Force Sensors

Honeywell

Platform and Product Overview

LINEAR FORCE AND
ROTARY TORQUE SENSORS
Linear Force and Rotary Torque Sensors

Honeywell’s force and torque sensors are often ideal for a number of measurement and feedback applications on aircraft. These sensors measure the forces applied by the pilot or co-pilot to the elevator, aileron, and rudder flight control systems. Sensor output is used both by auto-pilot and flight data recorder.

Force is measured using integral load cells, and conditioned using internal electronics prior to transmission to the flight data recorder. A mechanism in each sensor allows the device to continue to function as a control linkage in the unlikely event of sensor failure.

Control Rod Force Sensor - A proven design for harsh environments, this sensor group features a sensing element gauged with an accurately calibrated metal foil strain gauge.

Torque Sensor - This input quadrant torque sensor provides a zero-backlash interface and slip ring cable exit. Its sensing element utilizes a load cell gauged with metal foil strain gauges.

In both sensors, a secondary load path integral to the sensor ensures proper function of flight controls in all potential failure modes.

Features
• Sensors designed to replace existing flight control linkages and control cable quadrants
• Designed to eliminate the need to incorporate a secondary load path or increase component count aboard the aircraft to measure the pilot/co-pilot forces
• Strain gage-based sensors
• Multiple sensing technologies
• No moving parts
• ac or dc excitation versions available
• Various measurement ranges available
• Integral signal conditioning electronics

Benefits
• Flexibility in output format
• Potential for lower-cost assemblies
• Smaller cross-sectional area
• Enhanced reliability - typical MTBF data between 120,000 hours and 200,000 hours

Potential applications
• Rudder, aileron, and elevator input force
• Actuator force and autopilot feedback
• Weight measurement
• Active sidestick force sensing

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