LaserCheck
Bending Angle Measurement System
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- Innovative sensors for measuring bending angles on press brakes
- High-tech products “Made in Germany”
- Very high accuracy
- Works contactless
- Integration in existing press brakes possible
- No modifications of tools necessary
- Parallel use of 2 or 4 sensors
- Spring-back calculation with force detection with strain gauges or by detecting end of angle variation
- Connection to Cybelec control via serial interface
- Connection to Delem with Ethernet interface and Modbus
- Integrated OEM solutions for ESA, Amada, Bystronic and others
- Easy to use
- Delivered fully wired and calibrated

Manufacturing sheet metal parts with accurate bending angles that are kept constant all times often meets a problem during the actual production process: different parameters in material thickness and stresses. In order to solve this problem and to make use also of minor quality materials safe for the user, data M Engineering has developed a powerful solution for measuring bending angles in press brakes - the LaserCheck. LaserCheck enables the user to determine the exact bending angle for press brakes with laser triangulation together with strain gauges - and it works contactless.

**Working principle**
The bending angle is measured by scanning the projection of the laser beam to the surface of the sheet metal with the CMOS camera. The angle between the laser and the viewing axis of the camera enables a distance measurement. The angle between sensor and sheet metal is calculated from these distances. With a second sensor at the opposite site the bending angle is calculated.

**Characteristics**
The LaserCheck sensor is mounted on the press brake, below the die, with an angle of 35° - 55° to the vertical. The working distance (between sensor and sheet) is 80-300mm, depending on the sensor type. It is moveable along the die either manually or automatically. Due to its mounting position the measuring range is 30° to 180° bending angle. For each measuring position there are 2 sensors needed. Four sensors enable an independent correction of the beam to compensate angle differences in long bends.
**Designed for industrial applications**

The sensors in the LaserCheck product range are especially designed for sheet metal applications. Due to their robust construction and user-friendly technical features, they achieve precise measurement results even in harsh ambient conditions.

By carefully miniaturising every component, we have created small and robust sensors, that fit on any press brake.

**Spring-back measurement**

Spring-back is measured by releasing the sheet metal in two different ways:
- Opening until end of angle variation. The spring-back angle is measured directly. This strategy is necessary for bends with small forces.
- Opening until the bending force is falling below a predefined limit. Strain gauges are measuring the bending forces simultaneously at both side frames. The spring-back angle is calculated from angles and forces and the sheet metal will be overbent accordingly. Force measurement with residual forces is improving the accuracy when using tools with larger radii or asymmetric parts when a complete release is not possible without losing the correct bending position.

**Calibration & Accuracy**

The sensor accuracy is better than ±0.1°. The bending accuracy is influenced by the control, the machine accuracy, the tools and the material. To increase the bending accuracy the sensors will be calibrated after mounting, so the mounting errors are reduced.

**Calibration with LC-Adjust**

After mounting, the sensors shall be calibrated in the machine with our calibration unit LC-Adjust. This allows highest accuracy with errors less than ±0.1° in the full measuring range.

**Precalibration**

All sensors are pre-calibrated in order to work with reasonable results also without calibration. Only the mounting angle must be defined. Linearity errors can be input for different measuring situations from the machine user.

To document the performance capability of the LaserCheck sensors, each sensor is supplied with its own calibration certificate.
Real time measurement

The fast GigE cameras inside the Laser-Check sensors allow real time measurement with refresh rates up to 100 Hz. USB sensors are supporting refresh rates up to 50 Hz.

Requirements:
- Delem LUAP with DM-101RS module
- Cybelec ModEva with option 66
- Other controllers with real time support

Advantage:
- Bending process is not interrupted
- Fast bending process
- Spring-back measurement without force measurement possible

Controls (Integration)

Available Interfaces:
- Serial Interface for Cybelec ModEva. The LaserCheck sends the angles via RS232 and the forces with an analogue signal to a NLR-card
- Serial Interface for Amada controls
- Combined TCP/IP-Modbus interface for Delem DA66T and DA 69T: The angles are sent to a DM-101RS module via Modbus. Force sensors are connected to an analogue input of the module. For the control of the bending process a LUAP is also provided.
- Open TCP/IP interface for Bystronic, ESA, Robosoft and Gasparini controls
- CANopen
- EtherCAT

Why LaserCheck?

- LaserCheck does not only include angle sensors. It is a complete system to be connected to press brakes. It includes different interfaces for press brake controllers, strain gauge sensors to detect spring-back and motorized systems for sensor movements.
- Well established technology. The separation of sensors and CPUs allows cost efficient solutions if the controls are able to run the LaserCheck software (Cybelec, Bystronic and ESA controls).
- Long time support for all components
- Bending angle correction during the bend process - Perfect results from the first bend
- World wide setup support
- Training and support worldwide or in-house

Why data M Engineering?

data M Engineering offers also services to achieve best results for your projects:

- Training in our premises in Holzkirchen, where you learn:
  - How to mount LaserCheck
  - Parameterisation
  - Interfacing to LaserCheck (TCP/IP, Modbus and others)
  - LUA programming for Delem controls

Software Development

- Software development for different measuring jobs
- Software modifications for special interfaces

Engineering Services

- Customised solutions for special purpose like bending hexagonal tubes
- Customised sensors with long working distances up to 1000 mm
- Additional axes for sensor movements including controls
- Sensor dependent crowning control
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<td>V6</td>
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<td>45° ±10°</td>
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<td>5m + Repeater (Max. 20m)</td>
<td>Max. 50m</td>
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<td>30°-180°</td>
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<td>20-50 Hz</td>
<td>50-100 Hz</td>
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<td>Precision of sensor</td>
<td>better than ±0,1°</td>
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<td>Camera Interface</td>
<td>USB 2.0</td>
<td>Gbit Ethernet (1 Gbit/sec)</td>
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<td>Input voltage</td>
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<td>5 VDC</td>
<td>500mA via USB</td>
<td>24 VDC</td>
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<td>Laser wavelength</td>
<td>670 nm (red visible)</td>
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<td>Air humidity</td>
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<td>0 - 40° C</td>
<td>0 - 70° C</td>
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<td>Interface</td>
<td>TCP/IP, Modbus, RS232, EtherCAT</td>
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<td>Image processing</td>
<td>Control computer with Win10 IoT Enterprise LTSB 64 Bit (Direct sensor connection to the control possible)</td>
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* Scan rate is dependent on the configured field of view, measurement range & exposure time.
LaserCheck 10
USB  |  For machines up to 100 mm die width

LaserCheck 11
Gigabit-Ethernet  |  For machines up to 100 mm die width
LaserCheck 12
Gigabit - Ethernet | For large machines up to 300 mm working distance

Range Extender
For LaserCheck 10,11,12 | Extends the measuring range for larger tools
## Cables

### Ethernet connecting cable (for LaserCheck 11 + 12)

**Cable:**
- Ethernet 10 Gbit
- PUR cable, shielded, flame retardant, oil-resistant, bio-oil-resistant, hydrolysis resistant and microbe resistant, outer diameter: $D = 6,4 \text{mm} \pm 0,2\text{mm}$
- Minimum bending radius: Fixed installation: 26mm | Flexible installation: 52mm

**Connector:**
- Head 1: M12 straight male plug, 10G, X-coded, 8-pin, shielded, IP67
- Head 2: RJ45 IP20

**Article-number:** 10006108 (with 10m cable) | Article-number: 10005154 (with 15m cable)

### USB connecting cable (for LaserCheck 10)

**Cable:**
- TPE cable, shielded, flame retardant, oil-resistant, bio-oil-resistant, hydrolysis resistant and microbe resistant, adapted to the requirements in drag chains, outer diameter: 5mm $\pm 0,2\text{mm}$
- Minimum bending radius: Fixed installation: 37.5mm | Flexible installation: 50mm

**Connector:**
- Head 1: M8 female plug, 4-pin, shielded, IP67
- Head 2: USB A connector

**Article-number:** 10005026

### Power supply and trigger cable

**Cable:**
- PUR halogen-free cable, flame retardant, oil-resistant, bio-oil-resistant, hydrolysis resistant and microbe resistant, adapted to the requirements in drag chains.
- Outer diameter: 5,9mm $\pm 0,2\text{mm}$
- Minimum bending radius: Fixed installation: 47.2mm | Flexible installation: 59mm

**Connector:**
- Head 1: M8 female plug, straight or angle, 4-pin., IP67
- Head 2: not connected

**Article-number:** 10006199 (with 10m cable)
### Gigabit Ethernet Switch

- Industrial 5-port slim type switch DIN-Rail and wall mounting enabled
- 24V power supply
- Article-number: 10005853

### USB 2.0 Extension cable

- 5m extension
- Article-number: 10003666

### USB 2.0 Hub with 4 Ports

- Easy installation with included DIN-Rail Kit
- Power +7 up to 24V DC – The standard in industrial environment
- Article-number: 10005631

### Accessoires

| Power cable (for LaserCheck 11) | M8 connector / free cable end 12-24V
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<td>Cable:</td>
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- Article-number: 10005851 (with 10m cable) | Article-number: 10006036 (with 15m cable)

- Power cable (for LaserCheck 11)
### Force measurement

Special sensors for spring-back measurement without fully releasing the sheet metal, due to asymmetry / weight / stiffness of parts or tools etc

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<th>Measurement Amplifier</th>
<th>Special amplifier for strain gauges with autoscaling function</th>
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**Strain gauges**

- High-resolution extensometer for indirect measurement of bending forces during the deformation of the machine frame. Unlike strain sensors DA40, time-consuming drilling of threads is not required because of integrated high-performance magnets.
  - Dimensions: 38 mm x 68 mm x 20 mm;
  - Mounting: 4 integrated magnetic clamps;
  - Connection: M12 Plug 4 pins (male);
  - IP protection class: IP 65;
  - Housing: aluminium alloy

**Force measurement Kit:**
- One Amplifier with two strain gauges
- Fully wired
- All parts pluggable

### Options

- Sensors for measuring from the punch with long working distance of 900mm
- Motorized height adjustment for different tool heights.
- Longitudinal Adjustment Necessary for different bending stations
- Range Extender for LaserCheck 10 & 11 Necessary for large tool heights.
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<td><strong>Computer</strong></td>
<td>Fanless Embedded System</td>
<td>Fanless DIN-Rail Embedded System, with programmable OLED display</td>
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<td><strong>System</strong></td>
<td>Mini chassis for wall mounting</td>
<td>Mini chassis for DIN-rail mounting</td>
<td>Ultra mini chassis for wall mounting or DIN-rail mounting</td>
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<td><strong>Dimension</strong></td>
<td>229 x 64 x 132 mm (W x H x D)</td>
<td>74,08 x 140 x 171,5 mm (W x D x H)</td>
<td>136,6 x 102,4 x 52 mm (W x D x H)</td>
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<td><strong>Processor</strong></td>
<td>Intel® Celeron® J1900 processor</td>
<td>Intel® Atom™ E3845 processor 1.91 GHz (Quad-Core CPU)</td>
<td>Intel® Celeron® N3160 processor 1.60 GHz (up to 2.24 GHz, Quad-Core CPU)</td>
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<td><strong>System memory</strong></td>
<td>4 GB DDR3L SO-DIMM memory</td>
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<td>3x RS-232</td>
<td>1x RS-422/485</td>
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<td><strong>Display &amp; Resolution</strong></td>
<td>1x VGA Up to 2560x1600@60Hz</td>
<td>1x VGA</td>
<td>1x HDMI Up to 1920 x 1200@60Hz</td>
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<td><strong>Input power range</strong></td>
<td>3-pin terminal block: 9-36VDC</td>
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Hightech made in Germany

With innovative and fresh technical solutions we have been able to make a name for ourselves worldwide.

We develop and manufacture sophisticated mechatronic solutions for the sheet metal industries (LaserCheck) and ceramic industries (DecalApplicator und DecalCutter). Furthermore different other industrial sectors are served with special machines (HexapodRobot, medical instruments).

Wherever you are, we are available with our know-how, early stage consultancy, with solutions and products, the pre and post installation support, spares management and training.