

Sigma-Nip® — an electronic nip analysis system, calculates and records nip width at multiple points across your rollers face length in real-time with unprecedented speed, acuracy and repeatability. The New Sigmanip system is not only more accurate, but can record higher pressures than ever previously attainable.

Sigma-Nip® presents a revolution in quality control. Now, for the first time ever the technician is able to accurately, efficiently and economically measure roller profiles and alignment condition. Sigma-Nip® consists of a series of thin-film resistive ink pressure transducers on a carrier sheet. As this carrier sheet is loaded in between your rollers the Windows based software assimilates the readings into easily interpretable graphical images - all in real-time.

What people are saying about Sigma-Nip®...

"Sigma-Nip® has come a long way from concept to a reliable, easy to use nip profile measuring tool. It has successfully bridged the gap between conventional carbon paper impressions and the first generation of electronic nip devices. Being able to save and review the entire real-time data from nip closing to nip opening is extremely useful, however, the ability to correlate accurate nip width data to roll deflection is an exceptional benefit."

Sigma:Nip sensor system positioned on a

Metso Paper USA, Mike Stoltz

"Sigma-Nip" is an extremely helpful tool for troubleshooting in printing presses and has saved my colleagues and I significant amounts of time. It allows us to assess what is happening where the actual printing takes place and quickly get to the source of the problem. This is a new tool for us and the industry, but I foresee more and more printers starting to use this system as people begin to see its advantages.

ABITIBI CONSOLIDATED, Don Jordan



Nip data is easily interpretable on your laptop

A REVOLUTION IN QUALITY CONTROL



WHAT IS SIGMA-NIP®

Sigma-Nip® consists of a series of sensor elements that are placed in between two contacting rollers. Immediately upon the application of force, the sensor reveals the precise level of pressure AND where the pressure is occurring – allowing you instantaneously determine whether your rollers are aligned properly and are squeezing together sufficiently. Sigma-Nip® is a real-time system. What that means is that your roller adjustments can be made WHILE the sensor is actually in the closed (non-rotating) nip. This allows for unprecedented flexibility and speed.



DESIGNED FOR PRODUCTIVITY

Sigma-Nip® comes complete with everything you need to quickly and accurately take nip impressions. Sigma-nip's software is so intuitive and user friendly within minutes even an inexperienced user will benefit from it's powerful reports.

Sigma-Nip® is designed with the intention of being used during routine maintenance or set up and is quickly disposed across the roller surface by just one person. The system is modular and portable and quickly interfaces to the USB port on any standard Windows laptop.



Close up view of single sensor element



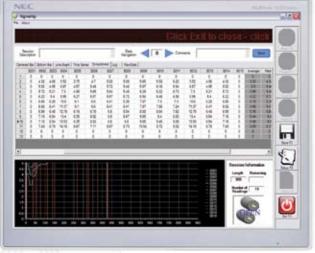
WHY?

Proper roller alignment and pressure level are critical for both print clarity and web control. An evenly loaded roller set is much less likely to cause costly web breaks and sheet "walking", wrinkles, or fold-overs. Simply by virtue of routine tests, Sigma-Nip allows the user to greatly extend blanket life.

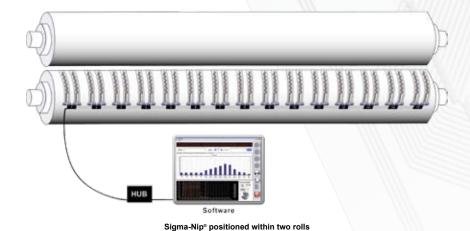


SIGMA-NIP® TECHNOLOGY

Through the application of sophisticated mathematical algorithms, Sigma-Nip® is able to discern the pressure distribution between nip rolls with a high degree of accuracy never before attainable. Each sensor is individually calibrated, serialized and carefully assembled to exacting tolerances. The sensor is designed to withstand repeated high pressures, conform to radiused surfaces and routine exposure to grease, liquids and inks.



Highly detailed information about your nip condition



SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS	
Technology	Resistive
Active Sensor Area	9 in (22.9 cm)
Sensor Thickness	10 mils (0.254 mm)
Temp. Range	0°F to 104°F (-17.7°C to 40°C)
Resolution	0.05 in (0.13 cm)
Nip Width Range	0.05 in to 9 in (0.13 cm to 22.9 cm)
Min. Pressure	40 PSI (2.8 kg/cm²)
Max. Pressure	3,000 PSI (211 kg/cm²)
Cycle Speed	1 FPS
Accuracy	± 6%
Repeatability	± 98%
Weight per Element	1.5 oz (42.6 gr)



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