

**Measurement Products** 

# Web Tension Systems Pressductor® Radial Load Cells



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A quality load cell system for dependable tension measurement

#### Introduction

ABB's Pressductor® load cells are sensitive and accurate yet rugged, reliable and compact. They can withstand high overloads and vibrations, and operate over a wide range of tensions: ideal for any web converting application such as coating, laminating, printing, slitting winding/unwinding and many others.

The well-proven Pressductor® load cells combined with the tension electronics, offer an easy-to-use/user-friendly web tension measurement system with superior long term performance leading to higher productivity and product quality and higher profit for the converter.

#### Increased process uptime

In a web process running continuously, every minute of production time is precious. Even so, no production line runs without downtime. With Pressductor® Radial load cells (PRT load cells) the risk of web breaks can be reduced to a minimum, thus leaving as much time as possible for real production.

Thanks to a strong and stable signal deriving from the PRT load cells, the upcoming web breaks are kept to an absolute minimum level.

#### Tighter product tolerances

The ability to produce web to tighter tolerances minimizes the costs associated with non-conforming web. It also increases the web producer's accessible market to include products with tighter tolerance requirements.



A Pressductor® transducer produces its measurement signal without requiring any physical movement in the transducer measurement element. And it generates a strong signal at comparatively low stress levels. So there is no possibility of fatigue leading to drift and deteriorating measurement performance.

#### Minimize maintenance

Share the experience, of virtually maintenance-free load cells, with thousands of other Pressductor® load cell users. A robust load cell design with no fragile or ageing components makes this possible. Thanks to its robust and compact design, the PRT load cells work consistently for many years without any need for maintenance.

#### Fast access to support and service

ABB provides customers with superior distinctive After Sales Service that really differentiates from the competition. You obtain advanced solutions to problems, service and professional consultation through our After Sales Service program. Expert engineers with extensive experience of all types of Force Measurement products are available to assist you through our world-wide network.





There is a shaft-mounted PRT tension measurement load cell suitable for most web processing machinery used in the converting, printing, plastic film, textiles, and other industries.

In the converting industry, the PRT load cells are ideal on machinery for coating, laminating, embossing, and many other processes.

PRT load cells are used on a wide range of printing presses – in both converting and commercial printing as well as newspaper and magazine production.

In the plastics industry, PRT load cells are used to optimize the production and processing of blown and cast film.

And in the textiles industries, machinery applications include nonwovens production as well as finishing operations like bleaching, desizing, dyeing, and printing.

In all web processing areas, PRT load cells are used on the full range of winding machinery, from unwinds to slitter-rewinders.

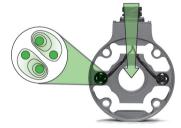
#### The Pressductor® difference

Like ABB's other load cells based on Pressductor® Technology, PRT load cells rely on electromagnetic changes in the transducer, not on physical movement, to sense fluctuations in web tension. The Pressductor Technology operating principle provides exceptional improvements in load cell performance characteristics, including reliability (notably absence of drift), durability, repeatability, and wider measurement range.

Machined from a solid block of steel, PRT load cells are rugged and stiff, affording high overload protection as well as an extended measurement range above the nominal load. And they do not contribute to machine vibration, even at high speeds.

Since the transducer action – the magnetic flux – takes place inside a steel core, environmental factors like dirt or fluids can't degrade performance and reliability. These stainless steel load cells don't require any physical seals.

Furthermore, low transducer impedance – less than a couple of ohms – helps eliminate susceptibility to radio-frequency and electromagnetic interference.





# Simple to size and easy to apply

Designers appreciate remarkably high spring constant and very narrow profile Operators value a load cell with high reliability

**Application Hint** 

Two "10 percent" application guidelines are useful in selecting load cell sizes:

The proportion of web tension that is actually sensed by the load cell should be at least 10 percent of total web tension. For operational conditions producing values below 10 percent, consult ABB.

During normal operation, the sensed force should not be less than 10 percent of the load cell's capacity.

Calculating the forces exerted on load cells in a specific application allows you to determine the ideal load cell size specification. Force calculations and load cell sizing are typically conducted in collaboration with ABB; this page provides an overview of the considerations that play a role in this stage of the specification process.

The orientation of PRT load cells on the end of the roll shaft can be adjusted to perform measurements in the most advantageous direction for each application.

In sizing PRT load cells, both the web tension and the weight of the roll and bearings (tare weight) should be considered. If the load cell is oriented vertically or diagonally with respect to the force of gravity, the tare force will contribute to the total force level sensed by the PRT load cell system. If the load cell is oriented horizontally, the tare force will be perpendicular to the measurement axis, and so will not be sensed.

# Force directions FR FR

#### Calculating the Forces

The PRT load cell measures bidirectionally along its measurement axis (see illustration). Once the load cell is oriented and the measurement axis determined, the force components exerted on the load cells of a roll are easily calculated as functions of the web tension, tare force, and deflection angles. Since most systems involve two load cells, the calculated forces are divided by 2 to obtain the forces exerted on each individual load cell. The diagrams on this page illustrate three scenarios, involving horizontal, vertical and diagonal measurement axes.

When horizontal, the measurement force ( $F_{\text{Rtot}}$ ) is a function of just the tension in the web (T) and the deflection angles ( $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ). Since the weight of the roll and bearings (Tare) is not sensed, the load cells can be sized to measure low tension levels even on a comparatively heavy roll. However, the perpendicular force ( $F_{\text{Vtot}}$ ) – which does include Tare – should not exceed the overload rating.

When the measurement force ( $F_{Rtol}$ ) is vertical, it includes the weight of the roll and bearings (Tare), and the load cell must be sized accordingly. In effect, the weight of the roll and bearings are using up some of the measurement range of the load cell.

A diagonal load force orientation requires a more complex calculation. Here, the forces sensed in both the measurement direction and the perpendicular direction include a portion of the tare as well as the web tension, and the angle formed by the measurement axis and the horizontal axis  $(\gamma)$  enters into the calculation.

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FRtot= Total force in
the measuring
direction

Fy= Force component of Tension

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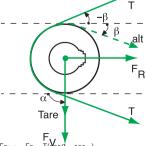
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Fytot= Total force in the transverse direction

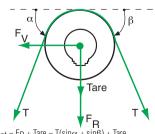
T= Tension in web
Tare= Weight of roll
and bearings

 $\begin{array}{cc} \alpha, \beta \text{=} & \text{Deflection} \\ & \text{angles} \end{array}$ 

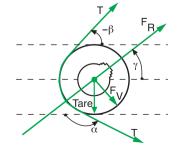
γ= Angle for load cell mounting



 $F_{Rtot} = F_R = T(\cos \beta - \cos \alpha)$  $F_{Vtot} = F_V + Tare = T(\sin \beta + \sin \alpha) + Tare$ 



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 $F_{Rtot} = T(\cos(\beta + \gamma) - \cos(\alpha - \gamma)) - Tare \times \sin\gamma$  $F_{Vtot} = T(\sin(\alpha - \gamma) + \sin(\beta + \gamma)) + Tare \times \cos\gamma$ 

# Pressductor® Radial Load Cells

Designed to measure web tension on most types of web processing machinery used in the converting, plastic film, printing, textiles, and other industries

Four standard sizes measure web tension from 0.1 to 100 kN. With its extended-capacity feature, the PRT load cell is capable of measuring tension reliably over a 30:1 range. Superior overload characteristics in all force directions (up to 500%) eliminate overload failures for all practical purposes. Exceptionally high spring constant virtually precludes load cell contributions to machine vibration, even at very high machinery speeds. The performance of the load cells is unaffected by environmental factors like dust, corrosion, and radio or electromagnetic interference.

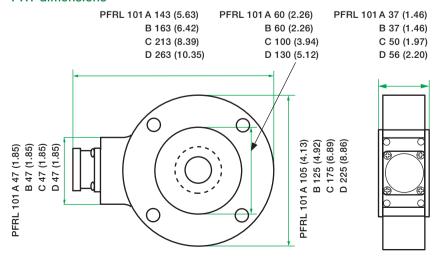
Extended-Range Operation
Beyond their nominal capacity, PRT
load cells have an extended range
of measurement – so they can be
sized for normal, as opposed to
maximum, tension levels. As a
result, they can process a wider
variety of materials.

Properties	PFRL         PFRL         PFRL 101C           101A         101B				PFRL 101D		
Nominal load							
(rated capacity)	kN	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	5.0
	Lbs.	112	225	112	225	450	1125
Extended load1)	kN	0.75	1.5	0.75	1.5	3.0	7.5
	Lbs.	169	337	169	337	675	1687
Overload <sup>2)</sup>							
Measurement direction	kN	2.5	5.0	2.5	5.0	10.0	25.0
	Lbs.	562	1125	562	1125	2250	5625
Transverse to	kN	2.5	3.0	1.25	2.5	5.0	10.0
measurement direction	Lbs.	562	674	281	562	1125	2250
Axial	kN	2.5	5.0	2.5	5.0	10.0	25.0
7 Mai	Lbs.	562	1125	562	1125	2250	5625
Spring constant	kN	50	100	50	100	200	500
· -	1000 Lbs./inch	286	572	286	572	1143	2858
Deflection <sup>3)</sup>	mm	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	1/1000 inch	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

Operating Principle	Electromagnetic Pressductor® Technology				
Accuracy class4)	%	±0.5			
Repeatability error	%	<±0.1			
Operating range		30:1			
Stainless steel	SIS	23875)			
	DIN	X4CrNiMo165			
Working temp. range		-10 to +80°C			
		14 to 176°F			
Zero point drift <sup>6)</sup>	%/°C	<±0.015			
	%/°F	<±0.008			
Sensitivity drift <sup>6)</sup>	%/°C	<±0.015			
	%/°F	<±0.008			

- <sup>1)</sup> Values indicate the total capacity of the load cells when taking into account their permissible "extended capacity". In the extended range, above the nominal load, some small decline in measurement accuracy may be experienced.
- <sup>2)</sup> Maximum permitted loads without affecting load cell calibration.
- 3) At nominal load.
- <sup>4)</sup> Accuracy class is defined as the maximum deviation, and is expressed as a percentage of the sensitivity at nominal load. This includes linearity deviation, hysteresis and repeatability error.
- <sup>5)</sup> Corrosion resistance properties similar to AISI 304
- 6) Applies for +20 80°C +68 - 176°F

#### **PRT** dimensions



mm (inch)

# Shaft sizes and bearing recommendations

The bearing is press fit to the roll shaft, and the assembly is slip fit to the load cell and secured with snap rings.



Application Hint
Thermal expansion
of the roll is accommodated by installing
snap rings on both
sides of the bearing in
just one load cell.

PRT load cells work well with both rotating (live) and non-rotating (dead) shafts. For live shaft applications, many different bearing types and sizes can be used. The load cell and the shaft can be integrated by first press-fitting the selected bearing onto the shaft and then sliding the assembly into the center hole of the PRT load cell. Or, alternatively, the roll shaft may be machined to create a shoulder that one side of the bearing rests against, while the other side is restricted by a snap ring.

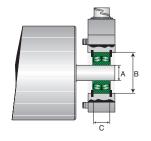
In live shaft assemblies, the roll is held securely in place by snap rings installed in grooves on each side of the bearing in the center hole of the load cell. Thermal expansion of the roll is accommodated by installing snap rings on both sides of the bearing in just one load cell.

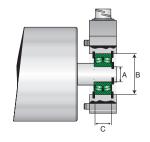
The table below presents a sampling of bearing specifications for PRT load cells for various shaft

diameters and bearing types. Other bearing types and sizes can be accommodated, including both conventional SKF bearings and many self-locking Torrington-type bearings.

The table includes typical examples of bearings for a variety of shaft diameters, based on specific load cell capacities, center hole diameters, and bearing widths (distance between snap rings). Of course, bearing load and rotational speed are also important specification criteria that must be considered when selecting an appropriate bearing. Only the bearings for the largest shaft diameters that fit standard PRT load cells are shown; many other options are available. ABB applications engineers can provide assistance with bearing selection.

Load Cell		PFRL 101A		PFRL 101B		PFRL 101C			PFRL 101D				
Nominal	kN	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	5.0	5.0
load	lbs	112	112	112	112	225	225	225	112	225	450	1125	1125
Load cell	mm	32	35¹)	35¹)	40	40	47	52	80	80	80	110	125
hole dia.	inch	1.26	1.38	1.38	1.57	1.57	1.85	2.05	3.15	3.15	3.15	4.33	4.92
Dist. between snap rings	mm	14	11	14	16	16	18	18	23	23	23	28	28
	inch	0.55	0.43	0.55	0.63	0.63	0.71	0.71	0.91	0.91	0.91	1.10	1.10
Self-aligned ball bearing SKF# shaft dia.	mm inch	2201E 12 0.47	1202E 15 0.59	2202E 15 0.59	2203E 17 0.67	2203E 17 0.67	2204E 20 0.79	2205E 25 0.98	2208E 40 1.57	2208E 40 1.57	2208E 40 1.57	2212E 60 2.36	2214E 70 2.76
Spherical roller bearing SKF# shaft dia.	mm inch							22205E 25 0.98	22208E 40 1.57			22212E 60 2.36	



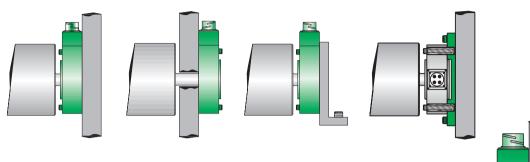


- A = Shaft diameter
- B = Load cell hole diameter
- C = Distance between snap rings
- 1) Please specify desired snap ring distance when ordering

#### Note:

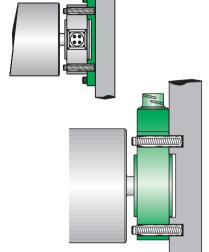
Bearing specifications in table are samples. PRT load cells can accommodate bearings for many other shaft diameters besides those shown.

# Mounting options



#### Three ways to mount

PRT load cells mount with equal ease on the inner and outer side of machine walls. In locations where pedestal mounting is required, a specially designed angle bracket extends the usefulness of the radial load cell.





Aligning load cells on opposing machine walls is made easy by fitting the shallow surface protrusion on the load cells' back cover into predrilled cavities in the machine walls. Alternatively, the load cells can be separated from the machine wall with spacers, or bolted to an adapter plate.

#### Dead shaft adapter kit

For applications with non-rotating shaft ends ABB provides an optional dead shaft adapter kit for PFRL 101A and PFRL 101B. The kit consists of a self-aligning bearing to manage misalignments, adapter for different shaft diameters and an anti-rotation pin.

Dead shaft adapter kit is available for following shaft diameters:

3/4", 1", 1 1/8", 1 1/4", 1 1/2", 20 mm, 25 mm and 30 mm.



For dead shaft rolls ABB provides a dead shaft kit with an adapter that clamps onto the non-rotating roll shaft.

#### Grease nipple

ABB recommends to use sealed bearings that will meet most demands in web handling machinery without the need for regular greasing operations. However, if greasable bearings must be used, ABB offers, as an option, load cells modified for grease nipples. This option is available for PFRL 101B, PFRL 101C and PFRL 101D.



## Tension Electronics

### Bringing something new to web tension

The basic function of the tension electronics is to provide a 330 Hz excitation to the tension load cells and to process the measurement signals. It also provide outputs for control and/or indication of the measured tension.

The signal processing function of the tension electronics amplifies, rectifies, and filters the measurement signals from the load cells and provides an accurate and reliable output signal.

Covering a wide range of applications the Tension Electronics comes in three versions, with different levels of performance and functionality. All three versions have multi-language digital display and configuration keys. The configuration keys being used for setting different parameters and to check the status of the tension system. The 2 x 16 character display can present sum, difference or individual load cell signals. All three versions are available in both DIN-rail version and enclosed IP65<sup>1)</sup> version for mounting in more severe environments.



#### **PFEA 111**

A cost effective, compact and user friendly tension electronics providing an accurate and reliable fast analog SUM signal from two load cells for control and/or monitoring. The display can show the SUM individual A & B and difference signal. The small size and DIN-rail mount make this unit very easy to integrate into many types of electrical cabinets.

#### **PFEA 112**

This unit provides the same functionality and user friendliness as the PFEA 111 with the addition of fieldbus communication via Profibus-DP.

#### **PFEA 113**

This advanced tension electronics can supply up to four load cells and has six configurable analog outputs for control and/or monitoring of web tension. The output signals are also available on Profibus-DP.

Another useful feature is the possibility to, via the digital input or Profibus, switch the gain for two different web paths. Alternatively, the digital input could be used for remote gain scheduling or zero set. This unit also includes a self-diagnostic function and four configurable digital outputs for alarms and level detection. Status of self-diagnostic functions are also available on Profibus-DP.

By combining up to three PFEA 113 the system can handle segmented roll applications, i.e. winders, with up to 12 load cells.

The high level of functionality and user-friendliness make the PFEA 113 one of the most complete tension electronics on the market.

1) According to IEC 529, EN 60-529

#### Features and benefits

#### - Interactive menu

The tension electronics has a unique interactive menu which guides the commissioning step by step, eliminating the potential for making mistakes and significantly reducing startup time. – An extremely helpful tool.

- Built-in self diagnostics

The electronics continuously supervise a number of important parameters and provides error messages if something goes wrong.

 Multi-language display

The multi-language display is a great feature that helps to eliminate mistakes, during start-up and/or operation of the tension system.



- Fieldbus communication

Versions PFEA 112 and PFEA 113 have fieldbus communication via Profibus-DP as standard. In contradiction to many other tension systems the PFEA 112 and PFEA 113 provide a scaled and zeroed tension output ready for use in control or monitoring.

Filter function

All units come with a selectable filter function for removal of roll unbalance, machine vibrations and other disturbances.

- Load memory

The resetable load memory stores max. load values. A useful tool for maintenance.

Analog outputs

Individual scaling and filtering of all analog outputs.

- Commissioning without calibration weights

All Pressductor load cells are standard calibrated to the same sensitivity before delivery from ABB factory. This means that the fastest and most accurate way to commission a tension system is to use a calculated value instead of using calibration weights.

#### Mounting

To provide flexibility of mounting, all three versions of the Tension Electronics are available in two mounting alternatives. For mounting on a standard DIN-rail the IP 20 and for wall mounting the IP 65.

#### Floor cubicle

Floor cubicle type MNS Select is available for housing of up to 24 pcs. of PFEA 111/112 or 12 pcs. of PFEA 113 when mounted on 19" plates. Exact numbers depend on the combination of different tension electronics and the number of optional units used.

#### **Options**

To meet certain special application requirements the following options are available:

#### Insulation amplifier PXUB 201

The insulation amplifier can be used when galvanic insulation is required for analog output signals. The insulation amplifier can be connected to all versions and PFEA 113 - IP 65 can hold up to four PXUB 201.

Supply voltage +24 V (20 - 253 V AC/DC)

Current consumption 10 mA + external load

Signal range Input Output  $0 - \pm 10 \text{ V} \quad 0 - \pm 10 \text{ V}$   $0 - \pm 20 \text{ mA}$   $0 - 10 \text{ V} \quad 4 - \pm 20 \text{ mA}$ 

Rated insulation voltage 600 V (basic)

#### Relay board PXKB 201

PXKB 201 is DIN-rail mounted and can be mounted in the IP 65 versions of the Tension Electronics together with the insulation amplifier.

PFEA 113-65 can hold up to four PXKB 201.

Supply voltage +24 V DC
Power consumption 18 mA
Contact data AC 6 A at 250 V
DC 6 A at 250 V

#### Power supply unit

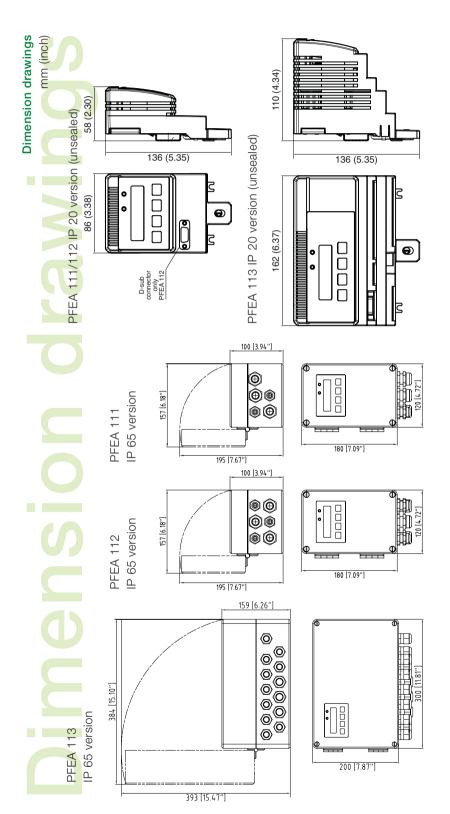
When using the DIN-rail IP 20 version of the electronics and 24 V main supply is not available, ABB offer optional power supply units.

The compact units transform main supply from 110 - 120 V/207 - 240 V AC to 24 V DC for supply of the PFEA 111, 112 and 113.

Three power supply units with different power ratings are available. The table below indicates max. number of electronics per power supply unit.

	PFEA 111	PFEA 112	PFEA 113
SD831 3 A	6	6	3*
SD832 5 A	12	12	6*
SD833 10 A	24	24	12*

<sup>\*</sup> Supply of digital outputs are not included



Data	PFEA 111	PFEA 112	PFEA 113			
Power supply IP 20 Voltage	DC 24 V (18 - 36 V)					
Power requirement	7.5 W	7.5 W	12 W			
IP 65 Main voltage Frequency	DC 24 V (18 - 36 V) 100 (-15%) - 240 (+10%) V AC 45 - 65 Hz					
Number of load cells	2	2	4			
Load cell excitation Current Max. load	0.5 A rms, 330 Hz 2 load cells Plus 5 Ω cable resistance					
Inputs Digital inputs (remote zero or gain scheduling) Analog inputs (connection of multiple PFEA 113 units)	- -	- -	1 2			
Outputs  Analog outputs (voltage or current)  -5 - +11 V (max.load 5 mA)  0 - 21 mA (max. load 550 Ω)  Selectable filter  Step response (0 - 90%) can be set for each output	- 1 1 1 15, 30, 75, 250, 750, 1500 ms	- 1 1 1 15, 30, 75, 250, 750, 1500 ms	6 - - 5, 15, 30, 75, 250, 750, 1500 ms			
Scaling function of analog outputs	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Digital outputs (Status OK and/or Level detectors)	-	-	4			
Self diagnostics, Status OK LED (green/red) Alarm on Digital output Alarm via Profibus	Yes - -	Yes - Yes	Yes Yes Yes			
Multi language interactive display <sup>1)</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Selectable tension units on the display	N	, kN, kg and lbs, N/m, kN/m,	kg/m, pli			
Maximum load memory	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Zero offset memory	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Communication ProfiBus DP, baud rate up to 12 Mbit GSD-file	- -	Yes ABB_0716.GSD	Yes ABB_0717.GSD			
Environmental tolerance Electrical environment Electrical interference environment Electrical safety	As per EMC Directive 89/336/EEC As per Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC As per UL508 Industrial control equipment <sup>2)</sup>					
Ambient temperature	+5 - +55°C					
Degree of protection	IE	EC 529 Protection class IP 20	or IP 65			

<sup>1)</sup> English, German, Italian, French, Japanese, Portugese

<sup>2)</sup> Not PFEA 112-65

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