

• VERTICAL DISPLACEMENTS •

TABLE 2.1.1 CAPABILITIES OF EXISTING SUBSIDENCE MONITORING INSTRUMENTS

INSTRUMENT	PROPERTIES	AVAILABILITY	OPERATING PRINCIPLE	DEPTH RANGE	RANGE OF VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT	MANUFACTURER'S SENSITIVITY	ACCURACY	MAXIMUM DOWNHOLE TEMPERATURE: RATED OR (ESTIMATED)	MAXIMUM DOWNHOLE PRESSURE: RATED OR (ESTIMATED)	MATERIAL COMPOSITION	OPERATION AND INSTALLATION (IMPORTANT FEATURES)	MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS & ESTIMATED SERVICE LIFE	SELECTED REFERENCES
SCIN-TYPE EXTENSOMETERS, installed at great angles, with horizontal displacement or zero sensor	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Soil instruments: Interfaced; Transmitters; Sino; Sill instruments	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Typical: 60-100m, but load wire could extend to 150m. Last sensor to readout.	Maximum: 10m to 300m depends on casing, up to 150m possible based on typical elasticity of casing	40.1mm to 31.5mm	Interval: 42 to 5mm estimated. Pical: assuming 10 sensors, 47 to 116m estimated	0-50°C, estimated	(10000) estimated	Probably stainless steel	Generally used in dams or fills. Requires well compensated fill or soft soil. Markers anchored outside in hole. Rods may be protected by flexible plastic casing. Access to hole restricted. Sensors: no non-geothermal condition	Change be repaired or replaced. Markers limited by more reliable than linear probably 1 year under non-geothermal condition	
SCIN-TYPE EXTENSOMETERS, with inclinometer sensor, case of rock extensometer	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Soil instruments: Interfaced; Transmitters; Sino; Sill instruments	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Typical: 15m to 100m; Maximum: 30m	Ideally unlimited, but depends on type of metal casing and casing/ground bond	40.1mm to 31.5mm	Interval: 1.75 to 5mm reported. Pical: 5 to 10 mm estimated	40 to 110°C	(30000) estimated, based on depth range	Probably stainless steel	Works when hole within 70° of vertical. Markers anchored outside in hole. Rods may be protected by flexible plastic casing. Access to hole restricted. Sensors: no non-geothermal condition	As above	(1) Allen, 1968 (2) deacon, 1973 (3) Sam, 1969 (4) Allen, 1968
SCIN-TYPE EXTENSOMETERS, with 2 or 3 induction sensors and casing collars as markers (CASING COLLAR LOCKER)	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Soil instruments: Interfaced; Transmitters; Sino; Sill instruments	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Medium: 150m	Ideally unlimited, but depends on type of metal casing and casing/ground bond	40.1mm to 31.5mm	Interval: 15mm reported. Pical: 40.0mm(2)	Probably up to 120°C. Typical for production (downhole) induction sensors connected by wire. Temperature effect	Probably 70,000 psi maximum typical for production logging tools	Instrument housing stainless steel. Casing: Low-alloy steel, standard oil-well casing	Operates in cased hole. Accessible hole required. Works best in holes with casing. Access to hole restricted. Sensors: no non-geothermal condition	As above	(1) Allen, 1968 (2) deacon, 1973 (3) Sam, 1969 (4) Allen, 1968
SCIN-TYPE EXTENSOMETERS, lowered on cable and magnetic markers	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Soil instruments: Interfaced; Transmitters; Sino; Sill instruments	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Typical: 100m	Ideally unlimited, but depends on type of metal casing and casing/ground bond	40.1mm to 31.5mm	Interval: 1-2mm reported. Pical: 42.5mm reported for 10m. Accuracy limited by steel tape	Probably up to 120°C as typical for production (downhole) induction sensors connected by wire. Temperature effect	(1000) estimated based on depth	Probe, in brass or stainless steel. Magnet probably Alnico. Epoxy	Operates in hole cased with non-casing. Requires well compensated fill or soft soil. Markers anchored outside in hole. Rods may be protected by flexible plastic casing. Access to hole restricted. Sensors: no non-geothermal condition	As above	(1) Butler, Moore, and Quinterman, 1974
SCIN-TYPE EXTENSOMETERS, with top end switch sensors and magnetic markers (lowered on cable)	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Soil instruments: Interfaced; Transmitters; Sino; Sill instruments	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	30m estimated	Pical: as above. Interval: 150-250mm	40.1mm	Interval: 40.1mm estimated	90°C, estimated	(10000) estimated based on depth	Stainless steel rod; stainless steel housing	As above required hole with minimal curvature size not very flexible	As above	
SCIN-TYPE EXTENSOMETERS, with radioactive bullet markers and 2 or 3 gamma-ray detectors (GAMMA-RAY LOCKER)	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Soil instruments: Interfaced; Transmitters; Sino; Sill instruments	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	150m	Unlimited because bullet strain limited by casing movement per coupling	40.1mm	Depends on logging rate. Works best at slow rate. Accuracy probably higher than for casing collar lockers. Second elastic limit of steel. Interval: 150mm error in 2-detector tool. Pical: 2-detector tool. Pical: 2-detector tool. Pical: 2-detector tool.	100°C, estimated. Typical for x-ray logging tools. Tool coated with dry ice	1500000 estimated. Typical for x-ray logging tools	Bullets are 1/8" O.D. Case 17711 at 100°C. In (up to) 100°C. Inverse housing 1/16"	Operates in cased, open holes since bullets are not into formation with casing. Requires well compensated fill or soft soil. Markers anchored outside in hole. Rods may be protected by flexible plastic casing. Access to hole restricted. Sensors: no non-geothermal condition	If tool can be modified to meet geothermal. Markers should be easy to maintain since they are in casing. A bullet may arise if a bullet is not dilated or diffuse into formation	(1) deacon, 1973 (2) Allen, 1969 (3) Sam, 1969 (4) Sam, 1969 (5) Allen, 1971
SCIN-TYPE EXTENSOMETERS, with tracking pads to detect casing collars	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Soil instruments: Interfaced; Transmitters; Sino; Sill instruments	Probe lowered down hole on cable. Device consists of a linear sensor housing in a steel case, and fixed plate. A movable rod extends from the sensor. The sensor is tilted in one or more ways, dependent on the direction of movement to be detected by sensor.	Typical: 100m	Vertical strain limited by casing movement per coupling	41 to 31mm	Interval: 15mm estimated. Pical: 14mm estimated. Interval: 40.1mm	80°C, estimated	(1000) estimated based on depth	Chrome/brass or stainless steel	Requires cased hole with re-appearing tubing and collars. Requires well compensated fill or soft soil. Markers anchored outside in hole. Rods may be protected by flexible plastic casing. Access to hole restricted. Sensors: no non-geothermal condition	Probe has spring mechanism. Requires well compensated fill or soft soil. Markers anchored outside in hole. Rods may be protected by flexible plastic casing. Access to hole restricted. Sensors: no non-geothermal condition	

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SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and LVDT sensor	Callisto; Dumas and Nozce	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	30m estimated	2°	41 min	±10 min estimated	40°C, with cable heated at typical electronic	(3000 KN/m ² - estimated based on depth)	Probably aluminum alloy housing, cable usually grooved PVC.	As above	As above	(1) Bousquet, Ryan and Tsch., 1971
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and servo accelerometer	Sisco	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	30m	2° - 25°	3 min	±10 min estimated	as above	1400 KN/m ²	Probe has brass housing, casing usually aluminum or plastic.	as above	as above	611 and Gas Journal, 1971
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and servo accelerometer	Geo Tech, Inc.; Sisco	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. This system requires force required to return pendulum depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	30m	Typical: 25° to 50° available	410 sec	±1 min reported (1)	Typical: 30°C, up to 90°C available	Typical: 1500 KN/m ² up to 3000 KN/m ² available	Probably aluminum alloy housing, cable usually grooved PVC.	as above	as above	(1) Bousquet, Ryan and Tsch., 1971
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and air pressure device	Geotek	As above except: tilt measured by pneumatic force sensor and pendulum to original alignment in probe.	30m estimated	As above except	±15 sec	±3 deg estimated	50°C estimated	(1000 KN/m ² estimated)	Probably stainless steel housing	as above	as above	Buntziff, 1970
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum and air pressure device	Mohay; Teloms; Geonor; ELE	Counterweight with weight at unopposed end and bonds as probe tilts. Bonding wire strain gauge depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	30m estimated	Typical: 6-20°	430 sec - 42 min	±3 to 6 min reported	50°C estimated based on typical electronics	(3000 KN/m ² - estimated based on depth)	Probably stainless steel housing, cable usually grooved PVC.	as above	as above	
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with electrical resistance strain gauges	Soil Instruments; Soiltest	Counterweight with weight at unopposed end and bonds as probe tilts. Bonding wire strain gauge depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	20m	5° to 30°	±15 sec to 140 sec	±1 deg (1) reported for shallow depths	as above	4000 KN/m ² - estimated based on depth	Strome plated brass or stainless steel housing, stainless steel wheel.	as above	as above	(1) Kallitrenius and Beggs, 1961
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with pendulum, compass and camera	Spery Sun; Schlumberger	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Camera photographs compass fixed to case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Camera photographs compass fixed to case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out at measuring point.	2° to 130° available			Maximum: 317°C for 5 min; with special orientation; typical: 17°C	140,000 KN/m ²	Probably stainless steel housing.	Instrument determines both orientation and tilt; camera measurement associated with angle should be easily maintained as a single shot device.	as above	
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with gyro-compass camera, and pendulum	Kennam	As compass orientation (gyro) sensor rotates mirror, tilt indicated. Camera photographs pendulum remains vertical. Pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out.	40m - 50m	More than 90° can used at any angle			50°C estimated	600 KN/m ²	Strome plated brass case	Orientation inclination and orientation device also contains camera	as above	
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with gyro-compass camera, and pendulum	Geonor; also only by Spery Sun, Schlumberger	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. Camera photographs compass, fixed to case.	5-10m estimated	2° to 90°		±5 min tilt; 1° to 3° orientation	30°C reported with thermal shield for up to 1.5 hrs.	(1500 KN/m ² - estimated based on depth and made reported)	Housing: Kemonal	Determines inclination and orientation	as above	601 and Gas Journal, 1971
SEMI-AUTOMATIC INCLINOMETER with middle-pointed pendulum and punchable chart	Touss	As probe inclines, pendulum remains vertical. At pre-set time point of pendulum, pendulum contacts resistance wires with angle case. Depth determined by amount of cable played out.	6-10m estimated	7, 14, 21 deg	6 min	±5 min estimated	Special shield available for mercury and 300°C estimated	(1000 KN/m ² - estimated based on depth)	Probably stainless steel housing	Probe reading is on depth only - gives tilt only - not orientation. This device depends on punchable chart with monitoring glass, will give any type of note, cased or uncased.	as above	
FIXED RESISTANCE DEFLECTOMETER with cantilever-mounted electrical resistance strain gauge sensor with inductive sensor	Phometrics	Steel tubes anchored in hole and connected to adjacent tubes by cantilevers. Bending sensed by strain gauges.	5m with up to 4 between cantilevers	Non-adjustment; ressetable	±1 sec	±20 sec	50°C	450 KN/m ² - estimated based on depth	Tubes are stainless steel	Designed for use in uncased hole but could be installed in flexible casing. Orientation must be determined when installed.	Instrument may be responsible to remove or require modification for installation. Seals may leak after several years of use. Pitting or corrosion.	
FIXED RESISTANCE DEFLECTOMETER with inductive sensor	Inertek	Steel tubes anchored in hole and connected by tensioned wire. Movement between tubes occur. Movement detected by inductive sensors.	5m with up to 4 measuring elements	Ressetable; ressetable	±1 to ±10 sec	±1 to 3 min estimated	50°C estimated	450 KN/m ² - estimated based on depth	Probably stainless steel housing	as above	as above	
FIXED RESISTANCE DEFLECTOMETER with microbeam	SOI	Pendulum remains vertical as probe inclines. Pendulum has many fine contact points. Contact points can be turned from surface to surface. Pendulum to determine angle	1m estimated	0 - 1 deg. to several degrees (1)	46 min to 37 sec	± 3 deg estimated	50°C estimated	(100 KN/m ² - estimated based on depth)	Probably stainless steel housing	Install in flexible tube. Determine connection between surface and instrument.	as above probably not. Determine mechanical environment.	(1) Kallitrenius and Beggs, 1961