



COMPLETELY RETRIEVABLE
ACCURATE MEASUREMENT
MODULAR SYSTEM

The BOF-EX is a multiple-point single tube extensometer including outstanding features making it usable for numerous applications

Description

The **BOF-EX** is best described as a multiple-point single tube extensometer. It consists of four main components: the mechanical anchor, the measurement module, the extension tubing and the centralizers. An installation consists of a number of measurement modules, in series in a borehole, each one being mounted on the length of extension tubing required to span a lower and upper mechanical anchor. Displacement measurement is therefore made in the hole, in sections distributed along the borehole length.

Key Features

- High accuracy
- No protruding part above rock surface
- Modular system completely retrievable

Applications

- Monitoring of underground vaults for nuclear waste disposal
- Assessment of stability of internal cracks in concrete dams
- Monitoring of rock slope stability
- Measurement of rock displacement

Specifications

Borehole diameter (standard) :	76 mm		
Number of measuring modules :	1 to 10		
Minimum distance between anchors with 25-mm range transducer :	30 cm		
TRANSDUCER :	VIBRATING WIRE	POTENTIOMETER	LVDT (DC)
Ranges ¹ :	25–50 mm	50 mm	38–100 mm
Accuracy :	±0.25% F.S. (±0.1% in option)	±0.5% F.S	±0.5% F.S.
Resolution :	0.02% F.S.	Depends on readout	Depends on readout
Operating temperature :	–20 °C to +80 °C	–20 °C to +80 °C	–20 °C to +80 °C
Thermistor :	3kΩ (see model TH-T)	—	—
Readout unit :	MB-3TL	Contact Rocctest	Contact Rocctest
Data acquisition system :	SENSLOG	SENSLOG	SENSLOG
Cable :	IRC-41A	IRC-41A	IRC-41A

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Mechanical Anchor: The special design of the BOF-EX mechanical anchor allows complete system retrievability. The anchor consists of a cylindrical body and three contacting shoes spaced at 120° angle. Using the installation tool and rods, the anchor is screw actuated from the collar of the hole until the shoes make contact with the borehole walls. The anchoring capacity is very high and the contacting shoes are designed to adjust to small borehole deformations while still exerting the anchoring force.

Measurement Module: The measurement module of the BOF-EX is a watertight capsule in which a spring-loaded linear displacement transducer is mounted. The moving spindle of the measurement module comes in contact with the lower anchor of each monitoring section.

Extension Tubing: The extension tubing is made of individual lengths of flush-coupled tubes bridging the two mechanical anchors of each monitoring section. Centralizers are mounted at regular spacing over the extension tubing to prevent sagging.

Installation

The BOF-EX is designed to be installed in an “N” size 76 mm (3 in.) borehole using an installation rod. The installation procedure is simple and straight forward due to the modular design of the instrument. The BOF-EX can also be fully grouted in a borehole. In unstable, poor quality rock, a BOF-EX can be installed using the telescoping plastic casing previously grouted in the hole.

Ordering Information

Please specify:

- Number of measuring modules
- Depth of each anchor
- Range and type of transducer

Optional Accessories

- Installation tool
- Carrying case
- Readout Instrument