

Fiber Optic Eddy Current Sensor



Article Overview

Fiber optic eddy current sensors combine high sensitivity, non-contact operation, and immunity to electromagnetic interference, making them ideal for precise current and magnetic field measurements in challenging environments.

Working Principle

Fiber optic eddy current sensors operate by detecting changes in light caused by magnetic fields generated by electrical currents. They typically exploit the Faraday effect, where the plane of polarization of light passing through an optical fiber rotates in proportion to the magnetic field strength along the fiber path. This rotation allows the sensor to measure the magnitude and direction of the current without direct electrical contact, providing galvanic isolation and enhanced safety in high-voltage environments .

Key Characteristics

- **High Sensitivity:** These sensors can detect very small changes in current or magnetic flux, making them suitable for precision applications in power systems and industrial monitoring .
- **Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) Immunity:** Since the signal is transmitted via light rather than electrical conduction, fiber optic sensors are inherently resistant to EMI, which is critical in environments with strong electromagnetic fields .
- **Non-Contact Operation:** The sensor does not need to physically touch the conductor, reducing the risk of short circuits and mechanical wear while allowing measurements in moving or inaccessible components

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