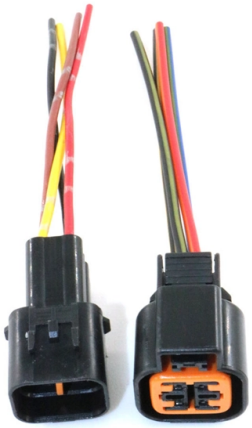
Fiber Bragg Grating Earth Pressure Cell



Overview

The FBG Earth Load Cell CL-01 is designed to monitor the earth pressure for very long period of time.

Key Takeaways

FBG Earth Pressure Cells are optical sensors that measure soil or structural pressure with high accuracy, stability, and immunity to electromagnetic interference.

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Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) Earth Pressure Cells are optical sensors designed to monitor soil stress or earth pressure in civil engineering structures such as dams, embankments, tunnels, bridge foundations, retaining walls, and high-rise building foundations ( ). They utilize the strain-sensing properties of fiber Bragg gratings embedded in optical fibers to detect pressure changes, converting mechanical strain into measurable wavelength shifts.

Working Principle

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G Earth Pressure Cell typically consists of a strain-transmitting element (such as a cantilever beam, flexible diaphragm, or metallic plate) coupled with FBG sensors. When soil or structural pressure is applied, the strain is transferred to the FBG, causing a shift in the reflected wavelength of light. This shift is proportional to the applied pressure, allowing precise measurement ( ).

Many designs include automatic temperature compensation to ensure accuracy under varying environmental conditions ( ).

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Key Features

High measurement accuracy and sensitivity: Some models achieve resolving power of 0.1% full scale and measurement accuracy of 0.5% full scale ( ). Long-term stability: Suitable for continuous monitoring over months or years ( ). Electromagnetic immunity: Optical fibers are not affected by electromagnetic interference, making them ideal for harsh environments ( ).

Intrinsic safety: Can be used in flammable or explosive environments ( ). Robust design: Thin rigid plates or flexible diaphragms minimize disturbance to the soil stress field ( ). ApplicationsFBG Earth Pressure Cells are widely used in: Soil and rock monitoring: Embankments, slopes, and foundations.

Hydraulic structures: Earth dams, breakwaters, and anti-seepage walls. Civil infrastructure: Bridge piers, tunnels, subways, airports, highways, and high-rise buildings. Special conditions: Frozen soil, glacier monitoring, and areas with strong electromagnetic interference ( ).

Advantages over Traditional SensorsNon-electrical operation: Reduces risk in explosive or wet environments. High precision and repeatability: Optical measurement avoids drift common in mechanical or electrical sensors. Compact and embeddable: Can be installed directly in soil or concrete without significant structural modification.

Wide measurement range: Adjustable designs allow monitoring from small soil strains to high earth pressures ( ). ConclusionFBG Earth Pressure Cells provide a reliable, accurate, and durable solution for monitoring soil and structural pressures in civil engineering projects. Their optical nature, combined with temperature compensation and immunity to electromagnetic interference, makes them particularly suitable for long-term, high-precision geotechnical monitoring in challenging environments ( ).

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