



Dynamic Back Pressure Shearbox (DYNBPS)

Overview: The Dynamic Back Pressured Shearbox (DYNBPS) is used for static and dynamic direct shear testing on soil specimens with control of sample pore pressures. The control of pore pressure during direct shear testing allows real-world situations to be modelled in the laboratory.

This dynamic version of the device allows a landslide to be modelled as it quickly gains velocity after the initial moment of failure. Cyclic direct shear testing is also possible while still controlling and measuring pore pressure.

Key Features:

Benefits to the User:

Electro-mechanical actuators:	Designed for long life and highly accurate position control. Unlike pneumatic actuators this type of actuator is suitable for carrying out small strain testing, long term creep tests and dynamic tests up to 5Hz.
Realistic modelling:	The DYNBPS provides a realistic model of many real-world cyclic and seismic geotechnical problems, such as slope stability and earthquake loading.
Interchangeable internal load cells:	For increasing accuracy and resolution on soft soils.
Closed-loop control:	For shear force/displacement and normal force/displacement.
Shear gap:	Manually set-able from outside the pressure vessel whilst under pressure.
Balanced rams:	Allows cost effective static pressure controllers to be used for back pressure with minimal pressure fluctuations during dynamic tests.

Tests that can be Performed:

Back pressured static direct shear tests, back pressured cyclic shear load tests and back pressured cyclic shear displacement tests.

Upgrade Options:

Bender elements and small strain transducers.

Technical Specification:

Axial Force Resolution:	24bit (i.e. <0.4N for 10kN load cell, <1.5N for 40kN load cell)
Computer Interface:	USB
Data Acquisition:	24bit
Dimensions (mm):	1200(H) x 500(L) x 770(W)
Load Range (kN):	Normal force 25, Shear force 10
Operating Frequency (Hz):	5
Power:	3 phase
Pressure Range (MPa):	2
Resolution of Measurement and Control (MHz):	10
Sample Sizes (mm):	Square: 50, 75 (custom sizes available on request) Sample height: 20-40
Weight Approx (kg):	160

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GDSLAB Control Software

GDSLAB is the control and data acquisition software for geotechnical laboratory applications. GDSLAB starts with a core application known as the kernel. The GDSLAB kernel allows for data acquisition from your hardware, but no test control. Simply add the appropriate module or modules to complete the test suite functionality you require. GDSLAB is compatible with all existing GDS equipment and furthermore key hardware from other manufacturers.

GDSLAB has the ability to be configured to your hardware of choice, no matter how unique the arrangement. A text file (*.ini) or initialisation file is created that describes the hardware connectivity to the PC. The hardware layout is available in graphical format via the GDSLAB 'object display'. This makes setting up the devices and checking the connectivity extremely simple.

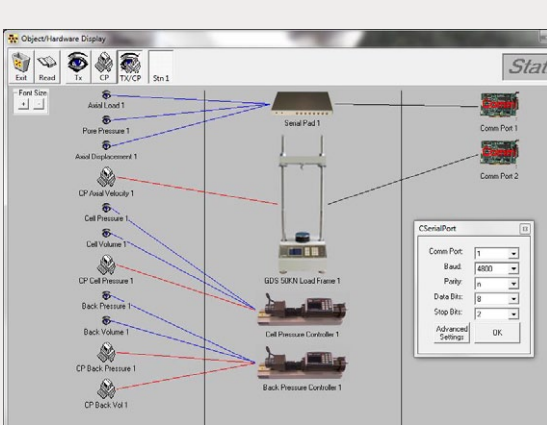


Fig. 1 Show a typical set-up screen in GDSLAB

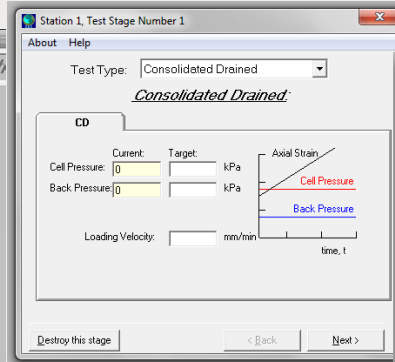


Fig. 2 Show a typical test stage in GDSLAB

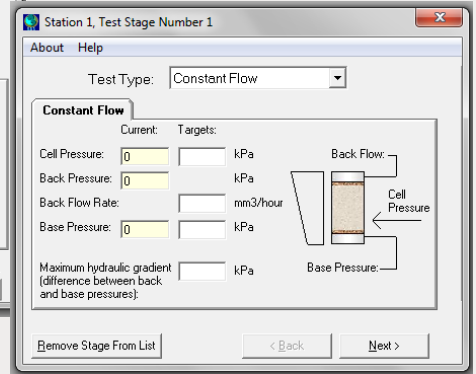


Fig. 3 Show a typical test stage in GDSLAB

Required Operating System: Windows 7 SP1 or higher (We strongly recommend that Windows is fully up to date and running the latest Service Pack/Version available). Recommended PC Specification: 2GHz processor, 4GB Ram, 64Bit Operating System and USB connectivity. Note: GDS software can run on lower spec PC's however; performance and processing of data may be affected.

Optional GDSLAB software modules for DYNBPS machines

Standard Shear Testing

- Stepped loading
- Constant loading
- Constant velocity shearing

Advanced Shear testing

- Independent control of Primary Control Parameters
- Constant
- Ramp
- Slow speed cyclic

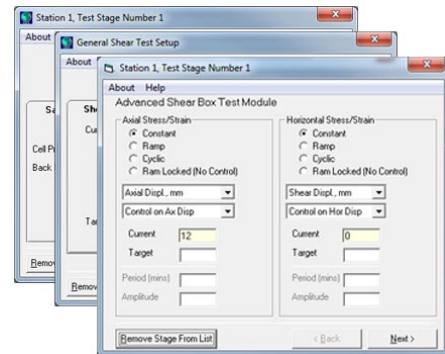


Fig 4. Show a selection of screenshots from the GDSLAB Reports software.

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