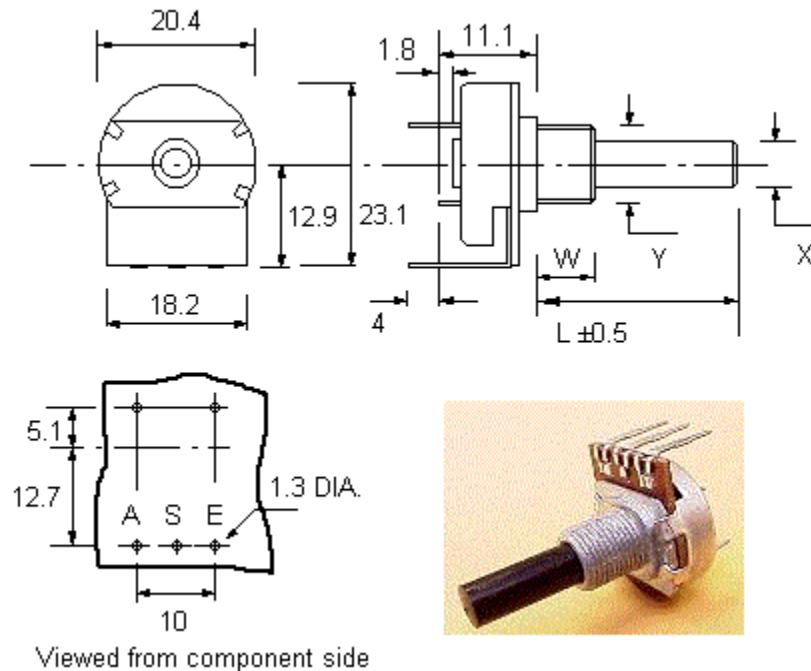


## LA20BU

### LA – Terminals are bent Long Away from Spindle



- W Mounting Height
- Y Mounting Diameter
- X Spindle Diameter
- L Spindle Length
  
- A Initial Termination
- S Wiper (or moving contact) termination
- E End Termination

#### Prefix (Potentiometer terminals)

- BR - Bracket (included with printed circuit terminals)
- FN - Faston (or spade)
- LA - Long bent and away from the spindle
- LT - Long bent and towards the spindle
- OW - Ordinary wiring (eyelets) - **recommended for hand soldering of wires**
- PC - Printed circuit
- XA - Extra long, bent away from the spindle (mainly used with switches)

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## Technical Data

Rated Power Dissipation @40°C for P20 potentiometers:

0.4W linear law

0.2W nonlinear law

Conductive polymer (plastic) track (over twice the life of carbon tracks)

Effective rotation: 256° nominal

Operating Torque: 0.4 – 1.5 cN.m

Permissible Axial Spindle Load: 100 N (5 Sec. maximum)

Permissible Torque at End Stop: 80 cN.m

Rotation angle: 300° ±5°

Optional Click stop (indents) for rotational tactile feedback

Rotational torque of spindle can be made high or low

The potentiometer terminals are marked A, S and E.

Life Expectancy of >20,000 cycles (tested at 30 times per minute)

Insulation Resistance: >= 4 Gohms

Rated Resistance: E3 Series

Optional: E6 Series

Linear Law: 1K – 1M (±10%)

Nonlinear Law: 4K7 – 470K

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## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATION COMMON TO ALL POTENTIOMETERS

Conductive polymer (plastic) track (over twice the life of carbon tracks)

Life Expectancy of >20,000 cycles (tested at 30 times per minute)

Insulation Resistance: >= 4 Gohms

Rated Resistance: E3 Series

- Optional: E6 Series
- Linear Law: 1K - 1M
- Nonlinear Law: 4K7 - 470K

Tolerance on Rated Resistance: ± 20%

- Optional Tolerance on 1K - 1M: ± 10%

Resistance Laws (Taper):

- Linear: A
- Nonlinear: B - Log (Audio) or C - Antilog (Reverse Audio)
- Other laws: Please refer to Sales office

## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATION UNIQUE TO P20 POTENTIOMETERS

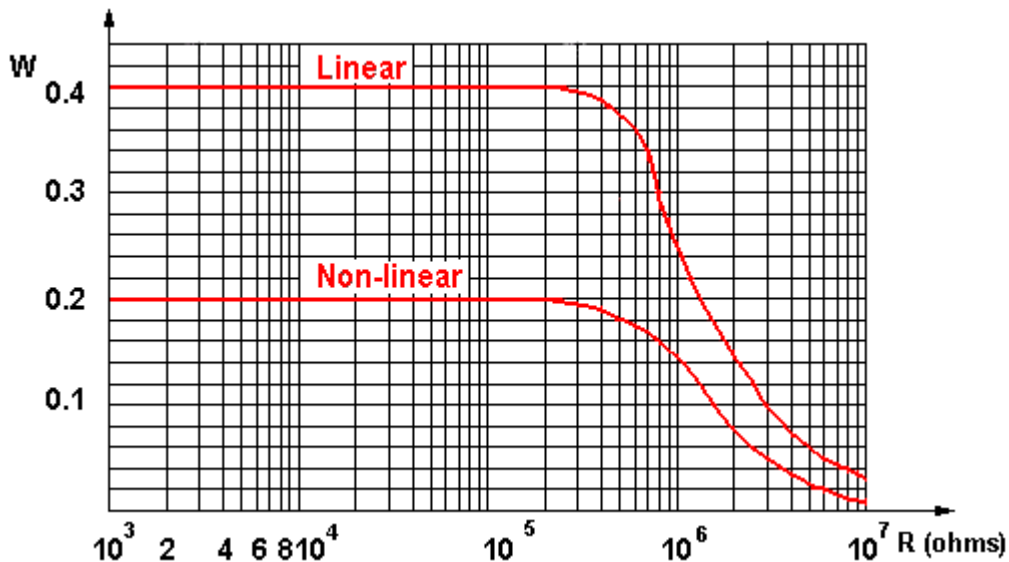
Effective rotation:

- Without a switch: 256° nominal
- With switch: 243° nominal
- With rotary switch: 243° nominal

Rated Power Dissipation @40°C for P20 potentiometers:

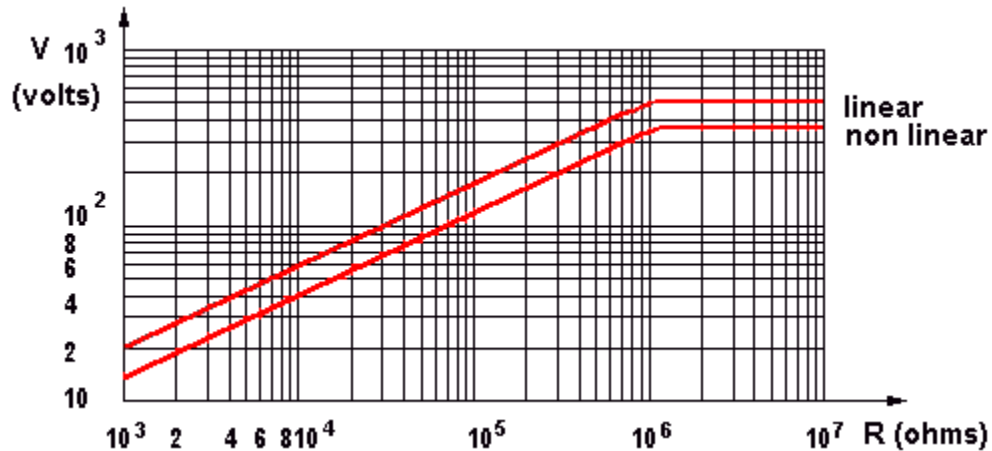
- 0.4W linear law
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**P20 power dissipating curve**



Limiting Element Voltage: 500 V DC for 20mm potentiometers

**P20 maximum working voltage curve**



Insulating Voltage: 1000 V AC for 20mm potentiometers

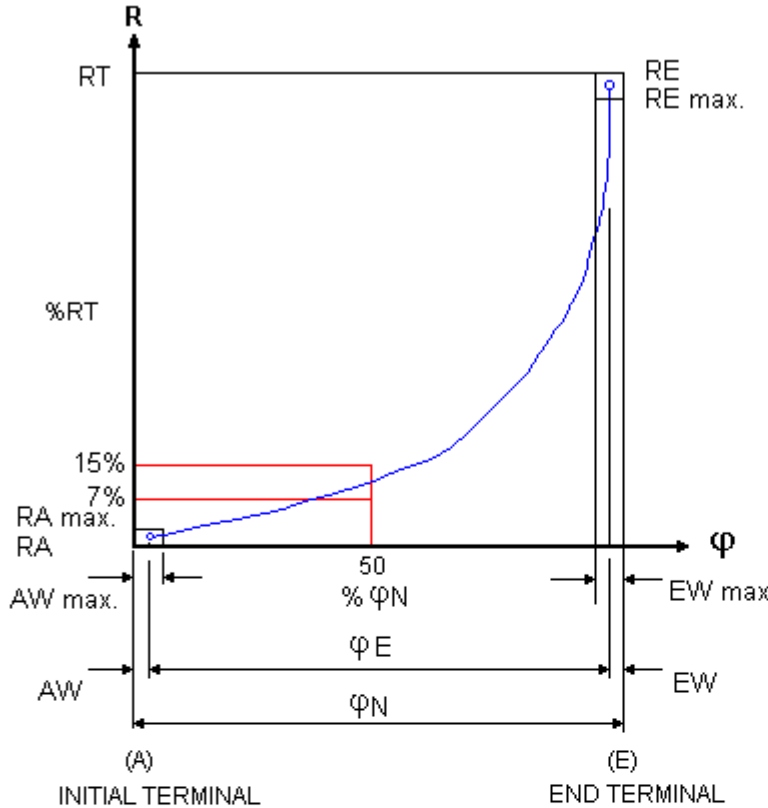
### Resistance law A - Linear



- AW ..... Initial Path ..... AW max. 12% φN
- EW ..... Final Path ..... EW max. 12% φN
- Ra ..... Initial Stop Value .....  $\leq 1 \cdot 10^{-3} RN$  (Minimum 2 ohms)
- RA ..... Hop-on Resistance .....  $\leq 1\% RN$
- Re ..... End Stop Value .....  $\leq 1 \cdot 10^{-3} RN$  (Minimum 2 ohms)
- RE ..... Hop-off Resistance .....  $\leq 1\% RN$
- RN ..... Rated Resistance
- RT ..... Effective Resistance
- φ ..... Rotation Angle
- φE ..... Effective Electrical Angle of Rotation
- φN ..... Effective Mechanical Angle of Rotation

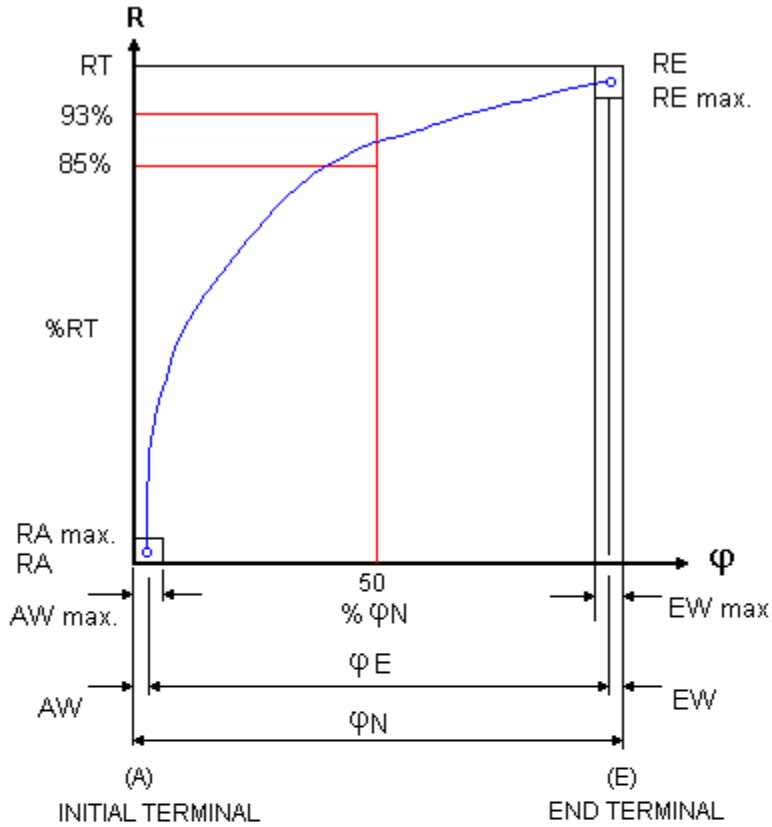


### Resistance law B – Log (Audio)



AW	Initial Path	AW max. 10% φN
EW	Final Path	EW max. 10% φN
Ra	Initial Stop Value	RN ≤ 10K ≤ 1.10 <sup>-3</sup> RN (Minimum 2 ohms) RN > 10K ≤ 2.10 <sup>-4</sup> RN (Minimum 10 ohms)
RA	Hop-on Resistance	RN ≤ 10K 5% RN RN > 10K 0.15% RN
Re	End Stop Value	RN ≤ 100K ≤ 2.10 <sup>-2</sup> RN RN > 100K ≤ 1.10 <sup>-2</sup> RN
RE	Hop-off Resistance	RN ≤ 10K < 1% RN RN > 10K 0.5% RN
RN	Rated Resistance	
RT	Effective Resistance	
φ	Rotation Angle	
φE	Effective Electrical Angle of Rotation	
φN	Effective Mechanical Angle of Rotation	

### Resistance law C – Antilog (Reverse Audio)



AW	Initial Path	AW max. 10% $\phi N$
EW	Final Path	EW max. 10% $\phi N$
Ra	Initial Stop Value	$RN \leq 100K \leq 2.10^{-2} RN$ $RN > 100K \leq 1.10^{-2} RN$
RA	Hop-on Resistance	$RN \leq 10K < 1\% RN$ $RN > 10K 0.5\% RN$
Re	End Stop Value	$RN \leq 10K \leq 1.10^{-3} RN$ (Minimum 2 ohms) $RN > 10K \leq 2.10^{-4} RN$ (Minimum 10 ohms)
RE	Hop-off Resistance	$RN \leq 10K 5\% RN$ $RN > 10K 0.15\% RN$
RN	Rated Resistance	
RT	Effective Resistance	
$\phi$	Rotation Angle	
$\phi E$	Effective Electrical Angle of Rotation	
$\phi N$	Effective Mechanical Angle of Rotation	

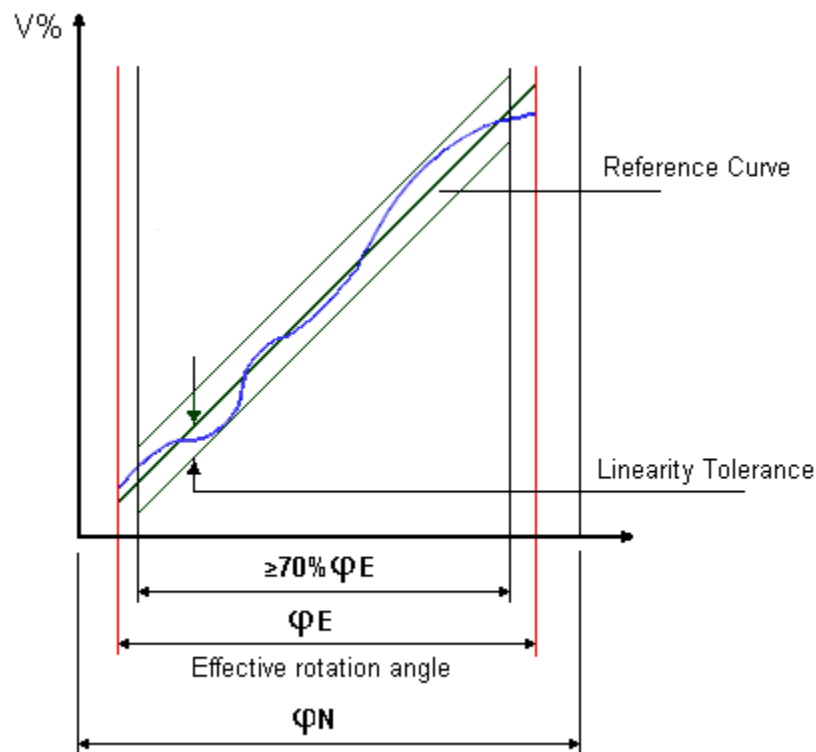
## Linearity

As a basis of assessing Linearity Tolerance the independent method is the most practical, permitting as it does, the reference curve to be aligned as near as possible to the actual output curve. This avoids the use of the theoretical starting and finishing points, it is normal for the customer to realign the achieved curve with series trimmers at each end of the device if required.

Linearity Tolerance is 4% over the Nominal Resistance range of 1K $\Omega$  to 1M $\Omega$ . The Linearity Tolerance is measured on at least 70% of the effective rotation range.

Note. In the case of Terminal and Zero-based linearity, both present constraints which increase the manufacturing difficulty and in consequence have an adverse effect on the product's price and availability.

### Potentiometer linearity

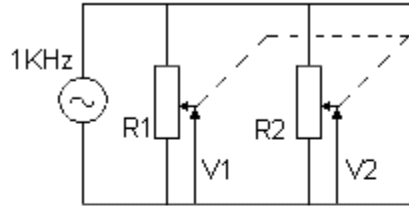


#### Matching Tolerance (For Tandem Stereo Potentiometers)

Tandem Potentiometers have two identical resistor units with the same variation law. The mismatching of the two resistor units, expressed in dB, is measured by the difference between the attenuations introduced by each resistor unit at various points of travel.

- Law A: 4 dB at Attenuation range 0 - 20 dB
- Law B and C: 3 dB at Attenuation range 0 - 20 dB

### Matched Tolerance for Stereo

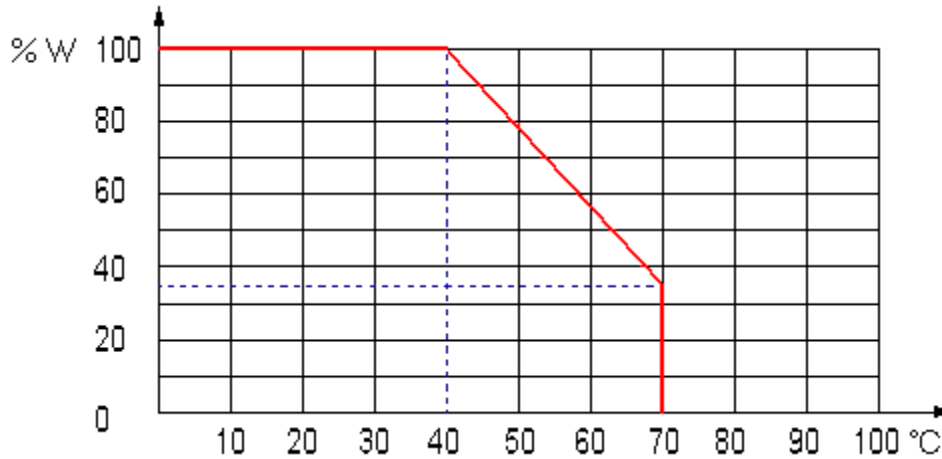


LAW	ATTENUATION RANGE	MATCHING TOLERANCE *
A	0 - 20dB	4dB
B & C	0 - 20dB	3dB

\*Matching Tolerance =  $20 \text{ Log } \frac{V1}{V2}$

Operating Temperature: -25°C to +70°C

### Temperature Derating Curve



Temperature Coefficient of Resistance: +300 -500 ppm



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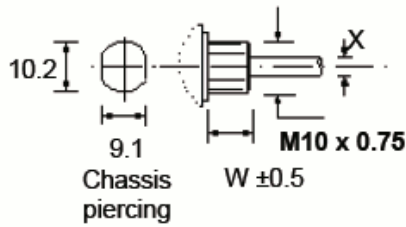
## Components

### P20 Bush Housing (Mounting)

The P20 bushes are available in metal or nylon; with three thread options; and with or without a locating feature:

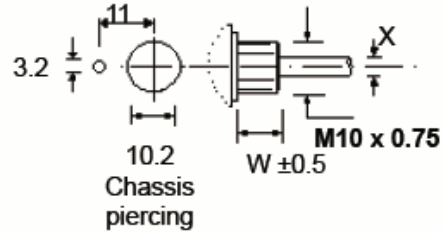
- Diecast Zinc Alloy
  - M10 x0.75mm pitch (Type C)
  - M10 x0.75mm pitch, **with locator** (Type CEBS)
  - 9.52mm x32tpi (Type CBS)
  - 9.52mm x32tpi, **with locator** (Type CBSL)
  - M7 x0.75mm pitch (Type CG)
- Glass Filled Nylon
  - M10 x0.75mm (Type CP)

DIECAST ZINC ALLOY



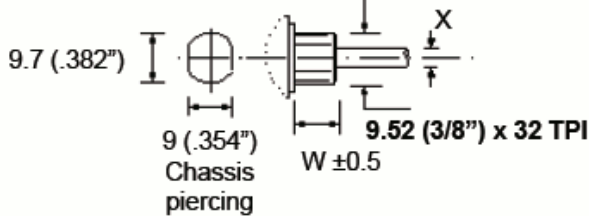
Type C (without locator)	
X (mm)	6
W (mm)	9

DIECAST ZINC ALLOY



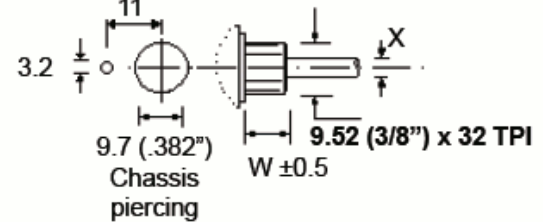
Type CEBS (with locator)	
X (mm)	6
W (mm)	9

DIECAST ZINC ALLOY



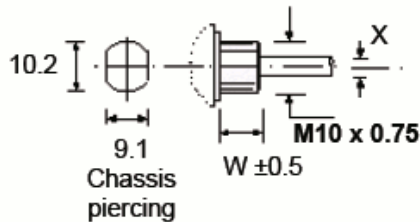
Type CBS (without locator)		
X (mm)	6	6.35
W (mm)	8 or 12	8 or 12

DIECAST ZINC ALLOY



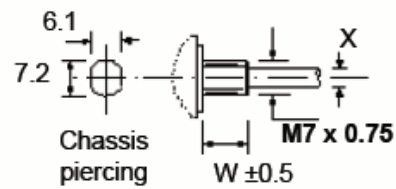
Type CBSL (with locator)		
X (mm)	6.35	6.35
W (mm)	8	12

GLASS FILLED NYLON



Type CP (GFN)		
X (mm)	6	6.35
W (mm)	7 or 10	7 or 10

DIECAST ZINC ALLOY



Type CG (without locator)	
X (mm)	4
W (mm)	6

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## P20 Spindles

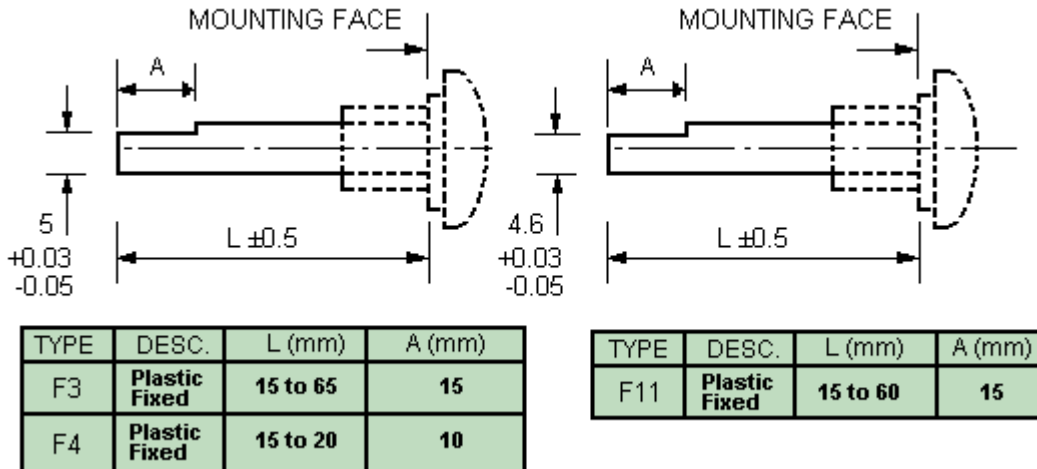
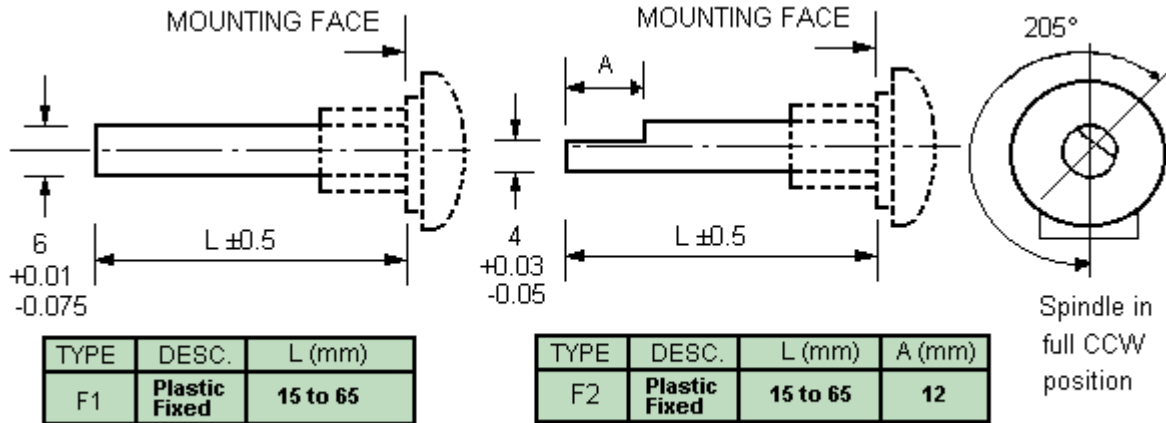
The P20 spindles are plastic and fixed i.e. not removable, unless otherwise stated and they are available in three diameters:

- 6.0mm Diameter
  - Cylindrical (Type F1)
  - 4.0 x 12mm Flat (Type F2)
  - 5.0 x 15mm Flat (Type F3)
  - 5.0 x 10mm Flat (Type F4)
  - 4.6mm x 15mm Flat (Type F11)
- 4.0mm Diameter
  - Cylindrical (Type F21)
  - 3.0 x 8.5mm Flat (Type F22)
  - 3.0 x 13.5mm Flat (Type F23)
  - Cylindrical (Type M21 - Metal)
  - 3.0 x 8.5mm Flat (Type M22 - Metal)
  - 3.0 x 13.5mm Flat (Type M23 - Metal)
- 6.35mm Diameter
  - Cylindrical (Type F41)
  - 5.5 x 10mm Flat (Type F42)
  - 5.5 x 15mm Flat (Type F43)
- Splined Spindle - 6.0mm dia. 18 teeth
- Dual Concentric
  - Flatted/Slotted (Type M15 - Metal)
  - Cylindrical (Type M16 - Metal)

**6.0mm Diameter Spindles**

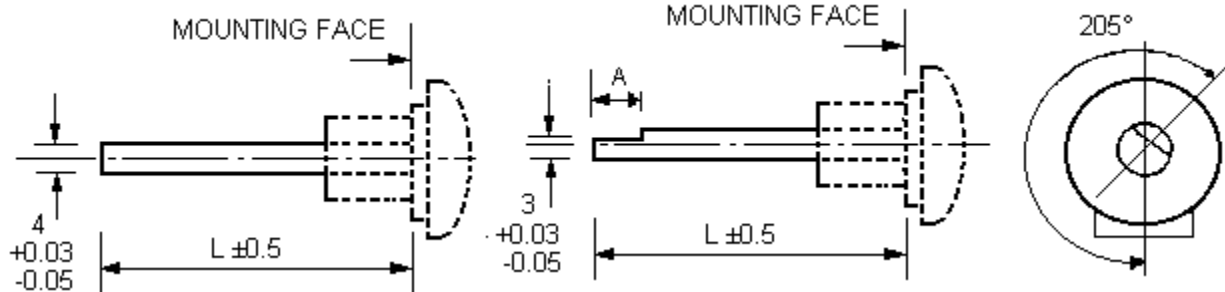
Note: \*Specials to customer's specification up to 65mm.

REMOVABLE SPINDLES, similar in specification to 'fixed' spindles are supplied separate from the potentiometer. These can be indefinitely taken in and out and their holding strength is >1kg.



#### 4.0mm Diameter Spindles

Note: The orientation of the flat as illustrated is for plastic spindles only.  
 For metal spindles, unless specified on the order, the orientation may be different on each potentiometer type.



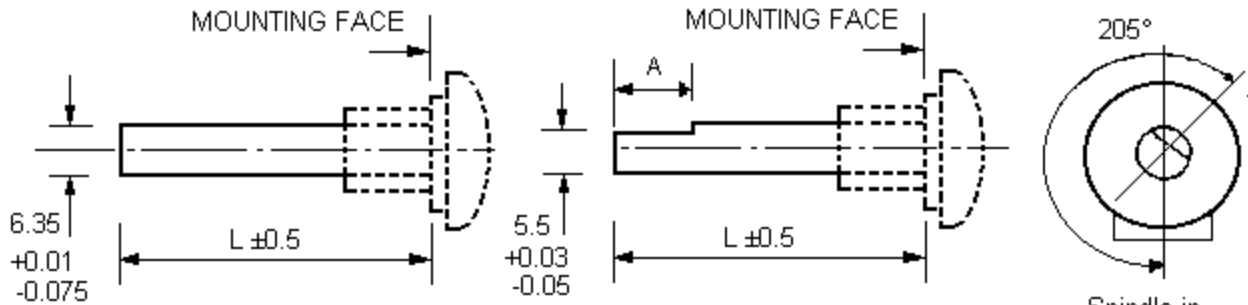
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F21	Plastic Fixed	8 to 65
M21	Metal Fixed	8 to 65

TYPE	DESC.	L (mm)	A (mm)
F22	Plastic Fixed	11 to 60	8.5
M22	Metal Fixed	11 to 60	8.5
F23	Plastic Fixed	16 to 60	13.5
M23	Metal Fixed	16 to 60	13.5

Spindle in full CCW position

#### 6.35mm Diameter Spindles

Note: \*Specials to customer's specification up to 65mm.



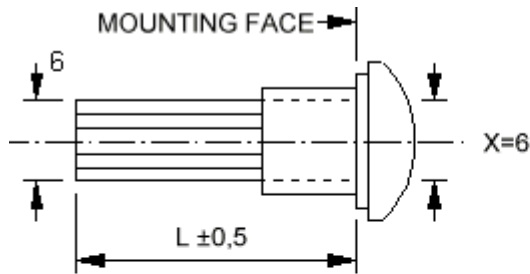
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F41	Plastic Fixed	15 to 65

TYPE	DESC.	L (mm)	A (mm)
F42	Plastic Fixed	15 to 20	10
F43	Plastic Fixed	20 to 60	15

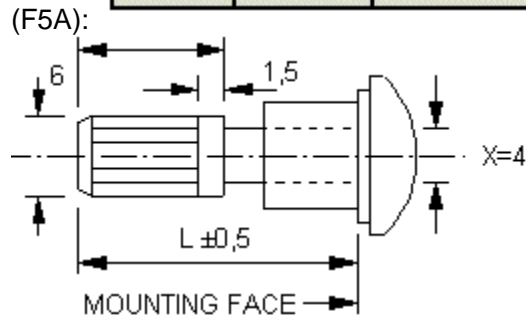
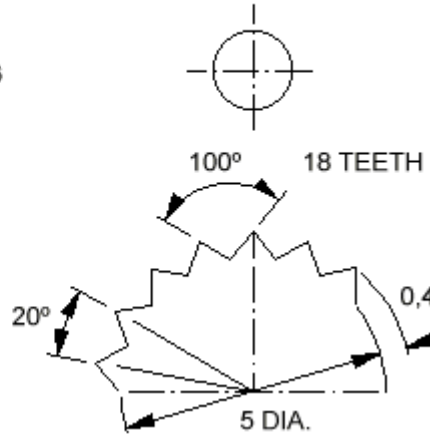
Spindle in full CCW position

**Splined Spindle - 6.0mm dia. 18 teeth**

A splined form is available on the 6.0mm diameter P20 plastic spindle (F5) or alternatively a 6mm 'Splined Adaptor' (8,7mm long) can be fitted on a 4mm dia. Spindle



TYPE	DESC.	L (mm)
F5	Plastic Fixed	19



TYPE	DESC.	L (mm)
F5A	Plastic Fixed	16-36

