



# SMART DYNAMIC STRAIN RECORDER

Standard

## DC-204R

With analog output

## DC-204Ra

Strain  
DC voltage  
Temperature

High speed  
sampling  
**200kHz**

Large data  
recording  
**2GB**  
capacity

Automatic data  
storing at power  
interruption  
**onboard  
UPS**



**200kHz sampling!**  
**Large data storing with 2GB CF card!**  
**All-in-one model with further upgraded functions!**



The DC-204R/DC-204Ra is a compact flash recording type 4-channel dynamic strain recorder and measures strain, DC voltage and thermocouples. The DC-204Ra equips an analog output of  $\pm 5V$  to enable, waveform output to external recorders, display devices and automobile ECU. As compared with the previous model DC-104R/DC-104Ra, the frequency response is upgraded to 10kHz and sampling speed to 200kHz at the fastest. At the same time of measurement, measured data are automatically stored on a compact flash card up to 2GB. Using the controller DC-7204 as bundled software, the maximum 8 units (32 channels) including the DC-104 series can be used together. In addition to numerical monitor and waveform display, dynamically variable amount can be displayed in analog form and in real time. The battery-operating all-in-one model is optimum for measurement on a high speed moving body. AC operation needs a power adaptor as an option.

The recorder is compatible with a compact flash card adapter of 32MB to 2GB. The formatted flash cards are available from TML.

**Miniature** - Possible connection of 8 units (total 32 channels)

It is as small as 15.7x8.4cm like postcard and 4.2cm in height, suitable for vehicle onboard measurement. The 4-channel unit can be connected in parallel up to 8 units (total 32 channels).

**Onboard Analog Output DC-204Ra**

Using the supplied analog output cable (CR-3610), the DC-204Ra can output 4-channel live waveform to external recorders and display devices.

**Automatic Data Protection at Power Interruption (UPS)** *New Function*

In case of accidental power degradation during measurement, the built-in UPS circuit stops measurement and gets measured data automatically and safely stored on the CF card. Even if power supply is suddenly interrupted, the power switch is designed to turn off after recording the measured data on the CF card.

**Memory Card of 2GB at the Maximum** *Upgraded*

It is compatible with a flash memory card of 32MB to 2GB in memory capacity. The formatted CF cards are available from TML. TML does not guarantee operation of commercial CF cards.



**Recording Format**

Measured data can be stored in not only CSV format but BIN format conforming to commercial software DADiSP for data analysis of dynamic phenomena. The bundled software CONTROLLER DC-7204 can get the data stored in CSV and BIN format.

**High speed Sampling of 200kHz** *Upgraded*

The DC-204 series has a frequency response of DC to 10kHz. The maximum sampling speed is 200kHz with one channel. Reading of the stored data from the CF card during measurement and monitoring the measuring waveform data in real time are possible. (N.B. The sampling speed is restricted.)

**Bar Graph Monitor and Circular Graph Monitor** *New Function*

The DC-204 series bundled software CONTROLLER DC-7204 can monitor dynamically variable amount in analog form and in real time with bar graph and circular graph as well as numeric values and waveform.



DADiSP is available as a separate software package from DSP Development Corporation in the USA.

**Sampling Speed and Recording Time**

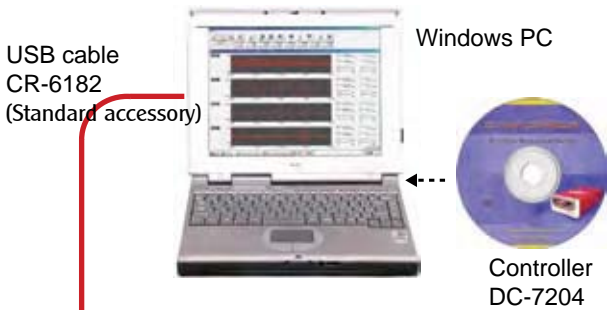
The highest sampling speed is 5 $\mu$  sec.\* with one channel and the measured data are recorded on a specified CF memory card at the same speed. The relationship of recording time (measuring time) with sampling speed is tabulated below. The measuring time depends on the data size.

\* 1 channel use

Sampling frequency	Sampling speed	1 channel	2 channels	4 channels
200kHz	5 $\mu$ s	1.3 hours	—	—
100kHz	10 $\mu$ s	2.7 hours	1.3 hours	—
50kHz	20 $\mu$ s	5.5 hours	2.7 hours	1.3 hours
10kHz	100 $\mu$ s	27.4 hours	13.5 hours	6.7 hours
5kHz	200 $\mu$ s	55.4 hours	27.4 hours	13.5 hours
1kHz	1ms	11.4 days	5.6 days	67.5 hours
500Hz	2ms	23.1 days	11.4 days	5.6 days
50Hz	20ms	231 days	114 days	56.3 days
20Hz	50ms	572 days	281 days	140 days
10Hz	100ms	1155 days	572 days	281 days

In case of a 8M data size continuously recorded on a 2GB CF card

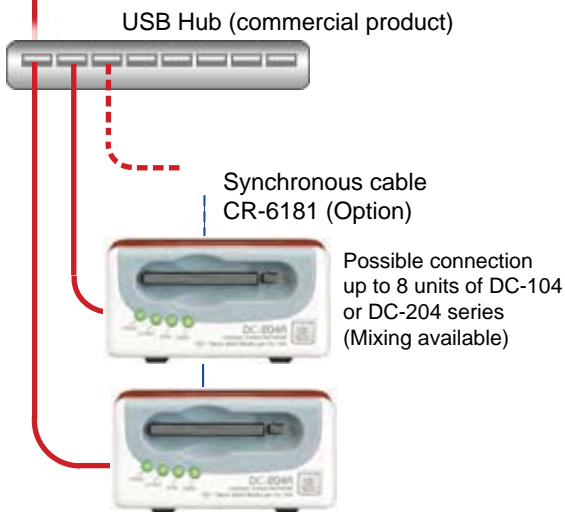
# MEASURING SYSTEM



Measurement with 1 unit



Measurement with 2 or more units



## Analog output

### DC-204Ra (DC-104Ra)

Analog output to external devices

Analog output cable CR-3610

Recorders

Oscillographs

Digital display devices

Automobile ECU, etc.



## Measurement Software

### Controller DC-7204 (Standard accessory)

#### ● Main menu

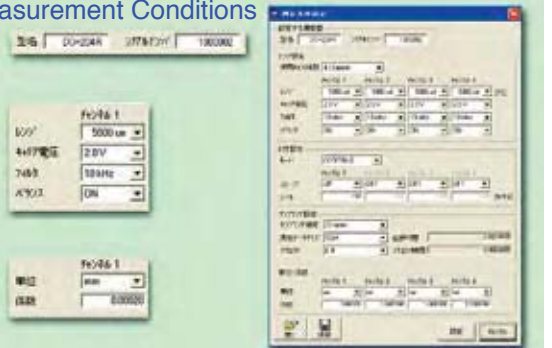
Main menu at the time of start



#### ● Setting up Measurement Conditions



Click the Measure Setting to open dialog for measurement conditions.



Set measuring capacity, unit, coefficient etc.

#### ● Monitoring



Click the Monitoring Setting. Dynamically variable amount during measurement can be viewed in numeric, waveform, bar-graph, circular-graph, etc.



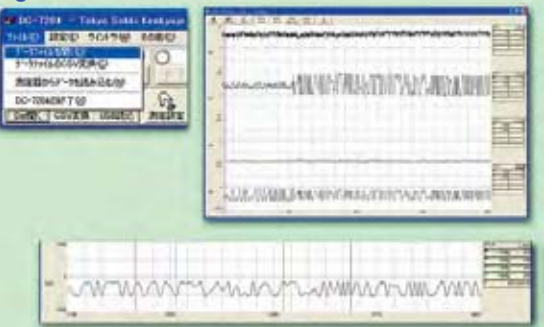
Circular-graph monitor

Bar-graph monitor

Measured data are written directly on CF card. Data format is BIN or CSV.

#### ● Data Processing

The measured data saved on CF card are read. Processing such as printout, display of maximum, minimum and mean values and cutout is done.



## Related Products

### Measurement Software *Visual LOG*

#### ● DC-7630 Dynamic strain recorder measurement and Data Processing Software

In addition to operation extended channel function, on-line or off-line automatic measurement can be made. An function of extracting /omitting measured data is provided. Graphic display in real time during sampling is possible.



#### ● DFA-7610 FFT Analysis and Processing Software

Various analysis processing for data file gotten by the supplied software DC-7204 or optional software DC-7630 is done.

#### ● Carrying Case CA-10A



This is an aluminum carrying case to store the recorder, strain connectors, cables, etc.

Size: 400(W) x 260(D) x 100(H) mm

# MEASURING FUNCTIONS AND OPTIONS

## Input channel Section

Strain gauges



**Strain Connectors** **OPTION**



A strain gauge bridge configuration connector for the DC-104/DC-204 series recorders

- SB-120DD-1R 120 ohms 3-wire quarter bridge  
120/350 ohms half bridge
- SB-350DD-1R 350 ohms 3-wire quarter bridge  
120/350 ohms half bridge
- SB-120DD-4R 120/350 ohms full bridge

Available is a remote sense cable (Option) to compensate for sensitivity degradation due to cable extension.

Strain gauge based transducers



**Sensor input conversion cable CR-6180** (Standard accessory)



Used for connecting strain gauge based transducers (for force, displacement, pressure, acceleration, etc.) with a NDIS plug at the cable.

DC voltage



**Attenuation cable CR-4010** **OPTION**



Used when inputting voltage signal. The measuring range of voltage signal is  $\pm 20V$ . The signal is attenuated to 1/1000 for input.

Thermocouple (temperature)



**Thermocouple adapter TA-01KT** **OPTION**

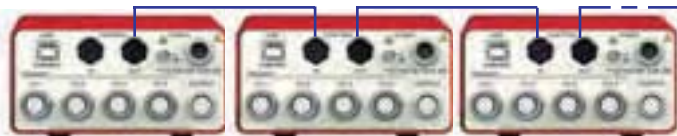


It enables temperature measurements using thermocouples type T or K. No external power supplies is needed. The adapter is connected through the supplied sensor input conversion cable CR-6180.

## Control Section **Max. 32 channels with 8 units**

In case of connecting 2 or more units of the DC-104R/DC-204R series, the use of the synchronous cable CR-6181 (option) makes simultaneous sampling possible. In this case, power supply is necessary for all the connected recorders.

Synchronous cable CR-6181



## External Start/Stop and External Trigger

External control signals for start, stop and trigger are input to the CONTROL IN connector.

## Power Supply Section

### DC Power Supply DC10~16V

The supplied cable CR-1310 is used.

### Battery driving

Battery driving in combination with the battery pack BA-104 (option) is possible.



### AC Power Supply

Using the AC adapter set CR-1868 (option), AC operation is possible.



## USB Interface Section

Using the supplied USB cable CR-6182, the DC-104R/DC-204R recorders can be hooked up to a computer.



## Analog Output Section **[DC-204Ra/DC-104Ra]**



By connecting the supplied output cable CR-3610 to the OUTPUT connector, a voltage output of 0 ~ 5V is obtained. Voltage signals for 4 channels from the one connector cable can be output to external recorders, etc.

# FUNCTIONS & DIMENSIONAL DRAWINGS

## Compact flash memory card

TML specified CF card is used. The memory capacity is up to 2GB.

## Status LED

Each operational status is indicated.  
 MES /Measuring  
 USB /Communicating with USB cable  
 SYNC /Synchronizing with 2 or more recorders.  
 PWR /Switching on

## START/STOP

Gets started or stopped.

## BAL/HLD

By depressing the key 3 seconds or more, Balancing functions for the model itself.



## DC-204R

## DC-204Ra

## USB Interface

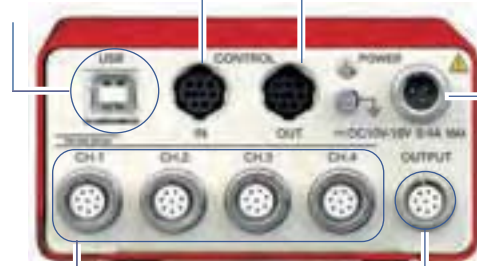
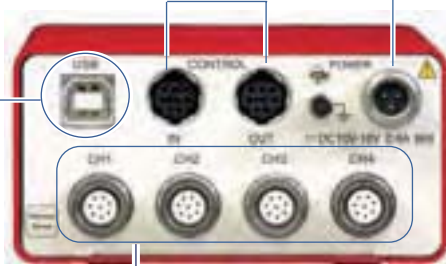
The USB cable (CR-6182) is plugged in. Measurement setup and data are transferred to a PC.

## Power supply

Operates on DC power supply. The battery and recorder are connected with the power cable (CR-1310). For AC operation, use the optional AC adapter set CR-1860.

## Control

For synchronization of 2 or more recorders. The optional synchronous cable (CR-6181) is needed.



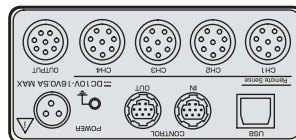
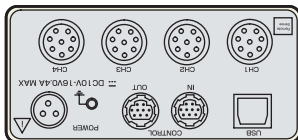
## Power supply

## Input channel

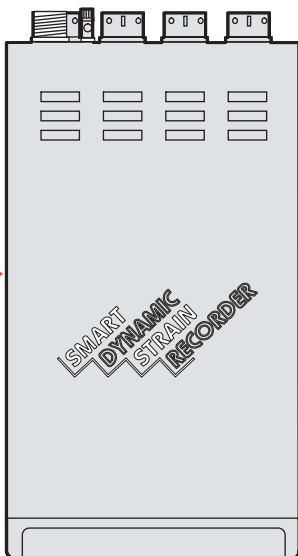
Strain gauges and strain gauge based transducers are plugged in through the supplied sensor input conversion cable (CR-6180). The voltage input attenuation cable CR-4010 (option) and thermocouple adapter TA-01KT (option) can be also connected.

## Analog output [DC-204Ra only]

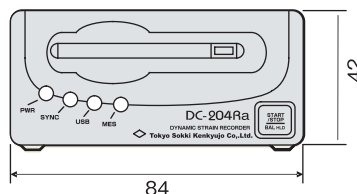
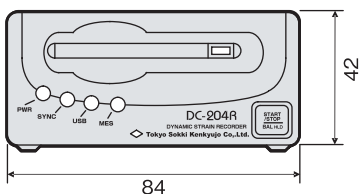
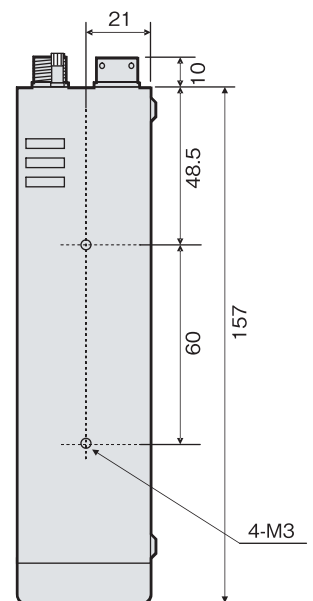
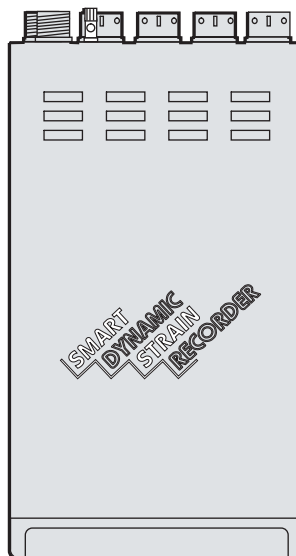
The DC-204Ra has an analog output. By connecting the supplied analog output cable (CR-3610), a live wave form is output to an external recording device.



## DC-204R



## DC-204Ra



Unit in mm

## Measurement

Measuring points	4
Inputs	Strain DC voltage with optional cable CR-4010
<b>Strain measurement</b>	
Gauge resistance	120Ω, 350Ω (Full bridge)
Bridge excitation	DC2V, 0.5V, ON/OFF control
Measuring range	1000, 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain in 5 ranges
Maximum range	±80000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain
Accuracy	±0.2%FS
<b>Voltage measurement [using CR-4010 option]</b>	
Measuring range	1, 2, 5, 10, 20V in 5 ranges
Maximum range	±20V
Accuracy	±0.3%FS
Lowpass filter	10, 30, 100, 300Hz, 1k, 3k, 10kHz (Bessel type)
Frequency response	DC ~ 10kHz (-3dB±1dB)
Temperature coefficient	
Stability on zero	±1×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain/°C with maximum sensitivity
Stability on span	±0.01%FS/°C with maximum sensitivity
Balancing method	Electronics
Balancing range	±10000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain
Balancing accuracy	±0.06%FS
Balancing speed	Approx. 1 sec. per channel
A/D converter	16-bit successive approximation
Resolution	1000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain range : 1 or 0.1×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain 2000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain range : 1 or 0.1×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain 5000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain range : 1×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain 10000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain range : 1×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain 20000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain range : 1×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain
Sampling method	Simultaneous sampling
Sampling speed	5μs in 1 channel mode (200kHz) 10μs in 2 channel mode (100kHz) 20μs in 4 channel mode ( 50kHz)

## Function

Start/Stop	Panel key operation, External signal Computer operation available
Manual trigger	External signal, Computer operation available
Balance/Open check	Panel key operation, Computer operation available
Synchronous measurement	Synchronous sampling available with 8 units 32 channels Combination use with DC-104R/DC-104Ra available

## Display unit

LED status	Power, Synchronization, USB, Measurement
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## Setup

Procedure	By USB communication with bundled software
Channel	1, 2, 4 channel mode
Trigger	
Trigger mode	SINGLE, CONTINUE, FREERUN
Trigger level	±(0% ~ 100%) with 0.1% division for full scale

## Data save

Saving media	Compact FLASH memory card 32M~2GB supplied from TML N.B.: High speed sampling use card is 128M~2GB supplied from TML.
Format	Conforms to DADiSP/2000
Saving speed	5μs <sup>*1</sup> , 10μs <sup>*2</sup> , 20μs, 50μs, 100μs, 200μs, 500μs, 1ms, 2ms, 5ms, 10ms, 20ms, 50ms, 100ms, 200ms, 500ms, 1s
(Sampling intervals)	*1 : in 1-ch use only *2 : in 1-, or 2-ch use only Other with up to 4 channels
Data size	1k, 2k, 4k, 8k, 16k, 32k, 64k, 128k, 256k, 512k, 1M, 2M, 3M, 4M, 6M, 8M, 12M, 16M, 24M, 32M, 48M, 60M, 120M <sup>*3</sup> , 240M <sup>*4</sup> [Data]
	*3 : in 1-ch use only *4 : in 1-, or 2-ch use only Other with up to 4 channels For high speed sampling, the size is restricted to 64k data over in 1-ch use, 32k data over in 2-ch use, and 16k data over in 4-ch use.
Pre-area	Changeable by 10% division for 0~100% while 256k data in 1-ch is at maximum.
File numbers	Maximum 255

## Analog output [DC-204Ra only available]

Voltage output	±5V (5kΩ load) or ±1mA
Output accuracy	±0.3%FS
Output balancing accuracy	±5mV or less (at 5000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain)
Stability on zero	±2mV/°C (at maximum sensitivity)
Calibration output	±1V
Lowpass filter	10, 30, 100, 300Hz, 1k, 3k, 10kHz (amplitude flat)
S/N ratio	46dBp-p or over (with filter of 1kHz or less, 1000×10 <sup>-6</sup> strain)

## General Specifications

Power supply	10 ~ 16V dc DC-204R 0.4A MAX. DC-204Ra 0.4A MAX.
Environment	0°C ~ +50°C 85%RH or less (no condensation)
Vibration tolerance	49m/s <sup>2</sup> (5 ~ 50Hz) in 3 directions
Dimensions	84 (W) ×42 (H) ×157 (D) mm
Weight	500g

■ Product for CE marking is available on request.

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