

# Technical Specifications L-Cell

Next generation bolt-on weight measurement with active temperature compensation for bulk material vessel inventories.

Developed from many years' experience with bolt-on strain gage technology, this uniquely designed, highly sensitive, thermally stable, dual axis strain gage sensor is bolted directly to the vessel's support structure. The L-Cell measures changes in stress in the vessel support member and provides a change in voltage output in direct proportion to the weight of material.

The L-Cell's exclusive *Standardized Axial Strain Sensitivity* (SASS®) provides active temperature compensation over a wide temperature range. Seasonal and transient environmental effects are minimized as the L-Cell does not rely on typical passive resistor networks.

The L-Cell is quickly and easily installed while the vessel is still in productive use. For use on existing vessels, the L-Cell is a very cost-effective weighing solution when compared to modifying or lifting vessels if using other types of weighing sensors.

In combination with your existing vessel's H-beam support legs, shear beam cross supports, or support skirt, the versatility of the L-Cell can supply a cost effective, industrial strength weighing system. The L-Cell is also easy to install, easy to maintain, and highly reliable.



# **Features & Benefits**

### **Bolt-on Technology**

Creates a weighing system by mounting L-Cells on the structural support members of the vessels legs, shear beam supports, or structural skirt.

### **Simple Mounting**

No specialized tools for installation.

Uses Existing Vessel Structure
No need to empty vessel or take out of production to install or service.

### 75 Years MTBF

Unprecedented long term reliability.

### **Unique Design**

Dual sensing elements that reject temperature induced errors.

## **Specifications:**

### Mechanical

Stress Level - Carbon Steel Applications:

Maximum: ±15,000 psi (10. 5 kg/mm²)

Recommend:  $5,000 \pm 3,500 \text{ psi } (3.5 \pm 2.5 \text{ kg/mm}^2)$ 

Stress Level - Aluminum Applications:

Maximum: ±6,500 psi (4.6 kg/mm<sup>2</sup>)

Recommend: 3,000 ± 1,500 psi (2.1 ± 1.1 kg/mm²)

Consult factory for stress levels outside the

recommended range

Fatigue Life: In excess of 20 million cycles; load and

unload at 0 to 7,500 psi (0 to 5.3 kg/mm<sup>2</sup>)

### **Electrical**

Excitation Voltage: Standard 12 Vdc (±5%)

Excitation Current @ 12V: 11.8 mA at 0°F (-18°C) to

8.4 mA at 100° F (38° C)

Insulation Resistance: 2M ohms

Strain Gage to Sensor Frame Breakdown Voltage:

>250V

### Output (for 12V excitation)

Sensitivity - Carbon Steel: 35 mV ± 1%/1,000

psi  $(35 \text{ mV} \pm 1\%/0.7 \text{ kg/mm}^2)$ 

Sensitivity - Aluminum: 80 mV ± 1%/1,000 psi

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**Zero-Strain Output:** 0 mV ± 100 mV **Nonlinearity and Hysteresis:** ±0.2% of

525 mV at 15,000 psi

**Repeatability:** 0.1% of full scale output **Output Impedance:** 3.75K ohms (±1%)

### **Environmental**

Rating: Designed for rugged, outdoor applications,

not for high-pressure washdown

Temperature Range - Operational:

-30° to 140° F (-34° to 60° C)

**Temperature Range - Storage:** 

-30° to 140°F (-34° to 60°C)

### **Environmental** (continued)

Temperature Range - Compensated:

0° to 100° F (-18° to 38° C)

**Temperature Effects - Sensitivity Change:** 0.02% per degree Fahrenheit (0.036% per degree Celsius)

over the compensated range

Temperature Effects - Zero Shift: ± 2mV between

0° and 100° F (-18° and 38° C)

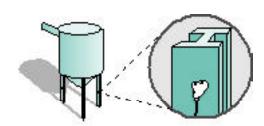
### **Physical**

Weight: 1.4 ounces (40 grams)

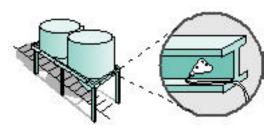
Steel Base: 17-4 PH stainless steel

Cable: 3-conductor, 22 gage, unshielded

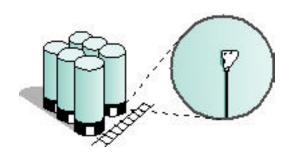
Cable Length: 15 feet (4.6 meters)



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**Horizontal Beam** 



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