Pressure Sensors
Miniature & High Performance
L’Essor Français Electronique (EFE) has been developing and manufacturing a complete range of pressure transducers since 1973.

During this time, we have designed our proprietary advanced sensing technologies and created a unique range of high performance and miniature pressure transducers.

From the beginning, we have catered for customers in the aerospace, marine, military, automotive, Formula-One & Rally, nuclear, oil & gas, research sectors and numerous industrial applications. Our products are designed to be used in the most demanding operating environments and to give highly accurate and reliable measurements.

Sensors from EFE are sold in France and overseas: in Europe, the United States and Asia. Our company devotes considerable resources to research and development programs, co-operating with several research institutes, universities and schools of engineering in France.

Located 60 km west of Paris, we have over 1500 m² of research and manufacturing facilities including the most advanced automated equipment for manufacturing high performance transducers. Our Engineering Department, responsible for designing all our sensors, from sensing elements to state of the art PCBs, can also develop specific sensors to meet your requirements.

To meet our customers’ high requirements, EFE decided very early on to develop its proprietary sensing technology for pressure transducers.

This technology, thin film, is manufactured mainly using a physical vapour deposit, and more precisely sputtering process on a metal diaphragm (stainless steel, titanium, inconel, hastelloy, etc.).

Thin film as used by EFE is the only technology which does not require any intermediary between the sensing element and the fluid to be measured as with an oil separator for silicon based sensors or O-rings for ceramic technology.

These intermediaries are a weak point regarding the reliability and performances requested in customer’s applications.

With our technology, the diaphragm is welded on to the pressure port and our wetted parts are fully metallic (stainless steel, titanium, inconel, etc.).

Main advantages of thin film technology
- Very limited shifts with temperature, easily correctable
- Standard capability to measure negative pressure (down to –1 bar)
- High Accuracy capability at 20°C and in the compensated temperature range (total error band).
- Active compensation integrated directly on the diaphragm for very quick changes of temperature of the measured fluid.
- Long life and excellent long term stability
- No internal seals, no oil separator
- Direct compatibility with most corrosive fluids: oils, Skydrol, brake fluids, etc.
- High temperature capability (up to 300°C) with limited thermal shifts

Our quality system is ISO 9001 –2000 certified. Our organisation has been designed to target 100% customer satisfaction.

Every sensor manufactured in our factory passes a long burn-in and control process, ensuring the highest performance and stability in our customers’ applications.

In the case of custom-made or specific sensors we can add additional tests in our manufacturing process to guarantee the reliability and performance of our products in a specific application.

Most of these tests are recorded in our database to ensure good traceability of our production.

All our calibration equipment is Cofrac traceable or equivalent and we are able to provide calibration certificates with new or used units.
Our range of high performance pressure sensors and transducers offers a solution to most applications. They are available from 50 mbar up to 3000 bar. We also propose negative and positive pressure from a 50 mbar up to -1/+10 bar.

Analogue transducers offer standard outputs (2mV/V, 0.5-4.5V DC, 0-5V DC, 1-6V DC, 0-10V DC, 4-20mA) while digital sensors have RS485, CANbus, Modbus outputs.

Thanks to the latest linearization and digital correction techniques, our transducers, both analogue and digital, have high accuracy at room temperature (≤ 0.05% fs) as well as ultimate total error band (all errors included ≤ 0.1% fs) over compensated temperature range.

With our high performance transducers, accuracy does not limit other major specifications for our customers’ applications such as:
- bandwidth, available up to 5kHz with built-in electronics
- large temperature capability, from –55°C up to 125°C (150°C on option)
- robust construction, all stainless steel or Inconel

Some models, analogue or digital, offer software-controlled zero and span.

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MINIATURE & SUB-MINIATURE
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With over 35 years of experience, we have developed a unique range of miniature and sub-miniature pressure transducers. This complete range includes:

- Low pressure (from 100 mbar), high pressure (up to 3000 bar) and negative/positive pressure ranges (from –1 bar).
- Unamplified sensors,
- Transducers with analogue or digital built-in electronics
- Standard or high accuracy with digitally corrected transducers offering ultimate total error band including all errors in the compensated temperature range (≤ 0.1% fs).
- Large temperature capability: from –60°C to 260°C on standard and 300°C on request for unamplified sensors and –55°C to +175°C for amplified transducers.
- High dynamic capability with semi-flush diaphragms
- High performance built-in electronics adapted to on-board applications (8-16V or 8-30V power supply), high bandwidth capability (up to 5 or 10 kHz), low noise and low consumption (<10 mA)
- All stainless steel or titanium construction allowing compatibility with corrosive media
- Robust construction proven in the harshest environments

We can provide calibration certificates for pressure, pressure and temperature as well as certificate of conformity with delivered sensors.
Our products are designed to withstand the harshest environments. Supplying pressure sensors for on-board applications for over 35 years has made us aware of the constraints of such environments on sensors, especially miniature. Our robust thin film technology, associated with proven high quality electronics have been successfully used on board applications in automotive, motor sport, military and aerospace applications. Harsh environments for our sensors consist often in applications combining high levels of shocks, vibrations, accelerations and temperature. Nevertheless unsuitable sensors can also be damaged by corrosive fluids, radiations (nuclear), pressure pulsations or spikes. In all these cases we are offering dedicated proven solutions. Our thin film technology has many advantages, being 100% metallic, capable of high numbers of pressure cycles and adapted to gamma radiation environments. Our manufacturing process, with adapted burn-in and high numbers of quality controls applied at 100% of our production, as well as the choice of high quality components, is a guarantee of the reliability of our sensors in your application.

We can provide you a turn key solution with display, connector assemblies and accessories (O-ring, dowty seals) adapted to our sensors.

PHE220
Compact transducer for the harshest environments
Very robust design for reliable measurements
Built-in electronics (0-5V or 1-6V)
Operating temperature -40°C +125°C
High accuracy from 1 bar up to +600 bar

PHE160
Miniature transducer with built in electronics
Available from 2 bar up to 600 bar
Operating temperature -40°C +140°C
0.5-4.5V DC with 8-30V DC power supply

PHP160
High pressure transducer: 2000, 2500 and 3000 bar
Built-in electronics: 0-5V with 8-30V DC power supply
High speed electronics: 4MHz bandwidth available
High accuracy: up to ±0.05% f.s.
Compatible with on-board and test bench applications

PHE100 & PHE860
Smallest transducers with built-in electronics
All stainless: only 3 grams (PHE860)
Operating temperature -40°C +140°C
High dynamic measurement

PHT220
High temperature pressure sensor
Operating temperature -40°C +175°C
Extreme accuracy in temperature
Optional remote amplifier

PET160
Pressure sensor for extreme temperatures
Operating up to 260°C
Optional remote amplifier in the cable
All stainless steel sensor

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We can provide you a turn key solution with display, connector assemblies and accessories (O-ring, dowty seals) adapted to our sensors.
If your application requires a specific pressure sensor, we can provide you a solution within a reasonable time frame. Our team of applications engineers are ready to study your requirements and define with you the right sensor for your application.

We can offer to customize one of our standard sensors for you. With our large range of products, we are usually able to answer most of the customer’s requirements. Every year we design customized solutions for our customers to tight timeframes.

However, if we are unable to do so, we can develop a specific sensor based on your requirements. We can also manage the qualification of the product to your specifications with internal or external tests thanks to our partnership with specialist laboratories: EMC, environmental tests, vibrations, qualification to a norm (RTCA-160 D0 for instance). For these special developments, we will compile a complete design specification, guaranteeing manufacture of your products over their working life and will provide you with the technical support needed for your project to succeed.

Do not hesitate to contact us and draw on our experience of specific solutions in numerous applications: automotive, aerospace, military, oil & gas, nuclear, research, etc.

Highly accurate and reliable transmitter
Designed for sonar applications
Waterproof to a depth of 300 metres
Proven technology: 20 years of experience

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Military flight test qualified

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Qualified for nuclear applications

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All stainless steel

OEM pressure sensor
Integrated in customer’s equipment
0,1% total error band (0-40°C)
Battery power supplied
Low consumption < 3mA

Customized miniature pressure transducers
SAE®, Swagelok®, flange connections
Automotive, aerospace or offshore applications
Hermetically sealed designs for immersion available

Submersible pressure transducer
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- Sub-miniature to industrial sizes
- All metallic: stainless steel, titanium, Inconel (…)
- Highly dynamic models available (semi-flush)
- High temperature capabilities: from –60°C up to 260°C and 300°C
- Customized or specific products to meet your requirements

THE LEADING TECHNOLOGY

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