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Your task – our solution

Yield, Quality, Throughput – Keep your process under control

When producing strip material, e.g. in steel mills or paper manufacturing, knowing the exact strip length and the current velocity is essential for optimizing your costs and processes. Here, Polytec offers solutions for precise process control. LSV Laser Surface Velocimeters are high-performance sensors for a reliable measurement of length and speed.

Thanks to the optical measurement the sensor captures length and speed reliably and without contact in challenging industrial environments. LSV offer a high level of robustness and process integrity at minimal maintenance cost.

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Accuracy with laser measurement

Avoid process uncertainty and added costs introduced by contact measuring techniques due to slippage, wear, damage to the product or maintenance.

Accuracy, versatility and reliability make the LSV the perfect solution for a variety of measurement tasks in processes where precise, real-time speed and length data are critical. In addition, the LSV Laser Surface Velocimeter can reduce production costs by minimizing material scrap and optimizing product and process quality. The LSV can be applied easily and will replace less accurate and unreliable contact encoder and tachometer technology. The savings in reduced downtime, reduced variability and reduced maintenance provides an excellent ROI.

PolyXpert Service & Support

With 50 years of experience in optical measurement technology, Polytec has become the leader in non-contact, laser based speed & length sensors. We build rugged, precise and reliable sensors that allow industrial customers to measure with confidence.

With the LSV made in Germany, you choose far more than reliability and performance. With the LSV you choose Polytec and the support that more than 400 employees bring to our customers. Whether it be understanding the application, applying the technology, installation, integration and training, repair/exchange services and much more, Polytec is available to support you through our world-wide network of representatives.

Highlights of non-contact measurement

- Optimize your process with laser accuracy
- Non-contact measurement without slippage or impact on material surface quality
- Cut your material cost by avoiding waste
- Measure on all surfaces including shiny, matt, oily, structured and more
- Works even on small structures (wires, cables, fibers)
- Wear-free sensor technology without moving parts
- No recalibration needed
Polytec LSV Laser Surface Velocimeters enable you to precisely monitor length and speed of continuous material or piece goods. They offer flexible process integration, are convenient to set up and yet are extremely easy to use and dependable in operation. It doesn’t matter whether you’re producing belts, pipes or profiles with a shiny or a matt surface – a Polytec LSV copes with any task and measures goods’ surface velocity and cut lengths with zero contact and from a safe distance.

The LSV-1000, with its all-in-one integrated optics and electronics, measures absolute velocity and length. The LSV-2000 actively measures velocity to standstill, as well as detects the direction of motion (forward/reverse). Select the MID models, LSV-1000 MID or LSV-2000 MID for processes where goods are sold by length in accordance to the Measurement Instruments Directive 2014/32/EU (MID).

Polytec LSV Laser Surface Velocimeters use the laser Doppler effect to evaluate the laser light scattered back from the moving object. Two laser beams super-imposed on the surface generate an interference pattern of bright and dark fringes. As the surface moves through the fringe pattern, the intensity of the light scattered back modulates in frequency. This modulation frequency measured by the photo receiver of the sensor system is directly proportional to the surface velocity.

**How it works: the Doppler effect**

- High optical sensitivity for measurement on difficult surfaces and in difficult environments
- Flexible interface concept for easy process integration (digital I/O, Ethernet (LAN), encoder output, various fieldbus protocols
- Robust sensor technology for harsh and hot environments (IP66 and IP67); certified mechanical shock and vibration resistance
- Visible Laser for easy alignment
- Superior laser safety due to functional redundant laser switch-off
- Compact design for simple integration
Select the cost-effective LSV-1000 with its all-in-one design and integrated electronics for a fast pay-off and a sustainable and cost-efficient process control.

**LSV-1000**

Choose the LSV-2000 if you additionally want to actively determine the direction of motion and measure at standstill conditions. As such, it acts like a true quadrature encoder, tracking accurately, regardless of speed or direction. Benefit from its unrivaled depth of field independent from the stand-off distance.

**LSV-2000**

Select the LSV MID series for calibrated machines when producing strip material according to the Measurement Instruments Directive 2014/32/EU (MID). LSV MID offers a high level of data security, transparence and process reliability at all times.

**LSV MID**

The LSV MID consist of an LSV sensor head and a separate controller allowing the easy operation via touch pad or web interface and the integration into the company network.
Application-specific accessories

Polytec offers a range of accessories to make integration easy and operation reliable for demanding process environments, including those with dust, oil or high temperatures.

Connection Box
The connection box is completely wired for instant operation and contains a full terminal block, a universal power supply and a LAN connector.

Air Wipe with quick-exchange window
A front-mounted, aerodynamically optimized air wipe unit keeps the sensor’s optical window free of dust and steam. For cleaning or replacement, the quick release window can be easily exchanged.

Mounting Platform
The 3-axis adjustable mounting platform simplifies the precise alignment of the LSV sensor in relation to the measurement object. When mounting the LSV in a cooling housing, a suitable mounting platform is available.

Cooling Plate
The cooling plate keeps the sensor in its operational temperature range, even under hot ambient conditions.

Thermo-Protective Housing
To handle hot and hostile conditions in harsh environments, Polytec has developed the Thermo-Protective Housing consisting of an aluminum housing with integrated stainless steel cooling coils. The coolant can either be water, rolling coolant, paraffin oil or kerosene. An optional heat shield protects the system from heat radiation from the measurement object itself or other heat sources.

Air Amplifier
The air amplifier is used for purging the beam path of the LSV in steamy or dusty environments. It provides a stronger and more concentrated air current than any air purge unit and considerably reduces the consumption of compressed air in comparison with conventional devices.

Further accessories
Measurement frame installation kit, external display, mobility-kit, beam protective sleeve, cable protection, air preparation unit.
One solution – many applications

LSVs are utilized in all industries including, building materials, converting, paper, textile, carpet, extrusion, wire and cable, metals and many more.

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2. Manufacturing process of gypsum boards optimized with Laser precision
3. Applications in the plastics industry benefit from laser-based measurement
4. Reliable measurement without contact even on red-hot steel
5. Length and speed measurement for reliable process control in a rolling mill
6. Position detection in non-destructive testing on steel pipes
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