

Title (en)

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING FREQUENCY AND AMPLITUDE OF AN OSCILLATING STRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY FOR MEASURING ACCELERATION OR ROTATIONAL RATES

Title (de)

VORRICHTUNG UND VERFAHREN ZUR BESTIMMUNG VON FREQUENZ UND AMPLITUDE EINER SCHWINGENDEN STRUKTUR, INSBESONDERE ZUR MESSUNG VON BESCHLEUNIGUNGEN ODER DREHRATEN

Title (fr)

DISPOSITIF ET PROCEDE POUR DETERMINER LA FREQUENCE ET L'AMPLITUDE D'UNE STRUCTURE OSCILLANTE, NOTAMMENT POUR MESURER DES ACCELERATIONS ET DES VITESSES DE ROTATION

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO0075676A1] The invention relates to a device for determining frequency and/or amplitude of an oscillating structure that is especially used in measuring acceleration or rotational rates. Said device has a movable element (2) that can be excited to produce an oscillation. A pair of position sensors (10, 11) is used for determining the deflection of the movable element (2), whereby the position sensors (10, 11) are disposed in such a way that their measured values mutually exceed or fall short of each other during a half-wave of the oscillation. A comparator is used for comparing the measured values of both position sensors (10, 11), on the basis of which a threshold value (Us) is determined for the half-wave of the oscillation. A time measuring device is used for determining the duration during which the measured value of one of the two position sensors (10, 11) exceeds or falls short of the threshold value (Us). The position sensors (10, 11) can be, for instance, capacitances whose electrodes are disposed stepwise. The amplitude of the oscillation is determined independently of any possible parallel displacement of the movable element (2) so that no further disruption of measuring results occurs.

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