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ifm solutions for underground ventilation

Condition monitoring



What are the challenges concerning condition monitoring of fans in mining?

Reliable ventilation in mines is decisive for the health and safety of miners. In ventilation systems, uninterrupted fan operation is very important, this is why often redundant fans are used. All drives should be provided with safety functions to protect the drive, motor and fans against overload. These protective functions usually trigger the drive and bring it into an alarm state causing the fan to stop.

The condition monitoring system from ifm electronic offers various programmable functions that constantly monitor the permanent fan operation while the higher-level control system receives a warning signal.

Which solution does ifm offer for it?

We offer the following technologies for online condition monitoring of fans:

- Condition monitoring of bearings and gear mechanisms
- Shaft monitoring
- Unbalance monitoring
- Speed monitoring
- Oil flow monitoring
- Medium temperature monitoring
- Bearing temperature monitoring
- Operating status signaling and status indication
- Fault signal
- Interface connection via Ethernet





Typically sensors for condition monitoring:

- Vibration sensor
- Speed sensor
- Flow sensors
- Temperature sensors
- Pressure sensors

Sensor technologies for condition monitoring

Many sensors can detect changes of machine components. Vibration sensors are most often used to monitor rotating machine parts. It is often stated that they can detect mechanical efficiency loss up to two months before the actual defect. Other sensor technologies used in condition monitoring are sensors for speed, pressure, temperature and flow.

These sensors can monitor efficiency loss of mechanical and electric components in rotating installations.

They ensure reliable fan operation, even under extreme operating conditions, as well as optimum energy utilisation.





Sensor	Measurement	Measurement range	Operating mode		
			Permanent	Speed	Condition monitoring
VSA001	vibration	06000 Hz			O
IGW201	reference speed	02000 Hz		\bigcirc	
VSE100	evaluation	012000 Hz	S		
SBY246	flow	2100 l/min	S		

Article no.	Quantity	Description		
VSE100	1	Diagnostic electronics for vibration sensors		
VSA001	4	Vibration sensor		
IGW201	1	Inductive sensor M18 x 1, PNP, for speed monitoring		
SBY246	2	Flow meter with integrated backflow prevention and display		
EVC084	3	Connecting cable with socket, 25m, PUR Pack		
EVC561	4	Connecting cable with socket, 30m, PUR		
E30115	1	Conical washer, 5 pieces for vibration sensors		
DN4012	1	Power supply 24 V DC / 5A		



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