

# AS

## Absolute Magnetic Scales

RESISTANT TO  
COOLANTS AND  
OILS

UP TO 32 m  
LENGTH

TRACK  
SECTION  
SYSTEM  
(TRS)

The robust absolute magnetic scales consist of a stainless steel carrier and an elastomer-bonded ferrite. Three options are available, the AS10, DS19 and SAS magnetic scales.

The flexible AS10 and DS19 scales are 10 and 15 mm wide. The SAS is a solid scale available in predefined lengths. It can be fully enclosed making it suitable for harsh environments where oils or coolants are present.



### Features and benefits

- ▶ Excellent resistance to dirt, dust and humidity
- ▶ Totally enclosed SAS scale protected from contaminants
- ▶ Optional protective cover foil for AS10 and DS19 scales
- ▶ Easy installation with adhesive tape, end-clamps, or track system (TRS)
- ▶ Linear and partial arc application with DS19 scale



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## General information

The AS10 and SAS10 absolute magnetic scales are compatible with the RLS LA11 and LA12 readheads. The LF11 readhead is compatible with the AS10 magnetic scale only. SAS19 is compatible with Artos readhead.

The DS19 absolute magnetic scale is compatible with Artos readhead and it supports linear and partial arc applications. The DS19 magnetic scale can be attached to shafts with larger diameters from 200 mm upwards. The use of the DS19 magnetic scale does not support a full 360° rotation of the shaft, but is intended for applications with large shafts where a full rotation is not required. The DS19 scale is available in lengths of up to 32 meters, while the partial arc application is limited to 8 meters. For more information about Artos readheads refer to [DRD01](#) and [DBD01](#).

SAS scales are available in predefined lengths up to 1.36 m (1.288 m measuring length for SAS10 and 1.281 m measuring length for SAS19). For longer scale options (>1.3 m) please [contact RLS](#). The AS10 scale is available in lengths up to 16.3 m.

The SAS scale comes in two versions, one fully welded and another with the elasto-ferrite layer exposed. The welded version is designed for harsh environments where contamination with industrial compounds is possible, while the exposed version is intended for applications where higher accuracy is required.

## Absolute scale variants

AS10 (optionally with cover foil or TRS system)



DS19 (optionally with cover foil)



SAS10 (exposed or fully welded)



SAS19 (exposed or fully welded)



## Selection guide

Scale	Accuracy at 0.2 mm ride height	Compatibility with readheads			
		LA11	LA12	LF11	Artos
AS10	±30 µm/m	✓	✓	✓	-
SAS10	±20 µm/m	✓	✓	-	-
DS19	±10 µm/m	-	-	-	✓
SAS19	±6 µm/m	-	-	-	✓

Check the accuracy as a function of ride height and lateral offset in AST01 at [RLS Media center](#).

More about LF11, LA11, LA12 and Artos readheads can be found at [RLS Media center](#).

## Storage and handling

### Storage temperature



AS10 and DS19: -40 °C to +60 °C  
SAS: -40 °C to +75 °C

### Operating temperature



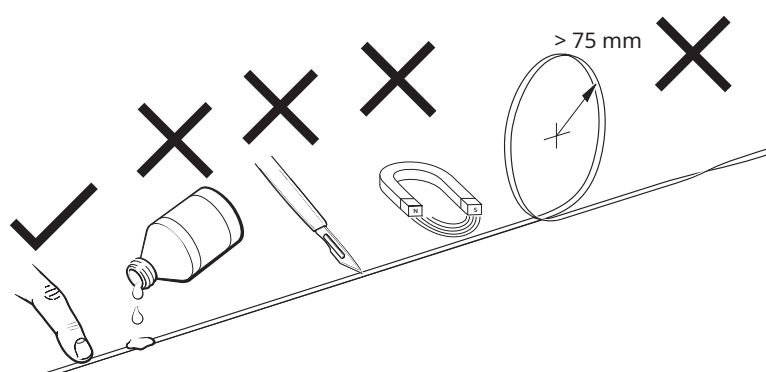
-40 °C to +100 °C

### Humidity



85% non-condensing  
IP67 (with cover foil)

The storage temperature of the AS10 and DS19 scale is lower than the operating temperature. This limit has been established because the AS10 and DS19 scales may be damaged within 2 months if exposed to higher temperatures. Once the scale is straightened and firmly attached, it can be exposed to the operating temperatures.



The minimum storage bending radius of the AS10 and DS19 scales is 75 mm.

**It is strongly recommended that the scale is factory cut at RLS otherwise the product warranty does not apply.**

**The magnetic scale should not be exposed to magnetic field densities higher than 25 mT on its surface, as this may damage the scale.**

## Chemical resistance

The use of alcohol for cleaning is considered safe for AS10, DS19 and SAS exposed version, but it is not allowed to immerse the scales in alcohol. Furthermore, the scale surface print may disappear if the scale is not carefully cleaned.

SAS with a welded cover foil completely encapsulates the scale and protects it from aggressive industrial chemicals.

For more information on chemical resistance **contact RLS**.

## Packaging

The type of packaging depends on the length and quality of the magnetic scale. DS19 scales are always packed individually in tube or spiral packaging, depending on scale length. This prevents demagnetisation of the scale by maintaining the distance between the scale rolls.

When option B, H or N is selected for the AS10 scale, the protective cover foil is supplied with the scale (cover foil is up to 50 mm longer than specified with the part number). The cover foil for the DS19 scale must be ordered separately (cover foil is up to 50 mm longer than specified with the part number). The cover foil is not pre-installed on the scale.

The SAS scales are packed individually in wooden boxes.

### AS10 individual packaging (up to and including 20 pieces)

Magnetic scale length	Type of packaging
≤ 300 mm	Plastic tube
> 300 mm	Rolled

### DS19 individual packaging

Magnetic scale length	Type of packaging
≤ 300 mm	Plastic tube
> 300 mm	Spiral

### AS10 multi-packaging (more than 20 pieces)

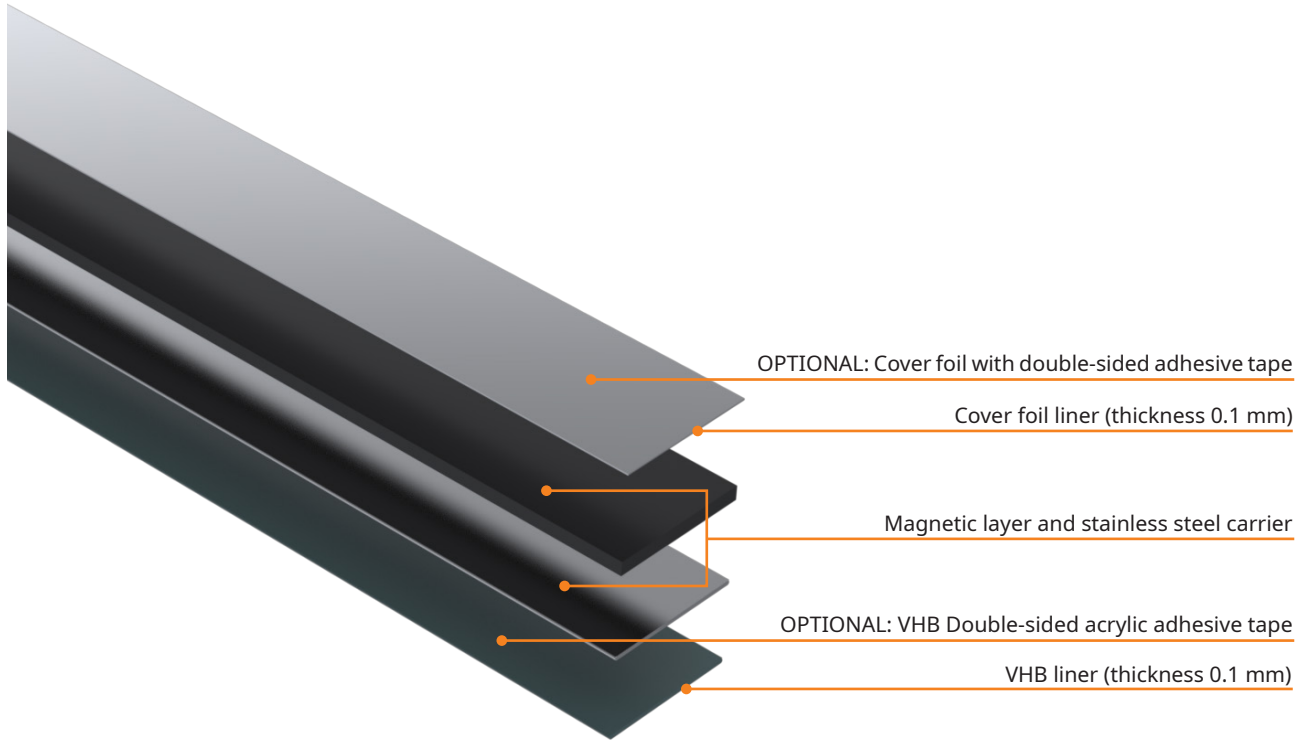
Magnetic scale length	Type of packaging
≤ 600 mm	Plastic tube
> 600 mm	Rolled

**All magnetic scales have 12 months shelf life and should be installed within this period.**

# Magnetic scale design

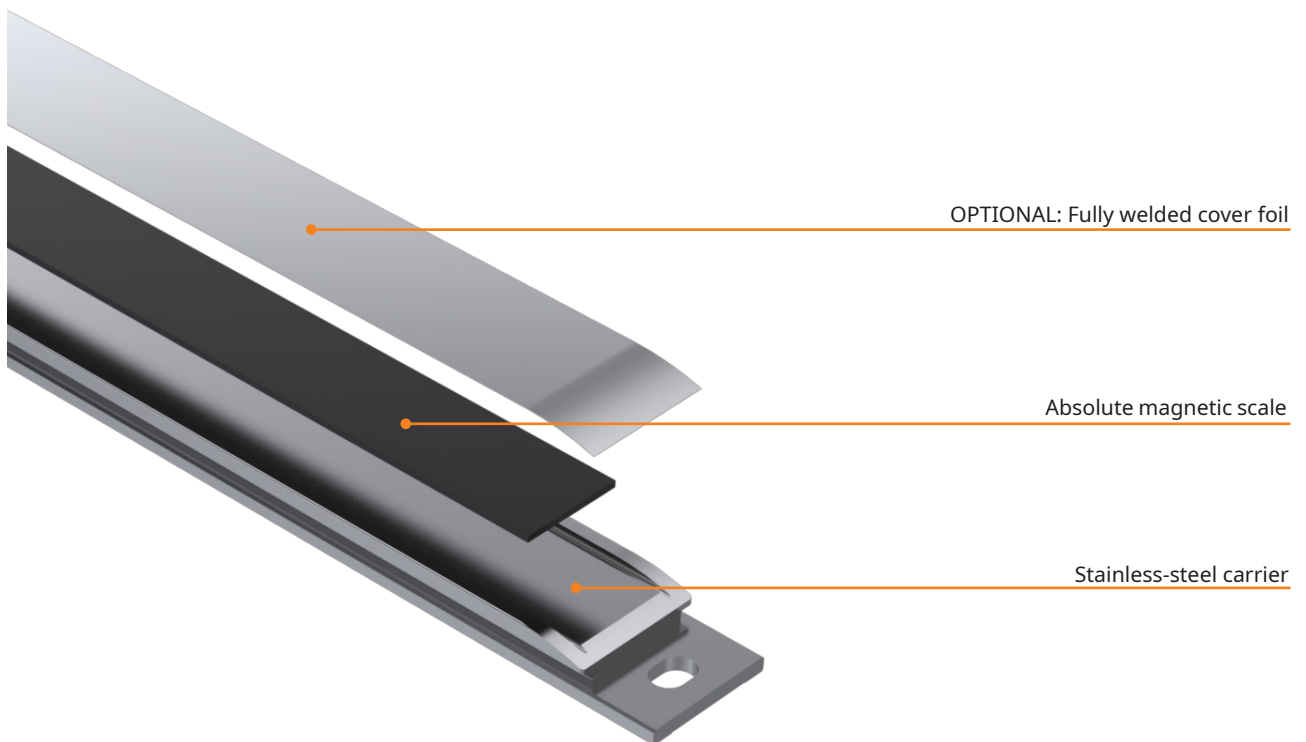
## Structure of AS10 and DS19 absolute magnetic scale

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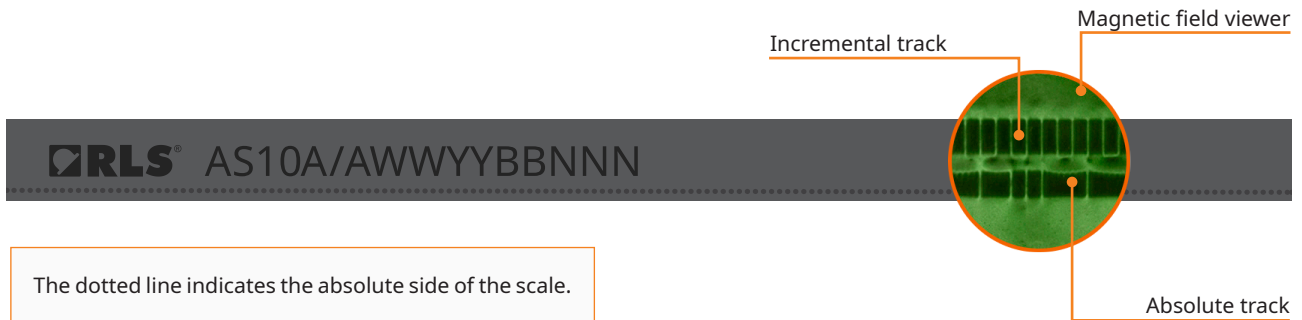
## Structure of SAS absolute magnetic scale on a solid substrate

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## AS10 appearance and print

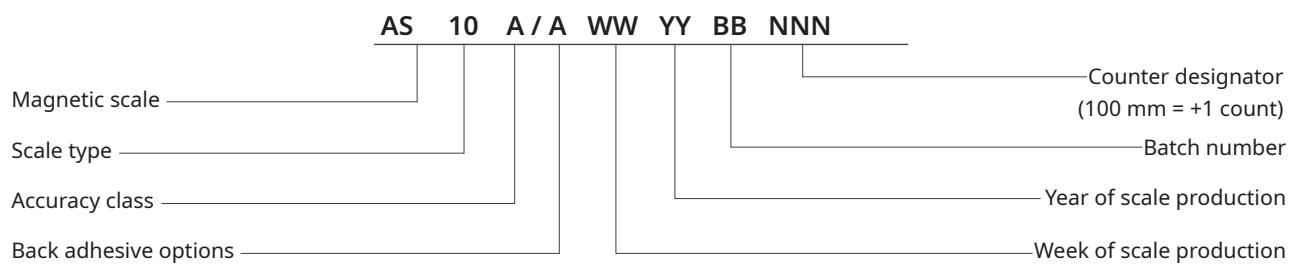
The orientation of the magnetised incremental track and absolute track is always the same, relative to the scale print as shown in the figure below.



The dotted line indicates the absolute side of the scale.

## AS10 scale surface print description

Scale surface print appears every 100 mm and contains the RLS logo and the designator described below. If the scale is shorter than 100 mm it does not contain the print but just the dotted line with which the absolute side of the scale can be determined.



## DS19 appearance and print

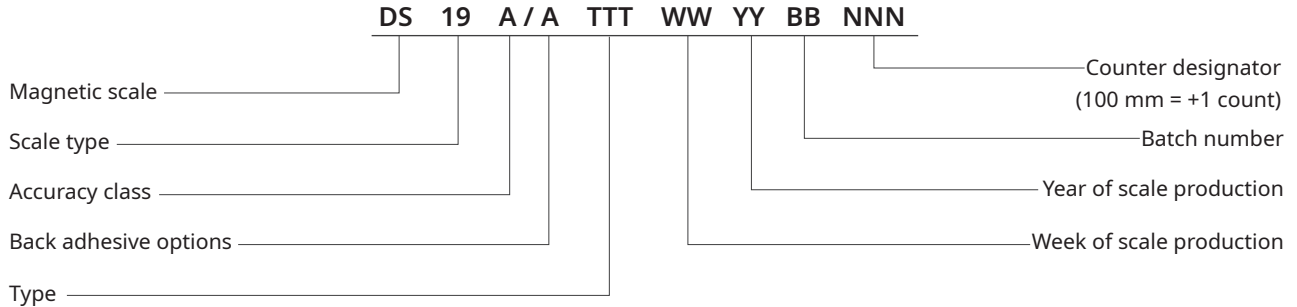
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Scale surface print appears every 100 mm and contains the RLS logo and the designator described below. If the scale is shorter than 100 mm it does not contain the print but just the dotted line with which the absolute side of the scale can be determined.



### SAS10 appearance and print

The orientation of the magnetised incremental track and absolute track is always the same, relative to the scale print as shown in the figure below.

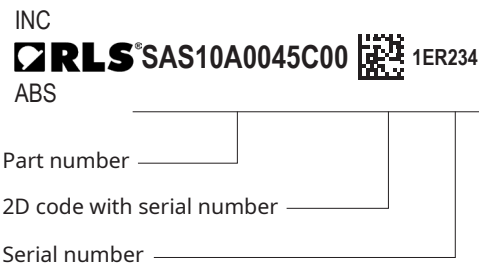


### SAS19 appearance and print

The orientation of the magnetised incremental track and absolute track is always the same, relative to the scale print as shown in the figure below.



### SAS scale surface print description



The print/engraving of the scale surface appears once per entire exposed/fully welded length of the scale. It includes the RLS logo, part number, serial number, marking of the incremental (INC) and absolute (ABS) track and QR code that contains serial number information.

## Technical specifications

System data	AS10	DS19	SAS
Incremental pole length	2 mm	2 mm	2 mm
Maximum scale length	16.3 m	32 m	1.36 m
Type of reading	Linear	Linear and partial arc (for OD > 200 mm)	Linear
Scale accuracy at 0.2 mm ride height*	±30 µm/m	±10 µm/m ±15 µm/m (option 003)	SAS10: ±20 µm/m SAS19: ±6 µm/m

\*For more information about the accuracy please see the AST01 technical article at [RLS Media center](#).

### Mechanical data

<b>Material</b>	Carrier	1.4310 stainless steel	1.4310 stainless steel	1.4016 stainless steel
	Magnetic medium	NBR elasto-ferrite	NBR elasto-ferrite	NBR elasto-ferrite
<b>Thickness</b>	Carrier	0.3 ±0.05 mm	0.3 ±0.05 mm	-
	Double-sided acrylic adhesive tape VHB 3M9469	0.13 mm	0.13 mm	-
	VHB liner thickness	0.1 mm	0.1 mm	-
	Cover foil	0.076 ±0.006 mm	0.076 ±0.006 mm	-
	Double sided tape	0.05 mm	0.05 mm	-
	Scale	1.43 ±0.1 mm (with back adhesive) 1.3 ±0.1 mm (without back adhesive)	1.43 ±0.1 mm (with back adhesive) 1.3 ±0.1 mm (without back adhesive)	6.08 ±0.03 mm
	<b>Mass</b>	62 g/m	93 g/m	700 g/m
<b>Width</b>	10 <sup>-0.05</sup> <sub>+0.15</sub> mm	15 <sup>-0.05</sup> <sub>+0.15</sub> mm	18 ±0.05 mm	
<b>Cover foil width</b>	CF10	9.5 ±0.1 mm (for regular scale)	-	-
	CF08	7.6 ±0.35 mm (for track system)	-	-
	CF15	-	14.5 ±0.35 mm	-
<b>Length tolerance</b>	±0.5 mm ±40 [µm/m] × 10 <sup>-3</sup> × scale length [m]	±0.5 mm ±15 [µm/m] × 10 <sup>-3</sup> × scale length [m]	-	
<b>Expansion coefficient (carrier)</b>	~17 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> [m/mK]	~17 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> [m/mK]	10.4 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> [m/mK]	

### Environmental data

<b>Temperature</b>	Operating	-40 °C to +100 °C	-40 °C to +100 °C	-40 °C to +100 °C
	Storage	-40 °C to +60 °C	-40 °C to +60 °C	-40 °C to +75 °C

# Installation instructions

Dimensions and tolerances are in mm. Dimensions without tolerance values are in accordance with ISO 2768-m.



## Installation of AS10 and DS19 magnetic scale with adhesive tape

### Installation surface preparation

Magnetic scales are equipped with VHB backside adhesive tape. Most substrates are best prepared by cleaning with a 50:50 mixture of isopropyl alcohol and water before applying the magnetic scale. Exceptions to the general procedure that may require additional surface preparation include:

- Heavy oil/grease: To remove heavy oil or grease from a surface, a degreaser or solvent-based cleaning agent may be required, followed by cleaning with IPA/water.
- Abrasion: Sanding a surface and then cleaning with IPA/water can remove heavy dirt or oxidation and improve adhesion.
- Adhesion promoters: Priming a surface can significantly improve initial and ultimate adhesion to many materials such as plastics and paints.
- Porous surfaces: Most porous and fibrous materials such as wood, chipboard, concrete, etc. must be sealed to provide a unified surface.
- Unique materials: Special surface preparation may be required for glass and glass-like materials, copper and copper-containing metals, plastics or rubber containing migrating components (e.g. plasticisers).

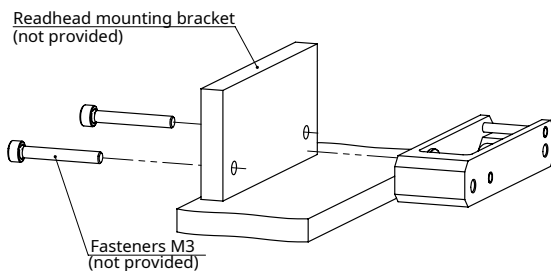
Further information can be found under ["Surface Preparation for 3M™ VHB™ Tape Applications"](#).

### Scale application

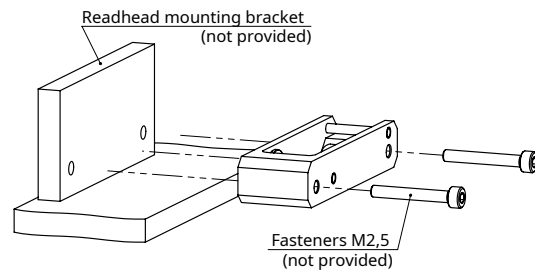
To simplify the scale installation use the scale applicator tool LMA10ASC00 or ACC088. Mount the applicator tool to the readhead mounting bracket. Use two fasteners as per readhead mounting configuration. The same principle of installing the scale can be applied to the magnetic scale DS19 with a different tool (ACC088). Further details can be found on pages 12 to 14.

### Fastener mounting variants

#### Variant A

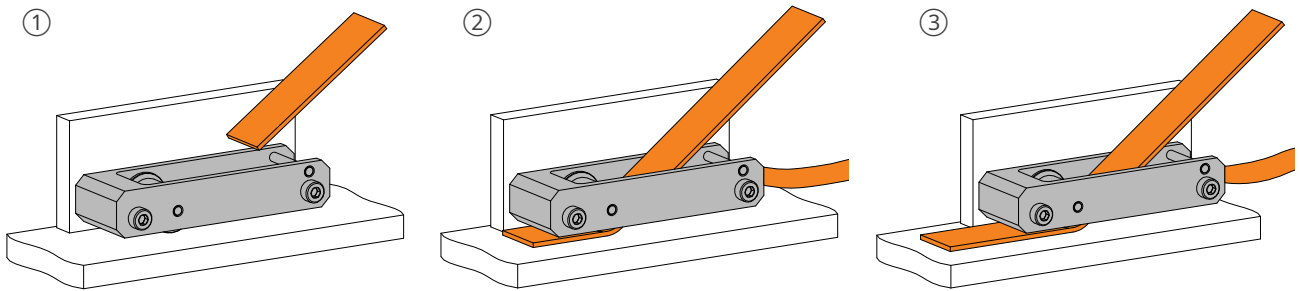


#### Variant B



Good surface contact can be achieved by applying a pressure of about 100 kPa. At room temperature, approximately 50 % of the final bond strength is achieved after 20 minutes, 90 % after 24 hours and 100 % after 72 hours. Dynamic overlap shear (peak force to separate is measured after 72 hours dwell time): 830 kPa.





**Load the scale into the applicator tool.**

Separate the backing paper from the first 40 mm of scale and feed the scale into the applicator tool.

**Apply the scale.**

Push the scale carefully through to the end of scale mark, ensuring that it does not stick to the mounting surface until it is in position. Attach the end of the scale to the mounting surface with light finger pressure.

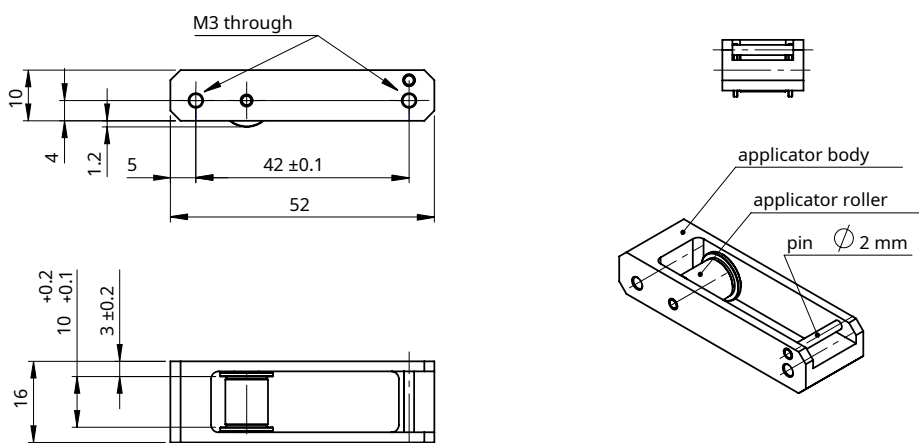
**Ensure complete adhesion.**

Apply firm finger pressure along the full length of the scale from the centre outwards to each end.

To prevent the scale from sticking to the mounting surface during this process, you may need to reapply about 20 mm of backing paper to the end of the scale before inserting it into the applicator tool.

Move the axis slowly and steadily through its full range of motion. As it moves, lightly press the scale behind the applicator tool with your finger to help it adhere to the mounting surface. At the same time, gently pull the backing paper away from the applicator tool as it separates.

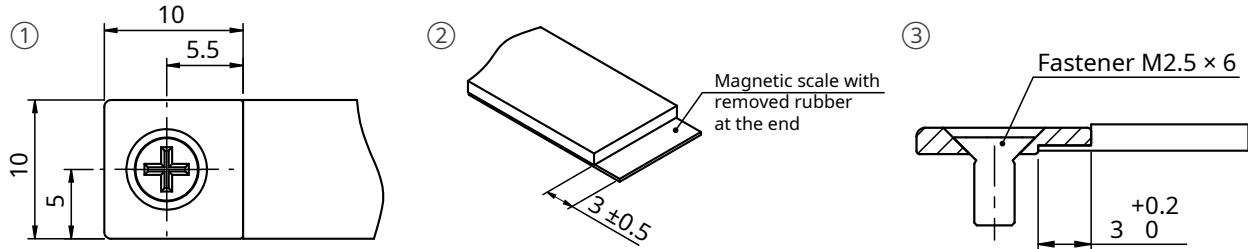
**LA11 applicator assembly**



## Installation of AS10 magnetic scale with end clamps

End clamp kit has been designed to anchor the ends of the AS10 magnetic scale. Make sure the installation surface is clean and free of debris. Included in the kit are 2 end clamps and 2 fasteners M2.5 × 6 DIN 965.

### Installation process



#### Prepare the mounting surface.

Drill the holes to the mounting surface as shown above.

#### Prepare the magnetic scale.

If the scale was not ordered pre-prepared for installation with end clamps, please make sure that:

- the hole to hole distance is correct (scale length + 6 mm),
- the rubber surface at the ends of the scale was cut and removed as shown in the figure above.

#### Install the scale to the surface.

Make sure that the scale has been cut to the correct length and the mounting surface has been cleaned. Install the self-adhesive scale using the scale applicator tool.

#### Install the end clamp.

Use the supplied fasteners and attach the end clamps so that the magnetic scale is held under the clamp.

Magnetic scales can be mounted using only end clamps, without the need for VHB adhesive tape. However, in this case, the mounting surface must be properly prepared. To prevent lateral movement of the magnetic scale, mill a groove in the mounting surface that is 10 mm wide and at least 0.3 mm deep.

If using only end clamps without VHB tape, the recommended maximum scale length is 100 mm. End clamps help secure the scale ends more effectively. However, for optimal stability, we strongly recommend using both end clamps and VHB adhesive together.

## Installation of AS10 magnetic scale with TRS

TRS system is designed for applications that require an easily removable scale. The track system consists of aluminium guide rails, available in 1 m and 2 m sections, and a scale clamp element. It holds the magnetic scale securely while allowing it to expand and contract freely. The scale clamp provides a fixed point from which the magnetic scale can expand.

If damaged, the scale can be pulled out of the guide rails and replaced even if access is limited, reducing machine downtime. This feature also makes the system ideal for large machines that need to be disassembled for transport.

The design of the track section allows installation next to most standard guide rails or freely on any surface. This makes it suitable for many applications, such as automated assembly lines, packaging equipment, printing and other machines where the scale must be installed/removed for transport, or simply for all applications where the thermal expansion of the scale must be independent of the machine structure.

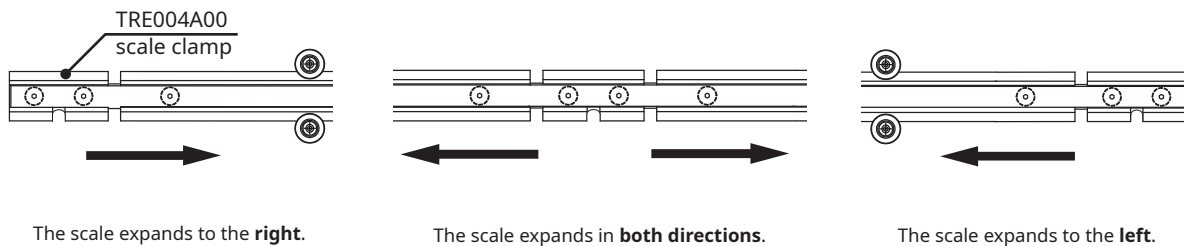
### TRS technical specifications

<b>Material</b>	Aluminium, EN AW-6060
<b>Mass</b>	157 g/m
<b>Thermal expansion</b>	~25 µm/m/°C
<b>Dimensions - cross section</b>	20 mm × 4 mm
<b>Available section lengths</b>	1 m, 2 m

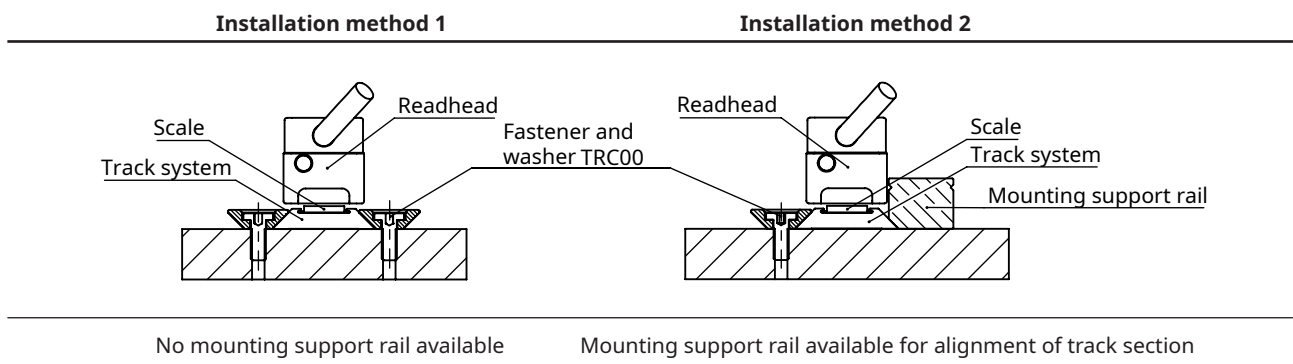
## Installation tips

### Thermal expansion control

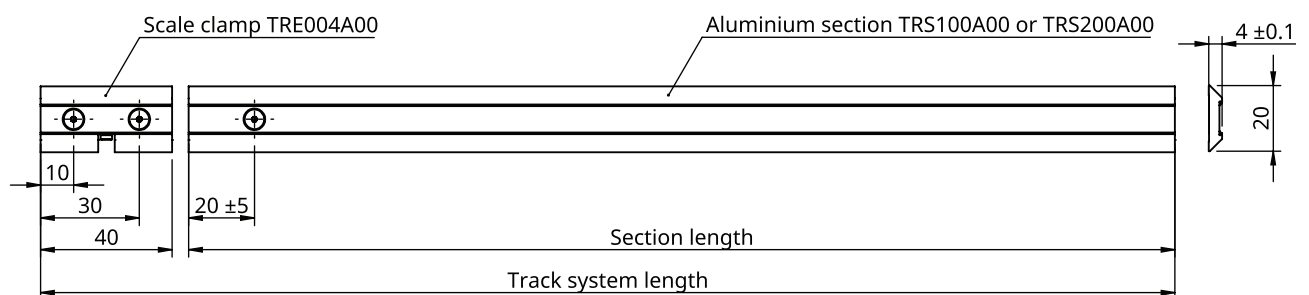
The scale can be fixed either at the left/right end or at the center depending on the thermal expansion scheme.



## Installation methods

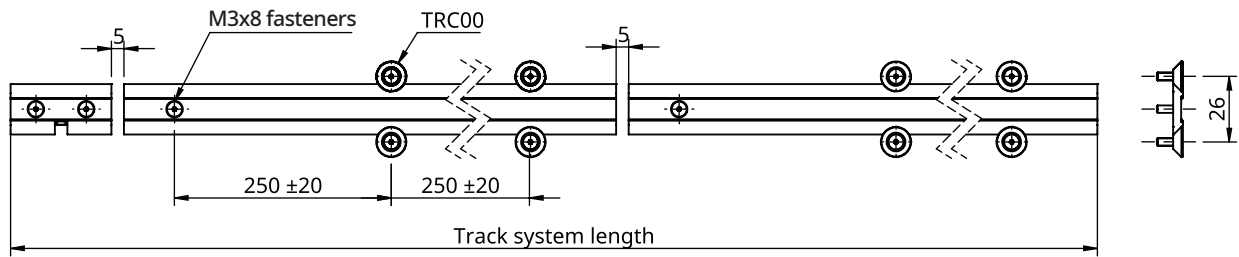


Track section	Number of TRC00 (fasteners and washers) required	
	Installation method 1	Installation method 2
TRS100A00	8	4
TRS200A00	16	8

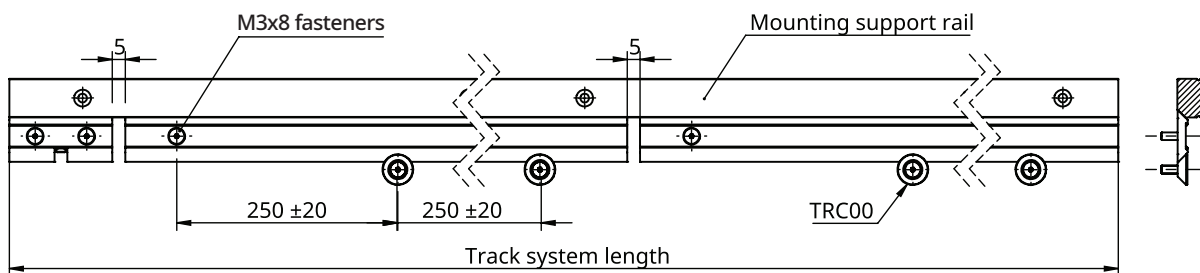


General tolerances: ISO 2768 m K

## Installation method 1



## Installation method 2



Recommended use of M3x 8 (CBSM3-8 Misumi). For more information see [Table of recommended fastener tightening torques](#) at [RLS Media center](#).

## Installation of DS19 magnetic scale with adhesive and fasteners at both ends

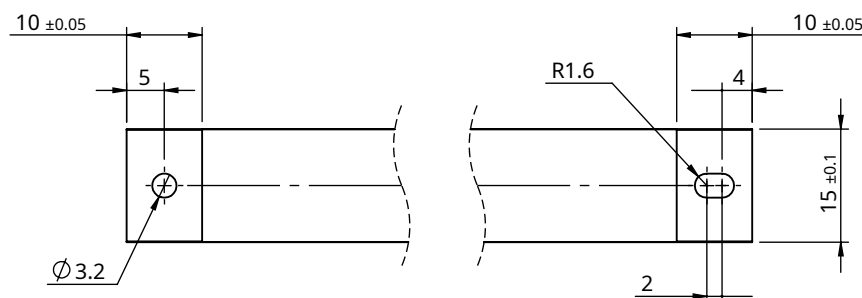
The DS19 scale can be installed in 2 different ways:

- With adhesive tape only.
- With adhesive tape + fasteners at both ends.

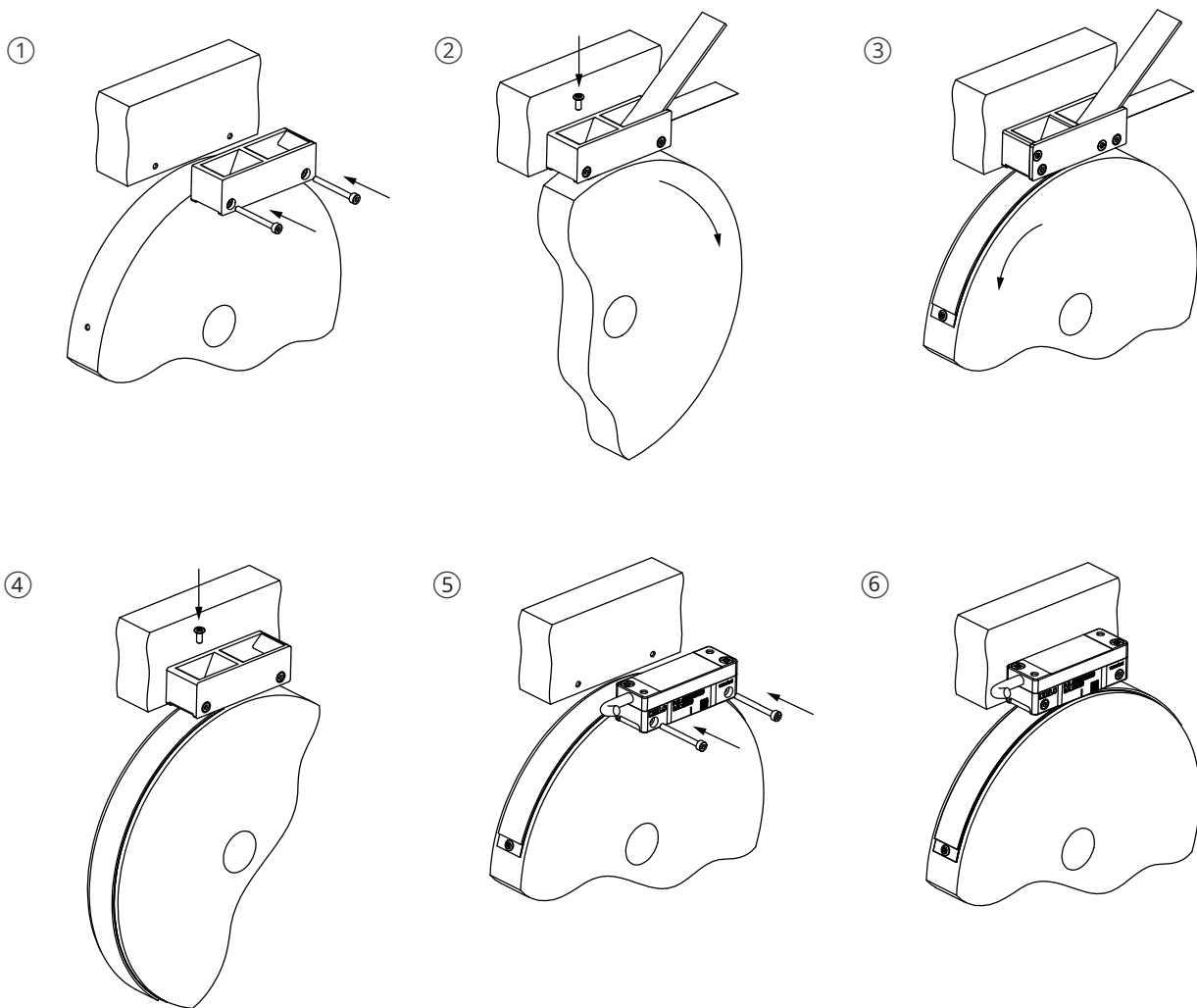
The fasteners (M3x6 CBSTSE3-6 T6 A2) at both ends prevent the magnetic scale from peeling off the edges when installed on a curved surface (e.g. a rotating shaft). It is not recommended to install the scale just with the fasteners at both ends (without adhesive tape). Using just fasteners to attach the scale may not be sufficient and the scale may bend in the middle and come into contact with the readhead. This can lead to a malfunction.

The left side of the DS19 scale has a  $\varnothing 3.2$  mm hole and a slot hole on the right side. The slot hole is used to compensate for the length tolerance of the scale and possibly also the tolerance between the holes on the shaft.

Before the final installation of the scale it is recommended to lay the scale over the shaft to see if the distance between the holes at both ends matches with the holes on the shaft.



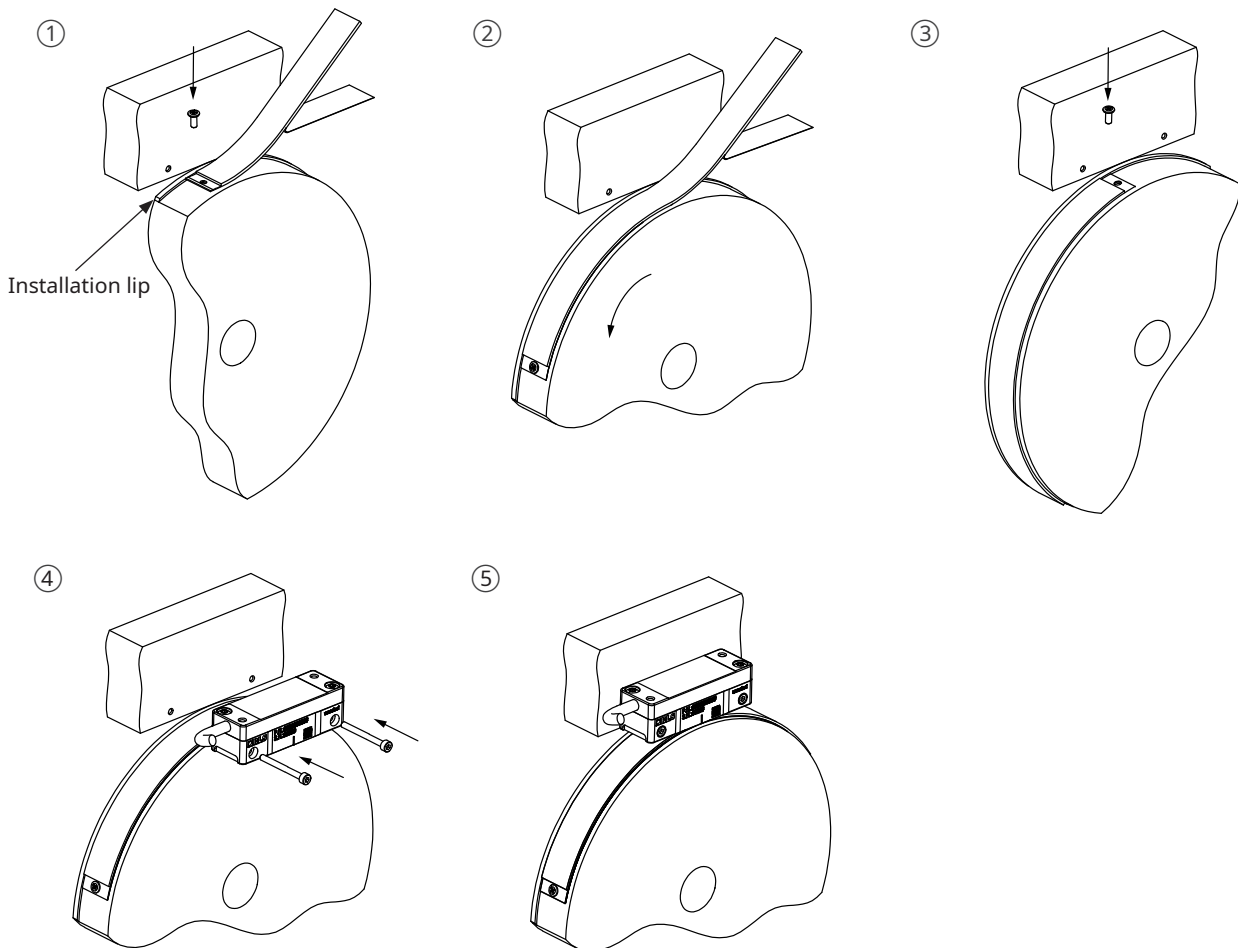
## Installation of DS19 magnetic scale with installation tool (ACC088)



- ① Install the applicator for DS19 scale.
- ② Place the magnetic scale into the right opening and peel off 40 mm of the liner that protects the adhesive. Lead the liner through the bottom right opening. Align mounting holes of the hub and the scale. Insert the supplied fastener (ARC00) through the top hole of the installation tool and attach the left end of the scale. Use the recommended torque from the **Table of recommended fastener tightening torques**.
- ③ While rotating the shaft, install the remaining part of the scale.
- ④ Insert the supplied fastener (ARC00) through the top hole of the installation tool and attach the right end of the scale. Use the recommended torque from the **Table of recommended fastener tightening torques**. If the shaft's range of motion is limited and the scale cannot be fully installed, the installation tool must be removed from the base bracket and carefully taken off the scale. Apply firm finger pressure over the entire length of the scale.
- ⑤ Install the readhead.
- ⑥ Align the readhead according to the tolerance specification (radial, axial, tangential offsets). A simple 0.3 mm thick plastic shim can be used to set up the air gap between the scale and the readhead.

## Installation of DS19 magnetic scale on the shaft with the installation lip

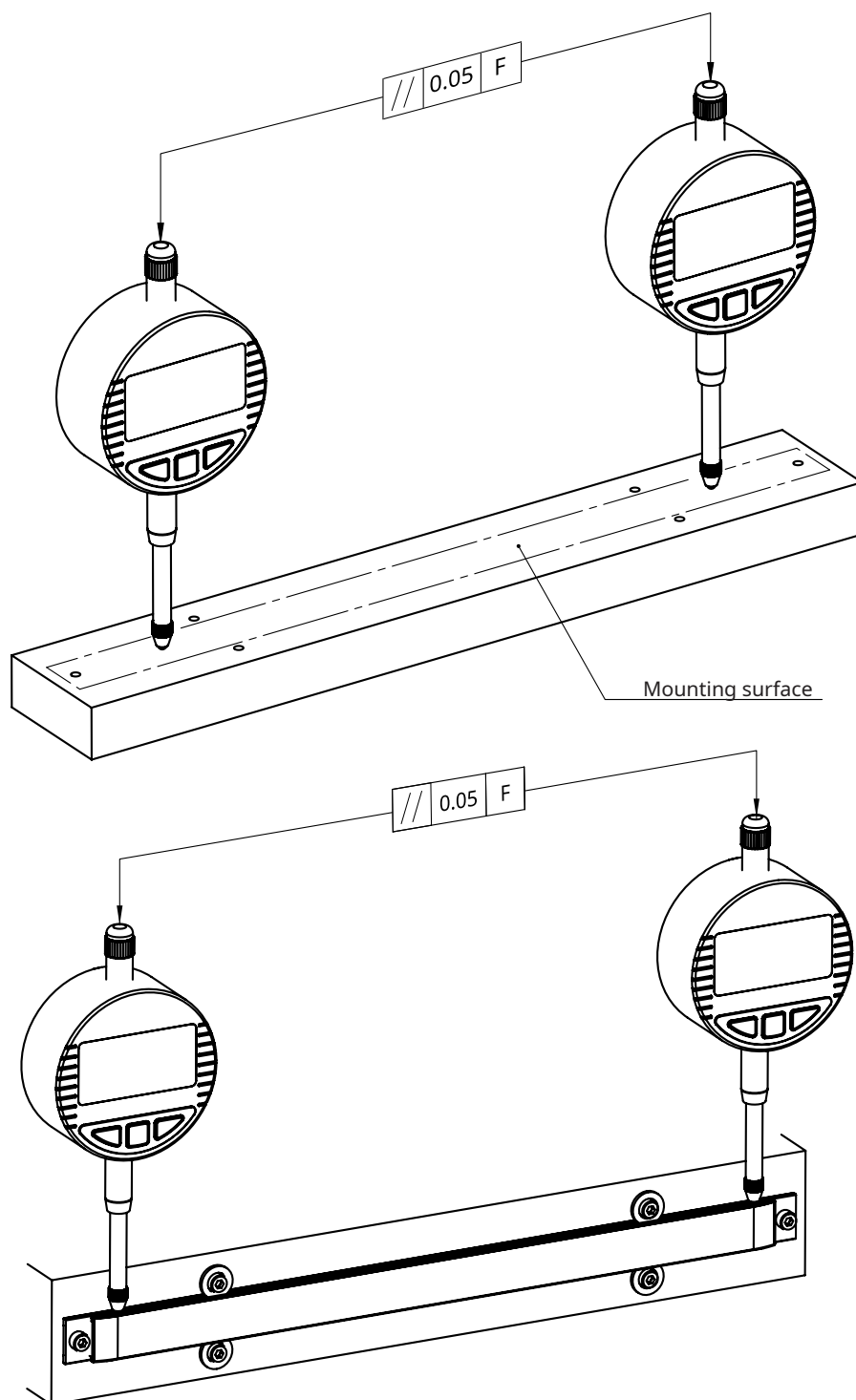
Design the shaft with the installation lip  $>0.3$  mm high. The installation lip must be laterally (axially) correctly positioned to align the scale based on the tolerance specification of the readhead. The installation lip will lead the magnetic scale in a straight line during installation.



- ① Peel off the first 20 mm of liner that protects the adhesive from magnetic scale. Align mounting holes of the hub and the scale. Fasten down the left end of the scale with included fastener (ARC00). Use the recommended torque from the **Table of recommended fastener tightening torques**.
- ② Apply the scale alongside the installation lip while slowly rotating the shaft and peeling off the liner.
- ③ Use the included fastener (ARC00) and fasten down the right side of the scale. Use the recommended torque from the **Table of recommended fastener tightening torques**.
- ④ Install the readhead.
- ⑤ Align the readhead according to the tolerance specification (radial, axial, tangential offsets). A simple 0.3 mm thick plastic shim can be used to set up the air gap between the scale and the readhead.

## Installation of solid absolute scale (SAS)

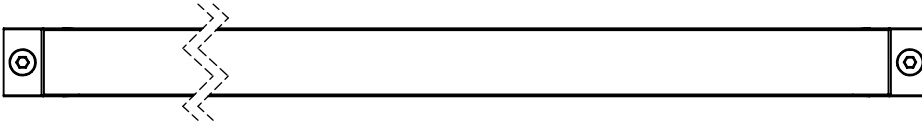
Mounting on steel substrate with similar coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) – recommended. Make sure that the mounting surface of the magnetic scale has been cleaned and degreased before you proceed.



To achieve specified performance, maintain the mounting surface and the readhead guideway inside 0.05 mm parallelism according to the machine guideway.

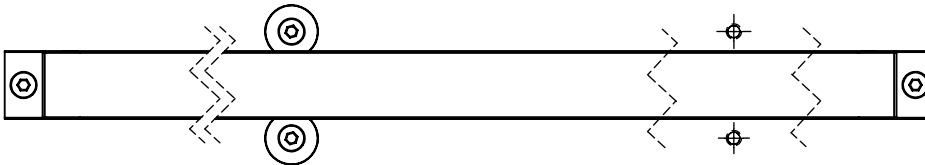
**For scales up to 150 mm long:**

Mount the left-most and right-most fasteners with a force of 1.2 Nm (no washers required).



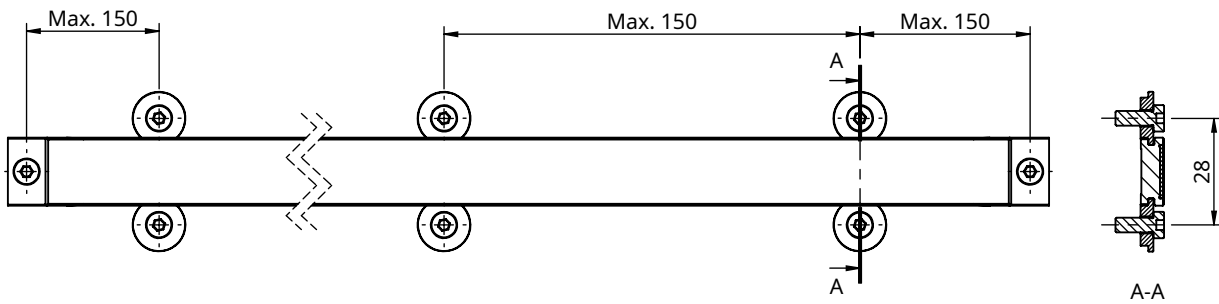
**For scales longer than 150 mm:**

Use washers every 150 mm along the scale to prevent bending. Mount the left-most and right-most fasteners with force of 1.2 Nm. A required number of fasteners and washers is supplied with the scale.



**Example of SAS scale mounting (top view):**

Dimensions and tolerances are in mm.





# Installation tolerances

## Ride height (RH) for linear application of the scales

Values in the table apply when the scale is installed on the flat surface (the scale is not curved).

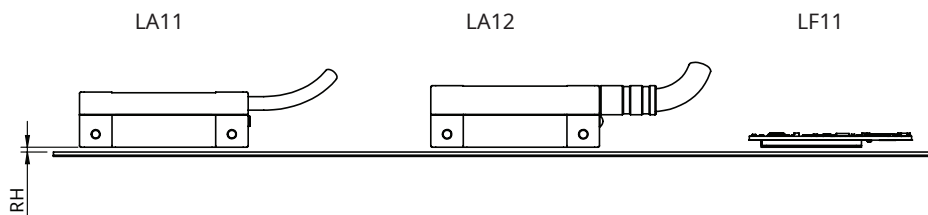


		LA11/LA12		LF11	Artos	
		AS10	SAS10	AS10	SAS19 / DS19 (options 001/002)	DS19 (option 003)
No cover foil	With or without adhesion tape	0.1 to 0.6	0.1 to 0.5	0.1 to 0.7	0.1 to 1.0	0.1 to 0.6
	Scale prepared for track system	0.1 to 0.5	/	0.1 to 0.6	/	/
With cover foil	With or without adhesion tape	0.1 to 0.5	0.1 to 0.5	0.1 to 0.6	0.1 to 0.9	0.1 to 0.5
	Scale prepared for track system	0.1 to 0.4	/	0.1 to 0.5	/	/

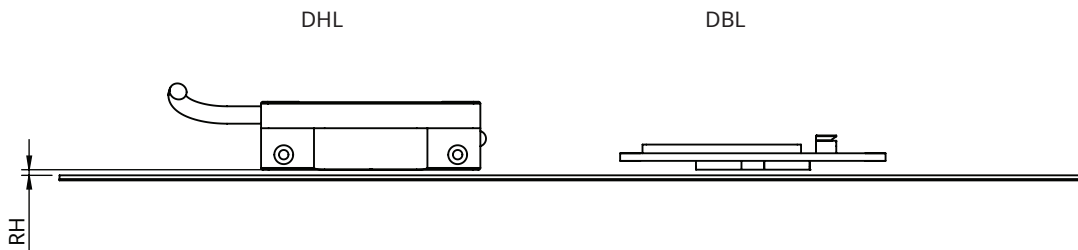
Values in mm.

The optimal installation is at 0.2 mm ride height. For easier and more reliable installation please use a 0.2 mm thick shim.

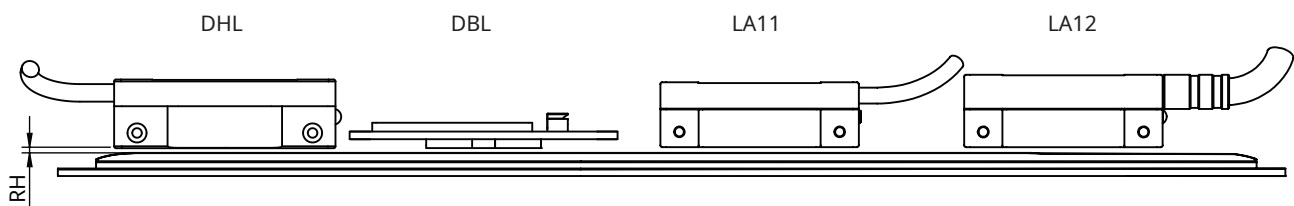
### AS10 with LA11/LA12/LF11



### DS19 with Artos



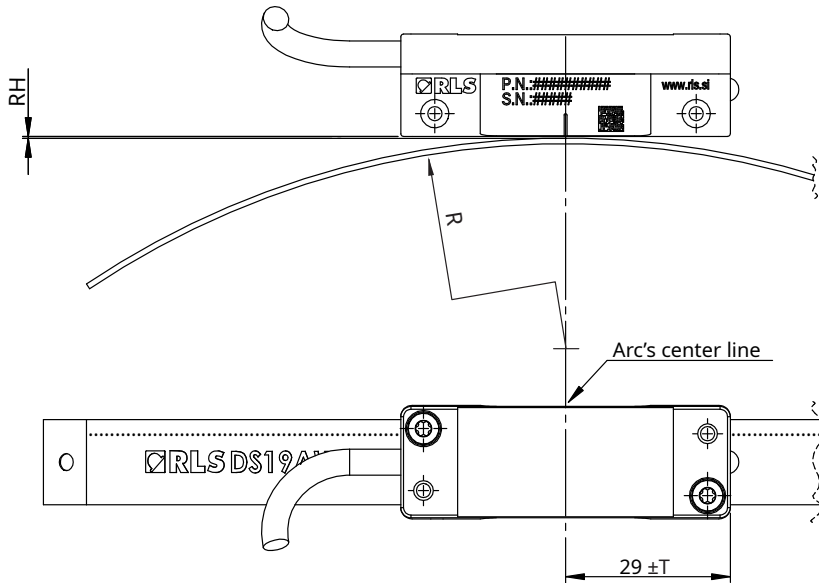
### SAS with Artos and LA11/LA12



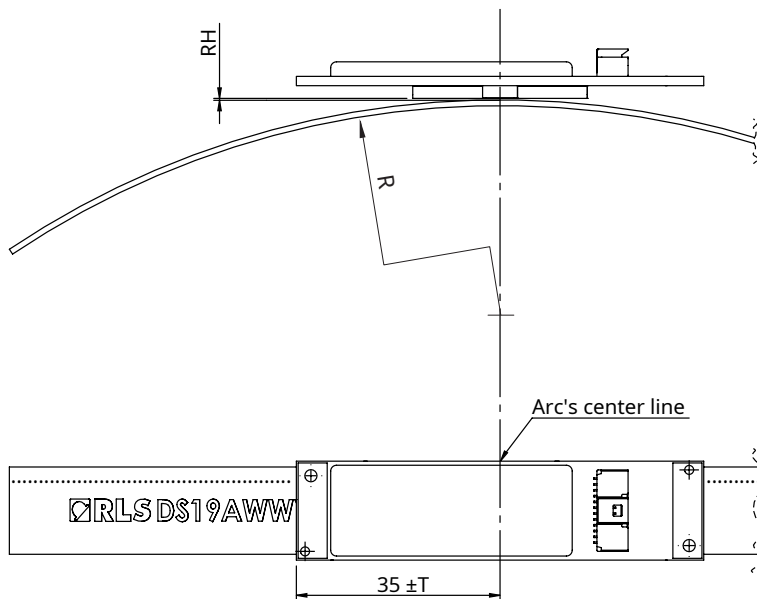
## Ride height (RH) and center line offset for partial arc application of the DS19 scales

Values in the table below apply when the scale is installed on a curved surface (only applicable for DS19 scale). Minimum bending radius for partial arc application is 200 mm.

### Artos (DHL)



### Artos (DBL)



The table below shows the ride heights between the Artos DBL/DHL readhead and the DS19 scale installed on a curved surface. The ride height differs based on the shaft diameter and scale type (001 and 002).

	Shaft OD	Ride height (RH) (up to 2 m long scale) option 001	Ride height (RH) (2 to 8 m long scale) option 002	Tangential (T) / center line offset
<b>No cover foil</b>	200 - 249 mm	0.1 to 0.7 mm	-	1 mm
	250 - 299 mm	0.1 to 0.85 mm	-	
	300 mm and up	0.1 to 1.0 mm	-	
<b>With cover foil</b>	200 - 249 mm	0.1 to 0.6 mm	-	
	250 - 299 mm	0.1 to 0.75 mm	-	
	300 mm and up	0.1 to 0.9 mm	-	
<b>No cover foil</b>	630 mm and up	-	0.1 to 0.9 mm	
<b>With cover foil</b>	630 mm and up	-	0.1 to 0.8 mm	

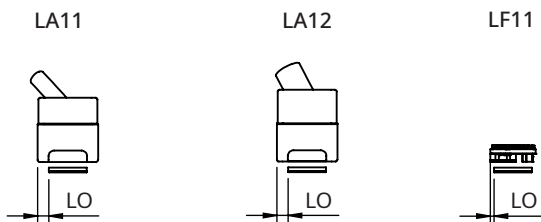
## Lateral offset (LO)



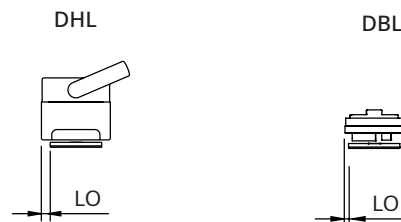
		LA11/LA12		LF11	Artos DHL		Artos DBL	
		AS10	SAS10	AS10	DS19	SAS19	DS19	SAS19
No cover foil	With or without adhesion tape	3 ±0.3	±0.2	1 ±0.3	2.5 ±1	1 ±1	1 ±1	0.5 ±1
	Scale prepared for track system	3 ±0.2		1 ±0.2	/	/	/	/
With cover foil	With or without adhesion tape	3 ±0.3		1 ±0.3	2.5 ±1	1 ±1	1 ±1	0.5 ±1
	Scale prepared for track system	3 ±0.2		1 ±0.2	/	/	/	/

Values in mm.

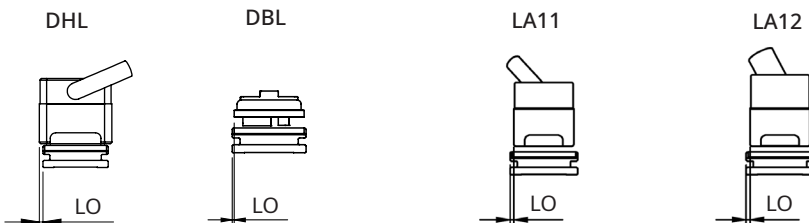
### AS10 with LA11/LA12/LF11



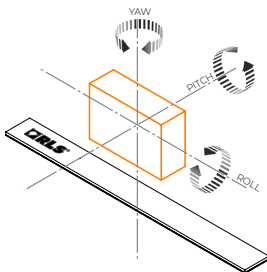
### DS19 with Artos



### SAS with Artos and LA11/LA12



## Roll, pitch and yaw



	LA11/LA12		LF11	Artos	
	AS10	SAS10	AS10	DS19	SAS19
Non-parallel mounting (roll)	±1°	±1°	±1°	±1°	±1°
Non-parallel mounting (yaw)	±0.5°	±0.5°	±0.5°	±1°	±1°
Non-parallel mounting (pitch)	±0.5°	±0.5°	±0.5°	±1°	±1°

## Maximum speed tables

### LA11 (parallel incremental signals)

#### AS10, SAS10

Ordering code	Resolution (µm)	Interpolation factor	Maximum speed (m/s)								
			1.82	0.91	0.23	0.11	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01
13B	~0.244	8,192	1.82	0.91	0.23	0.11	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01
12B	~0.488	4,096	3.65	1.82	0.46	0.23	0.12	0.06	0.05	0.02	0.01
11B	~0.976	2,048	7	3.65	0.91	0.46	0.24	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.02
2D0	1	2,000	7	3.73	0.93	0.47	0.24	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.02
10B	~1.953	1,024	7	7	1.82	0.91	0.48	0.24	0.19	0.10	0.05
09B	~3.906	512	7	7	3.65	1.82	0.95	0.49	0.38	0.19	0.10
08B	~7.812	256	7	7	7	3.65	1.90	0.97	0.77	0.39	0.19
07B	15.625	128	7	7	7	7	3.81	1.94	1.53	0.77	0.39
06B	31.25	64	7	7	7	7	7	3.89	3.07	1.55	0.78
05B	62.5	32	7	7	7	7	7	7	6.14	3.10	1.56
04B	125	16	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6.19	3.11
Minimum edge separation (µs)			0.07	0.12	0.50	1	2	4	5	10	20
Maximum count frequency (MHz)			15	8	2	1	0.50	0.25	0.20	0.10	0.05
Part numbering			K	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

### LA12

#### AS10, SAS10

Ordering code	Resolution (µm)	Interpolation factor	Maximum speed (m/s)
13B	~0.244	8,192	2
12B	~0.488	4,096	4
11B	~0.976	2,048	7
8D0	0.250	8,000	2
2D0	1	2,000	7
1D0	2	1,000	7

### LF11

#### AS10

Ordering code	Resolution (µm)	Interpolation factor	Maximum speed (m/s)
13B	~0.244	8,192	1.85
12B	~0.488	4,096	3.65
11B	~0.976	2,048	7

### Artos

#### DS19 and SAS19

The maximum linear speed is 20 m/s regardless of the chosen resolution on DHL and DBL readheads. Refer to [Maximum speed calculator for scales](#).

# How to define scale length

## AS10 installation with LA11 and LA12 readhead

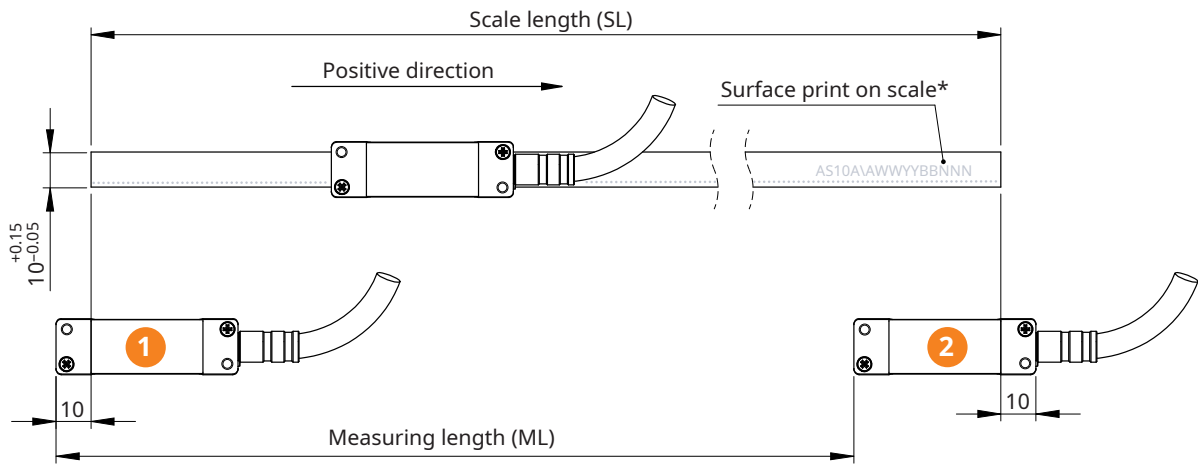
1 and 2 are encoder position limits

If special requirement AS10\_03 (03 - absolute code begins with zero) is selected and the readhead is at location 1 as shown on the drawing below, the readhead reports the absolute position  $5 \pm 1$  mm or  $8 \pm 1$  for a scale with the end-clamps..  
The absolute position reported by the encoder at location 2 can be calculated with the following equation:

$$\text{Absolute position value } 2 = x - 27 \text{ mm (within tolerance } \pm 1 \text{ mm)}$$

$$x = \text{Total length of the effective part of the magnetic scale (elasto-ferrite rubber)}$$

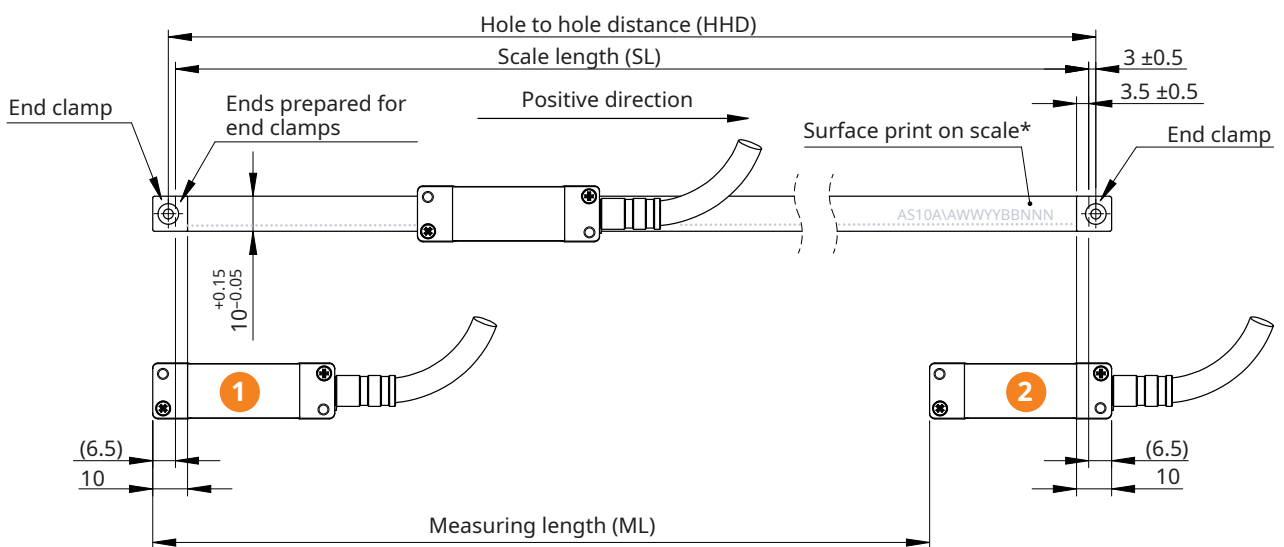
## Installation of AS10 magnetic scale with adhesive tape



$$SL = ML + 32 \text{ mm}$$

\* Scale surface print does not represent the actual ordering code.  
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## Installation of AS10 magnetic scale with end clamps

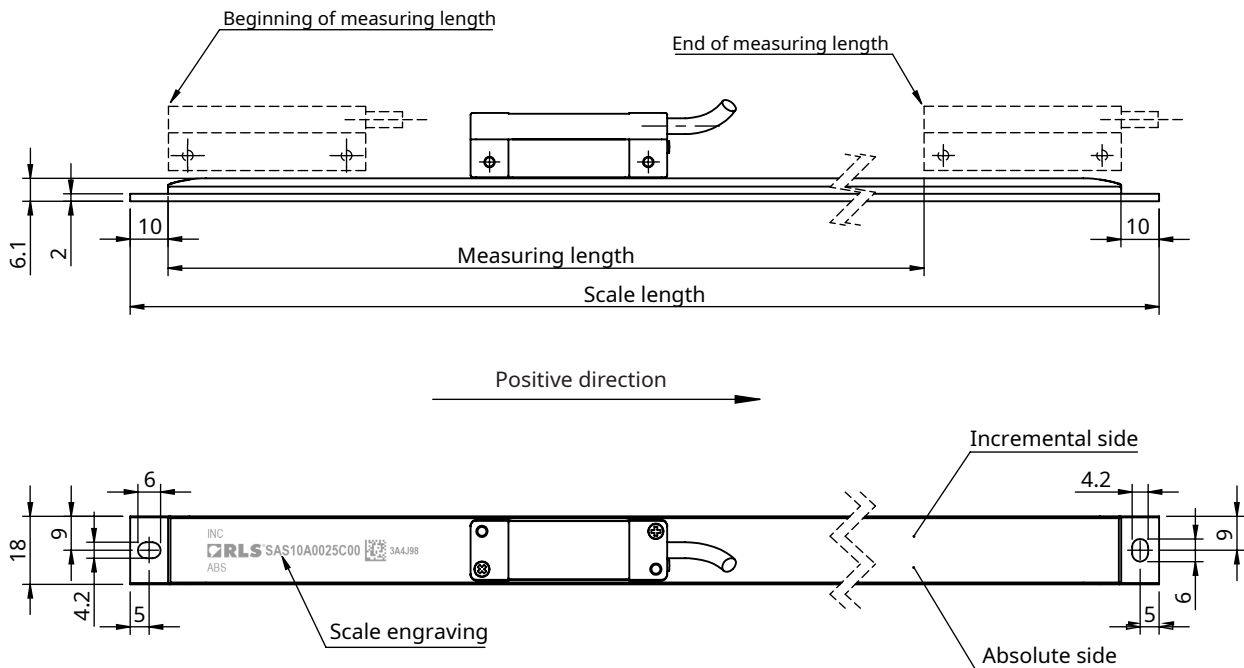


$$SL = ML + 39 \text{ mm}$$

$$HHD = SL + (6 \text{ mm } \pm 1 \text{ mm})$$

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## SAS10 installation with LA11 and LA12 readhead



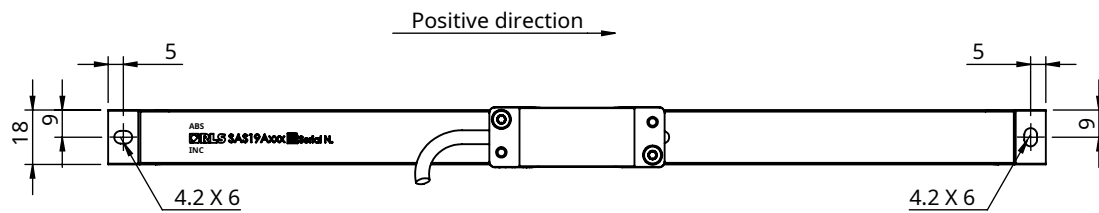
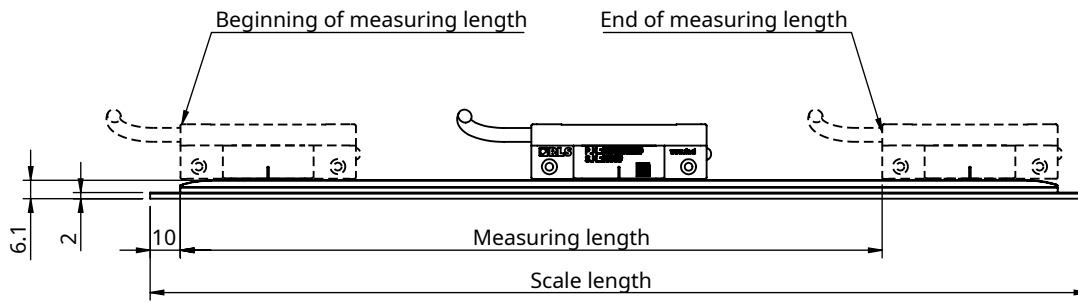
$$SL = ML + 72 \text{ mm}$$

SAS10 scales always start with the absolute position 0 regardless of scale length.

Scale length [mm]	Measuring length (LA11/LA12) [mm]	Nr. of washers (MN01509)	Nr. of fasteners (M4 x 10 IMBUS ISO 7380)*
97	25	2	4
117	45	2	4
162	90	2	4
192	120	2	4
272	200	2	4
322	250	4	6
372	300	4	6
472	400	6	8
560	488	6	8
660	588	8	10
760	688	10	12
860	788	10	12
960	888	12	14
1060	988	14	16
1160	1088	14	16
1260	1188	16	18
1360	1288	18	20

\* 2 additional screws to attach the scale at both ends. 2 standard washers M4 DIN 125 stainless-steel included.

## SAS19 installation with Artos readhead



$$SL = ML + 79 \text{ mm}$$

Scale length [mm]	Measuring length (Artos) [mm]	Nr. of washers (MN01509)	Nr. of fasteners (M4 x 10 IMBUS ISO 7380)*
97	18	2	4
117	38	2	4
162	83	2	4
192	113	2	4
272	193	2	4
322	243	4	6
372	293	4	6
472	393	6	8
560	481	6	8
660	581	8	10
760	681	10	12
860	781	10	12
960	881	12	14
1060	981	14	16
1160	1081	14	16
1260	1181	16	18
1360	1281	18	20

\* 2 additional screws to attach the scale at both ends. 2 standard washers M4 DIN 125 stainless-steel included.



## AS10 installation with LF11 readhead

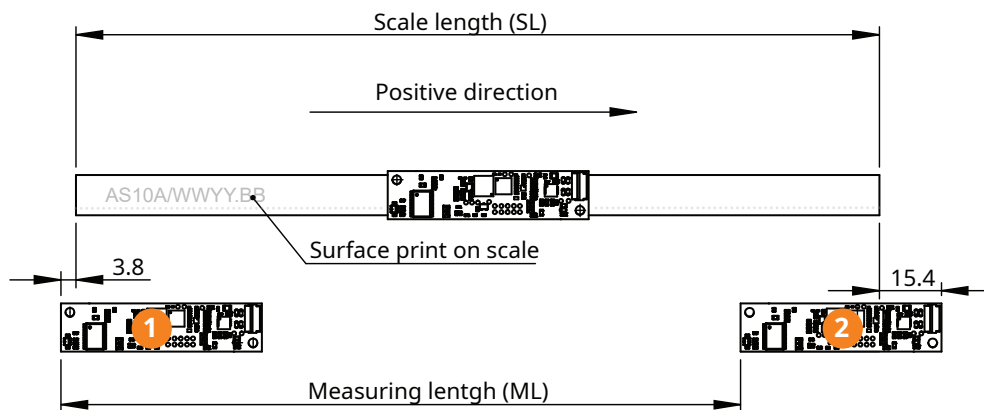
1 and 2 are encoder position limits

If special requirement 03 (absolute code begins with zero) is selected and the readhead is at location 1 as shown on the drawing below, the readhead reports the absolute position  $3 \pm 1$  mm or  $6 \pm 1$  for a scale with the end-clamps. The absolute position reported by the encoder at location 2 can be calculated with the following equation:

$$\text{Absolute position value } 2 = x - 30 \text{ mm (within tolerance } \pm 1 \text{ mm)}$$

$$x = \text{Total length of the effective part of the magnetic scale (elasto-ferrite rubber)}$$

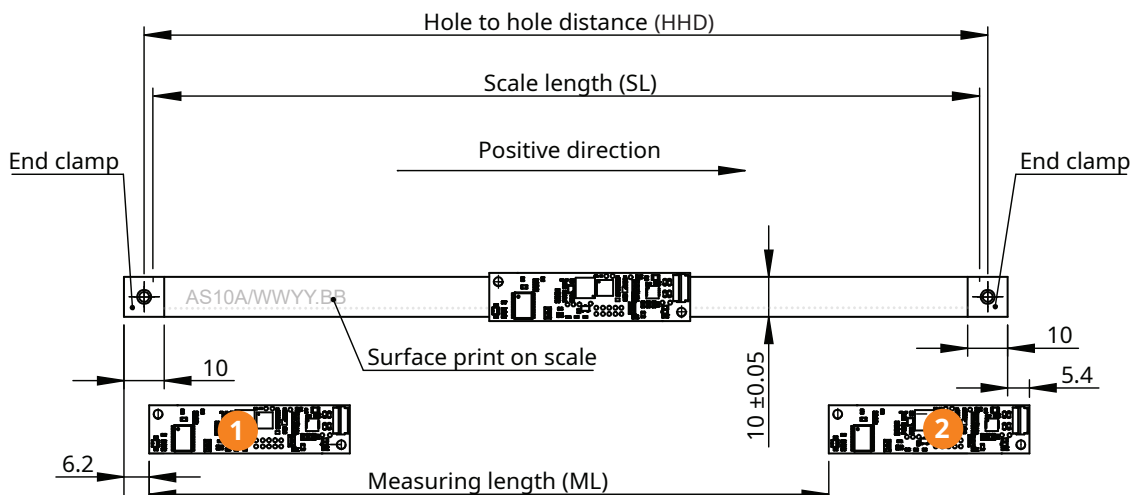
### Installation of AS10 magnetic scale with adhesive tape



$$SL = ML + 31 \text{ mm}$$

\* Scale surface print does not represent the actual ordering code. For orientation purpose only.

### Installation of AS10 magnetic scale with end clamps



$$SL = ML + 38 \text{ mm}$$

$$HHD = SL + (6 \text{ mm } \pm 1 \text{ mm})$$

$$SL \text{ tolerance} = \pm(0.5 \text{ mm} + 0.04 \text{ mm/m})$$

\* Scale surface print does not represent the actual ordering code. For orientation purpose only.

## DS19 installation with Artos DHL readhead

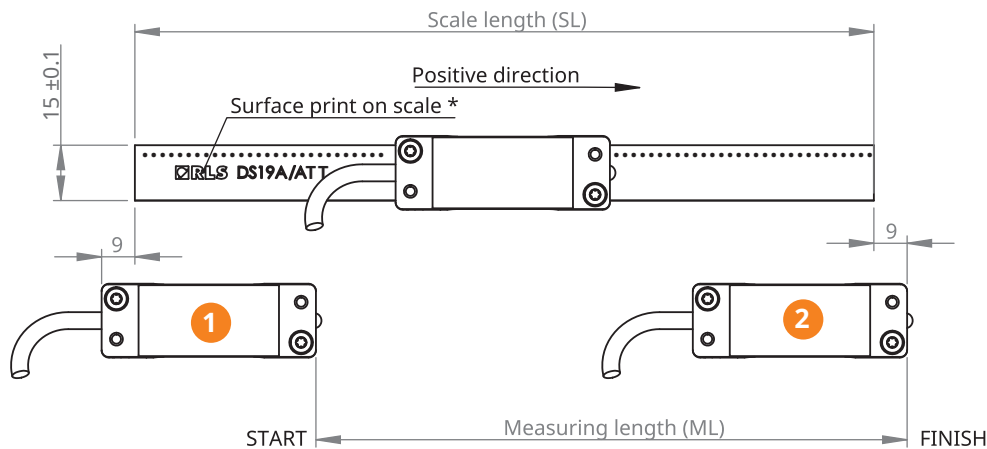
① and ② are encoder position limits

If the **absolute code type "Z"** (absolute code begins with zero) is selected and the readhead is at location ① as shown on the drawing below, the reported position of the readhead is different according to the selected option:

- option 001 = 11 ±1 or 21 ±1 mm for a scale with the end-clamps
- option 002 = 9 ±1 or 19 ±1 mm for a scale with the end-clamps
- option 003 = 7 ±1 or 17 ±1 mm for a scale with the end-clamps

The absolute position reported by the encoder at location ② can be calculated with the following equation:  
ML = SL - n, stated under corresponding DS19 scale type.

### Installation of DS19 magnetic scale



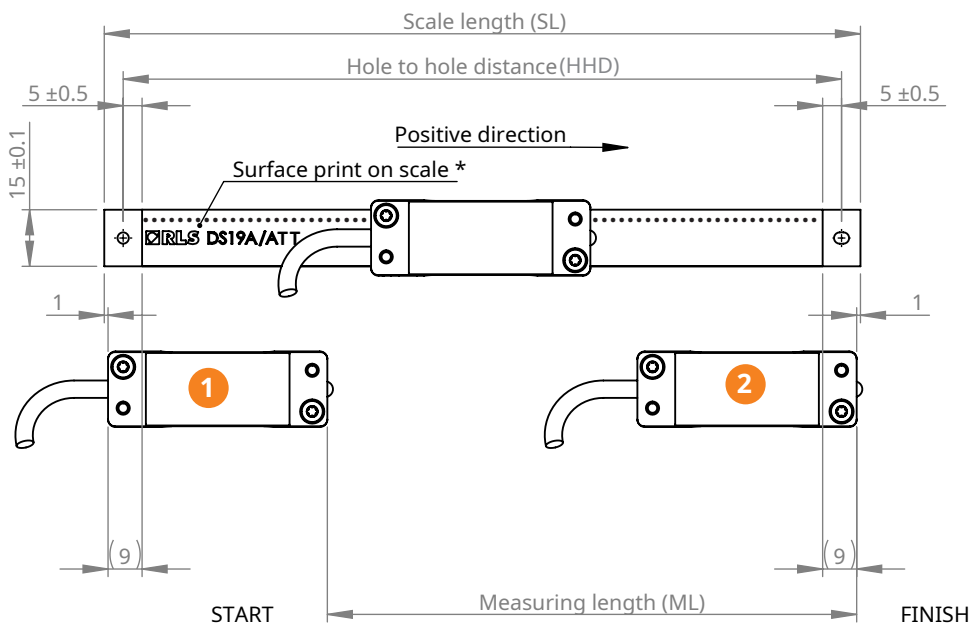
$$SL = ML + 40 \text{ mm}$$

$$HHD = SL - 10 \text{ mm}$$

$$SL \text{ tolerance} = \pm(0.5 \text{ mm} + 0.02 \text{ mm/m})$$

\* Scale surface print does not represent the actual ordering code.  
For orientation purpose only.

### Installation of DS19 magnetic scale with fasteners at both ends of the scale



$$SL = ML + 60 \text{ mm}$$

$$HHD = SL - 10 \text{ mm}$$

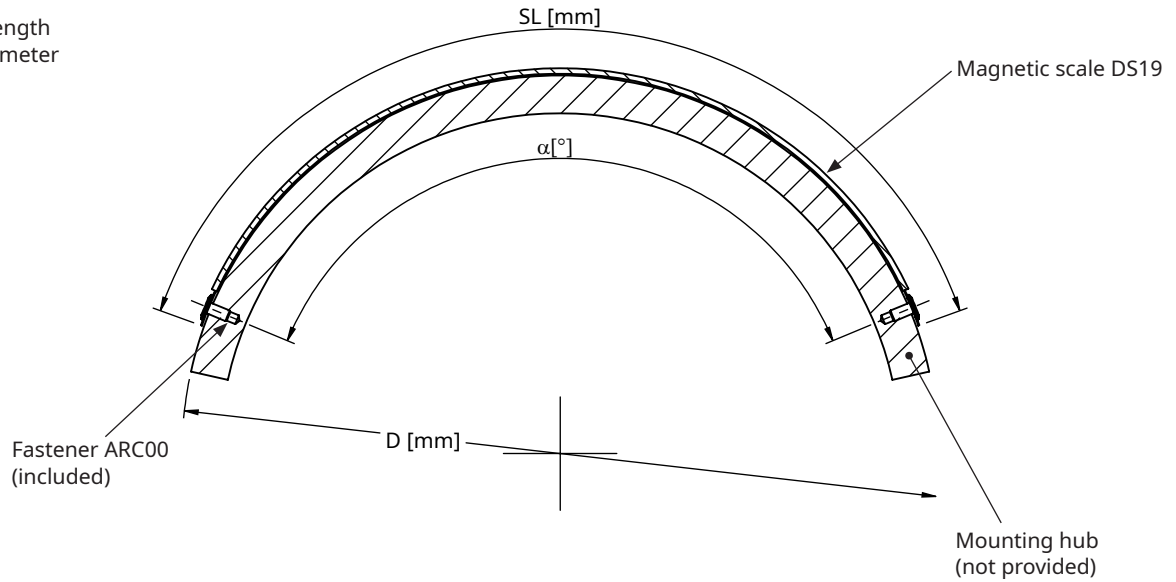
$$SL \text{ tolerance} = \pm(0.5 \text{ mm} + 0.02 \text{ mm/m})$$

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For orientation purpose only.

Alpha is an angle between both holes at the ends of the scale and can be calculated with the following formula. For holes dimensions please refer to the chapter **Installation of DS19 magnetic scale with installation tool.**

$$\alpha [^\circ] = \frac{360^\circ \times (SL - 10 \text{ mm})}{\pi \times (D + 0.6)}$$

SL = scale length  
D = hub diameter



Before peeling off the liner to expose the adhesive on the scale, simulate placing the scale on the flange to see if the holes at both ends of the scale overlap with the holes on the mounting flange. You might not see a perfect overlap with the liner present on the scale, but it gives a general indication that the holes on the flange are correctly aligned with the scale length.

## DS19 installation with Artos DBL readhead

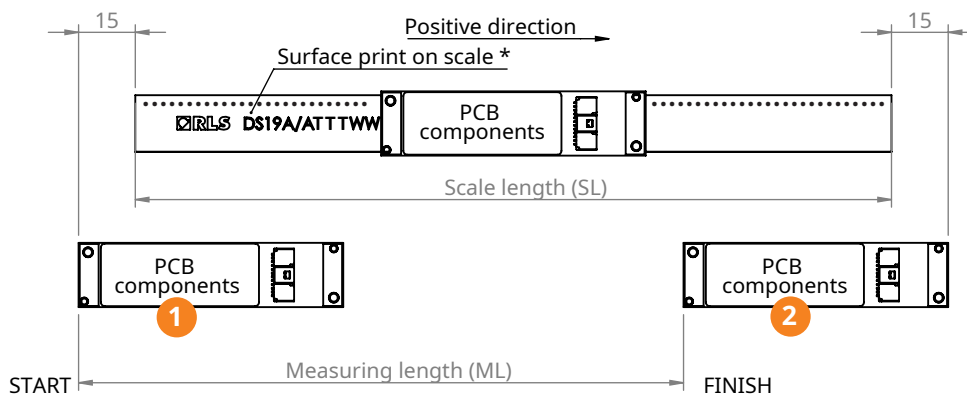
① and ② are encoder position limits

If the **absolute code type "Z"** (absolute code begins with zero) is selected and the readhead is at location ① as shown on the drawing below, the reported position of the readhead is different according to the selected option:

- option 001 = 11 ±1 mm
- option 002 = 9 ±1 mm
- option 003 = 7 ±1 mm

The absolute position reported by the encoder at location ② can be calculated with the following equation:  
 $ML = SL - n$ , stated under corresponding DS19 scale type.

### Installation of DS19 magnetic scale

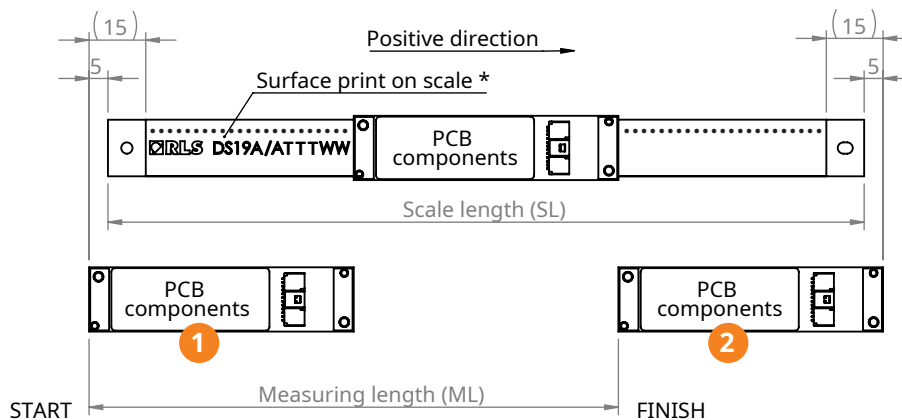


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$$SL = ML + 40 \text{ mm}$$

$$HHD = SL - 10 \text{ mm}$$

### Installation of DS19 magnetic scale with fasteners at both ends of the scale



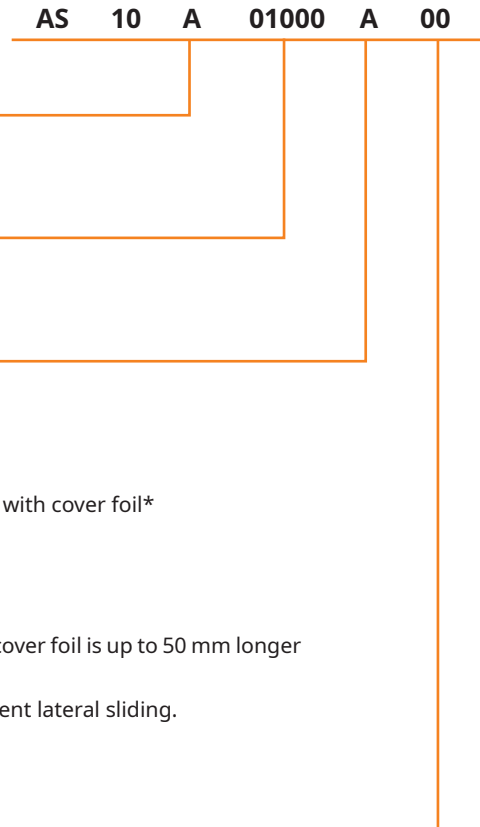
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$$SL = ML + 60 \text{ mm}$$

$$HHD = SL - 10 \text{ mm}$$

# Part numbering

## AS10



### Accuracy class

A - N/A

### Scale length

xxxxx - Where xxxxx equals scale length in mm

### Options

- A - VHB back adhesive tape (standard)
- B - VHB back adhesive tape; with cover foil\*
- C - VHB back adhesive tape; ends prepared for end clamping
- G - No VHB back adhesive tape; sides prepared for insertion into track section
- H - No VHB back adhesive tape, sides prepared for insertion into track section; with cover foil\*
- I - No back adhesive tape
- N - No back adhesive tape; with cover foil\*
- P - No back adhesive tape; ends prepared for end clamping\*\*

\* Cover foil is not factory mounted on the scale and must be ordered separately (cover foil is up to 50 mm longer than specified with the part number).

\*\* It can only be used when the magnetic scale is installed in the groove to prevent lateral sliding. The groove dimension must correspond to the scale width.

### Special requirements

- 00 - No special requirements (standard)
- 03 - Absolute code begins with 0. Available up to 16.3 m

The AS10 magnetic scale without the special option («00») is randomly cut from a reel with the corresponding absolute position of the 16.3 m long scale.

## Table of available combinations

Series	Accuracy class	Scale length	Options	Reference mark
AS10	A	xxxx	A / B / C / G / H / I / N / P	00 / 03

## SAS solid scale part numbering

SAS10 A 1100 A 00

### Solid scale family

- 10 - SAS scale compatible with LA11/LA12
- 19 - SAS scale compatible with Artos

### Effective measuring length

#### SAS10 and LA11/LA12 readhead

<b>0025</b> - 25 mm	<b>0250</b> - 250 mm	<b>0688</b> - 688 mm	<b>1188</b> - 1188 mm
<b>0045</b> - 45 mm	<b>0300</b> - 300 mm	<b>0788</b> - 788 mm	<b>1288</b> - 1288 mm
<b>0090</b> - 90 mm	<b>0400</b> - 400 mm	<b>0888</b> - 888 mm	
<b>0120</b> - 120 mm	<b>0488</b> - 488 mm	<b>0988</b> - 988 mm	
<b>0200</b> - 200 mm	<b>0588</b> - 588 mm	<b>1088</b> - 1088 mm	

For longer scale options (>1.3m) please **contact RLS**.

#### SAS19 and Artos readhead

<b>0018</b> - 18 mm	<b>0243</b> - 243 mm	<b>0681</b> - 681 mm	<b>1181</b> - 1181 mm
<b>0038</b> - 38 mm	<b>0293</b> - 293 mm	<b>0781</b> - 781 mm	<b>1281</b> - 1281 mm
<b>0083</b> - 83 mm	<b>0393</b> - 393 mm	<b>0881</b> - 881 mm	
<b>0113</b> - 113 mm	<b>0481</b> - 481 mm	<b>0981</b> - 981 mm	
<b>0193</b> - 193 mm	<b>0581</b> - 581 mm	<b>1081</b> - 1081 mm	

### Options

- A - No cover foil
- C - Welded cover foil

### Special requirement

- 00 - No special requirements

## Table of available combinations

Series	N/A	Measuring scale length	Options	Special requirement
SAS10	A	25 / 45 / 90 / 120 / 200 / 250 / 300 / 400 / 488 / 588 / 688 / 788 / 888 / 988 / 1088 / 1188 / 1288	A / C	00
SAS19		18 / 38 / 83 / 113 / 193 / 243 / 293 / 393 / 481 / 581 / 681 / 781 / 881 / 981 / 1081 / 1181 / 1281		

## DS19 scale part numbering

DS 19 001 A 01000 Z L A S A 00

### Absolute scale family

**DS** - Absolute scale Artos (linear and partial arc)

### Scale width

**19** - Width 15 mm, 2 mm pole pitch

### Scale type option

#### Linear and partial arc scale

**001** - DS19 ( $\leq 2$  m, minimum bending radius 200 mm,  $\pm 10$   $\mu$ m accuracy)

**002** - DS19 ( $2 \leq 8$  m, minimum bending radius 630 mm,  $\pm 10$   $\mu$ m accuracy)

#### Linear scale

**003** - DS19 ( $8 \leq 32$  m, no bending allowed,  $\pm 15$   $\mu$ m accuracy)

### Scale length

**xxxxx** - Where xxxxx equals length in mm

Please note that if you select a scale length of 40 mm (with mechanical option A) or 60 mm (with mechanical option L), the measuring length is 0.

### Absolute code type

**R** - Random cut of the scale with a random start of the absolute code

**Z** - Start with absolute zero

### Mechanical option

**A** - Without holes

**L** - With holes at both ends of the scale (fasteners included)

### Adhesive option

**A** - With VHB 3M adhesive tape

**B** - Without VHB 3M adhesive tape

### Packaging type

**A** - Box (individual packaging  $> 300$  mm length)

**C** - Tube (individual packaging  $\leq 300$  mm length)

### Special requirements

**00** - No special requirements

The DS19 magnetic scale with the absolute code type "R" is cut at random from a reel, with absolute positions assigned based on the original scale lengths of 2 m, 8 m, or 32 m. If the ordered scale is up to 2 m long, the section is cut from a 2 m long scale in stock. For scales between 2.1 m and 8 m, sections are cut from an 8 m stock scale. For scales between 8.1 m and 32 m, sections are cut from a 32 m stock scale. The absolute position value reported by the Artos readhead varies depending on which stock scale the section was cut from.

### Table of available combinations DS19

Scale family	Scale type option	N/A	Scale length	Absolute code	Mechanical option	Adhesive option	N/A	Packaging type	Special requirements
DS19	001	A	00040 - 02000	R / Z	A	A / B	S	A / C	00
			00060 - 02000		L				
	002		02001 - 08000		A / L			A	
	003		08001 - 32000						

Please note that if you select a scale length of 40 mm (with mechanical option A) or 60 mm (with mechanical option L), the measuring length is 0.

### Cover foil part numbering

**CF 10 1000**

#### Cover foil width

- 08** - 08 mm width (for AS10 track system option only)
- 10** - 10 mm width (for AS10 scale)
- 15** - 15 mm width (for DS19 scale)

#### Cover foil length

**xxxx** - Where xxxx equals foil length in cm\*

\* Cover foil is up to 50 mm longer than specified with the part number.



## Accessories



Magnet viewer  
**MM0001**



End clamp kit  
**LM10ECL00**

(2 clamps + 2 fasteners)



Track section, 1.00 m  
**TRS100A00**

(1x fastener M3x10 included)



Applicator tool for magnetic

scale and cover foil

**LMA10ASC00**



Fastener and washer for TRS  
profile  
**TRC00**



Track section, 2.00 m  
**TRS200A00**

(1x fastener M3x10 included)



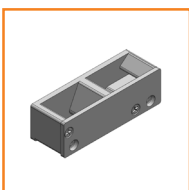
Scale clamp with fasteners,  
0.04 m  
**TRE004A00**

(2x fastener M3x10 and 1x fastener  
M2x4 included)

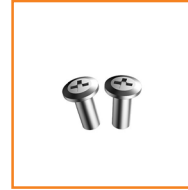


Washer for SAS10  
**MN01509**

(included when ordering the  
SAS10 scale)



Installation tool for DS19  
**ACC088**



Fastener for DS19 partial arc  
**ARC00**

(M3x6 CBSTSE3-6 T6 A2)

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## Document issues

Issue	Date	Page	Description
7	20. 8. 2024	22	Number of washer and fastener added
		23	Installation of AS10 with end clamps drawing amended
8	5. 11. 2024	29	Part numbering amended
9	19. 3. 2025	3	Packaging options amended
		9, 12, 27	Installation and dimension drawings added
		30 - 32	Part numbering amended
		-	SAS19 option added
10	4. 4. 2025	3, 22, 25, 26	End-clamps tolerances added

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