

KSR Series

Center of Gravity and Moment of Inertia Measurement Instruments



Description

KSR models are the most accurate instruments in the world for center of gravity and moment of inertia measurement.

They are particularly recommended for determining mass properties of rockets, satellite and ballistic objects.

KSR instruments can be used for payloads weighing from 100 grams to over 10 tons.

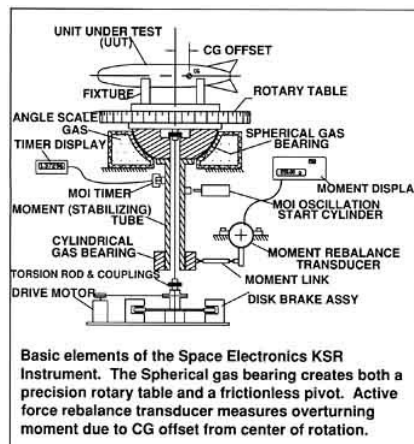
Measurement Concept

The greatly simplified drawing below illustrates the basic theory of operation.

A spherical bearing supports a rotary table and acts as a pivot

axis for measuring unbalance moments due to the displacement of the test part CG relative to the central axis of the bearing.

Moment of inertia is determined by clamping the lower end of the torsion rod attached to the gas bearing, thus converting the instrument to an inverted torsion pendulum.



Key Features

Best accuracy available – CG measurement to 25 microns and MOI measurement to 0.1%.

Largest payload range available – the same instrument can measure payloads weighing only 4% of the machine capacity.

Fully automated operation – select CG or MOI on the computer screen and the entire measurement sequence runs automatically.

Use of gas bearing – fully compatible with cleanrooms, no contamination risk, no high pressure, no danger of explosion.

Enormous stiffness to overturning moment – remains stable when tall objects with high CG are measured.

Fully programmable for metric and imperial units.

User defined coordinate system – CG and MOI are reported directly in the payload coordinate system.

Calibration hardware traceable to NIST is provided with all our instruments.

Unbalance moment is measured directly. CG changes can be observed immediately.

Automatic elimination of leveling errors.

Optional weight platform and CMM device allow direct acquisition of test part weight and coordinate system into the KSR system.

General Technical Specifications (see specific product sheet for a particular model)

Measurements in one setup	2 CG coordinates and 1 MOI value
Payload weight range available	From 100 grams to over 10 tons
CG measurement accuracy	0.1% of measured moment value
MOI measurement accuracy	0.1% of measured value
Electrical power requirements	115 V _{AC} , 60 Hz or 220 V _{AC} , 50 Hz, single phase
Pneumatic requirements	Clean source of dry air or nitrogen, 7 bars, 60 litres per minute
Facility requirements	Concrete floor, 15 cm thick