

# Force Column Load Cell FCL

# **USER'S MANUAL**



Read the user's manual carefully before starting to use the unit or software.

Producer reserves the right to implement changes without prior notice.

#### Seetharam Mechatronics Pvt. Ltd

Office: #3, 8th Street, Vaishnavi Nagar, Chennai-600 109, India.

Web: www.seetharam.in Email: ram@seetharam.in

30.06.2017 www.seetharam.in



# Index

Section	Title	Pages
01.	Technical Specification	03
02.	Electrical Connection	04
03.	Product Description	06
04.	Procedure	07
05.	Safety	09
06.	Precautions	11
07.	Warning	12
08.	Do's	13
09.	Don't's	14
10.	EMC Protection	15

02



## 1. Technical Specification

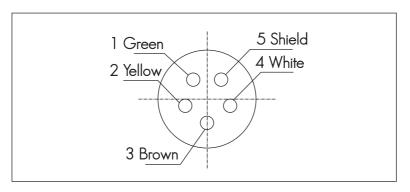
Model	FCL	
Rated capacity(R.C.)	100kgf, 200kgf, 500kgf, 1tf, 2tf, 3tf, 5tf, 10tf	
Rated output(R.O.)	1mV/V	
Nonlinearity	0.15% of R.O.	
Hysteresis	0.15% of R.O.	
Repeatability	0.1% of R.O.	
Creep	0.05% of R.O.	
Zero balance	±1% of R.O.	
Excitation recommended	10V (max. excitation 15V)	
Terminal resistance input , output	350½±1%	
Insulation resistance bridge	2000M½	
Temperature range, compensated	-10~60°C	
Temperature range, safe	-20~80°C	
Temp. effect on rated output	±0.01% of LOAD/10°C	
Temp. effect, on zero balance	±0.02% of R.O./10°C	
Safe overload	120% R.C	
Cable length	Ø5mm 4core, 3m	



### 02. Electrical Connection

The FCL output signal is mV/V based on strain gauges. An amplifier is required for condition the signal. All DC amplifiers and carrier-frequency amplifiers designed for strain gauge measurement systems can be used.

### **Connection to Amplifier**



5 Pin	Function
Pin 1	Signal Positive (Sig +Ve)
Pin 2	Signal Negative (Sig -\w)
Pin 3	Excitation Positive (Exc.+Ve)
Pin 4	Excitation Negative (ExcVe)
Pin 5	Shield <del>()</del>



### 02. Electrical Connection

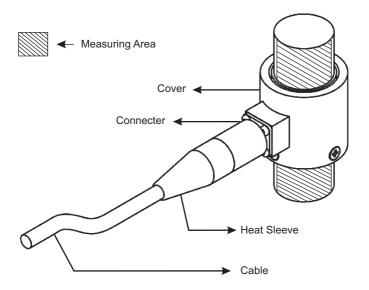
#### Free cable ends

Wire	Function
Green	Signal Positive (Sig +Ve)
Yellow	Signal Negative (Sig -Ve)
Brown	Excitation Positive (Exc. +Ve)
White	Excitation Negative (ExcVe)
Aluminium Color	Shield \leftrightarrow

The output signal is positive for the above connection. If negative output is required, interchange the polarity of output signal.



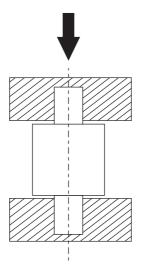
## 03. Product Description



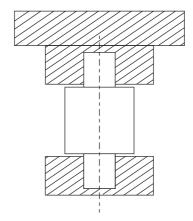


### 04. Procedure

Load must be in center in-line whether its compression (or) tension force.



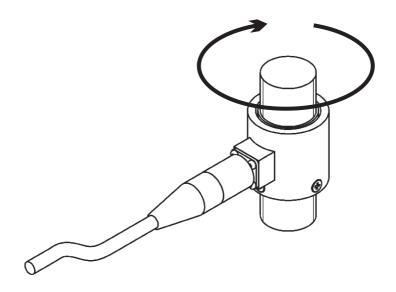
Load must be flat and parallel when compensating linkages are not used





## 04. Procedure

#### **TORQUE DURING INSTALLATION**

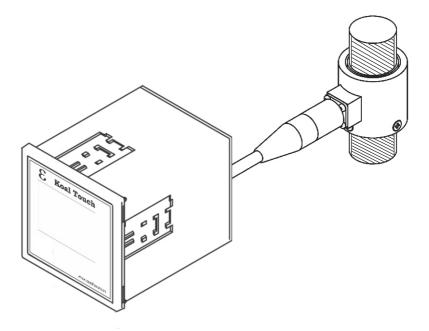


Capacity (kgf)	Torque (NM)
100	
200	
500	
1000	
2000	
3000	
5000	
10000	



### 05. Safety

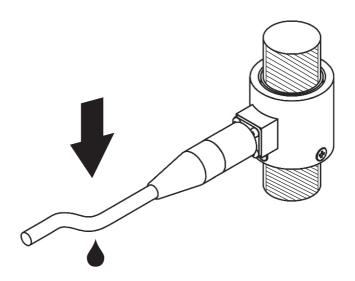
- When installing the sensor, connect it to an instrument and monitor the output to prevent possible overload.
- If not sure about force to be measured. Use feedback control to prevent sensor from overloaded.



In an environment with a high amount of moisture or humidity, create a drip loop on the cable to prevent any water from flowing into the sensor.



## 05. Safety



- Study do's and don't
- Make connection according to color code of sensor connection to amplifier.

Make measurements



### 06. Precautions

- Do not install the control lines or communication cables together
  with the main circuit lines or power cables. Keep a distance of
  100mm or more between them. Failure to do so may result in
  malfunction due to noise.
- With cable extensions, ensure that connection is perfect with low contact resistance and continue to connect the cable shield extensively.
- Stray current can destroy the load cell therefore do not pass welding current through the load cells. But never weld closer than 1.2 meter (4 feet) to any load cell without removing the load cell.

#### **Note**

- Protection class of your force transducer will decrease if the cable connection is not tight and water can penetrate in the cable.
   Transducers can be irreparably damaged and fail in these circumstances.
- When several force transducers are interconnected, the load/force distribution is not always uniform.



### 07. △ Warning

The transducer must not be modified from the design or safety engineering point of view except with our express agreement. Any modification shall exclude all liability on our part for any damage resulting there from.



### 08. Ø DO'S

- Visual inspection of product.
- Use stable power supply to prevent high voltage surges.
- Do not remove or tamper the covers of your sensor.
- Monitor the temperature of the environment to ensure that it does not exceed the Sensors operating temperature.
- Use flat, parallel and clean mounting surfaces. A dirty environment or an uneven surface can easily distort your data.
- The warming-up period of the sensor is approximately 5 minutes.
- Make sure that the load you apply on your Load Cell is applied inline
- For Hydraulic or Pneumatic Pressure applications, slowly monitor the load on the Load Cell to avoid a dynamic overload
- If you think the Load Cell was overloaded, check the zero
- If several bolts are used to mount the sensor, make sure to tighten them down in a 12 o'clock, 6o'clock, 9 o'clock, and 3 o'clock in a cross like manner (the same technique that is used when bolting your tires).
- The sensor package should have included a Calibration Certificate. This is a very important document detailing the calibration data unique to your sensor



### 09. Ø DON'T

- Exceeding the following
  - a. Limit force
  - b. Lateral limit forces
  - c. Bending and torsional torques
  - d. Breaking forces
  - e. Permissible dynamic loads
  - f. Temperature limits
  - g. Electrical load limits
- Pull or yank on the Load Cell cable.
- Placing heavy fixtures on the Load Cell that may overload it. Again, very critical for low capacity models.
- Pinching and flexing the cable may cause damage, especially if it's left in such a position for extended periods.



#### 10. EMC Protection

Electrical and magnetic fields can often induce interference voltages in the measuring circuit. Please comply with the measuring circuit. Please comply with the following points:

- Use shielded low-capacitance measurement cables only.
- Do not route the measurement cable parallel to power lines and control circuits. If this is not possible, protect the measurement cable with metal tubing.
- Avoid stray fields from transformers, motors and contact switches
- Please note that compensating currents flowing across the cable shield can cause significant interferences. If the sensor and its evaluation unit have different electrical potentials, an electrical connection with very low resistance must be provided.
- Connect all devices in the measurement chain to the same grounded conductor.
- Always connect the cable shield extensively on the amplifier side, to create the best possible faraday cage.