008^{1}$ <br> $0.007^{2}$ | $[0 \ldots 1]$ | $\mathrm{deg} / \mathrm{s} / \mathrm{sqrt(Hz)}$ | Gyroscope white-noise Kalman <br> filter parameter. |
| Gyro Rate <br> Random Walk | 0.0005 | $[0 \ldots 1]$ | deg/s^2/sqrt(Hz) | Gyroscope rate random walk <br> Kalman filter parameter. |

${ }^{1}$ For AX060900. ${ }^{2}$ For AX060910.

### 3.5 Unit Installation

The Unit Installation function block is used to compensate initial installation angles after the unit is mounted on a machine at a customer's site.

> Unit Installation

Figure 16. Unit Installation Function Block
The function block has no signal inputs and outputs. Its configuration parameters are presented below.

Table 12. Unit Installation Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default <br> Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Coordinate Rotation Yaw <br> Angle | 0 | $[-180 \ldots 180]$ | deg | Initial unit frame rotation yaw angle. |
| Coordinate Rotation <br> Pitch Angle | 0 | $[-180 \ldots 180]$ | deg | Initial unit frame rotation pitch angle. |
| Coordinate Rotation Roll <br> Angle | 0 | $[-180 \ldots 180]$ | deg | Initial unit frame rotation roll angle. |
| Initial Pitch Angle | 0 | $[-90 \ldots 90]$ | deg | Initial installation pitch angle. |
| Initial Roll Angle | 0 | $[-180 \ldots 180]$ | deg | Initial installation roll angle. |
| Auto-Null Command | $\mathrm{No}^{2}$ | $\{$ No, Yes $\}$ | - | Auto-Null Command. Set Yes to <br> automatically update the Initial Pitch Angle <br> and Initial Roll Angle. |

${ }^{1}$ The Coordinate Rotation Yaw, Pitch, and Roll Angles were added in V4.0 firmware.
${ }^{2}$ The Auto-Null Command is not a real configuration parameter. It always returns No value when being read.

The Coordinate Rotation Yaw, Pitch and Roll Angles $(\psi, \theta, \phi)$ are used to change the original orientation of the unit frame. The original orientation is shown on the inclinometer label. The coordinate rotation angles are Euler angles applied in the standard yaw-pitch-roll order to the unit frame.

Normally, the coordinate rotation angles are taken in 90 -degree increments: $0, \pm 90, \pm 180$, but theoretically they can be assigned any value in the [-180...+180] degree range.

After the coordinate system is rotated, the user can install the inclinometer on the machine and set the initial installation pitch and roll angles.

The initial installation pitch and roll angles are Euler angles used to transform the unit accelerations from the unit frame to the machine frame. They can be written manually or set up automatically when Auto-Null Command is set to Yes.

To set up the initial installation angles automatically, the user issues the Auto-Null Command when the machine is in the initial null-angle position, leveled on the operation area. The machine frame is coincident with the Earth reference frame in this position, see Unit Reference Frames.

The user should avoid the gimbal lock condition when issuing the Auto-Null Command since in this case the Initial Roll Angle cannot be accurately defined, and the resulting machine frame orientation can be random, see Gimbal Lock.

### 3.5.1 Unit Frame Orientation Examples

The user can change the unit frame orientation by applying the Coordinate Rotation Yaw, Pitch and Roll Angles $(\psi, \theta, \phi)$ to the original default orientation of the unit frame.

For example, let us assume that the unit in the original null-angle position is placed vertically on the machine, long side up, and the angle of interest will be measured as the unit pitch angle, see Figure 17. Remember, that the measured angle cannot be yaw angle, only pitch or roll angle, see Practical Recommendations.

This assumption will require a new unit frame orientation presented in Figure 17. In the new orientation, the Z -axis points down to be coincident with the gravity vector, the X and Y axes are rotated the way that the Y -axis points towards the viewer, X -axis points right, and rotation about the Y -axis gives the required pitch angle according to the right-hand rule, see Unit Coordinate System.


Figure 17. Unit Frame Orientation Example. New Unit Frame Orientation
To convert the original unit frame orientation into the required one, perform ( $0,0,-90^{\circ}$ ) coordinate system rotation, see Figure 18.


Figure 18. Unit Frame Orientation Example. Coordinate System Rotation

In user applications, to avoid errors, it is recommended checking the new unit frame orientation on the bench before installing the inclinometer on the machine. The Axiomatic CAN Assistant Visual, P/N: AX070501VIS can be used to verify angular directions and ranges after performing the unit frame coordinate rotation.

### 3.6 Sensor Calibration

The Sensor Calibration function block represents internal calibration read-only parameters. It does not have any signal inputs and outputs.

Sensor Calibration
Figure 19. Sensor Calibration
The calibration parameters can be inspected in the field by a qualified technician. They are also written by the Axiomatic EA in a setpoint file together with other configuration parameters.

### 3.7 Binary Functions

There are ten Binary Function blocks available to the user for performing simple data conversions. Each Binary Function block has two continuous signal inputs and one continuous signal output.


Figure 20. Binary Function Block
The Binary Function block performs the following data conversion:

$$
\begin{equation*}
Y=A \cdot F\left[a_{1} \cdot f_{1}\left(X_{1}\right)+b_{1} ; a_{2} \cdot f_{2}\left(X_{2}\right)+b_{2}\right]+B, n=1,2 ; \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where: $X_{n}$ - Input signal;
$f_{n}\left(X_{n}\right)$ - Unary function;
$a_{n}$ - Scale;
$b_{n}$ - Offset;
$F[x ; y]$ - Binary Function;
A - Output Scale;
B - Output Offset.
The function block input signals can be undefined. The user can specify a default signal value that will be used when the signal is not defined. If the default signal value is not specified, the output signal of the function block will become undefined too.

The following unary functions can be used to process the input signals.
Table 13. Unary Functions

| Function Name | Description | Comment |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Undefined | $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{x}$ | Signal is not processed |


| Function Name | Description | Comment |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $!$ Logical Not | $f(x)=!x$ | $x$ is converted into 4-byte unsigned integer before <br> function is applied |
| $\sim$ Bitwise Not | $f(x)=\sim x$ | $x$ is converted into 4-byte unsigned integer before <br> function is applied |
| abs $(x)$ Absolute | $f(x)=x$, if $x \geq 0$ <br> $f(x)=-x$, if $x<0$ |  |

The following binary functions are defined in the function block:
Table 14. Binary Functions

| Function Name | Description | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Undefined | $F[x ; y]=$ Undefined | Output signal is undefined |
| + Addition | $F[x ; y]=x+y$ |  |
| - Subtraction | $\mathrm{F}[\mathrm{x} ; \mathrm{y}]=\mathrm{x}-\mathrm{y}$ |  |
| * Multiplication | $\mathrm{F}[\mathrm{x} ; \mathrm{y}]=\mathrm{x}$ * y |  |
| / Division | $F[x ; y]=x / y$ | Division by 0 gives 0 |
| \% Modulus | $F[x ; y]=x \% y$ | $x$ and $y$ are converted into 4-byte unsigned integers before function is applied |
| $\max (\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})$ Maximum | $\begin{aligned} & F[x ; y]=x, \text { if } x \geq y \\ & F[x ; y]=y, \text { if } x<y \end{aligned}$ |  |
| $\min (x, y)$ Minimum | $\begin{aligned} & F[x ; y]=x, \text { if } x \leq y \\ & F[x ; y]=y, \text { if } x>y \end{aligned}$ |  |
| == Equal | $\begin{aligned} & F[x ; y]=1, \text { if } x=y \\ & F[x ; y]=0, \text { if } x \neq y \end{aligned}$ |  |
| != Not Equal | $\begin{aligned} & F[x ; y]=1, \text { if } x \neq y \\ & F[x ; y]=0, \text { if } x=y \end{aligned}$ |  |
| > Great | $\begin{aligned} & F[x ; y]=1, \text { if } x>y \\ & F[x ; y]=0, \text { if } x \leq y \end{aligned}$ |  |
| >= Great Equal | $\begin{aligned} & F[x ; y]=1, \text { if } x \geq y \\ & F[x ; y]=0, \text { if } x<y \end{aligned}$ |  |
| < Less | $\begin{aligned} & F[x ; y]=1, \text { if } x<y \\ & F[x ; y]=0, \text { if } x \geq y \end{aligned}$ |  |
| <= Less Equal | $\begin{aligned} & F[x ; y]=1, \text { if } x \leq y \\ & F[x ; y]=0, \text { if } x>y \end{aligned}$ |  |
| \|| Logical OR | $F[x ; y]=x \vee y$ | $x$ and $y$ are converted into 4-byte unsigned integers before function is applied |
| \&\& Logical AND | $F[x ; y]=x \wedge y$ | $x$ and $y$ are converted into 4-byte unsigned integers before function is applied |
| \| Bitwise OR | $F[x ; y]=x \mid y$ | $x$ and $y$ are converted into 4-byte unsigned integers before function is applied |
| \& Bitwise AND | $F[x ; y]=x \& y$ | $x$ and $y$ are converted into 4-byte unsigned integers before function is applied |
| ^ Bitwise XOR | $F[x ; y]=x^{\wedge} y$ | $x$ and $y$ are converted into 4-byte unsigned integers before function is applied |
| << Left Shift | $\mathrm{F}[\mathrm{x} ; \mathrm{y}]=\mathrm{x} \ll \mathrm{y}$ | $x$ and $y$ are converted into 4-byte unsigned integers before function is applied |
| >> Right Shift | $\mathrm{F}[\mathrm{x} ; \mathrm{y}]=\mathrm{x} \gg \mathrm{y}$ | $x$ and $y$ are converted into 4-byte unsigned integers before function is applied |

The Binary Function has the following set of configuration parameters:

Table 15. Binary Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Binary Function | Undefined | See Binary Function <br> table | - | $\mathrm{F}[\mathrm{x} ; \mathrm{y}]$ - Binary function |
| Output Scale | 1 | Any value | - | $\mathrm{A}-$ Output Scale |
| Output Offset | 0 | Any value | - | B - Output Offset |
| Input \#1 Signal <br> Source | Not Connected | Any signal output of <br> any function block or <br> "Not Connected" | - | $\mathrm{X}_{1}$ - Input Signal \#1 |
| Input \#1 Signal <br> Default | No | \{No, Yes\} | - | Defines whether the default <br> signal value for X 1 is defined. |
| Input \#1 Signal <br> Default Value | 0 | Any value | - | $\mathrm{X}_{1}$ default value, if Input \#1 <br> Signal Default is Yes. |
| Unary Function \#1 | Undefined | See Unary Function <br> table | - | $\mathrm{f}_{1}$ (x) - Unary function \#1 |
| Scale \#1 | 1 | Any value | - | $\mathrm{a}_{1}$ - Scale \#1 |
| Offset \#1 | 0 | Any value | - | $\mathrm{b}_{1}$ - Offset \#1 |
| Input \#2 Signal <br> Source | Not Connected | Any signal output of <br> any function block or <br> "Not Connected" | - | $\mathrm{X}_{2}$ - Input Signal \#2 |
| Input \#2 Signal <br> Default | Yes | \{No, Yes\} | - | Defines whether the default <br> signal value for X is defined. |
| Input \#2 Signal <br> Default Value | 1 | Any value | - | $\mathrm{X}_{2}$ default value, if Input \#2 <br> Signal Default is Yes. |
| Unary Function \#2 | Undefined | See Unary Function <br> table | - | $\mathrm{f}_{2}$ (x) - Unary function \#2 |
| Scale \#2 | Any value | - | $\mathrm{a}_{2}$ - Scale \#2 |  |
| Offset \#2 | Any value | - | $\mathrm{b}_{2}$ - Offset \#2 |  |

### 3.8 Global Parameters

The Global Parameters functional block gives the user access to a set of global constants, unit supply voltage and the microcontroller internal temperature.

The function block has one configurable Global Discrete Constant Signal output, one configurable Global Continuous Constant Signal output and two continuous pre-set constant signal outputs: Global Const. Signal $=0.0$ and Global Const. Signal $=1.0$.


Figure 21. Global Parameters Function Block
The function block also contains Supply Voltage continuous signal output presenting the inclinometer supply voltage in [V]. Please note, that this voltage is not the voltage on the
inclinometer power supply connector pins. It is an internal voltage measured after the EMI filter, reverse polarity, and transient protection circuit. It is always less than the actual power supply voltage by approximately $0.7 \ldots 0.95 \mathrm{~V}$.

The microcontroller internal temperature is presented on the Microcontroller Temperature continuous signal output in $\left[{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$.

The Global Parameters function block has the following configuration parameters.
Table 16. Global Parameters Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Global Continuous <br> Constant Signal | 0 | Any value | - | Output signal value of the Global <br> Continuous Constant Signal. |
| Global Discrete <br> Constant Signal | 0 | $[0 \ldots 4294967295$ <br> $(0 x F F F F F F F F F)]$ | - | Output signal value of the Global <br> Discrete Constant Signal. |

### 3.9 J1939 Network

The J1939 Network function block defines the global J1939 CAN bus settings. It does not have signal inputs and outputs.

## J1939 Network

Figure 22. J1939 Network Function Block
Configuration parameters of the J1939 Network function block are presented below. They contain ECU Network and CAN Network Parameters.

Table 17. J1939 Network Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ECU Instance <br> Number | 0 | $[0 \ldots 7]$ | - | ECU Instance field of the J1939 <br> ECU Name. |
| ECU Address | 226 | $[0 \ldots 253]$ | - | J1939 ECU address. |
| Baud Rate $^{1}$ | - | $\{250,500,667$, <br> $1000\}^{3}$ | $\mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ | Current baud rate on the CAN <br> network. |
| Automatic Baud <br> Rate Detection | Yes | \{No, Yes \} | - | Set to No once ECU is permanently <br> installed on the CAN network. |
| Slew Rate | Low | \{Low, High $\}$ | - | Slew rate control of the CAN <br> transceiver. |

${ }^{1}$ Read-only parameter. Not available in firmware V1.xx...4.xx.
${ }^{2}$ Not available in firmware V1.xx...4.xx.
${ }^{3}$ Range is $\{250,500,1000\}$ in firmware V5.xx...6.xx.

### 3.9.1 ECU Network Parameters

The user can change the ECU Instance Number and ECU Address to adjust the unit on the CAN network.

Changing the ECU Instance Number is necessary to accommodate multiple inclinometers on the same CAN network. The list of available ECU instances is shown in the ECU Instance Number Setup dialog window in the Axiomatic EA. The user should select the required ECU instance
number and then press OK or, starting from Axiomatic EA 5.14.103.0, double-click the selected instance number.

The ECU Address is automatically adjusted as the result of an address arbitration process on the J1939 CAN network. It can also be changed by a commanded address message. The user can also manually change the ECU address using the ECU Address configuration parameter.

The user selects the new ECU address from the list of available ECU addresses in the ECU Address Setup dialog window similar to the ECU instance number setup dialog. After the required ECU address is selected, the user should press OK button or, starting from Axiomatic EA 5.14.103.0, double-click the selected address.

### 3.9.2 CAN Network Parameters

The Baud Rate read-only configuration parameter shows the current baud rate on the CAN network.

The Automatic Baud Rate Detection parameter defines whether the ECU will try to detect the CAN baud rate in case of communication errors. The baud rate is detected from the list of supported CAN baud rates.

To avoid an arbitrary selection of the CAN baud rate by ECUs involved in the automatic baud rate detection process, it is necessary to disable the automatic baud rate detection in ECUs that are already permanently installed on the CAN network.

The Slew Rate configuration parameter defines the slew rate of the CAN transceiver the following way:

Table 18. Slew Rates

| Slew Rate Value | Transceiver Slew Rate | Note |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fast | $19 \mathrm{~V} / \mu \mathrm{s}$ | Available for all baud rates. |
| Slow | $4 \mathrm{~V} / \mu \mathrm{s}$ | Only available for $250 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ baud rate. |

The user can select the Slew Rate only when the inclinometer operates at $250 \mathrm{kbit} / \mathrm{s}$ baud rate. For baud rates higher than 250 kbit/s, the Slew Rate is always set to Fast independently of the Slew Rate configuration parameter.

The Slow slew rate is preferable at 250 kbit/s baud rate in the majority of applications due to the reduced EMI of the CAN transceiver. The Fast slew rate, in this case, is used when the distance between CAN nodes substantially exceeds 40 m - the maximum value defined by the J1939/11(15) standard.

### 3.10 CAN Input Signal

There are three CAN Input Signal function blocks available to the user. Each function block represents one CAN input signal that can be received from the CAN bus. The function block has one signal output with a user-defined signal type.


Figure 23. CAN Input Signal Function Block
The CAN Input Signal function block reads single-frame application specific CAN messages and extracts CAN signal data presented in a user-defined data format. Different CAN Input Signal function blocks can read and process the same CAN message to extract different CAN signal data.

The CAN messages transmitted by the unit itself are also processed by CAN Input Signal function blocks. The only difference in processing of the internal messages is that they are not sampled from the CAN bus and therefore their processing does not depend on the state of the bus.

Configuration parameters of the CAN Input Signal function block are presented below:
Table 19. CAN Input Signal Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default <br> Value | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Signal Type | Undefined | \{Undefined, <br> Discrete, <br> Continuous $\}$ | - | CAN input signal type |
| PGN | 65535 | Any J1939 PGN <br> value | - | Signal message PGN value. |
| PGN From <br> Selected Address | No | \{No, Yes $\}$ | - | Only CAN messages from the selected <br> address will be accepted, if Yes. |
| Selected Address | 0 | $[0 ; 253]$ | - | Address of the ECU transmitting CAN <br> messages if PGN From Selected <br> Address is set to Yes. |
| Data Position Byte | 1 | $[1 ; 8]$ | - | Start byte of the CAN input signal in <br> the CAN message data frame. |
| Data Position Bit | 1 | $[1 ; 8]$ | - | Start bit of the CAN input signal in the <br> Data Position Byte. |
| Size | 1 | $[1 \ldots 32]$ | CAN input signal size. <br> Resolution <br> Any value <br> Offset 0 | Any value |
| Autoreset Time | 500 | $[0 ; 10000]$ | signal <br> bit | CAN input signal resolution for <br> continuous input signals. <br> units |
| CAN input signal offset for continuous <br> input signals. |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Proprietary A PGN (61184) is excluded. It is taken by Axiomatic Simple Proprietary Protocol and therefore cannot be used in function blocks.

The CAN input signal position is defined within the CAN message data frame by the Data Position Byte and Data Position Bit configuration parameters the same way as in the J1939 standard. The start and stop bits of the CAN signal in the 64-bit CAN message data frame are calculated using the formulas:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { StartBit }=(\text { DataPositionByte }-1) \cdot 8+(\text { DataPositionBit }-1), \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

StopBit $=$ StartBit + Size -1, where $:$ StartBit,StopBit $\in[0 \ldots 63]$.

Resolution and Offset configuration parameters are set for continuous CAN input signals. They are not used with discrete CAN signals.

The following rules apply when converting the CAN signal data to the function block output signal:

- It is assumed that the CAN signal code with all bits set to 1 represents an undefined signal.

The undefined signal is ignored by the function block;

- Discrete signals can take any value except the one reserved for the undefined signal (all bits set to 1);
- Continuous signals can take only values from the range reserved for continuous signals in the J1939 standard. If the CAN signal code is outside of the range reserved for the continuous signal, the signal is ignored.

When the Autoreset Time is not equal to 0 , the function block will auto-reset the output signal to the undefined state if the output signal has not been updated within the auto-reset time frame by the new CAN message data.

### 3.11 CAN Output Message

There are five CAN Output Message function blocks available to the user. Each function block represents one single frame CAN output message that can be sent on the CAN bus. The message can contain up to ten CAN output signals. Each CAN output signal is presented by its own signal input in the function block.


Figure 24. CAN Output Message Function Block
Configuration parameters of the CAN Output Message function block are presented below:
Table 20. CAN Output Message Function Block Configuration Parameters

| Name | Default <br> Value $^{1}$ | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| PGN | 61459 | Any J1939 PGN value ${ }^{2}$ | - | CAN message PGN. |
| Transmission <br> Enable | No | $\{$ Yes, No $\}$ | - | Enables the CAN output message <br> transmission. |


| Name | Default Value ${ }^{1}$ | Range | Units | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Transmission Rate | 10 | [0;10000] | ms | CAN output message transmission rate. If $0-$ transmission is upon request. |
| Destination Address | 255 | [0; 255] | - | Destination address of the PDU1 PGN messages. |
| Length | 8 | [0...8] | byte | CAN message data frame length. |
| Priority | 3 | [0...7] | - | CAN message priority. |
| Signal \#1 Type | Continuous | \{Undefined, Discrete, Continuous\} | - | Type of the 1-st CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#1 Source | Pitch Angle | Any signal output of any function block or Not Connected | - | Input signal source of the 1-st CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#1 Byte Position | 1 | [1...8] | - | Byte position of the 1-st CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#1 Bit Position | 1 | [1...8] | - | Bit position of the 1-st CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#1 Size | 16 | [1...32] | bit | Size of the 1-st CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#1 Resolution | 0.002 | Any value | signal units / bit | Resolution of the 1-st CAN continuous output signal. |
| Signal \#1Offset | -64 | Any value | signal units | Offset of the 1-st CAN continuous output signal. |
| Signal \#2 Type | Continuous | \{Undefined, Discrete, Continuous\} | - | Type of the 2-nd CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#2 Source | Roll Angle | Any signal output of any function block or Not Connected | - | Input signal source of the 2-nd CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#2 Byte Position | 3 | [1...8] | - | Byte position of the 2-nd CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#2 Bit Position | 1 | [1...8] | - | Bit position of the 2-nd CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#2 Size | 16 | [1...32] | bit | Size of the 2-nd CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#2 Resolution | 0.002 | Any value | signal units / bit | Resolution of the 2-nd CAN continuous output signal. |
| Signal \#2Offset | -64 | Any value | signal units | Offset of the 2-nd CAN continuous output signal. |
|  |  |  | ... | $\ldots$ |
| Signal \#10 Type | Undefined | \{Undefined, Discrete, Continuous\} | - | Type of the 10 -th CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#10 Source | Not Connected | Any signal output of any function block or Not Connected | - | Input signal source of the 10-th CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#10 Byte Position | 1 | [1...8] | - | Byte position of the 10-th CAN output signal. |
| Signal \#10 Bit Position | 1 | [1...8] | - | Bit position of the 10-th CAN output signal. |


| Name | Default <br> Value $^{1}$ | Range | Units | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Signal \#10 Size | 1 | $[1 \ldots 32]$ | bit | Size of the 10-th CAN output <br> signal. |
| Signal \#10 <br> Resolution | 1 | Any value | signal <br> units / <br> bit | Resolution of the 10-th CAN <br> continuous output signal. |
| Signal \#10 Offset | 0 | Any value | signal <br> units | Offset of the 10-th CAN <br> continuous output signal. |

${ }^{1}$ For CAN Output Message \#1.
${ }^{2}$ Proprietary A PGN (61184) is excluded. It is taken by Axiomatic Simple Proprietary Protocol and therefore cannot be used in function blocks.

Configuration parameters: Signal \#1 ... 10 Byte Position and Signal \#1 ... 10 Bit Position, together with the Signal \#1 ... 10 Size have the same meaning as in the CAN Input Signal function block. The user should be careful not to overlap the output signals.

The following rules apply when converting function block signal data to the CAN output signal code:

- Undefined signals are presented in the signal code with all bits set to 1.
- Discrete signals are directly assigned to the signal code without any conversion.
- Continuous signals are converted to the signal code based on the Signal \#1... 10 Resolution and Signal \#1 ... 10 Offset configuration parameters. They are saturated to the continuous signal code range defined in the J1939 standard when they go out of range.


## 4 CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS

The inclinometer configuration parameters can be viewed and changed using the standard J1939 memory access protocol through the CAN bus using the PC-based Axiomatic Electronic Assistant (EA) software.

### 4.1 Electronic Assistant Software

Axiomatic provides PC-based Electronic Assistant (EA) software to communicate with a wide range of Axiomatic products, including this inclinometer. The software can be downloaded from Axiomatic website www.axiomatic.com.

The Axiomatic EA uses the Axiomatic USB-CAN converter P/N AX070501 to connect to the CAN network. The converter with cables can be ordered as an Axiomatic EA KIT, P/Ns: AX070502 or AX070506K.

Please, refer to the user manual UMAX07050X for description of the EA and associated products, and for the CAN network connection troubleshooting.

The Axiomatic EA software version number supporting all inclinometer configuration parameters is shown on the user manual front page. For example, the user should use Axiomatic EA 5.15.108.0 or higher with the inclinometer application firmware version 7.xx described in this user manual. The most recent Axiomatic EA software version can be downloaded from Axiomatic website.

Before connecting to the CAN network, the user should ensure that the EA baud rate is the same as the baud rate used by ECUs on the network. The EA baud rate is displayed in the bottom-right corner of the EA screen and can be changed in the Options menu.

If the inclinometer is the only one ECU on a temporary network set for configuring the unit, the EA baud rate should be set to the baud rate of the CAN network where the inclinometer is planned to be deployed. This baud rate will be stored in the ECU non-volatile memory and used by the unit on the next power-up.

Upon connection, the EA will show the inclinometer on the list of ECUs that are present on the J1939 CAN network. If the inclinometer is the only one ECU on the network, the following screen will appear, see Figure 25.


Figure 25. Inclinometer in the Axiomatic EA
The user can then browse through the ECU parameters, read General ECU Information and Bootloader Information groups, view and modify configuration parameters, see Figure 26.

The configuration parameters are grouped by function blocks. Please, refer to the appropriate section of this manual describing the required function block.

In the General ECU Information group, the user will see the version number of the application firmware. Please, make sure that the user manual version number matches the most significant part of the application firmware version number. Otherwise, a different user manual is required to work with this inclinometer.


Figure 26. General ECU Information Screen

### 4.2 Function blocks in the Axiomatic EA

Each inclinometer function block is presented by its own setpoint group in the Setpoint File main group. Individual configuration parameters (setpoints) of a function block can be accessed through the function block setpoint group, see Figure 27.

The user can view and, when necessary, change configuration parameters by double-clicking on the appropriate setpoint name. A pop-up dialog window will appear, see Figure 28.

If the user changes the configuration parameter, the new value will be stored in a non-volatile memory and used immediately by the inclinometer.

The inclinometer will perform an internal reset of all function blocks after each change of the configuration parameters. If the new configuration parameter affects the CAN network identification, the unit will reclaim its network address with a new network identification message.

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|  | SP Input Filter | On | Low-pass input filter |  |  |  |
|  | SP Input Filter Cut-Off Frequency | 5 | $[\mathrm{Hz}]$ |  |  |  |
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Figure 27. Accelerometer Function Block in the Axiomatic EA


Figure 28. Changing a Configuration Parameter in the Axiomatic EA

### 4.3 Setpoint File

The Axiomatic EA can store all inclinometer configuration parameters in one setpoint file and then flash them into the unit in one operation.

The setpoint file is created and stored on disk using a command Save Setpoint File from the EA menu or toolbar. The user then can open the setpoint file, view or print it, and also flash the setpoint file into the inclinometer, see Figure 29.

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## ECU Setpoint File

ECU Name: AX06090x, Tri-axial Gyro Inclinometer, SAE J1939 \#1
Setpoint File: C:IUsers\OBogush\Documents\AX06090x, Tri-axial Gyro Inclinometer, SAE J1939 \#1 Setpoints.xml

## ECU Identification

ECU J1939 NAME (PGN 60928): 0XB0008830145A8798-64-bit ECU Identifier

| Field Name | Value | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arbitrary Address Capable | $0 \times 01$ | Yes |
| Industry Group | $0 \times 03$ | Construction Equipment |
| Vehicle System Instance | $0 \times 00$ | - |
| Vehicle System | $0 \times 00$ | Non-specific system |
| Reserved | $0 \times 00$ | - |
| Function | $0 \times 88$ | Slope Sensor |
| Function Instance | $0 \times 06$ | - |
| ECU Instance | $0 \times 00$ | \#1 - First Instance |
| Manufacturer Code | $0 \times 0 \mathrm{~A} 2$ | Axiomatic Technologies |
| Identity Number | $0 \times 1$ A8798 | Unique ECU network ID number |

ECU Address: 0XE2 - Slope Sensor
ECU ID (PGN 64965 -ECUID):

| Field Name | Value |
| :---: | :---: |
| ECU Part Number | AX060900 |
| ECU Serial Number | 0000117034 |

Figure 29. An Axiomatic EA Setpoint File
The CAN network identification and "read-only" configuration parameters are not transferrable using this operation. Also, the inclinometer will perform one or several internal resets of all function blocks during the setpoint flashing operation to ensure that all updates have been applied and the inclinometer is running a new set of configuration parameters at the end of the flashing operation.

There can be small differences in configuration parameters between different versions of the application firmware. It is recommended that the user manually inspect all configuration parameters after flashing if the setpoint file was created by a different version of the application firmware.

A setpoint file containing default configuration parameters for the current firmware version is available upon request.

### 4.4 Configuration Example

The user can change the default inclinometer functionality using the configuration parameters. A detailed description of the unit configuration process is presented below, as an example.

### 4.4.1 User Requirements

Let us assume that the user requires to generate a proprietary PGN message with a signal flag alarming the user that a platform is tilted more than 30 degrees from its original 0 -degree position. The proprietary PGN message parameters are the following:

| Transmission Repetition Rate: | 100 ms |
| :--- | :--- |
| Data Length: | 1 |
| Default Priority: | 6 |
| Parameter Group Number: | 65280 (PDU2 Proprietary) |


| Start Position | Length | Parameter Name |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1.1 | 2 bits | User Alarm Flag |


| Parameter Name: | User Alarm Flag <br> Data Length: |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Bits 2 | Bit 1 |  |
|  | 0 | 0 | Off - Platform is not tilted |
|  | 0 | 1 | On - Platform is tilted |
|  | 1 | 0 | Error |
|  | 1 | 1 | Not available |
| Type: | Status |  |  |

### 4.4.2 Configuration Steps

As a first step, we need to create a block diagram of the required unit configuration using the function blocks, see Figure 30. Limit our block diagram to the function blocks affected by the new user requirements.

Then configure each individual function block. Start with Binary Function \#1.
Connect the $X_{1}$ input of the Binary Function \#1 to the Gravity Angle output of the Angle Measurement function block, set $X_{2}$ default value to 30 degrees, and set the Binary Function $F[x, y]$ to >= (Great Equal), see Figure 31.

Then configure CAN Output Message \#5 function block to send the proprietary PGN message with the User Alarm Flag signal in Signal \#1.

First, configure the PGN message. Set PGN to 65280, Transmission Enable to Yes, Transmission Rate to 100 ms , Length to 1 Byte, and Priority to 6.


Figure 30. Block Diagram of the Example Configuration

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|  | SP Binary Function | >= Great Equal |  |  |  |
|  | SP Output Scale | 1 |  |  |  |
|  | SP Output Offset | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | SP Input \#1 Signal Source | Gravity Angle |  |  |  |
|  | SP Input \#1 Signal Default | No |  |  |  |
|  | SP Input \#1 Signal Default Value | 0 | Not used in this mode |  |  |
|  | SP Unary Function \#1 | Undefined |  |  |  |
|  | SP Scale \#1 | 1 |  |  |  |
|  | SP Offset \#1 | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | SP Input \#2 Signal Source | Not Connected |  |  |  |
|  | SP Input \#2 Signal Default | Yes |  |  |  |
|  | SP Input \#2 Signal Default Value | 30 |  |  |  |
|  | SP Unary Function \#2 | Undefined |  |  |  |
|  | SP Scale \#2 | 1 |  |  |  |
|  | SP Offset \#2 | 0 |  |  |  |
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Figure 31. Binary Function \#1 Example Configuration
Then, configure CAN Signal \#1. Set Signal \#1 Type to Discrete, Signal \#1 Source to Binary Function \#1, Signal \#1 Byte Position to 1, Signal \#1 Bit Position to 1, and Signal \#1 Size to 2 bits, see Figure 32.


Figure 32. CAN Output Message \#5 Example Configuration
As the last step, if the default functionality is not required, the user can disable sending SSI2 CAN messages in the CAN Output Message \#2 function block by setting the Transmission Enable configuration parameter to No.

The inclinometer configuration is finished. Now the unit operates according to the new user requirements. The configuration parameters are all set and are already written to the non-volatile unit memory. The users can write them to a setpoint file for the future use, if necessary.

The setpoint file for this example is available upon request.

## 5 FLASHING NEW FIRMWARE

When the new firmware becomes available, the user can replace the inclinometer firmware in the field using the unit embedded bootloader. The firmware file can be received from Axiomatic on request.

To flash the new firmware, the user should activate the embedded bootloader. To do so, start the Axiomatic EA and in the Bootloader Information group screen click on the Force Bootloader to Load on Reset parameter. The following dialog will appear, see Figure $33^{1}$.


Figure 33. Bootloader Activation. First Step
${ }^{1}$ For bootloader versions 1.xx...3.xx, and 4.xx, originally shipped with older versions of the application firmware, the user should request a special application firmware file compatible with the installed bootloader version to upgrade the inclinometer firmware. The bootloader version can be found on the Bootloader Information group screen.

The Axiomatic EA will prompt the user to change the Force Bootloader to Load on Reset parameter flag to Yes. This will automatically activate the bootloader on the next ECU reset. After accepting the change, the next screen will ask the user if the reset is actually required, see Figure 34. Select Yes.

After automatic reset, instead of AX0609xx, Tri-Axial Gyro Inclinometer, SAE J1939, the user will see J1939 Bootloader ECU in the J1939 CAN Network top-level group in the Axiomatic EA. This means that the bootloader is activated and is ready to accept the new firmware.


Figure 34. Bootloader Activation. Final Reset
All the bootloader specific information: controller hardware, bootloader details, and the currently installed application firmware remains the same in the bootloader mode and the user can read it in the Bootloader Information group screen, see Figure 35. The information can be slightly different for different versions of the bootloader.


Figure 35. Bootloader Information Screen
At this point, the user can return to the installed controller firmware by changing the Force Bootloader to Load on Reset flag back to No and resetting the ECU.

To flash the new firmware, the user should click on $\begin{aligned} \text { F toolbar icon or from the File menu select }\end{aligned}$ the Open Flash File command. The Open Application Firmware Flash File dialog will appear. Pick up the flash file with the new inclinometer firmware and confirm the selection by pressing the Open button. The Flash Application Firmware dialog window will appear1, see Figure 36.


Figure 36. Flashing New Firmware. Preparation
${ }^{1}$ In this example, instead of the new firmware, the old firmware V1.00 is being simply re-flashed.
Now the user can add any comments to the flashing operation in the Flashing Comments field. They will be stored in the Bootloader Information group after flashing.

The user can also check the Erase All ECU Flash Memory flag to erase all inclinometer flash memory. This operation, used in other products to reset configuration parameters kept in the flash memory to their default values, has no effect in this product. This is because the configuration parameters of the inclinometer are stored in a separate EEPROM memory.

The flashing operation will not normally change the configuration parameters. The default values will be set only to the new configuration parameters introduced by the new firmware. The old configuration parameters will keep their original values unless otherwise is stated in the user manual.

Select the Flash ECU button to start flashing. A reminder that the old application firmware will be destroyed by the flashing operation will appear. Press $O k$ to continue and watch the dynamics of
the flashing operation in the Flashing Status field. When flashing is done, the following screen will appear prompting the user to reset the ECU, see Figure 37.

Select Yes and see the ECU running the new firmware, see Figure 38. This will indicate that the flashing operation has been performed successfully.

For more information, refer to the J 1939 Bootloader section of the Axiomatic EA user manual.


Figure 37. Flashing New Firmware. Final Reset


Figure 38. Firmware has been Updated. New Firmware Screen

## 6 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications are indicative and subject to change. Actual performance will vary depending on the application and operating conditions. Users should satisfy themselves that the product is suitable for use in the intended application. All our products carry a limited warranty against defects in material and workmanship. Please refer to our Warranty, Application Approvals/Limitations and Return Materials Process as described on https://www.axiomatic.com/service/.

### 6.1 Performance Parameters

Stated at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ unless otherwise specified.

### 6.1.1 Angular Measurements

Inclinometers AX060900, AX060910 are designed to measure pitch, roll, and gravity inclination angles with the gyro compensation enabled by default.

### 6.1.1.1 AX060900

Table 21. AX060900 Angular Measurement Parameters

| Parameter | Value | Remarks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Measurement Range | $\pm 180^{\circ}$ - Pitch \& Roll <br> $0 \ldots 180^{\circ}-$ Gravity | $\pm 90^{\circ}$ Pitch \& Roll in default configuration |
| Resolution | $0.07^{\circ}$ | Effective Resolution (3.46*NoiseRMS). <br> Typical with gyro compensation. <br> Typical without gyro compensation at Cut-Off <br> Frequency Fc=5Hz. |
| Initial Accuracy | $\pm 1.5^{\circ}$ | Maximum |
| Temperature Drift | $\pm 1.3^{\circ}$ | Maximum, in the full temperature range: <br> $-40 . .85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Nonlinearity | $\pm 0.15 \%$ | Typical |
| Cross-Axis Sensitivity | $\pm 0.5 \%$ | Maximum |
| Cut-off frequency, Fc | $1 \ldots 35 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ default; <br> 8 Hz with gyro compensation | User selectable (except for the gyro <br> compensation) |
| Maximum Dynamic <br> Acceleration | $\pm 2 \mathrm{~g}$ | Maximum short-term linear acceleration per axis <br> with gyro compensation |

### 6.1.1.2 AX060910

Table 22. AX060910 Angular Measurement Parameters

| Parameter | Value | Remarks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Measurement Range | $\pm 180^{\circ}-$ Pitch \& Roll <br> $0 \ldots 180^{\circ}-$ Gravity | $\pm 90^{\circ}$ Pitch \& Roll in default configuration |
| Resolution | $0.06^{\circ}$ | Effective Resolution (3.46*NoiseRMS). <br> Maximum with gyro compensation. <br> Maximum without gyro compensation at Cut-Off <br> Frequency Fc=5Hz |
| Initial Accuracy | $\pm 2.0^{\circ}$ | Maximum |
| Temperature Drift | $\pm 3.0^{\circ}$ | Maximum, in the full temperature range: <br> $-40 . .85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Nonlinearity | $\pm 0.1 \%$ | Maximum |
| Cross-Axis Sensitivity | $\pm 1.0 \%$ | Maximum |
| Cut-off frequency, Fc | $1 \ldots 35 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ default; | User selectable (except for the gyro <br> compensation) |
| Maximum Dynamic <br> Acceleration | $\pm 6 \mathrm{~g}$ | Maximum short-term linear acceleration per axis <br> with gyro compensation |

### 6.1.2 Angular Rate Measurements

### 6.1.2.1 AX060900

Table 23. AX060900 Angular Rate Measurement Parameters

| Parameter | Value | Remarks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Measurement Range | $\pm 125^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Effective Resolution (3.46*NoiseRMS). Typical at Cut-Off |
| Resolution | $0.08^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Frequency Fc=5Hz <br> Fra |
| Offset Error | $\pm 1^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Maximum |
| Offset Temperature <br> Drift | $\pm 0.8^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Maximum, in the full temperature range: $-40 \ldots 85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Sensitivity Error | $\pm 2.5 \%$ | Maximum, in the full temperature range: $-40 \ldots 85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Nonlinearity | $\pm 0.5^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Typical |
| Cross-Axis Sensitivity | $\pm 1.5 \%$ | Maximum |
| Cut-off frequency, Fc | $1 . .35 \mathrm{~Hz}$, <br> 5 Hz default | User selectable |

### 6.1.2.2 AX060910

Table 24. AX060910 Angular Rate Measurement Parameters

| Parameter | Value | Remarks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Measurement Range | $\pm 300^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ |  |
| Resolution | $0.2^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Effective Resolution (3.46*NoiseRMS). Maximum at Cut-Off <br> Frequency Fc=5Hz |
| Offset Error | $\pm 1.3^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Maximum |
| Offset Temperature <br> Drift | $\pm 0.6^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Maximum, in the full temperature range: $-40 \ldots 85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Sensitivity Error | $\pm 3 \%$ | Maximum, in the full temperature range: $-40 \ldots 85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Nonlinearity | $\pm 0.5^{\circ} / \mathrm{s}$ | Maximum, in the full temperature range: $-40 \ldots 85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Cross-Axis Sensitivity | $\pm 1.7 \%$ | Maximum |
| Cut-off frequency, Fc | $1 . .35 \mathrm{~Hz}$, | User selectable |

### 6.2 Power Supply Input

Table 25. Power Supply

| Parameter | Value | Remarks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Supply Voltage | $9 \ldots 36 \mathrm{VDC}$ | $12 \mathrm{~V}, 24 \mathrm{~V}$ - nominal. |
| Supply Current ${ }^{1}$ | 40 mA | Maximum at 24V. |
|  | 75 mA | Maximum at 12V. |
| Protection | Reverse polarity, Transients |  |

${ }^{1}$ CAN bus is connected.

### 6.3 CAN Output

Table 26. CAN Parameters

| Parameter | Value | Remarks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Number of ports | 1 CAN Port | To output data and change the internal <br> configuration of the inclinometer |


| Parameter | Value | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Communication standards | SAE J1939 | Full support for a J1939 ECU is provided. By default, the inclinometer transmits angular information on the CAN network in PGN 61481, Slope Sensor Information 2. User configurable PGNs are also available. |
|  | Baud Rate | 250 kbit/s, 500 kbit/s, 667 kbit/s, 1 Mbit/s. Automatic Baud Rate Detection. ${ }^{1}$ |
|  | ISO 11898 | 1200hm terminated twisted pair, baud rate up to 1 Mbit/s. <br> External 1200hm termination is required. |
|  | Bosch CAN protocol specification 2.0, Part A, B. | For the internal CAN controller. |
| Protection | Short circuit to ground |  |
|  | Connection to the power supply | Only for 12V systems, 24V max. |

${ }^{1}$ Inclinometers with firmware V1.xx...4.xx could operate only at 250kbit/s baud rate, and with firmware V5.xx...5.xx - at 250, 500, and 1000 kbit/s (1Mbit/s) baud rates.

### 6.4 General Specifications

Table 27. General Specifications

| Parameter | Value | Remarks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sensor Type | MEMS |  |
| Internal Logic | User Configurable | Axiomatic Electronic Assistant, P/Ns: AX070502 <br> or AX070506K. |
| Operating <br> Temperature | $-40 \ldots+85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Industrial temperature range. |
| Environmental <br> Protection | IP67 | IEC 60529 with mated connectors. |
| Vibration | Sinusoidal. 10G Peak, 10Hz- <br> $2000 \mathrm{~Hz}-10 \mathrm{~Hz}, 20 \mathrm{Minutes}$, <br> 8 8rs/axis. | MIL-STD-202G, method 204D, test condition C. |
|  | Random. 7.68 Grms, 10Hz to <br> $2000 \mathrm{~Hz}, 8 \mathrm{hrs} /$ axis. | Custom, meets or exceeds: MIL-STD-202G, <br> method 214A, test condition I/B. |
| Shock | Half-Sine. $50 \mathrm{G} \mathrm{Peak}, \mathrm{9ms}$, <br> $8 p u l s e s / a x i s . ~$ | Custom, based on: MIL-STD-202G, method <br> 213 B, test condition A. |
| Size | $4.41 \times 2.25 \times 1.32$ in <br> $1112 \times 57 \times 34 \mathrm{~mm})$ | See dimensional drawing. |
| Weight | $0.80 \mathrm{lb}(0.36 \mathrm{~kg})$ |  |

### 6.5 Enclosure

All inclinometers use the same cast aluminum enclosure with two 5-pin M12 A-coded round connectors, see AX060900 Dimensional Drawing, in Figure 39.


Figure 39. AX060900 Dimensional Drawing
The connector pinout for all inclinometers is the same, see Figure 40. Use mating connectors compliant with IEC 61076-2-101:2012.


Figure 40. Connector Pinouts
If only one connector is used, an M12 sealing cap with IP67 rating should be installed on the unused connector. PROT-M12 FB - 1555538 from PHOENIX CONTACT is recommended for the unused output M12 connector, Axiomatic P/N AX070140.

There is only one CAN port supported by the unit. Both CAN connectors are electrically connected together to facilitate cable routing in the user system. A mating plug with CAN termination, P/N: AX070114, can be ordered for applications requiring a termination of the CAN network.

### 6.6 Unit Orientation

The unit coordinates, together with the Pitch and Roll directions are shown on the inclinometer label, see Figure 41.


Figure 41. Unit Orientation

### 6.7 Installation

See mechanical installation information on the dimensional drawing.
The CAN wiring is considered intrinsically safe. All field wiring should be suitable for the operating temperature range of the unit. CAN wiring may be shielded using a shielded twisted conductor pair and the shield must be connected to the CAN_SHIELD pin.

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## 8 VERSION HISTORY

| User <br> Manual <br> Version | Firmware <br> version | Axiomatic <br> Electronic <br> Assistant <br> (EA) <br> version | Date | Author | Modifications |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| User <br> Manual <br> Version | Firmware <br> version | Axiomatic <br> Electronic <br> Assistant <br> (EA) <br> version | Date | Author | Modifications |
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## OUR PRODUCTS

AC/DC Power Supplies

## Actuator Controls/Interfaces

## Automotive Ethernet Interfaces

Battery Chargers
CAN Controls, Routers, Repeaters
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Current/Voltage/PWM Converters
DC/DC Power Converters
Engine Temperature Scanners
Ethernet/CAN Converters, Gateways, Switches

Fan Drive Controllers
Gateways, CAN/Modbus, RS-232
Gyroscopes, Inclinometers
Hydraulic Valve Controllers
Inclinometers, Triaxial

## I/O Controls

LVDT Signal Converters

## Machine Controls

Modbus, RS-422, RS-485 Controls
Motor Controls, Inverters
Power Supplies, DC/DC, AC/DC
PWM Signal Converters/Isolators
Resolver Signal Conditioners
Service Tools
Signal Conditioners, Converters
Strain Gauge CAN Controls
Surge Suppressors

## OUR COMPANY

Axiomatic provides electronic machine control components to the off-highway, commercial vehicle, electric vehicle, power generator set, material handling, renewable energy and industrial OEM markets. We innovate with engineered and off-the-shelf machine controls that add value for our customers.

## QUALITY DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING

We have an ISO9001:2015 registered design/manufacturing facility in Canada.

## WARRANTY, APPLICATION APPROVALS/LIMITATIONS

Axiomatic Technologies Corporation reserves the right to make corrections, modifications, enhancements, improvements, and other changes to its products and services at any time and to discontinue any product or service without notice. Customers should obtain the latest relevant information before placing orders and should verify that such information is current and complete. Users should satisfy themselves that the product is suitable for use in the intended application. All our products carry a limited warranty against defects in material and workmanship. Please refer to our Warranty, Application Approvals/Limitations and Return Materials Process at https://www.axiomatic.com/service/.

## COMPLIANCE

Product compliance details can be found in the product literature and/or on axiomatic.com. Any inquiries should be sent to sales@axiomatic.com.

## SAFE USE

All products should be serviced by Axiomatic. Do not open the product and perform the service yourself.


This product can expose you to chemicals which are known in the State of California, USA to cause cancer and reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

## SERVICE

All products to be returned to Axiomatic require a Return Materials Authorization Number (RMA\#) from rma@axiomatic.com. Please provide the following information when requesting an RMA number:

- Serial number, part number
- Runtime hours, description of problem
- Wiring set up diagram, application and other comments as needed


## DISPOSAL

Axiomatic products are electronic waste. Please follow your local environmental waste and recycling laws, regulations and policies for safe disposal or recycling of electronic waste.

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