Fiber Optic Strain Sensor Range



Overview

Fibre-optic strain sensors SCAIME has developed a complete range of fibre-optic strain gauges for monitoring complex structures. Immune to electromagnetic.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic strain sensors can measure strains up to 10,000 µm/m and can be deployed over distances ranging from meters to 100 kilometers depending on the sensor type.

Measurement Range

Fiber optic strain sensors are capable of detecting a wide range of strain magnitudes. Discrete fiber Bragg grating (FBG) sensors typically measure strains with high accuracy and stability, often up to 10,000 µm/m (1% strain), making them suitable for structural health monitoring in civil, aerospace, and industrial applications. Interferometric sensors offer even higher sensitivity, capable of detecting minute deformations at the sub-micrometer level.

Intensity-based sensors provide simpler implementations but may have slightly lower precision and are more sensitive to environmental factors.

Spatial and Deployment Range

The deployment range of fiber optic strain sensors varies by technology: High-definition distributed sensors using Rayleigh backscatter can provide sub-millimeter spatial resolution over lengths from 1 m to 100 m, ideal for detailed strain mapping in localized structures.

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Multipoint FB

G sensors allow multiple discrete measurement points along a single fiber, with interrogator systems supporting up to 16 channels, enabling coverage of large structures. Long-range distributed sensing systems, such as those using DAS (Distributed Acoustic Sensing), can monitor optical fibers up to 100 km in length with a spatial resolution of about 1 m, suitable for pipelines, railways, highways, and perimeter security.

Advantages and Applications

Fiber optic strain sensors offer several advantages over traditional strain gauges: Electromagnetic immunity, allowing use in high-voltage or explosive environments. Lightweight and flexible fibers, which can be embedded in composites or concrete without affecting structural integrity. Long-term durability in harsh environments, including marine, offshore, and corrosive conditions.

These features make fiber optic strain sensors ideal for structural health monitoring, industrial machinery, aerospace components, and large-scale infrastructure where both high sensitivity and long-range coverage are required. In summary, fiber optic strain sensors provide a versatile range of measurement capabilities, from sub-millimeter strain detection over short distances to distributed monitoring over tens of kilometers, with strain limits up to 10,000 μm/m, depending on the sensor type and application.

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