

# Strain Sense



Strain Sense is a single-channel fiber optic sensing instrument for quasi- continuous strain monitoring. With over 2,000 sensing points on one fiber, users are able to achieve spatially continuous real-time strain monitoring. The system replaces single-point strain sensing solutions such as strain gauges, to monitor multiple areas simultaneously, identifying strain fluctuation points quickly and accurately. Customers who replace single-point sensing solutions with a true distributed sensing platform enjoy significantly reduced installation time as well as labor cost savings.

## Features

- Finite element-like continuous strain distributions
- Easy to use, easy to install, plug-and-play sensors
- 13 meters of sensing length
- Interrogator strain measurement range  $-1,600 \mu\epsilon$  to  $+1,600 \mu\epsilon$
- Acquisition time is less than 10 seconds @25°C
- 20 seconds idle time between 2 acquisitions @25°C
- Determine up to 3,200  $\mu\epsilon$  strain range fluctuations

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## Benefits

- *Low Cost:* Affordable single-channel system delivers true distributed strain sensing technology.
- *Easy to Use/Cost Effective:* Vastly reduced installation complexity and setup effort compared to traditional strain gauges.
- *Highly Accurate:* Fully distributed sensing provides high accuracy and high resolution strain data.
- *Distributed Sensing:* Single fiber can be discretized into over 2,000 finite element-like sensors to accurately measure strain distributions and gradients.
- *Versatile:* Standoff length is fully customizable allowing users to place the sensors exactly where they need to be.
- *Robust:* Fiber sensors are immune to EMI, chemically inert, exhibit a linear response over their entire range, have zero hysteresis, and have a fatigue life orders of magnitude larger than foil strain gauges.
- *Embeddable:* Fiber sensors may be embedded into materials such as fiber reinforced composites to monitor curing effects, residual strains, and turn parts into smart structures.

## Application examples

- *Aerospace:* Test, monitor and analyze the stress applied to aircraft parts and provide in-flight feedback to control systems.
- *Automotive:* Monitoring of strain distributions on frames, suspension parts, windshields, and various load-bearing components to ensure parts perform as intended over their full life cycle.
- *Civil:* Monitoring of strain and load distributions to provide insight into the physical integrity of structures. Can be used as an early detection system for catastrophic failure.
- *Medical:* Easily integrates with existing technologies for non-invasive surgical procedures.

Strain Sense	
Interrogator accuracy	1.25 $\mu\epsilon$
Strain repeatability	$\pm 1.5 \mu\epsilon$
Features	
Total sensors on one fiber	2,048
Total sensing length	13m
Gauge spacing <sup>2</sup>	6.35 mm to 25.4 mm
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Performance	
Acquisition time @ 25°C <sup>3</sup>	<10s
Spatial resolution <sup>2</sup>	6.35 mm
Sensor strain range	-1,600 $\mu\epsilon$ to +1,600 $\mu\epsilon$
Mechanical and Environmental	
Dimensions <sup>4</sup>	300mm x 300mm x 100mm
Weight	2.1 Kg
Power consumption	15W typical

<sup>1</sup> Each unit comes standard with strain sensing capabilities. Upgrades are available for deflection. Contact Sensuron for more details.

<sup>2</sup> Operating at 3.2 mm spatial resolution by default. Longer gauge spacing and length requires custom option. Contact Sensuron for additional information.

<sup>3</sup> Strain Sense acquisition time is independent of sensor length. 20 seconds idle time between 2 acquisitions @25°C

<sup>4</sup>The system can be repackaged per customer requirements.

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