

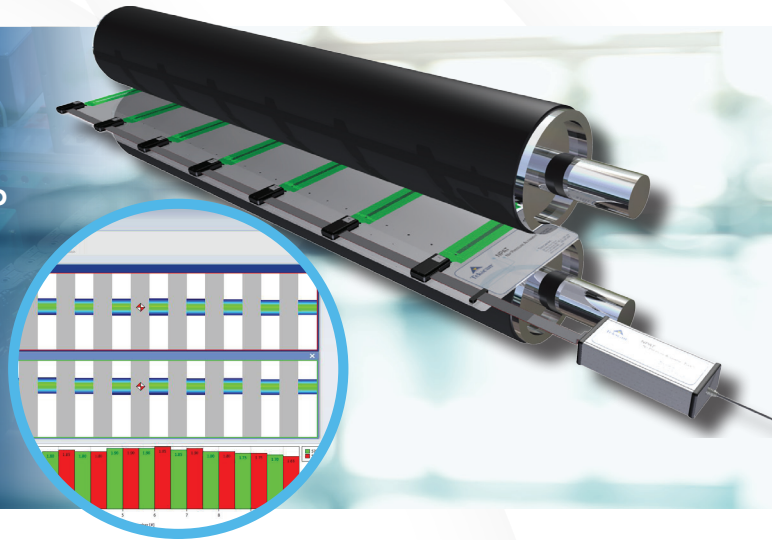
Nip Pressure Alignment Tool™

Measure Nip Width & Relative Pressure Distribution

The Nip Pressure Alignment Tool™ (NPAT™) is a system used to capture nip footprints and relative pressure distribution between nip rolls. The system utilizes a sensor made up of an array of multiple thin and flexible pressure sensitive bands, which can be configured to different lengths to create a sensor that matches the size of a custom application. The real-time data provided by the NPAT ensures machine setup and proper roll uniformity resulting in a better printing process.

KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Capture visual representation of real-time relative pressure distribution, nip contact, nip width/length, and cross width
- Ensures proper machine setup to prevent equipment damage, improve yield, and reduce waste
- Provides quantifiable and credible data
- Easily maintained in-field



APPLICATIONS

- Machine Setup
 - Preventive Maintenance
 - Roll Uniformity
 - Crowns
 - Diameter variations due to roller wear
- Deflections
- Machine Comparison



Aligning Nip Rolls

INDUSTRIES

- Paper
- Iron and Steel
- Packaging
- Film
- Printing
- Die Press
- Converting
- Coaters
- Laminators
- Pull Rolls

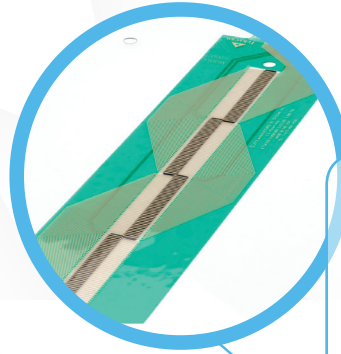


Paper Mill

NPAT SYSTEM COMPONENTS

Factory Configurable Sensor:

- Large sensor (up to 10 m in length) with multiple sensor bands whose length and spacing can be configured to match the dimension of the nip being measured
- Bands can be spaced to show pressure footprint and nip width across the roll



Sensor Band:

- 3 sensor model resolutions to support different nip sizes
- Standard band measures pressures from 25- 4,500 psi (172- 31,026 kPa). Also available in custom pressure ranges measuring up to 7,500 psi (51,711 kPa)



Portable Carrier:

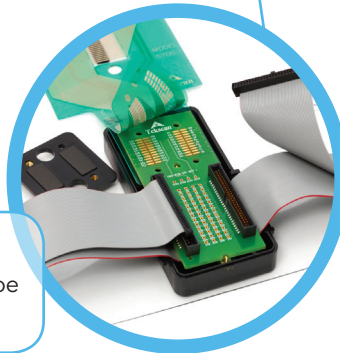
- Polycarbonate sheet that supports & aligns sensor bands/connectors for easy alignment when taking measurements
- Easily rolled up for storage and lays flat when unrolled
- Includes a removable plastic sleeve that protects from wet environments

Rugged Electronics:

- Single set of electronics covering a large area
- Connected to a standard Evolution handle; 1 USB connection to PC
- Protected by ruggedized enclosure

Sensor Band Interconnect:

- Bands are easily replaced and can be serviced in-field



I-SCAN™ TEST SOFTWARE

- Software includes force/length units and graph features which easily display nip data by band
- Includes basic features to capture average nip width, relative pressure distribution, and nip uniformity
- Software can save a snapshot of nip uniformity, which can be used as a **"gold standard"** reference image next to real-time data
- Provides a clear visual representation of pressure distribution, center of force across the sensor, nip contact footprint width and cross width (pressure across each band)
- The various configurations of NPAT sensors offer different lengths and total spacing between bands.

SOFTWARE DISPLAY

The screenshot shows the Tekscan I-Scan Test software interface. It features a main window with two pressure profile plots and a bar graph at the bottom. Callouts provide detailed information about the software's capabilities:

- Center of force:** A callout points to a red diamond marker in the center of the pressure profile plots.
- Real-time & Snapshot of pressure profile of bands across roll:** Callouts point to the two pressure profile plots, which show color-coded pressure distribution across ten bands.
- Graph Nip Width & Relative Force per band:** A callout points to the bar graph at the bottom, which displays nip width and relative force for each band.
- Color scale of pressure values:** A callout points to the color legend on the right, which maps colors to pressure values.
- Compare real-time data with reference measurement previously taken:** A callout points to the legend in the bar graph, which distinguishes between real-time data (green) and reference data (red).
- Borders of pressure profile boxes correspond to the colors of the bar graph:** A callout points to the vertical lines separating the bands in the pressure profile plots.

Band number [#]	5700ten (Width [in])	5700ten2 (Relative Force)
1	1.65	1.70
2	1.70	1.78
3	1.80	1.85
4	1.80	1.80
5	1.90	1.90
6	1.90	1.85
7	1.85	1.90
8	1.80	1.80
9	1.75	1.70
10	1.70	1.63

SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

Performance Specifications

Measured Pressure Range	5700/5707: 25 - 4,500 psi (172 - 31,026 kPa) 5705: 10 - 1,500 psi (69 - 10,342 kPa)
Non-Linearity	5705: 10 - 1,500 psi (69 - 10,342 kPa)
Hysteresis	< 4.5% of full scale
Repeatability	<± 3.5%
Operation	Piezoresistive Array
Nip Width	*5700 Sensor: 223.5 mm (8.80") **5705 Sensor: 44.5 mm (1.75") ***5707 Sensor: 201.2 mm (7.92")
Nip Width Resolution	5700/5705 Sensor: 1.3 mm (0.05") 5707 Sensor: 1.5 mm (0.06")
Sensing Length	See Selection Table
Peak Pressure	> 2,500 psi (17,237 kPa)
Lag Time	5 µsec

Mechanical Specifications

Sensor Band Thickness	0.2 mm (0.008")
Sensor Material	Polyester
Carrier Sheet Thickness	0.8 mm (0.030")
Carrier Sheet Material	Polycarbonate
Protective Sleeve Thickness	0.3 mm (0.012")
Protective Sleeve Material	Polyethylene
Assembled Sensor Thickness	1.0 mm (0.038")
Assembled Sensor Thickness with Protective Sleeve	1.3 mm (0.050")
Ribbon Cable Material	Vinyl
Band Interconnect Enclosure Material	ABS
Housing for Scanning Electronics	Aluminum

* 5700 Sensing Band (1 column per band; MAX 13 bands/13 columns) is used to make sensors between 457.2 mm (18") and 6,400.8 mm (252").

** 5705 Sensing Band (5 columns per band; MAX 13 bands /65 columns) is used to make sensors between 355.6 mm (14") and 1,625.6 mm (64").

*** 5707 Sensing Band (1 column per band; MAX 17 bands/17 columns) is used to make sensors between 1,524 mm (60") and 10,000 mm (396").

Operating Conditions

Temperature, Operating	-20° to 35°C (-4° to 95°F)
Relative Humidity (%)	5 to 90 (Non-condensing)

Storage Conditions

Temperature, Operating	-30° to 60°C (-22° to 140°F)
Relative Humidity (%)	5 to 90 (Non-condensing)

Communication Specifications

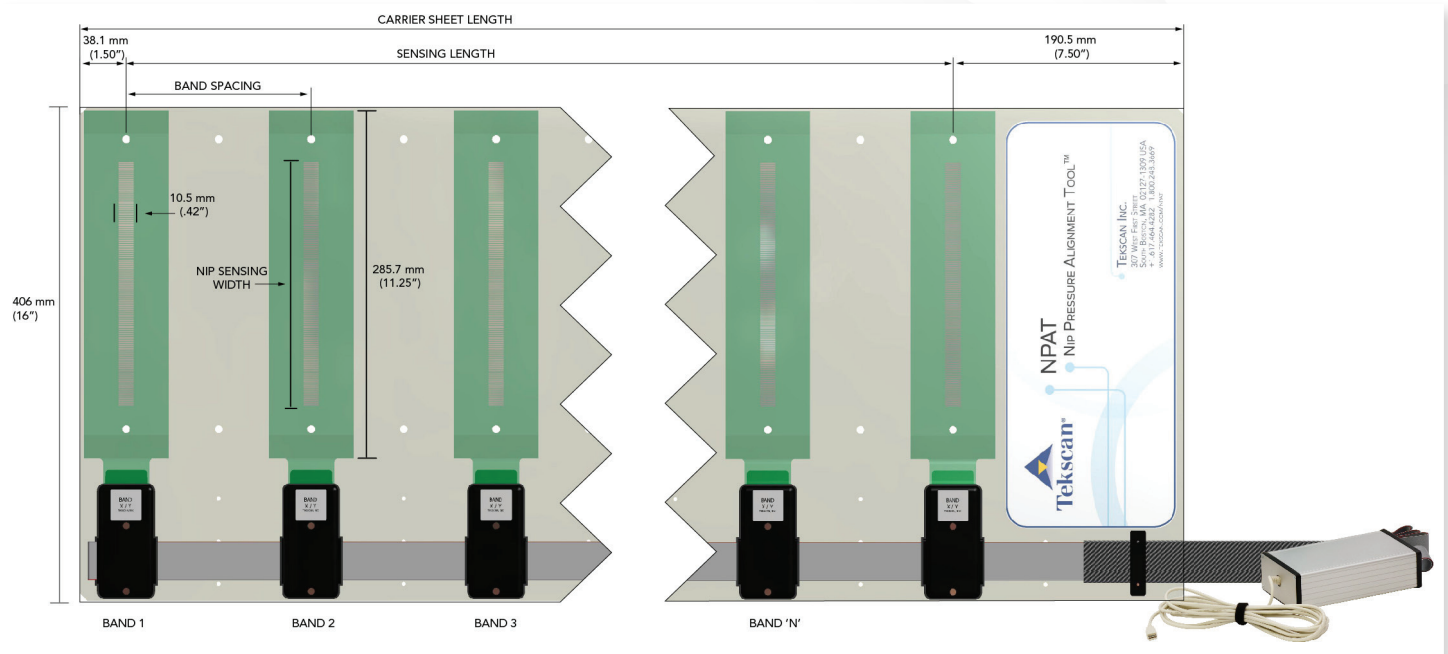
PC Connection	USB 2.0, 480 Mbps
Scan Speed for Real-time Display	40 Hz

PRODUCT SELECTION

Product Selection

Sensor Type	Sensing Length	Carrier Sheet Length	# of Sensor Bands (Columns)	Sensor Column Spacing	Nip Resolution	Nip Sensing Width	System Number
5700	4,570 mm (180")	4,800 mm (189")	13 (13)	380 mm (15")			NER5700-1500-13B180
	1,830 mm (72")	2,057 mm (81")	13 (13)	150 mm (6")	1.3 mm	223.5 mm	NER5700-1500-13B72
	1,830 mm (72")	2,057 mm (81")	7 (7)	305 mm (12")	(0.05")	(8.80")	NER5700-1500-7B72
	6,400 mm (252")	6,629 mm (261")	13 (13)	530 mm (21")			NER-5700-1500-13B252
5707	6,100 mm (240")	6,324 mm (249")	17 (17)	380 mm (15")	1.5 mm	201.2 mm	NER5707-1500-17B240
	9,750 mm (384")	9,982 mm (393")	17 (17)	610 mm (24")	(0.06")	(7.92")	NER5707-1500-17B384
5705	1,625 mm (64")	1,651 mm (65")	13 (65)	25.4 mm (1")	1.3 mm	44.5 mm	NER5705-500-13B64
	1,371 mm (54")	1,397 mm (55")	11 (55)	25.4 mm (1")	(0.05")	(1.75")	NER5705-500-11B54
	990 mm (39")	1,016 mm (40")	8 (40)	25.4 mm (1")			NER5705-500-8B39

SYSTEM CONFIGURATION: 5700 AND 5707 SENSORS



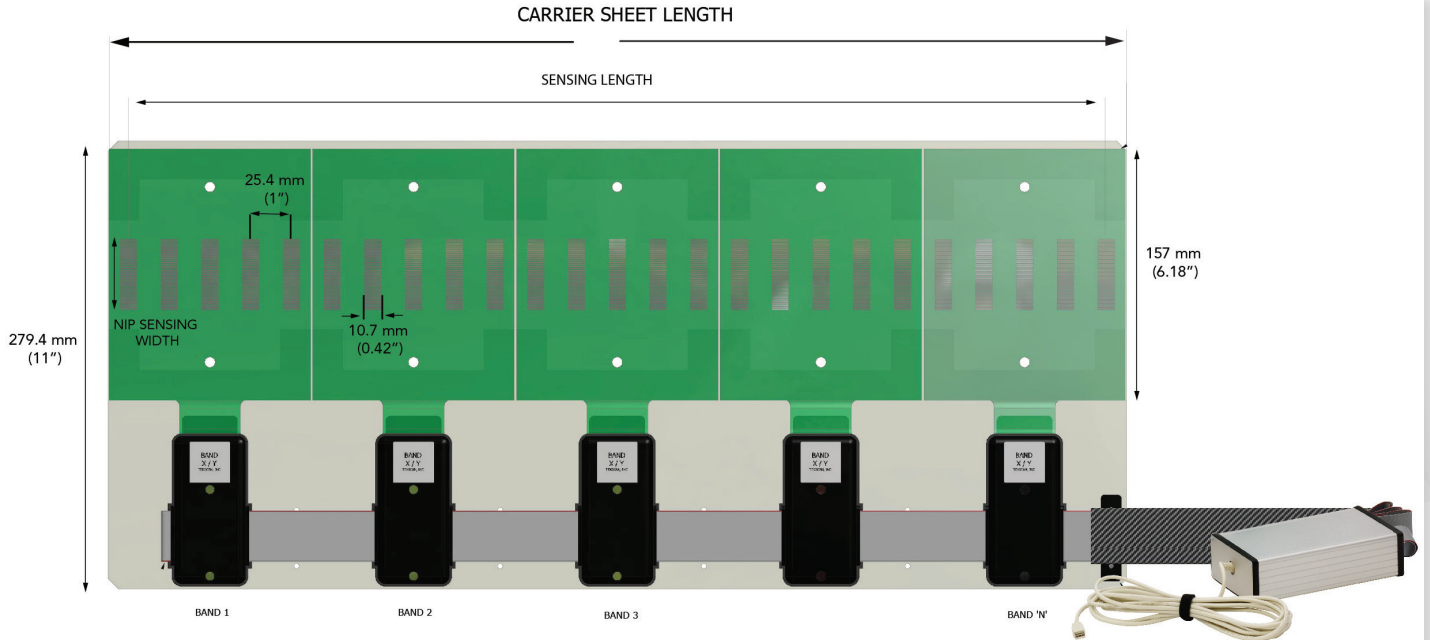
SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS

Sensor Band Specifications

Sensor Band Type	5700	5707
Nip Length	457.2 mm (18") - 6,400.8 mm (252")	1,524 mm (60") - 10,000 mm (396")
Nip Sensing Width	223.5 mm (8.80")	201.2 mm (7.92")
Nip Sensing Resolution	1.3 mm (0.05")	1.5 mm (0.06")
# of Sensing Rows in Nip Width	176	132
Max # of Sensor Bands (Columns)	13 (13)	17 (17)
Measured Pressure Range	25 - 4,500 psi (172 - 31,026 kPa)	25 - 4,500 psi (172 - 31,026 kPa)
Sensor Band Model	5700-1500	5707-1500

Also available in custom pressure ranges measuring up to 7,500 psi (51,711 kPa)

SYSTEM CONFIGURATION: 5705 SENSOR

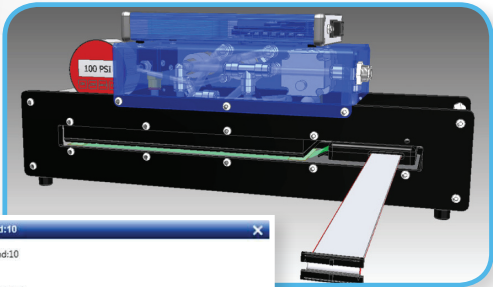


SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS

Sensor Band Specifications

Sensor Band Type	5705
Nip Length	355.6 mm (14") - 1625.6 mm (64")
Nip Sensing Width	44.5 mm (1.75")
Nip Sensing Resolution	1.3 mm (0.05")
# of Sensing Rows in Nip Width	35
Max # of Sensor Bands (Columns)	13 (65)
Measured Pressure Range	10 - 1,500 psi (69 - 10,342 kPa)
Sensor Band Model	5705-500

Equilibrator: PB100NPAT-1

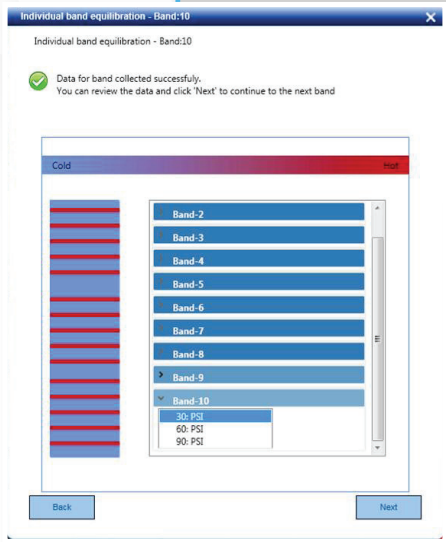


Each sensor band is passed through the equilibrator to normalize output

EQUILIBRATION

Equilibration improves accuracy and extends sensor life by verifying that all 2,000 sensing elements have similar output under the same load. To equilibrate, each sensor band of the NPAT is fed into the equilibrator one band at a time. The software uses a Wizard to help users through this step-by-step process. The software controls the pressure via an analog controller to verify a repeatable load is being placed on each sensor (30-60-90%).

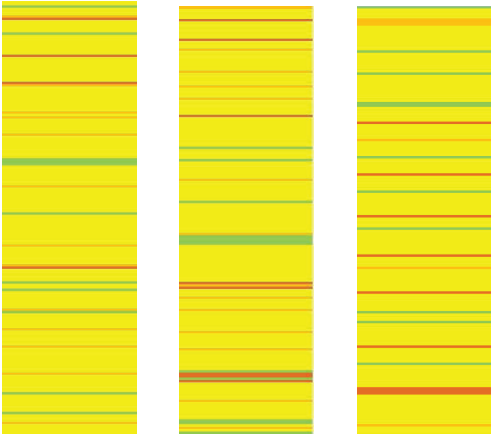
The software detects whether or not the process was done correctly and provides feedback. Once all the bands are loaded, the software applies equilibration factors to all of the sensing elements in the system to improve output uniformity. This process allows the user to identify if a sensor band needs to be replaced.



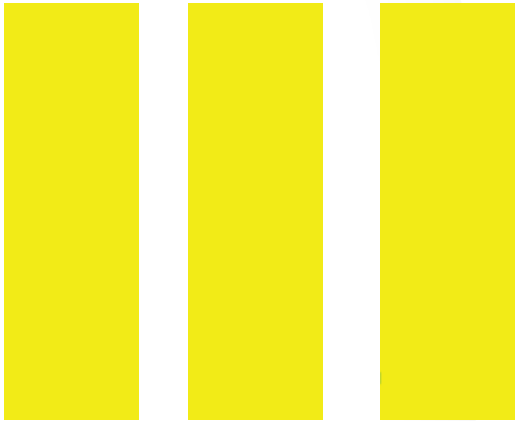
Equilibration Software Wizard

Why Equilibrate?

Over time and through repeated loading, individual pressure sensing elements will start to vary in sensitivity. The equilibrator applies a uniform pressure across the face of the sensor, allowing the software to easily see and quantify these variations.



Sensor in Equilibrator BEFORE software equilibration is performed



Sensor in Equilibrator AFTER software equilibration is performed

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