## **Shear Patterns - Dual Grid**

# **MIME** Micro-Measurements



### Transducer-Class® Strain Gages

GAGE PATTERN Actual size shown.		GAGE	RES.	STANDARD	ENCAPSU-	
Enlarged when necessary for definition.			IN	CREEP	LATION	
DIMENSIO	DIMENSIONS inch millimeter		See Note 1	OHMS	CODE	OPTION AVAILABLE

				Three-tab version of S034 pattern.			
GAGE LENGTH	OVERALL LENGTH	GRID WIDTH	OVERALL WIDTH				
0.125	0.33	0.100	0.275				
3.18	8.4	2.54	6.99				
MATRIX SIZE	0.40 L x 0.34 W 10.1		0.1 L x 8.5 W	J2A-XX-S111K-350	$350 \pm 0.4\%$	к	

			Encapsulated dual-shear pattern with tabs at both ends of pattern.					
GAGE LENGTH	OVERALL LENGTH	GRID WIDTH	) H	OVERALL WIDTH				
0.125	0.360	0.201		0.252				
3.18	9.14	5.10		6.40				
MATRIX SIZE	0.39 L x 0.29 W 9.9		L x 7.4 W	J2A-XX-S245K-350	$350 \pm 0.4\%$	К		

Note 1: All products are RoHS compliant.



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### **Advanced Sensors**

#### **N2A SERIES**

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N2A gages are oconstantan-alloy patterns constructed on a thin, laminated, polyimide-film backing. This series is capable of low and repeatable creep performance. Construction is very rugged, which will help prevent gage handling damage. Advanced Sensors N2A gages are offered with epoxy encapsulation as standard. An open-faced version can be supplied upon request.

#### **J2A SERIES**

J2A gages are encapsulated constantan-alloy patterns. Both the encapsulation and backing are thin, laminated polyimide film. Gage soldering tabs are exposed for simplified lead connections. Creep performance is equal to the N2A Series, although the presence of an encapsulating layer will require a change in creep code selection to maintain the same performance.

#### **N2K SERIES**

N2K gages are modified-Karma-alloy patterns constructed on a thin, laminated, polyimide-film backing. All N2K gages are supplied with gold soldering pads (DG) for ease of leadwire attachment. Copper soldering pads are also available. Most gages in the N2K Series can also be modulus compensated. Advanced Sensors N2K gages are offered with epoxy encapsulation as standard. An open-faced version can be supplied upon request.

#### **N5K SERIES**

N5K gages are modified-Karma-allov patterns constructed on a thin, laminated, polvimide-film backing constructed to improve gage performance at elevated temperatures. All N5K gages are supplied with gold soldering pads (DG) for ease of leadwire attachment. Copper soldering pads are also available. Most gages in the N5K Series can also be modulus compensated. Advanced Sensors N5K gages are offered with epoxy encapsulation as standard.

#### **J5K SERIES**

J5K gages are encapsulated, modified-Karma-alloy patterns specially constructed to improve gage performance at elevated temperatures. Because of the laminated polyimide-film backing and encapsulation, all J5K patterns are fully flexible without being brittle. Gold soldering pads (DG) as well as copper soldering pads (DP) are exposed for simplified lead connections. Some J5K gages can be supplied with moduluscompensation (EMC) options. For best high-temperature performance, J5K-Series gages should be installed with M-Bond 450 high-temperature adhesive.

GAGE SERIES	TEMPERAT	URE RANGE	GAGE FACTOR	FATIGU	FATIGUE LIFE		
	STATIC DYNAMIC		(SEE NOTE)	STRAIN LEVEL IN $\mu\epsilon$	NUMBER OF CYCLES		
N2A	–100° to +200°F (–75° to +95°C)	Same as Static	2.05 nom.	±1500 1500	10 <sup>7</sup> 10 <sup>8 (2)</sup>		
J2A	–100° to +200°F (–75° to +95°C)	Same as Static	2.05 nom.	±1700 1700	10 <sup>6</sup> 10 <sup>7</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>		
N2K	–100° to +200°F (–75° to +95°C)	Same as Static	2.1 nom. (1)	±1800	107		
N5K	–100° to +400°F (–75° to +205°C)	–320° to +500°F (–195° to +260°C)	2.1 nom. (1)	±1800	107		
J5K	–100° to +400°F (–75° to +205°C)	–320° to +500°F (–195° to +260°C)	2.1 nom. (1)	± 2000 1800	10 <sup>7</sup> 10 <sup>8</sup> (2)		

#### Notes:

Advanced Sensors gages are supplied with nominal gage factor values that will vary slightly with pattern. They are not suitable for strain measurement in stress analysis applications. Request our Precision Strain Gages databook, or contact our Applications Engineering Department, for a complete listing of gages for precision strain measurement applications.

<sup>(1)</sup> Nominal gage factor is 2.2 for EMC options.

<sup>(2)</sup> Unidirectional strain.













### **Advanced Sensors**

#### **CREEP COMPENSATION**

Commercial transducers regularly achieve a creep specification of less than  $\pm 0.02\%$  of full scale (FS) for a 20-minute test. To attain this level on a high production basis, it is usually necessary to match the strain gage's creep characteristic to the spring element creep.

Most *Transducer-Class* gages can be adjusted in design to exhibit either a positive or negative creep under load. Spring element materials exhibit only positive creep under load. (See figure below.)



Since transducer creep depends on several variables such as spring element material, heat treatment, strain field, adhesive type and test temperature, it is not possible to predict the proper gage compensation necessary to achieve the best creep result.

Most of the gages in this catalog list one available creep compensation code. Since it is not possible to predetermine the creep characteristics of a particular transducer, it is suggested that the standard creep code be ordered in quantities sufficient to evaluate three or four transducers. Where creep levels are high enough to warrant correction, a different creep compensation, either more negative or more positive, depending on test results, can often be recommended.

A complicating factor in creep code selection is that while different gage patterns may list the same creep code, they do not necessarily exhibit the same creep behavior. This is because the gage backing selection, gridline width and gage length also influence creep characteristics.

It should also be noted that this type of creep correction is generally limited to transducers exhibiting less than  $\pm 0.1\%$  FS creep. Higher creep levels in the positive direction are often the result of poor spring element material selection. Negative creep values in excess of 0.1% FS generally are the result of a faulty gage installation.

#### **MODULUS COMPENSATION (EMC) OPTION**

Many of the K-alloy gages in this catalog are available in a special form which permits the gage factor change with temperature to be adjusted over a wide range during gage manufacture. Properly matched to the transducer spring element, these EMC (Effective Modulus Compensation) gages can provide very good self-correction of changes in transducer span versus temperature. A compensation better than  $\pm 0.0008\%$ /°F ( $\pm 0.0014\%$ /°C) can readily be achieved in many cases.

While this may at first appear to be the "ideal" strain gage for transducers, there are certain factors that should be considered prior to selecting EMC gages for a given application:

- 1. EMC gages cost more than other gages. In most cases the difference is great enough to offset the additional cost of span/temperature resistors.
- 2. EMC gages must be "matched" to the transducer spring material. Depending on the degree of compensation accuracy desired, the standard EMC options may not yield the "best fit" compensation on the spring material in use. In these cases, a special foil lot which possesses the desired compensation would be required. There is normally a minimum order requirement and set-up charge for special foil lots.
- Transducer spring materials may not have batch-to-batch repeatability sufficient to maintain specifications when using the same EMC gages. New material lot testing is therefore necessary for high precision units.

Despite these limitations, EMC gages can often be advantageous for transducer manufacturers.

The following standard EMC options are available:

#### **OPTION M1**

Gage factor slope is -1.50% per  $100^{\circ}$ F (-2.70% per  $100^{\circ}$ C). Provides span-versus-temperature compensation for many stainless steels.

#### **OPTION M2**

Gage factor slope is -2.35% per  $100^{\circ}$ F (-4.23% per  $100^{\circ}$ C). Provides span-versus-temperature compensation for most aluminum alloys.

#### **OPTION M3**

Gage factor slope is -1.25% per  $100^{\circ}F$  (-2.25% per  $100^{\circ}C$ ). Provides span-versus-temperature compensation for many tool steels.

#### **OPTION M4**

Gage factor slope is -1.35% per  $100^{\circ}F$  (-2.43% per  $100^{\circ}C$ ). Provides "mid-range" compensation between M1 and M3.



