

TENSMEG: Tension Measuring Gauge for 7-Wire Strands

Description

NOTE: This is a legacy and discontinued product not available for order.

The TENSMEG (tension measuring gauge) for monitoring strains in 7-wire strands, is an elongated spiral strain gauge comprised of a Teflon® coated resistive wire, extending between two hard, rubber end anchors. The TENSMEG is an accurate and cost-effective means to examine load and strain in rock and soil anchors, and also in cable bolts used for rock support. Pre-stressed and post-tensioned concrete load and strain may also be effectively measured.

Due to its construction, the resistance wire is precisely inserted into the spiral grooves of the 7-wire strand used for anchors and therefore is well protected. The gauge has an excellent linear response, accuracy, and long term stability with water resistance capability. Specifications are unaffected when the TENSMEG is surrounded by cement grout or embedded in concrete structures.

The QB120 Resistance Strain Gauge Readout, reads, displays, and logs 1/4 bridge strain gauges. It is also the intended readout for the TENSMEG.

TENSION MEASURING GAUGE SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM

Full Scale Tension

Full Scale Compression

Resolution Accuracy

Length

Gauge Factor
Gauge Resistance
Excitation Voltage
Initial Creep

Total Creep

Yield Limit of Resistance Wire

Maximum Water Pressure

Temperature Effect SPECIFICATIONS

SPECIFICATION

Exceeds 50,000 ??

3000 ?, dependent on level of pre-tension applied during installation

1 ?? 2% F.S.

48 cm (18.9 in) - other lengths available upon

request 2.0 nominal 120 Ohm

1 V - 10 V DC

Less than 30 ??, 48 hrs. after installation Less than 100 ??, 3 months after installation 4,000 - 18,000 ?? depending on gauge length

Tested to 2 MPa

Less than 1 ?? / °C (-10° to 75°C)