

# BPMS™ System

## Body Pressure Measurement System



BPMS™ measures the pressure distribution of a human body on support surface such as seats, mattresses, cushions, and backrests. The thin and conforming sensing mat can measure body pressure distribution with minimal interference of the support surface.

### Key Benefits

- Design optimization
- Verify comfort
- Ergonomics
- Understand body shifts in a static chair or an application with a moving vehicle – ingress/outgress
- Analyze comfort of different materials for seat design
- Quality control
- Competitive benchmarking
- Marketing tool to demonstrate the comfort of your product
- Fully conforming sensor available (CONFORMat®) avoids hammocking or measurement of artifact

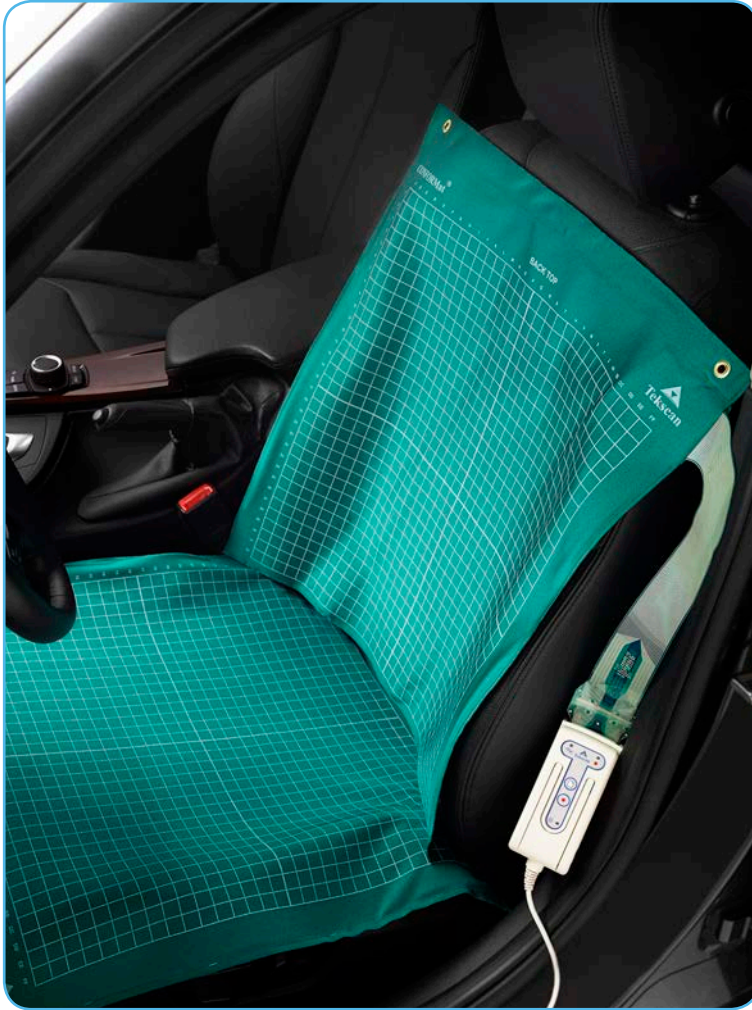
### Applications

- Comfort testing and analysis
- Support surface design
  - Shape/contours of seat or backrest
  - Dimensions of seat
  - Firmness and padding
- Material testing
- Durability and longevity studies
- Ingress/egress studies
- Seating and positioning research

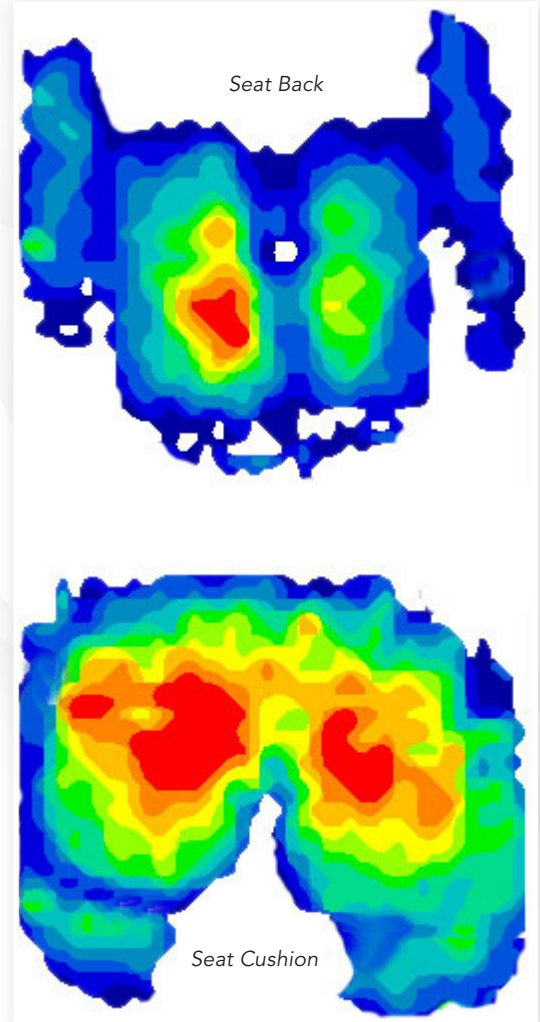
### System Specifications

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| Sensor Technology   | Resistive  |
| Accuracy            | ± 10%  |
| Pressure Range      | 0-250 mmHg (05 psi)  |
| Thickness           | 0.20 mm (0.008 in.)  |
| Ambient Temperature | -40° to 60°C (-40° to 140°F)                               |
| Ambient Humidity    | 5% to 90% RH   |
| Connection Type     | USB 2.0  |
| Cable Length        | 4.57 m (15 ft) standard (Up to 30.48 m (100 ft) available) |

## Seating



Sensor model #5315



Pressure output of person sitting on a car seat. Data collected with two sensors, model 5315.

### Seating Configurations

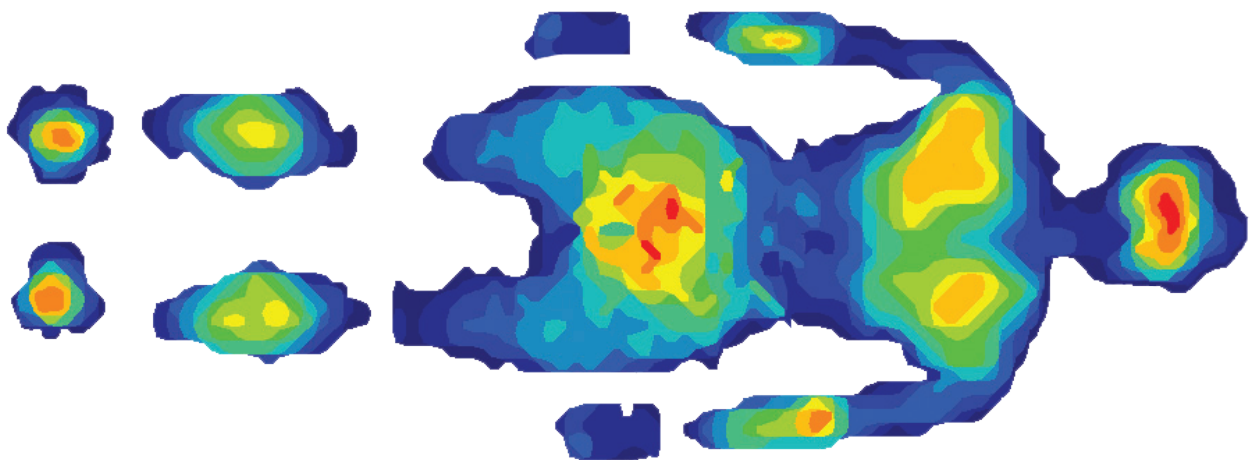
| System Model | Sensor Model (Qty) | Sensing Area   | No. of Sensing Elements | Sensel Density<br>sensels per square centimeter (inch) | Pressure Range          |
|--------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| BRE5315-1    | 5315 (1)           | 488.7 mm x 426.7 mm<br>(19.20 in. x 16.80 in.)                             | 2,016                   | 1 (6.3)  | 0-250 mmHg<br>(0-5 psi) |
| BRE5315-2    | 5315 (2)           | 488.7 mm x 426.7 mm<br>(19.20 in. x 16.80 in.)<br>Two sensor configuration | 4,032                   | 1 (6.3)  | 0-250 mmHg<br>(0-5 psi) |
| CER1         | 5330 (1)           | 471.4 mm x 471.4 mm<br>(18.56 in. x 18.56 in.)                             | 1,024                   | 0.5 (3.0)  | 0-250 mmHg<br>(0-5 psi) |
| CER2         | 5330 (2)           | 471.4 mm x 471.4 mm<br>(18.56 in. x 18.56 in.)<br>Two sensor configuration | 2,048                   | 0.5 (3.0)  | 0-250 mmHg<br>(0-5 psi) |
| BRE5350-1    | 5350 (1)           | 416.6 mm x 386.1 mm<br>(16.40 in. x 15.20 in.)                             | 1,558                   | 1 (6.3)  | 0-250 mmHg<br>(0-5 psi) |
| BRE5350-2    | 5350 (2)           | 416.6 mm x 386.1 mm<br>(16.40 in. x 15.20 in.)<br>Two sensor configuration | 3,116                   | 1 (6.3)  | 0-250 mmHg<br>(0-5 psi) |

BPMS incorporates a "modular" sensor concept. This means you can acquire a system with one sensor mat or up to eight. As your needs evolve, you have the capability of adding more sensors, thus protecting your initial investment.

## Mattress



Subject shown lying on a 4-sensor mat configuration (model 5315) with Handle. Sensors are placed into a special mattress cover for ease of set-up and testing. Mattress cover included with four and eight handled system purchase.



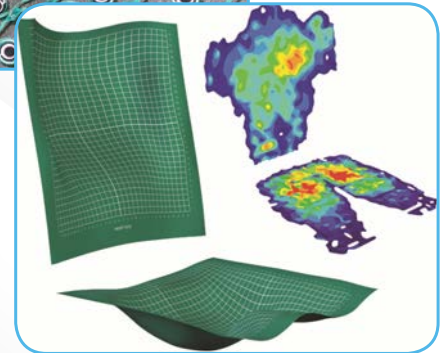
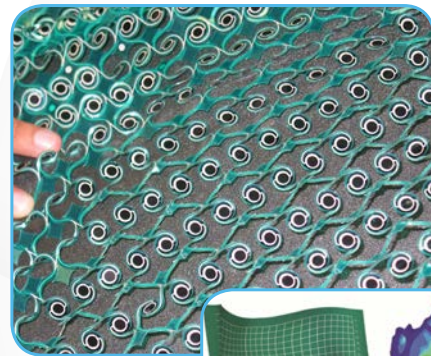
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|--------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| BRE5315-4    | 5315 (4)           | 1950.7 mm x 426.7 mm<br>(76.80 in. x 16.80 in.)  | 8,064                   | 1 (6.3)   | 0-250 mmHg<br>(0-5 psi) |
| BRE5315-8    | 5315 (8)           | 1,950.7 mm x 853.4 mm<br>(76.80 in. x 33.60 in.) | 16,128                  | 1 (6.3)   | 0-250 mmHg<br>(0-5 psi) |
| BRE5400-1    | 5400N (1)          | 578.0 mm x 884.0 mm<br>(22.76 in. x 34.80 in.)   | 1,768                   | 0.3 (2.2)   | 0-200 mmHg<br>(0-4 psi) |
| BRE5400-2    | 5400N(2)           | 578.0 mm x 1,768.0 mm<br>(22.76 in. x 69.61 in.) | 3,536                   | 0.3 (2.2)   | 0-200 mmHg<br>(0-4 psi) |
| HMER3        | 5400N (3)          | 1,734.0 mm x 884.0 mm<br>(68.27 in. x 34.80 in.) | 5,304                   | 0.3 (2.2)   | 0-200 mmHg<br>(0-4 psi) |
| HMER4        | 5400N (4)          | 2,312.0 mm x 884.0 mm<br>(91.02 in. x 34.80 in.) | 7,072                   | 0.3 (2.2)   | 0-200 mmHg<br>(0-4 psi) |

## Sensors

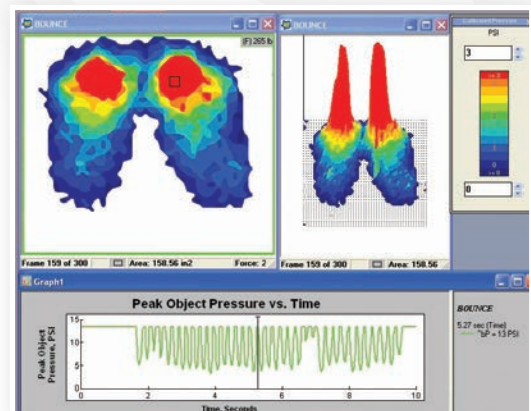
**BPMS** sensors feature spatial resolutions as fine as one sensing element per square centimeter and contain as many as 2,016 individual sensing elements. Multiple mats can be used to cover a surface and provide up to 16,128 sensing elements. The mats' thinness enables the user to confidently incorporate them into the application without altering the characteristics of the support surface. The combination of these factors enables precise measurement of the location and magnitude of peak pressures and overall pressure distribution patterns.

The **CONFORMat** sensor utilizes new technology which conforms to complex, contoured, and deformable support surfaces like seat cushions: the sensor will not capture pressure artifacts, only the loaded area. The sensor mat design eliminates sensor hammocking while it conforms to the surface, resulting in the most true and accurate pressure data.



## Key Software Features

- Access real time or recorded data in 2D & 3D
- Key metrics; total force, peak pressures, and center of force
- Multiple graph options to plot data
- View and compare multiple test results simultaneously
- Ability to attach a digital image to each frame of a Tekscan movie
- Export data to ASCII or AVI files



Car Seat test: Pressures caused during driving when vehicle bounces.

## Add-ons

**Video Synch™** - Video sequences can be recorded from a camera and synchronized with your pressure data and played back in the Tekscan software, enhancing the utility and clarity of collected pressure data.

**Equilibration Devices** - Pneumatic or vacuum devices that apply a uniform pressure to the active area of a sensor to normalize the output of each sensing element. The system electronically compensates for any variation in individual sensing elements, creating a unique calibration curve for each sensing element.

**Wireless Capability** - Wireless connection is available between the sensor/Handle and your PC, allowing for ultimate flexibility in data acquisition (PDA included).



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