

5100-5105 LOAD CELLS WITH STRAIN GAUGES

INSTRUCTIONS MANUAL

(This manual is applicable to load cells not provided with specific manual)

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1. CHOICE AND MOUNTING

The choice of a sensor must be done with the perfect knowledge of the application in which it has to be integrated. Focus need to put on capacity, mechanical conception, operating temperature, eventual vibrations and shocks, presence of chemical products, hazardous environment and overload.

Mounting is to be assured by skilled technician, in conformity with state-of-the-art mounting methods for each type of sensor. Among others: hardness, flatness and state of the bearing surfaces, adjustments, adapting parts, decoupling and control of the tightening.

The sensors are manufactured to assure a force measurement in the direction it has been engineered. They must be tightened in a way that their sensible axle corresponds to the direction of the force application. Either torsion and flexion moments or lateral interferences have to be prosecuted. Loading mistakes (non – axial load, not – centred load, torsion moment) may cause wrong measurement and even damages to the sensors.



All necessary precautions in terms of security have to be taken during load handling and use of tooling. The delivered cable cannot be lengthened, however it can be shortened. It is mandatory to connect the sensor to its electronic device according to the colour code specified on the sensor's data sheet, conform to the specifications of the electronic device in use.

The technician in charge of the installation will check the cable integrity after on-site mounting. Any damage on the cable sheath or on a wire implies its replacement by Sensy S.A.

2. MAINTENANCE

Sensors do not require particular maintenance. However, depending on requested performances, utilization and environmental conditions, it is necessary to perform following operation (check either particular instructions belonging to precise models):

- Clear the close area of the sensor
- Remove all objects that could cause effort transfer interferences (concrete, scrap iron, ...)
- Protect against humidity and corrosive elements (ageing acceleration of the sensor)
- Keep from corrosion, especially electrolytic corrosion. Refurbish the oxidized elements (by sanding, painting, ...)
- Control the cable integrity
- In order to guarantee the system performances and to control the measurement chain in its totality, perform at least once a year testing with duplicate standard forces. Re-calibrate if necessary
- Visual control of the mechanical parts and mounting (centring, wearing, dulling, ...)

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3. PARTICULAR PRECAUTIONS

Beyond the mechanical and electrical precautions and the necessary care for assembly, a particular attention has to be paid to following points:

3.1. Shock and overload protection

A sensor can be damaged when it has to sustain an overload between 1,5 and 3 times its nominal capacity. This overload can be static, but may also come from dynamic effects (shocks, vibrations, silo filling, ...)

3.2. Electrical risk protection

Outdoor systems are particularly vulnerable to lightning hits. Sensor having sustained an over-voltage due to lightning can suffer from partially or totally damaged strain gauges, which will influence the performances. Indoor systems can also be subject to over-voltage (welding, grounding of electrical device, ...) and have to be protected. Protecting the sensor has to be done by means of a by-pass through a grounding braid. In case of lightning risks, isolating electrically the sensor from the structure and its supports offers an additional protection.

An electronic protection has also to be considered, as far as it does not have any impact on the measurement precision (temperature drift, signal weakening, ...)

3.3. Never weld on a structure equipped with sensors

If welding cannot be avoided, make sure that the current does not go through the sensor.

3.4. Protection against electrical perturbation;

Due to the low work voltage of the sensors, the measurement chain is to be kept from perturbations that can generate induced tensions and currents (make sure that it is placed away from magnetic fields, from power cables, use shielded cable).

It is important that all elements of the installation have the same grounding potential and that the grounding net does not generate perturbations and do not suffer from ground current circulation.

3.5. Protection against humidity and chemical products;

Sensor's electronic circuitry is highly sensible to corrosion. Use sensors with protection indexes (IP) corresponding to the environmental conditions and type of use, made of appropriated material that will not be influenced by these environmental conditions (some environments do represent an actual electrolyte with risk of galvanic couple between the sensor and other parts, made of different material, in the near area).

Use of sensors in Ex zone can only be done with Ex marked sensors, delivered with a certificate issued by an accredited organisation. Sensors must be used with appropriate safety material (Zener barrier) corresponding to the requested norms mentioned on the certificate.

The use of junction boxes and additional cable lengths must be considered in the choice of protection. After having defined all elements, it is mandatory to control if the sensor's output tension is still compatible with the electronic device in use and the requested accuracy.



5. PERIODIC INSPECTIONS

- 1. Make sure by suitable means that the sensor and its mechanism are not subject to jamming. (At least an annual control)
- 2. Check the signal for a zero load. (Annually) Acceptable max. : ± 0.15 mV/V for
 - \pm 0.15 mV/V for resistive versions
 - ± 6 mA for option C and J
 - ± 0.8 V for option t
- 3. Make sure that the sensor was not victim of shocks (markings) or chemical attack (certain corrosive greases). If items 1 and 2 are not affected, preventive measures are sufficient. (Annually)
- 4. In case of doubt, fill in the diagnostic questionnaire provided in enclosure to the individual record sheet of the sensor and consult the manufacturer.
- 5. Check the integrity of the cable.
- 6. After any serious incident of operation, repeat operations 1 to 3.

6. USE FEATURES

			option C	option J	option t	
Туре		Resistive	4-20 mA	4-20 mA	1-5 V	
			2 wires	3 wires	3 wires	
Compensated temperate		From - 10° to + 45° C				
Operating temperature range			From - 30° to + 80° C			
Storage temperature rar		From - 50° to + 85° C				
Power supply	(VDC)	51012	15 - 28	10- 30	10- 30	
			not regulated	not regulated	not regulated	
Bridge impedance	(Ω)	350 ±30	(5000)	(350)	(350)	
Load impedance	(Ω)	NA	0,1 - 1k	0,10.3k	> 10k	
Nominal signal range	Min.	0 - 0,5 mV/V	9 mA	4 - 9 mA	Nominal signal range	
	Max	0 - 1,7 mV/V	22 mA	4 - 22 mA		
Electrical saturation		> 2 mV/V	> 24 mA	> 24 mA	> 5.6 V	
Normal drift (zero)	%/°C	< 0.01	< 0.03	< 0.03	< 0.03	
Normal drift (span)	%/°C	< 0,01	< 0,025	< 0,025	< 0,02	

7. GUARANTEE

The manufacturer's guarantee is applicable as far as mounting recommendations and general use principle, like above described, are respected.

For any particular use, not described in this document, it is mandatory to obtain a prior written agreement from SENSY S.A. for the validity of the guarantee





