

SmartCrash[®] Force Measuring Element

Type 9350B1

With Digital Data Output

The piezoelectric SmartCrash[®] force measuring element with integrated electronics is able to measure 3 orthogonal components F_{x} , F_{y} and F_{z} of dynamic forces in any direction. It is predestinated for measuring high dynamic impact forces e.g. during crash test procedures for automotive R&D. Each piezoelectric force measuring with integrated data acquisition and data storage element is preloaded and calibrated.

- Wide measuring range
- High sensitivity
- Excellent linearity over total measuring range
- High rigidity/natural frequency
- Easily mounted and removed from front
- Integrated data preprocessing and data storage
- Digital data output
- D-Sub 9 pin connector
- TEDS functionality (calibration data and sensor identification)

Description

The SmartCrash[®] force measuring element consists of a top and base plate, the piezoelectric quartz sensor preloaded by a hollow expansion screw between base plate and top plate and an integrated electronics for data preprocessing. Each individual SmartCrash® force measuring element measures the 3 orthogonal forces F_x , F_y and F_z of the forces affecting during the crash. The piezoelectric sensor in the force measuring element generates a proportional charge on the force, which is amplified and processed. A unit for digitization of the analog signals (DiMod module) is incorporated in each individual SmartCrash[®] force measuring element. The charge signals are converted into a voltage signal, digitized by an A/D converter and stored in a central data recorder which simultanously executes the parametrization and control. Before the actual measurement is performed, an automatic system check is carried out to check that the entire measuring chain is operating properly. The individual force measuring element is connected by a corresponding connection cable to the data recorder via an RS-485 interface.



The SmartCrash[®] force measuring element is supplied calibrated ready to be used for taking measurements immediately after being mounted. The power supply for a SmartCrash[®] force measuring element is provided by the power unit/industrial PC (controller).

Application

The SmartCrash[®] force measuring element is used generally in the automotive R&D to instrument crash barriers, as well as drop towers, where high dynamic longitudinal and shear forces have to be measured quickly, easily and very precisely.

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Technical Data

Measuring range	F _x	kN	0 500
Measuring ranges relate to the nominal sensor sensitivity	Fy	kN	-100 100
F _x ≈–0,65 pC/N, F _y , F _z ≈–1,32 pC/N	Fz	kN	-100 100
Calibrated range	F _x	kN	0 500
	Fy	kN	0 –501)
	Fz	kN	0 501)
Calibrated partial range	Fx	kN	0 2001)
Bending moments	My	kN∙m	on request
	Mz	kN∙m	on request
Linearity (FSO)		%	≤±1,0
Crosstalk (FSO) – [typical values]	$x \rightarrow y, z$	%	≤±2 [≤±1,0]
	$z \leftrightarrow y$	%	≤±3,5 [≤±1,0]
	y, z \rightarrow x	%	≤±3,5 [≤±1,0]
Operation temperature range		°C	0 40
Natural frequency of the crash force element alone	Fx	Hz	≈4 000 ²⁾
	F _y , F _z	Hz	≈1 700
Weight standard element	m	kg	12,1
Material standard element			1.2316+S
Protection (IEC)			IP65

¹⁾ Measuring ranges for determining the correction factors for crosstalk
²⁾ Mounted on foundation plate

Electronics

Selectable measuring ranges	F _x	kN	20 500
	Fy	kN	4 100
	Fz	kN	4 100
Self test signal		%FS	2 50
Frequency range of charge amplifier (–3 dB)		kHz	>10
ADC resolution		Bit	16
Sampling rate (synchronous per channel)		kHz	20
Flash memory, per channel		Samples	1 306 624
Data processing	RS-485 bus		
Data processing (external: host controller, TCP/IP)	Ethernet	100 BaseT	
Power supply (per element)		VDC	5,2 6,0
		mA	≈50

Functions		
Reset/Operate	all channels simultaneously	
Test signal ON/OFF	all channels simultaneously	
Measuring range setting	individually selectable ranges	

Application Software (on Request)

· Preparation and execution software CrashDesigner

• Others on request

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Fig. 1: Back view of the SmartCrash® Force Measuring Element



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Fig. 2: SmartCrash® Force Measuring Element

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