# **DATA SHEET**



THE TENSION CONTROL SPECIALISTS

# MODEL **TW-50W**TRI-WHEEL™ TENSION LOAD CELL



The Tri-Wheel<sup>TM</sup> Tension Load Cell (Model TW-50W) is a modular, configurable load cell fixture designed to measure the tension of wire, cable and composite filament processes.

The Tri-Wheel<sup>TM</sup> unit consists of an aluminum mounting plate (easily stacked on extruded aluminum profiles), a cartidge-type load cell and three ceramic-insert pulleys. The 50mm pulleys can be installed at 10, 35, 100, 125 or 180 degree wrap angles to suit a wide variety of applications.

Tension is measured by a dual-cantilevered, high output, semiconductor strain gauge sensing beam, connected in a full wheatstone bridge configuration.

This advanced strain gauge technology operates with less mechanical deflection, while delivering up to 33 times greater signal output than foil gauge designs. Reduced deflection enables robust overload protection, helping to maximize service life and reduce maintenance intervals.

## **FEATURES & BENEFITS**

- Modular design for easy integration
- Flexible wheel configurations, enabling multiple wrap angles and tension ranges
- Long-life ceramic-insert pulleys
- Compatible with steel, copper, aluminum, glass, carbon fiber and other composite filaments
- Highly accurate and reliable semiconductor strain gauge technology

- Improves the product quality and efficiency of most filament manufacturing processes
- Stainless steel, aluminum and ceramic construction for excellent durability and corrosion resistance
- Reduce or eliminate mishaps and material waste
- Higher production with less downtime and machine maintenance
- 5 year tension-free warranty

## PRODUCT CODE

You may order by description or by specifying the code by matching each labeled place with one of the choices below. *Example: TW-50W-25L-180DEG-12C* 

TW - xW - xL - xDEG - xC

WHEEL (mm)	LOAD RATING (lbs)	WRAP ANGLE (degrees)	CONNECTOR POSITION
50	10 25 50 100 200	10 35 100 125 180	6 (6:00) 12 (12:00) R (Rear)

TENSION RANGE FOR SELECTED WRAP ANGLE AND LOAD RATING							
WRAP	10 lbs	25 lbs	50 lbs	100 lbs	200 lbs		
10 deg	0 - 32 lbs	0 - 83 lbs	0 - 170 lbs	0 - 342 lbs	0 - 687 lbs		
35 deg	0 - 9.2 lbs	0 - 24 lbs	0 - 49 lbs	0 - 99 lbs	0 - 199 lbs		
100 deg	0 - 3.6 lbs	0 - 10 lbs	0 - 19 lbs	0 - 39 lbs	0 - 78 lbs		
125 deg	0 - 3.1 lbs	0 - 8.2 lbs	0 - 17 lbs	0 - 34 lbs	0 - 67 lbs		
180 deg	0 - 2.8 lbs	0 - 7.3 lbs	0 - 15 lbs	0 - 30 lbs	0 - 60 lbs		

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **ELECTRICAL**

**Excitation:** 5 VDC max

Output: 100 mV/V, nominal

Strain Gages: Semiconductor, 100 ohms, nominal

**Circuit Configuration:** Full Wheatstone Bridge

Non-Repeatability: ±1/4% full span (FS)

Combined Non-Linearity and Hystersis: ±1/2% (FS)

**Temperature Range:** -10°F to 200°F (-23°C to 93°C)

Temperature Coefficient: 0.02% FS per °F, typical

(0.036% FS per °C)

Mating Electrical Connector: 6 Socket Mil-Spec

**Connector Pin Assignment:** 

A = Signal Output (-)

B = Excitation (+)

C = Excitation (-)

D = Signal Output (+)

E = Excitation (-)

F = Excitation (+)

#### **MECHANICAL**

Overload Capacity: 1,200 lbs (5,338 N)

Deflection of Sensor Beam: 0.005 in. max.

(0.127 mm)

Materials: Aluminum; Stainless Steel; Nylon;

Carbon Steel; Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Ceramic

Connector Positions: 6:00, 12:00, Rear

**Load Ratings:** 10, 25, 50, 100, 200 lbs

(44, 111, 222, 445, 890 N)

Wrap Angles: 10°, 35°, 100°, 125°, 180°

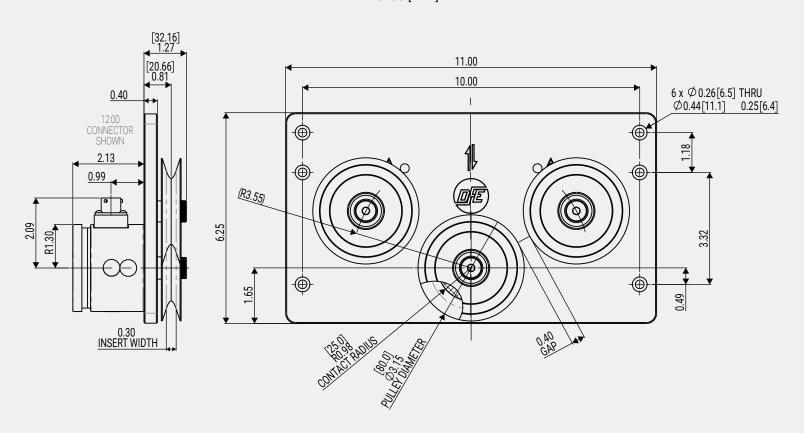
**Break-Away Torque:** 0.8 N-mm (0.11 ozf-in)

**Basic Dynamic Load Rating of Bearings: 5.1 kN** 

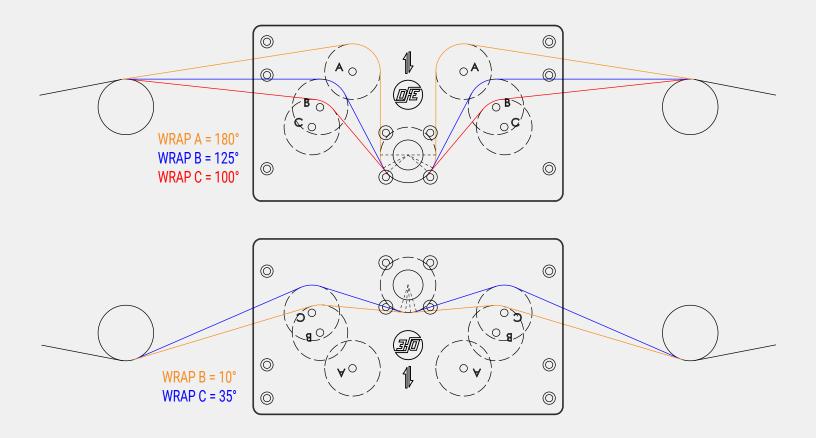
Pulley & Shaft Weight: 0.45 lbs (204 g)

## **DIMENSIONS**

#### inches [mm]



# MOUNTING ORIENTATIONS & WRAP ANGLES



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