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SHEAR FORCE IN A BEAM

Experiment that illustrates and proves the basic theory of shear force in a beam. Mounts on the Structures test frame and connects to the Structures automatic data acquisition unit and software.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Allows safe and practical experiments into shear force in a beam
- Realistic and verifiable experiment results
- Optional TecQuipment’s Structures Software package for extra ‘virtual’ experiments that simulate and confirm the results from your hardware and allow extended experiments
- Optional STR2000 unit with TecQuipment’s Structures Software package for automatic data acquisition and virtual experiments
- One of many interchangeable experiment modules from TecQuipment’s modern, flexible and cost-effective Structures teaching system

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Shear force variation with an increasing point load
- Variation of shear force for various loading conditions
- Examination of various other loading cases and their effect on shear force, including loads traversing the beam

**KEY SPECIFICATIONS**

- Five weight hangers and 150 x 10 g masses
- Twenty-three loading positions along the beam
- Force measured by electronic load cell
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DESCRIPTION
The experiment hardware is a simply supported beam with a 'cut'. The beam fits onto a Structures Test Frame (STR1, available separately).

A mechanism bridges the cut, which stops the beam collapsing and allows movement in the shear direction only. An electronic load cell measures the force, and connects to a Digital Force Display (STR1a, available separately). Students apply loads at set positions using hangers holding various masses.

The lecturer guide provides details of the equipment including sample experiment results. The student guide describes how to use the equipment and gives experiment procedures.

For extra 'virtual' experiments, TecQuipment can supply the optional TecQuipment Structures Software (STRS), for use on a suitable computer. The virtual experiments simulate the tests you can perform with the hardware. They also extend the choice of tests beyond that available using only the hardware, for example: higher loads, uniform loads or different test specimens. This extends the student’s learning experience.

For automatic data acquisition of your experiment results, TecQuipment can supply the optional Automatic Data Acquisition Unit (STR2000). Supplied as standard with the STR2000 is TecQuipment’s Structures Software which displays and logs your experiment results and gives the extra virtual experiments.

ESSENTIAL BASE UNIT
- Structures Test Frame (STR1)

ESSENTIAL ALCILLARY
- Digital Force Display (STR1a)

RECOMMENDED ALCILLARY
- Automatic Data Acquisition Unit (STR2000) for automatic data acquisition and virtual experiments

STANDARD FEATURES
- Supplied with lecturer and student guides
- Five-year warranty
- Made in accordance with the latest European Union directives
- ISO9001 certified manufacturer

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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

DETAILED 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:
660 x 250 x 90 mm, 4.5 kg

PACKED DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT:
Approximately 0.078 m³, 6 kg

LOADS:
Five weight hangers and 150 x 10 g masses

HANGER SUPPORTS:
23 loading positions along the beam, 20 mm apart

FORCE MEASUREMENT:
Electronic load cell