Load cells

FOR PRODUCTION, AUTOMATION, R&D
AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

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A powerful force taking measurements forward
SMART LOAD CELLS KEEPING PACE WITH ADVANCES IN PROCESS CONTROL.

PRODUCTS DESIGNED FOR THE CHALLENGES OF OUR AGE

Our customers operate in practically every branch of industry around the world and expect products to work perfectly 100% of the time. As the requirements set by exacting production processes and quality assurance standards become ever more stringent, process control depends increasingly on sensors and analysis equipment.

As one of the leading manufacturers of load cells, we can provide innovative ideas, experience-led advice and smart solutions for all production and quality assurance processes. Our customers value our extensive applications experience and our high-quality, practical solutions to the demands of the market.

VARIABLE CHALLENGES NEED VERSATILE SOLUTIONS

In addition to innovative and trusted standard products, from miniature to large-scale, here in the high-powered, high-tech Karlsruhe region of Germany we also develop and manufacture tailor-made OEM sensor solutions for very specific measurement tasks and specialized applications.

It is essential to look at the process chain in depth to find the right load cell for the job and the environment. Along with the ideal load cell, a measurement system requires mechanical parts plus instrumentation for measurement data acquisition, analysis and reporting.

burster offers high-quality load calibration equipment plus extensive testing and calibration experience to guarantee the traceability and optimum reliability you need. Analysis software and a comprehensive suite of customer services complete the burster package of solutions.

RELIABILITY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS – burster PLUG & PLAY

Smart interaction is the key to success in a world where sharing information is ever more important. Interconnecting people, machinery and products in fully or semi-automated production processes is a challenging and demanding reality. Engineers must design processes to be easy to monitor, quantify, reproduce and analyze while aiming for ever greater reliability.

Sensor-specific data is stored in the sensor connector using innovative burster TEDS technology. The analysis instrument reads this sensor data and uses it for the automatic configuration of the evaluation electronics. This not only protects against setting incorrect parameters but makes it easier to change sensors while saving time and money spent on configuration.

FROM THE SPECIFIC TO THE UNIVERSAL – GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Force measurement is increasingly relevant to growth markets such as the automotive engineering, electro-mobility, drive technology and machine manufacturers. burster has decades of experience in designing, building and using standard and custom OEM load cells and in providing valuable applications advice in many different industrial and research sectors, making burster expert in solving the optimum force measurement solution. Take advantage of our experience now to gain that competitive edge.

SPARTAN OR SOPHISTICATED – EXPERTLY DESIGNED STANDARD AND CUSTOM OEM PRODUCTS

As a load-cell manufacturer with decades of design and production experience gained within the same company, burster is able to offer economically viable custom OEM solutions even for highly specialized applications, modified standard sensors or strain gage attachment to original customer parts. Our skills portfolio ranges from solving simple force measurement tasks to designing complex force monitoring systems.

For instance outstanding, future-proof measurement solutions can be achieved by combining a load cell with the DIGIFORCE® process controller range or the new fieldbus-compatible 9250/9251 instrumentation amp technology. This lets you log and visualize your processes reliably while transferring the OK/NOK analysis results to your control environment via the latest Ethernet-based fieldbuses. In other words Industry 4.0 right here, right now.

Standard product, custom solution or an exclusive OEM product? Low-cost or high-end? Which route do you want to take with us?
LOAD CELLS – THE WAY TO MEASURE THE MECHANICAL VECTOR QUANTITY OF FORCE (F)

Load cells consist of a spring element, which experiences elastic and linear deformation as a result of the force being measured, and a device for measuring this deformation. There are various ways of measuring small deformations. The aim is always to map the mechanical parameter “deformation” onto the electrical parameter “voltage”.

Diversity – The different sensor elements and their most common designs. How to make the right choice for your application.

SPRING ELEMENT – the central component

The purpose of the spring element is to absorb the force to be measured and convert it into a uniform strain range. The elastic properties of the spring materials are used to measure the force indirectly. Strain gages measure the strain on the surface of the spring element. Strain gages are made of a metal foil rolled onto a substrate. A meandering resistive pattern is etched from this metal foil.

LOAD CELLS – accurate in every situation

Load cells have to cope with a huge range of mechanical conditions. For instance they may have to fit into tight spaces, withstand lateral forces, deal with impact loads or track frequent load changes. This is why differently shaped measuring elements are used in the sensors, each possessing specific advantages for their area of use.

STRAIN GAGES – transform force into signal

Complicated processes are used to apply strain gages to the surface of the spring element. At burster this is obviously done with the greatest precision and maximum quality, to ensure they are subject to the same deformation as the spring element. When the strain gages are deformed, they change their length and conductor cross-section. The effect of both is to increase the electrical resistance. This expansion or compression, and hence the force, is measured electrically as a change in resistance.

PRECISION – everything in its place

The design of every measuring element is concerned with providing on the sensor a suitable location on which the strain gages can be applied. This location must provide enough space to accommodate the strain gages so that they produce a strain as specified and exhibit absolutely linear and reproducible behaviour.
MINIATURE COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8402

The compact design, made possible by a compression measuring element, makes this load cell the popular choice for fitting in tight spaces when the sensor must withstand not only consistently high loads but also sudden impacts at high force. This load cell can also be configured to specific customer requirements to provide the ideal solution for the intended environment.

Applications
AN IMPRESSIVE FORCE.

MINIATURE COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8402

Measuring the pressing forces of rollers

The requirement is to measure the pressing forces of rollers, for instance the forces needed to deform sheet metal in steelworks. The load cell must be fitted in the roller bearing blocks such that the sensor can detect the forces in the direction of action of the rollers. This requires a suitable guide. The load cell must be able to absorb any transient load peaks such as can inevitably occur when starting up the machine or with inhomogeneous material.

Measuring the punching forces inside the tool

Inside the tool of a die-cutter is fitted a load cell under spring-loading. The spring force holds the sensor body in place and ensures that all the components contact one another with zero backlash in their direction of action. The load cell itself must occupy the smallest possible space, to prevent weakening the construction of the tool unnecessarily. Yet at the same time it must be repeatedly capable of absorbing the sudden jumps in force that occur during the machining process. The measurements from the load cell are ultimately an indication of the level of wear to the cutting tool and hence the quality of the punched edges.

Features
■ Measuring ranges from 0 ... 1 kN up to 0 ... 100 kN
■ Suitable for impact loads
■ Standardized output signal

Options
■ Can be standardized with different sensitivities
■ Connecting cable attached centrally from below
■ Form-fitted to prevent rotation

Applications
■ Smart tools for presses and punching machines
■ Indirect assessment of quality of manufactured edges by measuring the cutting force at cut edges
■ Dies for compacting powdered materials

Highlights
■ Miniature dimensions
■ Connecting cable suitable for drag chains

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Highlights
■ Miniature design
■ Rigid construction

Benefits
■ Robust
■ Can also tolerate impact loads

Benefits
■ Pre-loaded load cell
■ Fits into a small space

Accessories
DAlkS and factory calibration certificate
Provided by our accredited calibration centre for optimum measurement confidence over the full measuring range

Sensor instrumentation
Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use

Connectors / connector assembly
Range of connectors fitted, including integral burster TEDS

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USB multi sensor interface
Instrumentation amp 9250
DIGIFORCE® process monitoring
Compression load cells
FOR STATIC AND DYNAMIC APPLICATIONS.

SUBMINIATURE COMPRESSION LOAD CELLS 8413/8414

With an overall height of just 3.3 mm, the entire load cell is not much higher than the diameter of its side-mounted connecting cable. Its “niche” is therefore wherever other sensors are too bulky. Thanks to its low weight, the 8413 load cell is equally suited to locations where any additional mass would completely distort the measurement results or the test setup, with a particularly negative impact on moving mechanisms.

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Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 5 N
- Total height 3.3 mm
- Non-linearity 0.25 % F.S.

Options
- Compensated temperature range -55 ... +120 °C
- Vented design for use in a vacuum
- Can be equipped for use on components subject to vibrations

Highlights
- Minimum weight 1.2 g
- Connecting cable suitable for drag chains
- Available with mechanical overload protection (8414)

Applications
- Monitoring the test forces on jigs in precision engineering
- Adjusting and pretensioning devices during setup
- Fitting on automatic bonding machines

Accessories
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Provided by our accredited calibration centre for optimum measurement confidence over the full measuring range
- Sensor instrumentation
- Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use

Connectors / connector assembly
- Range of connectors fitted, including integral bursting TEDS

Applications
AN IMPRESSIVE FORCE.

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To adjust or test the anti-pinch protection on self-closing sliding doors or automatic windows, a measuring tool is needed that can also fit into narrow gaps. A tool matching this specification can be produced using the load cell measuring just 3.3 mm in height.

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The need often arises to guide the forces through a load cell via the central axis. Practically any design can be produced, no matter what combination of measuring range and internal diameter of the measuring element is required. The principle is based on two axially aligned annular discs that have the desired internal diameter, with three load cells spaced at 120° around their surface. These load cells have been standardized to output the same electrical signal for easy operation and combined readout by instrumentation amps. The ideal measuring range of the overall system can be achieved by a suitable choice of load cells, and this is adjusted at final calibration.

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Compression load cells
FOR STATIC AND DYNAMIC APPLICATIONS.

COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8526
Thanks to its compact shape and three fixing holes on its underside, the 8526 compression load cell can be used in a variety of applications. Coupled with a wide choice of measuring ranges of 0 ... 100 N up to 0 ... 200 kN, it really can cover a wealth of measurement tasks. The integral load button provides an easy and reliable means of applying the force to be measured.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 100 N up to 0 ... 200 kN
- Easy to fit
- Versatile

Options
- Standardized nominal sensitivity
- burster TEDS

Applications
- All forms of test benches
- Reference sensor for comparative measurements
- Integration in machine tools

Highlights
- Compact design
- Easy to integrate

Benefits
- Inexpensive load cell
- Standardized nominal sensitivity for easy replacement

COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8526

Monitoring the press-fit force in assembly lines
In an automated manufacturing process, small helical springs are pressed onto a component and pre-loaded to a defined force. The 8526 load cell with 0 ... 10 kN measuring range is very compact so can be fitted directly into the tool. Thanks to the tool’s construction, the sensor is easy to access and can be replaced quickly in the event of damage. The tool is designed to absorb inadmissible lateral forces, so that the load cell is loaded solely along the primary axis.

Highlights
- Compact design
- Easy to integrate

Benefits
- Inexpensive load cell
- Standardized nominal sensitivity for easy replacement

Applications
- Versatile
- Connecting cable suitable for drag chains

Benefits
- Multipurpose compression load cell
- Protection class IP64

Monitoring a lever mechanism in a horizontal working position
The task is to test a lever mechanism once installed in a motor vehicle body. This is done by fitting the load cell to a robot arm. Any lateral force resulting from the horizontal working position and the intrinsic weight of the tool can be absorbed using four linear guides immediately surrounding the load cell.

Highlights
- Versatile
- Connecting cable suitable for drag chains

Benefits
- Multipurpose compression load cell
- Protection class IP64

Accessories
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Provided by our accredited calibration centre for optimum measurement confidence over the full measuring range

Sensor instrumentation
- Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use

Connectors / connector assembly
- Range of connectors fitted, including integral burster TEDS

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MINIATURE COMPRESSION LOAD CELLS 8415/8416
With a diameter of barely more than 10 mm, this load cell is by far the smallest, and so also fits in the tightest spaces in tools and instruments. Yet it is just as robust as far larger load cells, and features the same industrial quality. Which means that there are no limits to its potential uses.

Model 8415
Model 8416

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 20 N up to 0 ... 5 kN
- Excellent value for money
- Connecting cable suitable for drag chains

Highlights/options
- Extended temperature range -40 ... +90 °C
- Standardized output signal 1.0 mV/V
- High natural resonance frequency

MINIATURE RING LOAD CELL 8438
Ring load cells are the ideal, space-saving sensor for measuring axial support forces in the region of ball bearings used to support rotating shafts. They can also be connected to draw plates, however, to ensure a uniform material load and hence guarantee the quality in the manufacture of long parts. This sensor type is often used as the preferred basis for a custom load cell.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 5 N up to 0 ... 200 kN
- Range of internal hole diameters
- Can be configured for numerous custom applications

Highlights/options
- Measuring element available as diaphragm or compressive body
- Protection class IP65
- Threaded fixing holes in base

Applications 8415/8416
- Measuring reaction forces in precision engineering
- Force detection in handling equipment
- Laboratory use in assessing contact pressure
- Use as a single element within sensor structures

Applications 8438
- Force monitoring during riveting
- Measuring contact forces in hydraulic stamps
- Monitoring pulling forces during wire production
- Setting up tools producing radial cutting forces

Applications AN IMPRESSIVE FORCE.

MINIATURE COMPRESSION LOAD CELLS 8415/8416
Measuring the retaining force of hose clips used for hose assembly

The task is to pre-assemble hose clips on a mandrel of a specified diameter designed to come as close as possible to the final assembly situation, while testing the hose clip function. This function essentially involves transferring a force in a radial direction and thereby guaranteeing a reliable seal between the hose and the pipe end inside. Not only can the miniature load cells be fitted in mandrels shaped for small clamping diameters but they can also be arranged close enough for several clips to fit side by side on one mandrel for simultaneous testing.

MINIATURE RING LOAD CELL 8438
Monitoring the tensions in tie rods

The tensions transferred by tie rods must be monitored constantly during installation, and quickly readjusted if necessary. This requires constant unobstructed access to the screw fastenings using large, typically hydraulic tools. It is a fundamental requirement on building sites that all components, including the load cell, are robust enough for the environment. Furthermore, it must be easy to remove the measuring device once construction has finished.

Highlights
- Diameter of just 10 mm
- Measurement accuracy 0.5 % F.S.

Benefits
- Its neat tight-fitting design means it can also be used for hose clips of small bending radius

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Highlights
- Easy to fit and space saving
- Robust design
- Internal hole measured to fit

Benefits
- Good accessibility allowing quick and straightforward re-tensioning

Accessories
DÄKKS and factory calibration certificate
Range of cable lengths
Connectors / connector assembly
Sensor instrumentation
Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use
COMPRESSION LOAD CELLS 8532
The low-cost 8532 compression load cell is the ideal product for cost-effective measurement of compressive loads. As a product bundle with the 9236 in-line instrumentation amplifier or 9186 DIGLOW digital indicator, this factory-calibrated measurement chain is the standout choice where 1% measurement errors are tolerable.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 500 N up to 0 ... 20 kN
- Ultra low-cost

Highlights/options
- 0 ... ±10 V output signal when bundled with instrumentation amp
- Measured force can be read directly by display device in bundled option
- Factory-calibrated for immediate use

Applications 8532
- Simple test benches and process monitoring tasks across all industries
- Monitoring structures and geological explorations

LOW-COST COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8532
Checking the tension of a conveyor belt

The tension of a conveyor belt used in an extremely harsh industrial environment needs to be monitored. If the force signal drops below a reference value or the belt fails, the drive is switched off immediately and an alarm is output.

Highlights
- Inexpensive sensor solution
- Available as product bundle with instrumentation amp

Benefits
- Load cell can be used in the harshest industrial environments
- Sensor can be replaced quickly
- Drive monitoring and emergency-stop in event of belt tear

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LOW-COST COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8532
Monitoring the holding force of an automatic machine saw in a steelwork

Steel sections need to be sawn to length after rolling. Since the sections may not have cooled down to ambient temperature by this point, the temperature of the load cell can reach 90 °C as a result of radiated heat. A load cell with an extended temperature range is chosen for monitoring the clamping forces at a V-shaped clamp designed to hold the sections. Lubricants and scale in the sensor’s immediate vicinity have no effect on the operation or service life of the load cell.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 20 N up to 0 ... 2 MN
- Non-linearity as low as ±0.1 % F.S.
- Up to 10^9 load cycles (85073)

Highlights/options
- Very low sensitivity to lateral forces
- Protection class IP68
- Extended temperature range of -55 ... +120 °C

Applications 85043/85073
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- Permanent test benches and materials testing machines
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HIGH-PRECISION COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8527
The high-precision compression load cell is the ideal reference sensor for checking and calibrating force measuring equipment and also for providing high-precision measurements in test benches or weighing equipment. Made of high-quality stainless steel, a particular feature of the 8527 load cell is the low non-linearity of no more than 0.05 % F.S.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 500 N up to 0 ... 100 kN
- Maximum non-linearity of 0.05 % F.S.
- Easy to fit

Highlights/options
- Ultra-high precision
- Optional burster TEDS for portable use with e.g. TRANS CAL 7281

Applications
- Reference measurements on force-application equipment
- Maximum precision in test bench construction, laboratory and production
- Test and analysis systems in all industry sectors

Applications 8451/8552
- Measuring the process forces arising in manual or automatic presses calls for load cells that can be easily adapted to fit the existing assembly. The 8451 and 8552 presses load cells feature pegs and holes that can be supplied in standard diameters.

Model 8451

Model 8552

Features
- Low measurement error of 0.5 % F.S. (8451)
- Choice of peg and hole diameter from 8 mm to 16 mm (8552)
- Easy to fit between press ram and tool

Highlights/options
- Mechanical overload protection up to 10 times the measuring range
- Protection class IP65

Applications
- Reference measurements on force-application equipment
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- Test and analysis systems in all industry sectors

Applications 8451/8552
- Hand-operated presses on manual assembly benches
- Automatic presses on production lines
- Measuring bending, punching and cutting forces

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Applications 8451/8552

Accessories 8527
- TRANS CAL 7281 mobile testing device

Accessories 8451/8552
- ForceMaster 9110, DIGIFORCE® controller
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Connectors / connector assembly
- Range of cable lengths
- Sensor instrumentation

A hydraulic press is fitted with a load cell for monitoring the pressing force. This sensor must be checked regularly, because the system is operated in shifts under difficult conditions. The only option is to calibrate the sensor in its installed state, because internal friction forces arising from guides etc. can have an effect on the measurement result. The 8527 load cell, bundled with the TRANS CAL 7281, proves a practical measurement combination for portable use under these circumstances.

A ball bearing needs to be press-fitted into a component. Load cell 8552 is used to verify that the bearing has been fitted with the correct force. The sensor can be fitted easily between tool and press ram using a standard tool holder. A visual and acoustic signal from the ForceMaster 9110 is used to indicate that the maximum force has been reached. The load cell is equipped with burster TEDS, so that sensor settings can be imported into the ForceMaster 9110 without any laborious configuration.

Watch our How-to-do video at: www.youtube.com/bursterVideo

An impressive force.
The 8524 precision tension and compression load cell is a highly versatile multipurpose load cell. Tensile and compressive loads can be applied directly into the central internal thread, although it is also possible to fit a load button. Optional mechanical overload protection protects against loads up to 5 times the nominal force. Also available are a pull plate and rod end bearings.

**Applications**

**AN IMPRESSIVE FORCE.**

The press force of a hydraulic press needs to be monitored in order to apply the correct process force to the part. The top press table is prevented from tilting by two linear guides. The 8524 load cell, with a measuring range of 0 ... 100 kN, is connected directly to the hydraulic cylinder.

**Highlights**
- Low measurement error of 0.25 % F.S.
- Large choice of different measuring ranges

**Benefits**
- Particularly versatile
- Accessories such as pull plates
- Mechanical overload protection and rod end bearings available

**Using the load cell with pull plate and rod end bearings in lifting gear**

The 8524 load cell is designed for versatility. For instance it can be combined with an additional pull plate and rod end bearings to create a simple measuring tool for determining loads in lifting gear. This combination of 8524 load cell and attachments can also be used easily as a torque arm for indirect torque measurement.

**Highlights**
- Pull plate for directing tension forces via the central internal thread
- Rod end bearings for easy integration in lifting gear

**Benefits**
- Can be suspended easily in the tension line in order to perform the necessary measurements

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**Features**
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 500 N up to 0 ... 200 kN
- Standardized nominal sensitivity
- Made of high-strength stainless steel

**Options**
- Overload protection up to 5 times the nominal force
- Pull plate and rod end bearings
- Non-linearity ≤ 0.1 % F.S.

**Applications**
- All areas of mechanical engineering
- Assembly and joining equipment
- Hydraulic presses
- Measurement of cable strengths

**Accessories**
- **DakkS and factory calibration certificate**
  Provided by our accredited calibration centre for optimum measurement confidence over the full measuring range
- **Sensor instrumentation**
  Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use
- **Connectors / connector assembly**
  Range of connectors fitted, including integral burster TEDS
- **Rod end bearings**
  for applying the force to the sensor
- **Pull plate**
  for linear force application
- **Load buttons**
  for central application of compressive loads
MINIATURE TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8435

The 8435 tension and compression load cell can be fitted quickly in almost any situation, taking up practically no space, and offering a technical specification that larger sensors would envy. Thanks to its outstanding price/performance ratio in terms of its mechanical and electrical specification, the load cell finds its niche in products that are produced in relatively large numbers and where margins are tight.

**Features**
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 200 N up to 0 ... 5 kN
- Non-linearity 0.25 % F.S.
- Easy to fit

**Options**
- Nominal sensitivity standardized in the sensor connecting cable
- Pressure equalization hole for use in a vacuum
- Additional protection for the connecting cable

**Applications**
- Automatic assembly equipment on production lines
- Friction force test in laboratory equipment
- Holding forces on loading machinery

**Accessories**
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate: Provided by our accredited calibration centre for optimum measurement confidence over the full measuring range
- Sensor instrumentation: Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use
- Rod end bearings: for applying the force to the sensor
- Pull plate: for linear force application
- Load buttons: for central application of compressive loads

**Applications**

**AN IMPRESSIVE FORCE.**

**MINIATURE TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8435**

**Placing and snap-fitting caps on tubes**

A gripper mounted on a measuring apparatus is to be used to fit tubes with caps, whose intrinsic weight must not be included in the measurement. The gripper must position, snap-fit and finally twist the cap securely in place. The load cell is fitted in the tool such that it is initially protected against axial overload while also being fully protected against lateral forces loads arising from imprecise centring, weight effects or accelerations on the pivoted fixing unit. The measurement must reproduce the short snap-fitting event reliably. Decoupling the mechanical connection prevents any torque transfer to the axis of the load cell.

**Highlights**
- Some geometry for all measuring ranges
- Good-value load cell

**Benefits**
- Can be fitted in small spaces thanks to the sensor housing’s flange-type screw-fitting

**Measuring the tensions on mounting parts for attaching suspended pipelines**

Plastic pipes for carrying liquids and gases around industrial buildings are often suspended under the ceiling structure, preferably with more than one pipe suspended from one fixing point. Trial and error is normally employed to find the ideal position for these fixing points, based on the diameter, length and shape of the pipes, temperature effects and the density of the fluid they are carrying. In this process, load cells can be used to record the various load conditions, which can be analyzed and included in the installation diagram. The load cells are equipped with burster TEDS and hence can be read repeatedly and successively by the portable indicator with ease.

**Highlights**
- Coiled cable section to prevent kinks
- Measurement accuracy 0.25 % F.S.

**Benefits**
- Pull plate fitting to load cell
- Lightweight construction, so that its intrinsic weight has negligible effect on the measurement

Watch our installation video at: www.youtube.com/bursterVideo
TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8523

The 8523 tension and compression load cell features an outstanding price/performance ratio. Made of high-quality aluminium, the load cell can be easily fitted in practically any situation thanks to its central internal thread and holes in the outer flange.

**Features**
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 20 N up to 0 ... 5 kN
- Excellent price/performance ratio
- Protection class up to IP64

**Highlights/options**
- Load cell rests on three knife-edge bearings for exact positioning
- Standardized nominal sensitivity

PRECISION LOAD CELLS 85041/85075

The 85041 precision load cell is ideally suited to applications in the harshest environments in which tensile and/or compressive loads need to be measured. It is resistant to bending and torsional forces of up to 40% of the sensor measuring range. The 85075 load cell is particularly popular in applications in which the number of load cycles is high.

**Features**
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 20 N up to 0 ... 2 MN
- Non-linearity as low as ±0.1 % F.S.
- Up to 10⁹ load cycles (85075)

**Highlights/options**
- Very low sensitivity to lateral forces
- Protection class IP68
- Extended temperature range of -55 ... +120 °C

Applications 8523
- Measuring contact forces and compressive loads
- Measuring tensions in a variety of applications
- Low budget for measurement task

Applications 85041/85075
- Monitoring press-insertion forces
- Measuring support forces
- Assembly monitoring

PRECISION LOAD CELLS 85041/85075

The task is to test on a test bench, helical coils for suspension struts of commercial vehicles. First, 100% of the nominal force is applied to the springs, and then the spring is loaded in accordance with a realistic force curve. The measurement displacement is measured in parallel in order to obtain a force/displacement curve as the spring characteristic, which at the end of the process is only allowed to deviate from specified values within a certain tolerance.

**Features**
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 20 N up to 0 ... 500 N
- Standardized nominal sensitivity for easy replacement at the analysis unit

**Highlights/options**
- Load cell has excellent price/performance ratio
- High measurement accuracy

**Benefits**
- Excellent long-term stability
- No resonance phenomena thanks to very high resonance frequency

Applications 8523
- Simple tension measurement on a quick-release axle for mountain bikes

Pretesting of a carbon quick-release axle for mountain bikes needs to be performed without having to invest in a costly test system. A 8523 load cell provides the answer. The test setup in the form of balancing scales is equipped with a long balance arm in order to be able to add weights comfortably by hand. To avoid lateral forces on the load cell, it is important that the balance arm is set exactly horizontal and mounted in friction-free bearings.

**Highlights**
- Load cell has excellent price/performance ratio
- High measurement accuracy

**Benefits**
- Versatile load cell, with same dimensions for 0 ... 20 N up to 0 ... 500 N
- Standardized nominal sensitivity for easy replacement at the analysis unit

**Applications 85041/85075**
- Monitoring press-insertion forces
- Measuring support forces
- Assembly monitoring

**Accessories 8523**
- Connectors / connector assembly
- Range of cable lengths
- DAtKs and factory calibration certificate
- Sensor instrumentation

**Accessories 85041/85075**
- Connecting cables
- Available in a variety of lengths and types depending on the instrumentation to be connected to the sensor
- Load buttons, pull plates, rod end bearings

Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use.
MINIATURE TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELLS 8431/8432

This series is one of our most precise and yet toughest miniature load cells. The 8431 and 8432 load cells include options otherwise only available in far bigger sensors. Their built-in support diaphragms and bidirectional overload protection reduce the extra design work involved in many applications around how to apply the force to the load cell. This not only cuts the overall weight of the structure drastically but also dispenses with friction-generating guidance mechanisms. These advantages are ultimately reflected in the quality of the measurement results.

Model 8431

Model 8432

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 10 N up to 0 ... 100 kN
- Non-linearity 0.15 % F.S.
- Extremely easy to fit

Options
- Submersible cable watertight up to 35 bar
- Compensated temperature range from -35 °C ... +200 °C
- Pressure equalization hole for operating in a vacuum
- Standardized nominal sensitivity

Applications
- Measuring the forces on tools used in custom machine-making
- Measurements on torque arms
- Devices for measuring tactile forces on operating controls

Highlights
- Available with bidirectional overload protection (8432)
- Insensitive to lateral forces thanks to support diaphragms
- Detachable threaded adapter
- Rugged welded construction

Accessories
- DAAkS and factory calibration certificate
  Provided by our accredited calibration centre for optimum measurement confidence over the full measuring range
- Sensor instrumentation
  Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use

Connectors / connector assembly
- Range of connectors fitted, including integral burster TEDS
- Rod end bearings
  for applying the force to the sensor

Applications
AN IMPRESSIVE FORCE.

FOR STATIC AND DYNAMIC APPLICATIONS.

MINIATURE TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELLS 8431/8432

Measuring the joining forces during assembly of small electric motors

A multipurpose tool is fitted with several load cells, operated by push-rods. First the tool presses the separate parts together. Next, specially designed flanging is reshaped in order to join the parts securely together. The 8431 load cell is ideal for fitting in the limited space available and for the required easy replacement.

Highlights
- Non-linearity < 0.15 % F.S.
- Easy to fit inside the tool

Benefits
- No friction-generating guides needed thanks to integral support diaphragms

Fitting the hands on analog instrument spindles

In instrument-making and precision engineering, sensitive parts such as hands and needles need to be fastened to spindles. Handling must be delicate enough to avoid damaging these intrinsically lightweight components yet firm enough to ensure they sit securely in place. The 8432 load cell chosen here, with integral mechanical overload protection, is designed to measure small loads in a very sturdy package. In addition, any lateral forces that inevitably arise in this process and produce a bending moment on the sensor axis have no impact on the measurement accuracy.

Highlights
- Built-in overload protection
- Load cell insensitive to lateral forces

Benefits
- Small measuring ranges available
- Detachable threaded load adapter

USB multi sensor interface
Instrumentation amp 9250
DIGIFORCE® process monitoring

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MINIATURE TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8417

The 8417 load cell is the smallest sensor there is for measuring tensile and compressive loads. Its diameter measures just 10 mm, while the fixing threads at each end are only size M3. With a commensurately low weight of just 3 g, its uses extend to mass-critical applications.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 10 N up to 0 ... 5 kN
- Connecting cable suitable for drag chains, also suitable for frequent movement
- Welded stainless-steel construction

Highlights/options
- Long threaded adapters
- Standardized output signal can be provided in the cable
- Vacuum-compatible design with vented sensor housing
- Special calibrations available

Applications
- Multipurpose food packaging machinery
- Measuring internal gear-change forces of friction bearings fitted in transmissions
- Test setups and endurance testing for mechanical grippers

Applications 8417
- All areas of mechanical engineering
- Automated production plants
- Test equipment for safety areas on rail vehicles

MINIATURE TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8417

The transmitted forces in vehicle bowden cables need to be measured in test beds. These forces vary according to length, pretension and radius of curvature of the installed cable. Extreme temperatures also affect the measurement. In addition, the tests must measure the long-term performance of the cables and the attenuating effects of the wires on transmission of the pulling forces. The 8417 load cell is ideal for this purpose because its negligible intrinsic weight means it has no effect on the measurement and hence does not distort the result. This is particularly important when the dynamic behaviour of fine wires needs to be assessed.

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Applications
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- Measuring internal gear-change forces of friction bearings fitted in transmissions
- Test setups and endurance testing for mechanical grippers

Applications 8417
- All areas of mechanical engineering
- Automated production plants
- Test equipment for safety areas on rail vehicles

Applications 8417
- D4KkS and factory calibration certificate
- Range of cable lengths
- Connectors / connector assembly
- Load buttons
- Sensor instrumentation

MINIATURE TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8427

A compact yet really sturdy load cell for tension and compression loads, where the focus has deliberately been on price/performance ratio. With a range of fixing options, the load cell can be used practically anywhere. The choice of possible attachments reduces costs and the volume of spares that must be kept. Thanks to its modular design, customer requirements can be satisfied quickly using a range of threaded fastenings.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 100 N up to 0 ... 10 kN
- Rugged welded construction
- Protection class IP65

Highlights/options
- Each end fitted with a flange designed for holding with a spanner
- Also available with external thread
- Range of fixing options

Applications
- All areas of mechanical engineering
- Automated production plants
- Test equipment for safety areas on rail vehicles

Applications 8427
- Good price/performance ratio
- Can be integrated in robot tools

Highlights
- Rapid response to very short events
- Robot-friendly cable

Applications 8427
- Multipurpose food packaging machinery
- Measuring internal gear-change forces of friction bearings fitted in transmissions
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Bending beam load cells
FOR STATIC AND DYNAMIC APPLICATIONS.

BENDING BEAM LOAD CELLS 8510/8511

With their low overall height, bending beam load cells are used wherever limited space rules out other forms of load cells. Protection against mechanical overload can be implemented very easily thanks to the bending-beam design with its relatively large measurement deflection. These load cells are also easy to fit. The dual-beam construction helps to ensure that the sensor surfaces move parallel to one another with no angular offset.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 1 N up to 0 ... 2 kN
- Non-linearity as low as 0.1 % F.S.

Highlights/options
- With built-in overload protection (8510)
- Straightforward force application
- For tensile and compressive loads

Applications 8510/8511
- Testing actuating elements
- Weighing technology
- Measuring reaction torques

S-BEAM TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8512

The compact range of S-beam dual-beam sensors with easy fitting options and excellent price/performance ratio are suitable for use not only in quality and materials control but also in highly price-sensitive applications such as the medical and pharmaceuticals industry.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 20 N up to 0 ... 880 N
- Non-linearity < 0.1 % F.S.
- Ultra-slim design

Highlights/options
- High number of load cycles > 10^6
- Standardized nominal sensitivity
- Connecting cable suitable for drag chains

Applications 8512
- Materials testing machines
- Test and analysis systems in the pharmaceuticals industry
- Measuring loads in cable systems

S-BEAM TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8512

The requirement is to test the characteristic curve of micro-switches on the production line. This quality assurance measure requires a load cell with overall height and overload protection, which safeguards the load cell from damage caused by an inadmissibly high operating force in a faulty switch. A setscrew limiting the travel of the 8511 load cell provides overload protection. The measurement displacement is measured alongside the operating force, and the force/displacement curve analyzed by a DIGIFORCE® 9311 connected to the sensors.

S-BEAM TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8512

Equipment for tablet hardness testing must follow strict standards and specific test sequences to measure the relevant breaking forces. Reproducible testing of the breaking force (0 ... 220 N) of tablets of various diameters can be achieved thanks to clever jaws for holding the tablet under test, a precision linear drive and an S-beam load cell of optimum shape and functional design. The force is applied to the custom, easy-to-fit S-beam load cell via a horizontally operating precision linear drive and jaws in-line with the force path. Thanks to the excellent measurement accuracy and ultra-low initial response force, it is possible to detect even the smallest forces, for instance the on-touch force, or identify a range of tablets under test, allowing a single load cell to perform reliable testing. The instrumentation can indicate actual, mean or maximum values depending on the selected measurement mode.

Accessories
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Range of cable lengths

Connectors / connector assembly
- Sensor instrumentation

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**Multi-axis load cells**
**FOR SIMULTANEOUS FORCE MEASUREMENT IN MORE THAN ONE SPATIAL DIMENSION.**

**MULTIDIMENSIONAL TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8560**
The sophisticated structural design of the multidimensional tension and compression load cell delivers outstanding mechanical properties, for instance very high nominal forces ratio, high overload capability and low cross-talk, making this sensor an excellent basis for measurements in a huge range of applications.

**Features**
- Measurement of Fx, Fy, Fz (depends on type)
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 250 N up to 0 ... 50 kN
- Easy to fit design
- Low cross-talk

**Highlights/options**
- Compensated temperature range from -40 ... +120 °C
- Custom designs available on request
- Extremely high factor for the rated load ratio Fz/Fx
- CANopen

**Applications 8560**
- Medical technology
- Automated handling and robotics
- Sorting systems
- Multi-dimensional applications in R&D

**MULTI-AXIS LOAD CELL 85SD-M231**
Sensors fitted in tyre-testing and balancing machines must be able to measure force in the X- and Y-directions. The vital factor is that the measurement directions have little impact on each other, i.e. cross-talk is low. The load cells must tolerate a high number of load cycles and be extremely accurate. The load cells can be fitted by service staff and the standardized nominal sensitivity ensures reliable readings.

**Features**
- Measuring X: 0 ... 1000 lbs up to 0 ... 2000 lbs
- Measuring Y: 0 ... 500 lbs up to 0 ... 1000 lbs
- Other custom measuring ranges available on request
- Easy to fit and replace

**Highlights/options**
- Up to 100 million load cycles
- Low cross-talk < 0.5 % F.S.
- Non-linearity < 0.1 % F.S.
- Standardized nominal sensitivity

**Applications 85SD-M231**
- Testing car and truck tyres
- Balancing tasks

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**Applications**
**AN IMPRESSIVE FORCE.**

**MULTIDIMENSIONAL TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 8560**

Mechanical endurance testing of a truck gear stick involves taking the gear stick through more than several million load cycles in a temperature range of -40 ... +120 °C. The forces exerted in the X- and Y-directions during each gear-change operation are measured continuously by a two-axis load cell and documented by a central data acquisition unit. The effect of any lateral forces in the Z-direction up to 6 times the nominal force is minimized thanks to an extremely robust construction, ensuring long-term stability of the measurement. Significant changes, which might arise from wear or different actuating forces, are analyzed to determine the resultant implications for gear-change performance and durability.

**MULTI-AXIS LOAD CELL 85SD-M231**

A manufacturer of car tyre balancing machines requires a load cell that can detect force in various measuring ranges in the X- and Y-directions. In addition, the cross-talk between the two measurement signals must be very low. At the customer’s request, a special X/Y load cell was designed for this measurement task.

**Applications**

**ACCESSORIES 8560**

- Range of cable lengths
- Connectors / connector assemblies

**ACCESSORIES 85SD-M231**

- Connecting cables

- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Sensor instrumentation
  - Display/evaluation units, fieldbus modules, complex process control systems supplied ready for use
Special-purpose load cells
FOR STATIC AND DYNAMIC APPLICATIONS.

PRECISION RING COMPRESSION LOAD CELL WITH LARGE INTERNAL HOLE 855D-F502
The 855D-F502 precision ring compression load cell is used when available installation space is limited but a load cell with a large internal hole and high measuring range is needed. The load cell is mounted on an even surface and the force is applied via the hole to the two annular end faces.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 20 kN up to 0 ... 2 MN
- Exceptionally rigid
- Low non-linearity < 0.15 % F.S.

Highlights/options
- Large internal hole in a compact overall size
- Optionally available with second, redundant measuring bridge

Applications
- Measuring compressive loads in rolling mills
- Measuring spring characteristics
- Materials testing machines

PEDAL LOAD CELL 8400-B001
This sensor is a device designed to measure pedal forces. This is done by attaching the 17 mm flat load cell directly to the pedal, which can be arranged suspended or upright. Fitted with several strain gages, the sensor is able to minimize the effect of any lateral forces. The cable is designed to handle frequent movements to ensure even greater benefits in practice.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 1 kN up to 0 ... 2 kN
- Central threaded fastening for attachments
- Non-linearity 0.25 % F.S.

Highlights/options
- Load cell with two calibrated measuring ranges
- Temperature compensated range -30 ... +60 °C
- Protection class IP67

Applications
- Measuring all forms of pedal forces
- Robust in design with sealed construction, this sensor is suitable for actual use in the vehicle not just on the driving simulator in the lab

PRECISION TENSION AND COMPRESSION LOAD CELL 855D-F312
The 855D-F312 tension and compression load cell is based on the shear beam principle. Instead of a diaphragm, the inner and outer flanges are connected via various beams, on which strain gages measure the shear force. This design allows a very high number of load cycles (fatigue rated). This construction also permits a very short measurement deflection of just 50 µm.

Features
- Measuring ranges from 0 ... 1 kN up to 0 ... 2 MN
- Non-linearity as low as 0.05 % F.S.
- Up to 10^9 load cycles

Highlights/options
- Shear-beam principle with "fatigue rated" design
- Optionally available with second, redundant measuring bridge
- Suitable for highly dynamic systems

Applications
- Aircraft engineering and testing
- Materials testing machines
- Multipurpose sensor for measuring compression/tension forces

PLATFORM LOAD CELL 8500-B004
The 8500-B004 platform compression load cell was developed specifically to withstand loads up to several times the measurement range. Thanks to its special shape and small dimensions, the load cell is also suitable for fitting in guide channels of a belt drive. This practically rules out any damage to the load cell, for instance caused by accidentally dropped loads in logistics applications.

Features
- Measuring range 0 ... 400 N
- Low overall height of 15 mm

Highlights/options
- Extremely high overload protection up to 20 times the nominal force
- Shock-proof and wear-resistant
- High number of load cycles up to 10^9

Applications
- Overload protection on conveying systems
- Installation in test systems for improving the comfort of wearing orthopaedic aids
- Weighing goods for transport

Accessories
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Choice of cable lengths
- Connectors / connector assembly
- Sensor instrumentation

Accessories
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Connecting cables
- Load buttons
- Pull plates
- Rod end bearings

Accessories
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Choice of cable lengths
- Connectors / connector assembly
- Sensor instrumentation

Accessories
- DAkkS and factory calibration certificate
- Connecting cables
- Load buttons
- Pull plates
- Rod end bearings
OEM – Your wish is our command

TAILORED OEM LOAD CELLS, SPECIAL DESIGNS AND STRAIN GAGE ATTACHMENT.

OEM – BECAUSE YOUR PROJECT IS UNIQUE

We offer you all-round expertise to find the perfect answer to your measurement problem. Standard sensors are not always the best possible solution for your application – different technical and commercial considerations often mean that the custom design is the better option.

Burster has decades of experience in developing and producing load cells, and uses this expertise to focus on the essentials of a project. This is crucial to finding, in partnership with you, precise and efficient solutions, both for small production runs and for large-scale production.

WE EXAMINE PRECISELY WHAT MEETS YOUR NEEDS BEST

It starts with your inquiry. We then use our years of experience in countless successful customer applications to analyze and assess your requirements, assisted by advanced design, development and analysis tools such as FEM and Rapid Prototyping. Whatever the job – whether designing a sensor from scratch, applying strain gages, possibly including modifications to a part or tool, or customizing standard products – you will always benefit from streamlined and efficient procedures.

PRECISE, COST-EFFECTIVE, FAST – YOUR SOLUTION IS ON ITS WAY

In the shortest possible time, we provide you with a feasibility analysis, an authoritative proposed solution or even the first prototype. You can rely on our comprehensive quality management system throughout the process, as we keep a sharp eye on delivery times, stock-keeping, packaging and documentation.

GOOD TO KNOW - EVERY DETAIL COUNTS

We need as much information as possible about your project so that we can engage with you completely and produce tailor-made results: a detailed description of the application as well as technical data such as specifications, drawings or samples are all relevant. It is also helpful to our work to know your commercial and administrative context. The better the underlying data, the smoother the project will run, the more successful the result.

Perfectly fitting

THREE CHALLENGES YOU CAN HAPPILY PASS OVER TO US.

DESIGNING YOUR CUSTOM LOAD CELL FROM SCRATCH

Totally new designs tend to be used when standard sensors are not suitable for reasons of geometry, measurement specifications or cost.

Your technical benefits
- Custom load-cell solutions to fit your measurement and mechanical requirements
- Low integration costs achieved by providing the optimum design
- Creation of 3D-models and release drawings including technical specification

Your administrative benefits
- Feasibility check and quotation typically within 5-10 working days after clarification of product specification
- Samples supplied from 4 weeks after receipt of detailed specification and customer order
- Economic solutions, from one-off products to mass production

MODIFIED STANDARD SOLUTIONS – STANDARD LOAD CELLS WITH CUSTOMIZATIONS

Modified standard load cells are chosen for a measurement project when most of the existing sensor performance can be re-used and minor technical modifications to the standard sensor are sufficient.

Your technical benefits
- Choice of cable designs and lengths, modified measurement specifications, minor mechanical adjustments to the standard product
- Creation of 3D-models and release drawings including technical specification

Your administrative benefits
- Feasibility check and quotation typically within 5-10 working days after clarification of product specification
- Short delivery times depending on level of customization and customer order
- Economic solutions, from small-scale to mass production

APPLYING STRAIN GAGES TO TOOLS OR COMPONENTS SUPPLIED BY YOU

Strain gages are applied to positions specified by the customer on their original parts. Typically these are existing parts on which forces or moments are meant to be measured. We are also able to post-machine customer components to provide the optimum position for applying the strain gages for best measurement results.

Your technical benefits
- Components up to 550 x 400 x 400 mm in size can be handled
- Strain gages can be applied to aluminium, steel or stainless steel
- Fits your measurement and mechanical requirements
- Usually no structural changes needed to the machine

Your administrative benefits
- Feasibility check and quotation typically within 5-10 working days after clarification of product specification
- Rapid machining and/or express strain gage attachment in a few working days
- Economic solutions from one-off products to mass production, including procurement and cost optimization
### Comparison chart

**ALL LOAD CELL RANGES AT A GLANCE.**

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<td><strong>Special Features</strong></td>
<td>Large measuring ranges combined with small dimensions, short measurement deflection, high number of load cycles</td>
<td>Ultra-high accuracy, low hysteresis, high measurement frequency (up to 167 kHz)</td>
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### Mode 8502

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- **Description**: Miniature load cell, 5-beam tension and compression load cell
- **Non-linearity**: 0.25
- **Measuring Range smallest target**: 0 ... 1 N
- **Special Features**: Mechanical overload protection, very small size
- **Main Application Fields**: Test equipment (chucks, pushbuttons), contact forces, packaging equipment, adhesive technology

### Mode 8510

- **Figure**: 28-29
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- **Description**: Miniature load cell, 5-beam tension and compression load cell
- **Non-linearity**: 0.5
- **Measuring Range smallest target**: 0 ... 1 N
- **Special Features**: High number of load cycles, 100% corrosion-resistant cable suitable for dry environments
- **Main Application Fields**: Weighting equipment, filling equipment, packaging equipment

### Mode 8527

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- **Description**: Tension and compression load cell
- **Non-linearity**: 0.7
- **Measuring Range smallest target**: 0 ... 100 N
- **Special Features**: Large measuring ranges, ultra-high accuracy, low hysteresis
- **Main Application Fields**: Test equipment (chucks, pushbuttons), contact forces, packaging equipment

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**You can find further information on our load cells at [www.burster.com](http://www.burster.com). Our website contains detailed technical data sheets, installation instructions and CAD data available for download. You can also use the comparison tool to compare directly the sensors you are specifically interested in, and contact us online with your questions. Visit us at our website or call us! We are happy to help.**

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**Options:**
- Extended temperature range from -55 °C ... +200 °C
- Hermetically sealed version (IP68) / submersible cable
- Robust load cell
- High-precision sensor, hysteresis < 0.15 % of full scale, particularly economical
- Pressure connections in highly demanding applications

**Services:**
- DAkkS/factory calibration certificate
- In-line calibration with external instrumentation
- Training and commissioning training
- Application advice
- User training and commissioning training
- Online retrieval of calibration and test certificates
- CAD data
- Easy-to-fit directly...

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**MODELS 85041/85043 85073/85075 85SD-M231**

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<td>High-precision sensor, protection class IP65, easy to fit</td>
<td>Particularly economical load cell with IN-LINE calibrating output 0 ... 10 VDC</td>
<td>Compressed temperature range -40 ... +120 °C, can be customised, extremely high factor for the nominal force ratio Fz/Fx, can be customised</td>
<td>Precision sensors, hermetically sealed, easy to fit, temperature-sensitive to lateral forces, also suitable for high-precision sensors</td>
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**MODELS 8402 | 8413 | 8414 | 8415 | 8416 | 8417**

- **Figure**: 4-7
- **Page**: 8-9
- **Description**: Miniature compression load cell
- **Non-linearity**: 0.5
- **Measuring Range smallest target**: 0 ... 1 kN
- **Special Features**: Large measuring ranges, ultra-high accuracy, low hysteresis
- **Main Application Fields**: Weighting equipment, filling equipment, packaging equipment

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**MODELS 8510 | 8511 | 8512 | 8523 | 8524 | 8526**

- **Figure**: 28-29
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- **Description**: Miniature load cell
- **Non-linearity**: 0.25
- **Measuring Range smallest target**: 0 ... 1 N
- **Special Features**: High number of load cycles, 100% corrosion-resistant cable suitable for dry environments
- **Main Application Fields**: Weighting equipment, filling equipment, packaging equipment
Sensor instrumentation for every application

MEANINGFUL ANALYSIS OF YOUR SENSOR SIGNALS.

WITHOUT ANALYSIS, SENSOR SIGNALS REMAIN DATA STREAMS WITHOUT VALUE

Without the correct signal amplification, post-processing, visualization, analysis and evaluation in the context of your requirements, sensor signals simply remain useless streams of data. The success of your process monitoring set-up ultimately depends on these signal processing steps.

Depending on the application and degree of automation, you are faced with issues of networking, speed, accuracy, interfacing, integration and economic viability. High performance and optimum utilization of your processes are essential if they are to meet future requirements reliably and flexibly.

THE CORRECT INTERFACE FOR YOUR APPLICATION

burster offers you the full spectrum of sensor signal acquisition and analysis tools, from simple digital indicator to high-end process controllers. We use our decades of experience to give you precisely the advice you need.

Take advantage of our applications advice at the start of a project, or our optimization suggestions for ongoing processes. If decision is made for sensor and relevant electronics, we will of course be happy to align the sensor with electronics and supply you with the full measurement chain. DAkkS and factory calibration certificate available on request.

Using high-quality sensors and appropriate instrumentation from burster your business benefits from quality, flexibility and efficiency and the confidence to operate in fast-changing markets. The burster comprehensive package gives you peace of mind, because you can rely on precise, rapid measurement data acquisition.

RELIABILITY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS – burster PLUG & PLAY

Smart interaction is the key to success in a world where sharing information is ever more important. Interconnecting people, machinery and products in fully or semi-automated production processes is a challenging and demanding reality. Engineers must design processes to be easy to monitor, quantify, reproduce and analyze while aiming for ever greater reliability.

Sensor-specific data is stored in the sensor connector using innovative burster TEDS technology. The analysis instrument reads this sensor data and uses it for the automatic configuration of the evaluation electronics. This not only protects against setting incorrect parameters but makes it easier to change sensors while saving time and money spent on configuration.

INSTRUMENTATION AMPLIFIERS AND SENSOR INTERFACES

burster amplifier products are used wherever sensor signals from strain gage, potentiometric or DC/DC sensors need to be converted into standard voltage or current signals and supplied to a PLC or other host systems for further analysis. These products will be indispensable in future production environments where, in addition to their traditional role of amplifying and transferring sensor signals, they will need to perform this task in the context of Industry 4.0 using flexible fieldbus connections via modern interfaces such as i.e. PROFINET. burster also offers a high-performance Plug&Measure solution for PC-based measurement tasks.

THE NEW INSTRUMENTATION AMPLIFIER GENERATION 9250/9251

- Ready to use with any make of sensor for your measurement needs, manufacturer independent
- Ultra-fast pushbutton configuration
- Automatic sensor recognition due to burster TEDS
- Suitable for force, pressure, displacement, rotational speed and torque measurements, including combined measurements
- Synchronous export of up to 8 measurement channels via the bus controller
- Supports Ethernet-based fieldbuses as PROFINET, EtherCAT, EtherNet/IP or I/O interface
- Tare facility via pushbutton or I/O signals for each 9250 amplifier
- Up to two real-time signals/limit switches per amplifier module
- Versatile configuration using DigiVision PC software via USB port

Sensor interfaces 9206 and 9236 with Plug&Measure concept.

9206 USB multi sensor interface for strain gage sensors
- Plug&Measure version or four-channel version
- Simple connection via PC USB port
- 24-bit resolution
- High-speed measurement of up to 1200 readings/s
- Measurement accuracy of at least 0.01 %
- LabVIEW and DLL drivers available free of charge

9236 multichannel amplifier for strain gage sensors
- Tubular housing, DIN-rail mounting or PCB version
- Voltage output 0 ... ±5 V / 0 ... ±10 V
- Protected against reverse connection and short-circuit
- Also available as circuit board without housing
- Multi-channel capability
- High protection class up to IP67
Sensor instrumentation for every application

MEANINGFUL ANALYSIS OF YOUR SENSOR SIGNALS.

DIGITAL INDICATORS AND CALIBRATORS

Digital indicators receive the measurement signals from your load cells and convert them for presenting on a display. Depending on their range of functions, these instruments already help you to analyze your measurement signals and can transfer the evaluated measurement data to the higher-level control environment. Limit-setting and visual alarms on the display are convenient features for handling sensor signals. Portable indicators and calibrators provide a straightforward means for you to perform your self-governed device testing and calibration directly in your production environment without lengthy production downtimes.

The 9163 digital indicator covers a wide range of applications in which process values need to be measured, displayed, analyzed and transferred to higher-level control systems.

The multipurpose 7281 TRANS CAL testing device can be used wherever there is a need to perform high-precision, on-site calibrations of sensing components used in equipment such as presses, torque tools or pressure-regulating systems.

PROCESS MONITORING CONTROLLER

Process controllers are used where detailed process analysis for continuous optimization and zero-fault monitoing of the produced parts is needed in addition to sensor signal amplification, visualization and recording. The powerful burster controllers are designed for the demands of an exacting production system usually involving partial or full automation. A vast range of applications can be analyzed and monitored thanks to high-speed and synchronous measurement data acquisition and a wealth of measurement and evaluation techniques. These tools provide the user with detailed process information. The smart process monitoring systems visualize, analyze and evaluate quality-relevant process parameters, and can transmit the results via the latest communications interfaces. Ethernet-based fieldbus systems such as PROFINET transfer process results and status messages to higher-level controllers in real time. Whatever the movement or joining system – pneumatic, hydraulic or servo-electric – burster process controllers have the versatility to integrate with all forms of motion technology.

DIGIFORCE® monitores processes in which precisely defined functional relationships need to be demonstrated between two or more measured quantities of the process. Recording, visualizing and evaluating the X/Y curve allow 100% monitoring of process quality, ensuring that the production step and every single produced part are checked.

The ForceMaster 9110 has been developed specifically for monitoring moment lever pressures. So easy to operate, it lets any user monitor the press operation successfully.

EXPERTS IN EVERY FIELD

burster instrumentation amplifiers, digital indicators, calibrators and process controllers are incredibly versatile. They enjoy the trust of countless users in industries with extremely high quality standards; industries such as mechanical and plant engineering, automation and the automotive sector and its suppliers. And in increasingly important markets such as medical technology, biotechnology, e-mobility and drive technology, burster systems are already making a vital contribution to quality assurance.

SENSORMASTER 9163
- For force, pressure or torque measurements using strain gage sensors
- For distance or angle measurements with potentiometric or DC/DC sensors
- Measurement accuracy of 0.1 % and sensor-specific linearity
- Range of mathematical functions (e.g. differential measurement)
- OK/NOK feedback on multicolour display and via 4 alarm limit outputs
- High sampling rate (500/s)

TRANS CAL 7281 mobile high-precision calibrator and testing device for mechanical and electrical measurements
- Compatible sensors: Strain gage/standard signal ±5 V; ±10 V; potentiometric sensors
- Device test: strain gage simulator up to ±0.5 mV/V
- Easy configuration via burster TEDS
- Excellent linearity with an error of just ±0.001 %
- Storage of up to 16 measurement programs
- Data-logger for up to 30,000 measured values
- DAkkS/Factory calibration certificate available for the instrument or the entire measurement chain including 8527 reference sensor (optional)

ADJUSTMENT FOR USE WITH EXTERNAL INSTRUMENTS

When planning to connect display and analysis instruments to your load cell, it is essential to calibrate the system, i.e. align the sensor with the instruments, to ensure correct measurement readings and correct output scaling. We are happy to perform this adjustment of sensor and indicator for you, and supply a traceable adjustment report with this service. We can also accommodate personal adjustment requirements. This service means that your measurement system is immediately ready for use, saving you precious time.
ALL ABOUT THE SENSOR

For more specialized measurement applications, we can offer you special options over and above our wide range of load cells in a variety of designs and measurement ranges. Furthermore, we also keep a large choice of accessories to provide the best load-cell fit in the very wide-ranging installation situations presented by our customers. Here you will find just some of our most popular products.

LOAD APPLICATION ADAPTERS
- Attachment for fitting the 8431 load cell (small measuring ranges) in presses
- Attachment for the displacement sensor actuator bracket from set 5501-2002
- Available with internal thread, M4 (5501-Z014) or M5 (5501-Z015)

LOAD BUTTONS
- Central application of load for load cells with internal thread
- Hardened to HRC58
- Underside of button polished to ensure it is perpendicular to its axis
- M4 to M36 thread available

ADAPTER SETS 8552
For fitting load cells/displacement sensors to manual presses:
- Different sets available for load cells 8552 and 8451
- For attaching potentiometric displacement sensors to a press head
- Multipurpose parts
- A range of assembly options for the individual parts gives a choice of mounting positions for the displacement sensor
- Mounting diagram and all fixing screws included in set
- How-to-do video showing you how to use the adapter set can be found at www.youtube.com/bursterVideo

ROD END BEARINGS
- Optimized load application
- Corrects alignment errors
- Suitable for very high dynamic and static loads
- With internal or external thread
- Made of stainless steel

PULL PLATE
- Fitted to sensor to ensure axial application of load
- Suitable for tensile and compressive loads
- Pull plate has same external diameter, height and internal thread as the associated sensor
- Pull plate ready-fitted in factory, the calibration report applies to the complete assembly

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CABLE/CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY

burster load cells come with a connecting plug or have a permanently connected cable. For sensors with a plug we offer a range of connecting cables designed for the process environment (e.g. suitable for drag chains, suitable cable length) and fitted with a mating connector for the particular instrument required.

KEEPING THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND

We think that high-quality after-sales service is also part of a truly comprehensive solution in measurement technology. Which is why burster also offers a complete service package around sensors and sensor electronics as well as measurement, test and calibration equipment. Modular elements for planning, implementation and operation cover all relevant aspects of your project; from identifying characteristics through to calibration of the finished system, from optimization through maintenance to repair.

REPAIRS

 Experts will deal with your problem quickly and professionally. Repairs come with a 24-month guarantee. Calibration and firmware update if appropriate for the sensor and accessories can also be done.

Check online at www.burster.com to find your regional contact who will consult and support you individually.

EXTEND THE LIFESPAN OF YOUR LOAD CELL

Given the huge variation in installation and environmental conditions, ensuring that force measurements are precise depends on applying a wealth of technical understanding and application experience to assessing the entire process chain of our customers. Whatever support you may need, from measurement problem analysis through optimization advice of your on-going processes to commissioning and recalibration, experienced engineers and technicians can help.

APPLICATION TRAINING/COMMISSIONING

In structured and efficient training units designed for commissioning engineers, service staff and production personnel, your staff learn how to integrate and use sensors and instruments effectively in your process environment. In these training sessions we look specifically at your application. We can also provide this support worldwide.

MORE SERVICE COMPONENTS AND PRODUCT DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE www.burster.com

- In the Service login area you can access your calibration certificates and test reports 24/7 wherever you are
- The product cockpit contains all the important information about the product at a glance
- In just a few steps you can integrate the free CAD data for our load cells and process instrumentation into your CAD design
- Details for reaching your direct contact
- The download menu provides access to all product-related files such as data sheets, user manuals, brochures, videos and much more
- We also provide very helpful videos containing how-to-do instructions and examples of different sensor installation set-ups. They provide clear answers to frequently asked questions.

Our How-to-do video for mounting a load cell and displacement sensor on manual presses is available at: https://goo.gl/kkRTk5
IN-HOUSE CALIBRATION SERVICES

For force as the measured quantity, we offer not only test & alignment reports and factory calibration certificates but also the option of a German-accredited DAkkS calibration certificate. burster’s fast and efficient calibration service delivers outstanding reliability, accuracy, rigour and traceability for every calibration.

Sample of Calibration Services

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* external partners

The calibrations carried out include the following services:
- Assessing whether your test and measuring equipment is suitable for calibration
- Performing a calibration
- Documenting the calibration with a factory/DAkkS calibration certificate
- Labelling the calibration items in accordance with ISO 17025 or German DKD-5 requirements
- If it proves during our calibration-suitability check that an adjustment is necessary, we perform this adjustment prior to calibration in close consultation with you.

START SELF-GOVERNING YOUR NEEDS WITH OUR SMART CALIBRATION SOLUTIONS

If for any reason our on-site service through us or our partners isn’t possible, we offer you some very attractive alternatives to help you calibrate your force measurement system yourself.

Compact and user-friendly portable load-cell calibrator 72KME
- Force measuring range from 0 ... 50 kN
- System accuracy of 0.3 % F.S.
- Full range of accessories, calibration software, reference measurement chains with DAkkS calibration certificate

Portable reference force measuring chain including DAkkS certificate 72-REF
- 12 force measuring ranges from 0 ... 20 N up to 100 kN
- Maximum, traceable precision

TRANS CAL 7281 PRECISION CALIBRATION IN YOUR HANDS

Our unique mobile high-precision calibrator and testing device is the smart, robust and traceable answer to your calibration requirements.

TRANS CAL 7281 allows mobile calibration by yourselves on site, with a high degree of accuracy and without needing to dismantle equipment.

Device test/strain gage simulator infinitely adjustable simulation values: up to ±50 mV/V, up to 10 VDC
Measurement: U_{supply} up to 10 VDC

Sensor test
R, R₀, Shunt, R_{iso}

ON-SITE CALIBRATION

If you expect your test equipment to be monitored in accordance with ISO 9001?
If you don’t have the resources to dismantle the machinery/equipment for calibrations?
If you want to keep your machinery downtimes to the minimum?

Our on-site calibration service includes:
- Checking your test or measuring equipment
- Calibration to traceable reference standards
- Providing calibration certification including labelling the calibrated equipment
- Adjustment of amplifiers and measuring systems

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Adjustment of measuring instrument: Adjusting a measuring instrument involves setting the top and bottom calibration voltage and scale value. The actual zero (no-load) signal from the sensor must be subtracted when setting the calibration values. The instrument is adjusted to work correctly with the selected sensor.

Calibration resistor (shunt): During short calibration, a precision resistor (calibration resistor, also known as a shunt) is connected in parallel with one leg of the load-cell bridge circuit. This precision resistor is used to deliberately detune the measuring bridge and hence produce a calibration offset. A change in the calibration offset over the lifetime of the sensor can indicate possible sensor damage. Short calibration has a tolerances in the single-digit percentage range.

Characteristic curve deviation: The figure for the characteristic curve deviation takes into account not just the non-linearity but also the load in the descending direction. The curve values are measured between 20 and 100% of the full scale value. The maximum characteristic curve deviation is expressed in % F.S.

Characteristic sensitivity deviation: Deviation in the sensitivity. Expressed as a %. Typically ±0.25 % for standardized sensors.

DKK's calibration certificate: DAKS is the name of the German accreditation agency. A DAKS calibration certificate issued by a DAKS-accurated calibration laboratory is internationally accepted. Calibration is in accordance with DIN EN ISO 376, and hence includes measurement sequences in three different installation positions. 10 levels of force are used in the calibration (10% steps until full scale is reached). The certificate states the relative zero offset, the relative non-linearity, the relative hysteresis, the non-repeatability (in constant installation position), the relative extended comparative precision (for different installation positions) and the DIN EN ISO 376 classification. The certificate also gives information for different situations under DIN EN ISO 376. burster runs a DAKKS accredited calibration laboratory in accordance with DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 and also works with DAKKS-accurated partner laboratories.

Deflection full scale: The deflection full scale is how far the external load application points on the sensor travel towards or away from each other along the primary axis under the nominal force; value lies in the region of a few µm. This is the maximum deflection that can be applied to the sensor along its primary axis without causing immediate damage. Within the maximum operating force limit there is a reproducible relationship between load and output signal.

Nominal force: The maximum force for which the load cell is nominally designed and to which the manufacturer's technical specification holds.

Nominal sensitivity mV/V: burster load cells are built on the strain gage principle. Usually four or more strain gages are connected together in a Wheatstone bridge arrangement. This type of design means that the sensors do not output an active voltage signal but a small voltage difference across the bridge circuit. For strain gage sensors, the output signal is heavily dependent on the supply voltage. The output signal is defined as the nominal sensitivity, is therefore specified in millivolts per Volt of supply voltage (mV/V) at the sensor output. This parameter is sometimes referred to as “sensitivity” for load cells.

Nominal temperature range: Ambient temperature range in which the load cell stays within the tolerances of the temperature dependent technical data.

Non-linearity/linearity error: The non-linearity or linearity error defines the maximum deviation of a characteristic curve of a load cell from the ideal straight line. Always expressed as a percentage of full scale [% F.S.] and measured for increasing load. The curve values are measured between 20 and 100% of the full scale value.

Non-repeatability in constant installation position: The non-repeatability in constant installation position specifies the precision with which individual measured values in separate series of measurements can be reproduced. The non-repeatability is measured for the load cell under constant installation position and is expressed in % F.S.

Operating temperature range: The ambient temperature range in which the load cell can be operated (but under larger tolerances) without any noticeable significant changes to its characteristics when operated again in its nominal temperature range.

Overload burst: The load in the primary axis of the load cell above which irreversible mechanical damage to the load cell can be expected.

Percentage of full scale (% F.S.): Unless otherwise stated, measurement errors are expressed in percentage of full scale [% F.S.]

Relative hysteresis: Hysteresis is the maximum difference between measurement signals obtained when a load is increasing and a load is decreasing. To measure the hysteresis, a load applied to the sensor is incremented in steps until the nominal force is reached and then decremented in identical steps; the output value is read at each step and evaluated after deducting the no-load signal. The maximum relative hysteresis is given in % F.S.

Sensitivity: The difference between the output signal at nominal force and no-load, with the sensor in its installed situation.

FAQ – COUNT ON BURSTER TO PROVIDE THE FACTS

Is it OK to change the load on a load cell suddenly? It is best to avoid sudden changes to the load on a load cell. It can result in irreparable damage to the sensor even if the applied load is below the full scale value. If the sensor has suffered a sudden impact load, you should consult us about the sensor model and measuring range.

Removing a load suddenly from load cells is less critical than applying a load. If applying a load suddenly, you should consult us about the sensor model and measuring range.

Do load cells need to be fitted under pre-load? In general, burster load cells do not need to be fitted under load, i.e. pre-loaded. Depending on the type of sensor, however, a small pre-load may be advisable in order to keep the sensor securely in place. In addition, any potential sudden load changes can and must be avoided by providing a small pre-load.

What should the load be applied to the sensor? The load must be applied to the load cell solely along the primary axis. First and foremost, forces that are not parallel to this axis result in unpredictable errors in the measurement signal but in the worst case may even cause irreversible damage to the sensor. If applying the load exactly on-axis is not possible, then some special burster load cells such as 8431 or 850XX can be used with permitted external forces. The purpose of this is to avoid these forces by a suitable structural design. Some load cells are designed with a convex load button or alternatively can be fitted with one. The measurement load must be applied to this load button via a flat, hardened surface (at least HRC50). This surface must never be concave or convex.

Do load cells need an instrumentation amplifier? burster load cells are built on the strain gage principle. The Wheatstone-bridge arrangement composed of individual strain gages has only a low output signal of a few mV. For sensors of this design, the output signal is heavily dependent on the supply voltage [mV/V]. This means that an instrumentation amplifier is needed not only to supply the sensor with a constant supply voltage, but also to convert the output signal from the sensor into an output signal that the customer can use, for example 0…10 V or 4…20 mA. burster digital PDM, USB interfaces and DIGIFORCE already have such an amplifier built-in.

What must be taken into account when connecting load cells in parallel? It can make sense in some applications to connect individual load cells in parallel and measure a summed load (for example weighing equipment). For a plausible measurement signal, all the characteristics of the sensors, for instance nominal sensitivity, input and output resistances, must be identical. Standardized load cells of the same type are therefore best suited here. Caution: the temperature of the sensors must be the same as that of the measurement points. If selecting the sensors and the measuring instrument, it is important to check that this instrument can supply the necessary excitation current for the parallel-connected sensors.

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BECAUSE PROGRESS NEEDS VISION.

burster, the specialist for measuring equipment and sensors, delivers the ideal solution that meets your requirements to a T. We offer you forward-looking products, system solutions and a comprehensive suite of services to supplement our product range. With personal commitment and an uncompromising focus on quality.

Measuring technology with perspective.