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Static Rod Force for low bleed dampers

While using the Rod Fore command is very important in testing your dampers, there are times when a no-bleed or very small bleed damper can cause issues. The latest version of CTW Probe© allows you to do a "static" Rod Force.

With a no-bleed damper, just the act of moving to mid-stroke causes so much pressure build up that there is just not enough time for the resultant force to become steady. Now, you can simply get a Rod Force measurement without moving and be far more consistent with the modern no-bleed damper.

Add the command "Read Average Constant" to the beginning of a Test you created for your no bleed damper. You know that one corner that is trying to just be a solid rod.

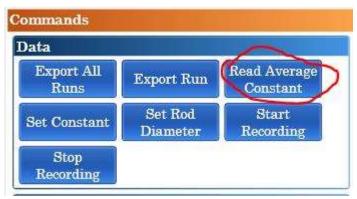


Figure 1

Then, check the Force box and add the name "RodForce" (no spaces) to the Constant line. This will then allow you to load the damper into the machine as normal, apply the crossbar preload and when the Test is executed,

Command Parameters	Command Parameters		
Channel To Average	 □ Displacement ✓ Force □ Temperature □ Velocity 		
Constant	RodForce		
*Speak Start Cue			
*Speak End Cue			



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There are (2) ways that you can approach using this Feature. 1) You can add it at the very beginning of the Test (original method of Roehrig Shock6) and then run as normal. 2) You can run a Warmup first, then use a prompt and then add the command.

By using the Prompt, you can wait for the live force readout to settle before continuing and you have the damper at temperature. You can see both examples below.

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	Test Sequence	Command Parameters		
	1. Read Average Constant: [RodForce] on channel [Force] 2. Timed Warmup: for [10 s] at [10 in/s] max [180 °F] 3. Start Recording	× × ×	Channel To Average	 Displacement Force Temperature Velocity
	4. Run Test Speed[]: at [10 in/s] Cycles [wait 1 select 3rd of 3] 5. Stop Recording	× ×	Constant *Speak Start Cue	RodForce
	6. Move To BDC: at [0.25 in/s] to [-1.001 in] +/- [2 %]	×	*Speak End Cue	

Figure 3: Read Average at the very beginning

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	Test Sequence		Command Parameters		
			Prompt	Select 'OK' to continue	the test.
Read Average Constant	1. Timed Warmup: for [10 s] at [10 in/s] max [180 °F]	×	Prompt Type	OK button only.	
Start	2. Prompt User	×	Is Cancel Default	O n	
Recording	3. Read Average Constant: [RodForce] on channel [Force]	×	Behavior	Rest At BDC	
	4. Start Recording	×	Return To Position	O n	
Resume Data Recording	5. Run Test Speed[]: at [10 in/s] Cycles [wait 1 select 3rd of 3]	×	Move Speed		0.50 in/
	6. Stop Recording	×			
	7. Move To BDC: at [0.25 in/s] to [-1.001 in] +/- [2 %]	×			

Figure 4: Read Average after the Warmup phase and using with the Prompt