

Crack Width Monitoring

Typical applications include:

- Historic Building Monitoring
- Structural Monitoring
- Construction Asset Monitoring
- Subsidence Monitoring
- Foundation Monitoring

Commonly used instrumentation detailed below:

- Demec Gauge
- Potentiometer Crack Meter
- Vibrating Wire Crack Meter
- Tell Tales
- Callipers





Demec Gauge

Variables measured	Strain ($\mu\epsilon$) & convert to displacement (mm)
Range	50mm to 500mm
Accuracy	$\pm 0.001\text{mm}$ ($\pm 1.6\mu\epsilon$)
Resolution	0.0008mm (1.3 $\mu\epsilon$)
Repeatability	$\pm 0.0015\text{mm}$ ($\pm 2.4\mu\epsilon$)
System operation	Manual
Data access	On site
Reading frequency	Per visit

Additional Information:

- Suited for use on short to medium term projects.
- Cheap & simple installation.
- Excellent for low frequency monitoring.
- Install Demec studs either side of a crack and use Demec gauge (mechanical strain gauge) to measure the strain & thus distance between the two fixed studs.

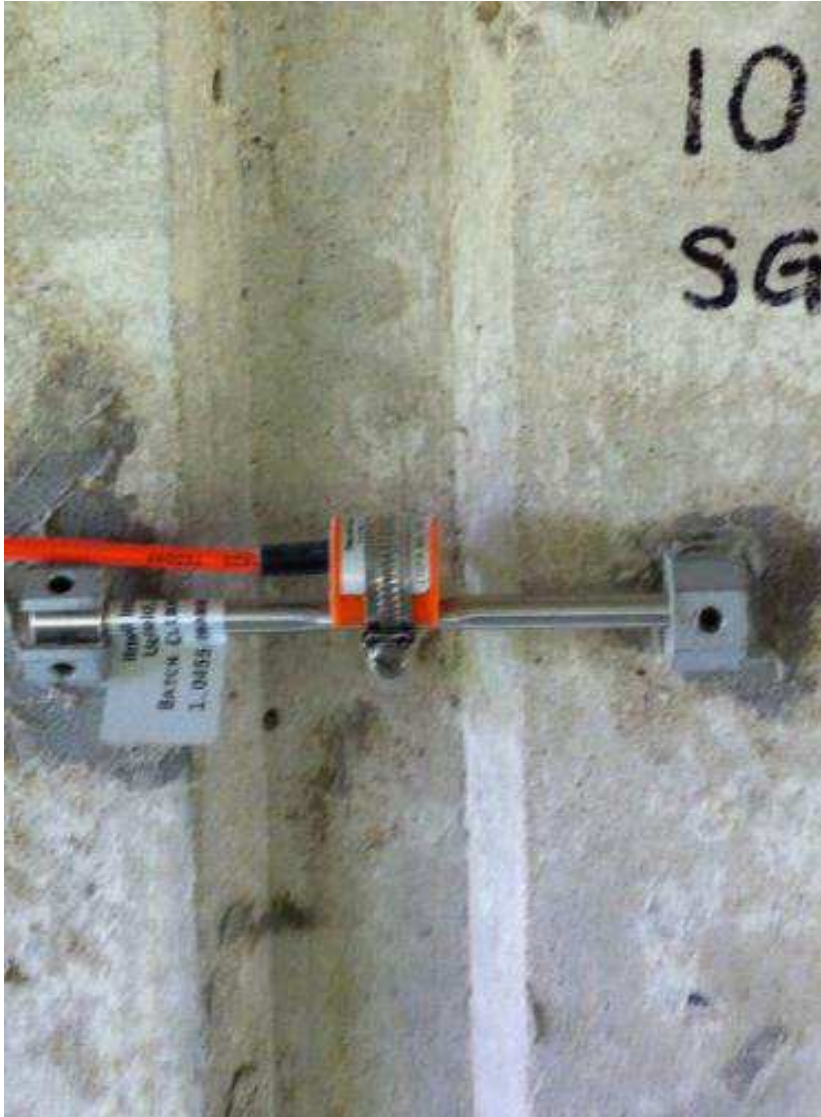


Crack Meter (Potentiometer)

Variables measured	Displacement (mm)
Range	25mm to 300mm
Accuracy	$\pm 0.0125\text{mm}$ ($\pm 0.05\%$ full scale)
Resolution	0.01mm (0.04% full scale)
Repeatability	$\pm 0.01\text{mm}$ ($\pm 0.04\%$ full scale)
System operation	Automated
Data access	Remotely or on site
Reading frequency	Sub second

Additional Information:

- Suited for use on short to medium term projects.
- Cheap, simple & accurate.
- As the crack width changes, the connection rod within the potentiometer body moves which causes a change in electrical output. This change in electrical output is converted to mm displacement.



Crack Meter (Vibrating Wire Strain Gauge)

Variables measured	Strain ($\mu\epsilon$) & convert to displacement (mm)
Range	30mm to 100mm
Accuracy	$\pm 0.06\text{mm}$ ($\pm 0.2\%$ full scale)
Resolution	0.0075mm (0.025% full scale)
Repeatability	$\pm 0.1\text{mm}$ ($\pm 0.3\%$ full scale)
System operation	Automated
Data access	Remotely
Reading frequency	>1min

Additional Information:

- Suited for use on short to long term projects.
- Accurate, non-contact measurement system, ideal for use in difficult to access areas.
- Displacement readings are taken off the immediate area of focus only.
- The sensor is installed across the width of a crack. Within the sensor, a high carbon steel wire is held between a fixed point and a moveable point. The wire is plucked / excited via a magnetic coil adjacent to the wire and the resulting frequency is measured by the coil. Changes to the resulting wire frequency are relative to the wire tension and therefore crack width.

More detail available if required:

- Callipers
- Tell Tales

Please get in touch if you would like more information.
