

About Us

Lloyd Materials Testing is a world-leading manufacturer of innovative texture analysis, cosmetics and packaging test systems offering customers a wide choice of products suitable for testing the physical and mechanical properties of any food product, cosmetics or packaging material.

Materials testing machines from Lloyd guarantee the highest level of performance and capability for production testing, quality control, laboratory testing, research and education.

Lloyd Materials Testing manufactures and supplies universal testing machines (UTM) and tensile testers. As part of AMETEK, Inc. Lloyd Materials Testing has operations and technical distribution in over 80 countries.

Lloyd Materials Testing offers expert test solutions for all types of applications. Our texture analysis instruments are designed to measure parameters such as:

- CHEWINESS
- ADHESIVENESS
- COHESIVENESS
- CRISPINESS
- EXTENSIBILITY
- TEXTURE ANALYSIS
- WORK TO CUT
- WORK TO SHEAR
- WORK TO PENETRATE

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 Expert test solutions for Texture

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Force capacity, external inputs and other specifications.



The Benefits of Texture Analysis

Texture analysis can highlight quality improvement opportunities throughout the supply chain and the production process.

At the research and development (R&D) stage, new or alternative ingredients can be compared with existing ingredients. In production, texture analysis is used for the measurement and control of process variations such as temperature, humidity and cooking time.

What is a Texture Analysis Test?

A texture analysis test is the evaluation of the textural, mechanical and physical properties of raw ingredients and finished products primarily for the food industry. It has a relationship with data provided by sensory evaluation. Lloyd Instruments Nexygen Plus texture analysis software captures force, distance and time during a test, which allows the calculation of parameters such as;

- GUMMINESS
- CHEWINESS
- SPRINGINESS
- FIRMNESS
- HARDNESS
- ADHESIVENESS
- WORK
- GEL STRENGTH
- COHESIVENESS
- ELASTICITY
- FRACTURE
- STICKINESS
- STRINGINESS
- TOUGHNESS
- TEXTURE PROFILE ANALYSIS (TPA)



TA1 TEXTURE ANALYSER

1kN / 225 lbf

Key Features

- 8 kHz data sampling rate to capture critical data points
- Linear guide technology and preloaded ball screws
- Plug'n'Play YLC load cells with anti-rotation collars avoid load train twist and facilitating fast and easy axial alignment
- Large work area 180 mm throat depth and a broad range of fixtures





Traceability











File Sharing Plug'n'Play

1 kN/225 lbf

Exceptional Load Accuracy +/- 0.5% down to 1% of load cell value Wide speed range for high productivity 0.01 to 2032 mm/min

Optimal test repeatability

About the Solution

The TA1 is a cost effective, easy to use solution for performing rapid, detailed texture analysis tests on applications up to 1 kN (225 lbf). It is designed for use with the dedicated Texture Analysis functionality in our highly acclaimed Nexygen*Plus* software.

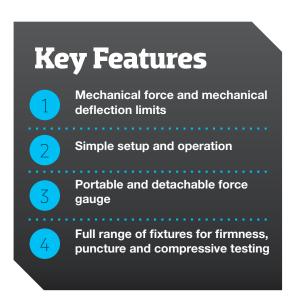
Applications Expertise

Our in-house application experts are available to assist with texture analysis queries and discuss your requirements for special applications.

LTCM-100 SERIES

FIRMNESS TESTER

MOTORISED 500 N / 110 lbf

















Perfect for simple compressive or tensile tests

Designed for a production environment



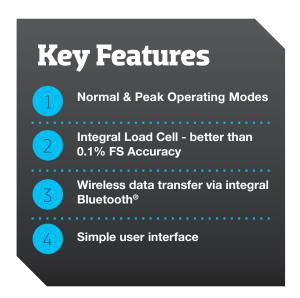
About the Solution

The LTCM-100 Series is a motorised tester ideal for firmness testing or associated puncture, compressive-extrusion, cutting-shear, tensile and compressive testing. A hand switch or optional foot switch to control tester speed and direction.

A digital force gauge determines the peak force to deduct the firmness characteristics. Force accuracy is achieved up to 0.1% of full scale. Ideal for a production environment, QA/QC laboratory or research environment. The LTCM series also offers the motorised LTCM-500 (2.5 kN / 550 lbf).

DFS II 025 DIGITAL FORCE GAUGE

MANUAL TEST 100 N / 25 lbf













- First to offer wireless data transfer and communication via integral Bluetooth
- Compact, easy-to-use and designed for basic and complex applications
- Ideal for handheld or test stand applications

About the Solution

The DFS II may be equipped with integral loadcells or smart remote sensors for load or torque measurement. A large, easy-to-read, high resolution, full color dot matrix LCD display supports a variety of standard gauge functions

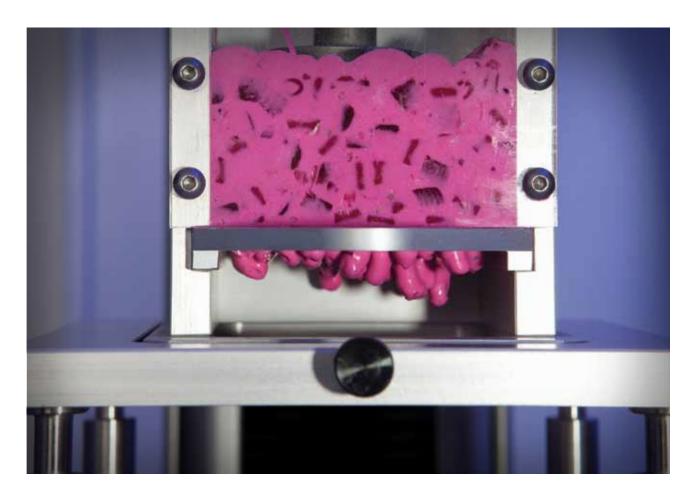
including normal and peak readings, high/low limits, setpoints, pass/fail results, statistical results, load averaging, load comparisons, % and sharp break detection, loadcell actuation and direction.

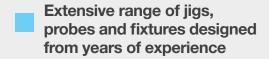
The DFS II force gauges are available in ranges from 0.5 lbf (2.2 N) / to 500 lbf (2.5 kN).



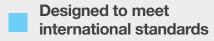
PROBES, FIXTURES AND JIGS

FOR ALL APPLICATIONS









Probe and fixture selection

Specimen size depends on the homogeneity of the sample. A food with large voids will require a larger sample size than a food without voids to obtain similar repeatability.

The choice of fixtures depends on the sample. If the sample has a flat surface then generally compression

platens that are larger than the sample, are used. If the surface is uneven, such as with fruit and vegetables, small diameter probes are used.

Ask our applications experts for guidance on your specific application.

Bakery

The TA1 is capable of testing bakery ingredients through to finished product.

The effect of ingredients from different suppliers, baking times and recipes on the finished product can be rapidly measured and captured.

Test Type Dough extensibility Dough stickiness Creep / relaxation Firmness / hardness, fracturability, springiness Bread firmness AACC (74-09) Puncture of thin breads, pancakes and tortillas Cutting resistance Hardness of bread crumbs Tensile strength





Cereals

Greater repeatability can be obtained when testing cereals by using a Kramer-type shear cell to test the sample in bulk. This averages out variation in the product that would be measured by testing each individual piece of cereal.

The Ottawa forward extrusion cell is suitable for determining the softening time of cereals when immersed with milk.

Cereal bars can be tested to measure their resistance to bending using the 3 point bend jig.

To compare the texture of cereal bars, the knife wedge is recommended. NEXYGEN*Plus* measures parameters that indicate the crispiness and chewiness of a sample.





Confectionery and Snacks

From the hardness of boiled sweets to the extensibility of chewing gum or the fracture strength of snack foods, the TA1 is capable of testing all samples on the same machine. Typically, penetration tests are performed to measure properties such as coating hardness, stickiness and hardness. 3 point bend tests measure the flexural strength and rigidity of chocolate bars. Crispiness is a key characteristic of cooked potato crisps (chips) and other potato snacks and a departure from the expected texture is usually considered to be a quality defect.

Measurement of the crispiness and fracturability of crisps can be made using a ball probe with a TA1 equipped with a crisp fracture support jig.





Meat, Poultry and Fish

Texture analysis is used to assist the investigation of meat quality predictors at the on-farm and processing stage of production.

A novel measure of meat tenderness recently developed is the rapid slice shear force test. This method has advantages over the traditional Warner-Bratzler shear test for steak as it can be done immediately post-cooking.

The Volodkevich bite set consists of a stainless steel probe shaped like an incisor and provides results that correlate well with meat toughness.

Test Type

Toughness of cooked meat

Firmness

Cutting strength

Rapid slice shear force

Canned and re-formed meats are easily tested using a Kramer shear cell. The texture analyser records the force required to shear the sample using ten or five shear blades supplied with the cell.



Fruit and Vegetables

There are many factors that affect the texture of fruit and vegetables. The time of harvest and storage conditions have an effect on the rate of softening. Texture analysis can help determine the physical properties of fruit and vegetables, and how they change during ripening.

Mechanical data from compression tests using the Ottawa shear cell for soft fruit and wedge fracture tests have proved very successful in distinguishing between different attributes of fruit and vegetable texture.

The TA1 can be used to correlate contrasting textural attributes in different varieties with differences in stiffness, hardness and toughness.



Test Type

- Firmness of whole fruits / vegetable
- Firmness of peas, sweetcorn and beans
- Extrusion properties of soft fruits, peas, beans, corn and processed fruit / vegetable

Controlling Temperature

Many products are temperature critical and need to be tested at a specific temperature to provide reproducible comparative results.

We offer solutions to suit these requirements such as Peltier systems and thermal chambers.





Dairy

The development and quality control of dairy products are heavily reliant on texture analysis. During the development phase, texture analysis compares the texture of new formulations to existing proven products.

The TA1 is able to compare the spreadability of butter and spreads by measuring the force required to insert a 90° cone probe into a specially designed holder.

Extrusion cells allow the measurement of viscosity of yoghurts and sauces. Alternatively the TA1 can be fitted with a cone shaped probe for classic penetrometer tests.

Comparing the texture between full fat and low fat cheese is a critical part of the development process. A texture analyser fitted with a cylinder probe gives fast and accurate comparisons.

Test Type Consistency of yoghurt and cream based products Firmness / hardness of cheese, butter, margarine Gel strength ISO 9665 Spreadability of butter, margarine, spreads Tensile strength / extensibility of cheeses Viscosity of yoghurts and sauces Creep / relaxation of butter and cheese Cutting resistance of butter, margarine, cheese ISO 16305 Work softening of butter and margarine

Pasta & Rice

The firmness, stickiness, elasticity and bending strength define the overall texture of cooked and uncooked pasta, noodles and rice. The breaking strength of uncooked spaghetti and lasagne sheets can be measured using the 3 point bend jig. Our unique spaghetti compression fixture measures the deflection of cooked spaghetti whilst under a fixed load for a specific time. This method is very effective in defining the correct cooking time.





Gels

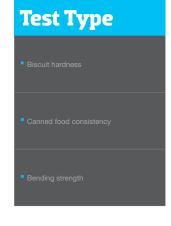
Gels are widely used in the food, cosmetics and pharmaceutical industries. NEXYGENPlus software features standard test methods for the measurement of Bloom strength in accordance with GME and GMIA approved methods. Bloom strength is measured by inserting an AOAC probe a fixed distance into the gel and recording the maximum force. Additional methods are available that allow the operator to develop their own test procedures, based on specific point measurement.

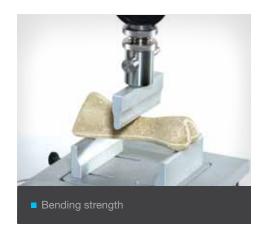




Pet Food

Texture analysers are routinely used for determining the hardness and consistency of various pet food products.

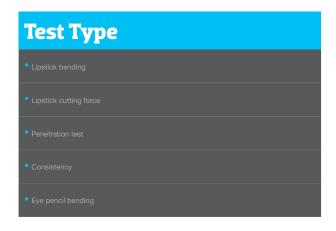




Cosmetics

The precise measurement of consistency, hardness, spreadability, bending strength and powder compaction is critical in the development and quality control of cosmetics.

Gel and cream consistency is measured using a back extrusion cell. The force required to extrude the sample is recorded in the NEXYGEN*Plus* software.

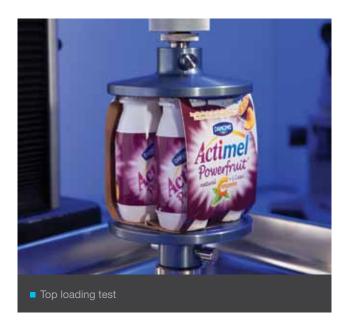




Packaging

The TA1 can be configured as a dual texture analysis and packaging testing machine by changing fixtures. Many food products are packaged in flexible packaging which can be tested for its tensile strength, puncture resistance, heat bond peel strength, tearing strength and coefficient of friction. We offer a wide range of packaging test equipment conforming to international standards such as ASTM, ISO, EN and other local standards authorities.

- Tensile strength
- Falling dart impact resistance
- Peel strength
- Bottle opening force
- Puncture strength
- Carton opening force
- Tear strength
- Carton erection force
- Compression strength
- Static coefficient of friction
- Top loading
- Kinetic coefficient of friction



| Test Type | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ■ Tensile ASTM D412, peeling, tearing | ■ Carton erection |
| Friction ASTM D1894 | |
| ■ Puncture | |



NEXYGEN*PLUS*TEXTURE ANALYSIS SOFTWARE

The easy to use and flexible software, allows the operator to control and monitor all aspects of the system from a single intuitive user interface.

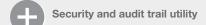
This ensures fast, reliable and powerful testing in addition to fingertip control of data analysis features.

NEXYGENPlus is supplied as a complete all-inclusive package with no additional modules required.

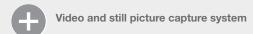
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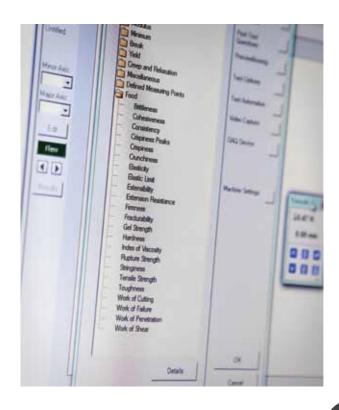
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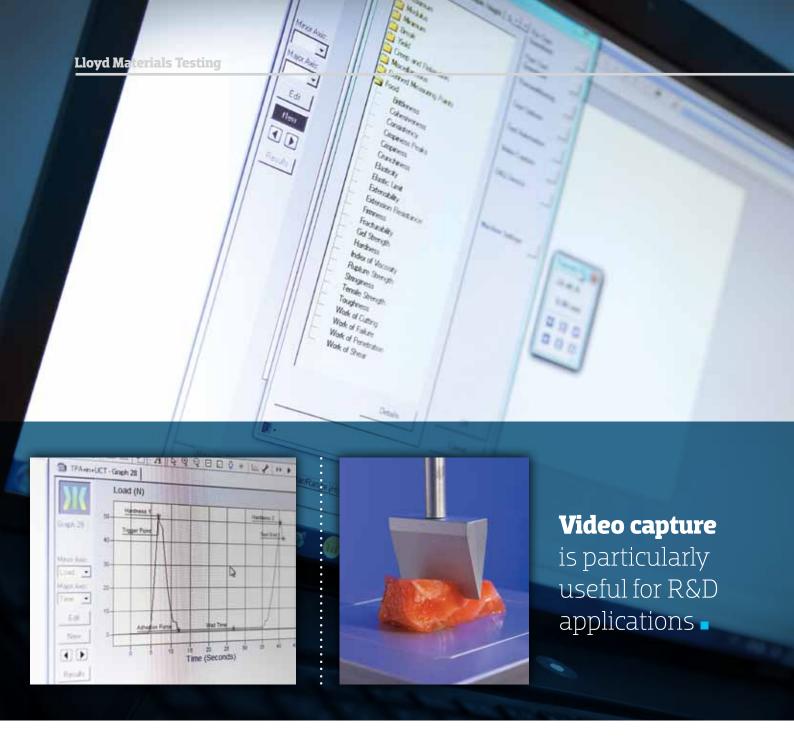
Test Library

Getting started with NEXYGENPlus could not be simpler thanks to the extensive built-in library of test methods covering food, cosmetics and packaging tests to AACC, ASTM, DIN, EN, ISO and other international standards.

Our philosophy is to offer a complete standards library to every customer, in addition to complete test wizards for tension, compression, tearing, peeling, friction and flexural tests.

The standard user configurable test can be used to create specialist multi-stage tests and is particularly beneficial for texture profile analysis.





Test Results

The test creation wizard allows the operator to select results from the extensive built-in library or create their own.

Results can be added post-test for added flexibility. Result units can be freely converted to any S.I., imperial or user defined unit at the click of a button.

Video and Still Picture Capture

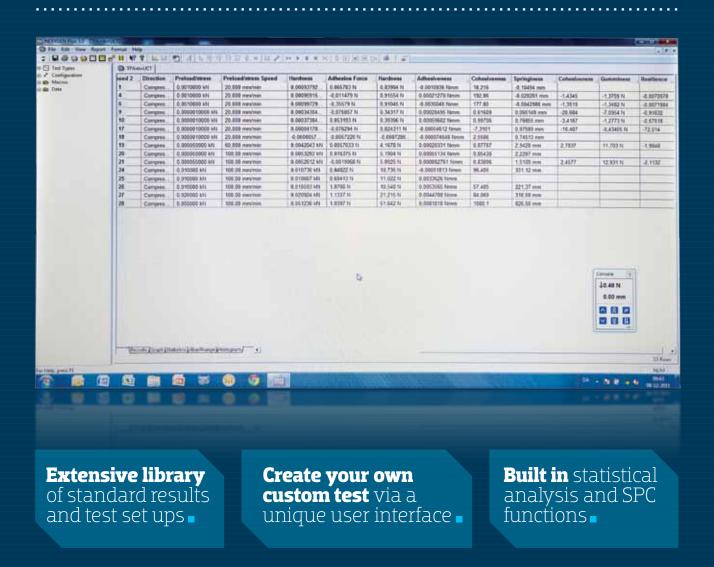
Whether for advanced texture analysis or presentation of tests results, video and stills capture is a unique convincing feature. Entire tests can be videoed and synchronised with the stress/strain data and replayed for detailed post-test analysis.

Alternatively, still images can be taken at specific points during the test. These still images are recorded on the graph for easy analysis. These powerful features can be utilised by simply connecting a webcam or analogue video camera to a PC.

Test Data Security and Audit Trails

The security and audit trail feature enables supervisors to manage user access and data traceability. The module can also be configured to assist manufacturers with FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliance requirements.

Electronic signatures and the ability to restrict user access rights increase security and avoid costly errors. Integrated audit trails covering operator usage and test results guarantee that all changes to test procedures are recorded in a simple retrievable format.



Reporting and Exporting Data

NEXYGEN*Plus* features a simple to use report designer linked to Microsoft Word.

Layouts, fonts and images can all be manipulated using the full power of Microsoft Word.

Microsoft Office integration allows seamless transfer

of data to familiar Windows® packages such as Word and Excel® for further analysis.

Data can also be exported to your favourite LIMS, SPC or data management systems by using our versatile data export facility.

PROBES, FIXTURES & GRIPS

| | Description | Sizes |
|--------|---------------------------|---|
| Probes | | 1 mm, 2 mm, 4 mm, 5 mm, 6 mm, 8 mm, 10 mm, 20 mm, 25 mm, 30 mm, 35 mm, 40 mm, 45 mm, 50 mm, 1/4 in, 1/2 in, 3/4 in, 1 in, 1 1/2 in, 2 in, 3 in, 4 in |
| | | 15°, 30°, 40°, 45°, 60°, 90° |
| | | 2 mm, 4 mm, 5 mm, 6 mm, 8 mm, 10 mm, 25 mm, in, in, in, 1 in |
| | AACC bread firmness probe | 36 mm |
| | | Includes 12.5 mm (0.5 in) flat end probe and 6 sample pots. BS probe also available. |
| | | 2 mm outside diameter to needle point |
| | | Magness Taylor puncture probe set consists of two sets of cylindrical probes of different sizes. Each pair has one flat end and one round end. |
| | | 1 cm² flat ended probe |

| | Description | Details | |
|----------|---|--|--|
| | Warner-Bratzler shear blade set | Supplied with one reversible blade with V-notch and 45° chisel point profiles Optional: Reversible blade with 12.5 mm square and 25 mm diameter semi-circular profiles | |
| | | Sample clamp with 50 mm aperture and 25 mm ball probe | |
| | | Supplied with 10 mm ball probe | |
| | | 50 mm diameter sample container. Set of discs with trapezoid extrusion holes 2 mm, 4 mm, 6 mm, 8 mm and 10 mm and a spill container | |
| | | Cell 50 mm diameter pot with 4 discs: 49 mm, 45 mm, 40 mm and 35 mm | |
| | Ottawa forward extrusion cell | Supplied with spill container, 3 mm round bar, 2 mm and 5 mm flat blade, wire inset and 6 mm multi-hole | |
| | | 10 bladed or 5 bladed Kramer shear cell | |
| | | 90° cone probe and 6 matching sample pots and one calibration pot | |
| | | Supplied with standard size wire | |
| | | Supplied with 3 blades 1 mm thickness and 3 blades 2 mm thickness | |
| v | Knife blade set AACC 16-50 pasta firmness | Supplied with 2 Perspex blades, one 45° knife-edge and one flat 1 mm thickness | |
| 5 | | Set of 2 holders to perform vertical flex on samples | |
| Fixture | | Tensile testing of spaghetti and noodles | |
| M. | | Measures thickness after applying 500g to the sample | |
| | | Sample holder and 50 mm x 25 mm compression platen | |
| W | | 40 mm - 80 mm span, 6 mm support diameter | |
| gs | | Sample container and extruder | |
| ij | | Supplied with container and plungers to aerate the sample prior to compression with supplied 6 mm probe | |
| | | Probe with side hook to pull dough upwards. Supplied with dough press for sample preparation. | |
| | | Set of 2 spiked paddles for testing separation strength of flat breads | |
| | | Single incisor shaped probe with lower sample holder | |
| | | Jig for measuring ice cream firmness | |
| | | Egg puncture jig and egg holder | |
| | | Knife wedge | |
| | | Base table insert with 27 mm aperture and a 25 mm trapezoid probe | |
| | | Two tier clamp set with 10 mm access aperture to hold irregular shaped samples | |
| | | Clamping fixture with 6 mm and 1 mm aperture. Supplied with 5 mm and 10 mm ball probes | |
| | | Blade holder and set of general-purpose knife-blades with HDPE table insert chopping board | |
| | | Probe fixture with multiple easy to change probes 150 mm x 5 mm. Ideal for uneven samples | |
| | | For testing 18 samples using 18 x 2 mm diameter probes | |

| | Description | Details | |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Packaging | Tensile film grip TG34 | Rubber coated vice grip 25 mm wide, 500 N capacity | |
| | | Contact Lloyd Instruments for a fixture to suit your requirements | |
| | | Table and sleds to meet ASTM D1894, ISO 8295 and TAPPI T549 | |
| | | Contact Lloyd Instruments for a fixture to suit your requirements | |
| | | Puncture of thin films | |
| | | 50 mm and 100 mm diameter respectively | |
| | | General-purpose needle extrusion fixture with spill container. Custom made needle profiles available. | |
| | | Lipstick bend fixture | |
| | | Lipstick cutting fixture | |
| | | Adjustable tube extrusion fixture, suitable for continuous content extrusion. Includes spill container | |
| | Tube extruder - single point | Single point extrusion of tubes | |

Custom Design Service
Our experienced application engineers will be pleased to assist with any special fixture requirements that you may have.
We provide a complete solution to meet your need.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| | TA1 | LTCM Series | DFS II Series |
|--|-------------------------|--|---------------|
| Force Capacity | | 50 kg (110 lbf) to 250 kg (550 lbf) | |
| Maximum Crosshead travel (Between Eye Ends) | | 394 mm (15.5 in) to 750 mm (29 in) | |
| Load Cell Accuracy | | ±0.1 % full scale | |
| Throat Depth | | 130 mm (5.125 in) | |
| External Inputs | | NA, gauge dependent | |
| Crosshead Speed Range (at full load) | | 0.08 to 8.3 mm/s (0.2 to 20 in/min) | |
| Maximum Return Speed | 2032 mm/min (80 in/min) | 8.3 mm/s (20 in/min) | - |



ABOUT AMETEK -

AMETEK Test & Calibration Instruments

A business unit of AMETEK Measurement & Calibration Technologies offering the following industry leading brands for test and calibration instrumentation.

LLOYD Materials Testing

Materials Testing Solutions

Materials testing machines and software from Lloyd Instruments guarantee the highest level of performance and capability for production testing, quality control, laboratory testing, research and education to provide expert materials testing solutions.

Davenport Polymer Test Equipment

Allows critical polymer parameters to be determined, including melt flow index and melt flow rate, intrinsic viscosity (IV) measurement of moisture-sensitive PET polymers and polymer density measurement.

Texture Analysers

The comprehensive program provides the platform to perform rapid, general food testing and detailed texture analysis on a diverse range of foods.

Chatillon Force Measurement

Chatillon has been a hallmark in the industry since 1835. The hand held gauges and motorized testers have earned their reputation for quality, reliability and accuracy and they represent the de facto standard for force measurement.

Newage Hardness Testing

Newage offers a comprehensive range of hardness testers, durometers, optical systems and software for measurement, data acquisition and analysis.

JOFRA Calibration

The inventor of the portable high precision dryblock temperature calibrators. The calibration instruments program also covers precision thermometers and temperature baths, temperature sensors handheld instruments for pressure calibration and process signal calibrators for easy control loop calibration, measurements and simulation.

M&G Calibration

Pneumatic floating-ball or hydraulic piston dead weight testers with accuracies to 0.015% of reading.

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