# FDT5500

# STRAIN GAUGE (BRIDGE) FIELD MOUNT TRANSMITTER

# **FEATURES**

- NEMA 4X Splashproof Enclosure
- 3-1/2 Digit User-Rangeable Display
- Input Spans as low as 0.4mV/V (at 10V excitation)
- Excitation Adjustable from 4 to 12V
- Offset and Nonstandard Ranges Available
- Urethane-Coated Circuit Boards
- AC or DC Power Options

# DESCRIPTION



The Model FDT5500 Strain Gauge Transmitter supplies excitation to a strain gauge or other resistance bridge, amplifies the bridge voltage and provides a proportional, isolated DC voltage or current output. A low-drift input amplifier maintains accurate readings under varying ambient conditions. Excitation voltage may be set anywhere between 4 and 12 volts.

A rugged NEMA 4X splashproof, corrosion-resistant housing protects the transmitter in outdoor and industrial environments. The circuit boards are urethane coated for protection against condensation and contaminants. Model FDT5500 includes a 3-1/2 digit user-rangeable display to provide local process indication in engineering units.

Available options include AC and DC power choices and reverse-acting transmitter (decreasing output with increasing input). Bridge applications other than strain gauges are possible: contact the factory with your requirements.

For field mount transmitters without a display, select any plug-in transmitter plus our ENCL-1 NEMA-4X enclosure.

# HOW TO ORDER

### Model Number: FDT5500

### **Power:**

Add suffix A (Model FDT5500A) for AC power, D for DC power. Specify 115Vac, 230Vac, 12Vdc or 24Vdc.

### **Input Range:**

Specify range required in millvolts (mV), volts (V) or millivolts per volt (mV/V). For example, with 10V bridge excitation a range of 0/20mV is the same as 0/2 mV/V. See Specifications for input capabilities. Range may be offset.

### **Bridge Excitation:**

User-adjustable. Normally factory-set to 10V. For other settings specify any voltage

between 4 and 12Vdc. (Note: 40mA max. load. For 1200hm bridges, specify 4.8V or less.)

### **Output Range:**

Specify any DC voltage or current range allowed by the "Output Capabilities" spec (see back).

### **Display Range:**

Specify display reading at low end and at full scale, including decimal point if required. See "Display Capabilities" specification on back. Note that reverse-acting display is possible – full scale reading downscale from low end. Display may be re-ranged by user.

### **Reverse-Acting Transmitter:**

Decreasing output with increasing

input. Change last digit of the model number to 1 (for example, FDT5501A).

### **Loop-Powered Output:**

4/20mA "current sink" output stage for connection to devices whose inputs provide 24Vdc loop excitation. Change the last digit of the model number to 2 (for example, FDT5502A).

#### **Conduit Connection:**

Standard: A single 1/2 inch NPT conduit fitting (glass-fiber reinforced nylon) is provided at the bottom of the housing. Other options are possible, including no fitting at all. Contact factory.

# INSTALLATION

FDT5000 Series transmitters provide four mounting holes, 0.19 inch/4.8 mm diameter, beneath the cover screws. Remove the cover, mount the transmitter with four screws (#10 or smaller) and reinstall the cover for a NEMA-4X splashproof seal.

# ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

Connections are made to 8 terminals within the enclosure:

1: Input plus (bridge output).

2: Input minus (bridge output).

3: Bridge excitation plus.

**4:** Bridge excitation minus.

5: Output plus.

6: Output minus.

**7:** Power (AC or, if DC power option, DC plus).

**8:** Power (AC or, if DC power option, DC minus).

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

# **Input Capabilities:**

4mV (0.4mV/V at 10V excitation) minimum span, 10V (1V/V at 10V excitation) maximum. Offset ranges are allowed. (Input Impedance: 200kohms.)

# **Excitation Voltage:**

Adjustable 4 to 12Vdc. Factory set to 10V unless otherwise speci-

fied. 40mA maximum current. (120 ohm bridges limited to 4.8V excitation or less. 350 ohm bridges ok to 12V.)

### Voltage Output Capabilities:

1 volt minimum output span, -10 to +15V absolute limit. Offset ranges are allowed. Maximum output load, 10mA (1Kohm at 10V output).

# **Current Output Capabilities:**

1mA minimum output span, 0 to +25mA absolute limit. Positive offsets are allowed, negative outputs are not. Output drive capability, 24V (1,200 ohms max. at 20mA output).

# **Display Capabilities:**

Low end and full scale readings may be anywhere between -1999 and +1999 counts. A fixed decimal point may be added in any position. Minimum span (full scale minus low end) is 10 counts. Reverse-acting display is possible (full scale reading downscale from low end). Display may be reranged by user.

# Accuracy:

+/-0.1% of span or 10 microvolts, whichever is greater.

# Adjustability:

Zero and span each are adjustable approx. +/-15% of span.

# Linearity:

+/-0.05% of span or better.

# **Response Time:**

Under 100 milliseconds.

# Isolation:

3-way (Power/Input/Output) 1,500Vac rms (2,100V peak).

### **Operating Temperature:**

-10 to  $+60^{\circ}$ C (14 to  $140^{\circ}$ F).

### **Temperature Stability:**

+/-(0.02% of span plus 1.3 microvolts) per °C, or better.

### **Power Requirements:**

AC, 115 or 230Vrms, 50/60Hz, 2.5V-A. DC, 12 or 24V, 2.5W.





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