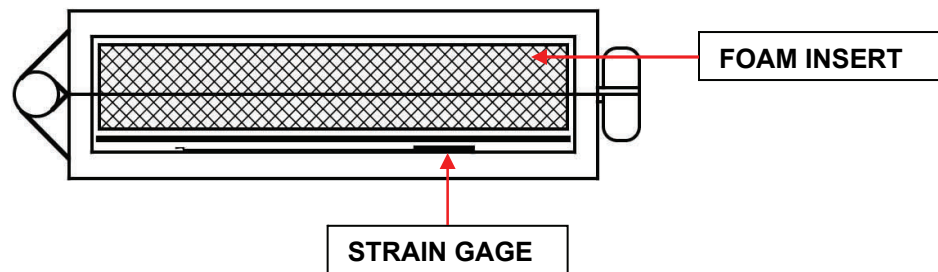


RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMOVING STRAIN GAGES FROM BOXES

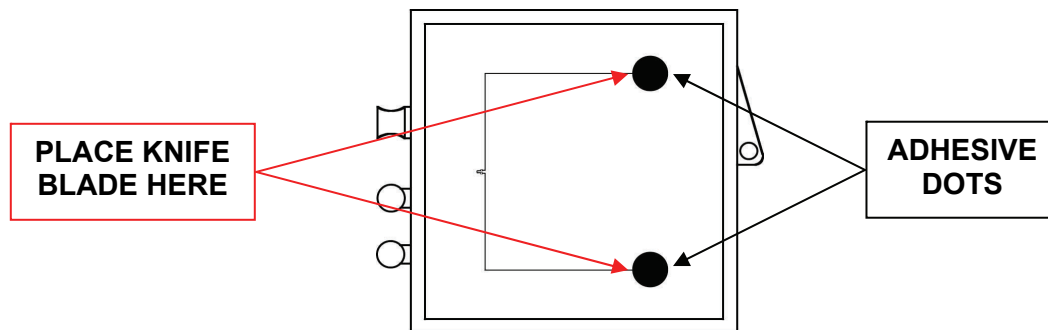
The strain gage is secured in the strain gage box by two adhesive “dots”. A foam insert backed with a layer of paper may protect the gage.

1. Open the box.
2. If there is a foam insert (**See Fig. 1**) remove it using a pair of tweezers. Lift the foam insert vertically. Do not exert any pressure on the foam pad as this may damage the gage.

**FIGURE 1.**  
Strain Gage Box



3. Do not attempt to remove the gage from the box until the wires attached to the adhesive dots have been cut.
4. Place the blade of an “X-ACTO” knife (or similar) on the wire as close as possible to the adhesive dot. Apply a **FIRM DOWNWARD PRESSURE** to sever the wire (**See Fig. 2**).



**FIGURE 2.**  
Strain gage secured in strain gage box

**Do not** use a back and forth cutting motion to cut the wire as this may cause the wire to deform and/or detach from the strain gage.

Repeat for the second wire.

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