

Advantages of Fiber Optic Sensor Weighing



Overview

Reliability of fiber optic sensor for weight measurement system This study thoroughly investigates the reliability of fiber optic sensor in weight measureme.

Key Takeaways

Fiber optic sensor weighing offers high accuracy, durability, EMI immunity, and low maintenance, making it ideal for dynamic and harsh environments. High Accuracy and Precision

Fiber optic sensors, particularly those using fiber Bragg gratings (FBG) or interferometric techniques, provide highly precise weight measurements. They can detect minute changes in strain or deformation, ensuring accurate readings even under dynamic conditions such as moving vehicles in weigh-in-motion (WIM) systems . This precision is maintained across a wide range of vehicle speeds and load configurations.

Durability and Longevity

Fiber optic sensors are exceptionally resistant to mechanical stress and environmental wear, allowing them to withstand heavy traffic and harsh conditions without performance degradation . Systems like the BISON WIM sensors demonstrate long-term stability, reducing the total cost of ownership compared to traditional load cells or piezoelectric sensors .

Immunity to Electromagnetic Interference

Unlike electronic sensors, fiber optic sensors are immune to electromagnetic interference (EMI), making them suitable for environments with high electrical noise or near power lines . This ensures reliable operation in industrial, transportation, and infrastructure monitoring applications.

Temperature and Environmental Stability

Fiber optic weighing systems maintain accuracy across temperature variations and extreme weather conditions . This reduces the need for frequent recalibration and ensures consistent performance year-round.

Low Maintenance and Calibration Requirements

Due to their stability and robustness, fiber optic sensors require less frequent calibration, sometimes only every four years, compared to traditional sensors that need annual adjustments . Maintenance is minimal, often limited to periodic inspections, which reduces operational costs and downtime.

Full-Width and Free-Flow Measurement

Advanced fiber optic WIM systems, such as OptiWIM®, can measure vehicle weight across the entire lane width, independent of wheel position, enabling free-flow traffic monitoring and accurate tolling or enforcement . This capability also allows detection of axle overloads and underinflated tires, enhancing road safety and infrastructure protection.

Remote and Distributed Sensing

Fiber optic sensors can be integrated into distributed networks, allowing remote monitoring and data collection over long distances without signal degradation . This is particularly useful for large-scale infrastructure monitoring or multi-lane traffic systems.

Summary

Fiber optic sensor weighing systems provide superior accuracy, durability, EMI immunity, temperature stability, and low maintenance, making them highly suitable for dynamic, harsh, or large-scale applications. Their ability to measure across full lane widths and integrate into distributed networks further enhances their utility in modern weigh-in-motion and industrial monitoring systems .

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Dynamic Weighing System (WIM)

BISON''s advanced fiber-optic-based weigh-in-motion technology enables accurate measurement of the total weight and axle load of

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A fiber-optic WIM sensor, which offers several advantages over the piezoelectric sensor, is proposed. The system consists of a

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The research is focused on formulating the problem statement, which revolves around characterizing fiber optic-based weight

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