

FlexiForce® Standard Model A201



The FlexiForce A201 is our standard sensor and meets the requirements of most customers. The A201 is a thin and flexible piezoresistive force sensor that is available off-the-shelf in a variety of lengths for easy proof of concept. These ultra-thin sensors are ideal for non-intrusive force and pressure measurement in a variety of applications. This sensor is designed to use with your own electronics or multimeter.

BENEFITS

- Thin and flexible
- Easy to use
- Convenient and affordable

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Thickness 0.203 mm (0.008 in.)

Length 191 mm (7.5 in.)* (optional trimmed lengths: 152 mm (6 in.), 102 mm (4 in.), 51 mm (2 in.))

Width 14 mm (0.55 in.)

Sensing Area 9.53 mm (0.375 in.) diameter

Connector 3-pin Male Square Pin (center pin is inactive)

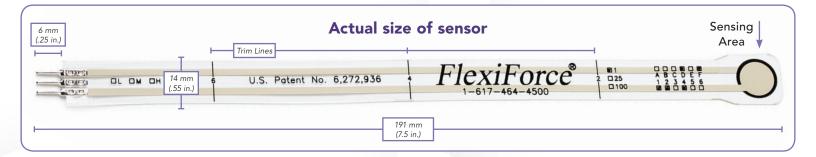
Substrate Polyester (ex: Mylar)

Pin Spacing 2.54 mm (0.1 in.)

VROHS COMPLIANT

Data Sheet

^{*} Length does not include pins, please add approximately 6mm (0.25 in.) for pin length for a total length of approximately 197 mm (7.75 in).



STANDARD FORCE RANGES

(as tested with circuit shown below)

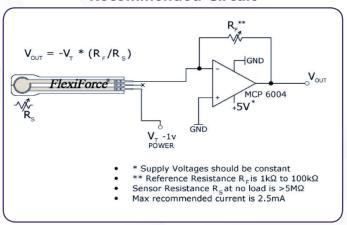
4.4 N (0 - 1 lb)

111 N (0 - 25 lb)

445 N (0 - 100 lb)

In order to measure forces above 100 lb (up to 1000 lb), apply a lower drive voltage (-0.5 V, -0.10 V, etc.) and reduce the resistance of the feedback resistor (1k Ω min.) Conversely, the sensitivity can be increased for measurement of lower forces by increasing the drive voltage or resistance of the feedback resistor.

Recommended Circuit



	Typical Performance	Evaluation Conditions
Linearity (Error)	< ±3%	Line drawn from 0 to 50% load
Repeatability	< ±2.5% of full scale	Conditioned sensor, 80% of full force applied
Hysteresis	< 4.5 % of full scale	Conditioned sensor, 80% of full force applied
Drift	< 5% per logarithmic time scale	Constant load of 111 N (25 lb)
Response Time	< 5µsec	Impact load, output recorded on oscilloscope
Operating Temperature	-40°C - 60°C (-40°F - 140°F)	Time required for the sensor to respond to an input force

• Force reading change per degree of temperature change = 0.36%/°C (±0.2%/°F)



