



## DIAPHRAGM

**VDAS® SM1008**

Benchtop machine to allow students to perform stress, strain and deflection tests on a diaphragm.



SCREENSHOT OF THE OPTIONAL VDAS® SOFTWARE



### KEY FEATURES

- Measurement of effect of pressure on surface profile of a diaphragm
- Measurement of circumferential and radial strains of a diaphragm under pressure
- Includes built-in microprocessor-controlled display of strain measurements
- Self-contained, hand-operated hydraulic pressurising system for accurate pressure control
- Completely self-contained, needs no other parts

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## DESCRIPTION

The Diaphragm apparatus allows students to examine the effect of pressure on the surface profile of a diaphragm. They can also determine the distribution of circumferential and radial strains across its diameter.

A sturdy base contains all parts of the Diaphragm apparatus. This forms a compact product, ideal for use on a workbench.

Two heavy flanges clamp the edge of the diaphragm to provide built-in edge conditions. The area directly under the diaphragm contains oil.

Eight strain gauges are cemented to the top surface of the diaphragm in various positions and at different radii. Each strain gauge circuit is a full bridge, with high-stability resistors. The signals from each strain gauge are shown on a digital display.

A digital dial gauge is fitted to a digital position indicator. The dial gauge can be traversed across the diaphragm to measure its surface profile. Both instruments can connect to TecQuipment's optional Versatile Data Acquisition System (VDAS®).

Students use a hydraulic pump to increase the oil pressure under the diaphragm. They record the strain readings and diaphragm profile at different pressures.

The results can be taken by hand using the in-built display and pressure gauge and results plotted by hand. Alternatively, the student can use VDAS® to capture the data and plot the relevant graphs and export data.

A user guide is supplied with the Diaphragm apparatus. The guide includes full details of the equipment, detailed experiment procedures, theory and results.

For quick and reliable tests, TecQuipment's optional VDAS® gives accurate real-time data capture, monitoring and display, calculation and charting of all important readings on a computer (computer not included).

## STANDARD FEATURES

- Supplied with comprehensive user guide
- Five-year warranty
- Manufactured in accordance with the latest European Union directives
- ISO9001 certified manufacturer

## RECOMMENDED ANCILLARIES

- Bench-mounted version of the Versatile Data Acquisition System (VDAS-B)

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Experiments possible with this apparatus include the effect of pressure on:

- Surface profile (the results are presented as a non-dimensional curve)
- Radial and circumferential strains
- Radial and circumferential strain gradients across the diaphragm

Experimental measurements are compared with theory. The student is encouraged to use their results to determine the accuracy of the location of the strain gauges.

## ESSENTIAL SERVICES

### ELECTRICAL SUPPLY:

Single Phase, 90 - 250 VAC, 50 / 60 Hz, 1A

### BENCH SPACE NEEDED:

1 m x 0.6 m

## OPERATING CONDITIONS

### OPERATING ENVIRONMENT:

Laboratory

### STORAGE TEMPERATURE RANGE:

-25°C to +55°C (when packed for transport)

### OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE:

+5°C to +40°C

### OPERATING RELATIVE HUMIDITY RANGE:

80% at temperatures < 31°C decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C

## SOUND LEVELS

The measured sound pressure level of this apparatus is less than 70 dB(A).

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## SPECIFICATIONS

TecQuipment is committed to a programme of continuous improvement; hence we reserve the right to alter the design and product specification without prior notice.

### NETT DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT:

700 mm x 307 mm x 290 mm high and 20 kg

### APPROXIMATE PACKED DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT:

0.25 m<sup>3</sup> and 30 kg

### OIL:

SL Hydraulic Oil 5

### DIAPHRAGM MATERIAL:

Aluminium alloy

### DIAPHRAGM NOMINAL THICKNESS:

3.0 mm

### DIAPHRAGM EFFECTIVE DIAMETER:

200 mm

### PRESSURE:

Displayed by Bourdon gauge, with output for VDAS®

### SURFACE PROFILE MEASUREMENT:

By digital indicators, with output for VDAS®

### STRAIN:

Measured by electrical resistance gauges and displayed digitally, with output for VDAS®