

FBA-3

Force Balance Accelerometer

FEATURES

The FBA-3 Force Balance Accelerometer is a high-sensitivity, low-frequency triaxial device suitable for a variety of seismic and structural applications. It is an economical instrument characterized by high reliability, ruggedness and low current drain.

Designed to meet the stringent requirements of USNRC Regulatory Guide 1.12 for nuclear power plants, the FBA-3 is deployed in over 100 nuclear power plants in the United States and abroad. Frequency response is flat from DC to 50 Hz. Nominal full-scale range is ± 1 g, but optional full-scale ranges are available.

The FBA-3 is packaged in a cast aluminum base and cover, sealed to prevent the entrance of moisture and dirt. The three accelerometers are orthogonally mounted on an internal deck plate.

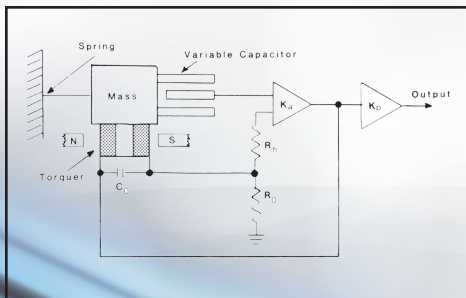
SEISMIC QUALIFICATION

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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

The FBA-3 is a spring-mass device which uses variable capacitance transduction, as shown in the schematic below. The output is fed back to the parallel combination of capacitor C_0 and the torquer coil, which is an integral part of the mass. From the coil the feedback loop is completed through resistors R_0 and R_h .

This has the effect of stiffening the system, thus increasing the natural frequency to 50 Hz. Resistor R_0 (with C_0) controls the damping, which normally is adjusted to 70% critical. The acceleration sensitivity is controlled by the gain K_p of the post-amplifier.



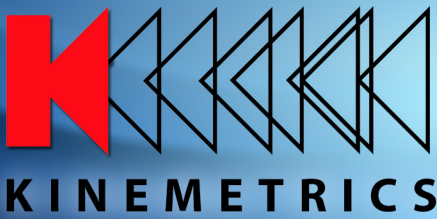
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Kinemetrics seismic test characteristics for the FBA-3 accelerator have the following general characteristics:

- Biaxial: horizontal and vertical rotated, and repeated at 90 degrees.
- Five OBE's (Operating Base Earthquake) in each direction.
- Random excitation controlled at 1/3 octave intervals with incoherent phasing between axes, over the range 1 to 40 Hz.
- Test duration of thirty seconds minimum.
- Minimum SSE RRS ZPA (Required Response Spectrum Zero Period Acceleration) of 2g with 3% damped response accelerations exceeding 6 g in the range 2 to 20Hz.
- Sensor SSE RRS ZPA of 6 g with 1% damped response accelerations exceeding 14 g in the range 2 to 30 Hz.
- Functional testing conducted on devices prior to, during and following seismic tests.

In addition, Kinemetrics has performed RIM (Required Input Motion) testing of pipe-mounted sensors. The FBA-3 accelerometer has been qualified as follows:

- Biaxial: horizontal and vertical rotated, and repeated at 50 degrees.
- Steady-state sinusoidal dwell tests at 1/2 octave intervals from 1 to 45 Hz.
- Dwell duration of 30 seconds at each frequency.
- 0-Peak input acceleration at each frequency of 4.5 g except limited by displacement (below 5 Hz)
- Functional tests conducted on devices prior to, during and following seismic tests.



SPECIFICATIONS

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Full-scale range	±1.0g, (¼, ½ & 2 g optional)
Natural frequency	50 Hz*
Bandwidth	DC to 50 Hz (3 dB point)
Damping	70% critical*
Operating temperature Range	-20° to 70°C (0° to 160°F)
Output (full-scale)	±2.5V* into 50,000 Ω
Zero offset	Less than 25 mV*
Cross-axis sensitivity	Less than .03 g/g*
Linearity	Less than 1% of full-scale
Noise (0 to 50 Hz)	Less than ±25 μV*
Noise (0 to 10,000 Hz)	Less than ±2.5 mV*
Dynamic Range (0 to 50 Hz)	100dB
Temperature effects (zero drift and sensitivity)	Less than 2% of full-scale
Supply voltage	± 12 Vdc
Turn-on time	Operational within 0.1 second after power applied
Calibration	Electrical commands can be applied to produce damping and natural frequency outputs *Measured values furnished with each sensor.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Dimension	200mm × 200mm × 200mm water tight closure (8" cube)
Weight	7 kg (15 pounds)