# **Twelve Channel Strain Gage Amplifier Box**

## Model SGA12A-PS

- Ideal for use with MSC 3D Load Cells
- · Highly accurate bridge excitation
- · Provides high level voltage signal output
- Precision low noise differential amplifier
- Electronic remote bridge excitation On/Off capability
- Remote shunt calibration capability
- Contains internal power supply
- Also available as 3, 6, or 9 channel units
- Wide input voltage range

#### Description

The Michigan Scientific SGA12A-PS Strain Gage Amplifier Box is ideal for use with up to four of MSC's wide variety of three directional load cells. The SGA12A-PS provides highly accurate excitation voltage to the load cell, a stable differential amplifier, and a remotely activated shunt resistor for system span verification. The result is an accurate high level voltage output signal. The shunt calibration can be easily invoked with the flip of a switch. An internal DC power control unit powers the amplifiers and controls excitation to strain gauge bridges.

MSC will select the appropriate amplifier gain and shunt resistors for use with your selected load cell. The fixed precision resistors are factory installed.

The standard *SGA12A-PS* is comprised of twelve independent miniature strain gage amplifiers. MSC can customize the amplifier box to any number of channels desired.

### Controls

Power	Activates the Amplifier Control Unit.	Power Switch On Off	
Bridge Excitation:	When used with a modular strain gauge spinning amplifier, this turns the excitation to the bridge on or off without turning off the amplifier. This is done by inverting the polarity of the $\pm$ 15 V supply pins.	Bridge Kill Excitation On Off	
Shunt	Rocker Switch must be held in the positive or negative position to record the positive or negative shunt calibration.	<u>Shunt Rocker Switch</u> + Shunt Hold - Shunt Hold	

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#### **Specifications**

PARAMETER	SPECIFICATION	
BRIDGE EXCITATION		
Туре	DC Constant Voltage (Bipolar excitation)	
Magnitude	±5 V (10 Volts total) ±2.5 V (5 Volts total)	
Accuracy	0.40 %	
Temperature Coefficient	0.0005 %/°C Max (0.00028 %/°F)	
Current Limit	84 mA per channel (10 Volt Excitation)	
REMOTE CALIBRATION	Positive & Negative shunt calibration	
Shunt Resistance	100 KW and 1 MW	
Shunt accuracy	0.1 %	
GAIN		
Range	100 & 2000 V/V	
Accuracy @ 25°C, Gain =100	±0.05 % typ (±0.50 % max)	
@ 25°C, Gain =1000	±0.50 % typ (±1.0 % max)	
Temperature Coefficient	0.0025 %/°C (0.0014 %/°F)	
OUTPUT		
Range	±10 V Max	
Capacitive Load	1000 pF Max	
VOLTAGE OFFSET	Referred to input of amplifier	
Initial @ 25°C	±10 μV typ (±50 μV max)	
Temperature Stability	±0.1 μV/°C typ (±0.25 μV/°C max)	
Time Stability	±0.1 µV/Month	
DC CMRR	160 dB	
Noise rti 0.01 - 10 Hz	0.7 µV p-p	
DYNAMIC RESPONSE		
Frequency Response -3dB		
@ Gain=1000	20 kHz	
@ Gain=100	40 kHz	
Slew rate	4 V/µs	
Settling Time to 0.01% @ Gain=100	9 µs	
POWER REQUIREMENTS		
Voltage	10 to 36 Vdc	
Current		
Normal Operation	±45 mA plus Bridge Load (12 channels)	
Shunt Operation	±60 mA plus Bridge Load (12 channels)	
ENVIRONMENT		
Specification	-25 to +70 °C (-13 to +158 °F)	
Operation	-50 to +100 °C (-58 to +212 °F)	

#### **Electrical Connections**

Inputs				Outputs	
3 Pin P	3 Pin Male Connector PT02E-8-3P* 13 Pin Female JT02RE		ale JT02RE	Signal Breakout	
Pin	Function	Load Cells	Channels	26 - D-sub connector	
A B C	+10 to +36 Vdc DC Input Ground N/C	1 2 3 4	x,y,z x,y,z x,y,z x,y,z	** Refer to signal breakout sheet	
*Merge connectors are provided with new units					

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