DATASHEET

ICAPACITIVE STRETCH SENSOR

SS-Series High accuracy stretch sensor





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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The ElastiSense Sensor Technology Stretch Sensor is a versatile, highly repeatable, elastic sensor, sensitive to the amount of stretch exposed.

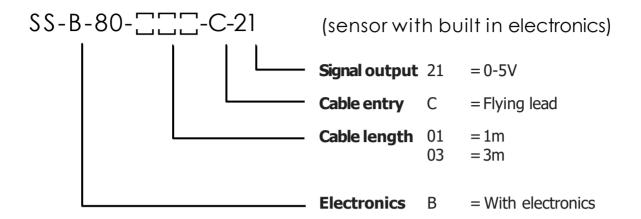
Unlike other stretch sensors, our devices behave predictably over a wide temperature range and do not suffer from significant drift under long periods of use.

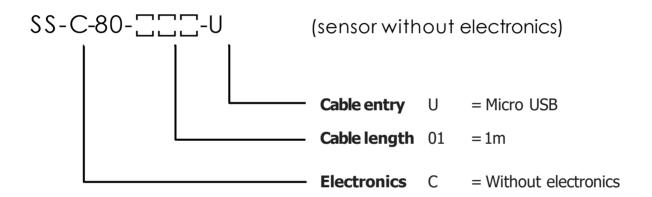
The capacitive nature of these products ensures high accuracy and repeatability even in environmentally challenging applications.

APPLICATION EXAMPLES

- Wearables (smart textiles)
 - Breathing
 - Joint motion
- Geotextiles and membranes
- · Large/permanent deformations in metals
- Multi-degree of freedom applications

The device is available in two standard variants. One of which contains electronics, converting the capacitance directly to a voltage signal, and the other being a bare capacitor which can be measured by the our WE Series electronics. Custom dimensions are also possible to supply (see page 8)





Order SS-C as spare sensors for the WE series measurement electronics

FEATURES AND OPTIONS

SS-B and SS-C

- Can be sewn, glued, screwed or clamped to the application
- Ultra high strain (80% linear strain)
- Low profile
- Tolerant to shock, vibration and misalignment
- Low sensitivity to thickness pressure
- Washable

SS-B additional features

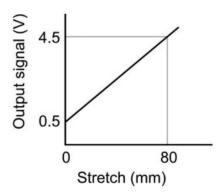
- Flexible voltage supply
- 1000Hz update frequency
- Custom non-linear programming available on request
- Integrated bandpass noise filter

Mechanical

Maximum linear stretch	80mm (80%)	
Operating temperature	0 to 70°C	
Protection rating	Equivalent to IP67	
Fatigue life	10 ⁶ cycles @ 80% strain	
Weight (not including cable)	<10g	

Electrical (SS-B only)

Sensitivity (nominal)	0.05V / mm stretch	
Temperature factor	-0.15% / °C	
Output signal	0 to 5V	
Update rate	1000Hz	
Supply voltage	2.25 to 5.25 V	
Power consumption	<0.2W	

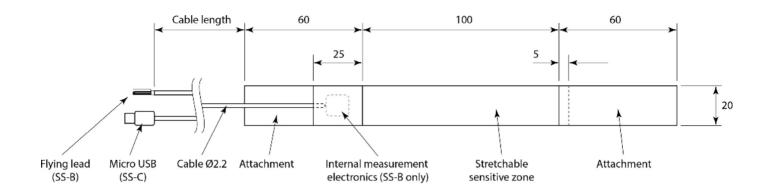


MECHANICAL CONNECTION

Stretch sensors are designed to be attached or tethered by their attachment area. The attachment part of the sensors is made from a nonwoven textile which together with the rest of the sensor, carries the final silicone coating.

It is possible to use sewing, clamping, eyelets for screws and the like for attaching the sensor to its host structure.

As is the case with the SG series strain gauge, stretch sensors can also be glued to a substrate along their entire length. See SG series datasheet for more information.



All dimensions in mm and nominal

ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

SS-B (with built in electronics)

- 2.5 to 5.25V (supply) White
- GND (supply) Yellow
- A_{GND} (signal) Blue
- A_{OUT} (signal) Green
- Screen Uninsulated

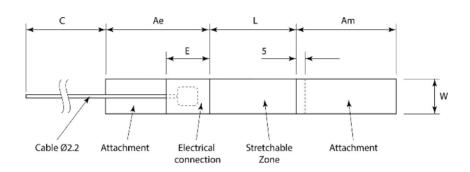
SS-C (without electronics)

• Micro USB for connection to LEAP WE electronics

Note:

Signal cable length and environment can affect signal quality. We advise experimentation.

It is common for the standard size sensor to be unsuitable for a given application. If this is the case, please refer to the drawing below and contact LEAP with the required dimensions for each of the lines in the table underneath. All dimensions in mm.



Dimension	Notes	Desired value
Ae	Min 25 (SS-C); Min 30 (SS-B)	
L	Min 5, Max 800	
Am	Min 10 (can be totally removed)	
С	Max 1000 (SS-C); Max 15000 (SS-B)	
Е	Min 20 (SS-C); Min 25 (SS-B)	
W	Min 12 (SS-C); Min 15 (SS-B)	

Further options:

- User configurable capacitance range represented by the 0-5V signal
- Other shapes and sizes
- Higher or lower stretch range
- Textile based cabling
- High temperature version (up to 200°C)
- Material samples for attachment testing

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