

Micro-bend fiber optic displacement sensor



Article Overview

Micro-bend fiber optic displacement sensors detect physical displacement by measuring light loss caused by controlled bending of an optical fiber.

Working Principle

Micro-bend fiber optic sensors operate on the principle of microbending loss. When an optical fiber is subjected to small, controlled bends, some of the light propagating through the fiber leaks out due to changes in the angle of total internal reflection at the core-cladding interface. The amount of light loss is directly proportional to the severity of the bend, allowing the sensor to convert physical displacement into measurable changes in light intensity . Multimode fibers are often preferred for these sensors because they are more sensitive to bending than single-mode fibers .

Sensor Design and Mechanisms

The key component of a micro-bend sensor is the bending mechanism, which can take several forms:

- Periodic Bending: The fiber is placed between corrugated surfaces, and applied force causes periodic curvature changes.
- Point Bending: A localized force acts directly on the fiber at a single point . Some designs use U-shaped or irregularly bent fibers to enhance sensitivity, with equivalent arc models used to define effective interference lengths and bent radii for precise...

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The latter is a challenging feature as, usually, optical fiber-based bending sensors are only sensitive to few directions,

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