Strainsert Load Pin for Sheave Applications Note

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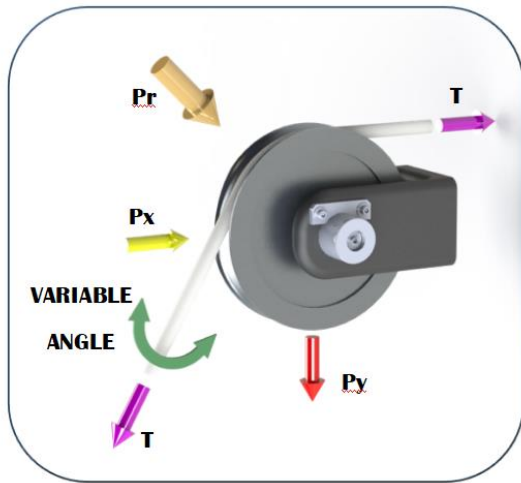
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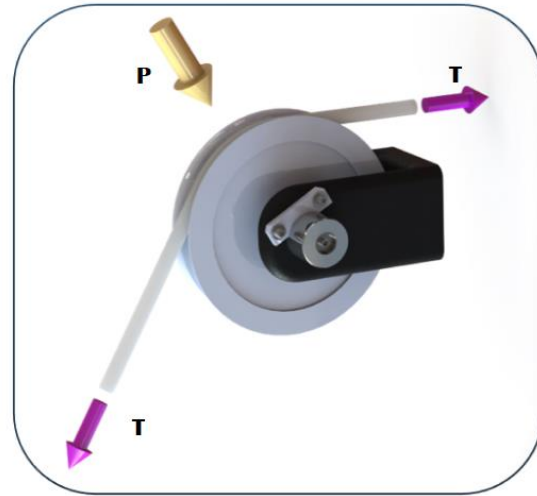
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Applications

⇕ *Crane/Hoist*
⇕ *Line Towing*
⇕ *Line Tensioning*

Overview

Load Pins are designed into sheave applications for measuring line tension. Sheaves are designed with either a variable or constant wrap angle. For the variable wrap angle case, two strain gage bridges are installed perpendicularly (P_x and P_y). For the constant wrap angle case, one strain gage bridge is installed along the primary (sensing) axis of force (P).

Sheave Load Pin General Specifications		Units
Bridge Composition	Full	
Bridge Excitation	10 (typical), 12 maximum	VDC
Bridge Resistance	350 (nominal)	Ohms
Bridge Sensitivity	0.5 and higher	mV/V
Temperature, Zero	±0.01% (nominal)	F.S./°F
Temperature, F.S.	±0.01% (nominal)	load/°F
Zero Balance	±3.0% (nominal)	F.S.
Non-Repeatability	±0.25% (nominal)	F.S.
Non-Linearity	±1 % (nominal)	F.S.
Hysteresis	±1 % (nominal)	F.S.
Safe Overload	150% (typical)	F.S.
Ultimate strength	300% (typical)	F.S.
Minimum Pin Diameter	1 (standard), 0.5 (with limitations)	inch
Material	17-4 Stainless Steel (typical)	

Variable Wrap Angle

For a sheave with a variable wrap angle, the line enters and exits the sheave at 1 fixed angle point and 1 variable angle point.

During installation, ensure that the fixed angle point is oriented along either the X or Y axis. This is referred to as the "Level Line", which is required for proper operation. If needed, ensure that P_x and P_y are crosstalk corrected prior to line tension and angle calculations using the Strainsert Crosstalk Correction Data report provided with the job and either the Crosstalk Correction User's Guide or the Crosstalk Correction Quick Reference, provided separately.
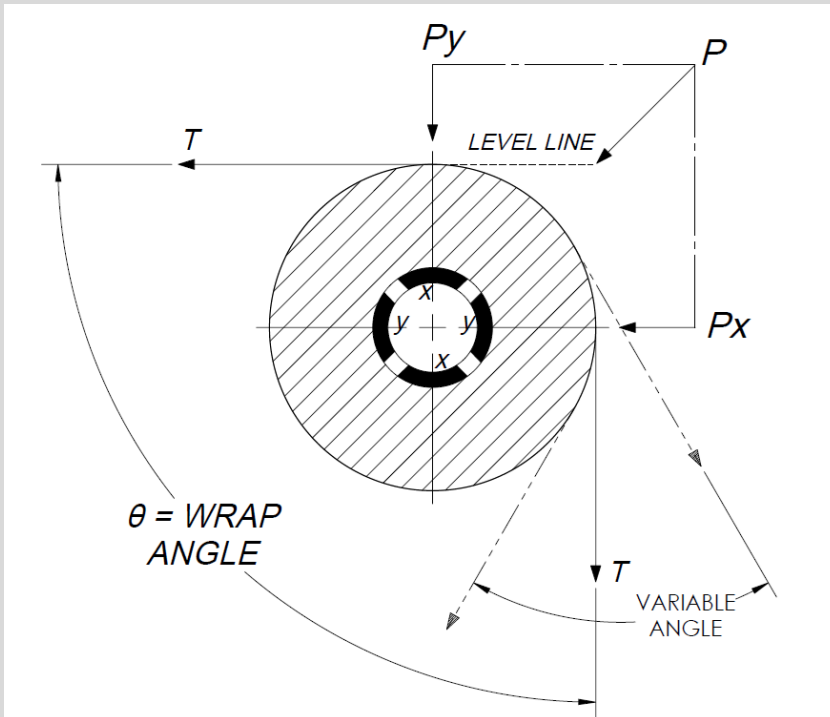
To calculate the line tension (T) and angle (θ), refer to the diagram and equations below:

$$T = \frac{P_x^2 + P_y^2}{2P_L}$$

Where P_L is either P_x or P_y, depending on which axis is aligned with the Level Line.

$$P = \sqrt{P_x^2 + P_y^2}$$

$$\theta = 2\cos^{-1}\frac{P}{2T}$$

Constant Wrap Angle

For a sheave with constant wrap angle, the line enters and exits the sheave at 2 fixed angle points.

To allow for proper orientation, ensure that the clevis pin and keeper flat are aligned with the axis of maximum sensitivity, which is at the center point of the wrap angle (θ).

To calculate the line tension (T), refer the diagram and equation below:

$$T = \frac{P}{2\cos(\theta/2)}$$

Example:

For a Wrap Angle of θ = 118° and a measured load (P) of 10,000 lbs, the calculated line tension (T) is T = 9,708 lbs. (T = 10,000 lbs / (2cos(118°/2)).
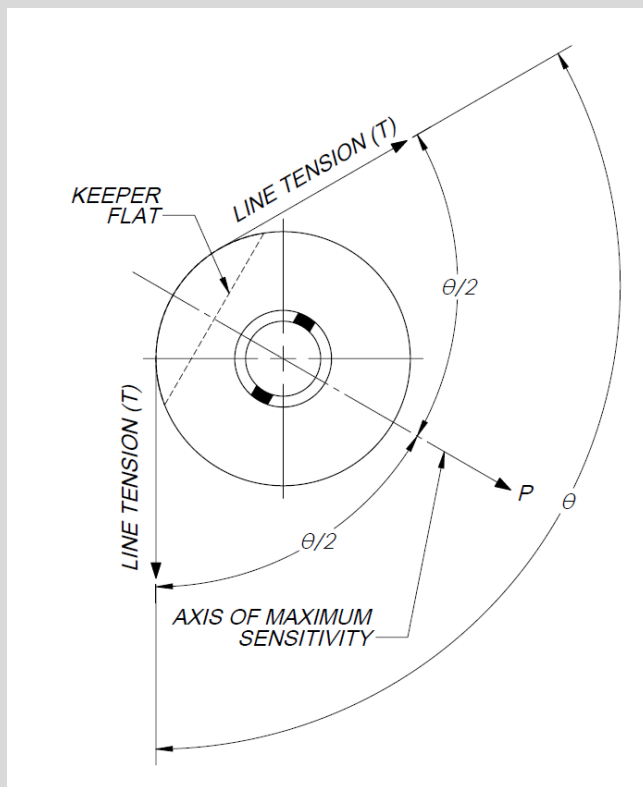
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