

ILOAD MINI LOAD CELL APPLICATION NOTE

Line	Color	Description
5V	Red	Power Requirement: 5V +/- 5% at 5mA.
CTRL	White	When CTRL = High, FREQ = Cx When CTRL = Low, FREQ = Cr
FREQ	Green	Frequency Output.
GND	Black	Ground.

CTRL line acts as a switch. The FREQ line outputs the Cx frequency when the CTRL line is High, whereas the FREQ line outputs the Cr frequency when the CTRL line is Low.

The measuring device should have a buffered output CTRL and a buffered input FREQ as shown in the above block diagram.

Cx is sensor frequency and varies with load. Cr is reference frequency used for environmental compensation. K is a constant defined as Cx/Cr.

Cc is the Corrected Capacitance as defined below:

$$C_c = 5E6 - [10*(C_x - K*Cr)]$$

The formula for measuring the load (in lbs) is:

$$Load = qA*C_c^2 + qB*C_c + qC$$

With no load, calculate Load(0) using the above formula. Put a known weight on the sensor and calculate Load(x). The actual weight is the difference between the 2 loads:

$$Weight = Load(x) - Load(0)$$

Loadstar Sensors will provide the following constants for calibrated sensors:

Constant	Description
K	Environmental Compensation.
qA	Quadratic A.
qB	Quadratic B.
qC	Quadratic C.

For the devices shipped to you the parameters are:

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Constant	Value
K	3.836219E-01
qA	-1.482872E-12
qB	2.851277E-05
qC	-8.474381E+01