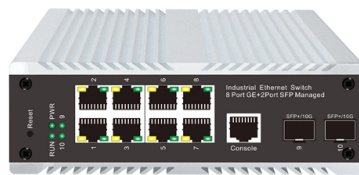


Accuracy of Grenada Fiber Bragg Grating Strain Gauges



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Grenada Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) strain gauges offer high accuracy, often within 1% of reference measurements in well-controlled conditions, with superior durability and distributed sensing capabilities compared to traditional strain gauges. Measurement Accuracy FBG strain gauges measure strain by detecting shifts in the reflected wavelength of light within an optical fiber, which changes proportionally to mechanical deformation. Studies have shown that when embedded in composite materials, FBGs can achieve differences of less than 1% compared to finite element analysis and conventional strain gauges in far-field regions under mechanical loading, although near-field regions may exhibit minor discrepancies due to complex strain states and birefringence effects (Staszewski et al., 2004; Measures, 2001; Zhou and Sim, 2002). This demonstrates that FBGs provide highly reliable strain measurements, particularly when properly aligned and embedded. Advantages Over Traditional Strain Gauges Compared to metallic foil or wire strain gauges, FBGs offer several advantages that enhance accuracy and reliability: Distributed sensing: Multiple FBGs can be multiplexed along a single fiber, allowing simultaneous measurement at many points without additional wiring. Immunity to electromagnetic interference (EMI): Optical sensing avoids electrical noise, which can affect traditional strain gauges. Durability in harsh environments: FBGs maintain performance under high temperatures, cryogenic conditions, and corrosive environments, where conventional strain gauges may degrade. High strain range: FBGs can measure very high strains ($>10,000 \mu\text{m/m}$), making them suitable for highly stressed composite structures. Practical Considerations The accuracy of FBG strain gauges depends on proper installation, calibration, and environmental compensation. Temperature effects...

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