Contour and Surface Roughness Measuring Systems FORMTRACER Avant Series



Form Measurement



Go above and beyond.

FORMTRACER Avant series

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Speed and operability like never before

A revolutionary measuring system that defies conventional thinking.

The hybrid measuring system "FORMTRACER Avant Series" allows for measurements of both contour and surface roughness features. Equipped with "speed" enabling higher measurement efficiency, "operability" with automation and a wide variety of features, and expandability which offers upgrading to a complex system by incorporating optional detectors, this revolutionary measuring system defies conventional thinking.

All in One.







CONTRACER



Contour

Continuous upper/lower direction measurement combined with a measurement adjustable feature*, enables the continuous measurement of upper and lower face contours, including the effective diameter of screw-threads.

The selectable measuring force feature* eliminates the need to set the measuring force by exchanging weights or switching orientation.

Mounting an arm onto the Z1-axis contour detector via a magnet-type one-touch attachment/detachment system greatly improves the efficiency of contour measurement.

* Only when mounting the contour detector C-4500





SURFTEST



Surface roughness

Compliant with JIS, ISO, ANSI, VDA, and other industrial surface roughness standards.

Rapid movement of the measuring unit, combined with optional accessories to automate leveling of the measuring surface during setup prior to measurement, shortens measurement time and reduces the burden placed on the operator.





A feature-rich lineup covers every purpose.

This single machine can measure contours and surface roughness.

Just by integrating a detector with a base system comprising FTA-S4C3000/4000 (contour instrument) and FTA-S4S3000 (surface roughness tester), it is possible to upgrade a contour instrument or surface roughness tester to a complex system,

from a general-purpose contour instrument to a high-precision contour instrument

Three types of surface roughness detector holders can be added for a wider range of surface roughness measurements. Other than the addition of detectors, Mitutoyo provides a choice of 100/200 mm-type drive units, high-column instruments



various measurements for which multiple instruments

used to be required.



200 mm drive unit, high-column model Surface Roughness Tester FTA-H8S3000

High-column model

The base instrument is the same size as the standard model, except the column is higher. The extra depth allows a wider range of measurements in the vertical direction.

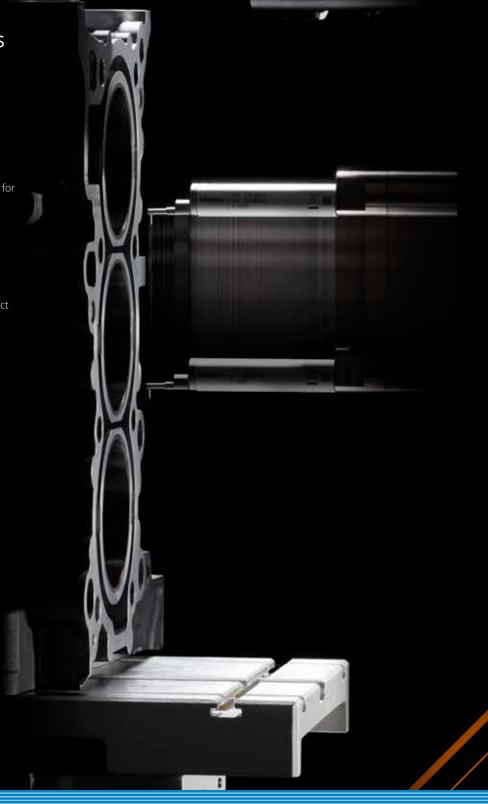
Large-sized model

This is the large-sized model with the maximum-size base and column. It can efficiently measure heavy and/or long workpieces.

HIGH-SPEED

"Speed-up" greatly increases throughput.

FORMTRACER Avant Series boasts best-in-class drive speed for both drive unit and column axis along with a quick stroke return speed. To establish "Speed up," for surface roughness measurement, the positioning distance from the start of measurement to the start of data acquisition is reduced to the lowest limit. For contour measurement, the time from contact on a workpiece to the start of measurement is shortened. The total measurement time is drastically reduced to improve measurement efficiency.





Best-in-class drive-speed

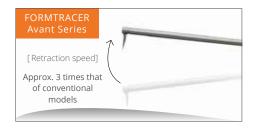
High drive-speed drastically reduces the measurement time





X-axis (drive unit): 80 mm/s (MAX) Z2-axis (column vertical movement): 30 mm/s (MAX) Speed-up of the movement enables reduction of the total measurement time.

Reduction of the total measurement time



The stroke (retraction) speed is improved by approx. three times compared to conventional models; meanwhile, the speed when the stylus goes down to touch a workpiece becomes slower in consideration of safety. The measuring system automatically detects the workpiece contact, then immediately moves into standby mode for the start of measurement approximately three times faster than a conventional model, for a drastic improvement in measuring efficiency.





X-axis inclinable drive unit





To measure inclined surfaces efficiently, an X-axis inclinable drive unit which can measure surfaces within a range of ±45° is mounted. When mounting the contour detector C-4500, the measuring force can be varied in 5 steps by using the software provided (FORMTRACEPAK), eliminating the need to adjust the measuring force by switching weights or through positional adjustment. This system can also maintain the specified measuring force even when inclined.









Arc scale

The system features a built-in precision arc scale that allows the circular trajectory of the stylus tip to be read directly, eliminating the need for an arc direct conversion mechanism, which often causes measurement error on the detector. It allows precision measurement over a wide range even if the arm is not in the horizontal attitude. You can perform precision measurement without worrying about the measurement range.



Cable-less

All detector and drive unit cables are housed inside the main unit to eliminate any risk of abrasion or snagging and guarantee precision measurement and rapid movement.



Hot swapping

No need to turn the controller power off when replacing the contour detector or roughness detector; moreover, the tool-less replacement mechanism (thumb-turn clamp) greatly helps to reduce the replacement time by approx. 1/4 (approx. 30 seconds) compared to a conventional model. Further, positioning using the guide pin improves repeatabilty when replacing detectors and allows efficient operation of the automatic measuring program.









WORKABILITY

Optimized measurement features depending on characteristics of workpieces

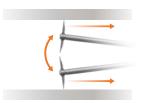
Functions such as upper/lower surface continuous measurement, changing of measuring direction and setting of measuring force using a dual-sided stylus through the software remarkably improves the measurement capabilities. The stylus-drop detection feature immediately stops operation when it detects a sudden drop preventing damage to stylus or machine. It can also hold a position to measure an interrupted surface without using a mechanical stopper. Other features enable accurate and safe measurements in accordance with the characteristics of a workpiece.

Upper/lower surface continuous measurement





Upper/lower surfaces can be measured continuously by using Mitutoyo's double-sided conical stylus. This continuous measurement data can be used to facilitate analysis of features that were difficult to measure before, such as the effective diameter of an internal screw-thread. The collision monitoring feature for the magnet arm and the detector cover ensures safe measurement even during high-speed movement, in addition, optional accessories for automatic measurement automate processes from the setup to the measurement.



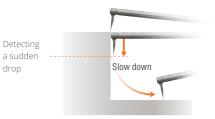
Stylus drop detection feature





Detects sudden drop of the stylus from a measurement surface and stops the measurement operation; also, it controls the dropping rate to avoid breakage of stylus.

Note: When mounting contour detector C-4500

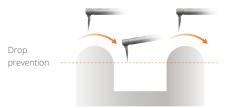


Continuous cut-out measurement feature





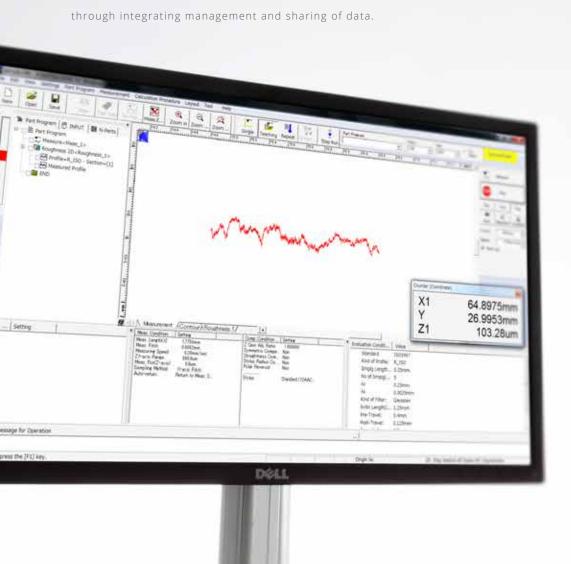
The detector hold position can be registered, allowing measurement to be performed without dropping below the preset position. This feature allows continuous measurement of interrupted surface features on workpieces without needing to use mechanical stoppers.



SOFTWARE

Support for an integration of management and sharing of measurement data to assist in the visualization of high quality

FORMTRACEPAK is equipped with a wide variety of features, such as control of the contour and surface roughness measuring systems, data analysis and comparison and report generation. MCubeMap visualizes the analysis data in detail by using various graphical technologies. MeasurLink integrates measured data to a server via a networking system. Mitutoyo supports the recognition of quality improvement by minimizing product defects in production





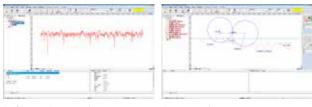




FORMTRACEPAK

<Surface property analysis program>

FORMTRACEPAK features offer total support for controlling the measuring system, surface roughness analysis, contour analysis, contour tolerancing, and inspection report creation.



Surface roughness analysis

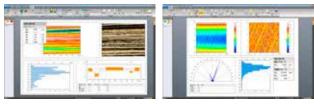
Contour analysis

MCubeMap

<3D surface property analyzing software>

Parameter analysis is available for not only the vertical directions of Sa and Sq, but also spaces, compounds, and features. A wide variety of graphical technologies help visualize the analyzed data in detail.

Note: The Y-axis table for 3D measurement is required separately.

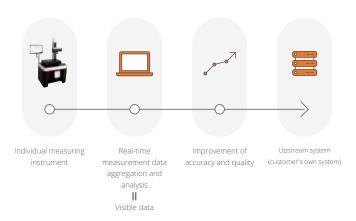


An example of 3D analysis

MeasurLink

<Measurement Data Network System>

MeasurLink networks each measuring system and aggregates the measurement data in a server. The real-time aggregation enables "Visible quality" meaning the unified management and sharing of information relevant to quality.



DES/G/V

Coexistence of structure and functional vision with no compromise to details

Aesthetics, functional logic and reliable measurement accuracy. We sought a product design encompassing all of these. Combining perfection, a desire to design with no compromise to details and functional logic, we sought to provide both operability and innovation.

In addition to coloring, the new design adds improvements and ingenious features that considers the whole product structure and makes it easier to use.



- 1 In addition to coloring, the new design considers both usability and innovation. While inheriting the contracer and surftest tradition, one also senses a leading innovative spirit.
- 2 Applying an angle to the front surface of the vibration isolator and side table helps reduce stress on users who work while standing and provides excellent usability.
- [3] Improved operability attributed to new added features, such as the override control for adjusting the driving speed in real-time, and part program key that assists creation of part programs.
- 4 All detector and drive unit cables are housed inside the main unit to eliminate any risk of abrasion and guarantee precision measurement and rapid movement.





OPT/ONS

Optional accessories for automatic measurement

Mitutoyo offers a wide variety of optional accessories supporting the major reduction of total measurement time, from setup and measurement to evaluation, by enabling quicker implementation of operations, such as measurement of multiple points, alignment of cylindrical workpieces and leveling for surface roughness measurement.





Y-axis table 178-097

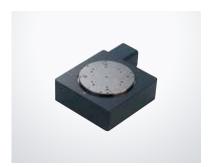
Enables efficient, automatic measurement of multiple aligned workpieces and multiple points on a



Travel range: 200 mm Resolution: 0.05 µm

Positioning accuracy: ±3 μm Drive speed: Max 80 mm/s Maximum load: 50 kg

Mass: 28 kg



Rotary table θ 1-axis table 12AAD975

For efficient measurement in the axial/ transverse directions. When measuring a cylindrical workpiece, automatic alignment can be performed in combination with the Y-axis table. (* θ1-axis mounting plate <Option: 12AAE630> is required when directly installing on the base of the FORMTRACER Avant.)

Max 10°/s Mass: 7 kg





Rotary table θ 2-axis unit 178-078

You can measure multiple points on a cylindrical workiece and automate front/ rear-side measurement. (* θ2-axis mounting plate <Option: 12AAE718> is required when directly installing on the base of the FORMTRACER Avant.)

Displacement: 360° Resolution: 0.0072° Maximum load (loading moment):

4 kg (moment 343 N·cm or less)

Rotational speed: Max 18°/s Mass: 5 kg







Auto leveling table 178-087

This table performs fully automatic leveling adjustment roughness measurement surfaces at the start of measurement. Full automation ensures rapid measurement regardless of the skill level of the operator.

Inclination adjustment angle: $\pm 2^{\circ}$ Maximum load: 7 kg

Table dimensions: 130×100 mm

Mass: 3.5 kg





Drive unit DAT unit 178-050

This optional unit supports leveling of measurement surfaces by inclining the drive unit. This makes leveling easy when working with large workpieces that are hard to place on the auto leveling table.

Inclination range: ±1.5°

Mass: 6.7 kg

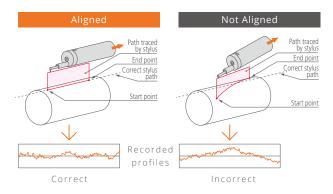


3-axis adjustment table | 178-047



This table makes the adjustments required when measuring cylindrical surfaces. The corrections for the pitch angle and the swivel angle are determined from a preliminary measurement and the Digimatic micrometers are adjusted accordingly. A flat-surfaced workpiece can also be leveled with this table. By using Mitutoyo's 3-axis adjustment table, the workpiece can be aligned and leveled easily, simply by following the FORMTRACEPAK guidance.

No experience or special expertise is required.



Centering chuck (ring operated) | 211-032



This chuck is useful when measuring small workpieces.

You can easily clamp them with its knurled ring.

Holding range:

Inner jaws OD: φ1 - φ36 mm Inner jaws ID: φ16 - φ69 mm Outer jaws OD: φ25 - φ79 mm **Dimensions** (D×H):

Micro-chuck | 211-031

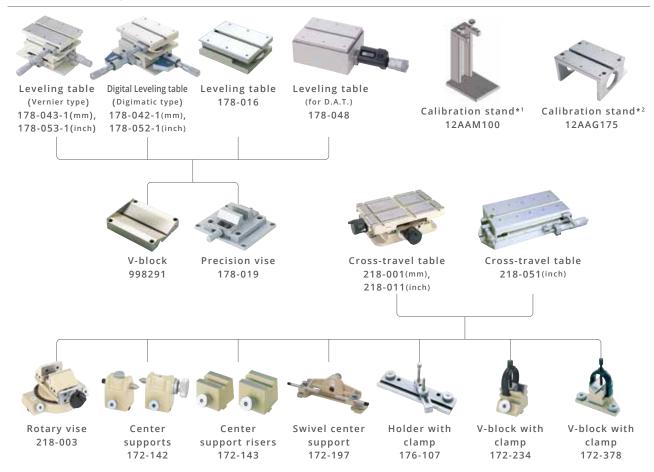


This chuck is suitable for clamping extra-small diameter workpieces (φ1 mm or less), which cannot be retained with the centering chuck.

Holding range: OD: ϕ 0.2 - ϕ 1.5 mm Dimensions (D×H): ϕ 107×48.5 mm



Table and fixture systems



Desktop type vibration isolators

Manually charged pneumatic type*3 178-023



Automatically charged pneumatic type*3 178-025



Automatically charged pneumatic type*4 178-115



Stand for desktop type

 Stand for Desktop type for 178-023 and 178-025.

External size (W×D×H): 640×470×660 mm Mass: 25 kg



Measurement workbench

(for standard base)

12AAO587

External size (W×D×H): 900×750×740 mm

Maximum loading: 300 kg

Measurement workbench

(for wide base)

12AAQ583

Stand for Desktop type for 178-115.

External size (W×D×H): 1500×900×740 mm

Maximum loading: 800 kg

Desk type vibration isolators

Desk type*3 (Stand integrated type, air system)

178-188

Side table*5



(178-188)

Example combination: with side

Desk type*4

(Stand integrated type, air system)

178-189





Example combination: with monitor arm but no side table*6

- *1 Required for calibrating upward measurement of FTA-**C3000/**D3000 series. (Contour measurement)
- *2 Required for calibrating in bulk by mounting straight arm / small-hole stylus arm without using cross-travel table and Y-axis table. (Contour measurement)
- *3 For models with a product code that ends in \$4. \$8. H4. or H8.
- *4 For models with a product code that ends in W4, W8, L4 or L8 (wide base models).
- *5 Used together with desk types (178-188 or 178-189).
- *6 User to provide a printer rack.



Stylus name



For contour measurement | Stylus

Stylus No.

Order No.

Application arm No.

H (mm)

unit: mm

Double-sided conical stylus One-sided cut stylus One-sided cut stylus One-sided cut stylus Tip angle: 30° Tip angle: 12° Tip radius: 25 µm Carbide-tipped Carbide-tipped One-sided Carbide-sided Ca

Intersecting cut stylus



Tip angle: 20° Tip radius: 25 μm Carbide-tipped

| Cone stylus







Tip angle: 20° Tip radius: 25 μm Carbide-tipped

| Knife edge stylus | Ball stylus

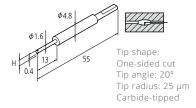


Tip angle: 20° Edge width: 3 mm Tip radius: 25 µm Carbide-tipped

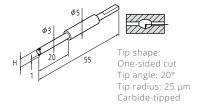


Ball dia: 1 mm Carbide-tipped

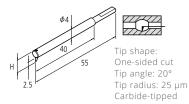
| Small hole stylus SPH-41



Small hole stylus SPH-42



| Small hole stylus SPH-43



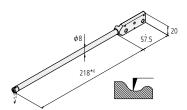


For contour measurement | Arms

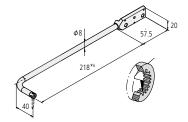
Arm name	Arm No.	Parts No.	Applicable stylus No.		
Straight arm	AB-31*4	12AAM101	SPH-5*, 6*, 7*, 8*, 9*□ SPHW* ⁵ - 56, 66, 76		
Eccentric arm	AB-37	12AAQ762	SPH-5*, 6*, 7*, 8*, 9*□ SPHW* ⁵ - 56, 66, 76		
Small-hole arm	AB-33	12AAM103	SPH-41, 42, 43		

unit: mm

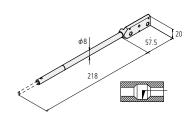
Straight arm AB-31







Small-hole arm AB-33



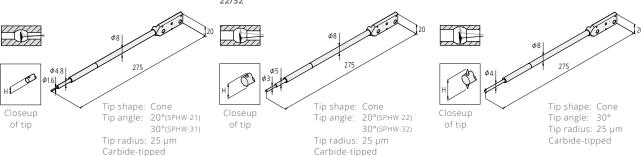
For contour measurement [] Arm stylus (comprising an arm and stylus)

Arm stylus name	Stylus No.	Parts No.	H (mm)	
Double-sided small hole arm stylus*7	SPHW-21	12AAT469	2.4	
	SPHW-22	12AAT470	5	
	SPHW-31	12AAM108	2.4	
	SPHW-32	12AAM109	5	
	SPHW-33	12AAM110	9	

unit: mm

| Double-sided small hole arm stylus SPHW-21/31 | Double-sided small hole arm stylus SPHW-22/32

 \mid Double-sided small hole arm stylus SPHW-33



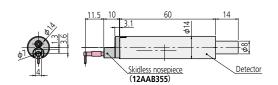
- *1 Stylus for contour detector C-4500.0 2 Standard accessory of FTA-**C4000/D4000 series. 3 Standard accessory of FTA-**C3000/D3000 series.
- *4 Standard accessory of FTA-**C3000/C4000/D3000/D4000 series.D*5 Stylus for FTA-**C4000/D4000 series.D*6 One-sided cut stylus SPH-71 (standard accessory) mounting.D

^{*7} Arm Stylus for FTA-**C4000/D4000 series.



For Surface Roughness Measuring Detectors

unit: mm



Order No.	Measuring force	Measuring force		
178-396-2	0.75 mN	Detectors that comply with ISO 4278		
178-397-2	4 mN	Detectors that comply with previous standards, for general use.		

For Surface Roughness Measuring Extension rods

12AAG202 Extension length 50 mm Extension rod 50

12AAG203 Extension length 100 mm Extension rod 100

Note: No more than one extension rod can be connected.

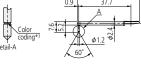
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Double-length for deep hole*2

12AAE898 (2 µm) 12AAE914 (5 µm)*1 (): Tip radius

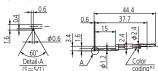
unit: mm

Standard stylus



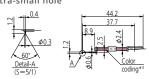
12AAE882 (1 µm) 12AAE924 (1 µm)*1 **12AAC731** (2 μm) **12AAB403** (5 μm)*1 **12AAB415** (10 μm)*1 12AAE883 (250 µm)*4 (): Tip radius

For small hole



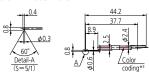
12AAC732 (2 μm) 12AAB404 (5 µm)*1 12AAB416 (10 µm)*1 (): Tip radius

For extra-small hole



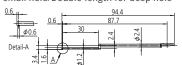
12AAC733 (2 μm) 12AAB405 (5 µm)*1 **12AAB417** (10 μm)*1 (): Tip radius

For extra-minute hole



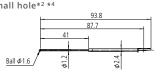
12AAC734 (2 μm) **12AAB406** (5 μm)*1 12AAB418 (10 µm)*1 (): Tip radius

For small hole/Double-length for deep hole*2



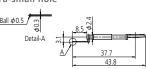
12AAE892 (2 μm) 12AAE908 (5 µm)*1 (): Tip radius





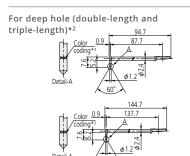
12AAE884 (φ1.6 mm)

For ultra-small hole*4



12AAJ662 (φ0.5 mm)

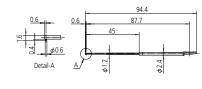




2X stylus **12AAC740** (2 μm) 12AAB413 (5 µm)*1 12AAB425 (10 µm)*1 (): Tip radius

3X stylus **12AAC741** (2 μm) 12AAB414 (5 µm)*1 12AAB426 (10 µm)*1 (): Tip radius

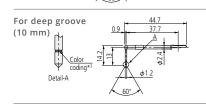




For small slotted hole*2

12AAE938 (2 μm) 12AAE940 (5 µm)*1

unit: mm

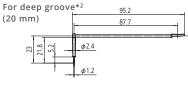


For deep groove*2

Detail-A

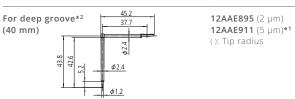
(20 mm)

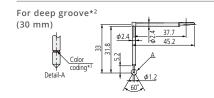
12AAC735 (2 μm) 12AAB409 (5 µm)*1 12AAB421 (10 µm)*1 (): Tip radius



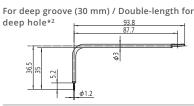
12AAE893 (2 μm) **12AAE909** (5 μm)*1 (): Tip radius







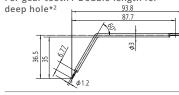
12AAC737 (2 μm) **12AAB407** (5 μm)*1 12AAB419 (10 µm)*1 (): Tip radius



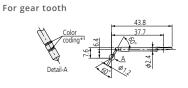
12AAE894 (2 μm) **12AAE910** (5 μm)*1 (): Tip radius



12AAE896 (2 μm) **12AAE912** (5 μm) (): Tip radius



For rolling circle waviness / Double-length for 12AAE886 (250 µm)



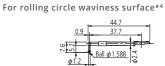
12AAB338 (φ1.588)

12AAB339 (2 µm)

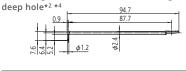
12AAB410 (5 μm)

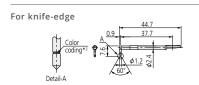
(): Tip radius

12AAB422 (10 µm)

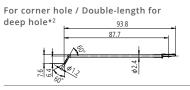


12AAC738 (2 μm)

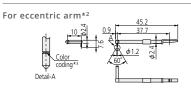




12AAB411 (5 µm)*1 12AAB423 (10 µm)*1 (): Tip radius

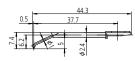


12AAM601 (2 μm) **12AAM603** (5 µm) (): Tip radius



12AAC739 (2 μm) 12AAB412 (5 µm)*1 12AAB424 (10 µm)*1 (): Tip radius

For bottom surface



12AAE899 (2 μm) **12AAE915** (5 μm)*1 (): Tip radius

*2 For downward-facing measurement only.

3	Tip radius	1 µm	2 µm	5 µm	10 μm	250 µm
	Color coding	White	Black	No color	Yellow	No notch or color

^{*4} Used for calibration, a standard step gauge (178-611, option) is also required

^{*1} Tip angle 90°

^{*}Customized special interchangeable styli are available on request, Please contact any Mitutoyo office for more information.

APPL/CAT/ON

Efficient precision measurement for practically any workpiece

FORMTRACER Avant Series has applications supporting measurements for a wide variety of workpieces. For example, a part-program (automatic measuring program) creation support key equipped with the remote BOX allows rapid creation of programs, and the contour sensor allows immediate measurement by creating a measurement-ready state once the sensor contacts a workpiece. Further, this series features stylus-up speed three times faster than conventional models, and each axis movement speed is fast, too. By combining these elements into a single system, efficient and accurate measurements are realized.

PET bottle Preform measurement





The thread of a familiar PET bottle requires precision measurement, since leaks will occur if it is too loose, or the cap cannot be tightened if it is too tight. The "sectional form of thread" of such PET bottles can be measured without cutting the product by using a cone stylus. Angle and pitch can be measured efficiently.

Screw gauge Ring measurement





Upper/lower surface continuous measurement and measurement adjustable feature on the C-4500 detector allows simultaneous measurements of the effective diameter of screw or ring gages, together with thread angle and pitch. Since a part-program (automatic measuring program) for measuring and analysis can be created, effective diameter, which requires high accuracy in micrometer threads, can be accurately and efficiently measured.

Golf club face Groove form measurement





Groove pitches, groove intervals, and edge shapes are strictly determined by golf club standards. By using the part-program (automatic measuring program) as a standard feature and automating analysis, efficient evaluation is possible with precision measurement.

Can Pull-top groove measurement

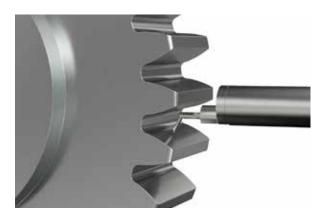




If the pull-top groove is too shallow, the pull-top cannot be opened, and if it is too deep, it will be opened easily, resulting in leakage during transportation due to vibration or shock. The groove dimensions of products can be efficiently controlled for measured where high accuracy is required.

Surface roughness test for tooth faces of gears





The surface roughness of gear teeth may affect strength and torque transfer efficiency. By using a stylus for gear teeth, it is possible to measure over the full face of a tooth, right down to the root. FORMTRACER Avant Series, which can cut off the positioning distance to its limit (0.05 mm) helps evaluate the surface roughness of gear teeth.

Surface roughness test for tablet molds





Durability is required for tablet molds to ensure the detachability of pharmaceutical powder and reduction of production cost.

FORMTRACER Avant Series, which can cut off the positioning distance to its limit, helps evaluate the surface roughness of molds with accuracy and precision as it can measure products with high accuracy from edge to edge.



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