RESISTANCE WIRE EXTENSOMETER

Tech note

The head anchor of an RWE is only 60mm long, thus enabling it to be located very close to the wall surface, i.e. in the shotcrete lining, if used.

TRT's Top Logger can measure up to eight RWEs

One Top Logger could monitor two convergence measuring sites of 4 x RWEs each

One Top Logger could monitor one convergence measuring site with 3 x RWEs installed each side of the opening and 2 x RWEs installed in the roof

Reading resolution of RWEs using Top Logger:

1m: 0.0009 mm

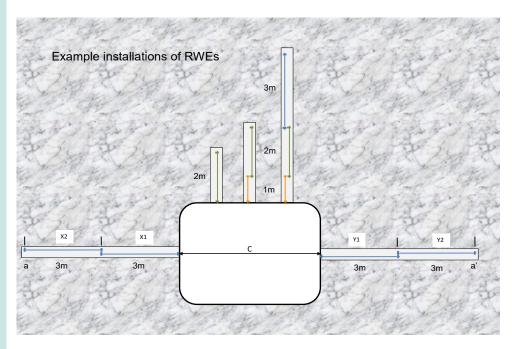
2m: 0.0018 mm

3m: 0.0039 mm

Resistance Wire Extensometers (RWE) are accurate, easily installed instruments for measuring displacement/deformation in rock or soil.

- standard lengths ½m, 1m, 2m, 3m
- can be installed as a single instrument, or multiple instruments nose-to-tail to cover a longer measurement length
- monitored by hand-held readout, or by data logger
- high resolution and accuracy with good range in extension
- Can be used to measure convergence C of a roadway/drive without impeding traffic, as shown in the example below.
 Two 3m long RWEs are grouted into boreholes on opposite sides of a drive. If the toes of the boreholes a & a' are considered to be in stable ground, then measured displacements X1+X2+Y1+Y2 = C

2m, 3m, 3m or 3m, 3m, 3m strings of RWEs could be installed, thus pushing locations a and a' 8m or 9m away from the walls of the opening.



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