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### **TiSense Module**

The TiSense Module, a MEMS piezo-resistive sensor integrated into a chronic implantable sensor module, was designed for customers seeking an implant duration that is greater than Millar's standard catheter-based offerings. This newly designed sensor, made of a titanium housing, allows for implantation periods of greater than 5 years, when integrated into a medical device. TiSense is an absolute, half-bridge sensor and measures incident pressure with respect to an internal vacuum. The sensor connections exit via a hermetically sealed feedthrough port and require two  $3K\Omega$  bridge completion resistors outside the module to complete the bridge. The system will require a barometric pressure sensor external to the module to correct for changes in atmospheric pressure. TiSense does not include signal-conditioning electronics within the module. The module is filled with silicone oil which communicates pressure from a thin membrane in the front face. All body contacting portions are constructed from titanium. The pins from the feedthrough are platinum-iridium and the module can be tested in accordance with customer provided specifications.

### **Drawing & Diagram**



| Parameter          | Min              | Typical | Max  | Units | Notes                       |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Height of Module   | 1.57             | 1.7     | 1.83 | mm    | Pin length not<br>included. |
| Diameter of Module | 3.87             | 4       | 4.13 | mm    |                             |
| Material           | Titanium Grade 2 |         |      |       |                             |
| Number of Pins     | 3                |         |      |       |                             |

Drawing: Left (Front view) and Right (Sideview) of TiSense module. Wires can be attached to the pins through soldering; however, care should be taken to not expose the pins to an extended duration of heat during the soldering process. For production use, it is recommended to use a flex PCB with via holes to terminate the pins.

| Parameter                       | Range                            | Notes   |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Sensor Operation Specifications |                                  |   |  |  |  |
| Operational Pressure Range      | 510 - 1010 mmHgA                 | Range is ± 250 mmHg centered around atmospheric pressure (760 mmHGA). There can be ± 15 mmHg variation in atmospheric pressure at the time of characterization. |  |  |  |
| Accuracy Error                  | -0.5 - 0.5 % of applied pressure | Includes errors from non-linearity over a range of 500 mmHg applied pressure.   |  |  |  |
| Electrical Specifications       |                                  |   |  |  |  |
| Resistance                      | 2.2 - 4.2 ΚΩ                     | Resistance of each sensing element as measured from C-A pin or C-P pin.   |  |  |  |
| Excitation Range                | 1 - 6 Volts DC                   |   |  |  |  |
| Sensitivity of Sensor µV/V/mmHg |                                  | $10\mu V$ signal per volt of excitation per mmHg incident pressure. When completed with equivalent 3K resistors into a full bridge.                             |  |  |  |
| Environmental Specifications    |                                  |   |  |  |  |
| Operational Temperature Range   | 35 - 39 deg.C                    |   |  |  |  |
| Storage Temperature Range       | 20 - 40 deg.C                    | Storage range until further testing is performed.   |  |  |  |

### Technical Specifications

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Backside view of TiSense Module

The three pins of the TiSense module can be trimmed to desired length. The positive and negative designations are dependent on the values of the C-A and C-P resistors.

| Pin | Function                  |  |  |
|-----|---------------------------|--|--|
|     | Negative (-) Signal pin   |  |  |
|     | Center pin of half-bridge |  |  |
|     | Positive (+) Signal pin   |  |  |

### **Drift Testing**



In laboratory testing, sensor (n=1) was:

- Immersed in body temperature water (37 °C) to simulate actual body conditions.
- Exposed to >160M representative cardiac pressure cycles, representing >4 years of cardiac pressure cycles.





Figure 1: Scope data output from unit MA000044 at the beginning of the test. 3V excitation, Pressure input is 80-120 mmHg. Measured sensitivity is 13.8  $\mu$ V/V/ mmHg.

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Figure 2: Scope data output from unit MA000044 at the end of the test. 3V excitation, Pressure input is 80-120 mmHg. Measured sensitivity is  $13.66 \mu$ V/V/mmHg.

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