

The Variohm Group offers customised products for sensing, motion and control.



# History

#### **1974 Foundation of Variohm Components**

2003 Acquisition of Ixthus Instrumentation

#### 2006 Foundation of Variohm Holdings

2007 Acquisition of Heason Technologies

2013 Acquisition of Herga Technology Itd

### 2017 Variohm Holdings becomes part of **discoverIE** PLC: <u>http://www.discoverieplc.com</u>

2019 Acquisition of Positek Itd 2020 Acquisition of Phoenix America LLC 2020 Acquisition of Limitor GmbH



# Introduction to **discover**

- discoverIE is a specialist electronics company PLC: <u>http://www.discoverieplc.com</u>
  - Designing, manufacturing & distributing customised electronic components
  - Supplying growth markets
- FY19/20 revenues of over £460m
  - Operating internationally 23 countries
  - 4400 employees across the group

### **Target markets**



- Transportation
  - Road, rail, air



- <u>Medical</u>
  - Control, monitoring & diagnostic



- Renewable energy
  - Wind, solar, tidal



- Industrial connectivity
  - Smart metering, communication, industrial control, 'Internet of Things'



The Variohm Group focusses on supplying bespoke solutions, providing our customers advantageous solutions for their products.

Today's economic climate requires:

- Quick development cycles
- Competitive products
- Products that suite perfectly
- Reliability



To support those requirements:

- Each company works with a great autonomy allowing them to respond with the flexibility of a midsize company, whilst at the same time, the group belonging discoverIE provides the structural background of a large scale business
- Continuous new product developments in close cooperation with customer base
- Wide range of products with an excellent flexibility in their existing designs
- Focus is manufacturing of custom-tailored solutions



# **Core capabilities**

The core capabilities through the companies within the group

#### Production

- Injection moulding
- Machine shops
- Magnetising
- Clean room
- Assembly

### Engineering

- 3D Models
- Rapid prototyping
- Injection mould tool design and building
- PCB design
- SMD assembly
- Microcontroller based systems
- Electromechanical systems

### Sourcing

- Decades of experience
- Specialised suppliers
- Close partnership on projects
- Implementation of contract manufacturing
- Supplier evaluation











# **Core capabilities**

#### The Variohm Group offers products around:

- Position sensing
- Temperature sensing
- Pressure sensing
- Force and Load sensing
- Foot switches
- Hand controls
- Air operated controls
- Positioning systems









#### Linear potentiometers

- 0-10...3000 mm measurement range
- Voltage divider principle
- Repeatability down to ± 0.01mm
- Temperature range -40...150°C (175°C short term)
- Sealing up to IP67

#### Linear inductive sensors

- 0-2...1200 mm measurement range
- Analogue output signals
- Temperature range -40...125°C
- Sealing up to IP68 (submersible version)
- Intrinsically safe versions with ATEX & CSA approval

#### **Cable extension transducers**

- 0-38mm...43m measurement range
- Analogue and digital output signals
- Sealing up to IP68
- Intrinsically safe versions with CSA approval









#### Rotary hall effect sensors

- 0-30°...360° angle measurement range
- Temperature range -40...150°C
- Excellent customisation options
- Full contactless versions available

#### **Magnetic Encoders**

- Kits and modules
- Low and High Resolution
- Incremental and Absolute
- Full contactless versions available

#### **Rotary inductive sensors**

- 0-5°...160° angle measurement range
- Analogue output signals
- Temperature range -40...125°C
- Sealing up to IP68 (submersible version)
- Intrinsically safe versions with ATEX & CSA approval







#### Inclinometer

- 0-30°...360° tilt angle measurement range
- Liquid based principle
- Analogue, Digital output signals or as display
- Outstanding resolution
- Excellent stability

#### Inductive tilt sensors

- 0- ±15°...±80° tilt angle measurement range
- Analogue output signals
- Temperature range -40...125°C
- Sealing up to IP68 (submersible version)
- Intrinsically safe versions with ATEX & CSA approval





#### **Proximity sensors**

- Solid state and non-contact design
- Machined and molded housing
- Custom specific packaging
- For use with permanent magnet target

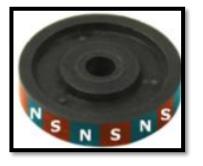


#### Speed sensors

- Hall Effect sensors
- Machined and molded housing
- Custom specific housing options
- Use with multipole magnet wheel or trigger wheel



# Magnets







#### **Multipole magnet rings**

- Radial and Face multipole magnet rings
- Tight tolerances on pole location
- Ideal for use with sensor i.e. magnetic encoders
- Multiple magnetic material mixes for different field strengths

### **Proximity target magnets**

- Using a proprietary high energy Neodymium-Iron-Boron compound
- Slide by or head on models
- Standard models are axially magnetised
- Wide range of constructions available

#### **Custom moulded magnets**

- Injection moulding with custom forms
- Several alloy compositions available
- Different Polymers for to mould with
- Temperature capability up to over 150°C is possible
- Typical tolerances are +/-0.003 in/in

### **Temperature sensors**





### **NTC Thermistors**

- Temperature ranges up to 250°C
- Resistance values range from 1k $\Omega$  @ 25°C to 100k k $\Omega$  @ 25°C
- Epoxy and glass encapsulated versions
- Tolerances between  $\pm$  0.1°C over 0-70°C range and 10% at 25°C

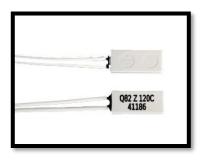


#### **RTD Elements**

- Temperature ranges up to 500°C, Cryogen version down to -200°C
- Typical PT100, PT1000; others on request
- Thin film construction
- Accuracy class A (F0.15) and B (F0.3)
- Typical dimensions around 2x2.3x1.1mm<sup>3</sup>

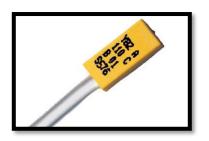
### **Temperature sensors**





#### **Temperature switches**

- Temperature ranges from 45°C up to 200°C
- Normally open / Normally closed versions
- Up to 6,5 A
- Self holding resistor version
- Custom assemblies



### **Current sensitive thermal switches**

- Temperature range 40...150°C
- Normally closed
- Up to 6,5 A
- Self holding resistor
- Excellent response time
- Custom assemblies

### **Temperature sensors**







#### **Temperature probes**

- Temperature ranges from -96°C up to 350°C
- RTD or NTC based probes
- Screw type, Ring terminal, tubular probes
- Custom housings
- Wide range of cables options
- Custom connectors

### **Temperature transmitters**

- Temperature range -40...150°C
- Analogue output signals
- Wide range of process connections
- Wide range of connector options

### **Pressure sensors**









### Industrial pressure transmitters

- 0-20 mbar up to 5000bar measurement range
- Analogue and digital output signals, incl. low energy
- Wide range of process connections
- Wide range of electrical connections
- Flush mount and level meter versions

#### **Miniature pressure transmitters**

- 0-600 mbar up to 500bar measurement range
- Analogue output signals
- Diameter down to 12 mm
- Hermetically welded stainless steel construction

#### Combined pressure- / temperature transmitters

- 0-0,6 bar up to 1000bar measurement range
- Temperature range -40...150°C
- Analogue output signals
- PT1000 or analogue output
- Integrated or exposed temperature probe

### **Pressure sensors**









#### **Differential pressure transmitter**

- 0-250 Pa up to 5000 Pa measurement range
- Silicon-chip based principle
- Analogue output signals
- Accuracy between ± 1,5% full stroke at room temperature
- PCB or DIN RAIL mount version

#### Pressure switches – low pressure

- 0-7 PA up to 8.3 bar switching range
- Mechanical switching-based principle
- Switching signals up to 25A, 250V
- Plastic housing
- Up to 20 Mio operation cycles

#### Pressure switches – high pressure

- 0-0,3 bar up to 350 bar switching range
- Mechanical switching-based principle
- Switching signals up to 5A, 250V
- Metal housing
- Up to 10 Mio operation cycles



## Load cells





### S-Type load cells

- 0-25kg up to 30t
- Accuracy class C3 and C4
- Temperature range -30...65°C
- Alloy steel and stainless steel construction
- Up to IP67 sealing
- Up to 10 Mio operation cycles

### Shear beam load cells

- 0-5kg up to 30t
- Accuracy class C3 and C4
- Temperature range -30...65°C
- Alloy steel and stainless steel construction
- Up to IP68 sealing
- Up to 10 Mio operation cycles



# Load cells



### **Platform load cells**

- 0-0,3kg up to 500kg
- Accuracy class C3, C4 and C5
- Temperature range -30...65°C
- Aluminum or stainless steel construction
- Up to IP68 sealing
- Up to 10 Mio operation cycles



### **Compression load cells**

- 0-60kg up to 200t
- Accuracy class C3, C4 and C5
- Temperature range -30...65°C
- Stainless steel construction
- Up to IP68 sealing
- Up to 10 Mio operation cycles



### **Foot switches**





#### **General foot switches**

- Plastic and metal housing
- Wide range of color and logo options
- Different switch functions
- USB option
- Analogue output versions

### Industrial foot switches

- Single and multi pedal
- Wide range accessory options
- Low power and high current switching (up to 25A)
- Analogue output versions
- Wide range of switch functions
- Safety relevant functions
- Emergency stop versions
- Up to IPX7 sealing

### **Foot switches**







#### **Medical Footswitches Design Platform**

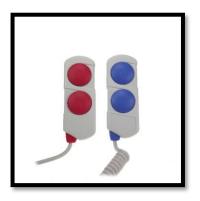
- Modular product line
- Single and multi pedal
- Wide range of color and logo options
- Different switch functions
- Up to IPX8 sealing
- Medical standard 60601 approved

#### **Bluetooth medical foot switches**

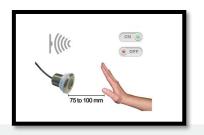
- Modular product line
- Single and multi pedal
- Wide range of color and logo options
- USB dongle option
- Analogue output version
- Redundant versions
- Up to IPX8 sealing
- Medical standard 60601 approved wireless system

### Hand controls









### **Electrical hand controls**

- Different housing models
- Standard up to 8 functions
- Customisable membrane
- Low power switching and USB output
- Wide range of connectors
- Accessories i.e. hooks or holding magnets
- Up to IP68 sealing
- Medical standard 60601 compliant

#### Infrared hand controls

- Plastic or robust aluminum housing
- Standard up to 8 functions
- Safe line of sight operation
- Secure coded signals
- Receiver with integrated lens or optional with remote eye

#### Infrared Noncontact switch

- Plastic or robust aluminum housing
- Different switch functions
- Factory adjustable activation range



# Air operated controls





### Air operating hand controls

- Different models
- Up to 6 switching channels
- Large button versions
- Wide range of colors and symbols
- Hand bellow version
- Push button versions
- Ideal for high humidity environment

### Air operating foot switches

- Different foot switch models
- Plastic or metal housings
- Wide range of colors
- Ideal for high humidity environment
- Functional in systems with up to 75m tube length

# Air operated controls







#### Accessories for pneumatic systems

- Different tube diameters
- Multi-channel tubes
- Straight and curly tubes
- Tube diameter adapters
- Different bulkhead connectors
- Different tube connectors
- Internal bellows
- Complete system solutions

#### Air switches

- Compact design
- High sensitivity
- Different switch functions
- Redundant switch function
- Switch function up to 25A / 250V
- Different housings
- PCB mount versions

# **Positioning systems**







#### Bespoke positioning system supply

- Rotary Actuators
- Linear Positioning Systems
- Motion Platforms
- Drive & Control Chassis
- Motion Application Software
- Turn-Key, Bespoke Solutions

#### **Motion Distribution**

- Zero Backlash Gearing
- Leadscrews& Ballscrews
- Manual Positioning Stages
- Linear Actuators
- Servo Motors & Drives
- Ceramic Servo Motors
- Rotary & Linear Encoders
- Motion Controllers & HMIs



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