



The FlexiForce A401 Tekscan's largest diameter standard single-point force sensor. It is available off-the-shelf for easy proof of concept and is also available at volume discounts for embedded applications. The A401 can be used with our test & measurement, prototyping, and embedding electronics, including the FlexiForce Sensor Characterization Kit, FlexiForce Prototyping Kit, FlexiForce Quickstart Board, and the ELF™ System*. You can also use your own electronics or multimeter.

Benefits

- **Thin and Flexible**
Easily integrates into tight spaces for non-intrusive force measurement between mating surfaces.
- **Easy to Use**
Compatible with a variety of electronics and ready-to-use for testing, prototyping, or embedding.
- **Convenient and Cost-Effective**
Off-the-shelf availability, customizable options, and consistent performance reduce development time and costs.

Physical Properties

Thickness	0.203 mm (0.008 in.)	Connector	2-pin Male Square Pin
Length	56.9 mm (2.24 in.)**	Substrate	Polyester
Width	31.8 mm (1.25 in.)	Pin Spacing	2.54 mm (0.1 in.)
Sensing Area	25.4 mm (1 in.) diameter		

- * Sensor will require an adapter/extender to connect to the ELF System. Contact your Tekscan representative for assistance.
 ** Length does not include pins. Please add approximately 6 mm (0.25 in.) for pin length for a total length of approximately 32 mm (1.25 in.).

	Typical Performance	Evaluation Conditions
Linearity (Error)	< ±3% of full scale	Line drawn from 0 to 50% load
Repeatability	< ±2.5%	Conditioned sensor, 80% of full force applied
Hysteresis	< 4.5% of full scale	Conditioned sensor, 80% of full force applied
Drift	< 5% per logarithmic time scale	Constant load of 111 N (25 lb)
Response Time	< 5µsec	Impact load, output recorded on oscilloscope
Operating Temperature	-40°C - 60°C (-40°F - 140°F)	Convection and conduction heat sources
Durability	≥ 3 million actuations	Perpendicular load, room temperature, 22 N (5 lb)
Temperature Sensitivity	0.36%/°C (± 0.2%/°F)	Conductive heating

All data above was collected utilizing an Op Amp Circuit (shown on the next page).
 If your application cannot allow an Op Amp Circuit, visit www.tekscan.com/flexiforce-integration-guides, or contact a FlexiForce Applications Engineer.

Typical Performance

Standard Force Ranges as Tested with Inverting Op-Amp Circuit

111 N (0 - 25 lb) †

† This sensor can measure up to 31,138 N (7,000 lb). The force range can be extended by reducing the drive voltage, V_T , or the resistance value of the feedback resistor, R_F . Conversely, the sensitivity can be increased for measurement of lower forces by increasing V_T or R_F .

Sensor output is a function of many variables, including interface materials. Calibration is recommended. See [FlexiForce Best Practices](#) for details. The graph below is an illustration of how a sensor can be used to measure varying force ranges by changing the feedback resistor (**Figure 1** below should not be used as a calibration chart).

Recommended Circuit

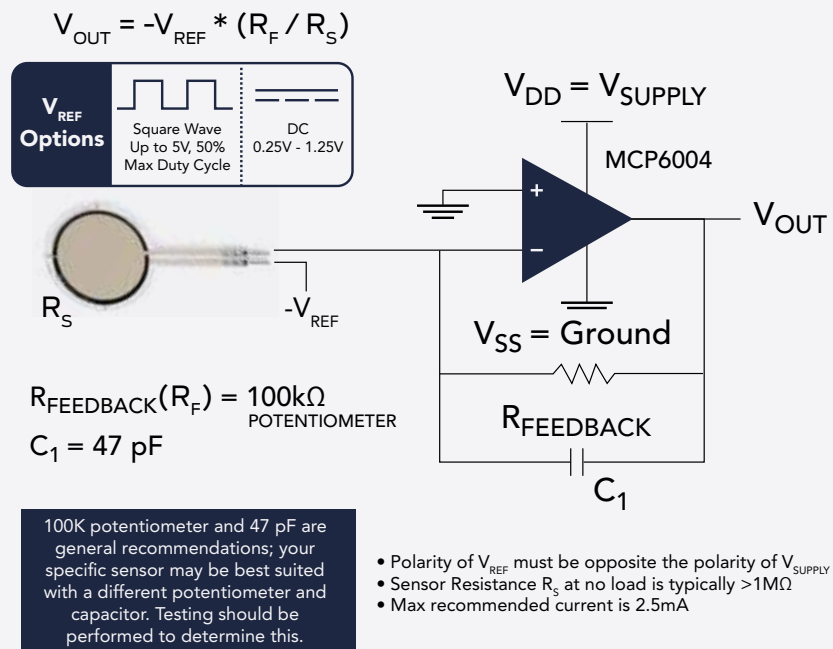
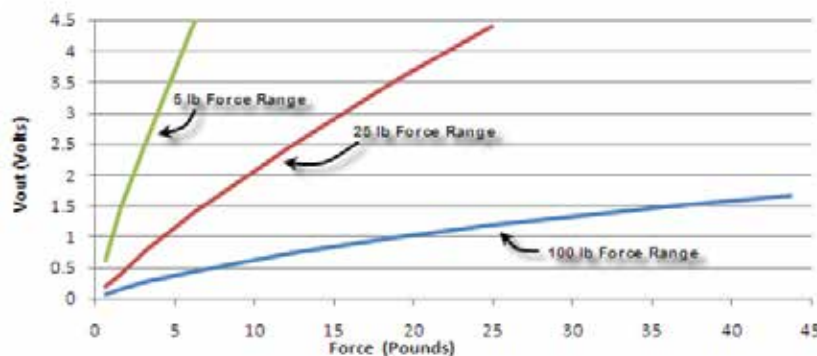


Figure 1



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