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PEAK RUNNING TORQUE = X
AVERAGE RUNNING TORQUE = Y
MAXIMUM HASH WIDTH = Z
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A sample Torque Tester printout

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**Example Torque Tester Data:**

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- Y-axis: Torque Values

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- 360° Clockwise Rotation

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