

Model 101A06

General purpose ICP® pressure sensor, 500 psi, 10 mV/psi, 3/8-24 mtg thd,

## Installation and Operating Manual

For assistance with the operation of this product, contact PCB Piezotronics, Inc.

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**Service** – Due to the sophisticated nature of the sensors and associated instrumentation provided by PCB Piezotronics, user servicing or repair is not recommended and, if attempted, may void the factory warranty. Routine maintenance, such as the cleaning of electrical connectors, housings, and mounting surfaces with solutions and techniques that will not harm the physical material of construction, is acceptable. Caution should be observed to insure that liquids are not permitted to migrate into devices that are not hermetically sealed. Such devices should only be wiped with a dampened cloth and never submerged or have liquids poured upon them.

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**Calibration** – Routine calibration of sensors and associated instrumentation is

recommended as this helps build confidence in measurement accuracy and acquired data. Equipment calibration cycles are typically established by the users own quality regimen. When in doubt about a calibration cycle, a good "rule of thumb" is to recalibrate on an annual basis. It is also good practice to recalibrate after exposure to any severe temperature extreme, shock, load, or other environmental influence, or prior to any critical test.

PCB Piezotronics maintains an ISO-9001 certified metrology laboratory and offers calibration services, which are accredited by A2LA to ISO/IEC 17025, with full traceablility to N.I.S.T. In addition to the normally supplied calibration, special testing is also available, such as: sensitivity at elevated cryogenic temperatures, phase or extended response, high or low frequency response, extended range, leak testing, hydrostatic pressure testing, and others. For information on standard recalibration services or special testing, contact your local PCB Piezotronics distributor, sales representative, or factory customer service representative.

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A Purchase Order, included with the returned materials, will expedite the turn-around of serviced equipment. It is recommended to include authorization on the Purchase Order for PCB to proceed with any repairs, as long as they do not exceed 50% of the replacement cost of the returned item(s). PCB will provide a price quotation or replacement recommendation for any item whose repair costs would exceed 50% of replacement cost, or any item that is not economically feasible to repair. For routine calibration services, the Purchase Order should include authorization to proceed and return at current pricing, which can be obtained from a factory customer service representative.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21354 DOCUMENT REVISION: B ECN: 17900 OPERATION MANUAL FOR ICP<sup>®</sup> PRESSURE SENSORS MODELS 101A, A02, A03, A04, A05, A06 MODELS 111A21, A22, A23, A24, A26

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

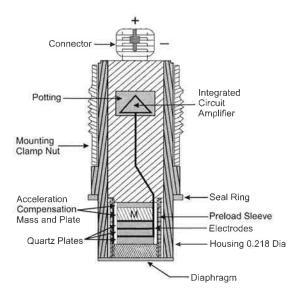
These two miniature sensor series are intended for general purpose pressure measurements. Eight models in the series, 101A02, 101A03, 101A04, 101A06, 111A22 and 111A23, 111A24 and 111A26 are acceleration compensated.

Models 101A, 101A05, and 111A21 also have acceleration compensation but are recommended for applications where acceleration compensation is not critical.

Other applications for these sensors include the monitoring of pulsating pneumatic and hydraulic pressures in R & D and industrial applications.

## 2.0 **DESCRIPTION**

This series consists of sensors with three basic mechanical configurations and six different sensitivities (.5, 1.0, 5.0, 10, 40 and 50 mV/psi). Each model is basically similar in internal design and construction.



Typical ICP<sup>®</sup> Probe Style Sensor

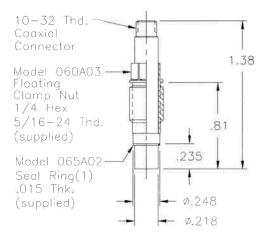
The pressure element used in the 101A, 101A05 and 111A21 sensors is the Model 111A. The acceleration-compensated models in both the 101A and 111A20 Series use the Model 113A quartz element.

These elements consist of an IC source follower amplifier and an acceleration-compensated or noncompensated quartz package. The amplifier and element are joined as an inseparable unit.

Refer to "General Guide to ICP<sup>®</sup> Instrumentation," G-0001 for a complete treatment of the ICP<sup>®</sup> concept.

The Models 111A21, 111A22, 111A23, 111A24 and 111A26 are in the basic probe configuration as illustrated below and are installed with a hollow clamp nut with 5/16-24 external threads.

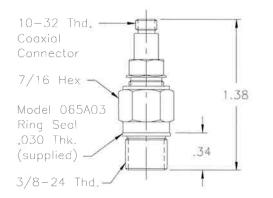
The housing of these models is at electrical ground potential.



Series 111A20 Probe Style Sensor

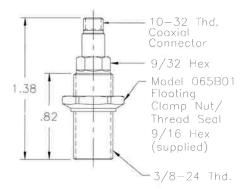
The Models 101A02, 101A03, 101A04, 101A05 and 101A06 use the same basic pressure probe mounted in a 3/8-24 threaded mounting adaptor with shoulder seal. The probe is assembled into the adaptor at the factory in an "off-ground" configuration, i.e. the probe body is electrically insulated from the external mounting adaptor body. Do not attempt to disassemble probe and adaptor.

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#### Models 101A02 through A06: **Thread Mount Design**, Ground-Isolated Sensor

The remaining Model 101A uses the same inner probe design but in a 3/8-24 threaded adaptor with floating clamp nut to permit adjustment of diaphragm depth where it is necessary to adapt to various wall thickness. This model, supplied only in the lowpressure (250 psi) version, is also "off-ground."



#### Model 101A: Thread Mount Design With Floating Clamp Nut, Ground-Isolated

#### 3.0 **INSTALLATION**

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Accompanying this manual is an installation drawing for your specific model. Prepare mounting ports in accordance with the installation drawing for the specific model, paying particular attention to sealing surfaces.

These surfaces must be smooth and free from chatter marks, nicks, and other irregularities which could preclude a pressure-tight seal.

Seals are provided with each sensor and should always be used. Extra seals for all standard models are in stock at the factory. Replace seals when they become unserviceable.

#### 3.1 **FLASH TEMPERATURE** PROTECTION

In some cases, e.g. where flash temperatures such as those generated by combustion processes are present, it may be necessary to thermally insulate the diaphragm to minimize spurious signals generated by these effects.

Common black vinyl electrical tape has been found to be an effective insulating material in many cases. One or more layers may be used across the end of the diaphragm without affecting response or sensitivity.

A silicone rubber coating approximately .010 inches thick has also been proven effective in many applications. General Electric RTV type 106 silicone rubber is recommended.

Apply the rubber coating and allow to cure in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Use standard coaxial cable between the sensor and power unit.

#### 4.0 **OPERATION**

It is necessary only to supply the sensor with a 2 to 20 mA constant current at +20 to +30 VDC through a current-regulating diode or equivalent circuit. See Guide G-0001B for powering and signal conditioning information pertaining to all ICP<sup>®</sup> instrumentation.

Most of the signal conditioners manufactured by PCB have an adjustable current feature allowing a choice of input currents from 2 to 20 mA. In general, for lowest noise (best resolution), choose the lower current ranges. When driving long cables (to several

Drawing Number: 21073

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thousand feet), use the higher current, up to 20 mA maximum. Consult the factory to determine if higher current settings are required.

Switch power on and observe reading of bias monitoring voltmeter on front panel of power unit.

If indicator is in green section of indicator panel, the IC amplifier is producing proper bias (+8 to 14 VDC), the cable connections are normal, and the system is ready to operate.

If the pointer moves into the red area of the fault monitor meter, output is zero and a short is indicated. Short could be located in amplifier, cable, connectors, or power unit.

If pointer moves into the yellow area of the fault monitor meter, an open circuit is indicated with full power supply voltage. An open circuit could be the result of a faulty amplifier, an open cable, or open connectors.

## 5.0 POLARITY

This sensor series produces a positive-going output voltage for increasing pressure input.

## 6.0 LOW-FREQUENCY RESPONSE

The low-frequency response of an ICP<sup>®</sup> system is determined by:

1. The discharge time constant of the sensor.

2. If AC-coupled at the power unit, the coupling time constant.

Depending upon the sensor's built-in discharge time constant, repetitive output signals slowly or rapidly move toward a stable condition where the average signal level corresponds to a zero voltage position.

In this position, the area contained by the signal above zero is equalized with the area below zero. Such output signal behavior is typical of an ACcoupled system. Since the signal output from the sensor is inherently AC coupled, any static pressure influence applied to the unit will decay away according to the nature of the system's discharge time constant. Consult Section 7.0 in General Guide G-0001B for detailed explanation of low-frequency characteristics of ICP<sup>®</sup> instruments.

## 7.0 CALIBRATION

Piezoelectric sensors are dynamic devices, but static calibration techniques can be employed if discharge time constants are sufficiently long. Generally, static calibration methods are not employed when testing sensors with a discharge time constant that is less than several hundred seconds.

To calibrate statically, direct couple the sensor to the DVM readout using a T-connector from the "xducer" jack or use the Model 484B in the calibrate mode.

Apply pressure with a dead weight tester and take readings quickly. Release pressure after each calibration point.

For the shorter TC series, rapid step functions of pressure are generated by a pneumatic pressure pulse calibrator or dead weight tester and readout is by recorder or storage oscilloscope.

PCB offers a complete recalibration service. Consult factory for details.

## 8.0 MAINTENANCE

Although ICP<sup>®</sup> sensors have low output impedance and are not usually affected by moisture, in extreme environments it is good practice to protect cable connections with shrink tubing.

The miniature size and sealed construction of the 101A and 111A20 ICP<sup>®</sup> series precludes field maintenance.

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Model Number 101A06	IC	ICP® PRESSURE SENSOR		
Performance	ENGLISH	SI		ECN #: 25129
Measurement Range (for ±5V output)	500 psi	3450 kPa		OPTIONAL VERSIONS
Useful Overrange (for ± 10V output)	1 kpsi	7900 kPa	[1]	Optional versions have identical specifications and accessories as listed for the standard mod except where noted below. More than one option may be used.
Sensitivity (± 1 mV/psi)	10 mV/psi	1.45 mV/kPa	1.1	except where noted below. More than one option may be used.
Maximum Pressure (static)	5 kpsi	34,500 kPa		H - Hermetic Seal
Resolution	10 mpsi	0.07 kPa		
Resonant Frequency	≥ 400 kHz	≥ 400 kHz		Sealing Welded Hermetic
Rise Time (Reflected)	≤ 1.5 µ sec	≤ 1.5 µ sec		M Martin Marine
Low Frequency Response (-5 %)	0.01 Hz			M - Metric Mount
Non-Linearity	≤ 2.0 % FS	0.01 Hz	[0]	Supplied Accessory : Model 065A40 Seal ring 0.435" OD x 0.397" ID x 0.030" thk brass (3) replaces Model 065A03
Environmental	≤ 2.0 % F3	≤ 2.0 % FS	[2]	blass (3) replaces model 065A03
Acceleration Sensitivity				N - Negative Output Polarity
Temperature Range (Operating)	≤ 0.002 psi/g	≤ 0.0014 kPa/(m/s²)		N - Negalive Oulput Polarity
Temperature Coefficient of Sensitivity	-100 to +275 °F	-73 to +135 °C		S - Stainless Steel Diaphragm
Maximum Flash Temperature	≤ 0.03 %/°F	≤ 0.054 %/°C		
Maximum Shock	3000 °F	5400 °C		Diaphragm 316L Stainless Steel
Electrical	20,000 g pk	196,000 m/s² pk		
Output Polarity (Positive Pressure)				W - Water Resistant Cable
	Positive	Positive		
Discharge Time Constant (at room temp) Excitation Voltage	≥ 50 sec	≥ 50 sec	ļ	
Constant Current Excitation	20 to 30 VDC	20 to 30 VDC		
	2 to 20 mA	2 to 20 mA		NOTES:
Output Impedance	≤ 100 ohm	≤ 100 ohm		[1] For +10 volt output, minimum 24 VDC supply voltage required. Negative 10 volt output may
Output Bias Voltage	8 to 14 VDC	8 to 14 VDC		be limited by output bias.
Electrical Isolation	10 <sup>8</sup> ohm	10 <sup>8</sup> ohm		[2] Zero-based, least-squares, straight line method
Physical				[3] See PCB Declaration of Conformance PS023 for details.
Sensing Geometry	Compression	Compression		
Sensing Element	Quartz	Quartz		
Housing Material	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel		
Diaphragm	Invar	Invar		SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES:
Sealing	Welded Hermetic	Welded Hermetic		Model 065A03 Seal ring 0.435" OD x 0.377" ID x 0.030" thk brass (3)
Electrical Connector	10-32 Coaxial Jack	10-32 Coaxial Jack		10001 0007 00 0001 111g 0.400 00 x 0.077 10 x 0.050 (11K brass (5)
Weight	0.44 oz	12.5 gm		
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