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Key features:
- High-intensity 7 LED array—4,800 Lux @ 6,000 FPM/30 cm
- 30 to 300,000 FPM (Flashes Per Minute) = RPM or CPM
- Rugged, durable design—1 meter drop
- High accuracy, 0.02 % (± 1 digit)
- LCD display, multiple lines
- Check the rotating speed of machinery without physical contact or need for reflective tape
- High efficiency LED solid-state light source—never needs replacement like traditional xenon lamps.
- Pulse width modulation for sharp images at high speed
- Advance or retard flash timing for viewing gear teeth, cutting surfaces, repeats or “drifting” images
- Push button operation with x2 and ÷2 buttons for easy adjustment.
- Ease of use and ergonomic design help make measurement easy
- Rugged construction for reliable performance

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Common Applications for the 820
The Fluke 820 Stroboscope is more than just a tool to measure rotational speed of machinery without physical contact. It is also an excellent diagnostic tool for a wide variety of applications:
- Belt driven machines—HVAC fans, pumps
- Roller bearings, shafts, gear teeth or other machine components
- Clutches and cogwheels
- Foundations—resonance vibrations
- Cable or piping wear or damage
- Mixing and dosage processes

In addition, the stroboscope can be used as a strobe tachometer to measure speed instead of using a laser tachometer. In order to use the stroboscope, the component under measure must be visible, and have an identifying mark that can be used as a point of reference. A strobe tachometer is a useful tool because you can’t always get access to the machine shaft to stick a piece of reflective tape to use a laser tachometer or make contact with the moving shaft to use a contact tachometer—using a stroboscope you can “stop” the shaft down to 300 RPM (FPM).
Use the 820 for:

- Turbines that vary in speed and change speed frequently
- Variable Frequency Drive motors that vary in speed, but do not change frequently
- Find belt rotation speed and look for belt slippage
- Find machine element components – fan blades, pump vanes, compressor screws, and gear teeth.
- RPM measurement and frequency investigation
- Slip measurement

Use the Fluke 820 Stroboscope in a variety of industries:

### Electronics/electrical engineering

- Observe the anchor swing from synchronic and asynchronous motors, carbon brush of the collectors and sliding rings. Find mistakes on speakers, record players, magnetic tape recorder, relay, contact rectifiers, power switch, home selector, home equipment, ventilators, turbines, vibrators, counters, speakerphones, sorting machines, centrifuges, electrical tools and equipment.
- Find errors caused by work process on manufacturing machines—wrappers, cabling machines, isolated machines, wireless printing machines, cutting machines and drill machines.
- Control the synchronization of motors and machines as well as their leakage and tarnish behavior. Check the behavior of motors, machines, and drives for power drain. Identify material stress as well as fatigue by wave motion reverberations at higher machine efficiency.

### Machine construction

- Investigate meshing of gears, control of drives, ball bearings, couplings, lever movement, linkages, cylinders, valve clip tongue and valve clip leverage, resonance vibrations, and early detection of fatigue of the material from high load.
- Control the work process on high-speed machines. Check the compliance of rotational parts of motors, machine and manufacturing equipment, and the behavior of couplings, belts and chain-drives at high speeds.
- Observe the work processes of centrifuges, pressure/cut machines, automatic punching, riveting machines, screwing machines, grinding machines, polishing machines and boring machines. Observe the automatic moving processes and play of machines and mechanical equipment that is outside what can be seen by the human eye.

### Automotive and motor manufacturing

- Adjust the ignition and the valves. Check the valve lever movement, valve spring vibration, and injection operations in combustion engines. Control of the various work processes in manufacturing of automatic and machines all of kinds.
- Observe the vibration of motors, hangers, transmission shafts, springs, wind generators, and light machines.

### Optics manufacturing

- Perform movement studies seen in the fast movement of objects through film recordings.

### Print, paper, and cardboard manufacturing

- Observe the passer marks and control the printing process. Watch multicolor printers in order to assess the print quality relative to the rate.
- Check on package machines, folding box automation, cutting automation and adhesive automation. Control the work process of the punching, printing, and sorting automation. Control the rotary knives, waltz, transport rollers, gears, stores, waves, etc.

### Mining

- Observe shiver and swinging filters, transport bands, and centrifuges. Control the generators, drive machines, rock drills and other mechanical equipment.

### Shipbuilding, aircraft construction

- Determine the appearance of cavitation bubbles on propellers at experimental models. Control the movement in marine engines, generators, E-machines, and air systems.
- Observe the behavior of propellers and air screws at different rpm (drew behavior and fluid behavior).
### Technical specifications

**Chemical manufacturing**
- Control the mixing and dosing processes. Observe mixers, pumps, regulation systems, transport bands, package machines, dosing and sorting machines, table machines, bottle filling machines, closure machines, etc.
- Observe the product in dry centrifuges and air pressure machines, conveying systems, swing filters and crushing plants, etc.

**Medical**
- Observe the drilling process in medical institutions.
- Set the responsive assets on light pulses of different frequencies (e.g. an epileptic).
- Use in laboratories, research institutions, schools, universities, and technical training facilities.
- Observe the work processes for demonstration and experimental purposes. Use as visual evidence for theoretical opinions where visualization of optics are not detectable.

#### Mechanical specifications

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#### Environmental specifications

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#### Safety compliance

| Agency approvals                  | CE                                       |
|                                    | Class III (SELV) Pollution Degree 2      |

#### Miscellaneous specifications

**Flash frequency**
- **Range:** 30 to 300,000 FPM
- 0.5 to 5000 Hz
- **Accuracy:** 0.02 %
- **Resolution:**
  - 30 to 999 FPM = 0.1
  - 1000 to 300,000 = 1
  - 0.5 Hz to 999 Hz = 0.1
  - 1000 Hz to 5000 Hz = 1
- **Frequency setting:** FPM or Hz

**Flash pulse**
- **Duration:** Adjustable in μs or degrees
- **Delay:** Adjustable in μs or degrees

**Light**
- **Color:** Approx 6500 K
- **Emission output:** 4,800 lx @ 6000 FPM at 30 cm

**External trigger**
- **Method:** Connector to externally control trigger
- **High level:** 3 V to 32 V
- **Low level:** <1 V
- **Minimum pulse width:** 50 μs connection