## Software for Stress Analysis Testing



# StrainSmart® Data Acquisition Software

StrainSmart® is a ready-to-use, Windows-based software package for acquiring, reducing, presenting, and storing measurement data from strain gages, strain-gage-based transducers, thermocouples, temperature sensors, LVDTs, potentiometers, piezoelectric sensors, and other commonly used transducers.

And, it is designed to function seamlessly with our StrainSmart® hardware, System 7100, System 8000, and System 9000 as well as our legacy System 7000.

### **FEATURES**

- Complete Windows-based software designed for the experimental stress analyst
- Easy-to-use StrainSmart® Wizards for fast test setup and for data acquisition, reduction, and presentation
- Sensor-specific assignment of inputs (strain gages, thermocouples, etc.), as well as user-defined assignments for mathematical manipulation of measurement data
- One-touch auto-balance
- Shunt calibration of strain-gage inputs
- Test setup and commonly used parameters available for saving and reuse for subsequent testing
- Data reduction for delta, rectangular, and tee rosettes, including the conversion of principal strains to stresses
- Calculation of equivalent stresses for common failure mode criteria
- Online monitoring of key channels and/or rosettes in fully reduced and corrected numeric and graphic formats
- Offline presentation of all reduced data in numeric and graphical formats
- FFT analysis
- PCBA graphing and reporting according to IPC/JEDEC 97044
- Thermal output compensation
- Correction for temperature coefficient of gage factor
- Wheatstone bridge nonlinearity correction
- Transverse sensitivity correction
- Thermocouple linearization
- · Scaling for number of active bridge arms
- Record on limits or user-defined time intervals
- Automatic project log file
- Barcode input of strain gage datasheet information
- Through StrainSmart® software, the appropriate setup information is entered—gage factor, materials properties, transducer sensitivities, etc. Using these parameters, StrainSmart® automatically outputs the results of test data in engineering units.



#### **DESCRIPTION**

Ready-to-use StrainSmart® software makes test setup fast and easy for strain gages, strain-gage-based transducers, thermocouples, temperature sensors, LVDTs, potentiometers, piezoelectric sensors, and other commonly used transducers. Using the parameters input for sensors, materials, and instrumentation hardware, StrainSmart® automatically outputs the results of the test data in engineering units. Test setups and measurement data can also be permanently stored for offline display or for use in databases, word processors, and spreadsheets.

StrainSmart® has the capability to reduce data in both the time and frequency domains. FFT analysis may be elected for data acquired at scanning rates greater than 100 samples per second.

Accurate strain measurements require attention to the unique characteristics of the strain gage and measurement system—thermal output, temperature coefficient of gage factor, and transverse sensitivity of strain gages, as well as nonlinearity errors inherent in the Wheatstone bridge. StrainSmart® software takes these into account automatically.

All strain-gage bridges are scaled for the number of active bridge arms. Data from measurements with delta, rectangular, and tee rosettes can be reduced to principal strains and stresses, as well as the equivalent stresses for common failure mode criteria.

PCBA reporting to IPC/JEDEC 9704A is integrated into StrainSmart®, with user-definable strain guidance as a formula or fixed microstrain value. Data can be viewed as a strain rate graph or pass/fail report.

Fully reduced and corrected measurement data can be monitored online, and recorded at predetermined limits or at user-defined intervals.

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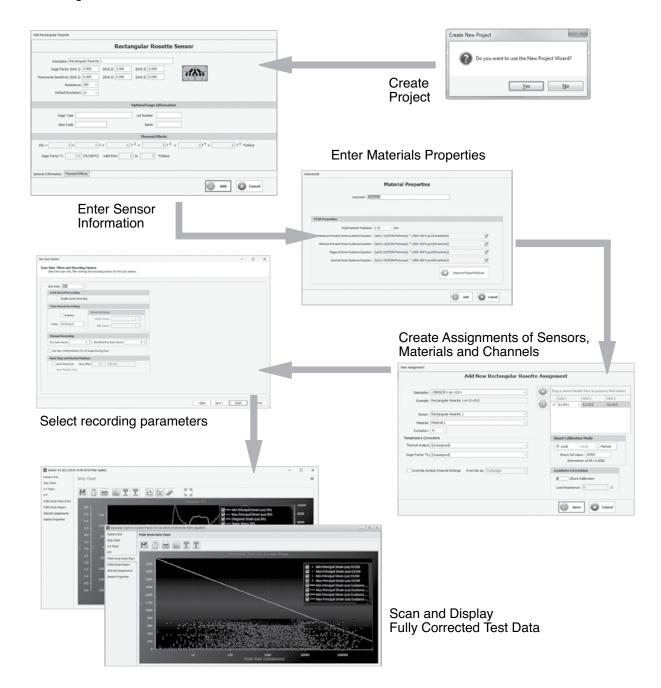
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### THE STRAINSMART® ADVANTAGE

Strain gage technology is the stress/strain measurement technique most widely used around the world. Over the years, we have developed the tools necessary for accurate acquisition and understanding of strain gage measurements. The primary factors affecting strain gage and instrument performance are incorporated into our extensive selection of Tech Notes, Application Notes, Instruction Bulletins, and other technical publications that are recognized and used as the authoritative

references for strain gage measurement by practitioners throughout the world. StrainSmart® software automatically applies the techniques and corrections covered by these publications to your test measurements.







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