Go Direct®
Rotary Motion
(Order Code GDX-RMS)

Go Direct Rotary Motion is a bidirectional angle sensor designed to measure rotational or linear position, velocity and acceleration. It is used for a variety of applications, including

- Determining rotational inertia
- Investigating angular motion applications of Newton's second law
- Investigating conservation of angular momentum
- Investigating the effect of light intensity when passed through polarizing filters (Malus's law)
- Studying the motion a physical pendulum
- Measuring linear position

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What's Included

- Go Direct Rotary Motion
- Micro USB Cable
- Thumb screw
- 3-step pulley and mounting screw
- O-ring

Compatible Software

See **www.vernier.com/manuals/gdx-rms** for a list of software compatible with the Go Direct Rotary Motion.

Assembly

The 3-step pulley can be mounted on the rotating shaft in either of two orientations: with the wide side of the pulley near the sensor body, or with the narrow side of the pulley near the sensor body. The easiest way to insert the 3-step pulley on the Rotary Motion Sensor shaft is hold the shaft to prevent rotation as you turn the pulley to align the key to the slot. The O-ring can be slipped over the outer pulley to increase friction when the pulley is in contact with a surface.

The thumb screw can be threaded into the back of the sensor allowing the Rotary Motion Sensor to be attached to a ring stand.

The sensor also has a set of accessory mounting holes that allow it to connect to existing accessories such as the Polarizer Analyzer (PAK-OEK) and the Rotary Motion Motor Kit (MK-RMV).

Quick Start: Vernier Graphical Analysis® and Bluetooth®

1. Charge your sensor for at least 2 hours before first use.
2. Turn on your sensor. The LED will blink red.
3. Launch Graphical Analysis, then click **Sensor Data Collection**.
4. Select your sensor from the list. The sensor ID is located on the sensor label near the bar code. **Note**: If you don't see a list of available sensors, click **WIRELESS**. After selecting your sensor, click **Pair**.
5. This is a multi-channel sensor. Click **SENSOR CHANNELS** and select the channel(s) you want to use.
6. Click **DONE**. You are now ready to collect data.

Using other Vernier data-collection apps or want to connect via USB?

Visit **www.vernier.com/start-go-direct**

Note: This sensor also works with LabQuest 2 and LabQuest 3; it does not work with the original LabQuest.

Charging the Sensor

Connect the Go Direct Rotary Motion to the included USB Charging Cable and any USB device for two hours.

You can also charge up to eight Go Direct Rotary Motion Sensors using our Go Direct Charge Station, sold separately (order code: GDX-CRG). An LED on each Go Direct Rotary Motion indicates charging status.

Charging	Orange LED next to the battery icon is solid while the sensor is charging.
Fully charged	Green LED next to the battery icon is solid when the sensor is fully charged.

Powering the Sensor

Turning on the sensor	Press button once. Red LED indicator next to the Bluetooth icon flashes when the unit is on.
Putting the sensor in sleep mode	Press and hold button for more than three seconds to put into sleep mode. Red LED indicator next to Bluetooth icon stops flashing when sleeping.

Connecting the Sensor

See the following link for up-to-date connection information:

www.vernier.com/start/gdx-rms

Connecting via Bluetooth

Ready to connect	Red LED next to the Bluetooth icon flashes when sensor is awake and ready to connect.
Connected	Green LED next to the Bluetooth icon flashes when sensor is connected via Bluetooth.

Connecting via USB

Connected and charging	Orange LED next to the battery icon is solid when the sensor is connected to Graphical Analysis via USB and the unit is charging. LED next to Bluetooth icon is off.
Connected, fully charged	Green LED next to the battery icon is solid when the sensor is connected to Graphical Analysis via USB and fully charged. LED next to Bluetooth icon is off.
Charging via USB, connected via Bluetooth	Orange LED next to the battery icon is solid when the sensor is charging. Green LED next to the Bluetooth icon flashes.

Identifying the Sensor

When two or more sensors are connected, the sensors can be identified by tapping or clicking Identify in Sensor Information.

Using the Product

Connect the sensor following the steps in the Quick Start section of the user manual.

Channels

Go Direct Rotary Motion has two channels:

- Angle
- Angle (High Resolution)

Angle

Angle is a default channel that is active when the sensor is connected. Angle provides precision to 1° of rotation.

Angle (High Resolution)

Angle (High Resolution) can be selected to take advantage of the quadrature encoder. This increases the precision to 0.25° of rotation.

Specifications

Resolution	1° or 0.25° **Note:** High resolution mode is also known as ×4 mode. When active, the sensor has a 0.25 degree resolution and a limited maximum measurable rotational velocity.
Accuracy	≤ ±1.0% FS
Optical encoder	Bidirectional, quadrature encoder, 360 cycle per revolution
Maximum speed	30 rev/s at 1° resolution 7.5 rev/s at 0.25° resolution
3-step pulley	10 mm, 29 mm, and 48 mm groove diameter, 55 mm with O ring in groove
Battery	300 mA Li-Poly
Battery life (single full charge)	~24 hours
Battery life (long term)	~500 full charge cycles (several years depending on usage)

Care and Maintenance

Battery Information

The Go Direct Rotary Motion contains a small lithium-ion battery. The system is designed to consume very little power and not put heavy demands on the battery. Although the battery is warranted for one year, the expected battery life should be several years. Replacement batteries are available from Vernier (order code: GDX-BAT-300).

Storage and Maintenance

To store the Go Direct Rotary Motion for extended periods of time, put the device in sleep mode by holding the button down for at least three seconds. The red LED will stop flashing to show that the unit is in sleep mode. Over several months, the battery will discharge but will not be damaged. After such storage, charge the device for a few hours, and the unit will be ready to go.

Exposing the battery to temperatures over 35°C (95°F) will reduce its lifespan. If possible, store the device in an area that is not exposed to temperature extremes.

Water Resistance

The Go Direct Rotary Motion is not water resistant and should never be immersed in water.

If water gets into the device, immediately power the unit down (press and hold the power button for more than three seconds). Disconnect the sensor and charging cable, and remove the battery. Allow the device to dry thoroughly before attempting to use the device again. Do not attempt to dry using an external heat source.

How the Sensor Works

The Go Direct Rotary Motion uses a quadrature optical (incremental type) encoder to measure the amount and direction of rotation. The encoder, which is attached to the rotating sensor shaft, consists of a coded pattern of opaque and transparent sectors. The quadrature encoder produces two pulse output patterns 90° apart in phase. The position of the shaft is determined by counting the pulses. The phase relationship between the output signals determines the direction of rotation.

Troubleshooting

For troubleshooting and FAQs, see **www.vernier.com/til/4051**

Repair Information

If you have followed the troubleshooting steps and are still having trouble with your Go Direct Rotary Motion, contact Vernier Technical Support at support@vernier.com or call 888-837-6437. Support specialists will work with you to determine if the unit needs to be sent in for repair. At that time, a Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) number will be issued and instructions will be communicated on how to return the unit for repair.

Accessories/Replacements

Item	Order Code
Rotational Motion Accessory Kit	AK-RMV
Rotary Motion Motor Kit	MK-RMV
Micro USB Cable	CB-USB-MICRO
USB-C to Micro USB Cable	CB-USB-C-MICRO
Go Direct 300 mAh Replacement Battery	GDX-BAT-300

Warranty

Warranty information for this product can be found on the Support tab at **www.vernier.com/gdx-rms**

General warranty information can be found at **www.vernier.com/warranty**

Disposal

When disposing of this electronic product, do not treat it as household waste. Its disposal is subject to regulations that vary by country and region. This item should be given to an applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment. By ensuring that this product is disposed of correctly, you help prevent potential negative consequences on human health or on the environment. The recycling of materials will help to conserve natural resources. For more detailed information about recycling this product, contact your local city office or your disposal service.

Battery recycling information is available at **www.call2recycle.org**

Do not puncture or expose the battery to excessive heat or flame.

The symbol, shown here, indicates that this product must not be disposed of in a standard waste container.

Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

FCC Caution

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) this device may not cause harmful interference and

(2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation

RF Exposure Warning

The equipment complies with RF exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. You are cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void your authority to operate the equipment.

IC Statement

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) this device may not cause interference, and

(2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Industry Canada - Class B This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus as set out in the interference-causing equipment standard entitled “Digital Apparatus,” ICES-003 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and

(2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that permitted for successful communication.

RF exposure warning: The equipment complies with RF exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d’Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L’exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

(1) l’appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et

(2) l’appareil doit accepter tout interférence radioélectrique, même si cela résulte à un brouillage susceptible d’en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Cet appareil numérique respecte les limites de bruits radioélectriques applicables aux appareils numériques de Classe B prescrites dans la norme sur le matériel interférant-brouilleur: “Appareils Numériques,” NMB-003 édictée par industrie Canada. L’utilisation est soumise aux deux conditions suivantes:

(1) cet appareil ne peut causer d’interférences, et

(2) cet appareil doit accepter toutes interférences, y comprises celles susceptibles de provoquer un disfonctionnement du dispositif.

Afin de réduire les interférences radio potentielles pour les autres utilisateurs, le type d’antenne et son gain doivent être choisie de telle façon que l’équivalent de puissance isotrope émis (e.i.r.p) n’est pas plus grand que celui permis pour une communication établie.

Avertissement d’exposition RF: L’équipement est conforme aux limites d’exposition aux RF établies pour un environnement non supervisé. L’antenne (s) utilisée pour ce transmetteur ne doit pas être jumelés ou fonctionner en conjonction avec toute autre antenne ou transmetteur.

Note: This product is a sensitive measurement device. For best results, use the cables that were provided. Keep the device away from electromagnetic noise sources, such as microwaves, monitors, electric motors, and appliances.

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