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# **MELT FLOW INDEXER MFI-500/AP**

"Including All in One PC 20" + MFI Software"

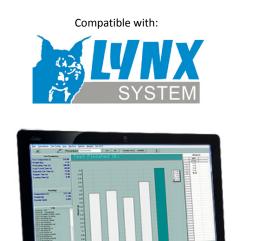
Advanced Extrusion Plastometer according to ASTM D 1238 and ISO 1133 Methods A (GRAVIMETRIC) and B (VOLUMETRIC) to determinate the Melt Flow Index

## According to the standards: ASTM D1238 and ISO 1133 in both Procedures A (Gravimetric) and B (volumetric)

MFI determination is essential for the characterization of thermoplastic materials and especially when great reliability, precision and repeatability is required. Also, these testers are very effective in testing quality control and research and development.

**Direct reading in the menu MFI Software testing of flow values GRAVIMETRIC** Index, **VOLUMETRIC** and **DENSITY** of the melted plastic material (using volumetric method does not need to weigh in the balance Precision extruded material back to calculate the melt flow index).

Using the gravimetric method, weighing the extruded material must be done in an external Precision Balance (joined to system via RS-232)





All in One PC 20" + MFI Software included in the supply Graphics stroke Piston/Time

- VOLUMETRIC and GRAVIMETRIC Methods
- Computerized by Software of Melt Flow Index (All in One PC 20" is included in the delivery)
- Manually Weighing Testing System
- Low Cost Robust Design of great Rigidity
- All in One PC 20" with SOFTWARE compatible with Windows 8
- Automatic cutting System of samples
- Temperature Controller (maintain +/- 0,1°C)
- Test equipment ready to work with corrosive materials such as PVC

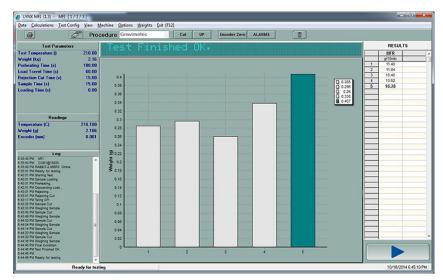
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### Main Characteristic of the output of dates:

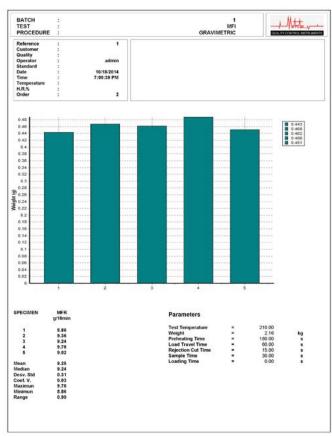
- $\checkmark$  Total control of MFI from the Software, load calibration tests and temperature data logging
- Union of all machine functions by Software
- ✓ MFI Testing Software according to ASTM D 1238 & ISO 1133 in both Method A (Gravimetric) and B (volumetric)





Test Method	MFI		
Reference	1		
Parameters			
Test Temperature	190	(0 - 300)	OK
Weight	2.16 kg	(0.00 - 23.44)	
Preheating Time	180 s	(0 - 600)	Cancel
Load Travel Time	60 s	(0 - 600)	
Rejection Cut Time	15 s	(0 - 600)	
Sample Time	15 s	(0 - 600)	
Loading Time	0 s	(0 - 600)	
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**TEST CINFIGURATION** 

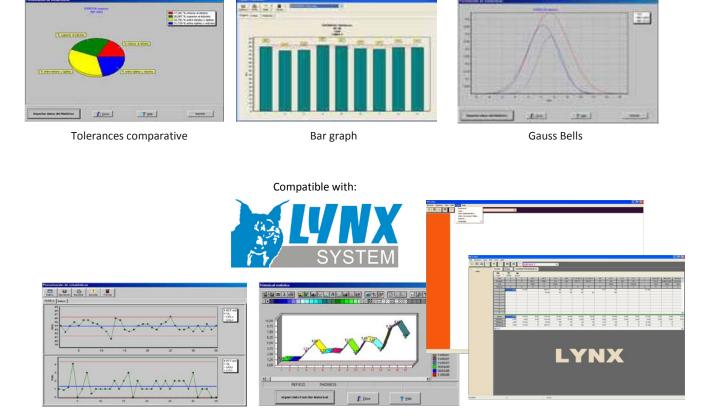


The standard equipment includes all the tools for maintenance, cleaning, piston and standard die.

- □ Temperature Range up to +325°C with accuracy of 0,1°C
- Description Piston stroke: Up to 25 mm with an accuracy of 0.1 mm
- D Measurement of the piston stroke: By a rotating encoder
- □ The timer is incorporated into the Software
- Automatic samples cutting
- Load of testing weights: MANUALLY
- □ High resistance painting to corrosion
- The standard supply includes 7 Weights, chrome and polished: 1,2 Kg 2,16 Kg 3,8 Kg 5 Kg 5 Kg 6,6 y 10 Kg

**TEST REPORT** 

\* The 21,6 kg weight is the combination of the 5 kg, 6,6 kg y 10 kg weights



Pack of 3 Statistics included in the Software "MFI-Test"

The **melt flow index** is a basic rheological test done to a polymer to meet its fluidity. It is measured in g / 10 min. It is defined as the amount of material (measured in grams) flowing through the orifice of a die capillary in 10 minutes, maintaining constant pressure and standard temperature.

The melt flow index (MFI) is to take a quantity of polymer at a known temperature and a given weight through a standardized orifice for a specified time (according to the standard used, eg ASTM).

The fluency of the polymer is a function of:

- Pressure used (weight of the piston)
- Diameter of Die
- Viscosity of the material





This index is of vital importance to those who make injection molding, extrusion, rotational molding, or other manufacturing process involving a thermoplastic part.

#### Principle

The melt index measurement is performed by a meter Flow Index, which operates with a constant pressure exerted by a constant force due to a known weight into a capillary tube whose area remains constant. ASTM-D1238 is commonly used to perform this operation

The melt flow index (MFI) is a measure of the flowability of the resin under controlled conditions and can be easily measured with equipment called plastometer, using very low strain rates, a temperature of 230 ° C and weighing 2.16 kg according to ASTM D 1238 and ISO 1133. This variable is inversely related to the viscosity and molecular weight (MW), that is, with increasing the melt index of the resin, a decrease is obtained in viscosity and molecular weight.





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Accessories included in the standard delivery: Tungsten Carbide die of 2,095 mm Ø, Piston, putty knife to take samples, Spanner, bar to introduce samples into the heating barrel, Material charger, funnel, cleaner of the heating barrel, scissors, cleaner of the die.





Auto Cutting System Included in standard supply

OPTIONAL: To work in closed loop, we recommend using a precision scale: Capacity 210 g - Resolution 1 mg \* RS-232 Interface (compatible with the Software) to connect to a PC and transfer the weight data automatically extruded samples the MFI Software



CONECTION:		DELIVERY STANDAR:	
Power:	230 V, 50/60 Hz Single Phase	> Melt Flow Indexer MFI-500AP + All in One 20 " PC+ MFI Software	
		> Tools for maintenance and cleaning	
		> Piston	
		> Standard Die of 2,095 mm Ø of Tungsten Carbide	
DIMENSIONS & WE	IGHTS:	> Kit of 7 weights (1,2 - 2,16 - 3,8 - 5 - 5 - 6,6 and 10 Kg)	
Dimensions approx.	:		
Equipment	510 x 350 x 450 mm (Width x Depth x Height)		
Transport Box 1	750 x 550 x 650 mm (Width x Depth x Height)		
Transport Box 2	480 x 460 x 380 mm (Width x Depth x Height) (weights and accessories)		
Net/Gross weights:	78 kg / 140 Kg		

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