### **EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF SERVICE**

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### Deliverable 3-TASK 3-INSTALL FIELD INSTRUMENTATION ON BRIDGE LINK-SLAB

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The aim of deliverable 3 is to provide information and documentations on task 3 that involve installing instrumentation to monitor the link-slab during concrete casting and periodically for the following 90 days. The research team installed the needed instrumentation for monitoring the BFRP-RC link-slab on Bridge No. 019003 over Morning Star Waterway. In this deliverable report, the team performed the instrumentation system to monitor the temperature, strain, and elongation of link-slabs. Before the installation, the research team inspected the sensor locations and confirmed the needed instrumentation sensors. For the investigated bridge link-slab, the research team started measuring and monitoring the strains, deformations, and cracks in the link-slab. The monitoring of the tested bridge with the recorded data under long-term effects as well as live loads will investigate the link-slab behavior and the ability of the continuity detail to transfer forces from one girder to the adjacent girder across the joint over the bent cap.

### 2. PROPOSED INSTRUMENTATION PLAN

The research team identified appropriate instrumentation and locations for sensors for the BFRP-RC link-slab on Bridge No. 019003 over Morning Star Waterway. The team also suggested a monitoring plan and instrumentation system to monitor the temperature, strain, rotation, and elongation of link-slabs. The bridge link-slab monitoring system will include three main components, (1) sensors, (2) data acquisition system, and (3) cabling and conduit. Sensor locations are shown on the figures. Details of the components of the monitoring system are also provided. The research team will inspect the instrumentations and sensor locations during construction.

### **3. BRIDGE MONITORING SYSTEM INSTALLATION AND INSTRUMENTATION**

**I.** The system installation activities were coordinated between involved parties (FDOT technical team, Contractor and other subcontractors, the project manager, and the research team) to establish the installation schedule and implementation of both the embedded and surface-mounted sensors. The monitoring system including sensors was installed in coordination with the construction contractor and the FDOT representatives.

**II.** The following describes the phases accounted for regarding the installation of the monitoring system:

### Phase 1. During Link-Slab Construction

Investigated elements: Deck - Link-slab.

Embedded sensors in the reinforced concrete deck were installed at the time of placing reinforcing bars of BFRP at the bridge site as per the plans. Initial readings were recorded at time of installation prior to, during, and after concrete casting. Parameters to be measured during this phase are:

a) Strains in structural elements

**b)** Temperatures at sensor locations

c) Ambient temperature and relative humidity (To be determined from local weather forecasting reports).

### Phase 2. After Deck Pouring

Investigated elements & spans: Bridge superstructure/beams and link-slab connecting spans 1 and 2. Once casting the concrete deck was complete, surface-mounted sensors were installed as shown in the figures. Initial readings were recorded. Parameters to be measured during this phase were:

a) Strains and deformations in structural elements

- **b**) Crack propagation once developed in the link-slab
- c) Temperatures at sensor locations

**d)** Relative movement between adjacent beams (using Vibrating Wire- Crackmeter Model 4420 for example) and beams' rotation

e) Ambient temperature and relative humidity (To be determined from local weather forecasting reports).

### Phase 3. Initial Bridge Condition upon Completion of Construction

Once the bridge construction was completed, a series of baseline tests were conducted so that the FDOT technical team can assess the performance of the monitoring system and quantify the initial condition of the link-slab and the bridge superstructure. The data collected during the baseline tests represented the initial link-slab condition.

Parameters to be measured during this phase are:

a) Strains and deformations in structural elements

b) Crack propagation once developed in the link-slab

c) Temperatures at sensor locations

d) Relative movement between adjacent beams and beam end rotation

e) Ambient temperature and relative humidity (To be determined from local weather forecasting reports).

**III.** Cracking in the link-slab was recorded and micro-crackmeters gauges were installed across the cracks.

IV. Extreme caution has been taken to protect all instrumentation during construction.

### **4. SYSTEM DETAILS**

The link-slab monitoring system included three main components, (1) sensors, (2) data acquisition system, and (3) cabling and conduits. Sensor locations are shown on the change order plans. Details of each component of the system component are given next:

### 4.1 SENSORS

The bridge link-slab and exterior beams were equipped with sensors designed to measure the following:

a) Strains and deformations in the link-slab

- **b**) Crack propagation once developed in the link-slab
- c) Temperature at sensor locations

d) Relative movement between adjacent beams ends and rotation of beams ends

e) Ambient temperature and relative humidity will not be measured on location with sensors (to be determined from local weather reports).

The various types and quantity of each type are presented. Two types of sensors were installed: an embedded type and a surface-mounted type. The embedded sensors are vibrating wire sisterbars and strandmeters. Surface mounted sensors are vibrating wire gap-meters and tiltmeters. All vibrating wire gages have an integral thermistor for determining temperature at the sensor location, at the time of measurement.

### **EMBEDDED SENSORS:**

The embedded sensors are for measuring strains within and across the link-slab. This was composed of a 3x3 array of Strandmeters and Sisterbar paired to each other, for a total of 18 (9 pairs) embedded sensors. The Strandmeter measures deformation/strains in the BFRP link-slab reinforcement (Geokon model 4410 Strandmeter). The sister bar data will also be converted to find the strain. The adjacent "Sisterbar" (Geokon model 4911 Rebar Strainmeter) will measure strain in the link-slab concrete at approximately the same location. It is recommended by BDI Inc. that the sisterbar be tied off to its paired strandmeter via loose wire during installation.

Placement of the 3x3 array is a roughly symmetrical location of the 9 pairs of embedded sensors. From the southwest side of the bridge the first three pairs of sensors (labeled as row "A") were located on the fourth BFRP rebar from the southwest side of the link-slab. The second row of three sensor pairs (labeled as row "B") is located on the twelfth BFRP rebar from the southwest side of the link-slab. The southwest side of the link-slab. The third row of three sensor pairs (labeled as row "C") is located on the twenty-first BFRP rebar from the southwest side of the link slab. Each pair of sensors in a row is identified by its relative compass position. For example, the northernmost pair of embedded sensors is identified as the "NW-C" location (northwest side, row-C) and the other two pairs within that row are in the "Mid-C" and "SE-C" locations. This layout is shown in the following, *Figure 1, Location Labels of Embedded Sensor Array, Top View of Link-Slab* and *Figure 2, Detail of Embedded Sensors, Top View*. Note the orientation of a Sisterbar relative to its corresponding BFRP rebar is always toward the centerline of the bridge, while the accompanying strandmeter sits on the opposite side of the BFRP rebar.



Figure 1, Location Labels of Embedded Sensor Array, Top View of Link-Slab

Strandmeter (model 4410, Geokon): These deformation/strain sensors were clamped to the linkslab reinforcement (BFRP rebars inside cast-in-place link-slab) at the specified locations. Special treatment per the product manual dictates surrounding sensor with grease prior to encasing inside concrete. BDI has expressed that the strandmeter sensor (model 4410) is preferable in this application because it is readily attached to a rounded surface (i.e. the reinforcement bars) and is more appropriate for embedment in concrete than the model 4151 alternative. Number of sensors: 9

*Sisterbar (model 4911, Geokon):* These strain sensors are fabricated on a #4 epoxy-coated steel reinforcing bar. The standard stock length is 36 inches. For this link-slab, all the sisterbars had an overall length of 31 inches, with the transducer centered on the sensor. The sisterbar sensors were ordered from Geokon or BDI Inc. already custom cut to this length, otherwise standard length sisterbars may be cut on-site. One sisterbar is paired with each strandmeter (BFRP gauge) and placed adjacent to it in order to measure strain in the concrete surrounding reinforcement bars. The team followed the BDI suggestion to loosely tying each sisterbar to its accompanying strandmeter-mounted reinforcement bar with wire. *Number of sensors: 9* 



Figure 2, Detail of Embedded Sensors, Top View

### **SURFACE-MOUNTED SENSORS:**

Surface mounted sensors were installed after cast-in-place slab and deck components have been set. These sensors are mounted using groutable type anchors, supplied by Geokon (and/or through BDI Inc). To mount a sensor, an appropriately sized hole was drilled into the deck or slab component to which it is mounting. The hole was then filled with an appropriate construction grade epoxy, and the groutable anchor inserted to a depth which allows the sensor to be securely mounted at its dictated position.

*Micro Crackmeters (model 4422, Geokon):* These are displacement gauges mounted on the top deck surface of the link-slab. Micro Crackmeters are intended to measure crack growth in the link-slab and will be pre-emptively installed across the transverse midline. The location labels of the Micro Crackmeters correspond to the row labels of the Embedded Sensor Array, as shown in *Figure 3, Micro Crackmeters Location Labels*, below. For example, the Micro Crackmeter nearest the southwest side of the link-slab is identified as "Micro Crackmeter A", while the furthest is identified as "Micro Crackmeter C". These sensors were vandalized shortly after installation. The dataset that was recovered is limited and will not be used in the analysis. *Number of sensors: 3* 



Figure 3, Micro Crackmeters Location Labels



Figure 4, Three Surface Gauges - Outboard EDTs

*Crackmeters (model 4420-25, Geokon):* Model 4420 style Crackmeters from Geokon were used for measuring displacements along the outboard sides of the link-slab (at the link-slab midline), displacements between collinear outboard FSB beams, and displacements between FSBs and the bent cap. Sensors monitoring these external displacements are from here forth referred to as "External Displacement Transducers" or "EDTs". In total, there are three pairs of EDTs. The three outboard EDT pairs consist of an upper outboard EDT mounted at a level of 24 inches above the top of the link-slab (middle of the link-slab), a middle outboard EDT at a level of 3 inches below the top of the link-slab. For illustrations, *Figure 5, Southwest Outboard EDTs* and *Figure 6, Outboard EDTs*.

Due to COVID-19, there has been delays for the research team to complete the installation, the contractor had to complete construction, so the planned cutouts were never installed, and the shear walls/blobs were just lowered slightly, but not enough for the research team to access the bottom edge of the FSBs.



Figure 5, Southwest Outboard EDTs



Figure 6, Outboard EDTs

All sensors are of commercial-grade quality vibrating wire devices and shall be installed in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations. Sensor specifications are shown in *Table 1, Sensor Models and Specs* below. Manufacturer's data sheets and manuals along with images/illustrations are provided in Appendix C.

Grou	Sensor	Gauge	Sensor	Sensor	Sensor	Sensor
p #	Objective	Type/Model &	Resolution	Accuracy	Measurin	Dimension
		Source			g Range	S
1	Strain in	Strandmeter	<5 με	(+/-) 0.003	3 mm	8" Long x
	BFRP;	(4410, Geokon)		mm	(15000 με)	1.77" Wide
	clamps					Clamps
	sized to fit					
	0.625" dia.					
2	Strain in	Sisterbar (4911,	0.4 με	(+/-) 7.5 με	3000 με	36" Length,
	Concrete	Geokon)				#4 Size
	Link Slab					Rebar
3	Crack	Micro	.001 mm	(+/-) 0.004	4 mm	4.725"
	Width in	Crackmeter		mm		Long x
	Link Slab	(4422, Geokon)				0.315"
						Diameter
4	Outboard	Crackmeter	.00625 mm	(+/-) 0.025	25 mm	Length:
	(upper,	(4420-25,		mm		13.5",
	middle, and	Geokon)				Dia:1"
	lower)					
	EDTs					
5	Dataloggin	Datalogger	1 part in	(+/-)	450 to	(LxWxH):
	g	(LC-2, Geokon)	20,000;	0.05% F.S.	4000 Hz;	13.46" x
			Thermistor	(450 to	Thermistor	11.85" x
			: 0.1 deg C	4000 Hz);	: -30 deg C	6.3"
				Thermistor	to 50 deg	
				: (+/-)	С	
				2.0% F.S.		

Table 1, Sensor Models and Specs

## 4.2 Sensor Wiring:

### A. Sensor Cables

Connections between the sensors and data acquisition system is accomplished via a "Vibrating Wire" cable (abbreviated as VW cable). VW cable consists of five conducting elements: 2 twisted wire pairs (red/black & white/green), and a 24AWG stranded copper drain wire for grounding. A 0.0625-inch diameter blue PVC jacket protects the cable. See *Table 2, Estimated Cable Length for Sensors* below for breakdown of cable length estimate.

All cables were routed through a 3-inch PVC conduit pipe from the dataloggers toward the northeast side of the link-slab. From this point, cables diverged in bundles to their respective sensor locations. Most of these cables partly or fully crossed along the transverse midline of the link-slab and will do so within channels of the Expanded Poly-Styrene Gap Filler (EPS Gap Filler) between the northwest and southeast FSBs and Deck Slabs. Cables of the 3x3 Embedded

Sensor Array were routed along their respective BFRP rebar toward the transverse midline of the link-slab, held close and securely to the rebar with zip-ties. At the midline, these cables exited through the link-slab bottom into their corresponding channels within the EPS Gap Filler.

Sensors were delivered with pre-attached heavy-duty VW cables. Special care was taken to protect the cables, especially at exit points for embedded sensors' cables and around sharp edges. Protective containers were provided at exit points with enough room to store cable ends for protection against damage and accidental cutting during concrete casting, curing, transportation and erection. High quality cable tags were used at multiple points along each cable in order to positively identify each cable and its associated sensor.

Cables running from the surface mounted Micro Crackmeters (Group #3) were held down with cable clips screwed down onto the link-slab. These cables were protected with heavy duty cable runners. These were laid transversely across the midline and lead the cables through the bottom of the concrete parapet, toward the main conduit line where the cables will be collected.

Cable Length Requirements					
Group #	Sensor	Cable Length for Instrument (feet), Plus 10%			
1 & 2	3x3 Embedded Array,				
	(Strandmeters and Sisterbars)				
	NW-A, Strandmeter	62.5			
	NW-A, Sisterbar	62.5			
	Mid-A, Strandmeter	59.0			
	Mid-A, Sisterbar	59.0			
	SE-A, Strandmeter	62.5			
	SE-A, Sisterbar	62.5			
	NW-B, Strandmeter	66.5			
	NW-B, Sisterbar	66.5			
	Mid-B, Strandmeter	63.5			
	Mid-B, Sisterbar	63.5			
	SE-B, Strandmeter	66.5			
	SE-B, Sisterbar	66.5			
	NW-C, Strandmeter	71.5			
	NW-C, Sisterbar	71.5			
	Mid-C, Strandmeter	68.0			
	Mid-C, Sisterbar	68.0			
	SE-C, Strandmeter	71.5			
	SE-C, Sisterbar	71.5			
3	Micro Crackmeters				
	A	58.5			
	В	64.5			

	С	69.0
4	Outboard EDTS	
	Southwest Side, Lower	56.5
	Southwest Side, Middle	58.0
	Southwest Side, Upper	67.0

Table 2,	Estimated	Cable 1	Length	for Sensors
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### **B.** Cable Routing

All cables were led from the dataloggers at the northwest end of the bridge, (along the outside of the southwest parapet), inside a 3-inch diameter PVC electrical conduit pipe. At the southwest shear key of the bent cap this conduit leads into two 6x6x6-inch PVC junction boxes, located atop one another. It was recommended that the terminal ends of conduits leading cables from the junction boxes toward sensors are covered with a flexible rubber caps, in which holes are cut just large enough for the bundles of cables to exit through. Exiting the top junction box are five bare VW cables which lead directly to the southwest side Outboard EDTs and the Micro Crackmeters. Exiting the lower junction box are bundles of cables leading to all other instruments via small channels carved into the EPS Gap Filler. These cables are gathered into four tracts, with each tract contained inside a 1-inch diameter polyethylene Pipe Protection Sleeve (Ex: Oatey brand's Pipe Guard). To accommodate these tracts the EPS Gap Filler has a top surface carved out just deep enough for these four bundles to lay into while staying underneath the debonding material layer set between the deck slab ends and link-slab. Additionally, the EPS Gap Filler features two smaller vertical channels cut through the interior and located within the planes of the Lower Centerline EDTs and Tiltmeters. For illustrations, see the following: Figure 7, Cable Routes Through EPS; Figure 8, Carved Topside of EPS; and Figure 9, Detail of Embedded Sensor Routing, Side View.



Figure 7, Cable Routes Through EPS



Figure 8, Carved Topside of EPS



Figure 9, Detail of Embedded Sensor Routing, Side View

The four tracts/bundles of cables contained by pipe protection sleeves were labeled according their overall reach and contain the cables of specific instruments. Tract No. 1 is the shortest and contains cables supplying Strandmeters and Sisterbars NW-A, Mid-A, and SE-A. Tract No. 2 contains cables supplying Strandmeters and Sisterbars NW-B, Mid-B, and SE-B. Tract No. 3 contains cables supplying Strandmeters and Sisterbars NW-C, Mid-C, and SE-C. Tract No. 4 is the longest and also features branching sleeves which run through the vertical channels carved into the EPS. Tract No. 4 contains the cables supplying the Lower Centerline EDTs, Tiltmeters, and the northeast side Outboard EDTs. The separate tracts are laid out in the following illustrations, *Figure 10, Tract No. 1 of Bundled Cables, Figure 11, Tract No. 2 of Bundled Cables, Figure 12, Tract No. 3 of Bundled Cables*, and *Figure 13, Tract No. 4 of Bundled Cables*.



Figure 10, Tract No. 1 of Bundled Cables



Figure 11, Tract No. 2 of Bundled Cables



Figure 12, Tract No. 3 of Bundled Cables



Figure 13, Tract No. 4 of Bundled Cables

### 4.3 DATA ACQUISITION:

Data acquisition was accomplished by two Geokon brand, model 8002-16-1 dataloggers, also referred to as LC-2x16 datalogger units (also abbreviated as LC-2). Each of these units is capable of monitoring input from up to 16 VW cables for a total of 32 possible inputs, of which only 29 are planned for use. Storage capacity of the dataloggers is 320 KB of EEPROM type memory (data not lost upon de-energizing system), which provides storage for up to 3,555 readings from all 32 possible VW inputs. At an instrument reading rate of once per hour, this provides a maximum window of 148 days or approximately 5 months to retrieve data before capacity is reached and data points are compromised. Datalogger internal power is supplied by either four alkaline D-cell batteries or a 12-volt external grid supply. Recorded sensor data shall be accessed by direct retrieval on a periodic basis within the data capacity window. Interfacing with the LC-2 units has been accomplished either through an RS-232 Serial Interface or a USB 2.0 port, using LogView software.

The data acquisition system was located on the outboard side of the southwest facing parapet, on the northwest end of the bridge. LC-2 Datalogger units were housed inside fiberglass NEMA 4X

weatherproof enclosures. For security, these datalogger units were also set inside a single large lockable aluminum enclosure. This enclosure was custom fabricated and large enough to allow the NEMA 4X boxes to be opened and easily accessed (prospective dimensions shown on drafts in Appendix B).



### 5. INSTRUMENTATION (SENSORS INFO)





Figure 14. Link Slab and Bridge Closeup View



Figure 15. Installed Sensors (surface mounted)



Figure 16. Vandalized sensors (crackmeters)

Group #	Sensor Objective	Gauge Type/Model & Source	Number of Units
1	Strain in BFRP; clamps sized to fit 0.625" dia. rebars	Strandmeter (4410, Geokon)	9
2	Strain in Concrete Link Slab	Sisterbar (4911, Geokon)	9
3	Crack Width in Link Slab	Micro Crackmeter (4422, Geokon)	3
4	Outboard EDTs	Crackmeter (4420-25, Geokon)	4
5	Lower Centerline EDTs	Crackmeter (4420-25, Geokon)	2
6	Rotation of Beam Ends	Tiltmeter (6350, Geokon)	2
7	Datalogging	LC-2x16 Datalogger (8002-16-1, Geokon)	2
8	Custom 9" Groutable Anchors for (Group #5), Pair	Custom from Geokon	2
9	Custom 7" Groutable Anchors for Tiltmeters	Custom from Geokon	2
10	Protective Covers for EDTS (Group #4 & #5)	Aluminum Crackmeter Cover (SPC-4420- 01, BDI/Geokon)	6
11	Tiltmeter Uni-Axial Mounting Bracket, Includes: 3/8" Rawl drop-in anchor, (2) 3/8-16 nuts, (2) flat washers and (1) lock washer	Tiltmeter Bracket (MNT-6350-01, BDI/Geokon)	2
12	Tiltmeter Cover, Aluminum	Protective Cover, Tiltmeter (SPC-6350- 01, BDI/Geokon)	2
13	Hardware for Group #5, U- Joint	U-joint for Axial Anchor, (A4400-26-1, Geokon)	
14	Hardware for Group #5, Set Screw	Set Screw for Axial Anchor, (HRD-A1670, Geokon)	
15	Hardware for Group #5, O- Ring	O-Ring for Axial Anchor, (ORB-008, Geokon)	
16	Groutable Anchors for Model 4420 Crackmeters, Pair	(MNT 4420-02, BDI/Geokon)	4
17	Protective Tube for Micro Crackmeter	4422 Al Housing (SPC-4422-01, BDI/Geokon)	3
18	Groutable Anchors for Micro Crackmeters, Sold as Pair.	Micro Crackmeter Anchors (MNT-4420- 02, BDI/Geokon)	3
19	Conduit to House Cables and Hardware	See Conduit Costs Below	
20	Blue PVC Jacketed Vibrating Wire Cable	VW cable (IC-02-250, BDI/Geokon), unit	1770 feet
21	Various Hardware	See Miscellaneous Costs Below	

Table 3, Sensor Plan

Conduit Parts and Hardware:	# of	Source
	Units	
3 in. Hinged Split Ring Pipe Hanger in Galvanized	2	HDX/Lowes
Malleable Iron (5-Pack)		
Wedge-All 7/8 in. x 6 in. Zinc-Plated Expansion Anchor	2	HDX/Lowes
(5-Pack), for 3" Pipe Hangers		
Schedule 40 PVC Conduit with Bell End, Trade Size:	5	Grainger
3", Nominal Length: 10 ft.		(grainger.com)
Schedule 40 PVC Conduit with Bell End, Trade Size: 1-	1	Grainger
1/2", Nominal Length: 10 ft.		(grainger.com)
3 in. x 3 in. PVC Mechanical Flexible Expansion	2	HDX/Lowes
Coupling		
1 1/2" Schedule 40 PVC 30-degree Elbow Socket	1	HDX/Lowes
6x6x6 (Trade Size) Conduit Junction Box	2	various
		suppliers
3" (Trade Size) Box Adapter, (Case of 5)	1	HDX/Lowes
1.5" (Trade Size) Box Adapter, (Case of 8)	1	HDX/Lowes
Conduit/PVC Glue, Oatey Gray PVC Cement	2	HDX/Lowes
1.5" Flexible Rubber Pipe Cap	1	HDX/Lowes
3" Flexible Rubber Pipe Cap	1	HDX/Lowes

 Table 4, Conduit Component & Hardware Costs

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Miscellaneous Items	# of	Source
	Unit	
	S	
15' of rubber HD cord cover/runner (for containing	1	Cabletiesandmore.co
Micro Crackmeter cables)		m
Various Concrete Anchors & Other Hardware	1	Various suppliers
6" Thin Wall Heat Shrink Tubing, Flexible Polyolefin,	5	Grainger
Shrink Ratio 3:1, 10 per pkg, Part# 30N545, For		(grainger.com)
Splicing Cut VW Cable		
Strong-Tie SET-3G22-N - 22 Oz. Epoxy Anchor w/	2	Fastenersplus.com
Nozzle, Pkg 1		
Pipe Protection Sleeve, for 1" piping (for cables	1	walmart/various
passing across midline of bridge), Box of 200 linear		
feet		
Datalogger Weather & Intrusion-Proof Box	1	Custom Aluminum
		Fabricator
Cabe Clamps/Clips, to Hold Down Micro Crackmeter	15	HDX/Lowes
Cables (Group 3)		
1/2" x 8-foot Copper Grounding Rod	1	HDX/Lowes
1/2" Ground Rod Clamps	2	HDX/Lowes
Estimate Flex Factor (5% of Subtotal of Entire	1	
Estimate)		

Table 5, Miscellaneous

### **6. BRIEF SUMMARY**

The team investigated the concrete simple-span beams that are made continuous by pouring a continuity link-slab between the beam ends. The bridge has been instrumented with embedded and surface-mounted sensors and has been monitored to evaluate the performance of the new link-slab.

Several types of sensors were used, and a data acquisition system recorded strains/deformations at a regular time interval. The preferred sensor types for this application are vibrating wire sensors with integrated thermistors (per FDOT request). The sensors were strategically located on both sides of the midline of the link slab to capture strains in the BFRP bars, strains in the concrete link-slab, and the gap between adjacent beams' ends.

All measurements have been corrected for temperature changes per recommendations of the gauge manufacturer. Data has been collected during service. The data acquisition system has been able to keep record of strains developed in the BFRP reinforcement.

APPENDIX A IMAGES AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF BRIDGE AND SENSOR LAYOUT



Figure17, Side View



Figure 18, Angled View



Figure 19, Top View



Figure 20, End View



Figure 71, Top View of Southwest Shear Key



Figure 81, Bottom View from Southwest



Figure 23, Side View, Exposed



Figure 24, Detail Data Acquisition



Figure 25, Detail Link-Slab, Top View



Figure 26, Side View of Exposed Embedded Sensors and BFRP rebars



Figure 27, Exposed View of Cable Routing (EPS is Translucent)

### APPENDIX B DIMENSIONED DRAWINGS OF SENSOR LAYOUT

Group	Gauge Type/Model	Resolution	Accuracy	Measuring	Dimensions	# of
#	& Source			Range		Units
1	Strandmeter (4410,	<5 με	(+/-) 0.003 mm	3 mm (15000	8" Long x 1.77"	9
	Geokon)			με)	Wide Clamps	
2	Sisterbar (4911,	0.4 με	(+/-) 7.5 με	3000 με	36" Length, #4	9
	Geokon)				Size Rebar	
3	Micro Crackmeter	.001 mm	(+/-) 0.004 mm	4 mm	4.725" Long x	3
	(4422, Geokon)				0.315" Diameter	
4	Crackmeter (4420-	.00625 mm	(+/-) 0.025 mm	25 mm	Gauge Length:	4
	25, Geokon)				13.5", Dia:1"	
5	Crackmeter (4420-	.00625 mm	(+/-) 0.025 mm	25 mm	Gauge Length:	2
	25, Geokon)				13.5", Dia:1"	
6	Tiltmeter (6350,	(+/-) 10 arc	(+/-) 0.01°	(+/-) 10°	Length: 5.47",	2
	Geokon)	seconds			Diameter: 1.26"	
7	Datalogger (LC-2,	1 part in	(+/-) 0.05% F.S.	450 to 4000	(LxWxH): 13.46"	2
	Geokon)	20,000;	(450 to 4000	Hz;	x 11.85" x 6.3"	
		Thermistor:	Hz); Thermistor:	Thermistor: -		
		0.1 deg C	(+/-) 2.0% F.S.	30 deg C to 50		
				deg C		

Table 6, Instrument Groups



Figure 28, Drawing, Labels of Embedded Array and Micro Crackmeters



Figure 29, Drawing, Bent Cap End View (Slabs, Beams, and Parapets not Shown)



Figure 90, Drawing, Bent Cap Top View (Slabs, Beams, and Parapets not Shown)



Figure 31, Drawing, Bridge End View No.1



Figure 32, Drawing, Bridge Side View No.1 (Wide)



Figure 33, Drawing, Bridge Side View No.2 (Detail of Link-Slab)



Figure 34, Drawing, Bridge Side View No.3 (Detail of Data Acquisition)



Figure 35, Drawing, Top View Detail of Link-Slab (Southwest Side)



Figure 36, Drawing, Top View of Whole Link-Slab



Figure 37, Drawing, Top View of Bridge (Wide)

### APPENDIX C MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUMENT DATASHEETS (Credit: Geokon)

### 4400 Series

# Vibrating Wire Displacement Transducers

Applications

The 4400 Series are designed to measure or monitor the...

- Expansion or contraction of a joint
- Strains in tendons and steel cables
- Movement across surface cracks and joints
- Closures in underground excavations, tunnels, etc.
- Displacements associated with landslides
- Movement of boulders, snow, etc. on unstable slopes



Model 4420 Crackmeter installation.



 Three Model 4420 Crackmeters configured as a single 3-D Crackmeter.



Model 4410 Strandmeter (front), Model 4400 Embedment Jointmeter (center) and Model 4420 Crackmeter (rear).

#### **Operating Principle**

Geokon vibrating wire displacement transducers are designed to measure displacements across joints and cracks in concrete, rock, soil and structural members.

In essence, the transducer consists of a vibrating wire in series with a tension spring. Displacements are accommodated by a stretching of the tension spring, which produces a commensurate increase in wire tension.

The wire and spring are connected to a free-sliding rod which protrudes from, and is free to slide inside, a protective outer tube. An o-ring seal prevents water from entering.

The frequency signal is transmitted through the cable to the readout location, conditioned, and displayed on portable readouts or dataloggers.

#### Advantages and Limitations

The 4400 Series Displacement Transducers are fabricated entirely from stainless steel and are waterproof to 1.75 MPa, which, coupled with their excellent long-term stability, guarantees reliability and performance in even the harshest environments.

An advantage of vibrating wire displacement transducers over more conventional linear potentiometers (or LVDT's) lies mainly in the use of a frequency, rather than a voltage, as the output signal. Frequencies may be transmitted over long lengths of electrical cable without appreciable degradation caused by variations in cable resistance or leakage to ground. This allows for a readout location that may be over a thousand meters from the transducer.

Thermistors are provided with all transducers for temperature measurement.

#### Model 4400 Embedment Jointmeter



Model 4400 Embedment Jointmeter shown with socket removed.

The Model 4400 is designed for use in construction joints; e.g. between lifts in concrete dams. In use, a socket is placed in the first lift of concrete and, when the forms are removed, a protective plug is pulled from the socket. The gage is then screwed into the socket, extended slightly and then concreted into the next lift. Any opening of the joint is then measured by the gage which is firmly anchored in each lift. The sensing gage itself, is smaller than the protective housing, and a degree of shearing motion is allowed for by the use of ball-joint connections on the gage.

A tripolar plasma surge arrestor is located inside the housing and provides protection from electrical transients such as those that may be induced by lightning.

#### Model 4410 Strandmeter



Model 4410 Strandmeter

The Model 4410 Strandmeter is designed to measure strains in tendons and steel cables, including bridge tendons, cable stays, ground anchors, tiebacks, etc. Two clamps at each end of the strandmeter hold it firmly onto the cable. Various size clamps are available.

#### Model 4420 Crackmeter





The Model 4420 Crackmeters are designed to measure movement across joints such as construction joints in buildings, bridges, pipelines, dams, etc.; tension cracks and joints in rock and concrete.

The ends of the sensor are attached to anchors (with ball joints) that have been grouted, bolted, welded or bonded on opposite sides of the crack or fissure to be monitored. 3-D mounting brackets, which allow measurement of displacements in three orthogonal directions, and special clamps for attachment to a variety of earth reinforcements and geogrids, are also available.

Special versions are offered for underwater use, where water pressures exceed 1.7 MPa, and for use in cryogenic or elevated temperature regimes.

Model 4422 Micro Crackmeter.

The Model 4422 is a miniature crackmeter intended to measure displacements across surface cracks and joints. It has been specially designed for applications where access is limited and/or where monitoring instrumentation is to be as unobtrusive as possible (e.g. on historical structures or buildings).

#### Model 4422 Micro Crackmeter

Model 4425 Convergence Meter



The Model 4425 Convergence Meter is designed to detect deformation in tunnels and underground caverns by measuring the contraction (or elongation) between 2 anchor points fixed in the walls of the tunnel or cavern.

The Model 4425 consists of a spring-tensioned vibrating wire transducer assembly, turnbuckle, 6 mm diameter connecting rods (stainless steel, fiberglass or graphite), rod clamp, and a pair of anchor points. Changes in distance between the 2 anchors are conveyed by the connecting rods and measured by the transducer.

The Model 4425 can operate in horizontal, inclined or vertical orientations. In areas where construction traffic is expected or where the instrument may be left in an exposed location, some form of protective housing should be considered.

### Model 4427 Long-Range Displacement Meter



Model 4427 Long-Range Displacement Meter.

The Model 4427 Long-Range Displacement Meter is ideally suited for the measurement of large displacements associated with landslides. The Model 4427 can also be used for monitoring the movement of boulders, snow, etc., on unstable slopes.

The Model 4427 consists of a vibrating wire displacement transducer coupled to a spring motor drive by means of a lead screw. As the cable is pulled, the motor drum rotates and advances the lead screw. Thus the rotation is converted into a linear displacement which is measured by the vibrating wire displacement transducer.



Model 4430 Deformation Meter.

The Model 4430 Deformation Meter is designed to measure axial strains or deformations in boreholes in rock, concrete or soil. It can also be embedded in soils in embankments such as earth dams and highway fills. The Model 4430 can be installed in series to give a total deformation profile along a particular axis. Base lengths of the gage can vary from a minimum of 1 meter to over 25 meters.

When used in rock in horizontal or inclined downward boreholes, grouting is the most common method of installation. In vertical boreholes, a special grouting apparatus and hydraulic or snap-ring anchors are required. Direct placement or pre-wiring to a rebar cage allows use in concrete.



Model 4450 Displacement Transducer

Model 4450 Displacement Transducer and Extensioneter Head Assembly (inset).

The Model 4450 Displacement Transducer provides remote readout capability for Borehole Extensometers (see the Geokon Model A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6 Rod-Type Borehole Extensometers data sheet for more information). They are particularly useful where other types of vibrating wire sensors are used and/or for installations where long cable runs are required.

The Model 4450 can also be installed between borehole anchors, in conjunction with the requisite length connecting rod, to provide a permanent, in-place incremental extensioneter (contact Geokon for details).

### **Technical Specifications**

Model	Standard Ranges <sup>1</sup>	Resolution	Accuracy	Nonlinearity	Temperature Range <sup>1</sup>	Dimensions
4400 Embedment Jointmeter	12.5, 25, 50, 100 mm	0.025% F.S.	±0.1% F.S.	< 0.5% F.S.	-20°C to +80°C	<i>Length: 4</i> 06 mm <i>Hange Dlameter:</i> 51 mm
4410 Strandmeter	20,000 µz	< 5 µг.	±0.1% F.S.	<0.5% F.S.	-20°C to +80°C	Length: 203 mm Clamp Wilth: 45 mm
4420 Crackmeter	12.5, 25, 50, 100, 150 mm	0.025% F.S.	±0.1% F.S.	< 0.5% F.S.	-20°C to +80°C	Lengths: 318, 362, 527 mm Coll Diameter: 25 mm
4422 Micro Crackmeter	3 mm (±1.5 mm)	0.001 mm	±0.1% F.S.	<0.5% F.S.	-20°C to +80°C	Length: 120 mm Diameter: 7.9 mm
4425 Convergence Meter	25, 50, 100, 150 mm	0.025% F.S.	±0.1% F.S.	< 0.5% F.S.	-20°C to +80°C	Transducer Lengths: 356, 508, 838 mm Transducer Diameter: 25 mm
4427 Long-Range Displacement Meter	1, 2 m (without resetting)	0.025% F.S.	±1.0% F.S.	—	-30°C to +60°C	Enclosure(L × W× H): 610 × 152 × 152 mm
4430 Deformation Meter	25, 50, 100 mm	0.02% F.S.	±0.1% F.S.	< 0.5% F.S.	-20°C to +80°C	Length: varies Range Diameter: 50 mm
4450 Displacement Transducer	12.5, 50, 100, 150, 300 mm	0.02% F.S.	±0.1% F.S.	< 0.5% F.S.	-20°C to +80°C	Lengths: 210, 212, 270, 410 mm Coll Diameter: 19 mm

<sup>1</sup>Other ranges available on request.

### Model 4911, 4911A

# **Rebar Strainmeters and "Sister Bars"**

#### Applications

Rebar Strainmeters are commonly used for measuring strains in...

- Concrete piles & caissons
- Slurry walls
- Cast-in-place concrete piles
- Concrete foundation slabs and footings
- Osterberg pile tests
- All concrete structures



 Close-up of Model 4911 shown as installed in concrete pile reinforcing cage.



Model 4911A Rebar Strainmeter (front) and the Model 4911 "Sister Bar" (rear).

#### **Operating Principle**

Rebar Strainmeters and "Sister Bars" are designed to be embedded in concrete for the purpose of measuring concrete strains due to imposed loads. The Rebar Strainmeter is designed to be welded into, and become an integral part of, the existing rebar cage, while the "Sister Bar" is installed by tying it alongside an existing length of rebar in the rebar cage.

The rebar extensions on either side of the central straingauged area are long enough to ensure adequate contact with the surrounding concrete so that the measured strains inside the steel are equal to the strains in the surrounding concrete.

In use, Rebar Strainmeters and "Sister Bars" are usually installed in pairs on either side of the neutral axis of the structural member being investigated. This is done so that bending moments may be analyzed in addition to axial loads.

A built-in thermistor enables the measurement of temperatures and aids in the evaluation of thermally induced strains.

#### **Advantages and Limitations**

The main advantage of the Rebar Strainmeters and "Sister Bars" lies in their ruggedness. They are fully waterproof and virtually indestructible so that, if the cable is adequately protected, they are safe from damage during the concrete placement.

Each Rebar Strainmeter and "Sister Bar" is individually calibrated and tested for weld strength. The Rebar Strainmeter requires the services of an experienced welder who can guarantee full-strength welds, whereas the "Sister Bar" is very easy to install.

The single vibrating wire strain sensor, located along the axis of the strainmeter, is not affected by the bending of the strainmeter itself. It also has the advantage of all vibrating wire sensors, namely: long-term stability, it can be used with long cables and it's relatively unaffected by moisture intrusion into the cables.



 Instalation of the Model 4911 in an Osterberg Cell pile test. (For more information regarding Osterberg Cell pile testing, please contact Loadtest, Inc. — www.loadtest.com).



Illustration of the Model 4911 "Sister Bar" and Model 4911A Rebar Strainmeters and their various components.

#### System Components

A vibrating wire strain gauge sensor is fixed axially inside a short, central length of round steel bar. This central section is de-bonded from the surrounding concrete by means of a plastic coating, and is extended by welding a length of rebar to each end. The Model 4911A Rebar Strainmeter is available in various sizes to match the size of the rebar cage into which it is to be welded, whereas the Model 4911 "Sister Bar" comes in one size only (#4 rebar, at approximately 12.7 mm in diameter).

A thermistor to measure temperature changes can be included in the 4911 and 4911A sensors.

#### **Readouts and Cables**

The 4911 Series Rebar Strainmeters are read using the Model GK-404 or GK-405 Readouts. Alternatively, the LC-2 Series or 8600 Series Dataloggers can be used.

The 4911 Series Rebar Strainmeters use the Model 02-250V6 4 pair, 22 AWG cable.

#### **Technical Specifications**

	4911	4911A
Standard Range	3000 µz	3000 µz
Resolution	0.4 με	0.4 µz
Accuracy <sup>1</sup>	±0.25% F.S.	±0.25% F.S.
Nonlinearity	< 0.5% F.S.	< 0.5% F.S.
Temperature Range <sup>2</sup>	-20°C to +80°C	-20°C to +80°C
Rebar Sizes	#4 (Sister Bar)	#6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14
Length	914 mm	1105 mm

Accuracy established under laboratory conditions #Other ranges a willable on request.

### Model 6350

## Vibrating Wire Tiltmeter

#### Applications

The Model 6350 Vibrating Wire Tiltmeter is designed to measure tilt in structures including...

- Buildings
- Dams
- Embankments
- Slopes
- Excavation walls
- Open pits





Model 6350 Vibrating Wire Tiltmeter shown with mounting bracket assembly.

#### Operating Principle

The Model 6350 Tiltmeter is designed for attachment to structures, on either a vertical or horizontal surface by means of an adjustable bracket, and for the subsequent measurement of any tilting that may occur.

When at rest, in a vertical configuration, a pendulous mass inside the sensor, under the force of gravity, attempts to swing beneath the elastic hinge on which it is supported but is restrained by the vibrating wire. As the tilt increases or decreases the mass attempts to rotate beneath the hinge point and the tension in the vibrating wire changes, altering its vibrational frequency. This frequency is measured using the Geokon Model GK-401, GK-403 or GK-404 Readout Box, or the Model 8020 Micro-10 Datalogger, and is then converted into an angular displacement by means of calibration constants supplied with the sensor.

#### **Advantages and Limitations**

Vibrating wire tiltmeters combine a high range with high sensitivity, and very high calibration accuracy. They have excellent long-term stability and their temperature dependence is close to zero.

The sensor output is a frequency, which can be transmitted over long cables, and renders the sensors less susceptible to the effects of moisture intrusion.

Biaxial measurements can be achieved by mounting the sensors in pairs, each member oriented at 90 degrees to the other.

Damping fluid may be added to the sensor to counteract the effect of any vibrations of the structure.

In-built shock absorbers protect the sensor from shock loading.



 Model £350 installation using a custom mounting bracket designed for concrete face rock fill dam applications (shown with protective cover removed).



Installation details and dimensions for the Model 6350 Uniaxial (left) and Biaxial versions (right).

#### System Components

The basic transducer is mounted inside a stainless steel housing equipped with a lug for mounting the sensor to an adjustable bracket. The bracket is bolted to the structure using hardware supplied with the sensor, which includes a 3/B-inch drop-in anchor. Special biaxial mounting brackets and protective enclosures are also available.

A thermistor mounted inside the sensor housing permits the measurement of temperatures.

Readout is accomplished using a Geokon Model GK-401, GK-403 or GK-404 Readout Box.

#### **Technical Specifications**

Standard Range <sup>1</sup>	±10°
Resolution	±10 arc seconds (±0.05 mm/m)
Accuracy <sup>2</sup>	±0.1% F.S.
Temperature Range	-20°C to +50°C
Shock Survival	50 g
Length × Diameter <sup>3</sup>	139 × 32 mm

\*Other ranges available on request. \*Established under laboratory am ditions. \*Transburar only.

### Model 8002 Series (LC-2, LC-2A, LC-2WP, LC-2×4, LC-2×16)

## LC-2 Series Dataloggers

#### Applications

The LC-2 Series Dataloggers are used to read all GEOKON\* vibrating wire instruments. Sensors that can be read and monitored include...

- Piezometers
- Precision water level sensors
- Crackmeters
- Settlement systems
- Temperature sensors



 Model 8002-WP-2 (LC-2WP) Waterproof Single-Channel Datalogger.



Model 8002-16-1 (LC-2×16) 16-Channel, Model 8002-4-1 (LC-2-4) 4-Channel and Model 8002-1-1 (LC-2) Single-Channel Dataloggers.

#### Operating Principle

The Model 8002 LC-2 Series Dataloggers are designed to read both the vibrating wire element and the integral thermistor of any GEOKON vibrating wire sensor.

The LC-2 (internal hard wired transducer connection), LC-2A (10-pin transducer connector option) and LC-2WP (waterproof option) are designed to be standalone, single-channel dataloggers, which makes them especially useful for the remote and continuous monitoring of isolated sensors.

The LC-2×4 is a self-contained, 4-channel version (vibrating wire with thermistor) of the LC-2, and the LC-2×16 is a 16-channel (vibrating wire with thermistor) version.

The LC-2, LC-2×4 and LC-2×16 are housed inside Fiberglass NEMA 4X enclosures, which makes them very robust, weather-proof and particularly well-suited to operation in harsh environments. The LC-2WP is a waterproof version housed inside a rugged PVC enclosure. Low power consumption provides long battery life and the condition of the main batteries is reported as an element in the data array.

Data memory consists of 320K bytes of EEPROM. This translates into a memory storage capacity of 16,000 arrays for the LC-2 and LC-2A, 10,666 arrays for the LC-2×4 and 3,555 arrays for the LC-2×16. Each array consists of the datalogger ID, day (Julian or month/day format), time (HHMM), seconds, main battery voltage, datalogger temperature, vibrating wire sensor reading (in engineering units), the sensor temperature and array number. The array transmission is in comma delineated ASCII text, for easy importation into popular spreadsheet programs.

Up to 6 intervals may be specified from a logarithmic table, with a maximum of 255 iterations. The programmed intervals can be started or stopped once at preset times of the day.

#### Power

The Model 8002 LC-2 Series Dataloggers are powered by easily accessible alkaline or lithium (optional) D cells. Additional power options, including internal and external 12 V batteries and solar panels, are available (please contact GEOKON for more information).

#### Communications

The Model 8002 LC-2 Series Dataloggers are available with an RS-232 Serial Interface or with a direct USB 2.0 connection; patch cords are supplied for this purpose.

#### **Technical Specifications**

	Single-Channel	4-Channel	16-Channel	
	LC-2, LC-2A, LC-2WP*	LC-2x4, LC-2x4A	LC-2x16	
Measurement Accuracy	±0.05% F.S. (450-4000 Hz)	±0.05% F.S. (450-4000 Hz)	±0.05% F.S. (450-4000 Hz)	
Measurement Resolution	1 part in 20,000	1 part in 20,000	1 part in 20,000	
Program Memory	24K FLASH	24K FLASH	24K FLASH	
Data Memory	320K EEPROM	320K EEPROM	320K EEPROM	
Data Connection	RS-232, USB or RS-495	RS-232, USB or RS-485	RS-232, USB or RS-485	
Storage Capacity (Arrays)	16,0001	10,666	3,555	
Temperature Range	-30°C to +50°C	-30°C to +50°C	-30°C to +50°C	
Temperature Measurement	(accuracy) 2.0% F.S. (resolution) 0.1 °C	(accuracy) 2.0% F.S. (resolution) 0.1 °C	(accuracy) 2.0% F.S. (resolution) 0.1 °C	
Communication Speed	9600 bps	9600 bps	9600 bps	
Communication Parameters	8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit	8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit	8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit	
Power Supply	3 VDC (2 Alkaline 'D' cells)	3 VDC (2 Alkaline 'D' cells)	3 VDC (4 Alkaline 'D' cells)	
Communication Current	< 100 mA	< 100 mA	< 100 mA	
Measurement Current	< 250 mA	< 250 mA	< 250 mA	
Quiescent Current	< 500 µA	< 500 µA	< 500 µA	
Scan Interval	3 - 86,400 seconds (24 hours)	10 - 96,400 seconds (24 hours)	30 - 86,400 seconds (24 hours)	
Operating Time (20°C)	3 days - 3 years, depending on scan interval	8 days - 2 years, depending on scan Interval	8 days - 2 years, depending on scan Interval	
Sensor Connection	(LC-2, LC-2WP*) Hard wired (LC-24) 10-pin Connector	(LC-2×4) Hard wired (LC-2×4A) 10-pin Connector	(LC-2×16) Hard wired (LC-2×164) 10-pin Connector	
L×W×H Hר	( <i>LC-2, LC-2A</i> ) 122 × 120 × 91 mm ( <i>LC-2WP</i> *) 211 × 168 mm	260 × 160 × 91 mm	342 × 301 × 160 mm²	

#### **Ordering Information**

	Single-Channel	4-Channel	16-Channel	
Data Connection	tion LC-2, LC-2A, LC-2WP*		LC-2x16	
RS-232	8002-1-1, 8002-1A-1	8002-4-1, 8002-4A-1	8002-16-1, 8002-16A-1	
USB	9002-1-2, 9002-1A-2, 9002-WP-2*	9002-4-2, 9002-4A-2	9002-16-2, 9002-16A-2	
RS-485	9002-1-3, 9002-1A-3	8002-4-3	8002-16-3	

#### Software

LogView Software simplifies the task of configuration, communication, monitoring, data collection and data reduction using the Model 8002 (LC-2) Series Dataloggers. LogView is compatible with **Windows®** 2000, XP, XP Pro, Vista and 7.

Please see the Model 8001-3 LogView Software data sheet for more information.

\*PLEASE NOTE: THE MODEL 8002-WP-2 (LC-2WP) WATERPROOF SINGLE-CHANNEL DATALOGGER IS NOT CE APPROVED.

## Instrumentation Cables

#### Applications

GEOKON® cables are of the highest quality materials and construction. They are designed to be matched with the appropriate instrument for a variety of geotechnical and hydrological applications. Standard and specialized cables are available for...

- Typical applications
- High temperature environments
- Extra abrasion resistance
- Heavy duty use



 The Model 4500HT High Temperature Piezometer depicts a Teffon® cable threaded inside stainless steel tubing.



Standard GEDKON cables.

#### Cable Design

GEOKON cables are made from individual stranded copper conductors encased in an insulation material. Individual, insulated conductors are twisted into pairs, bundled inside a conductive Mylar-type shielding material and then covered by an outer jacket made from the most suitable material. In addition, cables may be water blocked, armored, or may contain steel or **Kevlar®** cables for additional strength, or plastic tubes for circulation fluids, or for venting to atmosphere.

#### **Cable Conductors**

In general, the number of conductors in a cable is determined by the number of sensors to be connected to the cable, and the number of conductors required by each sensor.

The type of conductor normally used is stranded, 22 AWG tinned copper. Stranded conductors are more flexible than solid conductors, which makes the cable easier to handle during installation.

#### **Cable Shielding and Insulation**

Shielding provides protection from electromagnetic radiation coming from nearby electrical equipment, lightning strikes and fields surrounding power lines, transformers, etc. **GEOKON** multi-conductor cables are individually shielded and twisted in pairs, which helps minimize common mode interference. Drain wires connected electrically to Mylar-type shields provide a simple means of connecting all the shields to a common ground. For applications with very high levels of EMI, such as in pumping wells, a special cable with a braided shield can be provided.

Plastic insulation is typically used on the individual copper conductors. Polyethylene or polypropylene insulation is used at normal temperatures and **Teflon** is most often used for high temperature.

#### **Outer Jackets**

GEOKON cable jackets are thicker than regular commercial types, and pressure extruded, which produces cables that are rounder, firmer and easier to grip and seal at the point of entry on the sensor. A wide variety of outer jacket materials is available depending on the end use:

Neoprene: A synthetic rubber compound commonly used for outdoor applications, with good resistance to gasoline, oils etc. Ordinary rubber should never be used.

PVC: A common choice for its good electrical properties and for being waterproof. It should not be used at low temperatures where it becomes brittle.

Polyurethane: This material is very resistant to cuts and abrasions making it useful for cables that are subject to repeated rough handling. It is not as water resistant as PVC but has better low temperature capabilities.

High Density Polyethylene: An excellent material that is highly resistant to environmental attack and exhibits excellent low temperature characteristics. Unfortunately, like Teflon, the material is so slippery that splicing and potting compounds will not stick to it.

Tefion: This material is essential wherever sensors and cables are subject to high temperature. It has outstanding resistance to environmental attack and has excellent low temperature properties. However, splicing and potting compounds will not adhere to it.

Other compounds such as Kevlar or Kapton,® etc. may be required where there is a need for low smoke emissions, flame retardant, or resistance to nuclear radiation.

#### Armor

Armored cables are most often needed for sensors installed in earth embankments or landfills where large forces are exerted on the cable by compaction equipment and earth moving vehicles, and by settlement, "weaving," and sideways spreading of the embankment as it is built. Armored cables should not be connected directly to strain gauges or crackmeters because the stiffness of the cable would pull on the gauge and alter the readings. Armored cable is not necessary in concrete. The armor usually takes the form of a helically laid layer of steel wire. In very severe situations, regular cable may be put inside stainless steel tubing.

#### Vented Cables

Special cables are available which contain plastic tubes inside of them as well as the usual conductors. These tubes can be used to transport air or other fluids. This kind of cable is required for vented piezometers, where a single vent tube allows the inside of the pressure sensor to be connected to the ambient atmosphere to provide automatic barometric compensation.

#### Cable Splices

Cable splicing is best done using commercially available splicing kits containing butt splice connectors and epoxy potting compounds. These help provide a waterproof and mechanically strong splice. Armored cables are difficult to splice if the mechanical strength is to be maintained; special mechanical connections need to be fabricated which will grip the armor firmly.

Technical Specifications								
Model	Conductors	Conductor Insulation	Drain Wire	Cable Jacket <sup>1</sup>	Nominal O.D.	Temp. Range		
02-187P6	4-conductor, 2 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	8 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Blue PU	4.75 mm (±0.25 mm)	-20 °C to +90 °C		
02-187V3	4-conductor, 2 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	8 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Red PVC	4.75 mm (±0.25 mm)	-20 °C to +90 °C		
02-250P4	4-conductor, 2 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	8 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Green PU	6.35 mm (±0.25 mm)	-20 °C to +90 °C		
02-250T	4-conductor, 2 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 19/34	10 mll FEP	24 AWG	White Tellon with aluminum polyester foil shielding	5.20 mm (±0.25 mm)	-80 °C to +200 °C		
02-250V6	4-conductor, 2 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	10 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Blue PVC	6.35 mm (±0.25 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
02-313PI	4-conductor, 2 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	10 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Black PU with Integral stranded steel wire	7.95 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
02-335VT8	4-conductor, 2 twisted pairs, 24 AWG 7/32	10 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Yellow PU with Integral 0.125* Ø PE vent tube	8.50 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
02-500PE1A	4-conductor, 2 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	10 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Black PVC Inner; Black MDPE outer, with served armor	12.70 mm (±0.38 mm)	20 °C to +80 °C		
03-250V0	6-conductor, 3 twisted pairs, 24 AWG 7/32	10 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Black PVC	6.35 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
04-375V9	8-conductor, 4 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	10 mil HDPP	22 AWG	Violet PVC	9.50 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
04-500VT10	8-conductor, 4 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	10 mil HDPP	22 AWG	Gray PVC with integral 0.125* Ø PE vent tube	12.70 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
05-375V12	10-conductor, 5 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	10 mil HDPP	22 AWG	Tan PVC	9.50 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
06-312V0	12-conductor, 6 twisted pairs, 24 AWG 7/32	10 mil HDPP	24 AWG	Black PVC	7.95 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
06-500V7	12-conductor, 6 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	10 mil HDPP	22 AWG	Orange PVC	12.70 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		
12-625V5	24-conductor, 12 twisted pairs, 22 AWG 7/30	10 mil HDPP	22 AWG	Brown PVC	15.90 mm (±0.38 mm)	-20 °C to +80 °C		

All outer cable jackets are pressure extruded. In addition, other cable jackets are available for general applications. FEP =Fluorinated EtykenePropylane (Taflon) | HDFP = High Density Polypropylane | MDFE = Medium Density Polypathylane | PE = Polypithylane | PP = Polypropylane | AU = Polywinylchkride



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