

SMS Strain™

ROV Installed Strain Sensor



Technical Data Sheet

The patent pending SMS Strain™ is an autonomous subsea strain sensor that can be installed by ROV. The goal of this development has been to create a sensor that allows large installation tolerances for ROV installation, while still measuring strain with high resolution (better than 1 μ Strain) and accuracy. Like all 4Subsea SMS sensors, the SMS Strain™ has extremely low power consumption, enabling continuous logging and data storage at 10 Hz for a period of 11 months.

Ongoing Pilot Testing

After having gone through an extensive test program to verify accuracy and sensitivity, we are now in the middle of the first offshore pilot project where we are measuring wellhead loads from a BOP during a drilling operation from a semi-submersible rig. In the pilot, project measurements are verified and compared with conventional strain measurements.

Wireless Configuration and Data Transfer

The sensor can be configured via the SMS Magic Hand™ optical modem during mobilisation, and raw data and statistical data can easily be transferred to a topside computer during a logging campaign by letting an ROV hold the SMS Magic Hand™ modem in front of a sensor.

Retrofit Solution

The sensor is developed for easy retrofit installation on subsea structures. It can be installed in the field by hand on deck or using ROV subsea. The sensor is mounted using internal magnets that enable the sensor to grip directly onto the steel. The pilot system was installed offshore on the rig BOP in two days.

Multiple Sensors

Up to four SMS Strain™ sensors can be connected by cable to one SMS Gyro™ sensor/logger, facilitating synchronized data sampling and logging and thus measurement of both bending moment and tension in a structure. A topside computer can via a ROV-carried SMS Magic Hand™ download data or reconfigure the sensors.

4Subsea helps operators reduce cost of operations and maximise life of assets using autonomous sensors in combination with data analytics and specialist engineering competence. Products in the Smart Monitoring Sensors (SMS) range are **SMS Gyro™**, **SMS Vibration™**, **SMS Strain™**, **SMS Magic Hand™**, **SMS Gateway™**, **SMS Pressure™**, and **SMS Satellite™**. Technology applications include monitoring of wellhead integrity, risers, mooring lines, subsea spools and manifolds, as well as monitoring of pipelines and subsea structures.

Sensor Specifications

Full scale range +/- 2700 uStrain
Resolution 0.5 uStrain
Measurement frequency 10Hz
Magnet force 300N

Physical Dimensions

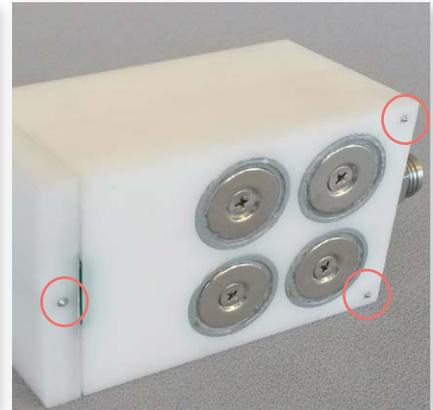
Material POM
Length 120 mm (without connector)
Width 80 mm
Height 62 mm (without handle)
Weight in air 1.1 kg

Environmental

Operating temperature 0° C to 30° C
Storage temperature -5° C to 50° C
Pressure rating 500m water depth

Electrical

Operating voltage 3.6 V
Current consumption < 4mA (logging at 10Hz)
Power Via Seacon connector



The SMS Strain™ sensor has magnets that facilitate simple manual- or ROV based mounting to a steel structure. The sensor lands on three sharp pins (red circles), two fixed and one flexible, and strain is measured by a highly sensitive internal displacement sensor connected to the flexible pin structure.



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