R15α Sensor
General Purpose Sensor

DESCRIPTION AND FEATURES
The R15α is a narrow band resonant sensor with a high sensitivity. The sensor cavity is machined from a solid stainless steel rod, making the sensor extremely rugged and reliable. The ceramic face along with a 30 degree chamfer to cavity electrically isolates the sensor cavity from the structure under test assuring a low noise operation.

The compact size of the sensor makes it readily suitable for deploying in tight spaces for monitoring. The Alpha series family of sensors features an SMA connector versus the Microdot connectors found on MISTRAS’ RX series of sensors. The alpha series includes R3α, R6α, R15α, R30α, R50α, R80α and WSα sensors.

APPLICATIONS
This general purpose sensor provides a good combination of high sensitivity and low-frequency rejection. These properties make the sensor very useful for monitoring common structures such as pipelines, vessels, bridges, and storage tanks in petroleum, refineries, chemical plants, offshore platforms, as well as factory and process monitoring applications.

OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS
Dynamic
Peak Sensitivity, Ref V/(m/s) .................................................. 80 dB
Peak Sensitivity, Ref V/µbar .................................................... 63 dB
Operating Frequency Range ................................................. 50-400 kHz
Resonant Frequency, Ref V/(m/s) ........................................... 75 kHz
Resonant Frequency, Ref V/µbar ......................................... 150 kHz
Directionality ...................................................................... +/-1.5 dB

Environmental
Temperature Range ............................................................... -65 to 175°C
Shock Limit ........................................................................ 500 g
Completely enclosed crystal for RFI/EMI immunity

Physical
Dimensions .......................................................... 0.75”OD X 0.88”H
Weight ........................................................................... 34 grams
19 mm OD X 22.4 mm H
Case Material ................................................................. Stainless steel
Face Material ........................................................................ Ceramic
Connector ......................................................................... SMA
Connector Locations ........................................................ Side
Seal .................................................................................. Epoxy
Sensor to Preamp Cable (1 or 2 meters) ...................... 1232-X-SMA

ORDERING INFORMATION AND ACCESSORIES
R15α ............................................................... R15α or R15a
Magnetic Hold-Down .................................................................. MHR15A
Pre-amplifier .............................................................................. 0/2/4, 2/4/6
Amplifier subsystems … AE2A, AESA or standard AE systems
Preamp to System Cable (specify length in ‘m’) ............ 1234-X

Sensors Include
NIST Calibration Certificate & Warranty

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