

Metals

Strip Tension Measurement and Tension Control

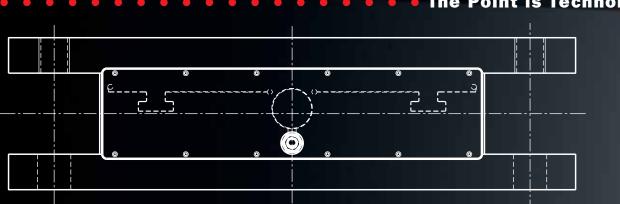




FMS: Process Security = Product Quality

FMS, the international leader in tension measurement and controls, is the first choice of many OEMs, integrators, and end users of strip processing equipment. Our expertise in strip tension measurement and control is based on years of experience with applications in the processing of steel, metal finishing, plastics, paper, printing and wire and cable manufacturing. New product developments and process enhancements fortify our position as market leader and are the cornerstone of FMS's sucess in the strip processing industry. Strip tension is a major factor in the finished product of metal strip processing. Accurately controlled strip tension results in a better quality product, less waste, improved yield, and faster production machine capability.





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Materials	Processes	Advantages	
Carbon steel	Cold milling	Reliability	
Stainless steel	Levelling	Process stability	
Aluminium strips	Pickling	Documented qual	

FMS: Application Capabilities

Aluminium foil

Other non-ferrous metals

Copper

Minimum waste

Improved amortisation

quality

No material tear

Slitting

Painting

Annealing

Galvanizing

De-coiling

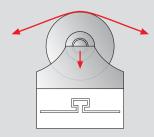
Re-coiling

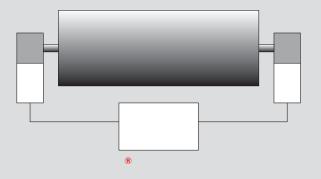


FMS: Top of the Line

All FMS force sensors offer the highest accuracy, reliability, and durability in the industry. Utilizing a combination of stainless steel construction, built-in mechanical hard-stop overload protection, and individual sensor performance verification, FMS sensors are perfect for all high performance strip tension measurement applications. High accuracy foil type strain gauges mounted in a full Wheatstone Bridge configuration in each sensor perform the actual tension measurement. This in combination with the mechanical hard stop ensures the highest overload protection without the need for recalibration.







FMS Strip tension measurement

The strip tension is measured on an idler roll. Via the wrap angle, the strip tension generates a proportional force whose horizontal or vertical component is measured by the force sensor.

FMS Measuring amplifier

The signals from the force sensor are transmitted to the measuring amplifier. The measuring amplifier is installed either in a sealed housing directly on the machine or designed into the controls cabinet.

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1 Strip tension measurement for de-coiler control of high-strength, high-grade steel strips.

2 Aluminium slitter. High and reproducible coil quality is achieved by strip tension controlled re-coiling.

3 Aluminium rolling mill for strip widths of up to 2,150 mm at production speeds of up to 2,000 m/min. Strip tension measurement for control in the milling process.

4 Leveller for high-grade steel strips.

5/6 Tension control in the strip mill system: The tension indicator roller that is equipped with SMGZ force measuring blocks is located directly before the re-coiler. The material tension is measured using the tension indicator roll. This measurement signal is transmitted via digital measuring amplifier to the control unit to control the drive. Using a dual-channel measuring amplifier, the individual sides, A and B, are measured and the lateral tension distribution in the strip can be analysed.

7 Very thin, high-strength, high-grade steel strips are flattened at high tensions on the stretcher-and-roller levelling system pictured. The tension measured prior to the leveller and on the re-coiler form the basis for controlling the machine in the "Level with Tension Control" mode.



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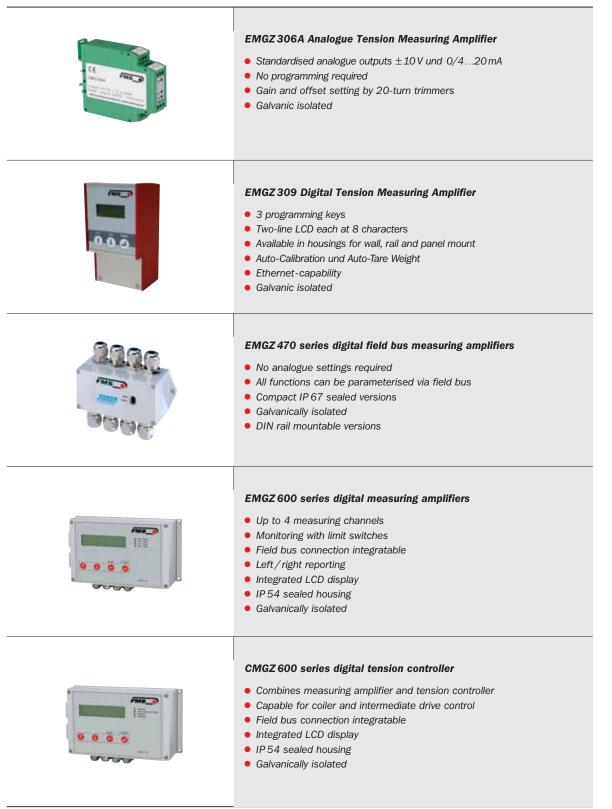
FMS: Product Flexibility

FMS force sensors can be combined with any FMS measuring amplifiers and controllers. Both offer a high level of operational and functional security. FMS force sensors are suitable for strip tension measurement in dry or harsh environments including rolling oils. They are capable of processing from the strongest steel strips to the thinnest aluminium foils. All requirements can be met by the variety of electronic units available. Several variations are available from cost-effective analogue amplifiers to fully integrated field bus connections with multi-channel measuring amplifiers.

FMS	 SMGZ force measuring blocks for harsh environments IP 67 protected Rolling oil resistant For strip tensions > 1 MN Many dimensions available
FMS	 UMGZ force measuring blocks for dry environments IP 42 protected For strip tensions > 1 MN Special versions up to 150 °C Many dimensions available
	 LMGZ force measuring bearings with integrated bearings Combines force sensor with bearing For strip tensions from 10 N to > 100 kN 20 times overload protection Special versions up to 150 °C
	 LMGZ.D double range force measuring bearings Extreme tension ranges up to 1:100 accurately measurable For strip tensions from 1N to 20 kN High overload protection Special versions up to 150 °C

FMS Strip tension measurement • Force sensors

FMS Material tension measurement and control • Measuring amplifiers and controllers



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