

## **Field Application Note**

#### Accelerometer Installation Guide

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#### Section I: Introduction:

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There are three mounting methods typically used for vibration monitoring applications; stud mounting, adhesive bonding and magnetic mounting. Stud mounting is the preferred method for permanent mounting applications. This method is accomplished by securing the sensor directly to the bearing housing using a mounting stud. This method allows the sensor to measure vibration according to the manufacturer's specifications. The mounting location for the accelerometer should be clean and paint free, also the mounting surface should be spot-faced to a surface smoothness of 32 micro-inches. The diameter of the spot-face should be about 10% larger than the sensor diameter. Any irregularities in the mounting surface preparation will translate into improper measurements or damage to the sensor may occur. STI prefers that a mounting pad be placed between the machine and the sensor to provide a smooth surface for the accelerometer to attach to.

Adhesive or glue mounting provides a secure attachment without extensive machining; however this method will reduce the operational frequency range since the adhesive will act like a shock absorber, this is also known as damping. The replacement or removal of the sensor is also more difficult than any other mounting method. The most important issue for using adhesives is surface cleanliness, without a clean surface the adhesive will not fully bond to the machine.

The magnetic mounting method is typically used for temporary measurements with a portable data collector or analyzer. This method is not recommended for permanent monitoring. The sensor may be inadvertently moved and the multiple surfaces and materials of the magnet may interfere with or increase high frequency signals.

As can be seen in the figure below, the mounting method has an effect on the operating frequency range of an accelerometer. By design, accelerometers have a natural resonance which is 3 to 5 times higher than the advertised high end frequency response. The frequency response range is limited so that a flat response is provided over the operating range. The advertised range is achievable only by stud mounting. Any other mounting method will adversely affect the natural resonance, and in turn the usable frequency response range.



\*\*\*STI's preferred mounting method is the stud mount with mounting pad and epoxy.\*\*\*

#### Section II: Mounting Accessories:

Part Number	Description	Use	
<b>CMCP-200 Series</b> CMCP200-01 CMCP200-02	Accelerometer Mounting Pads 1/4" x 1" Dia. 3/8" x 1" Dia.	Provides Ideal Mounting Surface. Use 1/4" pad for stud/adhesive mounting and 3/8" pad for adhesive mounting.	
CMCP203 Series CMCP203-01 CMCP203-02 CMCP203-03 CMCP203-04	<b>Pipe Thread Mounting Adapter</b> 1/2" NPT 3/4" NPT 3/8" NPT 1/4" NPT	Makes use of existing NPT threaded holes to mount sensors. Adapters are finished with a lapped surface and a 1/4"-28 threaded hole.	
CMCP205 Series CMCP205-01 CMCP205-02 CMCP205-03 CMCP205-04	Motor Fin Mounts 1.25" L x 0.50" W 2.00" L x 0.50" W 1.75" L x 0.25" W 1.00" L x 025" W	Allows for mounting sensors in between motor fins when a flat surface is not available. Tips are angled to ensure contact with machine casing.	*
CMCP230 Series CMCP230-01 CMCP230-02 CMCP230-03	<b>1/4"-28 UNF Mounting Studs</b> 1/2" in Length 3/4" in Length 3/8" in Length	Sold in packs of 10.	

#### Installation Tools:

Part Number	Description	Use	
CMCP270	Piloted End Mill	Used to mill a 1" flat surface and also provides a guide hole for tapping ¼"- 28 threads. Includes end mill, pilot, drill bit and Allen wrench	L
CMCP271	Piloted End Mill with Replaceable Cutting Tips	Same as CMCP270 but provides replaceable cutting tips. Cost effective when mounting a large quantity of sensors.	

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#### Adhesives and Sealants:

Part Number	Description	Use	
CMCP206	Adhesive Filler	Used to fill voids when installing CMCP205 motor fin mounts. 2 Part Epoxy	Bin of the second secon
CMCP207	Adhesive Dispenser	Used to dispense CMCP206 Adhesive Filler	T
CMCP208	Mixing Nozzle	Used to mix CMCP206 two part epoxy	Alle and a second
CMCP210	Acrylic Adhesive Bypacs	2 Part Epoxy for easier mounting of 1 or 2 sensors	Anticenter 1. State of the state of the state 1. State of the state of the state of the state 1. State of the state of the state of the state 1. State of the state of the state of the state 1. State of the state of the state of the state of the state 1. State of the sta
CMCP211	Depend 330 and Activator	2 Part Adhesive with spray activator. Good for over 10 installations	Ŭ
CMCP212	Silicone Dielectric	Helps ensure transmittal of higher frequencies	
CMCP213	Silicone Sealant	Used to "flood" connectors to eliminate moisture build up inside of sensor connector	732

#### Section III: Preferred Mounting Locations:

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**Preferred Mounting Locations** 

#### **Direct Stud Mount:**



Sensor 1/4"-28 Mount

Adhesive

CMCP-210 or CMCP-211

**Bearing Surface** 



3/4" Mounting Stud

CMCP-200-01 Mounting Pad

#### Mounting Pad Mount w/Adhesive: (Preferred)

CMCP200-0X Mounting Pad Installation - Stud/Adhesive Mount Applicable Frequency Range: 6,000 - 10,000 Hz





#### Mounting Pad with Adhesive Mount:



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