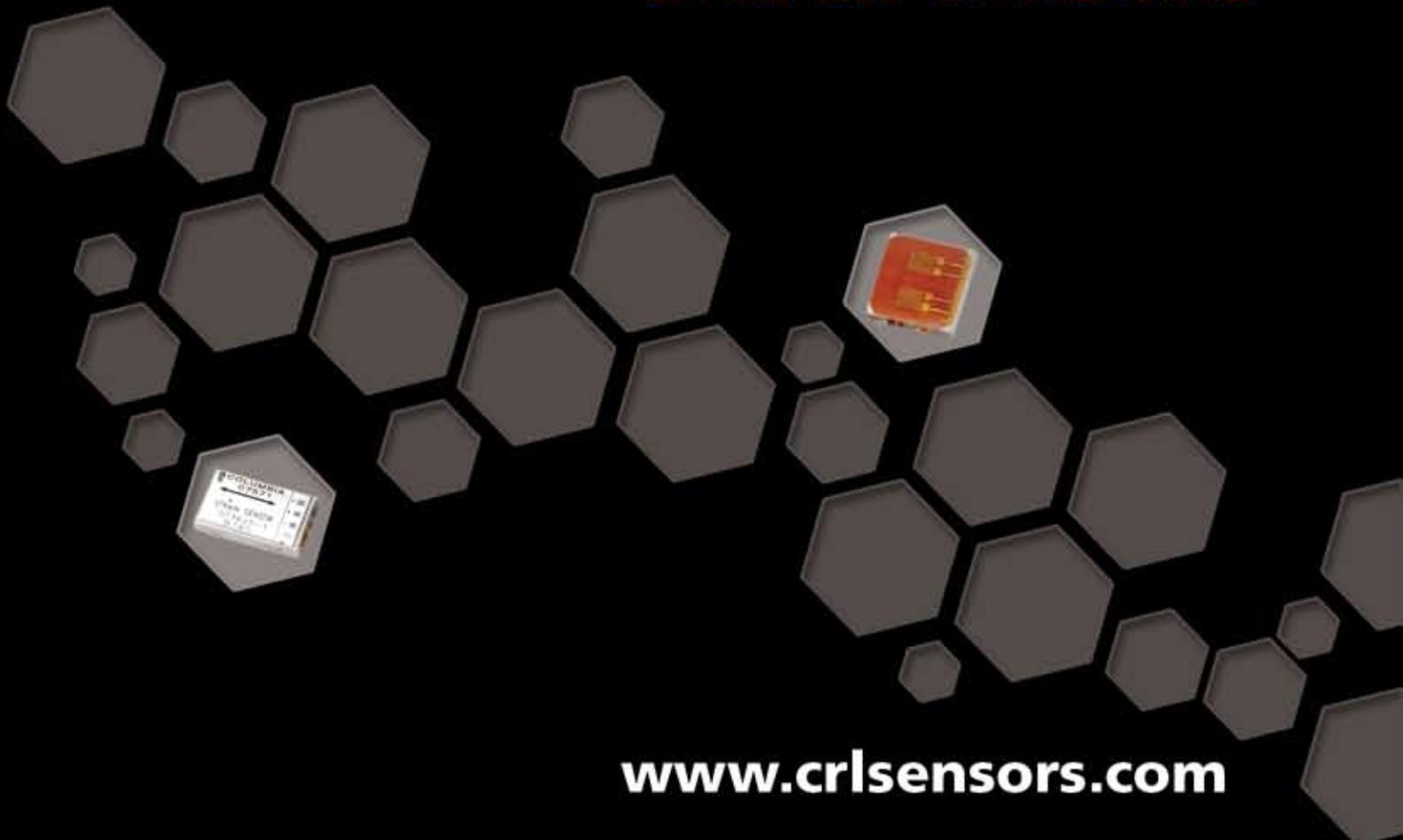




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## STRAIN SENSORS



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## HISTORY OF COLUMBIA RESEARCH LABORATORIES, INC. WOOLDYN, PA



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Columbia offers a diversified product line with a wide selection of instruments. Columbia's continually growing product line includes, but is not limited to, Piezoelectric Accelerometers, Pressure Transducers, Force Balance Inertial Grade Accelerometers and Inclinometers, Standard Linear Variable Differential Transducers, Flight Qualified Fatigue Load monitoring Foil Strain Sensors, Charge Amplifiers for signal conditioning of Piezoelectric Accelerometers and Pressure Transducers, Force Balance Technology Inclinometer Systems, Hand Held Vibration Meters and Solid State Sensors. Columbia specializes in manufacturing to customers specifications.



Columbia's involvement in designing and manufacturing specialized products for the U.S. Government's Aerospace Programs and Commercial Aviation programs goes back many years as noted below:



Columbia provided the AS16-321 Vibration Measurement System for the LEM Spacecraft launched in 1974 and the Vibration Measurement Set model 123101 designed for the 1<sup>st</sup> M1T500 Flight Vehicle launched March 6, 1975. In more recent years, Columbia has designed and provided instrumentation for the Mark-12, GBU-15, AGM-130, AMRAM, HELLFIRE, ALCM, SLCM, Trident I & II, ASROC, Atlas II, Pershing II, MX, SICBM, P-3, DC-10, T-45 Trainer, Atlas-Titan, Atlas-Centaur, Shuttle Columbia, Cruise Missile, Lance Missile, ASAT Program, Killer Satellite, Captor Program, F-18 Fighter Aircraft, A-10 Fighter Aircraft, mark 21 HIT, AV-8, B-52, F-16 and JPATS.



Columbia was also involved in the recently retired venerable F117 Stealth Fighter Plane that served the U.S. so well for many years. However currently Columbia has participated in the Space X, F-22(test units), 787 Dream Liner (test units), C130 Hercules and MH-60 Black Hawk Helicopter.



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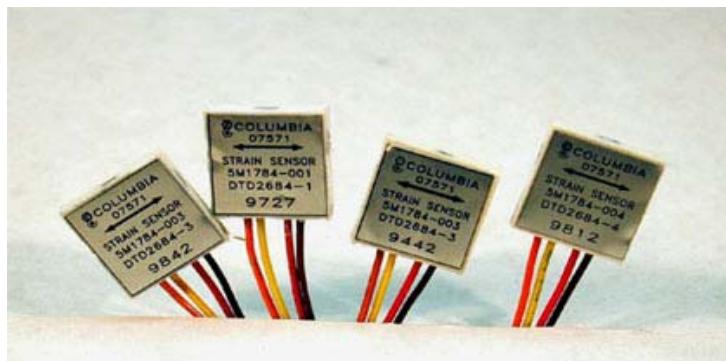
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## APPLICATION



The COLUMBIA Fatigue-Monitor Strain Sensor may be bonded to critical airframe surfaces using conventional strain-gage bonding techniques. The unique construction and small size of the 2684 Series permits easy application with a new and higher level of accuracy and mechanical integrity. The four, #26 AWG, Teflon-insulated lead wires eliminate the tedious and difficult termination methods required with conventional strain gage installations. A final coating of flexible, waterproofing material provides additional environmental and mechanical protection.

In aircraft applications, the use of direct strain measurement, in place of the counting accelerometer methods commonly in use for fatigue load monitoring, provide a more accurate representation of the fatigue loading experienced by tactical aircraft under various conditions of speed, weight, and mission configuration. Critical areas, such as under carriage structures and control surfaces may be more accurately monitored for potential fatigue damage induced by high-g maneuvers and high stress landings.

These rugged, easily installed sensors open up new areas of opportunity for monitoring critical structures in commercial aircraft as well as high-performance military tactical aircraft. By combining the strain sensors with level sensing and recording systems, a stress-related history can be maintained for structures or assemblies which may be subject to damage or abuse during maintenance and overhaul operations, as well as monitoring the stress loading encountered in normal flight operations. The use of stress histories in conjunction with established S-N (fatigue life) curves for commonly used materials will allow the development of safer, more cost-effective maintenance and overhaul programs thru the application of end of useful life predictions.

Although the COLUMBIA 2684 Series of Strain Sensors have been developed for the demanding requirements associated with tactical military aircraft, they are equally useful for performing many of the more common strain measurements encountered in the materials testing laboratory. It is, in fact, the out-standing simplicity, reliability, and ruggedness of these sensors that makes them suitable for routine laboratory use. The higher output levels associated with the two-active arm configuration provides a more sensitive device yielding higher installed accuracy. The built-in dummy gages provide optimum temperature compensation for zero shift stability. The complete, full bridge strain sensor needs only the most basic signal conditioning equipment to provide accurate, reliable data for any temperature-compensated strain measurement requirement.

# Strain Sensors

## Model DTD2684 Series

Columbia's Foil Strain Sensors measure the fatigue loading experienced by aircraft under various conditions of speed, weight and mission configuration more accurately than by older, less accurate counting accelerometer methods. These sensors allow critical undercarriage structures and surfaces to be more accurately monitored for potential fatigue damage induced by thousands of flight hours, high stress maneuvers and landings. The simplicity and reliability of these sensors also makes them suitable for routine use in the laboratory.

These sensors are available in a choice of sensitive axis orientations. Models DTD2684 -1, -2, -3, -4, -5 are flight-qualified sensors and have been the industry standard since introduced in the early 1980's. Models DTD2684-11, -12, -13, -14 provide all the accuracy, ruggedness and ease of installation but with an alternate sensitive axis direction. Models are available to compensate materials commonly used in aircraft structural fabrication. Columbia Model 5802 Strain Gage Amplifier is designed to amplify the sensor signals providing both strain and temperature outputs.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

Series DTD2684	
Operational <sup>1</sup>	
Input Resistance	1000Ω, ±2%
Sensitivity	1.025(±1%)mV/V/1000με
Rated Excitation Voltage	10.0VDC
Linearity	±0.5% Max.
Zero Offset	±0.5mV/V Typ.
Operating Range	-3500 to +5000με
Output Resistance	1000Ω, ±2%
Sensitivity Shift	±0.013% / °F
Hysteresis, Repeatability	±0.5% Max.
Zero Shift	±0.00025mV/V/°F Typ.
Creep	<0.5%, 5 Min. @ 5000με

### Environmental <sup>2</sup>

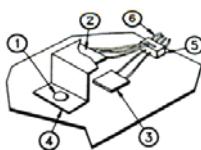
Temperature Range	-54° to +125°C
Vibration	30g, 10Hz to 2KHz
Humidity	MIL-STD-202 Method 103B
Salt Spray	MIL-STD-202 Method 101D (168 Hours)
Insulation Resistance	100 Meg. min @ 500VDC
Dielectric Strength	1050VRMS, 60Hz, 1 Min.
Altitude	Sea Level to 70,000 Ft.
Flammability	MIL-STD-202 Method 111A
Shock	100g, 11mSec
Fluids	Resistance to short term exposure to fuel, lubricating oils and hydrolic fluids

### Physical

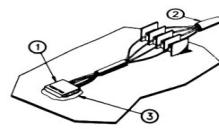
Size	0.560" x 0.560" x 0.150" Thick
Encapsulation	Silicone Rubber per MIL-S-23586A Type I, Class 2, Grade A
Weight	Approx. 13gms (Depending on length of leads)
Matrix	0.001" Polyimide
Leads	#26AWG, Teflon Ins, SPC, 12" Min.

<sup>1</sup>@25°C

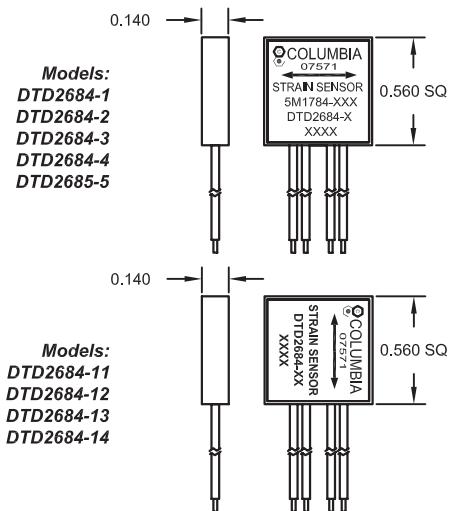
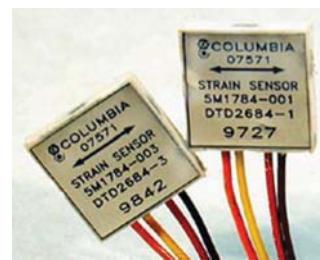
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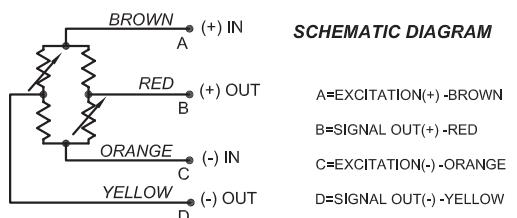
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  - Active gage bonded to structure under test.
  - "Z Tab" mounted to structure with bond or rivet.
  - Strain gage leads interwired and soldered to junction block.
  - Entire unit covered with protective material.



- Flight Qualified
- Choice of Sensitive Axis Orientation
- Ease of Installation
- High Output - Two Active Arms



**SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM**



### Ordering Information (Note Sensitive Axis)

Model	Lead Length	Compensating Material
DTD2684-1	48"	Aluminum 7075-T6 or 7050-T73651, IVD
DTD2684-11	48"	
DTD2684-2	24"	Steel, AISI 1410 or HPS-4-.20
DTD2684-12	48"	
DTD2684-3	48"	Titanium Ti-6AL-4V Annealed
DTD2684-13	48"	
DTD2684-4	24"	
DTD2684-5	48"	Carbon/Epoxy MMS 549 Type 1
DTD2684-14	48"	

**Fig. 2 Installation of Columbia Strain Sensor**

- Strain Sensor bonded to surface under test.
- Leads connected to wire harness.
- Coat sensor and wires with waterproofing material.

### ADVANTAGES

- Higher level accuracy
- Twice the output
- Less installation time
- No loss of structural integrity
- Optimum temperature compensation



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# Strain Sensors

## Model DT3625 Series

Columbia's Strain Sensors measure fatigue loading experienced by aircraft under various conditions of speed, weight and mission configuration more accurately than by older, less accurate counting accelerometer methods. These sensors allow critical undercarriage structures and surfaces to be more accurately monitored for potential fatigue damage induced by thousands of flight hours, high stress maneuvers and landings. The simplicity and reliability of these sensors also makes them suitable for routine use in the laboratory.

Series DT3625 sensors were developed in response to the need for fatigue measurements in tight spaces, and these sensors offer all the accuracy, ruggedness and ease of installation of the flight-qualified Series DTD2684 sensors. Models are available to compensate materials commonly used in aircraft structural fabrication. Columbia Model 5802 Strain Gage Amplifier is designed to amplify the sensor signals providing both strain and temperature outputs.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

Series DT3625	
<b>Operational</b>	
Input Resistance	1000Ω, ±2%
Sensitivity	1.025(±1%)mV/V/1000με
Rated Excitation Voltage	10.0VDC
Linearity	±0.5% Max.
Zero Offset	±0.5mV/V Typ.
Operating Range	-3500 to +5000με
Output Resistance	1000Ω, ±2%
Sensitivity Shift	±0.005% / °F
Hysteresis, Repeatability	±0.013% Max.
Zero Shift	±0.00025mV/V/°F Typ.
Creep	<0.5%, 5 Min. @ 5000με

### Environmental <sup>2</sup>

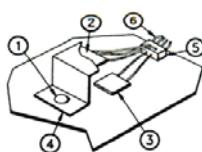
Temperature Range	-54° to +125°C
Vibration	30g, 10Hz to 2KHz
Humidity	MIL-STD-202 Method 103B
Salt Spray	MIL-STD-202 Method 101D (168 Hours)
Insulation Resistance	100 Meg. min @ 500VDC
Dielectric Strength	1050VRMS, 60Hz, 1 Min.
Altitude	Sea Level to 70,000 Ft.
Shock	100g, 11mSec
Flammability	MIL-STD-202 Method 111A
Fluids	Resistance to short term exposure to fuel, lubricating oils and hydrolic fluids

### Physical

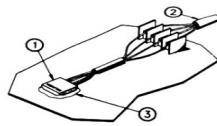
Size	0.450" x 0.250" x 0.140" Thick
Encapsulation	Silicone Rubber per MIL-S-23586A Type I, Class 2, Grade A
Weight	Approx. 13gms (Depending on length of leads)
Matrix	0.001" Polyimide
Leads	#26AWG, Teflon Ins, SPC, 12" Min.

<sup>1</sup>@25°C

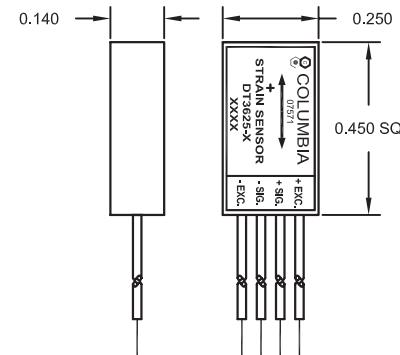
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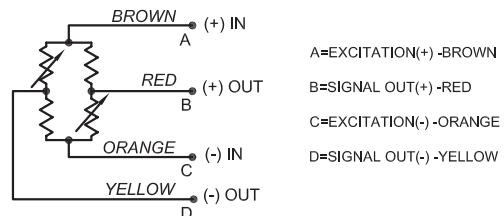
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  - Active gage bonded to structure under test.
  - "Z Tab" mounted to structure with bond or rivet.
  - Strain gage leads intertwined and soldered to junction block.
  - Entire unit covered with protective material.



- Smallest Size
- Self Temperature Compensating
- Ease of Installation
- High Output - Two Active Arms



### SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



### Ordering Information

Model	Lead Length	Compensating Material
DT3625-1	48"	Aluminum 7075-T6 or 7050-T73651, IVD
DT3625-2	48"	Steel, AISI 4130 or HP9-4-20
DT3625-3	48"	Titanium Ti-6AL-4V, B Annealed
DT3625-4	48"	Carbon/Epoxy MMS 549 Type 1
DT3625-5	48"	Steel, Aermet 100
DT3625-6	48"	Copper Alloy C110

### Fig. 2 Installation of Columbia Strain Sensor

- Strain Sensor bonded to surface under test.
- Leads connected to wire harness.
- Coat sensor and wires with waterproofing material.

### ADVANTAGES

- Higher level accuracy
- Less installation time
- Twice the output
- No loss of structural integrity
- Optimum temperature compensation



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# Curved Strain Sensors

## Model DT3747 Series

Columbia Series DT3747 sensors were designed to accurately measure strain on curved mounting surfaces. These sensors offer all the accuracy, ruggedness and ease of installation of the flight-qualified Series DTD2684. Similar devices have been utilized to monitor rocket motor expansion. They can also be used in many industrial and military applications involving pipe expansion measurements, explosive body applications, aircraft surface load, and engine monitoring of all types.

Series DT3747 sensors are customized to measure circumferential strain around the diameter of the surface to which it is mounted. The specified mounting radius is custom molded into the body of the sensor providing a method of controlling operator alignment during sensor mounting. Models are available to compensate materials commonly used in aircraft structural fabrication as well as other materials as specified. Columbia Model 5802 Strain Gage Amplifier is also available to power and signal condition the strain output of the sensor.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

#### Operational 1

Series DT3747	
DC Input Resistance	1000Ω, ±2%
DC Output Resistance	1000Ω, ±2%
Sensitivity	1.025(±1%)mV/V/1000με
Rated Excitation Voltage	10.0VDC
Linearity	±0.5% Max.
Zero Strain Offset	±0.5mV/V Max.
Operating Range	-3500 to +5000με
Sensitivity Shift	±0.005% / °F
Hysteresis, Repeatability	±0.013% Max.
Zero Shift	±0.00025mV/V/°F Typ.
Creep	<0.5%, 5 Min. @ 5000με

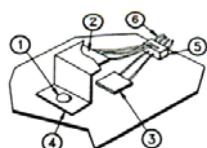
#### Environmental 2

Temperature Range	-54° to +125°C
Vibration	30g, 10Hz to 2KHz
Humidity	MIL-STD-202 Method 103B
Salt Spray	MIL-STD-202 Method 101D (168 Hours)
Insulation Resistance	100 Meg. min @ 500VDC
Dielectric Strength	1050VRMS, 60Hz, 1 Min.
Altitude	Sea Level to 70,000 Ft.
Shock	100g, 11mSec
Flammability	MIL-STD-202 Method 111A
Fluids	Resistance to short term exposure to fuel, lubricating oils and hydrolic fluids

#### Physical

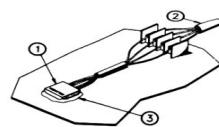
Size	0.562" Sq (Thickness Varies w/ Specified Mounting Radius)
Encapsulation	Silicone Rubber per MIL-S-23586A Type I, Class 2, Grade A
Weight	Approx. 15gms (Depending on radius selected)
Matrix	0.001" Polyimide
Leads	#26AWG, Teflon Ins., SPC, 24" Nom.

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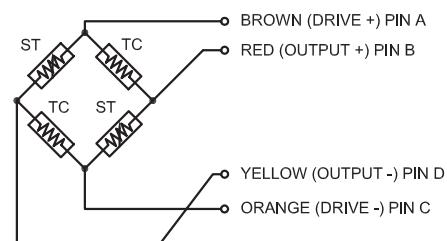
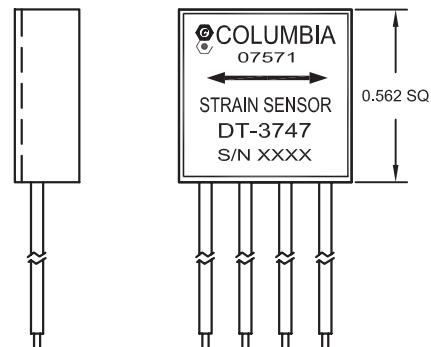
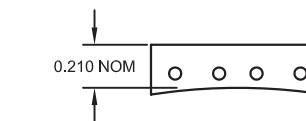


**Fig. 1 - Typical Installation of Old Style Strain Gages**

- Bolt or rivet removed from assembly
- Dummy gage(s) bonded to "Z Tab" of same material as structure.
- Active gage bonded to structure under test.
- "Z Tab" mounted to structure with bond or rivet.
- Strain gage leads interwired and soldered to junction block.
- Entire unit covered with protective material.



- Strain Outputs
- Choice of Cylindrical Mounting Radius
- Self Temperature Compensating



**SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM**

#### Ordering Information\*

Model	Lead Length	Compensating Material
DT3747-1	24"	Aluminum 7075-T6 or 7050-T73651, IVD
DT3747-2	24"	Steel, AISI 4130 or HP9-4-20
DT3747-3	24"	Titanium TI-6AL-4V Annealed
DT3747-4	24"	Carbon/Epoxy MMS 549 Type 1

\*Mounting Radius Required upon Ordering

**Fig. 2 Installation of Columbia Strain Sensor**

- Strain Sensor bonded to surface under test.
- Leads connected to wire harness.
- Coat sensor and wires with waterproofing material.

#### ADVANTAGES

- Higher level accuracy
- Twice the output
- Less installation time
- No loss of structural integrity
- Optimum temperature compensation



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# Foil Strain Sensors

## Model DT3617 Series

Columbia Series DT 3617 Strain Sensors are designed for the measurements of planar shear strain forces when the axis of principal strain is identified. Each sensor is a complete, compact, easily installed device utilizing the proven technology of the Columbia DTD 2684 Series Fatigue Monitoring Sensors. The DT 3617 Shear Strain Sensor consists of two 1000 $\Omega$  precision strain gage grids arranged orthogonally on a one mil polyimide substrate and a matching pair of 1000 $\Omega$  bridge completion elements. The entire gage configuration is assembled in a rugged, molded silicone rubber package with four, M22759, 26-gage TFE insulated aircraft lead wires. The bottom surface of the sensor is polyimide substrate of active strain gage elements and is supplied pre-processed for bonding to the test structure. The top surface of the sensor contains the axis identification marking to assist in aligning the gage with the principal strain axis.

Individual models are available to compensate materials commonly used in aircraft structural fabrication. Columbia Model 5802 Strain Gage Amplifier is designed to amplify the sensor signals providing both strain and temperature outputs.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

Series DT3617	
<b>Operational 1</b>	
DC Resistance	1000 $\Omega$ $\pm 2\%$
Gage Factor (GF)	2.05 $\pm 1.5\%$
Rated Excitation	10.0VDC
Strain Limits	1%
Working Range	$\pm 2000 \mu\epsilon$
Fatigue Life	$10^6$ Cycles
Null Offset <sup>2</sup> (E <sub>z</sub> )	2.5mV
Linearity	0.5% BFSL
Hysteresis, Repeatability	$\pm 0.5\%$
GF Temp. Coeff.	$\pm 0.02\%/\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
E <sub>z</sub> Temp. Coeff.	0.0005mV/V/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$

### Environmental <sup>3</sup>

Temperature Range	-55° to +125°C
Vibration	30g, 10Hz to 2KHz
Humidity	MIL-STD-202 Method 110A
Salt Spray	MIL-STD-202 Method 101D (168 Hours)
Insulation Resistance	100 Meg. min @ 500VDC
Dielectric Strength	500VRMS, 60Hz, 1 Min.
Altitude	Sea Level to 70,000 Ft.
Shock	100g, 11mSec
Flammability	MIL-STD-202 Method 111A
Fluids	Resistance to short term exposure to fuel, lubricating oils and hydrolic fluids

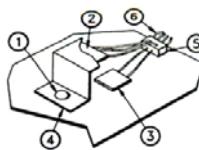
### Physical

Size	0.560" x 0.560" x 0.150" Thick
Encapsulation	Silicone Rubber per MIL-S-23586A Type I, Class 2, Grade A
Weight	Approx. 13gms (Depending on length of leads)
Matrix	0.001" Polyimide
Leads	#26AWG, Teflon Ins, SPC, 12" Min.

<sup>1</sup>@25°C

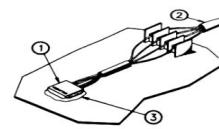
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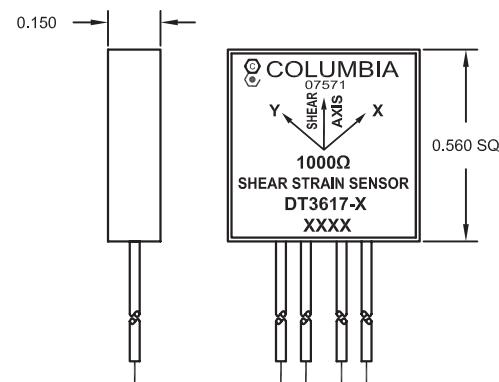
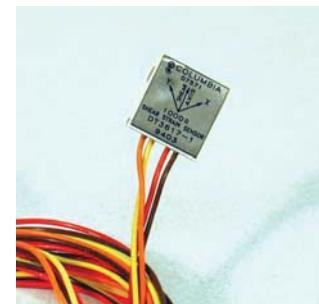


**Fig. 1 - Typical Installation of Old Style Strain Gages**

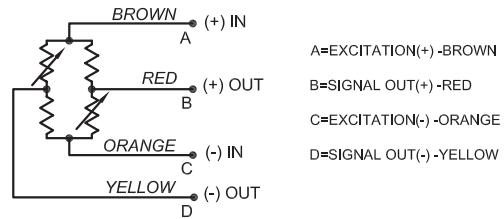
1. Bolt or rivet removed from assembly
2. Dummy gage(s) bonded to "Z Tab" of same material as structure.
3. Active gage bonded to structure under test.
4. "Z Tab" mounted to structure with bond or rivet.
5. Strain gage leads interwired and soldered to junction block.
6. Entire unit covered with protective material.



- 90° Rosette Gage
- Self Temperature Compensating
- Two 1000 $\Omega$  Precision Strain Gage Grids
- Rugged Construction



**SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM**



### Ordering Information

Model	Lead Length	Compensating Material
DT3617-1	24"	Aluminum 7075-T6 or 7050-T73651, IVD
DT3617-2	24"	Steel, AISI 4130 or HP9-4-20
DT3617-3	24"	Titanium TI-6AL-4V, Annealed
DT3617-4	24"	Carbon/Epoxy MMS 549 Type 1

**Fig. 2 Installation of Columbia Strain Sensor**

1. Strain Sensor bonded to surface under test.
2. Leads connected to wire harness.
3. Coat sensor and wires with waterproofing material.

### ADVANTAGES

- Higher level accuracy
- Twice the output
- Less installation time
- No loss of structural integrity
- Optimum temperature compensation

# Strain / Temperature Sensors

## Model DT3716 Series

Columbia Series DT3716 sensors were designed to accurately measure both strain and temperature on straight mounting surfaces. These sensors offer all the accuracy, ruggedness and ease of installation of the flight-qualified Series DTD2684 sensors and also incorporate a DIN standard 1000Ω platinum RTD which provides accurate temperature measurements at the exact point of sensor mounting. Similar devices have been utilized to monitor potential fatigue damage on aircraft subject to thousands of flight hours, high stress maneuvers and landings. The simplicity and reliability of these sensors also makes them suitable for routine use in the laboratory.

Series DT3716 sensors provide automatic temperature compensation of strain outputs when mounted to a variety of surface materials. Models are available to compensate materials commonly used in aircraft structural fabrication as well as other materials as specified. The sensors incorporate 26 AWG Teflon insulated lead wires that simplify electrical connection. Columbia Model 5802 Strain Gage Amplifier is also available to power and signal condition both the strain and temperature outputs of the sensors.

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- Strain & Temperature Outputs
- Straight Surface Mounting
- Self Temperature Compensating

### SPECIFICATIONS

#### Operational 1

Series DT3716	
Input Resistance	1000Ω, ±2%
Output Resistance	1000Ω, ±2%
Sensitivity	1.025(±1%)mV/V/1000με
Rated Excitation Voltage	10.0VDC
Linearity	±0.5% Max.
Zero Strain Offset	±0.5mV/V Typ.
Operating Range	-3500 to +5000με
Sensitivity Shift	±0.005% / °F
Hysteresis, Repeatability	±0.013% Max.
Zero Shift	±0.00025mV/V/°F Typ.
Creep	<0.5%, 5 Min. @ 5000με
Temperature Sensor	Platinum RTD, 1000Ω @ 0°C DIN EN 60751, Class 2B (0.3mA Max. Current)

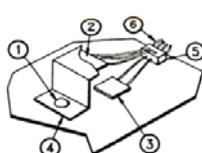
#### Environmental 2

Temperature Range	-54° to +125°C
Vibration	30g, 10Hz to 2KHz
Humidity	MIL-STD-202 Method 103B
Salt Spray	MIL-STD-202 Method 101D (168 Hours)
Insulation Resistance	100 Meg. min @ 500VDC
Dielectric Strength	1050VRMS, 60Hz, 1 Min.
Altitude	Sea Level to 70,000 Ft.
Shock	100g, 11mSec
Flammability	MIL-STD-202 Method 111A
Fluids	Resistance to short term exposure to fuel, lubricating oils and hydrolic fluids

#### Physical

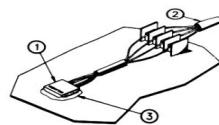
Size	0.562" x 0.562" x 0.210" Thk
Encapsulation	Silicone Rubber per MIL-S-23586A Type I, Class 2, Grade A
Weight	Approx. 15gms (Depending on radius selected)
Matrix	0.001" Polyimide
Leads	#26AWG, Teflon Ins, SPC, 24" Nom.

1 @25°C      2 Installed Gage



**Fig. 1 - Typical Installation of Old Style Strain Gages**

1. Bolt or rivet removed from assembly
2. Dummy gage(s) bonded to "Z Tab" of same material as structure.
3. Active gage bonded to structure under test.
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5. Strain gage leads interwired and soldered to junction block.
6. Entire unit covered with protective material.

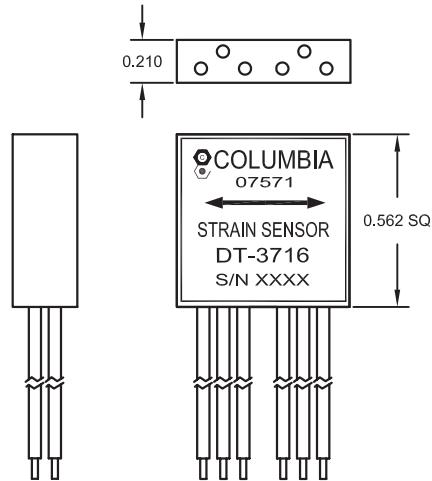


**Fig. 2 Installation of Columbia Strain Sensor**

1. Strain Sensor bonded to surface under test.
2. Leads connected to wire harness.
3. Coat sensor and wires with waterproofing material.

#### ADVANTAGES

- Higher level accuracy
- Twice the output
- Less installation time
- No loss of structural integrity
- Optimum temperature compensation



**SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM**

#### Ordering Information

Model	Lead Length	Compensating Material
DT3716-1	24"	Aluminum 7075-T6 or 7050-T73651, IVD
DT3716-2	24"	Steel, AISI 4130 or HP9-4-20
DT3716-3	24"	Titanium TI-6AL-4V Annealed
DT3716-4	24"	Carbon/Epoxy MMS 549 Type 1



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# Strain / Temperature Sensors

## Model DT3715 Series

Columbia Series DT3715 sensors were designed to accurately measure both strain and temperature on curved mounting surfaces. These sensors offer all the accuracy, ruggedness and ease of installation of the flight-qualified Series DTD2684 sensors and also incorporate a DIN standard 1000Ω platinum RTD which provides accurate temperature measurements at the exact point of sensor mounting. Similar devices have been utilized to monitor rocket body expansion. They can also be used in many industrial and military applications involving pipe expansion measurements, explosive body applications, aircraft surface load, and engine monitoring of all types.

Series DT3715 sensors are customized to measure circumferential strain around the diameter of the surface to which it is mounted. The specified mounting radius is custom molded into the body of the sensor providing a method of controlling operator alignment during sensor mounting. Models are available to compensate materials commonly used in aircraft structural fabrication as well as other materials as specified. Columbia Model 5802 Strain Gage Amplifier is also available to power and signal condition both the strain and temperature outputs of the sensors.

**Note:** Exports from the United States are subject to the licensing requirements of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and/or the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

### SPECIFICATIONS

Operational 1		Series DT3715
DC Input Resistance		1000Ω, ±2%
DC Output Resistance		1000Ω, ±2%
Sensitivity		1.025(±1%)mV/V/1000με
Rated Excitation Voltage		10.0VDC
Linearity		±0.5% Max.
Zero Strain Offset		±0.5mV/V Max.
Operating Range		-3500 to +5000με
Sensitivity Shift		±0.005% / °F
Hysteresis, Repeatability		±0.013% Max.
Zero Shift		±0.00025mV/V/°F Typ.
Creep		<0.5%, 5 Min. @ 5000με
Temperature Sensor		Platinum RTD, 1000Ω @ 0°C DIN EN 60751, Class 2B (0.3mA Max. Current)

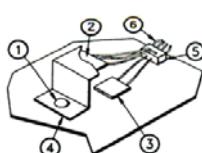
### Environmental 2

Temperature Range	-54° to +125°C
Vibration	30g, 10Hz to 2KHz
Humidity	MIL-STD-202 Method 103B
Salt Spray	MIL-STD-202 Method 101D (168 Hours)
Insulation Resistance	100 Meg. min @ 500VDC
Dielectric Strength	1050VRMS, 60Hz, 1 Min.
Altitude	Sea Level to 70,000 Ft.
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Fluids	Resistance to short term exposure to fuel, lubricating oils and hydrolic fluids

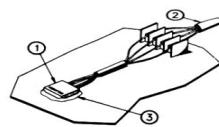
### Physical

Size	0.562" Sq (Thickness Varies w/ Specified Mounting Radius)
Encapsulation	Silicone Rubber per MIL-S-23586A Type I, Class 2, Grade A
Weight	Approx. 15gms (Depending on radius selected)
Matrix	0.001" Polyimide
Leads	#26AWG, Teflon Ins, SPC, 24" Nom.

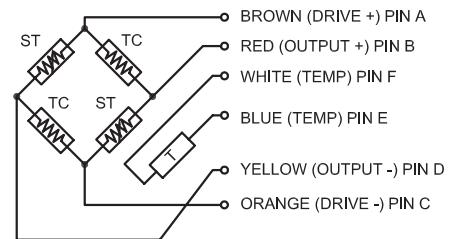
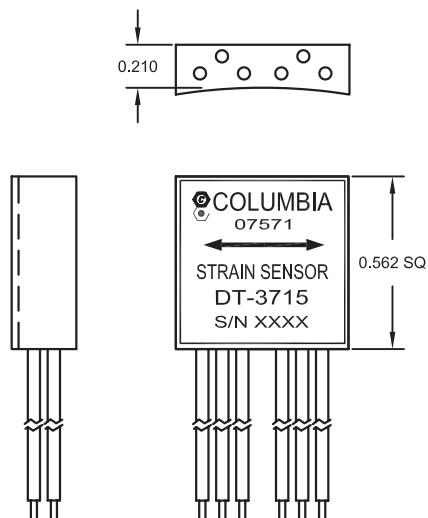
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  - Entire unit covered with protective material.



- Strain & Temperature Outputs
- Choice of Cylindrical Mounting Radius
- Self Temperature Compensating



**SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM**

### Ordering Information\*

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DT3715-4	24"	Carbon/Epoxy MMS 549 Type 1

\*Mounting Radius Required upon Ordering

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- Coat sensor and wires with waterproofing material.

### ADVANTAGES

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# Strain Gage Amplifier

## Model 5804

The Columbia Model 5804 Military-Grade Strain Gage Amplifier is designed to amplify signals from Columbia's DT and DTD Series Full-Bridge Strain Sensors. The system will provide both strain and temperature outputs.

The strain output incorporates a microprocessor-driven auto zeroing circuit capable of compensating for input offsets of up to  $\pm 3000 \mu\text{E}$  equivalent and will automatically drive the output to 0.00 VDC in the presence of input offset equivalent strains within that range. This feature allows the operator to correct for any strain offsets resulting from gage mounting, material fatigue or material deformation. Auto zeroing may be performed automatically on power-up, or on command manually with the use of the auto zero function pin on the power connector.

The temperature output is derived from a  $1000\Omega$  platinum RTD and provides a linearized output of 40 mV / Deg C from  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  (0.00 V) to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$  (5.00 V). The temperature output will remain within  $\pm 3^\circ$  or  $\pm 120\text{mV}$  of the straight line passing thru these two points over its rated operating range.

- Connects to any Columbia Full Bridge Strain Sensor
- Strain & Temperature Outputs
- Wide Input Power Range
- Auto Zeroing Capability



### SPECIFICATIONS

#### Operational

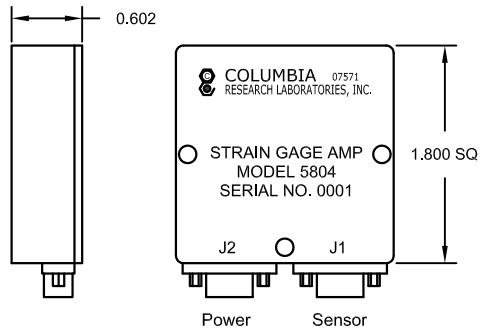
5804	
Power Required	+15 to +35VDC (+28VDC Nom.)
DC Current Drain	25mA Max.
Strain Signal Output <sup>1</sup>	$\pm 5.000\text{VDC}$ $0.00\text{VDC} = 0$ Micro Strains <b>Standard:</b> Output corresponding to $\pm 5000 \mu\text{E}$ <b>Optional:</b> Output corresponding to Specified Range
Temperature Output	0.0VDC @ $-40^\circ\text{C}$ and 5.00VDC @ $+85^\circ\text{C}$ $\pm 3^\circ$ or $\pm 120\text{mV}$ of straight line passing thru
Temperature Scale Factor	40Mv/ $^\circ\text{C}$ Nominal
Output Protection	Over-Voltage and Over-Current Protection on both Strain and Temperature Outputs
Measurement Accuracy (Strain)	$\pm 5\%$
Electronic Filtering <sup>2</sup>	2-Pole Butterworth Filter with response set to -3dB @2000Hz
Fault Detection	The amplifier will provide fault detection on all four strain sensor lead wires with positive indication of any combination of broken or unconnected strain sensor lead wires. Faults will be indicated by an out-of-range output from the amplifier at the end of the auto-zeroing period. Open fault detection of the temperature probe is intrinsic.
Operating Temperature	-40 to $+85^\circ\text{C}$

#### Physical

Size	1.800 $\pm$ 0.010" Square x 0.602 $\pm$ 0.015" High
Mounting	(3) #6 Clearance Holes
Weight	55gm Nominal
Case Seal	Epoxy
Grounding	Case Isolated from Signal / Power Ground
Power Interface	Cannon MSN-9PSB Connector
Sensor Interface	Cannon MDM-9SSP Connector

<sup>1</sup> Specify optional Strain Output Range as model number suffix (e.g. Model 5804 - Range  $\pm XXXX \mu\text{E}$ )

<sup>2</sup> Optional cutoff Frequencies Available



#### SENSOR PIN FUNCTIONS

1	Bridge Drive (+)
2	Bridge Output (+)
3	Bridge Output (-)
4	Bridge Drive (-)
5	Shield/Case Ground
8	Temperature Sensor
9	Temperature Sensor

#### AMPLIFIER PIN FUNCTIONS

1	+DC Power Input
9	DC Power Ground
7	Strain Output
3	Temperature Output
5	Signal Ground
4	Auto Zero Select
8	Shield/Case Ground

## OTHER PRODUCT LINES OFFERED BY COLUMBIA RESEARCH LABORATORIES, INC.



The Columbia product line of piezoelectric accelerometers is widely known for reliable performance, quality and ruggedness and is always expanding to meet the unique challenging and ever changing requirements of our customers. The selection of specifications, sizes and configurations is large and diverse and suitable for use on many applications requiring features such as, high performance, high accuracy, high temperature, seismic event, 4-20mA output, airborne, miniature size and general purpose use.



Columbia's product line of piezoelectric pressure sensors is extensive, with a variety of features for many pressure applications including very high and low pressure, wide frequency response, vibration compensated, general purpose, high temperature, choice of sensitivities, choice of electrical interface, electrical isolated, choice of pipe thread, or straight thread mounting, hermetically sealed, low output impedance, corrosion-resistant and fast pressure variations, surges and dynamic blasts.



Columbia's series of linear variable differential transformers are designed for applications demanding the highest level of performance and reliability under the rugged conditions and harsh environments characteristic of military and industrial environments and construction equipment and where maximum life under adverse conditions is required. Columbia's line of LVDT's includes many displacement ranges and core sizes, high stroke/length ratio, frequency ranges, and units with sensitivity and extended temperature range for high temperature environments.



Columbia offers a wide selection of force balance servo accelerometers and inclinometers specifically designed to give the user a diversified choice of sizes, configurations and performance levels for industrial, OEM and military requirements. Many of Columbia's transducers have been in-flight qualified in accordance with MIL standards and are currently being used on a variety of technically demanding in-flight weapons systems. High reliability product performance has been a significant feature of Columbia's force balance servo accelerometer and inclinometer product line. The selection of accelerometers in this product line is wide and includes models with features such as high performance, ultra rugged, high sensitivity, high accuracy, 4-20mA output, seismic event, high temperature, miniature general purpose and airborne.



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