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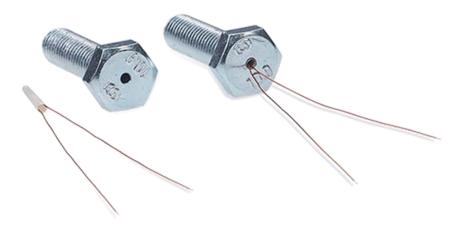
- Head of EMEA Engineering Services at HBK
- B.Sc in electrical engineering
- 23 years of experience with strain gauges in the field
- Specialty Getting strain gauges to live in harsh environments, ex Oil&Gas, offshore wind...





### **Agenda**

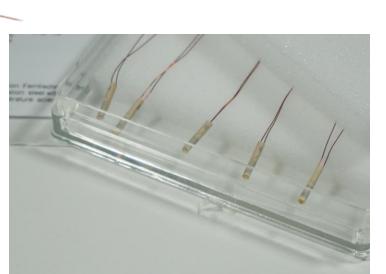
- 1. What are cylindrical strain gauges?
- 2. Where are cylindrical strain gages used?
- 3. How do I install these particular strain gauges?
- 4. What can I achieve with these strain gages, where are the limits?

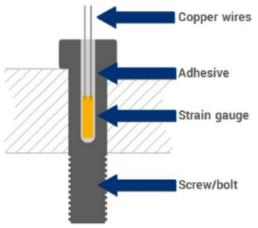


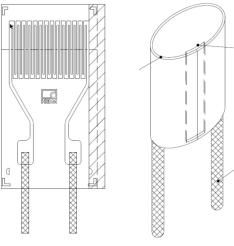


## What are cylindrical strain gauges?

- Cylindrical strain gauges are planar strain gauges rolled into a cylinder.
- With HBK, there are two different types:
  - <u>1-LB11-3/120ZW</u>
  - <u>1-TB21-3.3/1000HW</u>





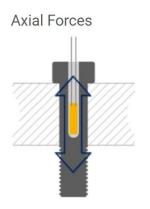


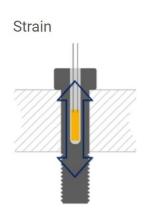


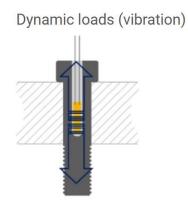


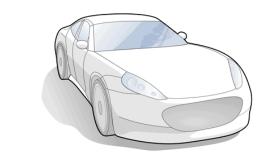
### Where are cylindrical strain gages used?

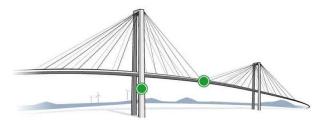
- Axial forces -> Turn your existing structure into a force sensor where installing conventional force sensors is not possible.
- Strain -> validate calculated data from an FE model in operation.
- Dynamic loads -> Collect information about the vibration behavior of your object









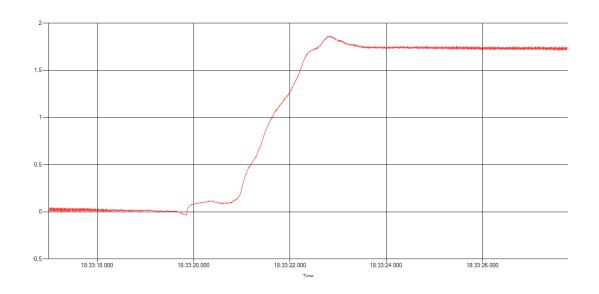


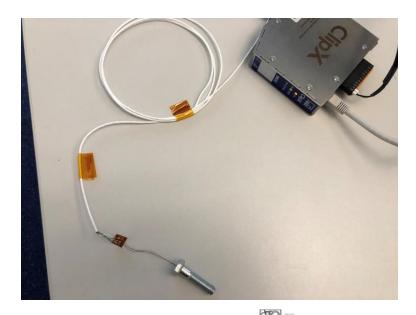


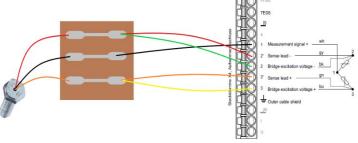


## Where are cylindrical strain gages used?

- Application: Monitoring the preload in a machine
- Connect and operate a TB21 screw with strain gauges with ClipX. The TB21 Screw is used to measure axial forces, strain and vibration caused by dynamic loads in the machine









#### What is needed?

- 1-EP70 special adhesive
- Cylindrical gauges: LB11 or TB11
- Accessories: RMS cleaning agent, tweezers, scissors, syringe, gloves, oven



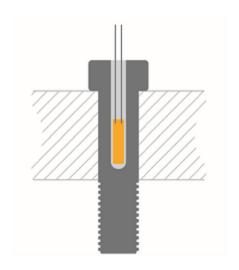
#### EP70 specifications:

- Application temperature range:
  - 40°C up to 70°C
- Curing temperature: 3h at 60°C
- Optional curing step: If the operating temperature is above 50°C you need to do a second curing step at 100°C for 4h
- Pot life: max. 2h after mixing
- Adhesive is sufficient for 50 installations

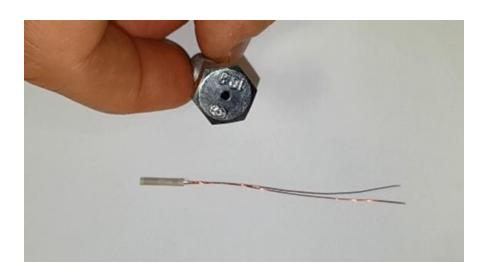


#### **Step 1: Drilling a Hole in the Screw**

- drill in the center of the screw.
- diameter of 2 mm and an appropriate depth.
- Clean the drilling by <u>spraying RMS 1</u> (Part number: 1-RMS1 or 1-RMS1-SPRAY), and air dry it afterwards (compressed air can be used as well).





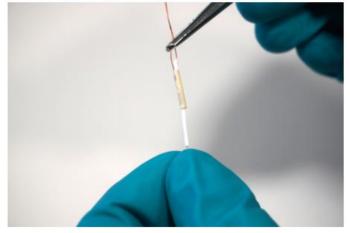


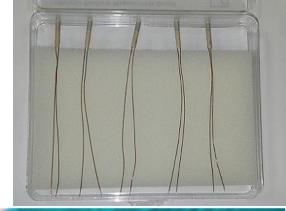


#### **Step 2: Preparation of the Strain Gauge**

- In the next step, take out one of the strain gauges from its package
- Cut an approximately 20mm long piece of PTFE cord from the supplied roll with scissors.
- Take the strain gauge by the coated copper wires with tweezers and insert the PTFE cord into the cylindrical strain gauge.
- Place the prepared strain gauge on a clean surface.











#### **Step 3: Bonding of the Strain Gauge**

- Fill a syringe with EP70 (Order number: 1-EP70).
- During all installation steps, the occurrence of air bubbles must be avoided.
- In the next step, fill up the predrilled bolt with the adhesive in the syringe.
- To reduce air bubbles put the syringe tip to the bottom before the insertion of the adhesive. When the hole is filled up, pull out the syringe slowly while refilling with adhesive.
- Insert the strain gauge with the PTFE cord.







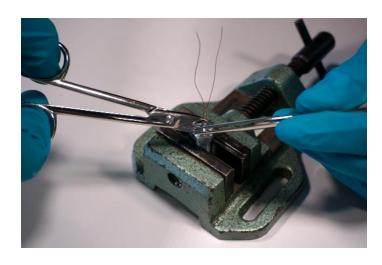




#### **Step 4: Curing of the Adhesive**

- Cure the adhesive for the specified time in an oven. The curing times of the adhesive are specified in the instruction manual.
- After the adhesive has cured, the PTFE cord can be cut off with scissors. The remaining PFTE cord stays in the installation.

Temperature [°C/°F]	Curing Time
60/140	3 hours
Optional post-curing at 100/212	4 hours

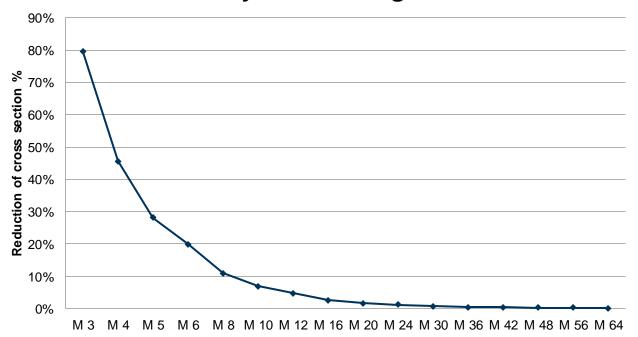






- The screws must have a sufficiently large diameter
  - The screw must not be weakened too much so that it can do its actual job
- There must be sufficient strain. A FE simulation is advisable

## Reduction of cross section of screw caused by 2mm drilling



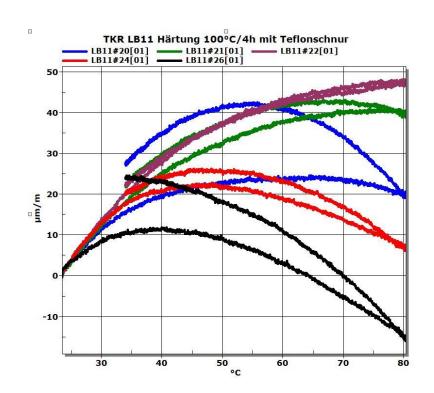


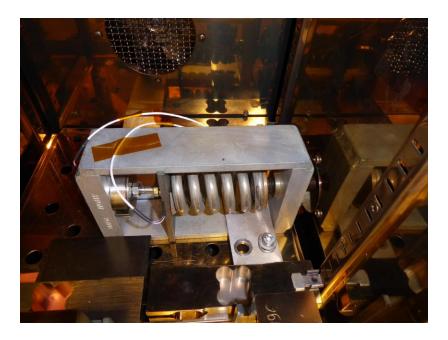
- Screws can be calibrated by means of a reference transducer
  - Tension
  - Compression
- Maximum strain:
  - 2500 µm/m at 20 °C
  - 2200 µm/m at 0 °C
- Especially at lower temperatures, the fatigue strength is significantly reduced compared to conventional strain gauges for higher strains.





 Temperature effects behave differently with cylindrical strain gages than with regular strain gages.





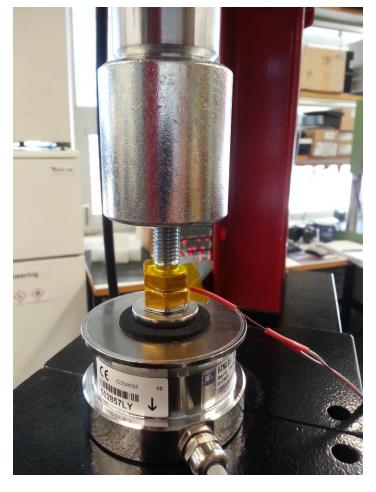


**Keep in mind:** Measurement with cylindrical strain gages is an alternative to conventional sensors when they cannot be used.

- The accuracy and traceability is lower
- The installation and use is more complex
  - > You build your own sensor

The accuracy to be achieved depends strongly on:

- Maximum elongation in nominal range -> Resolution
- Size and Material of the screw
- Application temperature range (less is better)





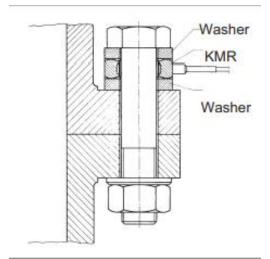
#### **Alternatives**

1. Glue strain gauges on the outside of the bolt/stud



2. KMR Force Washer







## General strain gauge knowledge database:

www.hbm.com/strain-fundamentals



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#### **Product page LB11 and TB11:**

LB11/TB21 Strain Gauges for Measuring in Screws & Bolts (hbm.com)



#### **Product page EP70:**

EP70 Adhesive for Cylindrical Strain
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