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TT-Sense

Optical Thrust and Torque Measuring Systems

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Introduction

With almost 75 years of experience VAF Instruments is an established name in the world of marine measuring equipment. The upcoming of new IMO regulations (SEEMP) inspired us to develop the next step in our successful line of sensors: the TT-Sense. The use of a TT-Sense means getting more insight in your propeller efficiency, hull resistance and vessel pitch optimization. This real thrust measurement is realized by an extremely accurate optical sensor technology.

Why a Thrust and Torque Measuring System?

Thrust measurement provides you with precise information on propeller efficiency related to consumed energy. By giving instantaneous read-out of real thrust, torque, speed and power, the effects of operational changes are monitored. Because these effects are measured, you can use your propulsion installation in the most efficient way. This will considerably reduce your fuel costs, and beside that it will discover malfunctions in the propulsion system as early as possible, both being primary cost drivers.

Where is the TT-Sense Thrust and Torque Measuring System used?

TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring systems can be used for propulsion installations of all kind. For example for continuous measurement of the propeller efficiency or the continuous power consumption measurement, as well as continuous level check for thrust, torque, shaft speed and power. Giving direct visual control of changes in hull and propeller fouling and trimming of the vessel.

System output

The standard output of the TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring system consists of a thrust, torque, shaft speed and power signal. The system can be extended with energy consumption, propeller shaft analysis and can be combined with VAF fuel consumption flowmeters.

Advantages

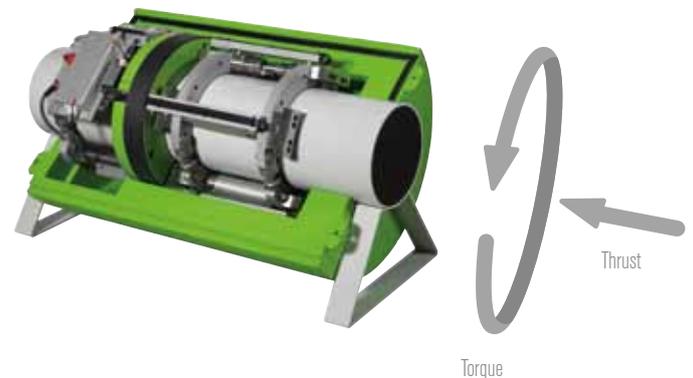
Due to a robust design, TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring systems have a high durability and are able to withstand the typical harsh environmental conditions onboard ships, dredgers and in engine rooms, etc. Innovative optical sensor technology results in a high accuracy. TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring systems are maintenance free as a result of non-contact power and signal transmission. They are designed to work continuously. Yearly recalibration is recommended.

Principle of operation

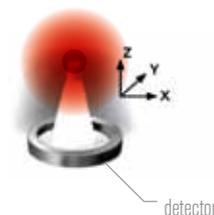
The TT Sense thrust and torque measuring system can be mounted on intermediate shafts after the thrust bearing.

When a shaft is subject to thrust and/or torque this results in a small strain at the shaft surface.

LED's and extremely accurate optical sensors can detect these small displacements, in both axial and radial directions. The measured values are transferred continuously from the rotating shaft to the stator part through wireless data connection. Power transmission from the stator to the rotating shaft is performed by means of induction. The stator part consists of a power transmission coil, a data signal receiver and a control box equipped with digital or analogue output connections. These outputs can be linked directly to the vessels data network, monitoring- or control system. The stator part can optionally be connected to a Propulsion Efficiency Monitor (PEM), which displays propeller thrust, shaft power, torque and speed.

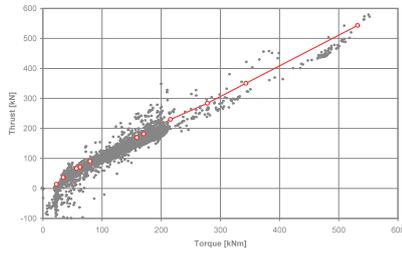
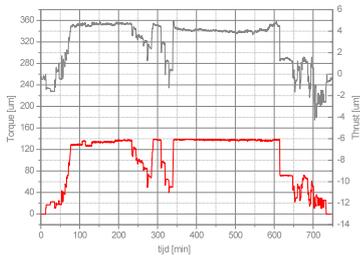


Sectional view

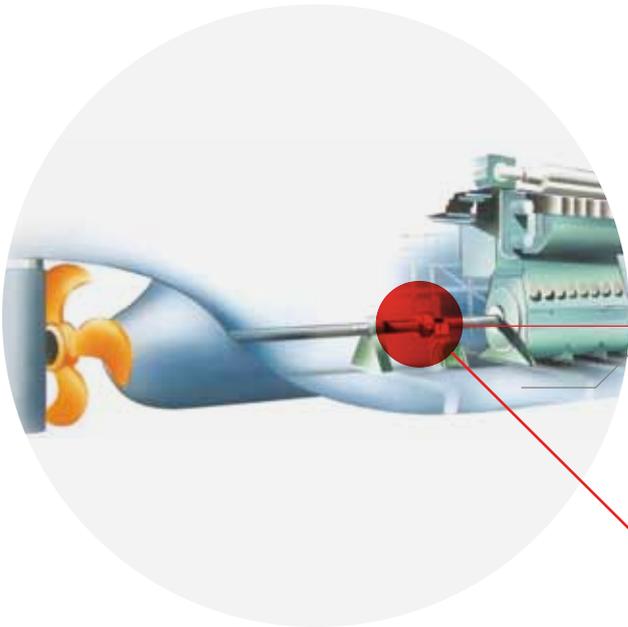


Optical displacement measurement

Typical system arrangement



- Ships monitoring
- Trip reports
- Cumulative values
- Data storage
- Graphic display
- Fault detection



8x PT2 flow meter
(flow + temp)
for max. 4 consumers



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Typical TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring system with optional energy consumption and outputs

Features & benefits

VAF Instruments has developed the TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring system with modern and user-friendly electronics, based on proven very accurate optical sensor technology.

The standard TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring system will be delivered with a control box for easy connection to the ship's data network, monitoring or control system. The PEM, with a touch screen display, can be supplied as a monitoring device.

Features	Benefits
Optical measuring principle	Very high accuracy and repeatability
	Designated to measure propeller thrust, torque, speed and power
Extreme accuracy of optical sensor (within nanometer range)	Very precise output signals resulting in high measuring precision and repeatability
	Propeller thrust and hull analysis is possible during long interval period
	Pitch optimization
	Cavitation detection
Wireless transmission of data and power	No maintenance, calibration only
	No wear
Digital output signal available	Easy and accurate digital data transfer to the vessels network, monitoring or control system
	Only 1 communication cable to the bridge
	User friendly installation
Easy installation and commissioning	No time consuming mounting of strain gauges
A genuine VAF Instruments product	Almost 75 years of experience in sensor technology for maritime applications
Manufactured by a ISO 9001 certified organization	Assured constant product quality
Touch screen display	No operator training required
	User friendly human interface

Technical specification

TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring system

Control box at stator part	
Power supply	115 or 230 VAC, 50 or 60 Hz +/- 20%
Power consumption	40 VA maximum
Input	2.4 GHz Bluetooth fully protected encrypted signal
Output	Ethernet, RS 485 for MODBUS protocol and 4-20 mA isolated current output (optional)
Dimensions	408 x 360 x 111 mm
Rotor equipment	
Material of mounting rings	carbon steel
Material outside cover	polyurea coated high density foam
Material compensator arms	carbon steel
Shaft speed detection	accelerometer signal
Output	2.4 GHz Bluetooth fully protected encrypted signal
Dimensions	depending on shaft diameter
Operating temperature	-10°C to 60°C
Measuring tolerance	< 0.5 % F.S.D. on Torque, < 1.0 % ¹ F.S.D. on Thrust

Optional Propulsion Efficiency Monitor (PEM)	
Supply	24 VDC
Display	touch screen, 320 x 240 pixels
Operating temperature	0°C to 55°C
Dimensions	186 x 145 x 45 mm
Front panel protection	IP65/NEMA4
Input	MODBUS for thrust, torque, shaft speed and power
Optional input	fuel consumption, pulses from flow meter and temperature via integrated temperature sensor PT100 ² speed log as pulse input or GPS (NMEA) signal 4-20 mA current input for generator power

Notes: ¹ Depending on the application

² Refer to Product Bulletin 135 for MidFlow® Model PT

Options and accessoires

Propulsion Efficiency Monitor (PEM)

The PEM instantly shows thrust, torque, speed, shaft power and other selected measuring data. Additional flow meter signals and temperature sensor (PT100) signals enable calculation of the engines fuel consumption with optional temperature compensation. In combination with input signals from speedlog or GPS, the PEM will calculate the temperature corrected fuel consumption per kW or per nautical mile.

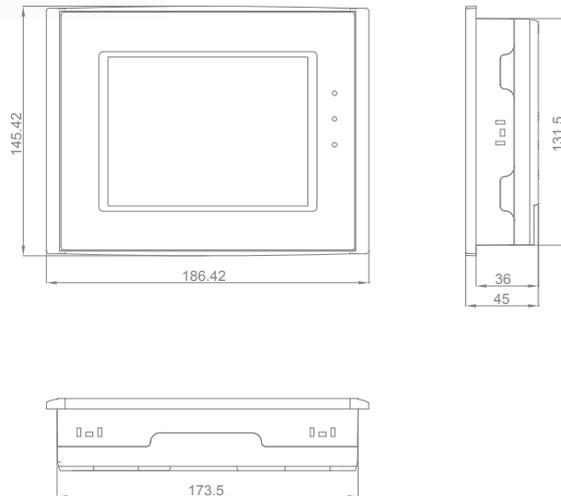
Features:

- Touch screen display;
- Easy menu structure;
- Display of figures and bar graphs;
- User friendly, log functions for alarms and instant detection of missing signals.

Optional:

- Display of fuel consumption per kW;
- Display of fuel consumption per nautical mile.

The PEM helps the ships crew and the owner to find the best settings for engine, trim and propeller pitch, as the effect of the changes will be instantly displayed.



Dimensions PEM touch screen

Applications

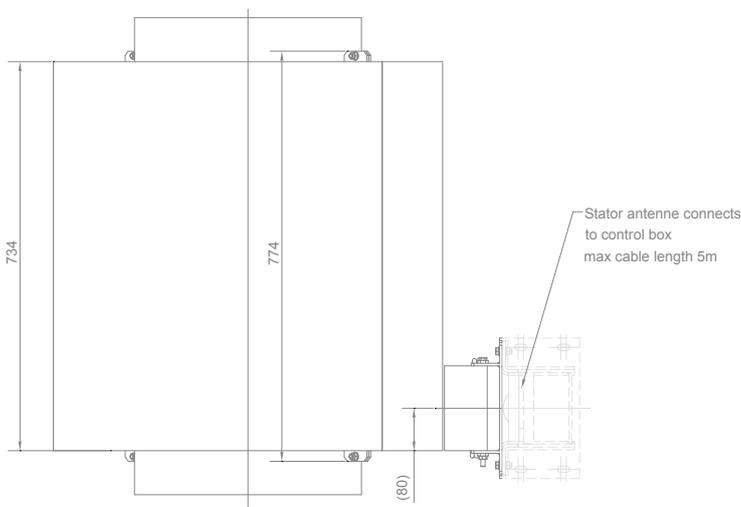
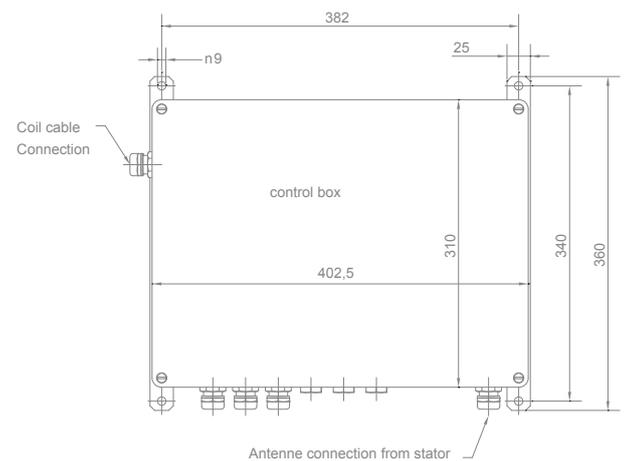
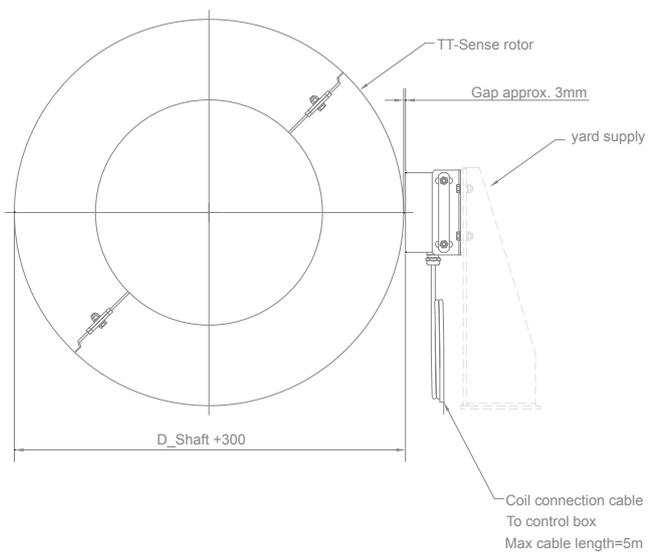
In combination with a PEM Propulsion Efficiency Monitor or with the vessels monitoring system, the TT-Sense thrust and torque measuring system can be used in a variety of applications such as continuous:

- Thrust measurement to optimize performance of the vessels propulsion system;
- Thrust measurement enabling effective hull analysis;
- Power and fuel consumption management;

- Direct visual control of changes in engine setting, hull or propeller fouling and the vessel trim;
- Long term monitoring of thrust, torque, speed and power; trend analyzing.

Besides these standard applications VAF Instruments also manufactures special designs, including tailor-made software.

Dimensions



Note:
Control box should be mounted in close proximity of tt-sense stator, as maximum cable length is 5m

Quotation & ordering information

1. Number of units:			
2. Available shaft length [mm]:			
3. Ships name / hull:			
4. Please provide shaft line drawing for information:			
<input type="radio"/> new building <input type="radio"/> retrofitting			
5. Design conditions:			
power [kW]:		thrust [kN]:	
speed [rpm]:			
shaft material:		shear modulus G [N/mm ²]:	and Young's modulus E [N/mm ²]:
shaft diameter (+tolerance) [mm]:		(min 200 mm)	
inside (bore) diameter [mm]:			
duty		<input type="radio"/> propeller shaft	<input type="radio"/> other:
6. System:			
required output	thrust	<input type="radio"/> RS 485/MODBUS	
		range 4 - 20 mA =	- kN
	torque	<input type="radio"/> RS 485/MODBUS	
		range 4 - 20 mA =	- kNm
	speed	<input type="radio"/> RS 485/MODBUS	
		range 4 - 20 mA =	- rpm
	power	<input type="radio"/> RS 485/MODBUS	
		range 4 - 20 mA =	- kW
		<input type="radio"/> other:	
options		<input type="radio"/> touch screen display for thrust, shaft speed and power read-out	
		<input type="radio"/> energy consumption	
		<input type="radio"/> total power calculation for twin screw vessels	

Name:

Place and date:

For further information see relevant Product Bulletins or www.vaf.nl

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