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# **R** series

RCx-AC-xxxAx-8.10 user manual





## RCx-AC-xxxAx-8.10

(110-240 VAC; 4-20 mA Control)

## Hazardous Location (Only models RCx-AC-BxxAx w/ ex-proof lid engraving)

## **USER MANUAL**

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#### INTENDED USE

Rotork R-Series actuators are intended to be used in conjunction with a valve or regulator to control flow or pressure automatically. The output of the actuator, either rotary or linear, is coupled to the valve stem to achieve the desired control.

#### MANUFACTURER DETAILS

Rotork manufactures the R-Series actuator at the following facility:

Fairchild Industrial Products Company 3920 West Point Blvd. Winston Salem, NC 27103 USA

#### **MEANING OF SYMBOLS**



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the product.



The Lightning Flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of un-insulated "dangerous voltage" within the product enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of shock to persons.

## **INSTALLATION**

The safety of any system incorporating the equipment is the responsibility of the assembler of the system.

#### **Hazardous Area Conditions of use**

Under certain extreme circumstances, the non-metalic parts incorporated into the enclosure of this equipment may generate an ignition-capable level of electrostatic charge. Therefore the equipment shall not be installed in a location where the external conditions are conducive to the build-up of electrostatic charge on such surfaces. In addition, the equipment shall only be cleaned with a damp cloth.

Contact the manufacturer if information of flameproof joints is needed.



## **Environmental Conditions**

The R-Series actuator has an IP67 rating and is recommended for outdoor use. The relative humidity of the environment has no effect on the R-Series.

The ambient temperature range for the standard R-Series is -20 to 40 °C (-4 to 104 °F). The internal heater option shifts the temperatures to a lower range of -40 to 40 °C (-40 to 104 °F).

The standard R-Series has been approved for use at altitudes of up to 2000 m.



## Mounting

The holes indicated in the image are intended for a mounting bracket. They are threaded  $\frac{1}{4}$ -20 UNC and are 0.4" deep.

## **Grounding and Securing**

The other two visible holes are threaded 10-32 UNF, 0.50" deep, and are intended to be used to lock the lid in position (top) and as an external grounding connection (bottom) using supplied screws.

For detailed dimensions see p.17.

Additionally, there is a grounding connection supplied internally.



## Wiring

#### **Wiring for Explosion Proof Actuators**



The **RCx-AC-BxxAx** Explosion-Proof actuator does **not** come with a pre-installed cable, nor cable gland. A cable gland that meets site specifications for the appropriate hazardous location rating is required for installation. The cable gland and the cable for hazardous location should be installed by qualified personnel in accordance with site and local requirements.

The actuator comes standard with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " FNPT thread cable entry. See p.17 for location of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " FNPT housing access. A cable with 6 wires is required; it is recommended to use 3x 16 AWG for wires supplying power and ground, and 3x 20 AWG for wires used for the control and feedback signals.



#### Standards for cable gland and cable in hazardous locations:

Compliance Standards Required to be Met	Cable Types Permitted in Class I Division 1 Hazardous Locations
ANSI / UL 514B, ANSI / UL 1203, ANSI / UL 2225, C22.2	Non-Armored Extra Hard Usage Cord & TC-ER-HL
ANSI / UL 514B, ANSI / UL 1203, ANSI / UL 2225	Armored IEEE 45 & IEEE 1580 Marine Shipboard Cable
ANSI / UL 514B, ANSI / UL 1203, ANSI / UL 2225	MC-HI, ITC-HL
ANSI / UL 514B, ANSI / UL 1203, C22.2	Teck 90 (Canada Only)

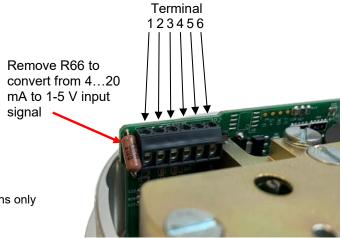
<sup>\*</sup> In explosion-proof models, the ½" FNPT thread is not intended for conduit connection. Cable gland only.

Once the cable and cable gland are installed, connect the wires to the pins on the terminal block as indicated here:

Pin	Function
6	Pre-wired to power supply
	Connect live wire to loose black cable
	with crimp connector (see p.6)
5	Pre-wired to power supply
	Connect neutral wire to loose white
	cable with crimp connector (see p.6)
4	Feedback signal (4-20 mA)*
3	Not connected
2	Isolated** input signal gnd.
1	Isolated** input signal (4-20 mA)

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;feedback" available in RCx-AC-xxxAF version only

<sup>\*\* &</sup>quot;isolated" available in RCx-AC-xxxAI and xxxAF versions only

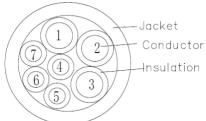


If the sensing resistor R66 is removed, we recommend placing a 10K resistor between signal and signal GND, or simply using shielded cables (for noise reduction).

#### Wiring for Non-Explosion Proof actuators

The actuator comes standard with a pre-installed cable gland and a 10' cable. Cut the cable to the length required, then connect according to the following wire color schematic:





#### Wire color schematic for cable

Colour	Function
Red (1)	Live 110-240 VAC (18 AWG)
Black (2)	Neutral 110-240 VAC (18 AWG)
Green (3)	Earth ≟ (18 AWG)
Yellow (4)	Ground ↓ (22 AWG)
Grey (5)	Feedback* signal (22 AWG)
Brown (6)	Isolated** input signal gnd. (22 AWG)
Blue (7)	Isolated** input signal 4-20 mA (22 AWG)

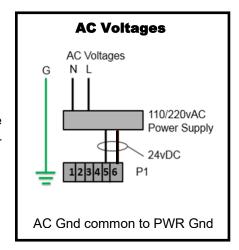
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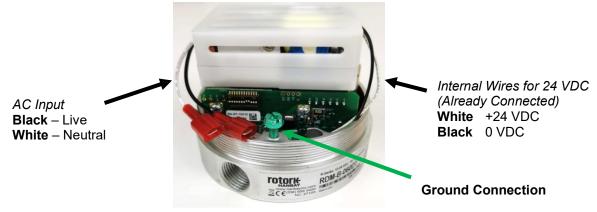
## **Power Supply and Current Draw**

The **RCx-AC-xxxAx** actuator may be connected to voltages within 110-240 VAC at 50/60 Hz. The AC supply to the actuator must be limited by a 1.5 A fuse or circuit breaker; it is recommended to have this installed near the actuator.

The current draw will range from minimum 10 mA to maximum 1.5 A while the actuator is active. When not moving, the actuator draws approx. 5 mA.

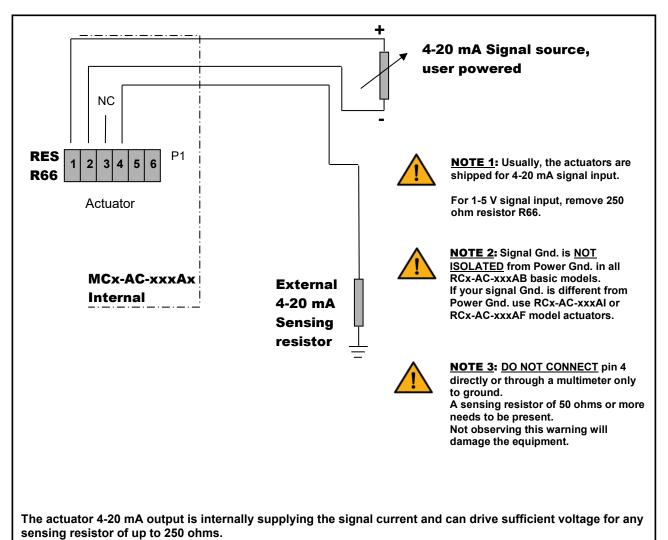
AC power is connected to the **WHITE** & **BLACK** wires with crimp connectors (WM18225-DN & WM18230-ND 18-22 AWG). Ground is connected on the **GREEN** ground screw, shown below.





## **Control Signal and Feedback**

Locate the correct connection terminals/wires as shown on the previous page, then connect the input signal on positions 1 and 2 (yellow and blue wires) as shown below. Feedback, if applicable, is connected to position 4 (grey wire).



The potential of the external GND after the sensing resistor must not be more than +6 VDC / -2 VDC away

This feedback signal output is only available in RCx-AC-xxxAF model actuators.

from the power GND of the actuator.

## **GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

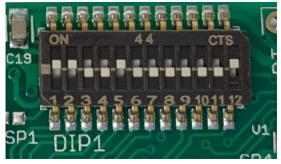
Stall protection	Electronic position and motion detection	
Gears & Bearings	Metal and bronze, oiled/greased for life	
External fasteners	Stainless Steel	
Life Expectance	250'000 cycles in specified conditions	
Motor	Brushless DC motor, computer control	
Positioning precision	± 0.25°	
Positioning resolution	± 0.15° max.	
End travel detection	By motion detection	
Power setting	Adjustable	
Mechanical Shock	Repeated ≤130 g-force, no effect Occasional ≤150g-force, no effect >150 g-force not tolerated	
Mechanical Vibration	Random SAE J1211, Chassis, Exterior	
Thermal Shock	-20 to +60 °C (-4 to 140 °F) in 10 min.	
Weight	RxJ, RxL, RxM: 980 g RxH, RxF: 1700 g	
Isolated Signals (Al & AF models only)	Optical isolation min. 1000 V	

## **OPERATION**

## **DIP Switches**

The DIP switches allow you to change the settings on your actuator. To flip a switch, gently use a small flat-head screwdriver.

See table below for DIP switch functionality.



In this example DIPs 1, 2, 5 and 12 are on.

DIP	Function
1 2	Speed: Choose how quickly the actuator will turn the valve. See p.11.
3	Only in the ON position for actuator model RCH (with external gear stage).
4 5 6	<b>Turns:</b> The actuator usually ships from the factory with the recommended number of turns for the valve. However, this number can be changed. Turning on a switch will add a specific number of turns to the actuator's movement.
7 8	See p.10 for relation between positions of the DIP switches and number of turns. Example: Turning on DIP 6 adds four turns, turning on DIP 8 adds one turn. If both DIP 6 and 8 are on, then the total turns of the actuator would be five.
9	Signal loss: See p.13.
10 11	<b>Seating torque:</b> Set how much torque the actuator exerts on the valve lever during the calibration (finding valve seat) procedure. See p.11.
12	<b>Direction/Calibration:</b> Toggle switch on and off while powered to re-calibrate actuator (find valve seat). Also sets direction in which the actuator will open and close. See p.13.
	Example: The RCM model actuator turns clockwise when the signal is decreased with DIP 12 in the OFF position. Putting DIP 12 in the ON position will cause counter-clockwise turning for a decrease in signal. For changes in DIP 12 position to take effect, the power to the actuator must be cycled.

## **Controlling the Actuator**

The 4-20 mA (or 1-5 V / 1-10 V) input signal represents a total span of a number of turns. I.e.: If you set the number of turns to 2, then a signal of 12 mA will set the actuator to exactly 1 turn from the fully closed position. 15 mA will give:  $(15-4)/16=0.6875 \Rightarrow 68.75\%$  of 2 turns  $\Rightarrow 1.375$  turns from closed.

#### Changing the number of turns

With the DIP switch settings, you can adjust anything between 1 and 31 turns to represent the full signal range of 4-20 mA. Check in the table below. (1 = "On", 0 = "Off").

Total Turns Dip4=0	DIP 5	DIP 6	DIP 7	DIP 8
reserved	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	1	1
4	0	1	0	0
5	0	1	0	1
6	0	1	1	0
7	0	1	1	1
8	1	0	0	0
9	1	0	0	1
10	1	0	1	0
11	1	0	1	1
12	1	1	0	0
13	1	1	0	1
14	1	1	1	0
15	1	1	1	1

For more turns, set DIP 4 to the ON position. This will add 16 turns to the number set by DIPs 5 through 8, as shown in the table.

DIP 4=0	+0 turns
DIP 4=1	+16 turns



**WARNING**: Be sure that the number of turns the actuator is set for is **LESS** than the number of turns for the valve. The actuator should not stop itself on a fully opened valve. It can damage the valve, and the actuator will lose its position.

## **Torque Settings**

To accommodate different valves and other applications with different torque requirements, the actuator can be set to apply different torque on the valve stem when in the seating mode.

During normal operation, the actuator will try to reach the speed set by DIP 1 and DIP 2. It will use 100% torque to try and reach the selected speed, regardless of the positions of DIP 10 and DIP 11. Current draw is limited to 1.5 A regardless of settings.

#### Seating power settings:

DIP 10	DIP 11	Power
OFF	OFF	16%
OFF	ON	33%
ON	OFF	66%
ON	ON	100%

Please see the box to the right and the tables below to select the power setting that is right for the application.

To deal with sticking valves, at the beginning of the first reversing movement after the seating ("zeroing") of the valve, the actuator will apply double the power set by DIP 10 and DIP 11 (up to 100% power.) This "pull out" function is always enabled.



**WARNING:** High power settings can supply enough torque to damage the valve. Please be cautious, especially when using the 100% power setting.

## **Speed and Torque Details**

The maximum speed of the actuator can be set by using the first two positions of the DIP switch selector. As a result of this setting, the actuator will limit the maximum speed. The tables below show the time required to complete one turn.

The seating torque depends on the voltage provided in the power connection and on the seating power settings on DIP 10, 11 as shown below.

#### RCL-AC-xxxAx Actuators

Speed:		
DIP 1	DIP 2	Time for 1 turn (sec)
OFF	OFF	7
OFF	ON	3
ON	OFF	2
ON	ON	1

Torque:			
DIP 10	DIP 11	Seating Torque (in-lbs)	Operating
OFF	OFF	12	torque is
OFF	ON	20	100%
ON	OFF	38	
ON	ON	48	
NOTE: If actuator is RC-I-AC-xxxAx, divide torque values by 3			

**NOTE**: If actuator is RCJ-AC-xxxAx, divide torque values by 3. **To convert in-lbs to Nm, divide by 9.** 

#### RCM-AC-xxxAx Actuators

Speed:		
DIP 1	DIP 2	Time for 1 turn (sec)
OFF	OFF	23
OFF	ON	11
ON	OFF	7
ON	ON	4

Torque:			
DIP 10	DIP 11	Seating Torque (in-lbs)	Operating
OFF	OFF	35	torque is
OFF	ON	60	100%
ON	OFF	115	
ON	ON	145	

**NOTE**: If actuator is RCK-AC-xxxAx, divide torque values by 3. To convert in-lbs to Nm, divide by 9.

#### RCH-AC-xxxAx Actuators

Speed:			
DIP 1	DIP 2	Time for 1 turn (sec)	
OFF	OFF	90	
OFF	ON	45	
ON	OFF	30	
ON	ON	18	

Torque:			
DIP 10	DIP 11	Seating Torque (in-lbs)	Operating
OFF	OFF	120	torque is
OFF	ON	205	100%
ON	OFF	400	
ON	ON	497	
To convert in-lbs to Nm, divide by 9.			

#### RCF-AC-xxxAx Actuators

Speed:			
DIP 1	DIP 2	Time for	
OFF	OFF	<b>1 turn (sec)</b> 186	
OFF	ON	94	
ON	OFF	56	
ON	ON	38	

Torque:			
DIP 10	DIP 11	Seating Torque (in-lbs)	Operating
OFF	OFF	230	torque is
OFF	ON	380	100%
ON	OFF	720	
ON	ON	915	
To convert in-lbs to Nm. divide by 9.			

## Signal Loss and Calibration

1. **For actuators that are not connected to a UPS** (Uninterruptible Power Supply), the loss of signal will be simultaneous with power loss. Consequently, the actuator will not be able to move anywhere. In the shutdown process, the actual position is automatically saved to the internal EEPROM. [This saving of the position only happens for min. 18 VDC supplies] When power is restored, the actuator will "know" its location and will start to follow the signal as received.



If the actuator is turned manually when its power is turned off, it will lose its position, and it will need to be re-zeroed (as described in sub-section 3).

2. For actuators that are connected to a UPS the behavior upon signal loss can be set as follows:

#### Normal position of DIP 9: OFF

With DIP 9 in the off position, the actuator will ignore the signal if it is lost (i.e.: if the signal falls below 0.700 V or 2.80 mA) and will remain in its current position.

**Note:** if the sensing resistor R66 is removed (for 1-5 V input signals), we recommend placing a 10K resistor between signal and signal GND.

#### Predetermined signal loss position DIP 9: ON

With DIP 9 in the on position, the actuator will move to a predetermined position when the signal is lost (i.e.: if the signal falls below 2.80 mA or 0.700 V).

Setting of the predetermined signal loss position:

- a.- turn DIP 9 to the "off" position
- b.- re-zero the actuator by sending and holding an input signal between 2.80 and 4.16 mA (0.700 and 1.04 V) wait until the device is re-zeroed, (i.e.: valve is closed)
- c.- by varying the input signal, move the actuator to the position that is going to be the predetermined signal loss position.
- d.- switch DIP 9 to the "on" position. The current actuator position will be saved as the default signal loss position. (The default signal position is an absolute actuator position, not a signal value.)

#### 3. Re-zeroing the actuator and initiating calibration routine:

The actuator will re-zero when the input signal is between 2.80 and 4.16 mA (0.700V and 1.04 V). It will turn clockwise until the actuator has reached the fully closed position of the valve.

If the valve is removed for any reason, the calibration routine must be initiated on the actuator manually. This is done by toggling DIP 12 (switch position, then back to the original position) while the actuator is powered. This will prevent damage to the valve.

**If you need to re-zero in the opposite direction** (i.e.: for pressure regulators, which typically go to the "top" fully open position at 4 mA) change the setting of DIP 12 and cycle power.

#### 4. Feedback calibration: [RCx-AC-xxxAF model actuators only]

The current feedback will be calibrated from the factory.

#### To re-calibrate the feedback:

- a.- Turn off the actuator and disconnect the feedback and input signals. If possible, remove the actuator from the valve.
- b.- Connect the feedback signal to the signal input. Also connect the power and signal grounds.
- c.- Power up the actuator with this "signal loop-back" setup.
- d.- Short SP1. It will automatically run a special routine to calibrate the feedback signal to the signal input. The whole process takes about 1.5 seconds.
- e.- Turn off the power and reconnect the actuator as normal.



#### **Manual Override**

The RCx-xxxAx actuator with manual override is certified for hazardous locations. The additional manual override gear case and handle has no effective ignition sources and can therefore be used in all hazardous locations for which the actuator enclosure is certified.

Operation of the manual override when the actuator is powered will be difficult as the actuator will try to maintain the valve in the position it has been commanded to.



Power should be removed if the valve is to be moved manually. Actuators with manual override will perform a re-zero procedure automatically on power up.

## **Troubleshooting**

Upon noticing a problem, your first step should be to recalibrate the actuator by toggling DIP 12 while the actuator is powered. This can solve basic problems. See sub-section 3 above for more details.

#### If the actuator does not move, try following these steps:

- 1) Re-calibrate the actuator. This will move the actuator regardless of what signal it is receiving.
- 2) A sticking valve may be the problem. Remove the valve from the actuator, and re-test the actuator.
- 3) Remove power. Re-check the wiring and the power/signal apparatus. Power actuator and re-calibrate. If the problem persists, please call Rotork for technical support.

Any parts found to be defective should be examined and/or replaced by Rotork.

#### **Maintenance**



**Caution:** Shutting off actuator and disconnecting associated equipment can cause dangerous system conditions to exist. Ensure the system is properly prepared for maintenance to be performed on the actuator.

The actuator is permanently lubricated and does not require maintenance under normal operating conditions. If mantenance is required, it must be carried out by qualified personnel in accordance with all national and local codes and ordinances.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

## **Hazardous Area Ratings (Ex)**

#### **FM Explosion Proof**

Class I, Division 1, Groups B,C,D, (T5) Class II, Division 1, Groups E,F,G, (T5)

UL 1203 (Edition 5.0)

Ambient temperature range -20°C to +40°C

#### **CSA**

Class I, Division 1, Groups B,C,D, (T5) Class II, Division 1, Groups E,F,G, (T5)

CSA C22.2 No. 3-M1986 CSA C22.2 No. 25-17

Ambient temperature range -40°C to +40°C

#### ATEX/IECEx

Ex db IIB T6/T5 Gb Ex tb IIIC T85°C/T100°C Db (E) II 2 GD T6[T85°C]: Ta -40°C to +65°C, T5[T100°C] Ta -40°C to +70°C IP66, IP67

IEC 60079-0:2017, 7th Edition IEC 60079-0:2014, 7th Edition

Ambient temperature range -40°C to +40°C

## **Electrical Compliance (EC)**

#### Canada & USA:

CSA.UL 61010-1

#### **Europe:**

EC Declaration of Conformity (CE)
UK Declaration of Conformity (UKCA)

## **Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)**

**United States:** 

FCC 47 CFR Part 15, Subpart B (Unintentional radiators), Class A

Canada

ICES-001 Issue 5, July 2020, Class A

Europe:

EN 61326-1:2013 (Group 1, Class A; Industrial electromagnetic environment)

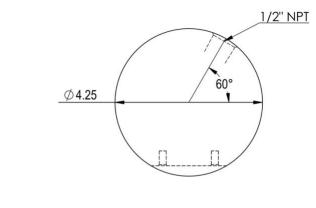
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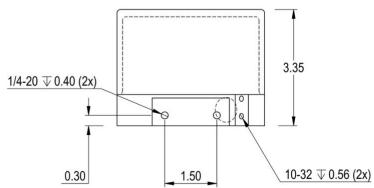
## **Dust and Water Ingress Protection (IP)**

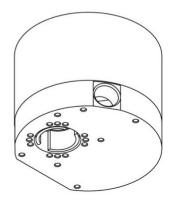
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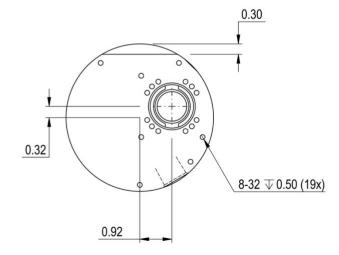
## **ACTUATOR DIMENSIONS**

## RCJ/ RCL/ RCM -AC-xxxAx models



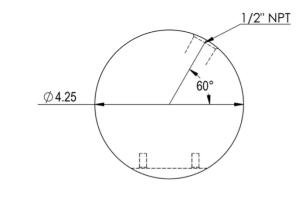


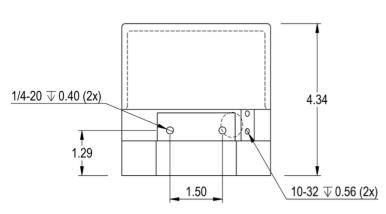


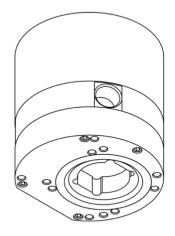


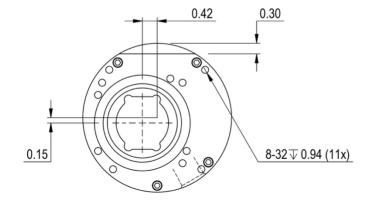


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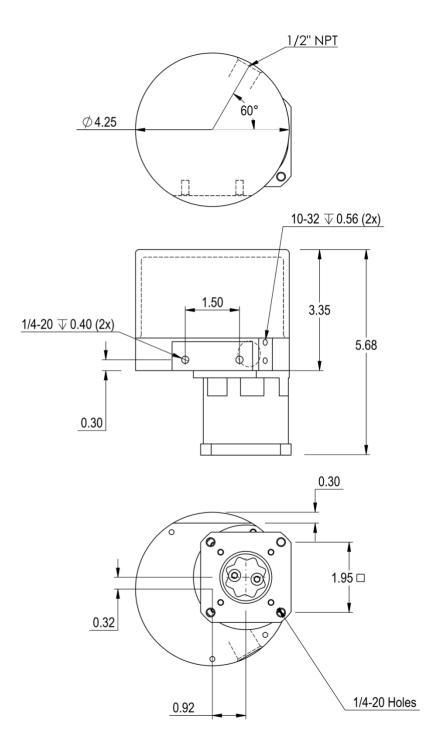


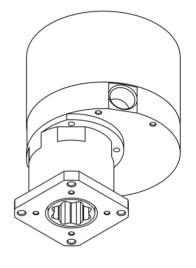






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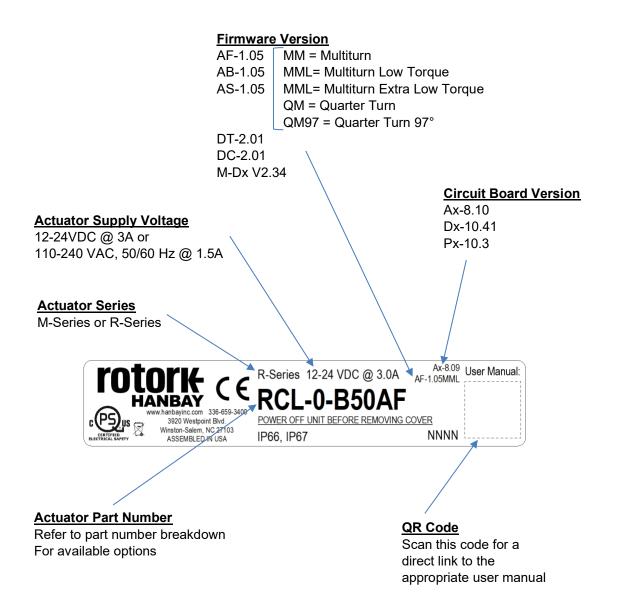




## **PART NUMBER BREAKDOWN**

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## LABEL BREAKDOWN



As part of a process of on-going product development, Rotork reserves the right to amend and change specifications without prior notice. Published data may be subject to change. For the very latest version release, visit our website at www.rotork.com

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