

Warranty

WPI (World Precision Instruments,) warrants to the original purchaser that this equipment, including its components and parts, shall be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 30 days from the date of receipt. WPI's obligation under this warranty shall be limited to repair or replacement, at WPI's option, of the equipment or defective components or parts upon receipt thereof f.o.b. WPI, Sarasota, Florida U.S.A. Return of a repaired instrument shall be f.o.b. Sarasota.

The above warranty is contingent upon normal usage and does not cover products which have been modified without WPI's approval or which have been subjected to unusual physical or electrical stress or on which the original identification marks have been removed or altered. The above warranty will not apply if adjustment, repair or parts replacement is required because of accident, neglect, misuse, failure of electric power, air conditioning, humidity control, or causes other than normal and ordinary usage.

To the extent that any of its equipment is furnished by a manufacturer other than WPI, the foregoing warranty shall be applicable only to the extent of the warranty furnished by such other manufacturer. This warranty will not apply to appearance terms, such as knobs, handles, dials or the like.

WPI makes no warranty of any kind, express or implied or statutory, including without limitation any warranties of merchantability and/or fitness for a particular purpose. WPI shall not be liable for any damages, whether direct, indirect, special or consequential arising from a failure of this product to operate in the manner desired by the user. WPI shall not be liable for any damage to data or property that may be caused directly or indirectly by use of this product.

Claims and Returns

• Inspect all shipments upon receipt. Missing cartons or obvious damage to cartons should be noted on the delivery receipt before signing. Concealed loss or damage should be reported at once to the carrier and an inspection requested. All claims for shortage or damage must be made within 10 days after receipt of shipment. Claims for lost shipments must be made within 30 days of invoice or other notification of shipment.

Please save damaged or pilfered cartons until claim settles. In some instances, photographic documentation may be required. Some items are time sensitive; WPI assumes no extended warranty or any liability for use beyond the date specified on the container.

• WPI cannot be held responsible for items damaged in shipment en route to us. Please enclose merchandise in its original shipping container to avoid damage from handling. We recommend that you insure merchandise when shipping. The customer is responsible for paying shipping expenses including adequate insurance on all items returned.

• Do not return any goods to WPI without obtaining prior approval and instructions (RMA#) from our returns department. Goods returned unauthorized or by collect freight may be refused. The RMA# must be clearly displayed on the outside of the box, or the package will not be accepted. Please contact the RMA department for a request form.

• Goods returned for repair must be reasonably clean and free of hazardous materials.

• A handling fee is charged for goods returned for exchange or credit. This fee may add up to 25% of the sale price depending on the condition of the item. Goods ordered in error are also subject to the handling fee.

• Equipment which was built as a special order cannot be returned.

• Always refer to the RMA# when contacting WPI to obtain a status of your returned item.

• For any other issues regarding a claim or return, please contact the RMA department

Warning: This equipment is not designed or intended for use on humans.

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

FORT100, FORT250
FORT1000, FORT5000
Load cell force transducers

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OPERATION AND USE

Rigid lever force transducers, **FORT100**, **FORT250**, **FORT1000** and **FORT5000**, transform applied force into a proportional voltage. Using balanced strain gauges, FORT transducers produce linear output voltage versus applied force input with very little deflection.

Clamp the round handle of the transducer to a firm anchor and apply the forces to be measured to a screw or hook mounted in the hole at the end of the flat sensing leaf. To calibrate the device, connect the FORT to a signal conditioner such as WPI's **Transbridge** (Part #TBM4M) or **Bridge-8**.

In the Differential (Full Bridge) mode, zero the output and then apply a known weight (for example, 100 g) perpendicular to the flat face of the sensing leaf. The sensitivity will change if the loading force is applied at points on the sensor other than exactly at the center of the load screw hole. Using an amplification of x10, x100, x1000 or x5000 record the output deflection caused by the applied load. Do not allow the sustained application of forces to greatly exceed the device's force range (for example, 100 g for **FORT100**, 250 g for **FORT250**, 1000 g for **FORT1000** and 5000 g for **FORT5000**).

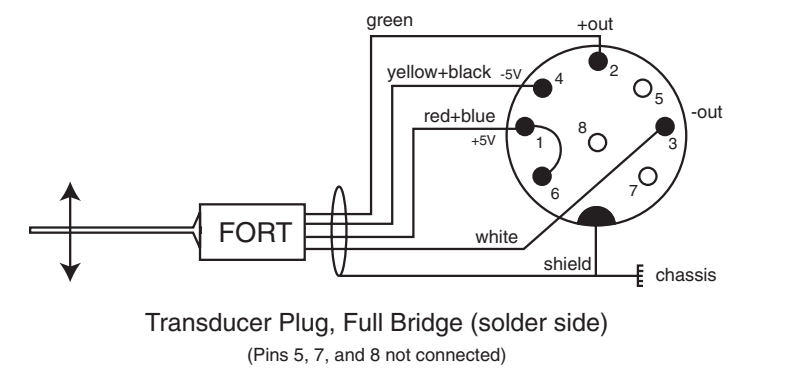


Fig. 1 The transducer male plug, viewed from the solder side, shows that pins 5 and 8 not connected.

Each **FORT** transducer is connected to an 8-pin DIN plug for direct insertion into WPI bridge amplifiers and data acquisition instruments. If you require a plug different from the one supplied, a wiring plan showing the color code of the transducer cable is shown in the figure below. Pins 1, 4, 2, and 3 are the relevant connectors for adaptation to

non-WPI equipment. Opening the **FORT**'s male DIN connector is not recommended.

Forces exceeding the absolute maximum applied force rating may permanently damage the device. Do not apply more than 10 V DC or AC to power the transducer.

SPECIFICATIONS

Full Bridge Configuration

Force Ranges	100, 250, 1000 and 5000 g, full scale
Output Sensitivity	
FORT 100:	7 μ V/V/g, nominal
FORT 250:	3 μ V/V/g, nominal
FORT 1000:	0.84 μ V/V/g nominal
FORT 5000:	0.38 μ V/V/g, nominal
Resolution.....	0.01% of full scale force
Linearity Error.....	< 0.1% of full scale
Resonant Frequency.....	300 Hz
Maximum Operating Voltage.....	10 V AC or DC
Output Resistance.....	350 Ω (nominal)
Absolute Maximum Applied Force	3x rated full scale force
Dimensions	7.6 mm \varnothing x 10.16 cm long
.....	0.3" \varnothing x 4" long

OPTIONAL 8-PIN FEMALE DIN #3492

This optional accessory can be used with your WPI transducer to facilitate its adaptation to non-WPI bridge-type amplifiers. You should make certain before proceeding that your amplifier is compatible with the transducer requirements as explained below and on your transducer specification sheet.

The wire connecting information is shown in Figure 2 and the paragraph below should let you quickly reconfigure the WPI transducer to any compatible third-party bridge amplifier.

The WPI transducer is supplied ready to use with the **TBM4M Transbridge** or **BRIDGE8** bridge amplifier and BP-1 pressure monitors, and can be quickly connected to a data acquisition system such as WPI's **LabTrax**, using a standard BNC cable. In addition, the transducer can be adapted to most non-WPI bridge amplifiers. Along with the pin-out information for your WPI transducer, you need to know the pin-out information for the connector of the particular bridge amplifier.

We recommend that you first use the female DIN connector as an intermediate step to test the transducer/amplifier combination before permanently removing the 8-pin DIN and replacing it with the required connector (if you wish to make the modification permanent).

WPI transducers require two excitation voltage inputs, a positive 5V input connected to pin 1 and a negative 5V input connected to pin 4. These two input voltages "excite" or power the bridge transducer. To record the transducer's output signal also requires two pins. Pin 2 carries the positive signal "out" of the transducer and pin 3 carries the negative signal out of the transducer. Figure 2 shows these connections on the solder side of the female 8-pin DIN (WPI #3492). Pins 1, 4, 2, and 3 are the relevant connectors for adaptation to non-WPI equipment. The connection between pins 1 and 6 found in the male DIN connector attached to the end of all WPI transducers should not be duplicated on the 8-pin female DIN, since it is useful only in conjunction with WPI bridge amplifiers. Finally, if you do choose to make the modification permanent by replacing the male 8-pin DIN with your amplifier's connector, you must also make sure the shield is connected from the WPI transducer's cable to your new connector.

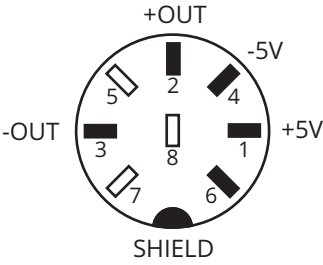


Fig. 2 The female 8-pin DIN adaptor, viewed from the solder side, shows pins 5, 7 and 8 are not connected, and pin 6 used only for WPI TBM4M.

NOTE: For your convenience, a 25' length of the same shielded cable stock (without connectors) is available (WPI #5385). A 5' extension cable (with connectors) is also available (WPI #3491).