

sensor & calibration tips



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Greetings,

Welcome to issue #42 - January/February

Wow! What a busy start to the New Year! Are you feeling the economy continue to ramp up too? Your customer requests keep pouring in to PCB Group and The Modal Shop, and I have to confess, January was so busy we had to take a break from the newsletter... I hope your business is growing too and that you are also "suffering from the good problems of growth!" You'll note in this issue we are beginning to use more video content and are making it easier for you to get the information you need to solve your dynamic measurement challenges. Check out the [video homepage](#) on our website to quickly access the latest in product and application descriptions, as well as candid presentations from The Modal Shop team on the how's and why's of new products and technology. Let us know what you think and we'll be glad to add more content that meets your needs...

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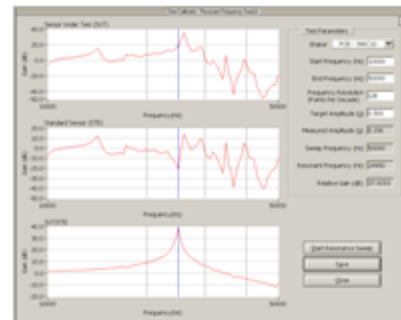
Tip of the Month

Surface Preparation

To ensure accurate transduction in high frequency measurements, it is important to take care when preparing the accelerometer mounting surface. Specifications for the best high frequency mounts include: Surface flatness of 0.0003 inch TIR, Surface Roughness of 32 micro inch, Perpendicularity of mounting hole of 1 degree +/- 0.5 degree and a Tap Class of 2. A very thin coating of silicone lubricant also fills voids enhancing mounting interface stiffness and

Q&A on Calibration and Resonance Search

Question: I see that the frequency response of the reference standard accelerometer is calibrated up to a 20kHz upper limit frequency. So how does the resonance search function (up to 50 kHz) for the calibration system "calibrate" the sensitivity at frequencies higher than 20kHz?...



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State-of-the-Union of Sensor TEDS



Mr. Marco Peres, Structural Test Product Manager, answers some of the common questions about TEDS, templates and versions, as well as giving a glimpse of where things are headed. This article

provides the Question and Answer transcription of a recent interview with him and can also be viewed as a video if you prefer.

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transmissibility for the best high frequency response.

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Blast from the Past...

For those who may be new to our newsletter, we wanted to highlight an article from a previous *sensor & calibration tips* - [Decoding the specification sheet...](#)

Remember the famous line from Romeo & Juliet, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet..." How about when it comes to accelerometers... is it

the same? Is a rose still a rose still a rose? Well... as you might imagine... there is a great deal of variance. [A survey on specification sheets](#) for a similar accelerometer from 5 different sensor manufacturers indicates a disparity of what vendors consider as "standard" specifications. 5 out of 5 Manufacturers listed...

ACCELEROMETER, ICP [®] , TRIAXIAL		Optional Versions (Options for standard model except *)
ENGLISH	SI	
1000 mV/g	102 mV/(m/s ²)	A - Adhesive Mount
±5 g pk	±49 m/s ² pk	Mounting Thread
0.5 to 2000 Hz	0.5 to 2000 Hz	Supplied Accessory: Max adhesive mount
0.3 to 5000 Hz	0.3 to 5000 Hz	Supplied Accessory: Max adhesive mtg bases to fit
±20 kHz	±20 kHz	J - Ground Isolated
2 to 2000 Hz	2 to 2000 Hz	Electrical Isolation (EIS)
0.00005 g rms	0.0005 m/s ² rms	[1]
±1 %	±1 %	[2]
±5 %	±5 %	
±5000 g pk	±5000 g pk	
-20 to +170 °F	-29 to +77 °C	T - TEDS Capable of Digi
See Graph	See Graph	IEEE P1491.4
0.0007 g/yr	0.007 (m/s ²)/yr	[1]

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"The only constant in the world is change..." - Heraclitus (of Ephesus) (c. 535-BC - 475 CB)

So we better embrace it! Here at The Modal Shop we are working hard to meet your needs and delivering those products, services and interactions with our signature smile of "Total Customer Satisfaction." We've been working hard on some exciting new technologies. Look for a number of new Modal Shop sensing, excitation and calibration products over the next few months...and while we are filling your needs that we can see, please remember, we always invite you to contact us with those we don't. We've created a dynamic hub of the top talent in business, research and academia to help with your toughest measurement challenges. We are here to serve you!

Sincerely,



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