



**Model 288D01**  
**Mechanical Impedance Sensor**  
**Installation and Operating Manual**

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recommended as this helps build confidence in measurement accuracy and acquired data. Equipment calibration cycles are typically established by the users own quality regimen. When in doubt about a calibration cycle, a good “rule of thumb” is to recalibrate on an annual basis. It is also good practice to recalibrate after exposure to any severe temperature extreme, shock, load, or other environmental influence, or prior to any critical test.

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## **Appendix**

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(Installation, Mounting, Cabling)

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(Voltage/Charge Amplifiers, Transducer Powering, Cable Driving, Low-Frequency Response)

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Standard Cables

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Warranty, Calibration and Service

Certificate for Free Stinger

Excitation Stinger Data Sheet

Quick Mount Adhesive Kit Data Sheet

## **Supplied Accessories**

Model 081B05 Mounting Stud (2)

Model 080A Adhesive Mounting Base (1)

NIST-Traceable Calibration Certificate

## 1.0 Introduction

Mechanical structures characteristically transfer motion and force; their product is defined as mechanical energy. By imparting motion and force to a specimen through the impedance head (also known as a driving point sensor) and evaluating the data, a better understanding of the behavior of the test object is achieved.

The term “mechanical impedance” is quite important in analyzing structures and is generally defined as Force divided by Velocity:

$$\text{Mechanical Impedance} = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Velocity}}$$

More commonly, however, the input force-to-output motion relationship is viewed at driving points as Acceleration divided by Force. This is properly defined as an inertance frequency response function.

Connection between a stinger or shaker armature and the test specimen is made via the 10-32 tapped holes provided at either end of the Model 288D01.

## 2.0 Description

Refer to the Installation Drawing provided in this manual for the exact dimensions of the Model 288D01. This unit is designed to maximize stiffness and natural frequency and to minimize mass compensation, cross talk, and transverse sensitivity. The impedance head is engineered to minimize the strain sensitivity of the accelerometer and to reduce the acceleration sensitivity of the force gauge.

The built-in microelectronic amplifiers convert the high-impedance signals generated by the quartz-element force gauge and the ceramic-element accelerometer to low-impedance voltage signals.

If you wish to learn more about sensors with built-in microelectronic circuitry, known as ICP® sensors, consult PCB’s “General Operating Guide for use with Piezoelectric ICP® Accelerometers,” a brochure (included in this manual) outlining the technical specifics associated with piezoelectric sensors. Topics covered include charge versus voltage mode systems, sensor time constants, effect of discharge time constant on low frequency response, and power requirements.

## 3.0 Installation

For details regarding mounting hole preparation and other installation guidance, consult the Installation Drawing provided in this manual.

It is important to make certain that the mating surfaces at both ends of the Model 288D01 are very flat. While ground surfaces are preferable, satisfactory surfaces may be obtained by other machining techniques, such as turning, milling and spotfacing.

The clearly labeled end of the force sensor should be attached to the test object. Usually, the driving point sensor is connected to the test structure through an adhesive mounting base. The base is typically bonded with an extremely stiff “dental cement” type adhesive. If the sensor is stud mounted, however, tighten to the recommended mounting torque as listed on the Installation Drawing.

**NOTE:** Ensure that the Model 288D01 is installed properly with the connector end attaching to the stinger. This is unlike the previous versions of impedance heads (Model 288B01 and earlier), which were installed with the connectors closest to the structure interface.

Connect the stinger or shaker armature to the other end. A stinger is a thin, flexible rod that helps ensure that only uniaxial force is applied to the test structure. For more information on stingers, refer to the Excitation Stinger Data Sheet included in this manual.

### Caution

When torquing on the sensor, be careful not to damage the connectors with the torque wrench.

**NOTE:** To avoid any phase shift between force and reference acceleration at higher frequencies, provide a rigid mount between the sensor and the test structure by using a stud or suitably stiff adhesive.

## 4.0 Operation

Connect the force and acceleration connectors to the respective ICP® signal conditioners using Model 002A Coaxial Cable (or its equivalent). Check to ensure that cable connections are tight.

Most PCB signal conditioners employ a fault-monitoring voltmeter incorporated into the front panel to monitor sensor bias voltage. Normal operation of sensor amplifiers is indicated by a mid-scale reading on this meter.

The outputs of the signal conditioners may be connected directly to the analyzer since the output impedance of the sensor is less than 250 ohms.

## 5.0 Maintenance and Repair

The sealed construction of the Model 288D01 precludes field maintenance. Should problems occur, contact the factory for instructions on returning the unit for repair or replacement.

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## MECHANICAL IMPEDANCE SENSOR

Revision: H

ECN #: 29479

	ENGLISH	SI	
<b>Performance</b>			
Sensitivity( $\pm 10\%$ )(Acceleration)	100 mV/g	10.2 mV/(m/s <sup>2</sup> )	
Sensitivity( $\pm 10\%$ )(Force)	100 mV/lb	22.4 mV/N	
Measurement Range(Acceleration)	$\pm 50$ g pk	$\pm 490.5$ m/s <sup>2</sup> pk	
Measurement Range(Force)	$\pm 50$ lbf pk	$\pm 222.4$ N pk	
Frequency Range( $\pm 5\%$ )(Acceleration)	1 to 5000 Hz	1 to 5000 Hz	
Frequency Range( $\pm 10\%$ )(Acceleration)	0.7 to 7000 Hz	0.7 to 7000 Hz	
Rise Time(Force)	<10 $\mu$ sec	<10 $\mu$ sec	[1]
Resonant Frequency(Mounted)	$\geq 20$ kHz	$\geq 20$ kHz	
Resonant Frequency(Unmounted; no load)	>40 kHz	>40 kHz	
Phase Response( $\pm 5^\circ$ )	4 to 5000 Hz	4 to 5000 Hz	
Broadband Resolution(1 to 10,000 Hz)	0.002 g rms	0.02 m/s <sup>2</sup> rms	[1]
Broadband Resolution	0.002 lb	0.0089 N	[1]
Non-Linearity	$\pm 1\%$	$\pm 1\%$	[2]
Transverse Sensitivity(to Acceleration)	$\leq 5\%$	$\leq 5\%$	
Maximum Force	500 lb	2224 N	
<b>Environmental</b>			
Temperature Range(Operating)	0 to +200 °F	-18 to +95 °C	
Temperature Response(on Acceleration)	$\leq 0.05\%$ /°F	$\leq 0.09\%$ /°C	[1]
Temperature Response(on Force)	$\leq 0.03\%$ /°F	$\leq 0.05\%$ /°C	[1]
Base Strain Sensitivity	$\leq 0.0007$ g/ $\mu\epsilon$	$\leq 0.007$ (m/s <sup>2</sup> )/ $\mu\epsilon$	[1]
Maximum Shock	3000 g pk	29,430 m/s <sup>2</sup> pk	
<b>Electrical</b>			
Excitation Voltage	22 to 30 VDC	22 to 30 VDC	
Constant Current Excitation	2 to 20 mA	2 to 20 mA	
Discharge Time Constant(Acceleration)	0.4 to 1.5 sec	0.4 to 1.5 sec	
Discharge Time Constant(Force)	$\geq 60$ sec	$\geq 60$ sec	
Output Bias Voltage	8 to 14 VDC	8 to 14 VDC	
Output Impedance	<250 ohm	<250 ohm	
Output Polarity(Acceleration)	Positive	Positive	
Output Polarity(Force)	Positive	Positive	
Spectral Noise(1 Hz)	200 $\mu$ g/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	1962 ( $\mu\text{m/s}^2$ )/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	[1]
Spectral Noise(10 Hz)	50 $\mu$ g/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	490.5 ( $\mu\text{m/s}^2$ )/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	[1]
Spectral Noise(100 Hz)	10 $\mu$ g/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	98.1 ( $\mu\text{m/s}^2$ )/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	[1]
Spectral Noise(1 kHz)	3 $\mu$ g/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	29.4 ( $\mu\text{m/s}^2$ )/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	[1]
<b>Physical</b>			
Sensing Element(Acceleration)	Ceramic	Ceramic	
Sensing Element(Force)	Quartz	Quartz	
Sensing Geometry(Acceleration)	Shear	Shear	
Sensing Geometry(Force)	Compression	Compression	
Housing Material	Titanium	Titanium	
Sealing	Welded Hermetic	Welded Hermetic	
Size (Hex x Height)	11/16 in x 0.820 in	11/16 in x 20.83 mm	
Weight	0.68 oz	19.2 gm	[1]
Electrical Connector(Acceleration)	10-32 Coaxial Jack	10-32 Coaxial Jack	
Electrical Connector(Force)	10-32 Coaxial Jack	10-32 Coaxial Jack	
Mounting Thread(both ends)	10-32 Female	10-32 Female	
Mounting Torque	10 to 20 in-lb	1.1 to 2.2 N-m	
End Plate Mass(Force)	0.16 oz	4.8 gm	[1]
Stiffness	2.0 lb/ $\mu\text{in}$	0.35 kN/ $\mu\text{m}$	[1]

All specifications are at room temperature unless otherwise specified.

In the interest of constant product improvement, we reserve the right to change specifications without notice.

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## OPTIONAL VERSIONS

Optional versions have identical specifications and accessories as listed for the standard model except where noted below. More than one option may be used.

T - TEDS Capable of Digital Memory and Communication Compliant with IEEE P1451.4

TLA - TEDS LMS International - Free Format

TLB - TEDS LMS International - Automotive Format

TLC - TEDS LMS International - Aeronautical Format

Output Bias Voltage 8 to 15 VDC 8 to 15 VDC

TLD - TEDS Capable of Digital Memory and Communication Compliant with IEEE 1451.4

## NOTES:

[1] Typical.

[2] Zero-based, least-squares, straight line method.

## SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES:

Model 080A Adhesive Mounting Base (1)

Model 081B05 Mounting Stud (10-32 to 10-32) (2)

Model HCS-3 NIST Traceable Calibration of Series 288 impedance head (1)

Model M081B05 Mounting Stud 10-32 to M6 X 0.75 (2)

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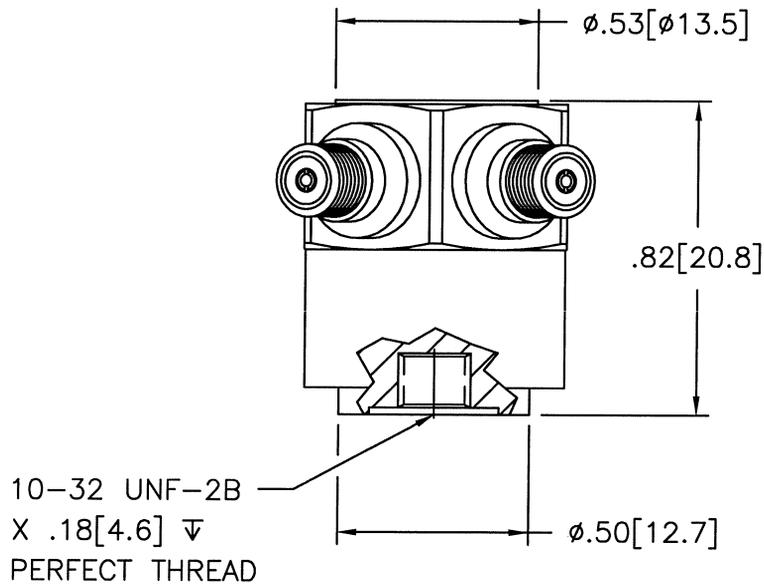
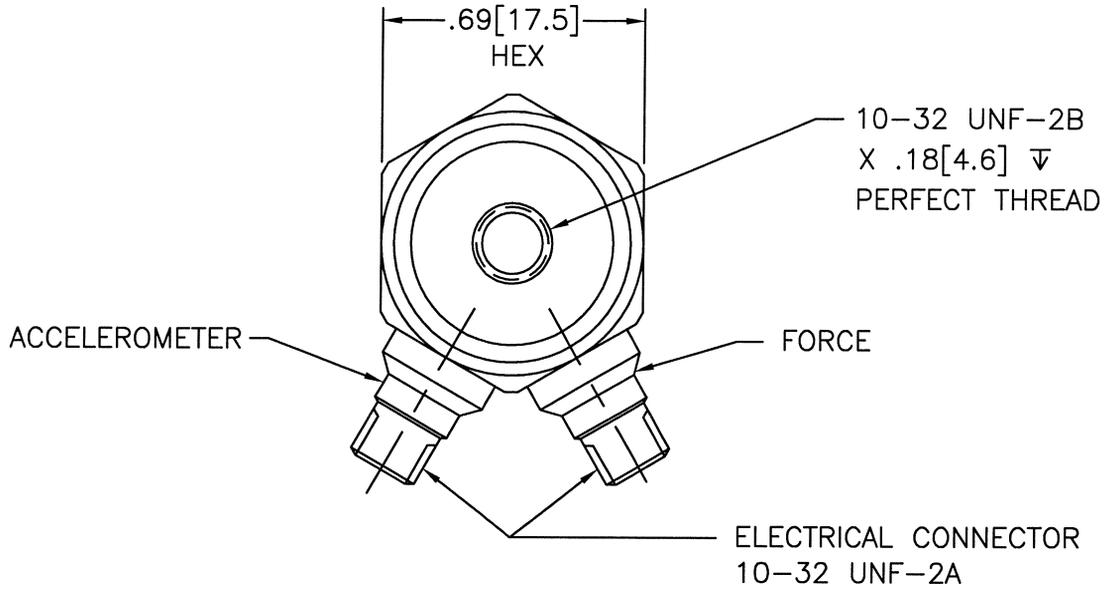
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REVISIONS				
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D	REVISED PER ECN	22111	5/27/05	EB JMT



1.) SEE SHEET 2 FOR MOUNTING HOLE PREPARATION.

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DIMENSIONS IN INCHES	DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS [IN BRACKETS]	CHK'D	<i>ECB</i>	ENGR	<i>JMS</i>	<i>9/26/05</i>	
DECIMALS XX ±.03 XXX ±.010	DECIMALS X ±0.8 XX ±0.25	APP'D	<i>WS</i>	SALES	<i>WJL</i>	<i>9/27/05</i>	
ANGLES ±2 DEGREES	ANGLES ±2 DEGREES	TITLE	INSTALLATION DRAWING MODEL 288D01 SERIES IMPEDANCE HEAD				
FILLETS AND RADII .003 - .005	FILLETS AND RADII [0.07 - 0.13]	DD011 REV. C 01/21/03	CODE IDENT. NO. 52681		DWG. NO. 6082		SCALE: 2X
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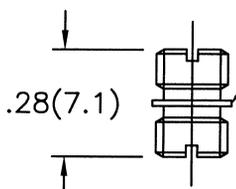
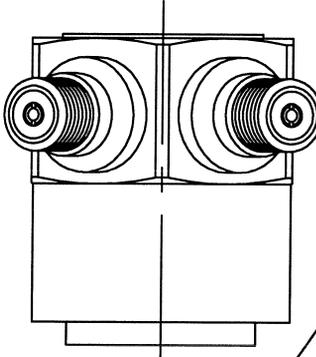
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DIRECTION OF  
ACCELERATION  
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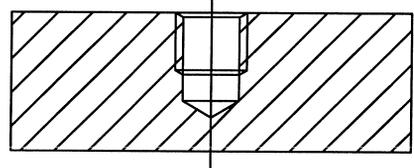
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MOUNTING STUD  
10-32 UNF-2A  
TYPICAL EACH END  
(2 SUPPLIED)

MODEL M081B05  
METRIC MOUNTING STUD  
10-32 UNF-2A TO  
M6 X 0.75-6g  
(2 SUPPLIED)

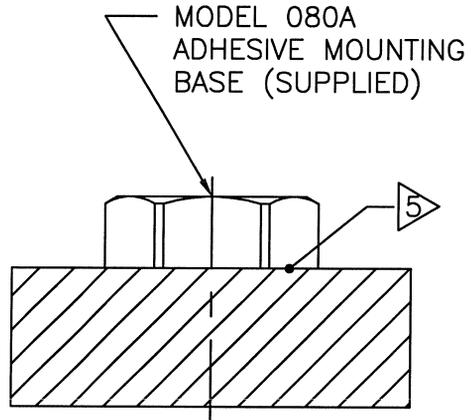
MOUNTING HOLE PREPARATION:

081B05 STUD:  
 $\phi .159[\phi 4.04]$   $\nabla 1$   
 X .23[5.8]  $\nabla$  MIN.  
 10-32 UNF-2B  
 X .15[3.8]  $\nabla$  MIN.

M081B05 STUD:  
 $\phi .209[\phi 5.3]$   
 X .30[7.6]  $\nabla$  MIN.  
 M6 X 0.75-6H  
 X .20[5.1]  $\nabla$  MIN.



TYPICAL STUD INSTALLATION



TYPICAL ADHESIVE INSTALLATION

- $\nabla 5$  APPLY A THIN LAYER OF EPOXY, DENTAL CEMENT, OR SIMILAR ADHESIVE.
- 4.) FOR BEST RESULTS, PLACE A THIN LAYER OF SILICONE GREASE ON SENSOR INTERFACE PRIOR TO MOUNTING.
- 3.) RECOMMENDED SENSOR MOUNTING TORQUE 10-20 INCH POUNDS [113-225 NEWTON CENTIMETERS].
- $\nabla 2$  MOUNTING SURFACE SHOULD BE FLAT TO WITHIN .001[0.03] TIR OVER  $\phi .50[\phi 12.7]$  WITH A MINIMUM 63/[1,6/] FINISH FOR BEST RESULTS.
- $\nabla 1$  DRILL PERPENDICULAR TO MOUNTING SURFACE TO WITHIN  $\pm 1^\circ$ .

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