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## INTRODUCTION

This catalog presents the full range of Our standard strain gauges and associated products including bonding adhesives and coating materials manufactured by Tokyo Measuring Instruments Laboratory Co., Ltd. It also describes how to find specific strain gauges, introduces typical applications, and defines the most commonly used technical terms.

Prior to using the catalog, please check the information listed below.

#### **CHANGES IN SPECIFICATIONS**

In the interest of product improvement, the specifications in this catalog are subject to change without prior notice.

#### **DIMENSIONS**

Dimensions are mainly given in milimeter. Strain gauge patterns are in actual size, with enlargements of some miniature patterns.

#### **PRICES**

Prices are not listed in this catalog. For price information or orders, please contact us or your local representative.

#### **HANDLING STRAIN GAUGES**

- 1. The technical data supplied herein do not reflect the influence of the leadwire. The data must be corrected in accordance with the effect caused by the leadwire.
- 2. The service temperature of a strain gauge depends on the operating temperature of the adhesive, etc.
- 3. Insulation resistance should be checked at a voltage of 50V or less.
- 4. Do not apply an excessive force to the gauge leads.
- 5.Apply adhesive to the back of the strain gauge and attach the gauge to the specimen.
- 6. The back of each strain gauge has been washed and degreased. Do not contaminate it by touching it directly.
- 7. For maintaining quality, store products in a dry place.

#### **HANDLING BONDING ADHESIVES AND COATING MATERIALS**

- 1. Read the operation manual carefully before using bonding adhesives and coating materials.
- 2.After using an adhesive, wipe all remaining adhesive off the container and nozzle with a cloth, and replace the cap.
- 3.After using an adhesive, put the container back in the package and store it in a cool, dark place away from fire.
- 4. If an adhesive contacts skin or clothing, wash well with soap and water.

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## STRAIN GAUGES

Stress measurement technologies are indispensable for ensuring the safety and efficiency of all kinds of structures. Since its founding in 1954, Tokyo Measuring Instruments Laboratory Co., Ltd. has been a specialized manufacturer of stress measuring instruments including strain gauges and related products. Throughout the history of more than 60 years, the company has striven to meet the needs of the times and to provide trustworthy products that can be used with full reliability.

Strain Gauges are our main products,and we unveiled the world's first polyester strain gauge in 1956. This new gauge brought about a great improvement in the humidity resistance of gauge backings compared to the strain gauges with paper backings which were popular at that time. Since then, our various technologies represented by the development of foil strain gauges and high temperature strain gauges have enabled reliable measurements under diverse conditions.



Our strain gauges are manufactured under a fully integrated system that covers all stages from development to tests and inspections, and the utmost attention is paid to quality management in all processes. Our strain gauges, which we manufacture in the cleanest environment using the best materials available, are tested and inspected according to international standards, most notably NAS942, the National Aerospace Standard.



#### Strain gauges Testing and Inspection Standards



## Principal standards used for strain gauge calibration and standard test methods

¶ BSI BS6888 "Methods for Calibration of Bonded Electric Resistance Strain Gauges" Draft for development 6:1972. BSI ¶ NAS942

- "Strain Gauges, Bonded Resistance" Classification Specification NAS 942
- ¶ VDE/VDI Richtlinen NR 2635

"Bonded Electric Resistance Strain Gauges with Metallic Measurement Grids - Characteristics and Testing Conditions" VDE/VDI-Richtlinen NR 2635 August, 1974

¶ Other standards

JIS Z2300-2009 - "Glossary of Terms Used in Nondestructive Testing", Japan Industrial Standard NDIS 4001:2012 - "Glossary of Terms Relating to Electric Resistance Strain Gauges", NDI, Japan

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Full bridge Strain Transducer KM series

Before placement of concrete, 3 KM transducers are installed to reinforcing bars.



#### **Bolt tensile force by emebedment type gauges**

For measurement of tensile strain in a bolt. Simply inserted into a pre-drilled hole in the bolt head together with bonding adhesive. BTM and BTMC gauge series are recommendable if an ordinary strain gauge cannot be mounted on the bolt surface. Accurate tensile force measurement is possible by calibrating the bolt after installing the bolt gauges.



**Weldable strain gauges**



#### **Frictional Strain Checker, Axial Strain Transducer, Torque Sensor System**

Strain Checker FGMH series for single and 3-directional measurement. Re-usable with installation by magnet.

Torque Sensor System FGDH series applicable to driving shaft with split and cover-up system. With built-in telemetry



**High Endurance Strain Gauge bonded on composite materials**



Composite materials on which High Endurance Strain Gauge DSF is bonded are demonstrated for fatigue test over 107 cycles at strain level of ±3,000 microstrain.

transmitter, no wiring is required.



Axial Strain Transducer FGAH series applicable to steerling shaft with cover-up system Different from the above FGDH, wire connection is required.



#### **Long term measurement**

For construction measurement and maintenance.



Demolition of Buildings



# STRAIN GAUGES GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Strain gauges are generally used for one of three reasons:

- ・To ascertain the amount of deformation caused by strain
- ・To ascertain the stress caused by strain and the degree of safety of a material or of a structural element that uses that material.
- ・To indirectly ascertain various physical quantities by converting them to strain.

There are a number of ways of measuring strain mechanically and electrically, but the vast majority of stress measurement is carried out using strain gauges due to their superior measurement characteristics.

External force applied to an elastic material generates stress, which subsequently generates deformation in the material. At this time, the length of the material L extends to L+ΔL if the applied force is a tensile force. The ratio of ΔL to L, that is ΔL/L, is called strain. On the other hand, if a compressive force is applied, the length L is reduced to L−ΔL. Strain at this time is (−ΔL/L).





## **What is a Strain Gauge?**

The electric resistance of a metal changes proportionally to the mechanical deformation caused by an external force applied to the metal. By bonding a thin metal to a measurement object through a thin electrical insulator, the metal deforms depending on deformation of the measurement object and its electric resistance changes. The strain gauge (electric resistance strain gauge) is a sensor to measure the strain by means of measuring the resistance change.

## **Strain Gauge Configuration**

A strain gauge is constructed by forming a grid made of fine electric resistance wire or photographically etched metallic resistance foil on an electrical insulation base (backing), and attaching gauge leads.





## **What is Strain?** Strain Gauge Principles

When strain is generated in a measurement object, the strain is transferred to the resistance wire or foil of the strain gauge via the gauge base (backing). As a result, the wire or foil experiences a resistance change. This change is exactly proportional to the strain as in the equation below.



The voltage output of the circuit is given as follows.





Here, if R=R1=R2=R3=R4 the resistance of the strain gauge changes to R+ΔR due to strain. Thus, the output voltage Δe (variation) due to the strain is given as follows.



When measuring with a strain gauge, it is connected to an instrument called a strainmeter. The strainmeter configures a Wheatstone bridge circuit and supplies exciting voltage. Measured strain is indicated on a digital display and/or output as analog signals.

# **Vhat is Strain?** What is Strain?

# **Plane Stress and Strain**

The stress in a material balanced with an applied external force can be considered a combination of more than one simple stress. In other words, these stresses can be divided into simple stress in the respective axial directions; however, measurement with ordinary strain gauges is restricted to the plane strain. In case that the stress exists in uniaxial direction like tension of a bar illustrated below, the following equation are applicable.



The biaxial stresses generated by pulling the bar in both normal and transversal directions are:

P

$$
\varepsilon_{X} = \varepsilon_{X'} - \nu \varepsilon_{y'}
$$

$$
= \frac{\sigma_{X}}{E} - \frac{\nu \sigma_{y}}{E}
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_{X} - \nu \sigma_{y})
$$

 $\epsilon_y = \epsilon_{y'} - v \epsilon_{x'}$ 

$$
= \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \frac{v\sigma_x}{E}
$$

$$
= \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_y - v\sigma_x)
$$

P' P' P y Stress and strain under bi-stress condition

 $\sigma_x = \frac{E}{1 - v^2} (\varepsilon_x + v \varepsilon_y)$ 

 $\sigma_y = \frac{E}{1 - v^2} (\varepsilon_y + v \varepsilon_x)$ 

x

σ

ε

- $\varepsilon_{x}$ ' : strain in the x direction due to  $\sigma_{\rm X}$
- $\epsilon_y$ ' : strain in the y direction due to  $\sigma_v$

For the stress in other than the crossed biaxial directions, it is shown according to its angle as follows.

$$
\sigma_x
$$
\n
$$
\sigma_n = \sigma_x \cos^2 \theta + \sigma_y \sin^2 \theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y) + \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_x - \sigma_y) \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta
$$
\n
$$
\tau = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_x - \sigma_y) \sin 2\theta - \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta
$$

As noted from the above equations, in a certain direction, the maximum value of the resultant stress appears in the uniaxial diretion. The axial direction is called a principal direction of stress and the stress in that direction a principal stress. In this direction, the shearing stress is zero. The maximum value of shearing stress is generated in the direction of 45° against the principal direction of stress. It can also be applied to the strain. The strain in such a direction is called a principal strain.

## **Measurement of principal strain and stress using 3-element rectangular rosette gauge**

When strain is generated in the surface of material and the principal direction of the strain and its extent are unknown, the principal strain, stress and their directions and shearing strain and stress can be obtained by measuring the strains in three directions over the surface. In order to simplify calculation, the relative angle in the three directions are determined as follows.



**Maximum principal strain**

$$
\varepsilon_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \sqrt{2 \left[ (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2 \right]} \right]
$$

**Minimum principal strain**

$$
\varepsilon_{\min} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 - \sqrt{2 \left\{ (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2 \right\}} \right]
$$

**Maximum shearing strain**

$$
\gamma_{\text{max}} = \sqrt{2\left\{(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2\right\}}
$$

Angle from  $\varepsilon_1$  gauge to direction of principal strain

 $\theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2 \varepsilon_3 - (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2)}{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2} \right\}$  $2\epsilon_3$  – ( $\epsilon_1+\epsilon_2$ ) ε<sub>1</sub>−ε<sub>2</sub>

If ɛ1>ɛ2, the angle to the maximum principal strain is rotated by θ clockwise from the 1st axis, and the minimum principal

strain is located at θ+90º. If ɛ1<ɛ2, the angle to the maximum principal strain is rotated by θ+90º clockwise from the 1st axis, and the minimum principal strain is located at θ.

**Maximum principal stress**

$$
\sigma_{\text{max}} = \frac{E}{1 - v^2} (\varepsilon_{\text{max}} + v \varepsilon_{\text{min}})
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{E}{2} \left[ -\frac{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2}{1 - v} + \frac{1}{1 + v} \sqrt{2 \left\{ (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2 \right\}} \right]
$$

**Minimum principal stress**

$$
\sigma_{\min} = \frac{E}{1 - v^2} (\varepsilon_{\min} + v \varepsilon_{\max})
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{E}{2} \Big[ \frac{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2}{1 - v} - \frac{1}{1 + v} \sqrt{2 \left\{ (\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2 \right\}} \Big]
$$

**Maximum shearing stress**

$$
\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \gamma_{\text{max}}
$$

$$
= \frac{E}{2(1+\nu)} \sqrt{2((\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3)^2 + (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_3)^2)}
$$

**note**

**The above rosette analysis equations are based on the 3-element strain gauge shown in the diagram. When the order of the axis numbers is different or when the gauge is not a 90º rosette gauge, different equations must be used. Check the axis numbers of applicable strain gauge before performing rosette analysis.**

#### **●Gauge Length**

This dimension represents the actual grid length in the sensitive direction.

#### **●Gauge Resistance**

The gauge resistance is the electrical resistance of an unbonded gauge at room temperature and subject to no external stress. The gauge resistance generally used is 120Ω but gauges are also produced with gauge resistance of 60Ω, 350Ω and 1000Ω. Highresistance gauges yield a high bridge output when high voltages are applied but they are also susceptible to noise. The majority of the strain gauges used in the production of transducers have a gauge resistance of 350Ω.

#### **●Gauge Factor**

The amount shown in the following equation is called the gauge factor. In this equation, ε indicates the strain generated due to uniaxial stress in the direction of the strain gauge axis. ΔR/R shows the ratio of resistance change due to strain ε.



#### **●Longitudinal Sensitivity**

Longitudinal sensitivity is very similar to the gauge factor and refers to the sensitivity of the gauge when no strain is applied in the direction perpendicular to the gauge axis.

#### **●Transverse Sensitivity**

The gauge also exhibits sensitivity in the direction perpendicular to the axial direction. The amount shown in the following equation due to the uniaxial strain  $(\epsilon_t)$  in the direction perpendicular to the gauge axis, and the resistance variation generated thereby, is called transverse sensitivity  $(K_t)$ .



#### **●Transverse Sensitivity Ratio**

This refers to the ratio of transverse sensitivity to longitudinal sensitivity. This is usually 1% or less and does not usually pose a problem except in high-precision measurement or in locations with biaxial strain.

#### **●**Gauge Hysteresis

When a strain gauge is bonded to a test specimen and strain is applied, resistance change for identical strain in increase and decrease processes may differ. This difference is referred to as hysteresis. Gauge hysteresis varies depending on factors such as grid configuration, base material, adhesive and temperature.

#### **●Thermal Hysteresis**

Thermal hysteresis refers to hysteresis that occurs in the heating or cooling cycle such that the respective cycles do not pass through the same point. Thermal hysteresis poses an ongoing problem in strain measurement where temperature change occurs. This hysteresis must be removed by applying heat treatment to stabilize the characteristic of the strain gauge and the adhesive.

#### **●Gauge Zero Drift with Temperature**

At high temperature, effects such as thermal oxidation of the sensing elements in a strain gauge cause the zero point of the gauge in a no-load state to gradually drift. This is one of the characteristics that determine a strain gauge's resistance to heat. Above 200°C, Ni-Cr alloy performs far better than Cu-Ni alloy, and alloys such as Pt-W are used in 500°C to 800°C environments.

#### **●Self Temperature Compensated Gauge**

A change in the ambient temperature may cause a variation of strain gauge resistance. The variation is ascribable to the thermal expansion of both strain gauge material and specimen, together with the thermal coefficient of resistance of the gauge material. Self-temperature compensated gauges are commonly used to minimize the gauge thermal output when bonded to test specimens having a specific linear thermal expansion coefficient in the specified temperature range. The following graph shows an example of thermal output.



#### **●Temperature Compensation Range**

This refers to a temperature range in which the thermal output of a self-temperature compensated gauge should be within the given range. Compensation is accurate within approximately ±1.8×10<sup>-6</sup> strain/°C. For greater accuracy, corrections can be made using the curves for apparent strain vs. temperature which is supplied with each package of gauge.

#### **●Operating Temperature Range**

This range is the temperature range within which a strain gauge can be used continuously under appropriate conditions. The figure below shows thermal output characteristics for Cu-Ni and Ni-Cr alloys used for the sensing elements in TML strain gauges. Most strain gauges use Cu-Ni alloy, while Ni-Cr alloy is used in strain gauge series that have a wider operating temperature range.



Temperature °C

#### **●Gauge Length Selection**

Different gauge lengths should be selected depending on specimens. Gauges with short gauge lengths are used to measure local strain, while gauges with long lengths can be used to measure averaged strain over a larger area. For a heterogenous material, a gauge length is required that can average out irregular strain in the material. For example, as concrete is composed of cement and aggregate (gravel or sand, etc.) the length of a gauge used is more than three times the diameter of the aggregate so as to give an averaged evaluation of the concrete.



# **Strain Gauge Strain Gauge**

#### **●Strain Limit**

The strain limit is the maximum amount of strain under which a strain gauge can operate under a given condition without suffering damage. At TML, the strain limit is the smallest value of mechanical strain at which the indicated strain exceeds the mechanical strain by 10%.

General use strain gauge F series : FLA-5-11

Post-Yield strain gauge YF series : YFLA-5



#### **●Fatigue Life**

When strain is applied repeatedly to a strain gauge, as the amount of strain becomes large, the gauge resistance increases and disconnection or peeling-off of the gauge occurs to make the gauge useless. In general, the fatigue life is determined by the amount of applied strain and speed of cyclic loading and expressed by the number of repetitions. At our company, a constant mechanical strain is applied repeatedly to the bonded strain gauge and the fatigue life is indicated by the number of repetitions at which the indicated strain value without load exceeds 100×10-6 strain. A typical calibration result is shown below. Even if the number of repetitions exceeds the specified life, the gauges will not necessarily fail. The fatigue life of most of our strain gauges under a cyclic strain of  $\pm 1.500 \times 10^{-6}$  strain is between 10<sup>6</sup> and 10<sup>7</sup> cycles. Under cyclic strain of less than 500, the fatigue life of most gauges is infinite. Post-yield strain gauges should not be subjected to cycle loading in elastic range as well as in large strain range.



#### **●Permissible Current (Permissible Voltage)**

The current flowing in a strain gauge is related to the output voltage of the gauge bridge, and the larger the current, the larger the voltage is obtained. However, depending upon the material of a specimen and the area of the gauge, Joule's heat is generated by the current to raise the temperature of gauge and as a result apparent strains are produced. In general, a current less than 30mA is recommended for metallic specimens and less than 10mA for wooden and plastic specimens which dissipate heat less efficiently.

#### **●Strain Gauge Frequency Response**

The frequency response of a strain gauge is determined by the gauge length and the longitudinal elastic wave speed of the test specimen. Frequency response limits are typically only a concern under impact conditions.



#### **●Gauge Creep**

A bonded strain gauge subjected to a constant strain will give a decreasing indicated value as time progresses. This phenomenon is referred to as creep. In general, the shorter the gauge length, the greater the gauge creep becomes. Also, this tendency exhibits well if the strain gauge or adhesive absorbs moisture.



#### **●Strain Gauge Shape**

TML also supplies strain gauge in different patterns for a range of applications. Select the appropriate gauge patterns for your application.



**Strain Gauge** 

# **Temperature compensation for leadwires in Quarter bridge**

For strain gauge measurement, the Wheatstone bridge circuit is used to convert resistance change of the strain gauge into voltage output. The simplest bridge method is a quarter bridge, where one arm is composed of the strain gauge while the other three arms are composed of fixed resistors in the instrument. A 2-wire leadwire may be used for connecting the strain gauge to the instrument. However, if the temperature of the leadwire changes, thermal output of the bridge is caused even if there is no change in actual strain. For this reason, the quarter bridge 2-wire method should be used only when temperature change is not expected during the measurement or for a dynamic measurement in which the thermal output can be disregarded. A quarter bridge 3-wire method is available as a mean to eliminate the thermal output of the leadwire, when a 3-wire leadwire is used for connection of the strain gauge. In this method, the influence of resistance change of the leadwire caused by temperature change is cancelled. In addition, the effect of the leadwire on gauge factor is half as large as that of the quarter bridge 2-wire method. The quarter bridge 3-wire method is recommended over the 2-wire method, especially when temperature change is expected during the measurement and/or comparatively long leadwires are used.

Other bridge methods including half bridge and full bridge are also available. Refer to p.17~18 for details.



#### **●Thermal output caused by temperature change**

In a quarter bridge 2-wire method, changes in leadwire temperature cause changes in the leadwire resistance, which result in thermal output. Use the equation below to compensate for this thermal output.

$$
Leaderive thermal output \quad \epsilon \perp = \frac{r \cdot L \cdot \alpha \cdot \Delta T}{K \cdot (R + r \cdot L)}
$$

where

- 
- ε L : Leadwire thermal output
- K : Gauge factor indicated on the strain gauge package
- α : Thermal coefficient of resistance of leadwire
- $(3.9 \times 10^{-3}$ <sup>o</sup>C for copper)
- r : Total resistance of leadwire per 1 meter (Ω/m)
- L : Leadwire length (m)
- ΔT : Temperature change of leadwire (°C)
- Note)
- Compensation is possible on condition that the temperature change is uniform for whole length of the leadwire.
- In a quarter bridge 3-wire method, compensation is not necessary because the influence of change in leadwire resistance caused by temperature change is cancelled.
- Also our 1-Gauge 4-Wire Strain measuremet method does not require above correction because it is not influenced at all by the leadwire resistance. Refer to following page for details.

#### **●Gauge Factor (Gauge sensitivity) correction for leadwire connection**

The leadwire resistance between the strain gauge and strainmeter noticeably lowers the gauge factor. Calculation for the correction is required depending on the measurement method and on the leadwire type and length.



#### **●Total resistance per meter of our typical pre-attached leadwire** In strain gauge, the leadwire resistance produces a deterioration of gauge sensitivity and thermal drift. The leadwire should be as thick

and as short as possible.

**Twisted leadwire**



**¶** Setting the Gauge Factor to Data Loggers\*

$Cs =$	2.00 Kn I	Cs: Coefficient set $K0$ : Gauge Factor corrected with leadwire attached
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For the detail of Data Loggers, refer to page 95.

lemperature compensation for leadwires in Quarter bridge



# **Complete Compensation Method of Strain with Wheatstone Bridge - COMET**

#### COMET: Abbreviation of Complete Compensation Method of Strain

When measuring strain using a strain gauge, quarter bridge method is commonly used. Quarter bridge 2-wire method is the easiest for strain measurement, while quarter bridge 3-wire method has an advantage of eliminating thermal output caused by the temperature change of the lead wire. It is known that there may be some small errors in measured values obtained by these methods, which are caused by initial unbalance and non-linearity of the bridge circuit. Most of our strainmeters already have a function of correcting nonlinearity of quarter bridge circuit. However, if we look into the matter more closely, this function is not enough to completely correct the measured values, for example when the initial unbalance of the bridge is significant. Our unique technique "Complete Compensation Method of Strain" is a method which is capable of fully correcting the errors in measured values obtained by quarter bridge method without being influenced by initial unbalance and non-linearity of the bridge circuit. This method is available in our instruments listed below.

#### **Data loggers**

TS-960, TS-560, TDS-630, TDS-540, TDS-530\*, TDS-602\*, TDS-303\*, TDS-150, TDS-102\*, TC-31K\*, TC-32K \* : No longer in production

#### **Measurement error is not caused by initial unbalance of bridge**

If the resistance of strain gauge and bridge completion resistors is not exactly the same when the strain is zero, an output voltage is yielded. This should more or less occur in actual bridge circuits. The output voltage is treated as an initial unbalance and deducted from the output voltage when strain is applied. However, it causes some error in measured strain values. This error becomes zero by using the Complete Compensation Method of Strain.It is especially effective in cases as follows, in which a large initial unbalance is expected.

- The leadwire is extended during the measurement.
- The strain gauge is mounted on a curved surface.
- Strain gauges having uneven resistance are used.
- Temperature change is large during the measurement.

#### **Non-linearity error of bridge circuit is completely corrected**

The relation between the output voltage of bridge circuit and the strain is not exactly linear. Non-linearity error becomes larger with increase of strain. Conventional method for correcting the nonlinearity is based on condition that the initial unbalance of bridge is zero. The Complete Compensation Method of Strain works to correct the non-linearity error even when the initial unbalance of bridge is large. It is also effective in the following cases in addition to the cases mentioned in former clause.



Strain gauge is replaced with a new one when measuring large strain. Initial unbalance is readjusted during the measurement

#### **Descent of sensitivity caused by the leadwire resistance is corrected**

The strain gauge sensitivity is influenced by the resistance of the leadwire. In quarter bridge 3-wire method, the lead- wire resistance is measured and the sensitivity is corrected automatically by using a data logger having the Complete Compensation Method of Strain. When measuring multiple points of strain gauges, it is not necessary to use lead wires of the same length for the purpose of simplifying the correction calculation.

#### **Complete Correction of thermal output of strain gauge**

Thermal output of strain gauge is given as data under no strain, and it may somewhat differ under strained condition. The Complete Compensation Method of Strain compensates thermal output by taking the applied strain into consideration. This is especially effective when the thermal output is large.

(This compensation is available in TDS-630.)

#### **Correction of error caused by replacement of strain gauge**

When measuring a large strain, it is a common practice to replace the strain gauge with a new one when the strain comes close to strain limit of the strain gauge. In this case, accurate strain after the replacement can be known by correcting the measured values referring to the strain value at the time of replacement. The Complete Compensation Method of Strain makes this correction automatically.

#### **Setting of true strain measurement (COMET)**

This is the setting for performing a measurement correcting the error of strain value using the function called "COMET".



05/22 21:16:34 measurement value is displayed by implementing non-linear correction even if [Not use] is selected. By selecting Comet, it is possible to obtain more correct strain value.

Half bridge common dummy can be used only for Comet A.

#### **COMET A**

This is the correction method to correct the non-linearity error by initial unbalance of the bridge, and this is effective when the initial unbalance value is large. The bridge output voltage eo is measured at initial in and memorized internally. The bridge output voltage e when the strain is generated is calculated when the measurement is performed, and the correction calculation below is implemented.

$$
\mathsf{Em} = \frac{\mathsf{e} - \mathsf{e}_0}{(1 - \mathsf{e}) \times (1 + \mathsf{e}_0)}
$$

#### **COMET B (Quarter bridge 3-wire method only)**

This is used when correcting the descent of sensitivity by leadwire at the same time as the correction method of Comet A.

The bridge output voltage eo at initial unbalance and both-ends voltage of lead wire resistance er are measured at initial in, and memorized internally. The bridge output voltage e when the strain is generated is measured at the measurement, and the calculation below is implemented.

$$
\mathsf{Em} = \frac{\mathsf{e} - \mathsf{e}_0}{(1-\mathsf{e}) \times (1+\mathsf{e}_0-\mathsf{e}\mathsf{r})}
$$

When Comet B calculation is implemented, the correction calculation that includes initial unbalance value that is recorded at initial in and both-ends voltage of leadwire resistance is implemented from the formula above, so only the measure measurement is available. Be sure to perform the measurement after implementing the initial in at the initial unbalanced status for starting measurement.

**Strain Gauge**

**MEASUREMENT** 

**Strain Gauge** 

# **Application example of Complete Compensation Method of Strain**

Measurements using our data loggers equipped with Complete Compensation Method of Strain have the advantages of the followings.

- Complete compensation of non-linearity
- No influence of strain gauge resistance
- No influence of dummy resistance
- No need of using leadwires of the same length saving costs and space for unnecessary leadwires
- No need of correcting sensitivity change caused by leadwire resistance

Accurate strain measurement is possible owing to the features above. Furthermore, measurements as in the following examples become possible by the use of Complete Compensation Method of Strain.

#### **Application example 1:**

#### **Compensation of thermal output when using a temperature-**

#### **integrated strain gauge**

Thermal output of strain gauge is automatically compensated when measuring a temperature-integrated strain gauge with data logger TDS-630. A polynomial representing the thermal output is attached to each strain gauge, and coefficients of the polynomial are input to TDS-630 before starting the measurement. Thermal output of the strain gauge caused by the change of environmental temperature is calculated and corrected by the TDS-630 with better accuracy than conventional method.





#### **Application example 2:**

#### **Measurement of stress concentration gauge CCFXX, CCFYX**

The CCFXX and CCFYX are newly developed strain gauges having 10 grids aligned continuously without interval between each adjoining grids. Different from the conventional stress concentration gauge having individual grids aligned with small intervals, it can measure strain distribution of the specimen more precisely. This strain gauge should be measured using our data logger with Complete Compensation Method of Strain. The number of leadwires is reduced to 11





The number of leadwires is 30 which is required for measuring a conventional 10-element strain gauge with quarter bridge 3-wire method. The number is reduced to 11 in CCFXX/CCFYX strain gauge. This is achieved by using one leadwire for measurement of two or three grids. The adjacent grid is connected in series with one leadwire of 3-wire connection. The resistance of this adiacent grid can be ignored by using our data logger with Complete Compensation Method of Strain.

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# **1-gauge 4-wire strain measurement method**

## **Abstract**

When measuring strain gauges, various connection methods are available according to the number of strain gauges used and the purpose of measurement. In quarter bridge method, 3-wire connection is widely used to remove the effect of temperature change in the resistance of the strain gauge leadwire. However in the method, gauge factor correction is required depending on the leadwire resistance. In addition, some measurement error may be caused by the contact resistance in the connection part such as between the strain gauge leadwire and the instrument terminal. The 1-gauge 4-wire strain measurement is our unique method which eliminates the need of gauge factor correction depending on the leadwire resistance and the measurement error caused by the contact resistance.

Since a new leadwire and a simple connector (modular plug) can be used, it helps to streamline the wiring works and to prevent wiring mistakes, and also to reduce the cost of strain measurement by reusing the leadwires. Furthermore, since soldering works are not necessary, it can save wiring materials and realize lead-free connections.

## **Advantage over quarter bridge 3-wire method**

#### **●Leadwire resistance**

In the conventional method, leadwires as thick and short as possible are recommended to keep the resistance of the leadwire as small as possible. However, since there is no influence of the leadwire resistance in 1-gauge 4-wire method, it is possible to use thin and/or long leadwires for connecting strain gauges.



**Comparison of strain measurement method between Quarter bridge 3-wire and 1-gauge 4-wire Advantage of not being affected by leadwire resistance**



#### ● Not influenced by thermal output of leadwire

When a 10 meter long leadwire having cross sectional area of  $0.11$ mm<sup>2</sup> is used for measurement of 120  $\Omega$  strain gauge in quarter bridge (2-wire) method, thermal output of about 50×10-6 strain/°C will be resulted if there is a temperature change during the measurement. Therefore, compensation is necessary. Even if the quarter bridge 3-wire method is used, compensation is necessary when the type, length, cross sectional area, or temperature environment of the three wires is not the same. In 1-gauge 4-wire strain measurement method, compensation is not necessary even under such conditions.



#### **●Contact resistance**

Conventionally, leadwire extension and connection to a measuring instrument are done by soldering or by the use of specially designed connectors in order to eliminate the influence of contact resistance. Since the 1-gauge 4-wire method is not affected at all by contact resistance, a modular plug which is installed by crimping can be used. The modular plug makes easy connection of the leadwire to an instrument or to an extension leadwire, and efficient connection works without wiring mistakes become possible. Furthermore, since soldering is not necessary, lead-free connection is actualized.

**Comparison of strain measurement method between Quarter bridge 3-wire and 1-gauge 4-wire Advantage of not being affected by the variation of contact resistance at the connection point**



## **Strain gauge with leadwire and modular plug**

This is a strain gauge applicable to our newly developed 1-gauge 4-wire strain measurement method. Most of our strain gauges can be supplied with the exclusive leadwire and the modular plug (RJ12) preattached. Because the modular plug is attached to the end of the leadwire, neither soldering nor screwing is necessary when connecting the strain gauge to a measuring instrument. The strain gauge is connected by simply inserting the modular plug into the modular connector receptacle which is equipped in data logger TDS-630, TDS-540 (with option), TDS-150 and TC-32K, and switching box IHW-50H, IHW-50G, ISW-50G, SSW-50D and FSW-10. The sheath of the 4-wire leadwire is made of polypropylene, which does not generate noxious gas even if exposed to fire. A vinyl sheathed leadwire is also available at a lower cost.

#### Easy leadwire extension using modular connectors



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# **1-gauge 4-wire strain measurement method**

# **Measurement principle**

The 1-gauge 4-wire strain measurement method uses a simple series circuit which is composed of a resistance of strain gauge (R) and a reference resistance (Rs) to measure strain. The voltage (E) is applied to the both ends of the series circuit to flow the current (i). The strain is obtained from the voltage (V) generated by the strain gauge resistance and the voltage (Vs) generated by the reference resistance. As the path where the current flows and the path where the voltage is measured are different, measurement is possible without being affected by the leadwire resistance or the contact resistance (r).

- where R : Gauge resistance
	- Rs : Reference resistance
- $r_1 \sim r_4$ : Leadwire resistance and contact resistance
- i : Current flowing in strain gauge resistance and reference resistance
- E : Excitation voltage
- V : Voltage generated by gauge resistance
- Vs : Voltage generated by reference resistance

## **Connection / Applicable instruments**

*i R Rs E V Vs r3 r4 r2*

*r1*

The 1-gauge 4-wire method is a new strain measurement method that does not need gauge factor correction for the leadwire resistance and does not cause measurement error by the contact resistance. In addition, the method can remove the initial unbalance caused by the leadwire resistance and also can remove the influence of leadwire resistance change caused by the temperature change. While the use of a leadwire as thick and short as possible is recommended for quarter bridge 3-wire method, a thin leadwire and/or connectors for connection and extension of the leadwire can be used for 1-gauge 4-wire method. Correction of the measured values is not necessary even if leadwires of various types and/or of different length for each strain gauge are used.

The 1-gauge 4-wire strain measurement method is available only by the data loggers and switching boxes made by our company.



The exclusive laedwire with modular plug (RJ12) can be attached to most of our strain gauges. It enables efficient wiring works without mistakes. The leadwires can be used repeatedly to reduce the cost of the measurement.



Applicable sensor mode 1G4W 120Ω Gauge resistance 120 Ω 1G4W 240Ω Gauge resistance 240 Ω 1G4W 350Ω Gauge resistance 350 Ω

Applicable instruments

Data logger TDS-540(with option)/TS-560 /TDS-630/TDS-150/TC-32K

1-gauge 4-wire strain measurement is possible by fast connection to the modular jack of the switching box

Switching box IHW-50H/IHW-50G/ISW-50G/SSW-50D/FSW-10

#### **●3-element rosette strain gauge (shrinkable tube type)**

This is a 3-element rosette strain gauge having a 4-wire parallel leadwire with modular plug attached to each element in 1-gauge 4-wire connection. Fast connection of the leadwires are possible to each channel of a data logger or switching box for static strain measurement. Note: This strain gauge is not applicable to dynamic strain meters.

・3-element 0° /45° /90° stacked type Used leadwire 0.08mm<sup>2</sup> vinyl sheathed leadwire with modular plug

Applicable temperature -20~+80° C FRA-2-11-○LQM (modular plug 4-wire RJ12 6-4)  $\bigcirc$  shows the lead wire length in meter







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# **Measuring Method of Strain and Temperature**

Temperature measurement is necessary for strain measurement involving temperature change. In addition to the thermocouples and platinum RTDs which are generally used for measuring temperature, our product line includes temperature gauges which may be used in a same way as strain gauges, and temperature integrated strain gauges which are capable of measuring strain and temperature simultaneously. We will provide you with the introduction of their features and applications.

**Temperature measurement applications to our strain measuring instruments**



#### **THERMOCOUPLE**

Wide range of temperature can be measured by selecting the types of thermocouple wire and sheath material. In this catalog, the following sheath material for thermocouples are introduced (the temperatures indicated are upper temperature limits):

Vinyl: 80 °C

Fluorinated resin: 200 °C

Glass fiber : 350 °C

See page 76 for the details of thermocouples.

#### **PLATINUM RTD**

Temperature measurement can be carried out by bonding the platinum RTD to the surface of an object to be measured, just like when using strain gauges. The measurement accuracy is high, and the measurement can be done by connecting to lead wires for strain gauges. Platinum RTD

#### **TEMPERATURE-INTEGRATED STRAIN GAUGES**

Temperature measurement function can be mounted to almost any foil strain gauge. (See the chart in pages 39 and 40 for combination of strain gauges and dedicated lead wires.) The temperature measurement point is the tab of a strain gauge, so the temperature shown is as same as the temperature of the strain gauge. The temperature can be measured using our data logger.

The applicable lead wires with temperature measuring function are as follows:

- Single core 3-wire twisted fluorinated resin (FEP) lead wire 6FB\_TLT Applicable temperature: -269 °C ~ +200 °C
- 3-wire paralleled vinyl lead wire -TLJBT/-TLJBT-F Applicable temperature: -20 °C ~ +80 °C
- 4-wire paralleled vinyl lead wire TLQ Applicable temperature: -20 °C ~ +80 °C
	- (See page 34 for details of lead wires.)

#### Wire connection methods

1. For TS-963/-960/TDS-630/-540/-530 CH<sub>1</sub>



2. For other applicable measuring instruments: TDS-302/-303/-601/-601A/-602/ -101R/-150/-102/-300



#### **TEMPERATURE GAUGES TF SERIES**

Temperature gauge TF series is used for measuring surface temperature by bonding it to the surface of structural object just like strain gauges. By using adapter TGA for temperature gauge and strain measuring instrument

#### **TEMPERATURE GAUGES KT-110A**

KT-110A is a temperature sensor using full bridge method. It is used in civil engineering and construction sites for its robustness. KT-110A can carry out measurement as temperature sensor using full bridge method

in combination, the measurement will be performed and represented in the unit of  $100 \times 10^{-6}$  °C. See page 76 for details of TF series and adapter **TGA** 

(also used by transducers) by using strain measuring instruments. Consult us for details of KT-110A.

is connected to static strain measuring instruments such as data logger TDS series or TC-32K when measuring. Platinum RTD is not applicable to dynamic strain measuring instruments.

By using static strain measuring instruments such as data logger TDS series and TC-32K, temperature measurement using various thermocouples can be carried out. As for DC dynamic strain measuring instrument DC-96A/DC-97A, DC-204R, DC-004P, DH-14A, TMR-300 and DS-50A, temperature measurement can be carried out by thermocouples K and T through Dedicated unit or thermocouple adapter TA-01KT.

If you wish to mount the temperature measuring function on the strain gauge of your choice, insert a "T" after the number indicating the length of the gauge, and then designate the length and type of the lead wire. For example, if you want to add temperature measuring function and a 3 meters vinyl lead wire to FLA-2-11, the type name should be written as:



Temperature integrated strain gauges are not applicable to measurements by dynamic strain measuring instruments.

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# **STRAIN GAUGE BRIDGE CIRCUIT**

STRAIN GAUGE BRIDGE CIRCUIT Connection diagram varies according to strainmeter type. **Measuring mode Bridge circuit Wiring connection to Bridge Output Switching Box Bridge Box** Quarter bridge (with 2-wire) **E : Excitation voltage e : Output voltage ⊿e : Output voltage due to strain e0 : Output voltage before strain generation R0 : Resistance change due to generation** EDCBA **⊿R : Resistance change** Terminal code  **due to strain ε : strain** Quarter bridge with 3-wire R, **K : Gauge Factor of strain gauge** Thermal output of leadwire is  $R<sub>1</sub>$ cancelled. **e**  $= e_0 + ∠e_1$  $R_1 = R_0 + ∠ R$  $R = R_0$ EDCBA  $∠e = \frac{E}{4}$  **Kε** Terminal code short-circuited  $\overline{R_{2}}$  $R_1$  $R_1$   $R_2$ Quarter bridge 3-wire with two gauges connected in series in one strain gauge  $R_1 = R_0 + ∠ R$ 60Ω each arm, eliminating bending strain  $R_2 = R_0 + ∠R$  $R = 2R_0$  $∠e = \frac{E}{4}$  **Kε** EDCBA  $R<sub>2</sub>$ Terminal code Quarter bridge with four gauges connected in series and  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R_4 =$ paralleled in one arm **R0+⊿R**  $R = R_0$ - Ø-B  $∠e = \frac{E}{4}$  **Kε**  $F D C B A$ Terminal code Half bridge with 1-active and 1-dummy gauge  $R_1 = R_0 + ∠ R$  $R_2 = R_0 = R$  $∠e = \frac{E}{4}$  **Kε** Half bridge with two active  $\mathsf{R}$  $R_2$  $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}\n\hline\n\text{gauges} & & & \text{R}_1 = \text{R}_0 + \angle \text{R} \end{array}$  $R_2$  =  $R_0$  − *ν*  $\angle$  R  $∠e = {E(1+ν) \over 4}$  ⋅ Kε ν **: Poisson's ratio** EDCBA Terminal code short-circuited Half bridge with 2 active gauges : Bending strain **R1 EXA EXA**  $R_2 = R_0 − ∠ R$  $R = R_0$  $∠e = \frac{E}{2}$  **Kε**  $|R$ 

Output voltage due to strain is based on the condition that output voltage before strain generation ( $e_0$ ) is zero.

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**Strain Gauge Strain Gauge**

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# **STRAIN GAUGE CODING SYSTEM**



(0°/90°)

45° Single-axis

 0°/90° 2-axis 0°/45°/90° 3-axis general strain gauges



The following strain gauges are CE marked.

For strain gauge without integral lead wire

- Strain gauge with "-F" appended to the type number

- Strain gauge indicated with "CE" mark in this catalog



(\*3) Indicated only for self-temperature-compensated strain gauges. For other materials, contact TML or your local representative.

**Strain Gauge**

**Strain Gauge** 

Option –F

solder, the option code "-F" is appended to the type number to discriminate them from conventional leadwire pre-attached strain

gauges using leaded solder.

**Strain Gauge**

**Strain Gauge** 

#### Option –F

**F LA -3 T - 350 - 11 (-F) - 3 LJB (-F)**

Strain gauges using leaded solder as standard specifications are optionally available with lead-free solder used. The option code "-F" is appended to the type number of lead-free solder used gauges to discriminate them from conventional strain gauges using leaded solder. The option code "-F" is omitted for strain gauges with CE marking such as GOBLET series.

# **Color coding for test specimen**

**Length of leadwire pre-attached (\*4)** with 2-wire Standard length  $1, 3, 5$  m with 3-wire Standard length  $3, 5$  m

Most of our strain gauges are self-temperature-compensated. The backings of F, WF and CF series strain gauges are classified into three colors according to the objective material for measurement.





For further information on combination use with strain gauges, refer to pages 39~40.



(\*4) These strain gauges are available with integral leadwires attached. (made to

order)

## **Name of each part of strain gauge**

# **STRAIN GAUGE SELECTION**

## Strain Gauge Characteristics



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\*1: Approximately temperature compensated range \*2: Up to +600° C for static measurement, Up to +650° C for dynamic measurement



**Fatigue life**

# **STRAIN GAUGE SELECTION**

## Strain Gauge Characteristics



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# **Measuring purpose**

# **Gauge series selection chart**



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# **Operating temperature range**



# **PACKAGE DESIGNATION**

TML strain gauges are delivered together with TML Strain Gauge Test Data (example shown below). The evaluation methods conform to the National Aerospace Standard NAS942 (modified). For installation, handling and bonding procedures, please see the data sheet.

## **GAUGE PACKAGE**



axial direction. Within this length, the measured strain is averaged.

#### strain generated due to the uniaxial stress in the direction of the gauge axis.

## **COLOR CODING FOR TEST SPECIMEN**

Colors of package label differ depending on the test specimen material for temperature compensation.





**Strain Gauge**

**Strain Gauge** 

# **LEADWIRE-INTEGRATED STRAIN GAUGE PACKAGE**

#### LJCT : 3-wire system



#### **LEADWIRES**

Core number/diameter Wiring system Length of leadwire FLAB-5-11-3LJCT-F (Left)

 10/0.12 3W 3m : 10-core 0.12mm diameter, 3-wire, 3-meter long. FLAB-5-11-5LJB-F (Right)

 7/0.12 2W 5m r=0.44Ω/m : 7-core 0.12mm diameter, 2-wire, 5-meter long, leadwire resistance per meter 0.44Ω above

## **STRAIN GAUGE TEST DATA**

#### **GAUGE RESISTANCE**

For pre-attached strain gauge, the gauge resistance value does not include the lead wire resistance. For correction of gauge factor due to the prolonged leadwire resistance, refer to the resistance per meter (r value) given in LEAD WIRES.



Example of curved data on thermal output

# **GAUGE FACTOR OF LEADWIRE PRE-ATTACHED STRAIN GAUGES**

The gauge factor of a leadwire pre-attached strain gauge given in its STRAIN GAUGE TEST DATA and package label is a value of the strain gauge itself. Since the given gauge factor does not include the influence of the leadwire resistance, it should be corrected referring to the description of "Gauge factor correction due to leadwire" in "Handling of strain gauge" which is found in the attached test data. The correction should be made considering the influence of all leadwires that are actually connected.

# **PRIMARY INSTALLATIONS - Bonding strain gauges**

When bonding the strain gauges, the most suitable adhesive should be selected for each application. A typical installation procedure is described below using the fast-curing adhesive CN.

#### **1. Preparation**

**The following items are required for bonding and leadwire connection: Strain gauges, bonding adhesive, connecting terminals, test specimen, solvent, cleaning tissue for industrial use, soldering iron, solder, abrasive paper (120 ‐320 grit), marking pencil, scale, tweezers, extension leadwire, polyethylene sheet, nippers.**

#### **2. Positioning**

**Roughly determine a location on the test specimen where the strain gauge is to be bonded.**

#### **3. Surface preparation**

**Before bonding, remove all grease, rust, paint, etc., from the bonding area to provide a shinny metallic surface. Use abrasive paper to abrade an area somewhat larger than the bonding area uniformly and finely with abrasive paper. Finish the surface with #120 to 180 abrasive paper for steel, or #240 to 320 for aluminium.**



#### **4. Fine cleaning**

**Clean the abraded surface with industrial tissue or cloth soaked in a small quantity of chemical solvent such as acetone. Continue cleaning until a new tissue or cloth comes away completely free of contamination. Following the suface preparation, be sure to attach the gauge before the surface becomes covered with an oxidizing membrane or becomes newly contaminated.**



#### **5. Applying bonding adhesive**

**Drop a proper amount of adhesive onto the back of the gauge base. Usually one drop of adhesive will suffice, but you may increase the number of drops according to the size of the gauge. Use the adhesive nozzle to spread the adhesive over the back surface thinly and uniformly.**



#### **6. Curing and pressing**

**Place the gauge on the position, place a polyethylene sheet onto it and press down on the gauge constantly using your thumb or a gauge clamp. This should be done quickly as the curing process is completed very fast. The curing time varies depending on the gauge, test specimen, temperature, humidity and pressing force. The curing time under normal conditions is 20-60 seconds.**



#### **7. Raising gauge leads**

**After the adhesive beneath the polyethylene sheet has been perfectly cured, raise the gauge leads. Raise the leads up to a bit inside the gauge base while pressing down the foot of the leads by tweezers not to damage the leads..**



#### **8. Bonding connecting terminals**

**Bond the terminal close to the gauge base.**

**Foil type connecting terminals**



#### **9. Soldering the gauge leads**

**Place the gauge leads on the gauge terminal with a little slack and apply solder so that the metal foil of terminal is covered with the solder. An excess gauge leads should be twisted off by tweezers.**



#### **10. Soldering leadwires**

**It is recommended to plate the exposed core wires of the extension leadwires with solder preliminarily.**

**Solder the end of leadwire to the terminals. Take care not to excessively heat the terminal to peel off the metal foil.**





# **PRIMARY INSTALLATIONS - Overcoating strain gauges**

#### Water- and Moisture-proofing with SB tape and VM tape

Requirement in strain gauge coatings

- **•Excellent resistance to moisture and water and good electrical insulation**
- **•Good adhesion to the strain gauge, leadwires and test specimen surface**
- **•No constriction of the test specimen**

**Both of the SB and VM tapes are butyl rubber tape generally referred to as pressure-sensitive adhesive. These coating tapes are applied by being pressed onto the test specimen, and they provide excellent resistance to moisture and water.** 

#### **SB tape**

Butyl rubber Temperature : -30 to +80°C<br>Contents : 10mm×3mm  $10mm \times 3mm$ 5m long/roll

SB TAP

#### **VM tape** Butyl rubber

Temperature : -20 to +80°C<br>Contents : 38mm×1mm  $38$ mm $\times$ 1mm 6m long/roll



#### **Example for leadwire integrated strain gauge**

**First coating with SB tape**

**Trimming the SB tape**

**With scissors, cut off one piece of tape large enough to cover the coating area and another piece 5mm to 10mm in length to fit under the leadwires.**



#### **Under-laying**

**Lift up the leadwires and press the smaller piece of tape onto the test specimen surface under the leadwires.**



#### **Overall coating**

**Press the leadwires back down onto the piece of SB tape and then press the larger piece of coating tape down onto the strain gauge.**





**Finish coating with VM tape**

**Cut a piece of VM tape slightly larger than the layer of SB tape coating and press it down onto the place so that the first coating is fully covered by the VM tape**.





# **STRAIN GAUGE INSTALLATION**

**TML strain gauge series are roughly classified into 4 types depending on the method of installation.**

#### 1. Adhesive bonding type

In general, most of strain gauges are installed on the surface of test specimen with adhesive. Measurement is possible as far as the specimen material is bondable with adhesive. This method can be applied to various materials including metal, concrete, wood and composite material. After installation, coatings should be applied to protect the strain gauges and leadwires from various environmental conditions. The availability of this bonding type depends on the operating temperature of adhesive. The maximum operating temperature is 300°C.



#### 2. Electrical Spot weldable type

The strain gauge of this type is fully encapsulated in a corrosionresisting metal tube for use in various conditions, such as gas-filled and underwater environments. It is constructed heat resistive, and the installation is made by electrical spot welding which maintains excellent fixation even in high temperature. The operating temperature range is from -196°C to +800°C. The spot welder W-50RC is developed exclusively for installation of strain gauges of this type, and it can be used without any qualifications or special skill. Naturally, the specimen material must be a metal which allows electrical spot welding.



#### 3. Frictional gauge type (Re-usable type)

This gauge consists of a soft rubber layer on its contact surface and a magnet which presses the strain gauge against the specimen surface by magnetic force. It measures strain by friction which is caused between the contact surface of strain gauge and the measurement surface of the metal specimen. It has the advantage of being usable repeatedly because it is attached by magnetic force without using adhesive. Since the measurement point can be moved easily, it is useful for preparatory or supplemental measurement. The maximum operating temperature is 60°C because of adopting magnetic force.



4. Internal strain measurement using embedment type Above strain gauges of three types measure surface strains of test specimen. This strain gauge measures internal strain of concrete, mortar or asphalt by being embedded into the material before its hardening. It makes possible with measurement in the early stage of hardening of the material. Some series of this type are applicable to measurement in asphalt in high temperature of 200°C. We also have a method to measure axial force of bolt by embedding a bolt strain gauge which is specially prepared for this purpose.



# **STRAIN GAUGE EXTENSION LEADWIRES**

Strain gauges are connected to strain measuring instruments using extension leadwires. We offer various types of leadwires to be selected depending on the usage conditions. In addition, most of strain gauges are available with extension leadwires preattached at our factory. Those leadwire-integrated strain gauges greatly save the leadwire connection works during the strain gauge installation. Please feel free to contact our company or local representative for the extension leadwires and the leadwire-integrated strain gauges.

#### **Standard leadwire length for leadwire-integrated strain gauges**

Standard length of our integral leadwires is 1m, 3m and 5m except enamel leadwires. The standard length of enamel leadwires are 0.3m, 0.5m and 1m. Other lengths than the standard length may be available on request. The enamel leadwires are not available in a length more than 1m.

·OPTION -F Leadwire with CE marking

Leadwire with CE marking (compliant to RoHS2 Directive)

Identification code "-F" is appended to the type number of the leadwire.

## **Leadwire selection**

#### **¶ Vinyl leadwires (Standard lengths: 1m, 3m, 5m)**

Vinyl leadwires are widely used as strain gauge leadwires, and are available in a variety of types. Because the vinyl insulation can be colored, these wires allow color-coding for rosette gauges. Stranded core wires are flexible and easy to handle, and allow easy wire connection and terminal attachment.

#### **·Small diameter vinyl wires (Code to order -LH, -LHT)**

These leadwires feature a thin vinyl insulated materials and small diameter core wires to achieve an outside diameter of 0.4mm. They are used for wiring in tight spaces. The stranded wires are flexible and minimize breakage due to repeated bending.

#### **·Shielded vinyl wires (Code to order -LTSA, -LTSB)**

These are 3-core wires with shield made of aluminium foil or braided copper wire. The outer insulation is made of vinyl. These leadwires offer a noise shielding function.



N.B.: \* Stripe is for distinction of independent wire in quarter bridge 3-wire connection.



# **STRAIN GAUGE EXTENSION LEADWIRES**

#### **¶ Enamel leadwires (Standard lengths: 0.3m, 0.5m, 1m)**

Enamel leadwires have a single core insulated with a resin. Heat resistance and handling methods vary depending on resin. Because the wire mass and diameter are small, enamel leadwires are used for strain measurement of rotating specimens and/or measurement of multiple points located in close proximity. Since the enamel leadwire contains one core covered with a thin resin, it must be handled with care.

#### **·Polyurethane leadwires**

Polyurethane leadwires allow easy post-processing because the resin can be removed with a soldering iron. The resin is not strong, therefore, polyurethane wires must be handled with special care.

#### **·Polyester leadwires**

Polyester leadwires are harder than polyurethane wires. It cannot be removed with a soldering iron.

#### **·Polyimide leadwires**

Polyimide leadwires are harder than the polyester wire. A soldering iron cannot be used for post-processing.



N.B.: \*1: Two types with different core diameters, which are 0.14 mm and 0.18 mm, are available for each enamel wire. \*2: Attachment of lead wire cannot be performed on stacked-type two-element or three-element gauges.

#### **¶ Cross-linked Vinyl leadwires (Standard lengths: 1m, 3m, 5m)**

The cross-linked vinyl insulation provides improved resistance against environmental elements. It is often used for underwater measurement in ordinary temperature.

#### **¶ Cross-linked Polyethylene leadwires (Standard lengths: 1m, 3m, 5m)**

The cross-linked polyethylene leadwire offers higher durability than the cross-linked vinyl leadwire. Cross-linked polyethylene leadwires can be used in steam, warm water and concrete with virtually no insulation degradation.



# EXTENSION LEADWIRES

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## **¶ Special leadwire for temperature-integrated gauge** (Standard lengths: 1m, 3m, 5m)

Special leadwire for temperature-integrated gauge consists of 2-core copper and 1-core constantan. To extend this wire, the exclusive leadwire should be applied propely.



N.B.: \*1: Total resistance of copper wire per meter

 $*2:$   $\Box$  is filled with the lead wire length in meter

\*: For the method of connection to a strainmeter, refer to the operation manual of the strainmeter.

#### **¶ Fluorinated resin leadwire** (Standard lengths: 1m, 3m, 5m)

With a fluorinated resin leadwires, these leadwires can be used in a wide range of temperature from extremely low to high temperatures. Fluorinated resin resists most chemicals. A surface treatment (tetra-etching) is not required by 6FAS\_LT(-F).



N.B.: \*1: □ is filled with the lead wire length in meter

\*2: PTFE leadwire is available for use in 300°C for a short term

\*3: Suffix code LT(CT) means connecting terminal joint, while LT(TA) means insulation with film

\*4: for easy application of coating: Surface treatment (tetra-etching) is not required when applying coating

# **HOW ARE INTEGRAL LEADWIRES JOINTED**

Most TML strain gauges are available with extension leadwires pre-attached for customer convenience. We have several methods for connecting leadwires to be chosen depending on conditions such as the type of strain gauge and leadwire, measurement environments and so on.

## Different joints

#### **·Integral type**

A vinyl leadwire is jointed to polyimide insulated gauge leads of a strain gauge. The solder joints are covered with the vinyl insulation of the leadwire. This is our standard method of integral leadwire attachment.

#### **·Heat-shrinkable tubing**

A soldered joint between gauge leads and leadwire is protected with a heat shrinkable tube. The heat shrinkable tubes are available in three ratings of temperature among 80°C, 200°C and 260°C.

#### **·Connecting terminals joint type**

Gauge leads and leadwires are jointed using foil shape connecting terminals. Measurement in high temperature is possible by using a high temperature solder with melting point of 300°C or more for the joint.

#### **·Insulation film type**

A soldered joint between gauge leads and leadwires is covered with an insulation film of glass cloth base. The film is resistive to heat up to 300°C, so this method is suited to measurement in high temperature.

#### **·Direct type**

A vinyl leadwire is jointed directly to gauge leads, which are made of nickel plated copper. The solder joints are covered with vinyl insulation of a leadwire up to the end of the gauge base.



The option code "-F" appended to the leadwire code indicates that lead-free solder is used for the leadwire.



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N.B.:

Figures in Leadwire construction column show "Number of cores/ Diameter of one conductor leadwire in mm". For example, "7/0.12" represents "7core / 0.12mm diameter for one conductor leadwire". All dimensions of the Leadwire Heat-shrinkable tube and Film are approximate values in mm.

"○" in the "Code to order" is filled with the leadwire length in meter.

# **HOW ARE INTEGRAL LEADWIRES JOINTED**

## Leadwire colors of 3-element Rosette strain gauge

These are generally used leadwires.

The option code "-F" appended to the leadwire type indicates that lead-free solder is used for the leadwire.



**Strain Gauge**

**Strain Gauge** 

## Insulated leadwire colors

These are generally used leadwires.

The option code "-F" appended to the leadwire type indicates that lead-free solder is used for the leadwire.



# **Combination use of strain gauges and dedicated leadwires**

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Remarks: Strain gauges of the following series are available only with the dedicated leadwires which are the most suited to the series. Please also refer to the description about each series in this catalog. The option –F (use of lead-free solder) is available. To specify this option, attach the suffix "-F" to the end of each type number of the dedicated leadwire.





FLT-05A -11 -F -3 LJCT -F

Standard length of the leadwire is 1 m, 3 m or 5 m.

Designation of leadwire-integrated strain gauge exampled

- (FLT: for shearing strain measurement)
	- Self-temperature-compensated material Length of leadwire LJCT 3: 3m
	- (-11: Mild steel Thermal expansion 11ppm/°C)
	- Option F : LEAD-free soldering of strain gauge

Strain Gauge F series <u>Option F : LEAD-free soldering</u> of leadwire<br>
(FLT: for shearing strain measurement) CLT: for shearing strain measurement)

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# **GOBLET series**

**WGOBLET** 



In a conventional strain gauge, the gauge leads, which conduct electrical signal to the metal foil called gauge element, are soldered using leaded solder. The leaded solder is an alloy composed of lead and tin, and the lead is effective to reduce the stress because it is soft. On the other hand, the lead is not only harmful to human bodies but may cause adverse effects on the natural environment. Use of lead-free solder is required according to the RoHS Directive. However, in the combination of lead-free solder and conventional strain gauge pattern, fatigue life conforming to the NAS 942 is not satisfied for some strain gauges. We have developed a new gauge pattern that does not cause stress concentration even if the lead-free solder is used. We propose our next generation strain gauge GOBLET, which maintains the conventional strain gauge performance while considering the environment by the adoption of the new gauge pattern.

The concept of development of GOBLET is "Gauges Of Brilliant Lifespan and Environmentally Thoughtful", which represents the excellent fatigue life and small environmental effect of these strain gauges. The GOBLET is series of our strain gauges which are compliant to RoHS Directive and CE marked.

The GOBLET is currently available for the series below. The dedicated leadwires which use lead-free solder are also available.

- **Strain gauge for general use F-series (partly not compliant)**
- **Strain gauge for high temperature use QF-series (partly not compliant)**
- **Strain gauge for composite material BF-series**
- **Strain gauge for plastics GF-series**
- **Strain gauge for wood and gypsum LF-series**

**WIGOBLET**  $c \in \S$ 

**● Strain gauge for post-yield (large strain) measurement YEF-series**

## GOBLET Logo (Registered design)



Package of GOBLET series strain gauges (example)

**OTML Strain Gauges** 

The GOBLET strain gauges bear the logo and the CE mark on their package.



# Dedicated leadwires (using lead-free solder)





# **Foil Strain Gauges Fseries(GOBLET)**

**resistance 350Ω**

**Gauge resistance 1000Ω**

Strain gauges compliant to RoHS2 Directive 2011/65/EU are added to the lineup in F series. They are supplied with CE marking as standard specification. Our logo GOBLET, which is an abbreviation of "Gauges Of Brilliant Lifespan and Environmental Thoughtful", is marked on the package of these gauges.



**FLAB-3-350 3 1.6 7.2 3 350 FLAB-3W-350 3 3.2 8.5 5 350 FLAB-5-350 5 1.8 9.4 3.8 350**

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below.

- Length in meter and type of integral leadwire CE compliant leadwire

**WGORLET** 

FLAB -5 (-350) -11 -3LJC-F

**FLAB-6-1000 6 4.6 11 7 1000**

# **F series**(GOBLET)





# **Dedicated leadwires recommendable for F series strain gauge(GOBLET)**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked GOBLET series strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

Type and designation of leadwires (GOBLET)



NB: For use with CE compliant GOBLET strain gauges , specify leadwire with option -F having lead-free solder on order.

## **Dedicated leadwires recommendable for F series strain gauge**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire.

**Type and designation of leadwires**



# **F series**

In the F series, strain gauges dedicated to a special usage (shearing strain measurement, torque measurement, residual stress measurement or stress concentration measurement) and 2-axis plane type strain gauges are compliant to RoHS Directive when they are supplied with Option-F.  $\epsilon$ 





# **Shearing・Torque・Plane**



# **Residual stress measurement**



**GENERAL USE** 46**Stress concentration** F series **GENERAL USE**

F series

Stress concentration



# **Stress Concentration Measurement**

## **Important point**

## **Option F**

**This code is appended to the basic strain gauge type for strain gauges with lead-free solder in place of leaded solder. Fatigue life of the strain gauge may become shorter by the use of the lead-free solder.** 

## **Note**

**These gauges are specially designed to use Complete Compensation Method of Strain and need our Data Logger TDS-540 for the measurement. For details, contact TML.**

Operating temperature range

Temperature compensation range

# **Waterproof Strain Gauges WF series CE**

Applicable adhesives CN 0~+80℃<br>P-2 0~+80℃ P-2 0~+80℃<br>EB-2 0~+80℃

 $D \sim +80^{\circ}C$ 

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These gauges eliminate the need for moisture-proofing coating, which is sometimes troublesome in a field test. They have an integral vinyl leadwire, and whole area of the strain gauges and the leadwire junction are coated with epoxy resin. The coating is transparent and flexible, so the positioning and bonding works are very easy. By merely bonding the gauges with CN or P-2 adhesive, outdoor or underwater measurement for a short-term becomes possible. These gauges are also effective in omitting primary coating in case of applying a multi-layer coating.

 $0 \sim +80$ °

 $+10 \sim +80$ °C



For ordering, the above suffix code should be added to the basic gauge type



# **High Temperature Strain Gauges QF series**  $C \in \mathbb{C}$  **GOBLET**

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below.

Objective material for temperature compensation

- Length in meter and type of integral leadwire CE compliant leadwire

Gauge resistance ( blank for 120Ω)

QFLAB -6 (-350) -11 -3LJC-F

These are CE marked strain gauges (compliant to RoHS2 Directive) for high temperature use. They have joined to our well proven QF-series strain gauges with a new series name "GOBLET". These are foil strain gauges utilizing polyimide resin as the backing material.

Measurement in high temperature is easily possible by using our roomtemperature-curing adhesive NP-50B for bonding.



# **Dedicated leadwire recommended for QF series strain gauges (**GOBLET**) (made to order)**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked GOBLET series strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



# High Temperature Strain Gauges  $\mathbf{Q}$ **F** series  $\epsilon$   $\epsilon$

These are foil strain gauges having a polyimide resin backing, which exhibits excellent performance in high temperature up to 200**°**C. Stress concentration measurement gauges and shear stress measurement gauges are also available in this series. Integral leadwires using lead-free solder are available with option –F.





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-11: Mild steel -17:Stainless steel -23:Aluminium -28:Magnesium Note: The backing color of QF series gauges are the same for every material for temperature compensation.

# **Shearing・Torque・Plane**



# **Stress Concentration Measurement**



Operating temperature range −20〜+300℃ Temperature compensation range<br> $+10 \sim +100$ 

# **High Temperature Strain Gauges ZF series**  $C \in$

 $-20 \sim +120$ °C

Applicable adhesives<br> $NP-50B$  -20~+ NP-50B −20~+300℃<br>C-1/EB-2 −20~+200℃ C-1/EB-2 −20~+200℃<br>CN −20~+120℃

These strain gauges are designed for measurement in high temperature up to 300**°**C. It utilizes specially designed Ni-Cr alloy foil for the grid and polyimide resin for the gauge backing. Owing to the construction, the strain gauges are

 $-+100^\circ C$ 



Note: The backing color of ZF series gauges are the same for every material for temperature compensation.



### **Dedicated leadwire recommended for ZF series strain gauges** п

**We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire.** For CE marked strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



NB: □ shows the lead wire length in meter

# **High Temperature Strain Gauges EFseries**

These gauges have a small grid pattern required for measurement of printed circuit boards and surface mounted devices, which are getting smaller and smaller. The backing of the gauges is made of polyimide resin. The maximum operaing temperature is +300°C for single element gauges and +200°C for two and three elements gauges. The lowest operating temperature is  $-196^{\circ}$ C for both gauges.



**EFLK-02-11 0.2 0.8 1.6 1.2 120**

**EFLX-02-11 0.2 0.8 1.8 1.2 120 EFCA-05-11-002LE 0.5 0.4 φ3.8 120**

**EFRA-05-11-002LE 0.5 0.4 φ3.8 120**

-002LE: Polyimide insulated gauge lead of 2-cm pre-attached

-002LE: Polyimide insulated gauge lead of 2-cm pre-attached

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below.

HZFLA -2 -11 -1LJKT

Resist-ance Ω

Applicable adhesives<br> $\text{CN}$  - 196~ CN −196~+120℃<br>EB-2 −60~+200℃ EB-2 −60〜+200℃ C-1 −196〜+200℃ NP-50B −30〜+300℃ Operating temperature range For more information, please see below. Temperature compensation range For more information, please see below.

Backing length

Gauge width

●0°/90° 2-axis Stacked

Operating temperature range −196〜+200℃ Temperature compensation range 0 ~ + 150℃

Operating temperature range −196〜+200℃ Temperature compensation range  $0 \sim +150^{\circ}$ C

Minimum order quantity is 10 strain gauges.

●0°/45°/90° 3-axis Stacked

Gauge length

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Backing width

(×3) EFLX-02-11

Temperature compensation range +10 ~ +150℃



# **High Temperature Strain Gauges HZF series**

EFRA-05-11 $Q$  ( $\times$ 3)

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These adhesive bonded high-temperature strain gages are capable of measuring temperatures up to 350°C. The gage leads are welded to the high-temperature lead wires, making them RoHS compliant. Please specif



Dedicated lead wires  $\phi$  0.9mm 3 stranded silica glass braided single core wires

# **Dedicated lead wires for HZF series strain gauges (made to order)**

These strain gage leads are suitable for strain measurement up to a maximum operating temperature of 350°C. They are mainly used for the HZF series strain gages. The connection method between gage leads and lead wires is spot welding.

**Type and designation of leadwires**



EF/HZF series

# **High & Low Temperature Strain Gauges CEFseries**

These are strain gauges utilizing polyimide resin for the gauge backing and special alloy foil for the grid. It features a wide range of operating temperature from cryogenic temperature to +200°C. This series is available only in single axis configuration with gauge length of 1,3 and 6mm.





### **Dedicated leadwire recommended for CEF series strain gauges (made to order)** ı

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



 $NR: \square$  shows the lead wire length in meter

## **Cryogenic Temperature Strain Gauges CFseries**  $C<sub>6</sub>$

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These are foil strain gauges with epoxy backing designed for measurement under cryogenic conditions. They are available in single element, rectangular 2-element and rectangular 3-element configurations with 350Ω resistance. The specially selected and heat treated grid of the gauges shows very small zero shift under cryogenic temperature compared to conventional strain gauges.

−269〜+80℃

(approx.)−196〜+80℃

Operating temperature range

Temperature compensation range

Applicable adhesives EA-2A −269~+50℃<br>CN −196~+80℃ CN -196∼+80℃<br>C-1 -269∼+80℃

C-1 −269〜+80℃



Objective material for temperature compensation (coefficient of linear thermal expansion  $\times 10^{-6}$ /°C)<br>-11: Mild steel **-1** -17: Stainless steel -23: Aluminium



# **Dedicated leadwire recommended for CF series strain gauges (made to order)**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



NB: □ shows the lead wire length in meter



**Type** 

# **Weldable Strain Gauges AWseries** (AWM・AWMD・AWH・AWHU・AW・AWC)

**These strain gauges have strain sensing elements fully encapsulated in corrosion-resisting metal tubes made of stainless steel or Inconel (except AW-6-350). The strain gauge backings are also made of the same material, and the gauges are installed by spot welding to metal specimens using a dedicated spot welder.** 

## Spot welding

The W-50RC is a charge discharge type spot welder designed to minimize thermal damage to the metal material being measured. Welding energy is not affected by fluctuations in the power supply because of the stabilizing circuit.



### AW series coding system







\*1: Select code A for thermal expansion coefficient of 11ppm/°C or closer, or B for coefficent of 17ppm/°C

\*²: For option code P, NDIS plug is attached to the end of cables following Temperature-compensation board or High-pass filter.

or 16Hz.

# **AWseries**(AWM/AWMD)

# **AWM-8**

The AWM is usable up to 300°C for both static and dynamic strain measurement. The backing material is available in Inconel 600 or **SUS304 which should be selected according to the test specimen material.**



Leadwire 1.6 mm dia. MI cable 2 m, 4.1 mm dia. shielded vinyl cable 0.5 m (Quarter bridge with 3-wire) Minimum order quantity is 1 strain gauge.

### **External dimensions**



## **AWMD-5 / AWMD-8** ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

The AWMD is applicable up to 800°C and it is dedicated to dynamic strain measurement. A high pass filter is a standard accessory. Using the high pass filter, unnecessary direct current component or low frequency component (thermal output, drift etc.) in the **measurement signals can be neglected.**



\*High-pass filter only for AWMD Either one available among 1.6, 7.2 or 16Hz.

Leadwire AWMD-5 : 1.6 mm dia. MI cable 2 m, 1.6 mm dia. shielded fluorinated resin (FEP) cable 0.5 m (Full bridge)

AWMD-8 : 1.6 mm dia. MI cable 2 m, 4.1 mm dia. shielded vinyl cable 0.5 m (Full bridge)

Minimum order quantity is 1 strain gauge.

### **External dimensions**



# **AWseries**(AWH/AWHU)

### $\epsilon$ **AWH-4 / AWH-8** <u>mmmmmmm</u>

The backing material of these gauges is available in either of Inconel 600 or stainless steel to be selected according to the material to be measured. The sensing part has half bridge configuration with active element and dummy element, and it is measured in full bridge method using the attached temperature compensation circuit board. This gauge is applicable to static measurement in temperature up to 600°C and applicable to dynamic measurement up to 650°C.



Leadwire 1.6 mm dia. MI cable 2 m, 4.1 mm dia. shielded vinyl cable 0.5 m (Full bridge) Minimum order quantity is 1 strain gauge.

### **External dimensions**



### $\epsilon$ **AWHU-5 / AWHU-8**

These gauges can be used in temperature up to 800°C for both static and dynamic measurement. However, owing to the construction of the sensing element, measurement is recommended in temperature at 600°C or above. The sensing part has half bridge configuration with active element and dummy element, and it is measured in full bridge method using the attached temperature compensation circuit board. Since these gauges have small backings and thin sleeves and cables as standard specifications, they are applicable to narrow and/or curved areas.



Leadwire 1.6 mm dia. MI cable 2 m, 1.6 mm dia. shielded fluorinated resin (FEP) cable 0.5 m (Full bridge) Minimum order quantity is 1 strain gauge.

### **External dimensions**



Our AWH and AWHU series strain gauges are adjusted to make the thermal output as small as possible in consideration of the material to be measured, the MI cable length and the range of measurement temperature. These strain gauges will be supplied on made-to-order basis except AWH-4-7A-2-11.0 and AWH-8-7A-2-11.0.

\* Lead wire lengths other than the standard length are available on request. (Made to order: MI cable length is in increments of 1 meter. Vinyl cable length is in increments of 0.5 meters.)

# **AWseries**(AW/AWC)

<u>munum</u> **These gauges have corrosion-resisting stainless steel backing with thickness of 0.08mm. They are easily installed by using the dedicated** 

**spot welder W-50RC. are suited for strain measurement in high temperature up to 300°C, for measurement of specimen to which adhesion is not applicable or for long term measurement.**



Leadwire Ф0.2mm Twisted cross-linked fluorinated resin(PTFE) sheathed leadwire of 0.1m standard (Quarter bridge with 3-wire) \* Lead wire lengths other than the standard length are available on request. (Made to order.)

Minimum order quantity is 5 strain gauges



# **AWC-8B**

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**These gauges are fully encapsulated in a stainless steel tube. It enables long term strain measurement in harsh environment.**



Leadwire Ф5mm 0.3mm² 3-core shielded vinyl leadwire of 3m standard (0.1Ω/m) (Quarter bridge with 3-wire) \* Lead wire lengths other than the standard length are available on request. (Made to order.)

Minimum order quantity is 1 strain gauge.

### **External dimensions**



# **Accessories/Options/Installation example (for weldable strain gauges)**

# **W-50RC SPOT WELDER**



This is a spot welder used for installing weldable strain gauges and fixing leadwires. The welding energy is controlled in two ranges of 1~10 and 5~50 watt second. Its short welding pulse width of approximately 5 millisecond causes very little thermal damage on the material to be welded. The welding energy is not influenced by changes in the power source voltage owing to the adoption of stabilizing circuit. Electrical cables are stored inside the housing for convenience in field applications.

## **Specifications**





R: Bend of gauge backing or pipe





Stainless steel ribbon Designed to fix cables

 Size 5mm x 10m x 0.08mm 10mm x 10m x 0.08mm



# **Strain gauge installation by resistance welding Examples of option**

**Spot Welder W-50RC**

probe P<sub>Supplied</sub>

### Trial Welding (peeling test) The dedicated spot welder is used for

the installation of weldable strain gauges. In order to securely install the weldable strain gauge on the test object, it is necessary to find the welding conditions suited to the test object

## Fixing the sleeve A

Align the center of the strain gauge with the positioning mark, and press down on the gauge so that the gauge is flush against the test object. Fix the sleeve A using the supplied metal ribbon as shown in the figure.

## Fixing the cable

Fix the MI cable and the vinyl cable so as to avoid any load applied to the fixed sleeve A. Slightly curve the cable and fix it toward the direction of the cable end so that any excessive load is not applied to the cable. Especially, if the MI cable is fixed along a straight line, the sensing element may be damaged by a kink in the leadwire.

Temporarily fixing the gauge sensing part Align the gauge sensing part with the

positioning mark, and temporarily fix each one point on both sides of the strain gauge as shown in the figure by resistance welding.

## Order of resistance welding

Perform resistance welding in the<br>order shown in the figure. The order shown in the figure. appropriate welding interval is approximately 0.8mm. Refer to the operation manual for the details.

Weldable



Operating temperature range −20〜+80℃ Temperature compensation range<br> $+10 \sim +80^\circ$ 

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# **Polyester Strain Gauges Pseries**

Applicable adhesives CN-E −20〜+80℃<br>RP-2 −20〜+80℃ PS −20~+80℃

These are wire strain gauges with a grid made of fine electric resistance wire formed on a polyester resin backing. They are used for measurement of surface strain on concrete, mortar or rocks, and also for short-term measurement on wood.



Objective material for temperature compensation (coefficient of linear thermal expansion ×10-6/°C)  **-11: Concrete**



# **Dedicated leadwire recommended for P series strain gauges**

**We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.**

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



NB: No integral leadwire is available for rosette strain gauges PLC and PLR.

Operating temperature range

Temperature compensation range

# **Polyester Foil Strain Gauges PF series**  $c \in$

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These are foil strain gauges utilizing a polyester resin backing which is the same as the P series. The gauge length is available in 3 ranges of 10, 20 and 30mm, so it is suited mainly to strain measurement on concrete or mortar.

−20〜+80℃

 $+10 \sim +80$ °C



Applicable adhesives CN-E −20~+80℃<br>RP-2 −20~+80℃ RP-2 −20~+80℃<br>PS −20~+80℃  $-20 - +80$ ℃ Objective material for temperature compensation (coefficient of linear thermal expansion ×10-6/°C)  **-11: Concrete**



### **Dedicated leadwire recommended for PF series strain gauges** ı

**We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.**

**Type and designation of leadwires**



NB: No integral leadwire is available for rosette strain gauges PFLC and PFLR.

Operating temperature range

Temperature compensation range

# **Metal Backing Strain Gauges FLM/WFLMseries**

These strain gauges have thin stainless steel backings which prevent the penetration of moisture from the reverse sides. This construction is aimed for successful strain measurement on concrete surface. The WFLM gauges have moisture proofing over-coating and integral leadwire in addition to the stainless steel backing. It is intended for long term measurement or measurement on underwater-curing conctrete.

 $-20 \sim +80^\circ$ CPS

Applicable adhesives

 $-20$ ~ $+80$ ℃



Objective material for temperature compensation (coefficient of linear thermal expansion ×10-6/°C)  **-11: Concrete**



# **Mold Strain Gauges PMFseries**

These gauges are designed for the measurement of internal strain of concrete or mortar under loading test. These can also be used for short-term measurement of the behavior of concrete. These are embedded into the measurement position when the concrete or mortar is placed. The gauges employ super engineering plastics as the backing for sealing the sensing element, which provides excellent waterproofing.

A temperature-integrated type PMFL-T is available for measurement of both strain and temperature using our data loggers.

Operating temperature range –20  $-20$   $+60^{\circ}$ C

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below. PMFL -50 (-F) -2LJRTA (-F) **Lackson** F : LEAD-free soldering of leadwire Option F: LEAD-free soldering of strain gauge Gauge length Gauge series name Length in meter and type of integral leadwire





# **Asphalt Mold Strain Gauges PMFLSseries**

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These gauges are embedded in asphalt and used for strain measurement in loading test such as rolling compaction. The material of the backing is super engineering plastics featuring high temperature resistivity and waterproofing performance. The gauges withstand a high temperature up to 200°C during placement of asphalt, and the operating temperature range is -20 to +60°C.

Operating temperature range ー20〜+60℃

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below. PMFLS -60 -50 (-F) -2LTSC (-F) Option F : LEAD-free soldering of leadwire Option F: LEAD-free soldering of strain gauge Gauge length Gauge series name Length in meter and type of integral leadwire Objective material for temperature compensation



# Strain Transducers **KM/KM-HAS** series  $C \in$

## Strain measurement in concrete, mortar and synthetic resin including their early stage of curing

These strain transducers are designed for measurement of strain in materials such as concrete, mortar or synthetic resin. Measurement is possible not only after the material is cured but also during the stage of curing.

The elastic modulus of the transducers is equivalent to approximately 40N/mm<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, measurement is possible right after the concrete is placed.

The waterproof construction of the transducers makes the transducers totally impervious to moisture absorption and offers excellent stability for long-term strain measurement. The thermocouple-integrated transducers enable real temperature measurement simultaneously with strain measurement, greatly saving the wiring works. In addition to the internal strain measurement, surface strain measurement on concrete or steel such as H-beam steel is also available using various optional accessories.

The KM series is compliant to CE marking except for KM-30 and KM-50F.

Protection ratings IP67 equivalent (KM-30) IP68 equivalent (KM-50 ~ KM-100BT)

External dimensions





## **Specifications**



\*² Real temperature measurement possible In addition to the above, special products such as for the use in asphalt or roller compacted concrete are available. Please contact us. KM-30 and KM-50F are not CE marked.

### Input/Output cable





### **Features**

- Self-temperature-compensation with coefficient of thermal expansion close to concrete
- Measurement from early stage of concrete curing possible due to the low elastic modulus
- Simultaneous measurement of strain and temperature possible (except KM-30, KM-50F)
- Surface strain measurement on bracing for earth retaining or steel sheet pile

### KM-100HAS for asphalt pavement





## \*<sup>1</sup> Relative temperature measurement possible

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## ■ When using for measurement of internal strain

**Measurement of internal strain of concrete structure is possible not only for the behavior after the curing but also for strain during the curing. Strain in structure is caused by several factors such as external force, ambient temperature, drying shrinkage and material creep. This transducer is designed to measure every strain generated.**

**The gauge length of the strain transducer should be about three times the maximum diameter of the aggregate or larger. For the measurement from the early age of the concrete, use the strain transducer KM-100B or KM-100BT.**

### **● Installation example in reinforced concrete structures**

**When installing a strain transducer, wind a binding wire round two parts of the transducer body, and position the transducer in accordance with the marking previously marked on the reinforcing bars as in the figure.**



## ■ For surface strain measurement

**Surface strain measurement on steel or concrete structures is available with KM-100B or KM-100BT. (Optional fittings such as Spacer and Collar are available for fixing the transducer and positioning the gauge length.)**

### **● An installation onto the surface of steel structure**



**The KM model is combined with optional Collar KMF-22-100 to install onto the surface of steel by welding.**



## **● An installation onto the surface of concrete structure**



**The KM model is combined with optional Collar KMF-23B-100 to install onto the**  surface of concrete **structure with anchor bolts.**



# **Strain Gauges UBFseries**

These are foil strain gauges developed for measurement on composite materials. They have a specially designed grid pattern to reduce the stiffening effect of the strain gauges. In addition, owing to the development of gauge backing with better compliance, the number of repetition in thermal cycling test and the creep characteristics have been significantly improved compared to conventional strain gauges.

\* The strain gauge of this series is not self-temperature-compensated. The thermal output should be measured prior to the actual measurement using a dummy test piece. The property of the contract of the con

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below. UBFLA -1 -3LJB-F Length in meter and type of integral leadwire CE compliant leadwire Gauge length Gauge series name







Minimum order quantity is 10 strain gauges. These strain gauges are available with integral leadwires attached. (made to order)

## **Important point**

Composite materials made of plastics reinforced with glass fibers (GFRP), carbon fibers (CFRP) or aramid fibers (AFRP) have different elastic modulus and coefficient of linear thermal expansion depending on the direction of the fibers. When measuring strain on composite materials, pay enough attention to its components and the direction of the fibers.

# **Dedicated leadwires recommendable for UBF series strain gauge (made to order)**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked GOBLET series strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



# **Strain Gauges BF series (GOBLET)**  $C \in$

Applicable adhesives CN-E −30〜+120℃ NP-50B −30〜+200℃ EB-2 −30〜+200℃

These are strain gauges designed for measurement on composite materials. They have a specially designed grid pattern to reduce the stiffening effect of the strain gauge to the measurement object. Coefficient of linear thermal expansion for temperature compensation is available in 3, 5, and  $8\times10^{-6}$ °C, which are applicable to ceramic, carbon or composite materials. These strain gauges are CE marked (compliant to RoHS2 Directive). They have joined to our "GOBLET" series.

 $+10 \sim +80$ °C

Operating temperature range −30〜+200℃ Temperature compensation range



Objective material for temperature compensation (coefficient of linear thermal expansion ×10<sup>-6</sup>/°C) -3, -5, -8: Composite material **If** (marked on the backing) Note: The backing color of BF series gauges are the same for every material for temperature compensation.



# **Dedicated leadwires recommendable for BF series strain gauge (made to order)**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked GOBLET series strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



NB: □ shows the lead wire length in meter

**WGORLET** 

# **Strain Gauges GF series CE**



-70: Acrylic resin, ABS resin

These strain gauges are suited to the measurement on materials such as plastics, which have low elastic modulus compared to metal. Our original speciallydesigned grid lowers the rigidity of the strain gauge and reduces the stiffening effect to the specimen material.

These strain gauges are CE marked (compliant to RoHS2 Directive) and have joined to our "GOBLET" series.



Operating temperature range −<br>〜+80℃ Temperature compensation range  $+10 \sim +80$ °C Applicable adhesives CN −30〜+80℃



# **Dedicated leadwires recommendable for GF series strain gauge (made to order)**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked GOBLET series strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

**Type and designation of leadwires**



## **Important point**

### ●Influence of elastic modulus

A strain gauge bonded on a material having low elastic modulus such as plastics may disturb the stress distribution of the material around the area where the strain gauge is bonded. It may cause an apparent lowering of the gauge factor of the strain gauge. This is called a stiffening effect of strain gauge. The lower the elastic modulus is, the larger the stiffening effect becomes. The gauge factor correction is necessary if the elastic modulus of the test object is approx. 2.9 GPa (300 kgf/mm<sup>2</sup>) or lower.

### ●Effect of Joule heat

The strain gauge of this series has a specially designed grid to reduce the effect of Joule heat in the strain gauge. The allowable current for a strain gauge is 30 mA when it is bonded on a metal. However, if the strain gauge is bonded on plastics, it is recommended to keep the current at 10 mA or less.



Operating temperature range

# **Strain Gauges LFseries**

This is a foil strain gauge utilizing special plastics for the backing. It has a grid designed for materials with low elastic modulus, and the stiffening effect on the measurement object is reduced. This strain gauge is CE marked (compliant to RoHS2 Directive) and has joined to our "GOBLET" series.

−30〜+80℃



Applicable adhesives CN-E −30~+80℃



## **Dedicated leadwire recommended for LF series strain gauges (made to order)**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked GOBLET series strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

**Type and designation of leadwires (**GOBLET**)**



Resist-ance Ω

**WGOBLET** 

# **Strain Gauges PFLW/PLW series**  $c \in$

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These gauges are specially designed for long term measurement on wood. They have a metal foil lined on the back of the PFL or PL strain gauges. The metal foil is effective to protect the strain gauges from an influence of moisture in the wood. These gauges should be bonded with PS adhesive to make the best of their performance.





# **Dedicated leadwire recommended for PFLW/PLW series strain gauges**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire.

**Type and designation of leadwires**





## **Non-inductive Strain Gauges QMFseries**  $C \in$

These are non-inductive strain gauges suited to the measurement in magnetic field. The sensing element of this gauge consists of two identical grids with one grid folded back on another. This construction makes to cancel the electromagnetically induced noise each other. The twisted leadwire is also effective to cancel the induced noise in the same way. Accordingly, this strain gauge is less sensitive to the influence of noise induced in changing magnetic field.





# **Single axis/Multi-axis (for steel)**



QMF series

# **Non-inductive Strain Gauges QMF series CE**

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## ●Features

- 2-axial: Measurement of tension and compression, Tri-axial: Rosette analysis is possible
- Gauge lengths of 2mm and 5mm and gauge resistances of 120Ω and 350Ω are selectable
- Selectable Measuring method from 1-Gauge 2-Wire, 1-Gauge 3-Wire, and 1-Gauge 3-Wire (3-Wire root specification) depending on test environment
- Operating temperature range extended to -30 to +200°C (temperature compensation range: 0 to +150°C)
- Gauge lead wire length is approx. 50mm, The length of the gauge lead wire is approximately 50 mm, making it easy to affix (only for the 3-wire root type).
- CE compliant


### **Dedicated leadwire recommended for QMF/MF series strain gauges**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire.

**Type and designation of leadwires**



**[a]:Objective material for temperature compensation (coefficient of linear thermal expansion × 10-6/ ℃ ) [z]:Leadwire length (m)**

## **Non-inductive Strain Gauges MFseries (For Concrete)**

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below.

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Gauge length

Objective material for temperature compensation

Gauge resistance ( blank for 120Ω)

Length in meter and type of integral leadwire

Objective material for temperature compensation (coefficient of linear thermal expansion ×10-6/°C)

Gauge series name

MFLA -60 -350 -11 -1LJAY

-<br>-11: Mild steel

These are non-inductive strain gauges suited to the measurement in magnetic field. The sensing element of this gauge consists of two identical grids with one grid folded back on another. This construction makes to cancel the electromagnetically induced noise each other. The twisted leadwire is also effective to cancel the induced noise in the same way. Accordingly, this strain gauge is less sensitive to the influence of noise induced in changing magnetic field.



## **Single axis (for concrete)**



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### **Post-yield Strain Gauges YEFseries**  $C\epsilon$ **WGOBLET**

These gauges are applicable to the measurement of large strain up to 10~15%. Also these withstand the repeated strain in elastic range (at strain level ±1500×10<sup>-6</sup> strain) like ordinary strain gauges. However, these are not applicable to the measurement of repeated strain in a large range. Integral leadwires using lead-free solder are available with option –F. This strain gauge is CE marked (compliant to RoHS2 Directive) and has joined to our "GOBLET" series.

> Applicable adhesives CN −30〜+80℃ CN-Y −30〜+80℃

−30〜+80℃

 $10~15$ 

Operating temperature range

Strain limit in room-temperature

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below. YEFLAB -2 -3LJC-F Gauge length Gauge series name Length in meter and type of integral leadwire CE compliant leadwire



Minimum order quantity is 10 strain gauges. These strain gauges are available with integral leadwires attached. (made to order)

### **Dedicated leadwires recommendable for YEF series strain gauge (made to order)**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire. For CE marked GOBLET series strain gauges, only the leadwires using lead-free solder are available.

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



### **Post-yield Strain Gauges YFseries**   $C \in$

These gauges are applicable to the measurement of large strain up to 15 to 20%. These are not applicable to the measurement of repeated strain in elastic range as well as in large range.



Please specify the type number as shown in the example below. YFLA -2 -3LJC-F Gauge length Gauge series name Length in meter and type of integral leadwire CE compliant leadwire



Minimum order quantity is 10 strain gauges. These strain gauges are available with integral leadwires attached. (made to order)

**POST-YIELD (Large strain)** 

## **Post-yield Strain Gauges YHF series**  $C \in$

CN-Y −30〜+80℃

Applicable adhesives CN –30∼+80℃<br>CN-Y –30∼+80℃

These gauges are developed for the measurement of very large strain up to 30~40%. These are not applicable to the measurement of repeated strain in elastic range as well as in large range.

−ี + 80℃

 $-40%$ 





### **Important point**

Operating temperature range

Strain limit in room-temperature

●Strain compensation method for YHF series plastic range gauges

When a tensile test is conducted using the YHF series, the gage factor after temperature change and the strain correction factor described in "TML STRAIN GAUGE TEST DATA" are required as correction values for the measured values in the data arrangement.

In this case, the test temperature range is 0 to  $+40^{\circ}$ C.

For the calculation of true strain, refer to the instruction manual supplied with the YHF plastic range gauge.

YF / YHF series

## **Post-yield Strain Gauges**

### **Dedicated leadwire recommended for YEF/YF/YHF series strain gauges**

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire.

#### **Type and designation of leadwires**



### **Important point**

### **●Performance of YEF/YF/YHF**



\*1: The number of repetitions at which the indicated strain value changes by 100x10<sup>-6</sup> strain or more by applying repeated strain of approx. ±1,500x10<sup>-6</sup> strain at 15Hz

\*² : Change of indicated strain by applying a repeated strain of approx. ±10,000x10–6 strain at a speed of 4 minutes per cycle.

#### **●Adhesive for YEF/YF/YHF series gauges**

These strain gauges should be bonded with CN or CN-Y adhesive. If measurement is made a few days or longer after the strain gauge bonding, the CN-Y should be used. Measurement of large strain is possible even after one year of bonding the strain gauge with the CN-Y adhesive, provided that the specimens are stored at room temperature without any unfavorable conditions (moisture, direct sunlight, etc.).

#### **●CN adhesive variation with time**

Though CN adhesive is normally used for large elongation strain measurement, the strain limit gradually decreases with the number of days following strain gauge installation. This variation with time occurs as a consequence of exposure to direct sunlight (UV), temperature and humidity, as well as the number of days after installation. The following shows an example of the results of testing performed by TML for the effects of adhesive variation with time. While these results show marked differences due to the exposure conditions of the test specimens (temperature and humidity), they also show that the strain limits for strain gauges decrease as time passes after installation. While this does not pose a problem in ordinary strain measurement, TML recommends that the measurement ends in 1 or 2 days after installation in the case of large elongation strain measurement. If the strain gauge is to be left for a long period after being installed, use the CN-Y adhesive.



#### **●Countermeasure in case there is a span between gauge installation and start of measurement**

Store the test specimen with the attached strain gauge in a cool, dark and dry location Use the CN-Y adhesive. (Refer to the instructions provided).

### **●Repeatability of Post-Yield strain gauges**

Post-Yield strain gauges can be used once to measure large elongation strain, but cannot be used for measurement of repeated large elongation strain. When repeated testing is performed in a strain range exceeding 5000x 10<sup>-6</sup>, the strain gauge experiences zero drift. Note that the amount of drift varies depending on factors such as the type of strain gauges and the level and frequncy of strain.

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**OSF / DD series** 

Single axis

### **HIGH ENDURANCE**

## **High Endurance Strain Gauges DSF series CE**

These gauges are designed for fatigue tests, and can reach a fatigue life of over 10 million times at a strain level of ±3000 με. Compared to previously (1 million times at ±1500×10-6 strain), these are gauges of exceptionally high durability.

In aviation and other areas, repeated load tests of large elongation of composite materials are conducted. However, it had been necessary to adhere a new strain gauge frequently as a gauge reached its fatigue life. The DSF series greatly reduces time and cost of adhering gauges.





The strain gauge of this series is not self-temperature-compensated. It is recommended to measure the thermal output prior to the actual measurement using a dummy test piece made of the same material as the object to be measured.

#### Fatigue Limit

This number is determined as the number of cycles in case a mechanically<br>repeated strain of ±3000x10<sup>-6</sup> strain is applied to the strain gauge before the<br>indicated strain changes by ±300x10<sup>-6</sup> strain.

### Gauge pattern Type Gauge size(mm) Length Width Backing size(mm) Length Width Resist-ance Ω **DSFLA-2-350 2 2 8 3.3 350 DSFLA-5-350 5 2 11 3.2 350**

### Example of strain gauge fatigue test results



Please specify the type number as shown in the example below.

Gauge length Gauge series name

Gauge backing length

Option F: LEAD-free soldering of strain gauge

## **BENDING STRAIN**

# **One-side Strain Gauges DDseries**

DD -1 -15 (-F)

These gauges are intended for measuring the bending and tensile strains separately by simply bonding the gauges on one side of a plate or beam. It works on the assumption that the strain distribution in the section of the specimen is linear along the height of the section when the section is subjected to both tensile and bending stress. The gauges are effectively used for the measurement of a box construction in structures such as bridges or pressure vessels, where the reverse side of the measurement object is not accessible for strain gauge installation.

Operating temperature range −10〜+70℃ Applicable adhesives  $\begin{array}{ccc}\n\text{CN} & -10 \sim +70^\circ \\
\text{P-2} & -10 \sim +70^\circ\n\end{array}$  $-10 - +70$ °C

Gauge pattern Thickness of applicable specimen (mm) Type Gauge size(mm) Gauge size(mm<br>Length Width Backing size(mm) Length Width Thickness **Resist** ance C **a b c** Approx. 5 or less **DD-1-15 3 2.9 15 7 1 350** Approx. 5 to 10 **DD-2-30 3 2.9 30 7 2 350** Minimum order quantity is 5 strain gauges. a b c These strain gauges are not self-temperature-compensated. It may be necessary to measure a thermal output using a dummy specimen prior to the measurement.





Please specify the type number as shown in the example below.

DSFLA -2 -350 -3LJB



Minimum order quantity is 10 strain gauges.<br>These strain gauges are available with integral leadwires attached. (made to order)

## **Strain Gauges CTEseries**

The CTE series of strain gauges for measuring the coefficient of linear expansion is a product in which the temperature-compensated material of the strain gauge is adjusted to  $0 \times 10^{-6}$  C so that the coefficient of linear expansion of any material can be easily calculated.

They can also measure total elongation (strain due to external force + thermal strain), making them effective for measuring strain on electronic circuit boards.





### Linear Expansion Coefficient Measurement



When calculating the linear expansion coefficient of the material to be measured, the test should be carried out in a free-expansion state so that no distortion is caused by external forces Errors may occur on curved specimens

General strain measurement is also possible, but note the thermal output as the strain gauge adjusts the temperature-compensated material to 0 x 10<sup>-6</sup>/°C

#### Dedicated leadwire recommended for CTE series strain gauges (made to order)

We supply various leadwires dedicated to strain gauges so as to meet our customers' requirements. Please refer to page 32 to 40 for the details of combination of a strain gauge and a leadwire.

### **Type and designation of leadwires**



NB: □ shows the lead wire length in meter

### Simplified formula for calculating the linear expansion coefficient of the measured material

In case of this product (*Δ*εapp*<sup>T</sup>*≒ 0)

 $β<sub>r</sub> = β<sub>S</sub> + \frac{Δε<sub>measT</sub> - Δε<sub>appT</sub>}{ΔT}$ 

 $\beta_r = \frac{\Delta \varepsilon_{measT}}{\Delta T}$ 

*ΔT*

Normal calculation formulae

 $\beta_r$  : Linear expansion coefficient of the object material between two measurement points

 $β_s$  : Linear expansion coefficient on the data sheet<br>  $Δε$  =  $π$  : Difference of actual measured value of therma *Δ*ε*measT* : Difference of actual measured value of thermal output between two measurement points

*Δ*ε*appT* :Difference in the value of thermal output on the data sheet between two measurement points *ΔT*  : Temperature difference between

two measurement points (T1-T2)

### Example of CTE series thermal output

THERMAL OUTPUT (ε  $_{\rm app}$  : APPARENT STRAIN)

*ΔT*

 $\varepsilon_{\text{app}}$  = -2.62 × 10<sup>1</sup> + 1.62 ×  $T^1$  – 1.68 × 10<sup>-2</sup> ×  $T^2$  + 2.29 × 10<sup>-5</sup> ×  $T^3$  – 2.98  $\times 10^{-8} \times T^4$ 

TOLERANCE : ±0.5[×10-6/°C)], T : TEMPERATURE



### The thermal output of a CTE strain gauge when affixed to aluminium material (A2024) is shown in the diagram below



- $\Box$  Thermal output when CTE gauges are used on aluminium materials

 $\sim$  Thermal output when using a CTE gauge on a material with a coefficient of linear expansionβs≒0×10-6/°C → Regard as almost flat

Linear expansion coefficient of certain materials in the self-temperature compensation range (10-100°C).

> ium *T*1= 10 ε1= -231



 $= 22.9 \times 10^{-6}$ /°C

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## **Crack Detection Gauges FAC series CE**

These gauges are designed to measure the propagation speed of fatigue crack in a metal specimen. The gauges are bonded with an adhesive on the position where the crack is initiated or the crack initiation is expected. The grids of the gauges, which are aligned at interval of 0.1mm or 0.5mm, are disconnected one by one with the propagation of the crack. The gauges are used together with the crack gauge adapter CGA-120B, and the disconnection of one grid is measured as the change of approx. 45 or 40×10<sup>-6</sup> strain by a strainmeter.



#### **CRACK GAUGES**



**AXIAL STRESS MEASUREMENT**

## Stress Gauges SF series CE

These gauges are intended to measure the stress in an optional direction of the specimen in plane stress field. The gauges are sensitive not only in these axial direction but also in the transverse direction, and the sensitivity ratio of the transverse direction to the axial direction is equal to the Poisson's ratio of the specimen material. In addition, the gauges are not sensitive to the shearing strain. Accordingly, the output of the gauges is proportional to the stress in the axial direction. The gauges are available in three types depending on the Poisson's ratio of the specimen material.

Operating temperature range −20〜+200℃ Temperature compensation range  $+10 \sim +100$ °C Applicable adhesives NP-50B −20〜+200℃ PERFIGUE CO-+200℃<br>C-1 −20~+200℃<br>CN −20~+120℃  $-20~+120~C$ 



●Crack Gauge adapter CGA-120B



Minimum order quantity is 1 crack gauge adapter.

#### **Crack Gauge adapter CGA-120B**



adapter CGA-120B-F

Please specify the type number as shown in the example below. SFA -285 -11 -3LJC-F Length in meter and type of integral leadwire CE compliant leadwire

Objective material for temperature compensation Gauge series name Poisson's ratio of specimen

Objective material for temperature compensation (coefficient of linear thermal expansion ×10-6/°C) -11: Mild steel -17:Stainless steel -23:Aluminium

Note: The backing color of SF series gauges are the same for every material for temperature compensation.



**Crack Detection /** 78FAC / SF series **Crack Detection / Stress gauges** Stress gauges

## **Temperature Gauges TFseries**

These gauges are bonded on the specimen surface like ordinary strain gauges, and measure the surface temperature. By combining with the dedicated temperature gauge temperature can be measured ea



Please specify the type number as shown in the example below.



**TEMPERATURE MEASURUREMENT**

# **Platinum RTD / Thermocouple**

### **PLATINUM RTD**

TFL-2-60

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Operating temperature range<br> $-20 \sim +2$ 

■PLATINUM RTD (Pt 100) **External dimensions**

(mm) Resistance Operating temperature

The Platinum RTD is mounted on a specimen and connected to a Data logger(TDS-630/-540/-150,TC-32K ets.) to measure temperature. Easy measurement of temperature by bonding to specimen with strain gauge adhesive. Units equipped with leadwire are also available upon request.

CRZ-2005 1mA or less 5.0×2.0×1.1 100Ω (at 0°C) **–**40**~+**400 °C



**THERMOCOUPLE**

Minimum order quantity is 10.

A thermocouple configures the closed circuit in which a small electric current flows in the circuit composed of a pair of dissimilar conductors,

 $\begin{array}{c|c} \text{Type} & \text{Rated current} & \text{Base size} \end{array}$ 

and measures temperature using thermoelectric effect produced at both ends of conductors in different temperatures.



## **Bolt Strain Gauges BTM series**

Operating temperature range<br> $-10 \sim +80^\circ C$  A-2  $-10 \sim$ 

 $A - 2 = 10 \sim +80^\circ C$ 

These gauges are used for measurement of tensile strain of bolt. They are simply inserted into pre-drilled hole in the bolt with exclusive adhesives. This method is recommendable when an ordinary strain gauges can not be mounted on the bolt surface. Accurate tensile force measurement is possible by calibrating the bolt after installing the bolt gauges.

The BTM bolt gauges use heat-curing A-2 adhesive for installation, which provides better long-term stability.





## **Bolt Strain Gauges BTMC series**  $c \in$

These gauges are used for measurement of tensile strain of bolt. They are simply inserted into pre-drilled hole in the bolt with exclusive adhesives. This method is recommendable when an ordinary strain gauges can not be mounted on the bolt surface. Accurate tensile force measurement is possible by calibrating the bolt after installing the bolt gauges.

Operating temperature range<br> $-10 \sim +80^{\circ}$ C

−10〜+80℃ Applicable adhesives CN −10〜+80℃

The BTMC gauges have a tube shape sensing element, and they are installed with fast-curing CN adhesive. The installation is easily made at room temperature.



Gauge Lead: Ф0.1mm Polyimide insulated of 30mm for BTMC-05 and BTMC-1, 60mm for BTMC-3



## **Bolt strain gauge installation/calibration service**

Currently, bolts are used in various fields for connecting structural members. Confirmation and management of the fixing condition are possible by measuring axial force applied to the bolt in machine structures, cars, airplanes, expressways, bridges, fixing of segments and so on. Also the axial force measurement is useful for knowing the strength of bolt and designing the bolt connection.

**Processing method**

There are two methods in strain gauge installation service. One is embedding, and the other is bonding.

#### **Embedding BTM/BTMC series**

A hole of 1.0mm, 1.6mm or 2mm in diameter is drilled in the center of the bolt. The strain gauge is inserted into the hole and embedded with an exclusive adhesive. This method has the advantage of avoiding the gauge being damaged by a washer, etc. while fastening the bolt.

TML offers strain gauging service for measurement of axial force acting on bolts. The service includes drilling a hole, fixing the gauge, connecting the cable, and applying load calibration to the bolt supplied by the customer. Strain gauge installation service for high temperature is also available.

#### **Bonding F, QF, ZF, CF series**

Two strain gauges are bonded on both sides of the bolt shaft in axially symmetric positions to cancel the influence of bending. It is required to slightly scrape off the surface of the bolt shaft where the strain gauges are bonded, for the purpose of avoiding strain gauges being damaged while fastening the bolt or by contact of a washer. Choose strain gauges according to the usage conditions including temperature.









#### Calibration service

the details.

In order to achieve accurate measurement, we offer calibration service in which the bolt is calibrated with specified load. Instruments and calibration machines used for the calibration service are periodically calibrated and inspected by public institutions traceable to the national standards.

#### **Example)**

#### **Tensile test of bolt (bolt size : M10×1.25 L=65)**

including the calibration work. Please contact us for



## **Transducer-specific strain gauge**

TML strain gauges are used not only for the purpose of knowing strain/ stress but also as sensors for strain gauge type transducers. A strain gauge type transducer converts physical quantity such as load, pressure or displacement into mechanical strain on the strain generating body (elastic body), and the mechanical strain is converted into electrical output using strain gauges mounted on the elastic body. We offer various types of transducer-specific strain gauges featuring highly reliable and stable performance.



- Displacement transducers
- Torque transducers

### **VARIOUS TYPES OF TML TRANSDUCER-SPECIFIC STRAIN GAUGES**

### GAUGE PATTERN AND GAUGE LENGTH

Single, Rectangular 2-element, Torque (Shearing) strain measurement.



### **Pattern**



2 types of 0°/90° 2-axis gauge are lined-up with different pattern of gauge tab. CM-type has half-bridge configuration.

### GAUGE RESISTANCE



Please note that 1000Ω gauge has less power consumption in bridge circuit comparing to 350Ω gauge's and limits Joule heat generation.

### GAUGE BACKING MATERIALS

Unlike stress measurement gauges, the gauge backing materials for transducer-specific strain gauge cannot be determined based solely on the operating temperature and bonding method. To ensure maximum transducer performance, it is necessary to test various combinations using different stress-generating bodies (elastic bodies) to select the most suitable backing mateirals.

#### **OPERATING TEMPERATURE**

Operating temperature range differs from heat-resistive temperature. F series gauge (with epoxy backing) is also available for use of heat-curing type bonding adhesives. Refer to pages 89 and 90 for the details.



### TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION

Similarly as general purpose strain gauges, self-temperature-compensated gauges are available in three types for mild steel, stainless steel and aluminium. Better temperature compensation is available by configuring a bridge circuit using self-temperature-compensated strain gauges. More precise temperature compensation is achieved by adding a resistor for zero point compensation in the bridge circuit.

Note) EF series gauges are self-temperature-compensated for mild steel only.



### CREEP ADJUSTMENT

The creep characteristic is particularly important in force transducers. The most common compensation system uses the material creep (+) of the stress-generating body (elastic body) and the gauge creep  $(-)$  to cancel each other. Various TML strain gauges are available for creep adjustment and are selectable by creep code.

**Creep code**



### TEMPERATURE SENSITIVITY COMPENSATION

Elastic modulus of strain-generating body (elastic body) varies with temperature. In the same manner, as ambient temperature around the strain-generating body varies, it results in a change of measured strain under loaded condition. To reduce such temperature influence, sensitivity compensation resistor is assembled in bridge circuit.

### **Coding system of Transducer-specific strain gauges**



## **Frictional Strain Checker FGMH series**

### No bonding is required for strain measurement on steel

### **Features**

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- **●**Easy mounting and detaching by lever operation
- **●**Paint removal, grinding, bonding and curing are not necessary
- **Can be used repeatedly**
- **●**Strain measurement in three directions (FGMH-3A)



The Strain checker FGMH series measures strain using frictional force working on the contact surface of the frictional strain gauge by pressing the gauge against the structure with magnetic force. Unlike bondable strain gauges, surface preparation and bonding works are not required for this gauge, thus the works required for strain measurement are largely reduced. In combined use with a handheld type strainmeter, the strain checker



The FGMH-1B is a strain checker constructed small and light. The frictional strain gauge is set to on, off and replacing position by the operation of lever, thus allowing easy handling of the strain checker.



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can easily measure strains on steel materials such as bridges by changing measurement point one after another. It is the most suited to preparatory measurements before starting a long term measurement.

In the FGMH series, three types are available. They are FGMH-1B and FGMH-2A both for single axis measurement and FGMH-3A for 0°/45°/90° three-axis measurement.

### **FGMH-1B(Single axis measurement) FGMH-2A(Single axis measurement)**



The FGMH-2A is a strain checker especially designed for measurement on a small area such as the vicinity of a welded part. It can be easily attached to and detached from measurement object by the operation of magnet lever. In addition, a lever is provided on the upper part to slightly lift the frictional strain gauge from the measurement surface by pushing the lever downward. It enables easy adjustment of the direction of the strain gauge.



#### **FGMH-3A(Three-axis measurement 0º/45º/90º)**

The FGMH-3A is a strain checker for three-axis measurement in 0°/45°/90°. Principal stress (principal strain) and its direction can be found by applying rosette analysis calculation to the measured strain values in three directions. It is applicable to measurement in the vicinity of weld bead like as the FGMH-2A. Also similarly as the FGMH-2A, it can be easily attached to and detached from a measurement object by the operation of magnet lever. Another lever is provided for easy adjustment of the direction of the strain gauge.

### **FGMH-4A(Single axis measurement)**



The FGMH-4A is a new, smaller and lighter Frictional Strain Checker that is an evolution of the FGMH-1B.

Compared with the Frictional Strain Checker FGMH-1B, the overall holder length has been reduced by approximately 55% (from 65 mm to 29 mm) and the holder mass by approximately 50% (from approximately 60 g to 30 g).

\*Frictional strain gauges are available with a gauge resistance of 120 Ω and a gauge length of 3 mm or 6 mm

### **Measurement image of steel girder section**



● One touch operation

Pressed from above and fitted in the measuring position



The magnetic attraction presses the friction-type gauge against the measuring section for measurement



Frictional strain gauge CBF-3C-02LJBT-F CBF-6C-02LJBT-F



The frictional strain gauge is a consumable part. If it is stained, deteriorated or damaged, replace it with a new one.

#### **Option : Applicable frictional strain gauge**



### **Application examples**

- **●**Preparatory measurement of bridge which will undergo a long term measurement
- **●**Investigation of neutral axis position of composite girder bridge
- **●**Stress direction of structural member of bridge on which fatigue crack is initiated
- **●**Stress measurement of newly built bridge where paint removal is not available.

#### **Strain measurement in a narrow area**

Stress concentration is caused in the vicinity of weld bead, which is deposit of welded L materials along the welding pass. The strain checker FGMH-2A/FGMH-3A is capable of strain measurement in a narrow area such as the vicinity of weld bead because it is easily attached and detached by ON/OFF operation of the magnet lever. Strain in three directions can be measured simultaneously by the use of FGMH-3A.



### **Specifications**



Note:

. The strain checker is installed on a measurement object by magnetic force. It is not applicable to measurement on non-magnetic materials.

・The strain checker is not applicable to the use on a curved or uneven surface. ・If the vicinity of the strain checker is hit strongly with a hammer or equivalent, a shift in the measured value may be caused.

・Correct measurement may not be possible by the strain checker on a machine or structure experiencing strong vibration.

・For more precise measurement, it is recommended to remove the paint and to bond an ordinary strain gauge on the base metal surface.

### Dimensions

FGMH-1B (Single axis)







FGMH-2A





FGMH-4A (Single axis)



\*: Where the gauge backing surface is in parallel with the magnet base. (FGMH-2A, FGMH-3A)

## **Frictional Axial Strain Transducer FGAH-1B**



### Applicable not only for tie-rod of motor cars but also for tension rod of architectural structures

### **Features**

- **●**Easily installed by just clamping-on without detaching the existing tie-rod
- **●**Tensile force management of rod between sheet piles or in architectural structures is easily achieved – The transducer can be used repeatedly
- **●**Applicable rod:
	- FGAH-1B-R : Diameter is 10 to 25mm FGAH-1B-H : Width cross flats 10 to 25mm (Optional spacers are required)
- **●**Small and light construction which allows installation in a narrow space

### **Dimensions**



This transducer measures axial strain of steering tie-rod of a car and consists of two types FGAH-1B-R and FGAH-1B-H for which a cross section of the rod is round shape or hexagon's. It is also suited to measure axial strain of a tension rod used in aseismic reinforcement structure or in steel frame structure. Since frictional strain gauges are used in this transducer, installation is completed and it gets ready for measurement by merely pinching the rod with the transducer, without detaching the rod. There is no need of technical skill and complicated works for attaching strain gauges on the rod.

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- NB:
- Frictional strain gauges are consumable parts.
	- Applicable type of frictional strain gauges is CBFC-2 (option).

### **Specifications**



### **Installation image**





## **Frictional Torque Sensor System FGDH-3A**



Torque Sensor System measures torque on the drive shaft of a car. Frictional strain gauges are used as sensing elements, and installation is completed by clamping the torque sensor system onto an existing shaft and securing it with a screw. There is no need of detaching the shaft, bonding nor wiring strain gauges for installation. Applicable shaft diameters are ø20 to 30 mm, ø30 to 40 mm, and ø40 to 50 mm. A digital telemetry transmitter is built in the sensor, and measured data are transmitted to an exclusive receiver DT-182R by wireless and output as analog signals. For wireless transmission, 2.4GHz band advanced low power data communication system is used. Power supply uses a USB power cable with recharging capability, so the sensor can be recharged without needing to be removed. [Patent registered]

- **Features**
- **●**Easily installed by just clamping-on without detaching the drive shaft
- **●**Three types available for applicable shaft diameter of 20~30, 30~40 and 40~50 mm
- **●**No bonding is required because frictional strain gauges are used
- **●**Globally standardized 2.4GHz band data communication system is used for noise resistant digital transmission
- **●**Battery is rechargeable with the FGDH installed on the shaft
- **●**Power saving function provided

### **Specifications (Toque transducer)**



NB:

- This system is approved for use in Japan, the EU member countries, the People's Republic of China. Please contact us for other countries.
- This system may not be applicable depending on the material, surface roughness or surface treatment of the shaft. Please contact us beforehand.
- Frictional strain gauges are consumable parts. Applicable type of frictional strain gauge is CBFTC-2-005CT. (option).
- A torque driver is required for the installation of FGDH-3A



### **Specifications (Receiver)**



• Coaxial cable for the extension of receiving antenna is required.

C3RSPJ-EXT-1M (1m long), C3RSPJ-EXT-3M (3m long), C3RSPJ-EXT- 5M(5m long)

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## **Residual stress measurement**

Residual stress, which is caused in structural parts by heat treatment, welding or loading of the parts, lowers the strength and fatigue strength of the structures because the residual stress is added to the actual load even if the actual load is within the allowable range. Evaluation of residual stress is an important factor for improving the machining accuracy, evaluating the integrity and diagnosing the surplus life of the structural parts.

directly measuring strain as nominal stress value. However, it is difficult to know residual stress in general strain measurement. There are two methods for measuring residual stress using strain gauges. One is a partial release method (mainly drilling method) to release the residual stress locally by making a slit or hole in the vicinity of the strain gauge. Another is a full release method (mainly cutting method) to release the residual stress by cutting around the strain gauge by machining. We supply strain gauges dedicated to residual stress measurement.

Residual stress measurement using a strain gauge has the advantage of

### **Method using partial release**

This method is applied when a slight mechanical destruction (semidestruction) is allowed for the specimen even though it cannot be fully destroyed. A hole of approximately 2 mm in diameter and 3 mm in depth will be made. A strain gauge dedicated to residual stress measurement is bonded on the measurement position and a hole is drilled in the center of the strain gauge. Partial release strain generated by the drilling is

### **Residual stress measurement using drilling method**

In the partial release method using FRS strain gauge, residual stress is calculated from the partially released strain generated by drilling a small hole on the specimen. This method is introduced in ASTM Standard E837 (Determining Residual Stress by the Hole-Drilling Strain Gage Method).



Please refer to page 45, 89 and 90 for the detailed specifications.

**Strain gauges for residual stress measurement by hole drilling method**







measured, and residual stress is calculated using the strain and parameters such as drilling diameter and elastic modulus and Poisson's ratio of the specimen. Since the hole must be drilled exactly in the center of the strain gauge, and strain by machining must not be induced, dedicated tools and drilling apparatus are used.



Maximum residual stress

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\sigma_{\text{max}} = \frac{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3}{4A} + \frac{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3}{4B\cos 2\theta}
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Minimum residual stress

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\sigma_{\min} = \frac{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3}{4A} - \frac{\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3}{4B\cos 2\theta}
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Angle from  $\varepsilon_1$  axis to the direction of Maximum residual stress (positive (+) for clockwise direction from  $\epsilon_1$  axis)

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\theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_3 - 2 \varepsilon_2}{\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1}
$$

Here, A and B are constants determined by the drilled hole diameter and the gauge center radius.

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4A = -\frac{(1+v)d^{2}}{2ER^{2}} \quad 4B = -\frac{2d^{2}}{ER^{2}} + \frac{3(1+v)d^{4}}{8ER^{4}}
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d : Drilled hole diameter

 $\epsilon_1$  ~  $\epsilon_3$ : Measured strain

v : Poisson's ratio R : Gauge center radius<br>d : Drilled hole diameter E : Young's modulus

**Measurement method** Residual stress measurement **measurement** Measurement method Residual stress measurement

### **Method using full release**

When the specimen is allowed to be destroyed, a strain gauge is bonded on the measurement position and whole circumference of the position is cut to fully release the residual stress. The residual stress is calculated by stress analysis using the change of strain resulted from the cutting.

### **Residual stress measurement using cutting method**

Strain gauge to be used is selected from single-axis gauge, 2-axis gauge, 3-axis gauge and stress concentration measurement gauge according to the condition.

Also in the full release method, care must be taken not to allow any strain by machining is induced and not to damage the strain gauge during the cutting.

As the cutting method, cutting grinder with a thin cutter or electrical discharge machining is utilized. These methods cause little machining stress.

Generally, measurement is made using a data logger (static strain meter).

A strain gauge is installed on the measurement position, and initial unbalance value is measured. If the strain gauge and its wiring are exposed to cutting fluid, protective coatings are applied, or the leadwire is once detached and only the strain gauge part is coated before the cutting process. Cut the specimen so as not to induce machining stress. If temperature change is caused by the cutting, carry out measurement after the temperature returns to normal.

Use the same channel of the same instrument for measurements before and after the cutting. This is because initial unbalance values are not consistent for different channels or instruments.



Please refer to page 45, 46, 89 and 90 for the detailed specifications.

#### **For residual stress measurement**



2-axis 10-element (5 paralleled)



-005LE: With polyimide leadwire 5 cm







After cutting and releasing

Weld bead (rosette strain gauge) Weld bead (strain gauge for stress concentration)

## **Strain Gauge Adhesives**









### NB: Shelf life

Effective storing duration on condition that the adhesive is properly kept in a cool, dry and dark place such as a refrigerator (+5~+10°C, do not store in a freezer).

Thumb pressure 100~300kPa

#### SDS : Safety Data Sheet

TML supplies SDS for all its strain gauge adhesives and coatings. Contact your TML supplier for more information. For two-component adhesives, use the supplied mixing vessles.

Mixing vessles: Polyethylene make

75mm-diameter, 10mm depth

\* These contents are for outside Japan

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- **・**In general, curing time of an adhesive called "room temperature curing type" is largely affected by environmental conditions such as temperature and humidity. Referring to the curing conditions described in the supplied operation manual, it is recommended to carry out a "test curing" on the site.
- **・**A trace of water in the air is required to cure the CN adhesive (cyanoacrylate). Therefore the curing time is largely affected by humidity rather than temperature.

## **Coating Materials**

The type of coating required and the application method differ depending on the environment in which the strain gauge is used. In general, if one type of coating is not sufficient, multiple coatings can be combined to protect the strain gauges. At TML, the coating applied directly to the surface of the strain gauge is referred to as the first coating with subsequent coating layers referred to sequentially as the second coating, third coating, etc. Multi-layer coatings offer better strain gauge protection.





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Coatings in special substances

For use in special substances such as acids, alkalis and alcohols, contact TML or your local representatives.

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### **Important point**

The application of coating material has an effect on test results when repeated strain is applied in the test such as a fatigue test (strain level of  $\pm 1500 \times 10^{-6}$ ).

Give careful consideration before the test, and apply the coating carefully. Please contact us for further information if necessary.

## **Gauge Protecter**



### **Specifications**



## **COATING**

This rubber protector is designed to protect gauges which are bonded onto metal surface from the environment for long-term measurement. The strain gauge is packed inside together with the applied adhesive and overcoating materials. The protector is also provided with a hole for cable intake. It allows the entire area to be isolated from ambient conditions which may affect reliable measurement, and enhances the coating performance.



## **COATING TAPE for reinforcing bar**

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This tape is specially designed for use as a waterproof coating for stain gauges bonded onto reinforcing bars or other cylindrical surfaces. Coating is achieved by simply taping it onto the surface to save considerable time in comparison with coventional procedures. (A heat gun is required for application.)





## **Connecting Terminals/Strain Gauge Clamp**

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### **Connecting Terminals**

TML Connecting Terminals provide convenient junction points to connect strain gauges to instrumentation leadwires.



NB: TPFH series are heat-resistive connecting terminals with polyimide resin backing to TPF. It allows high temperature measurement using QF/ZF series gauges and bonding repetition on the terminals.

**Cubic type** T series is made of a cubic plastic and two or three wires of approximately 0.8mm diameter are fixed to the cube. TY is laminated with rubber sheet and suitable for large strain measurement. TP-2 is a self-bonding terminal with two wires. TF is made of a 0.03mm thick copper foil and a glass-epoxy insulation base of approx. 0.15mm thick. TFY is laminated with rubber sheet approx. 0.8mm thick over the back side of TF series terminals.



**Foil type**



### **Strain Gauge Clamp**

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When bonding a strain gauge, a fixing pressure should be applied to the gauge until curing is completed. This can be easily done using TML Gauge Mate, which is a gauge clamp device consisting of a coil spring and a permanent magnet. Model GMR-S is for round specimens. Both can be used with room-temperature curing type bonding adhesives.



N.B: Strain gauge clamp should be used in room temperature.



### **Gauge Mate GMR-S Pressing Jig PRESSEE PM-19**

PRESSEE is a pressing jig capable of not only pressurizing the strain gauge but also checking adhesion status from the clear pressing part with eyes. The use of PRESSEE saves time to keep pressing the strain gauge with your finger in the bonding work. In addition, since the PRESSEE can apply a constant pressure to the strain gauge, bonding quality is expected to be higher than a finger pressure.





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