

# Non-Metallic Optical Strain Gage | os3200



## Description

The os3200 is a small, non-metallic optical, epoxy-mounted strain gage based on fiber Bragg grating (FBG) technology.

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In side by side comparisons with foil strain gages, the os3200 is equally sensitive and accurate, while providing for greater strain range and 100 times more fatigue life. The os3200 strain gage is qualified for use in mild environments and delivers the many advantages inherent to all FBG based sensors.

This sensor can be used alone or in series as a part of an FBG sensor array. Installation and cabling for such arrays is much less expensive and cumbersome than comparable electronic gage networks.

Multiple optical strain gages can be arranged in close proximity at 0, 45 and 90 degrees for strain rosette measurements. With each sensor, Micron Optics provides a Sensor Information Sheet listing the gage factor and calibration coefficients needed to convert wavelength information into engineering units. Micron Optics' ENLIGHT Sensing Software provides a utility to calculate and then record, display, and transmit data for large networks of sensors. Installation, qualification and other sensor

information is available at:  
[http://www.micronoptics.com/support\\_downloads/Sensors/](http://www.micronoptics.com/support_downloads/Sensors/).

## Key Features

**Fast, simple, repeatable** installation

**Double ended design** supports multiplexing of many sensors on one fiber.

**Qualified** to same rigorous standards used for comparable electronic gages.

**Gage installation and protection** achieved with same methods as conventional electronic gages.

**Micron Optics'** patented micro opto-mechanical technology.

**Included in ENLIGHT's sensor templates** - allows for quick and easy optical to mechanical conversions.



## Deployments

**Structures** (bridges, dams, tunnels, mines, buildings, oil platforms)

**Energy** (wind turbines, oil wells, pipelines, nuclear reactors, generators)

**Transportation** (railways, trains, roadways, specialty vehicles, cranes)

**Marine vessels** (hull, deck, cargo containers)

**Aerospace** (airframes, composite structures, wind tunnels, static and dynamic tests).

**Homeland security** (perimeter intrusion, heat detection, security gate monitoring)

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Performance Properties	os3200
Strain Sensitivity <sup>1</sup>	~ 1.2 pm/με
Gage Length	10 mm
Operating Temperature Range <sup>2</sup>	-40 to 60° C (80°C Max)
Strain Limits	± 5,000 με
Maximum Drift <sup>3</sup>	50 με
Physical Properties	
Dimensions, Weight	See Diagram Below, 1.0 g
Carrier Material	Santoprene™
Cable Length	1 m (± 10 cm), each end
Fiber Type	SMF28-Compatible
Cable Type	1 mm Fiberglass Braid
Connectors	FC/APC optional
Cable Bend Radius	≥ 17 mm
Fastening Methods <sup>4</sup>	Epoxy
Optical Properties	
Peak Reflectivity (R <sub>max</sub> )	> 70%
FWHM (- 3 dB point)	0.25 nm (± .05 nm)
Isolation	> 15 dB (@ ± 0.4 nm around center wavelength)

## Ordering Information

os3200-wwww-1xx-1yy

<b>wwww</b>	Wavelengths for (+/- 1nm) Standard - 1460 to 1620 nm in 4 nm intervals
<b>xx</b>	Termination type 1xx Cable 1, Length & Connector 1 1 m Standard, Cable Length UT Underminated FC FC/APC Connector
<b>yy</b>	Termination type 1yy Cable 1, Length & Connector 1 1 m Standard, Cable Length UT Underminated FC FC/APC Connector

## Ordering Information Example

o3200-1552-1FC-1FC

## Notes

- 1 Actual gage factor provided with gage.
- 2 Prolonged exposure to maximum temperature could reduce performance.
- 3 40 temperature cycles -40 to 60° C.
- 4 See [http://www.micronoptics.com/support\\_downloads/Sensors/](http://www.micronoptics.com/support_downloads/Sensors/) for installation details.

