TQ501
Rotary Torque Sensor
M1460/0592

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The OMEGA TQ501 Rotary Torque Sensor is ideal for measuring torques in rotating shafts. An integral slip ring assembly is used to transfer the electrical signal from rotating electronics to stationary electronics. The slip ring consists of silver graphite brushes which rub on the rotating ring, providing an electrical path for the incoming excitation and the outgoing signal voltage. Because of the low signal levels produced by a strain gage bridge, brushes should be periodically cleaned. For long term measurements, the brushes can be replaced.

HOW TORQUE SENSORS WORK

Torque sensors have an output or sensitivity in mV/V. What this sensitivity/output represents is as follows:

Change in Millivolt output from zero load to the full scale capacity of the sensor = Output/Sensitivity (example 2.13 mV/V) x Excitation (10.0 VDC)

Torque sensors rarely have exactly zero millivolts at no load. Most sensors have a small DC offset of a few millivolts, which is normal. To scale a system, the end-user simply scales the recorder/meter for a full scale range, then connects the torque sensor.

AVAILABLE MODELS

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

While the TQ501 Rotary Torque Sensor is a very rugged device, it should not be subjected to torsional loads in excess of 150% of its rated capacity. The sensor can be used to measure torque in both clockwise and counterclockwise directions. When alternating clockwise and counterclockwise torsional loads are applied to the sensor, there should be no play in either loading direction.

NOTE: The TQ501 sensor is not designed to take off-axis loading. It is very important to have the proper shaft couplings installed in your system.
GENERAL CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

The sensor is cycled through the operating range to develop a stable hysteresis loop. Known loads are then applied to the sensor by means of dead weights or a reference load cell in ascending and descending increments. The data recorded is then best fit to second degree equations which describe ascending, descending, and average calibration curves. These equations are incrementally solved to generate theoretical sensor outputs at various loads. The calibration sheet supplies you with these data points and their meanings are defined in the following diagram:

Terminal Non-linearity (NL): computed from deviations of ascending theoretical data from a straight line connecting the zero and full scale points.

Terminal hysteresis (HYS): computed from the differences between descending and ascending theoretical data.

Best fit through zero Non-linearity (BF/0): computed from deviations of average theoretical data from a straight line through zero with a slope which produces minimum deviations with average theoretical data.

Best fit through zero outputs and best fit through zero shunt cal values should be used when the sensor is assumed to be linear. If the instrumentation is capable of correcting second order non-linearity, the average outputs and shunt cal output values should be used.
WIRING

PIN A: + EXCITATION
PIN B: + SIGNAL
PIN C: - SIGNAL
PIN D: - EXCITATION

NIST TRACEABILITY

The TQ501 sensor is calibrated using a known load (applied to an NIST traceable load cell) through a known distance (measured by an NIST traceable lever arm). This set-up is considered a tertiary standard, traceable to NIST.

SPECIFICATIONS

RATED OUTPUT: 2 mV/V nominal
EXCITATION: 10 Vdc, 20 Vdc maximum
ACCURACY: 0.18% F.S.
LINEARITY: 0.10% F.S.
HYSTERESIS: 0.10% F.S.
REPEATABILITY: 0.10% F.S.
ZERO BALANCE: 1.0% F.S.
OPERATING TEMP. RANGE: -65°F to 250°F
COMPENSATED TEMP. RANGE: 70°F to 170°F
THERMAL EFFECTS
Zero: 0.002% F.S./°F
Span: 0.002% Rdg./°F

MAX. LOAD
Safe: 150% F.S.
Ultimate: 300% F.S.

BRIDGE RESISTANCE: 350 ohms nominal

FULL SCALE ANGULAR DEFLECTION: 1.2 degrees
CONSTRUCTION: Nickel plated steel
ELECTRICAL: Mating connector supplied
WEIGHT: 8 lbs. (3.6 kg)
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