



1-axis High Resolution Tactile (Pressure) Sensor

Model: FTS1

Datasheet

The **FTS** line offers a range of pressure sensors from by Seed Robotics, providing high resolution and high integration with the Robot Hands produced by Seed Robotics.

The FTS1 sensor measures the magnitude of force applied on the Z axis of the sensor (**gripping force**) as shown in the diagram, offering a wide range of measurement.

These sensors are recommended for applications where high resolution contact force measurement is necessary. The high resolution and low cost make it possible to build highly sensitive hands for next generation research in A.I., industrial robots and medical applications.

An FTS3, 3 axis variant of this sensor is available for applications where measurement of forces in X, Y and Z axis are required.

Key Benefits:

- High resolution
- High measurement range
- High overload tolerance
- Mechanical shock resistant
- Cost efficient
- Compensated for Temperature
- Immune to Magnetic interference



FTS-1 Sensor Unit
(physically similar to FTS-3
but reading on Z axis only)

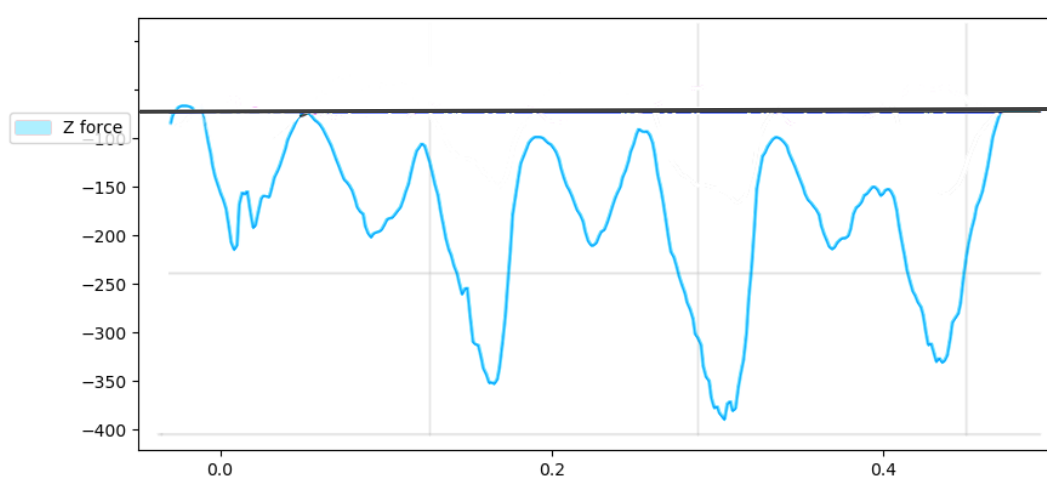
Sensors Mounted on a Seed Robotics' RH8D hand

Sensor Type	1 axis contact pressure sensor	
Dimensions of Preferential contact area	Circular, 12mm diameter	Force applied perpendicular to fingertip
Nominal Capacity	Standard Range: 0-10N	Extended Range: 10N – 30N
Maximum Resolution	Standard Range Resolution: 1mN	Extended Range Resolution: 10mN
Non linearity	Standard Range: 2.5%	Extended Range: 5%
Overload capability	Up to 50N	
Hysteresis (typical)	< 2%	
Sampling Frequency	50Hz	
Output	Standard Output: force reading in Z axis in mN Alternative Output: higher resolution force reading in Z axis, in counts (~200counts per mN)	
Working temperature range	10°C – 35°C (operation is possible outside this range but non-linearly may increase)	
Interface	UART over RS422 (Full Duplex)	
	Sensors are grouped in one single Acquisition Board for each hand.	
	One interface of RS422 provides data for all sensors in one hand.	
Power requirement	1mA per sensor	Power is supplied by the DAQ.

The sensor is optimized for measuring in the 0-10N range, where it can provide its highest resolution and precision. For measurement above 10N and up to 30N, an extended range model is used, achieving the additional measurement range in exchange for lower resolution.

Example output plotted as chart:

(output is CSV, human readable value over Serial port)



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