PRESSURE SENSORS

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General specifications

Rated pressure

The maximum value of the pressure at which all the specifications of the pressure sensor can be met or the value of the pressure which can be continuously applied to the pressure sensor without losing the performance characteristics to meet all the sensor specifications.

Break-down pressure

The pressure at which the pressure sensor is mechanically or electrically damaged.

It should be noted that at this pressure, pressure media may leak out from the pressure sensor.

· Operating temperature range

The temperature range within which the pressure sensor can be used without causing any permanent damage.

Pressure sensors may be used at a temperature beyond the compensated temperature range but within the operating temperature range. However, in this case, sensor specifications may not be met.

Operating humidity range

The humidity range within which the pressure sensor can be operated without causing any permanent change in the sensor specifications.

It is to be noted that the condensation that may be generated due to a rapid temperature change may damage the pressure sensor.

Pressure medium

Our pressure sensors consist of two compatible fluids type: Gases only and gases and liquids.

Dielectric strength

The AC voltage which can be applied between the housing of the pressure sensor and the sensor circuit without leakage current.

Maximum pressure

The maximum pressure which can be applied to the pressure sensor. The sensor specifications are to be met even after the maximum pressure is applied to the sensor for a short period of time. (However, there is a possibility that the offset voltage/zero voltage changes.)

Compensated temperature range

The temperature range within which the sensor specifications are satisfied. Our standard pressure sensors are compensated for a

- temperature range of 0 to 50 °C.
- Storage temperature range

The temperature range within which the pressure sensor can be stored without causing any permanent change in the sensor specifications. No load conditions, namely, no power supply and no pressure application are assumed for the storage.

Bridge resistance

The resistance between the input terminals of the pressure sensor which is measured with the input and output terminals open.

Insulation resistance

The DC resistance between the housing of the pressure sensor (pressure port) and the sensor circuit.

Excitation/power supply

The supply voltage/current to operate the pressure sensor.

Our standard pressure sensors without amplifier is excited by current, whereas other pressure sensors are driven by voltage.



Analog output

Offset voltage

The output voltage when no pressure is applied to the pressure sensor.

In the case of absolute pressure type pressure sensors, the offset voltage is at the absolute vacuum.

Span voltage/current

The difference between the output when rated pressure is applied to the pressure sensor and the zero voltage/current.

Hysteresis

The maximum difference between the output when the pressure to the pressure sensor is increased from no load to the rated pressure and the output when the pressure is decreased from the rated pressure to no load. The error is expressed in percent against the span output. (Fig. 1)

Zero voltage/current

The output when no pressure is applied to the pressure sensor.

In the case of absolute pressure type, zero voltage / current is at the absolute vacuum.

Linearity

The maximum deviation of the actually measured output from the linear output which is defined by connecting the no load output and rated output points when the pressure is increased from no load to the rated pressure. (Fig. 1) The error is expressed in percent against the span output.

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• Linearity/hysteresis The sum of the linearity and hysteresis errors.



(Fig. 1)

$$LINEARITY = \frac{D1 \text{ max.}}{\text{Span}} \times 100 \text{ [\%F.S.]}$$

HYSTERESIS =
$$\frac{D2 \text{ max.}}{\text{Span}} \times 100 \text{ [%F.S.]}$$

Response time

The time that the rated output voltage increases from 10 % to 90 % in the maximum amplitude or decreases after the pulse of the rated pressure is applied to a pressure sensor.

Supply voltage effect

The percentage change in the zero output and span output, when the supply voltage is varied from its minimum spec. value to the maximum spec. value. • Gravitational effect The percentage change in the zero output due to gravity.

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Thermal error
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The percentage change per one degree C in the zero voltage/current and span voltage/current against the span voltage/current at 25 °C when the ambient temperature of the pressure sensor is varied from 25 °C (reference temperature) to 0 °C (cold side) and to 50 °C (hot side).



Switch output

Output interface

The output interface of our standard pressure switches is an open collector ended switching transistor of either NPN or PNP junctions. Hysteresis

The change in the operating pressure point (where the pressure switch operates on and off) when the pressure is increased/decreased.

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Setting range

The adjustable pressure range for the switch output.

• Operating accuracy The accuracy of the operating pressure point when the ambient temperature is varied.

Switching capacity

The maximum capacity of the output transistor of the pressure switch.

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Display (for pressure gauges and pressure monitors)

Rated display range

The range of pressure displayed and is from a no load value to the rated pressure.

Display accuracy

The display accuracy when the ambient temperature of the display is varied.

Environmental test

Vibration

This test checks for the effect the pressure sensor undergoes after the vibration of certain frequency and certain amplitude is applied to the pressure sensor for a specified period of time.

Pressure cycling

The pressure sensor is checked after the application of no load and rated pressure is repeated a specified number of times.

The environmental test conditions for the above tests are specified for each product individually.

The effect of the test is checked in terms of a percentage change in the output voltage/current, switch output settings and displayed pressure against either the span voltage/current or the rated pressure.

• Display cycle (Sampling rate) The number of display cycles per second.

Shock

This test checks for the effect on the pressure sensor after the shock of certain magnitude and certain wave shape is applied to the pressure sensor a specified number of times.

Moisture resistance

The effect on the pressure sensor is checked after the sensor is subjected to a high temperature and high humidity condition for a specified period of time.



Business Hours: Monday - Friday 8.30am - 6.15pm