

# **PASPORT** Displacement Sensor

PS-2204





# Introduction

The PASPORT Displacement Sensor works with a Digital Indicator to measure displacements to within 0.01 millimeters or 0.5 mils (thousandths of an inch) over a range of 10.00 millimeters (0.3937 inches or 393.7 mils). The Displacement Sensor comes with a Digital Indicator, a Pivot Rod Clamp for mounting the indicator on a support rod (not included), and a screwdriver for removing or replacing the back panel of the indicator.

The sensor cable from the Displacement Sensor connects to a small data port on the left side of the indicator. The Displacement Sensor can be connected to any PASPORT interface.

The Displacement Sensor is ideally suited to measure the small deflections of members of a structure built using one of PASCO's Structure Sets. For example, the sensor can dynamically measure the deflection of the road bed of a bridge when a load is applied to the structure.

## Assembly

The Digital Indicator can be mounted on a support rod up to 12 mm in diameter. To mount the indicator on a support rod, first replace the flat back panel of the indicator with the back plug panel found in the storage box. Use the small screwdriver from the storage box to unscrew the flat back panel. (Be careful to keep the screws.) Align the back plug panel with the back of the indicator and replace the four small screws.



### Usage

Unscrew the round thumbscrew from the Pivot Rod Clamp. Align the hole in the back plug panel on the indicator with the hole in the Pivot Rod Clamp and replace the round thumbscrew. Mount the Pivot Rod Clamp on a support (12 mm diameter).





# About the Digital Indicator

The Digital Indicator has a four and one-half digit liquid crystal display (LCD), a measuring head, lower sleeve, and three function buttons (ON/O, M, and mm/in). Zero-setting can be done at any position of the measuring head to allow differential measurement.

#### **Function Buttons**

**ON/O**: This is the "On-Off" and zero-setting button. If the indicator is off, press and hold the ON/O button to turn the indicator on. Press and release the ON/O button to set the zero point. Press and hold the ON/O button for several seconds to turn the indicator off. (Note: The Digital Indicator has an automatic power off feature.)

**M**: This is the data hold button. Press and release to turn data holding 'on' and press and release again to turn it off. (The interface software will continue to show the current position of the measurement head.)

**mm/in**: This button toggles between measurements in millimeters and measurements in inches. The default setting is 'mm'. Press and release the button to switch to 'inch'. Press and release again to switch back to 'mm'. Note that the DataStudio software program used with a PASPORT interface is set to show *millimeters* (mm) or *mils* (thousandths of an inch). Open the Experiment Setup window in DataStudio to select the proper unit of measure.

#### Data Port

The data port is located on the left side of the Digital Indicator behind a small cover labeled DATA. Slide the cover up to remove it (but don't lose it). The data port accepts the plug on the end of the Displacement Sensor cable.



#### Battery

Flashing digits show that the battery is very low. The Digital Indicator uses a 1.55 volt SR44 silver oxide battery. To replace the battery, use the screwdriver to remove the four small screws on the back panel and then remove the back panel. The battery is under a circular cover. Loosen - but do not remove - the small screw that holds the cover in place. Rotate the cover to the side and replace the battery (+ side facing up). While holding the battery down, rotate the cover back into place. Tighten the screw, put the back panel on, and install the four small screws.

# Setup

#### **Measurement Setup**

Mount the Digital Indicator so that it is in contact with the object whose displacement will be measured. Arrange the indicator so that the measurement head and lower sleeve are aligned with the direction of the displacement.







If the object will be displaced both positively and negatively from its equilibrium position, adjust the indicator so that the position of the measurement head when it is in contact with the object is about halfway between the limits of the measurement head's travel. Press and release the ON/O button to zero the indicator when the measurement head is at the equilibrium position.

#### **Hardware Setup**

The following three steps can be performed in any order.

1. Connect the cable of the Displacement Sensor (PS-2204) to the data port on the side of the Digital Indicator. Turn on the indicator.

The connector on the Displacement Sensor cable fits into the Digital Indicator in only one way.

- 2. Connect the end of the PASPORT Displacement Sensor to a PASPORT interface.
- **3.** If you will be using a computer, connect the PASPORT interface to the computer's USB port.

### DataStudio Setup

If you will be using the PASPORT Displacement Sensor with a computer, install the latest version of DataStudio first. Check the PASCO web site at www.pasco.com for information.

1. When you connect the PASPORT Displacement Sensor to the computer through a PASPORT interface, the PASPortal window will launch automatically (if Data-Studio is not already running).



2. Select Launch DataStudio in the PASPortal window.

A Digits display for displacement will open automatically.

3. Click **Start** to begin data collection.

You do not need to adjust the sample rate.

### Xplorer, Xplorer GLX, and SPARK SLS Setup

If you will be using an Xplorer, Xplorer GLX, or SPARK SLS that is not connected to a computer, connect the PASPORT Displacement Sensor to the interface and press or to begin data collection. NOTE: A green light-emitting diode (LED) on the Displacement Sensor flashes while the sensor is connected to a Digital Indicator that is turned on.

# **Measurements**

The following are examples of Digits displays for displacement in millimeters (mm) and thousandths of an inch (mils).



# **Specifications**

Measurement Range	10.00 mm
Hysteresis Error	±0.02 mm
Resolution	0.01 mm
Default Sample Rate	5 Hz
Maximum Speed of Measured Object	± 0.6 m/s
Working Humidity	$\leq 80\%$
Storage Temperature	-10 to +60 °C

### **Points of Attention**

- 1. Keep the digital indicator clean. Prevent water and other fluids from getting into the apparatus.
- 2. Never clean the indicator with organic solvents. Use alcohol containing no water.
- 3. Keep the data port cover in place when the data port is not in use. Never touch the data port with any metal objects except the plug on the cable of the sensor.
- 4. Do not mark the digital indicator with an electric pen as this might damage its electronic components.

#### **Digital Indicator Maintenance**

Trouble	Possible causes	Solutions
Flashing digits	Low voltage	Replace the battery
No display	Low voltage Poor contact	Replace the battery. Adjust and clean the battery seat.
Fixed digits	Accidental trouble in the circuit	Take out the battery and put it back after one minute.

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ME-6990 Truss Set	PS-2198 Load Cell Amplifier	PS-2200 100 N Load Cell
ME-6991 Bridge Set	PS-2199 Load Cell and Amplifier Set	PS-2201 5 N Load Cell
ME-6992 Advanced Structures Set	PS-2205 Dual Load Cell Amplifier	ME-6940 Diffusion-Osmosis Apparatus
ME-6995 Road Bed Spares		

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