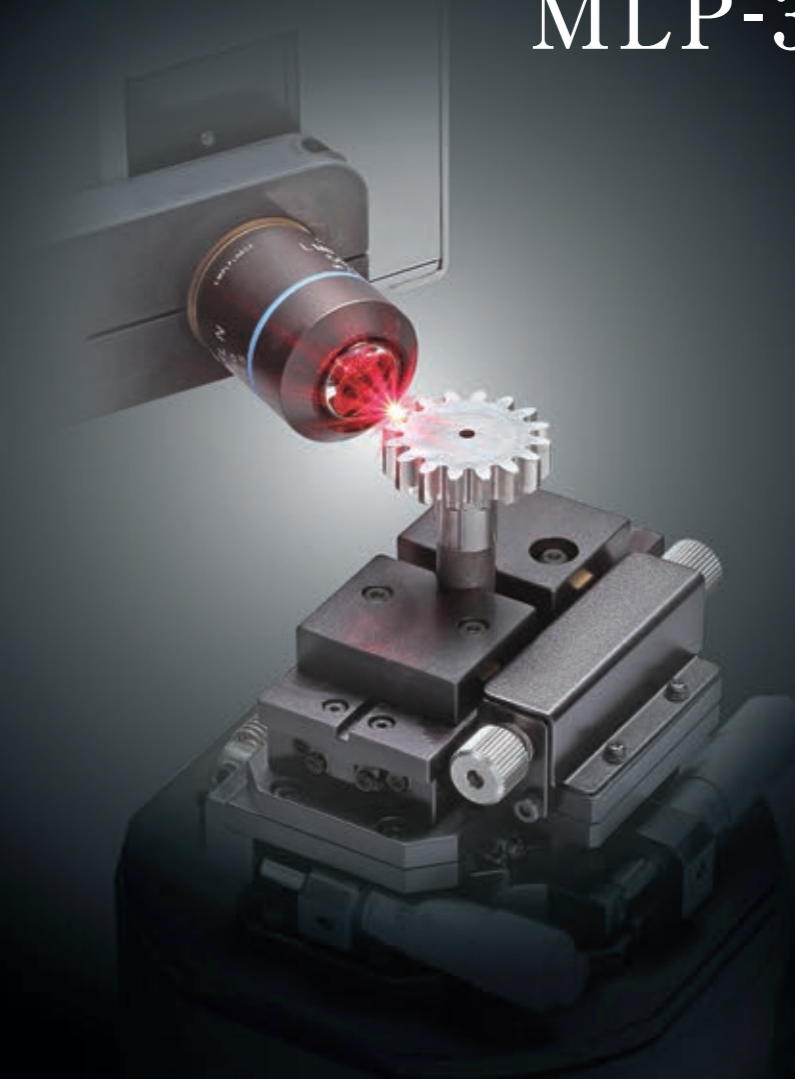


POINT AUTOFOCUS PROBE
3D FORM
MEASURING INSTRUMENT

MLP-3
MLP-3SP

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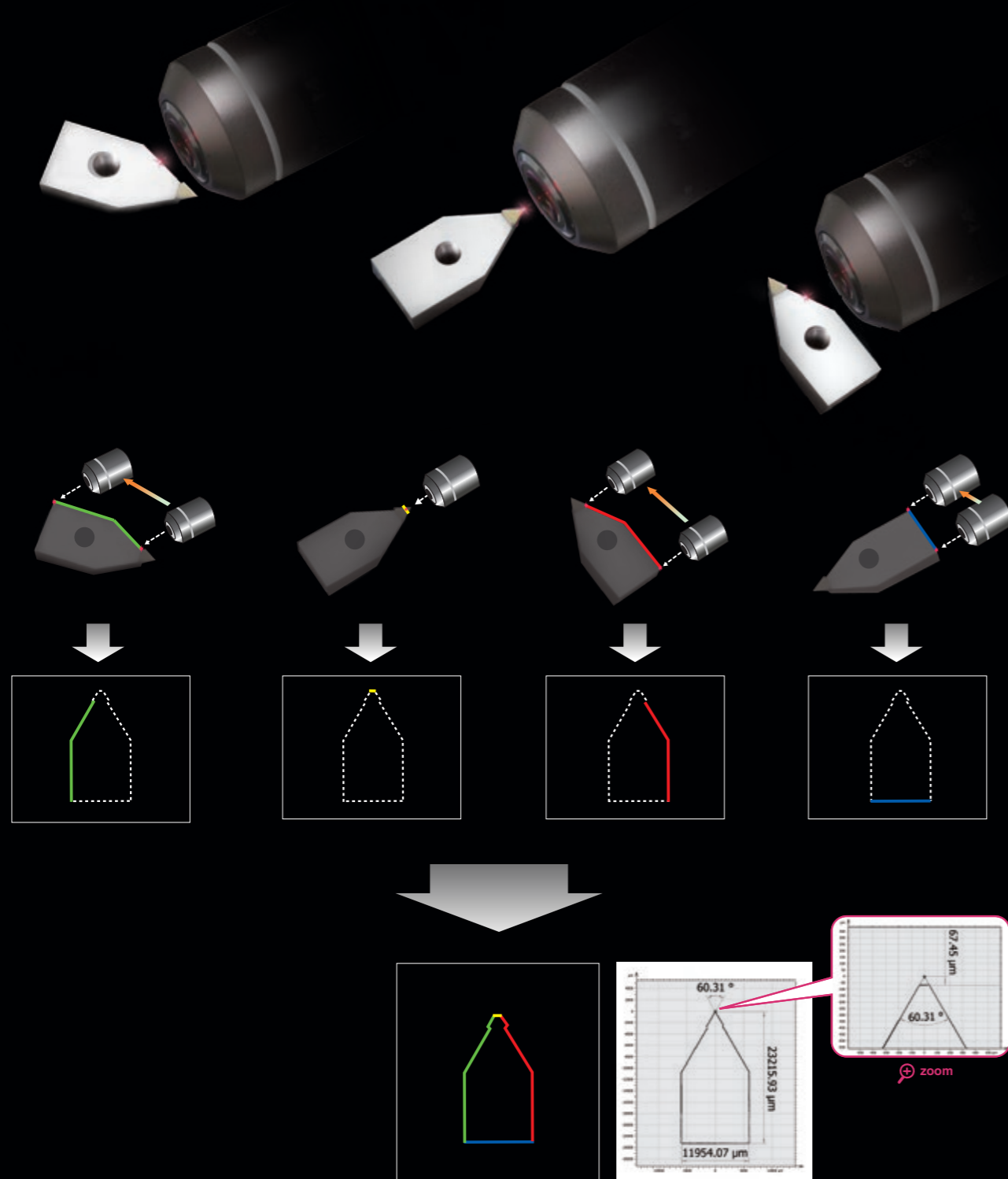
FOR THE TOPOGRAPHY MEASUREMENT
OF A LARGE RANGE OF SURFACES

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Point autofocus measurement exceeding the capability of conventional non-contact measurement

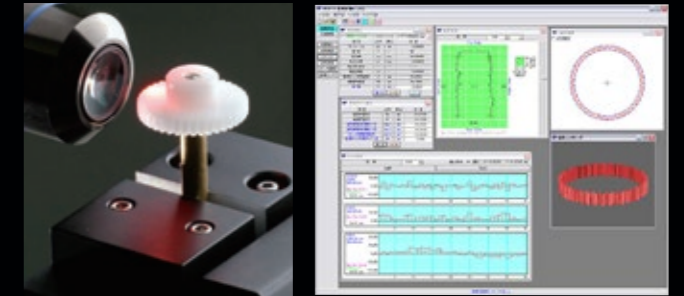
MLP-3 offers all-round contour measurement

The combination of a fully non-contact point autofocus probe and a high-precision five-axis stage offer the submicron contour measurement of all kinds of workpieces.



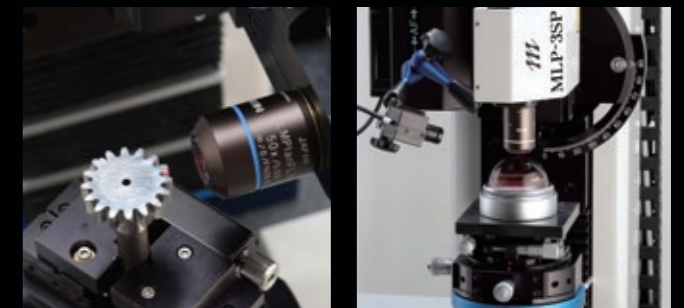
High-precision measurement with no influence of surface colors / reflectance

MLP-3 directly measures various types of surfaces, from coated glass with very low reflectance of approximately 0.5% to mirror surface with reflectance of 90% or greater.



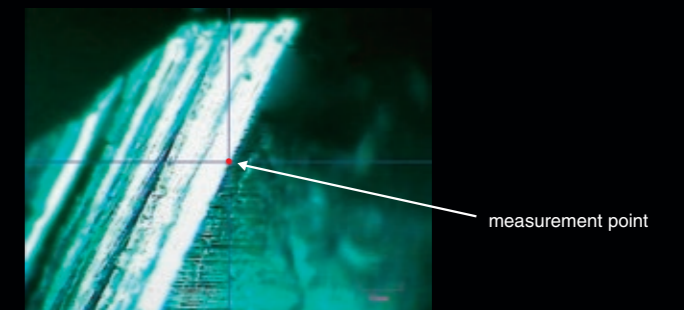
Approach to a workpiece in various direction

The theta (θ) axis of MLP-3 offers the most appropriate angles and positions for the high-precision quantitative measurement of 2D / 3D forms.



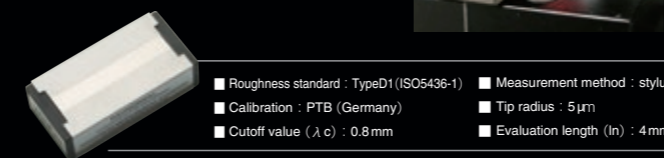
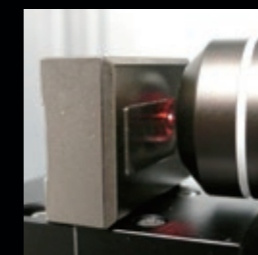
Capable of observing the measurement point

The built-in CCD camera offers a live view of the laser spot at each measurement point and surfaces of the workpiece for easy setup of measurement points.



High correlation with international standards for roughness measurement

Point autofocus profiling has a high correlation with roughness standards for stylus instruments and obtains reliable data.



Roughness parameters		PTB
PTB inspection result		
R_a		0.227 μ m ($\pm 3\%$)
R_z		1.50 μ m ($\pm 4\%$)

Measured data

Roughness parameters		MLP-3
MLP-3 measurement		
R_a		0.226 μ m
R_z		1.46 μ m

(PAP: Laser spot radius R=0.5 μ m)

Measurements that can be ONLY done by MLP-3

[measurement example]

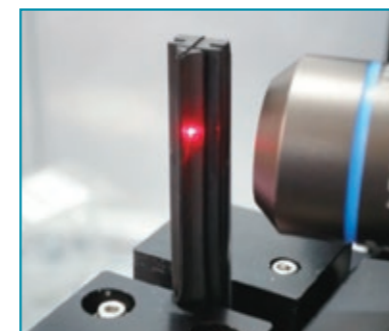


Multi-function measurements that cannot be carried out by any coordinate measuring machines, profile projectors, or laser microscopes — that is the field in which MLP-3 excels. The point autofocus probe with the 5-axis stage help measurers solve problems.



all-round measurement

(Pg. 5)



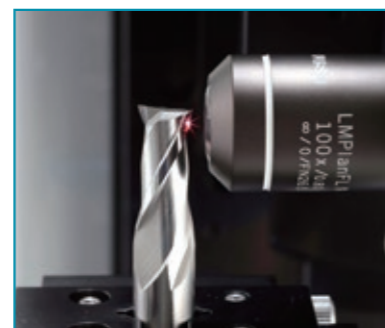
soft and transparent workpiece

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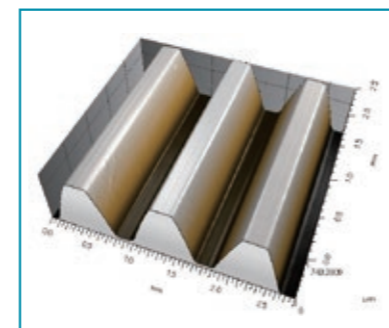
comparison to the design value

(Pg. 9)



cutting tool measurement

(Pg. 8)



profile and surface texture

(Pg. 7)

CASE 1

All-round measurement of complex forms

Problem

Cut samples for contour measurements

It is difficult to measure the contours of complex formed molding dies, punches, tools, etc. as the probe of a 3D measuring instrument cannot trace their entire forms. In such cases, you may need to give up on measurement, use transfer agent to make replicas of the complexed forms that may not restore the precise forms of the original resources, or cut your workpiece which may end up deforming it. There may be a case where you are not allowed to cut the workpiece due to its value.

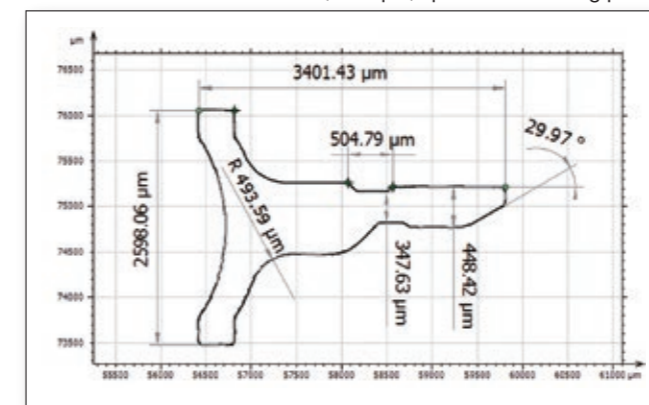


Solution

Polygon measurement offers the entire contour measurements of the complex formed workpieces

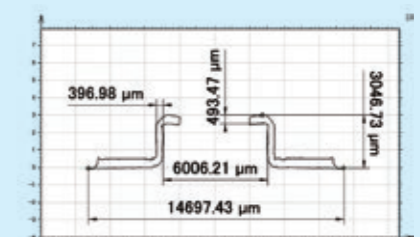
MLP-3 rotates its theta (θ) axis to the most appropriate angles and positions for the measurements. You can check the measurement point during the setup, hence you can easily obtain the contours of any part of the workpiece. Polygon measurement offers non-destructive measurements and restores the workpieces.

[example] precision molding punch



application example

thin part measurement



CASE 2

Soft and delicate workpiece

Problem Stylus damages and cutting deforms

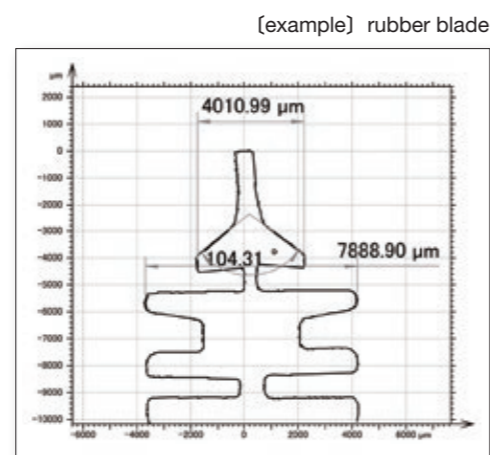
It is difficult for stylus instruments to measure soft materials, such as rubber, plastic and lens, and delicate workpieces, such as precision moldings and thin pressed parts, as contact pressure from the measuring probe damages them.



Solution

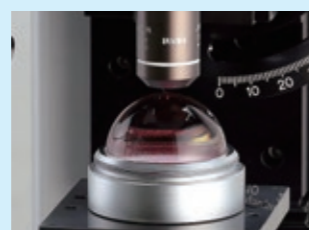
A fully non-contact measurement never damage or deform the workpiece during the measurement.

The fully non-contact point autofocus probe and the Polygon measurement offer flawless and non-destructive measurements. Wear and deformation volumes can be easily measured for product life assessment.

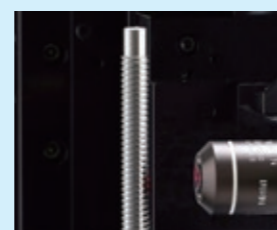


application example

optical parts and precision processing parts



glass sphere



small diameter ball screw

CASE 3

Form and surface texture evaluations

Problem Different instruments for different measurements

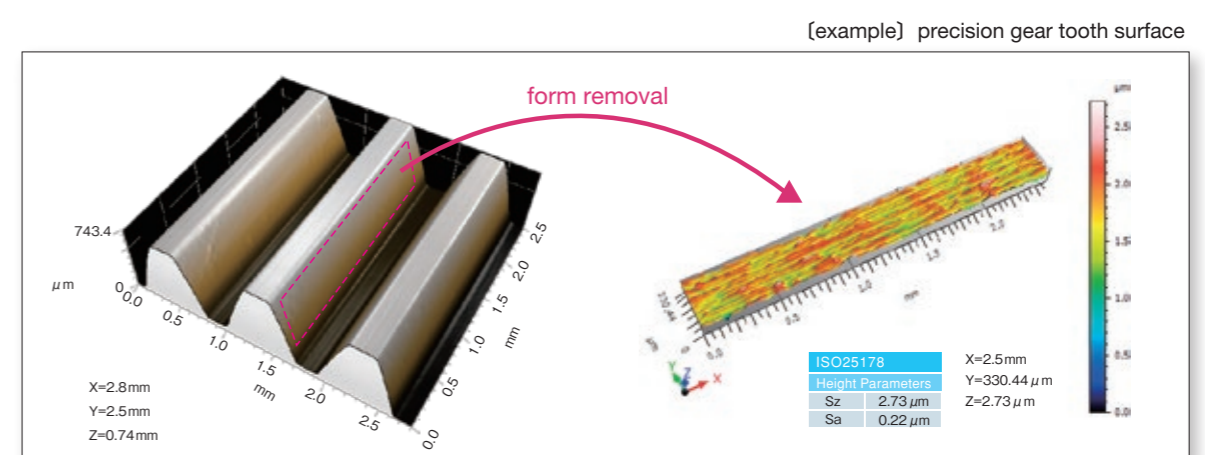
A micrometer or a 3D measuring instrument for form and size measurements. A roughness measuring instrument for roughness measurement.



Solution

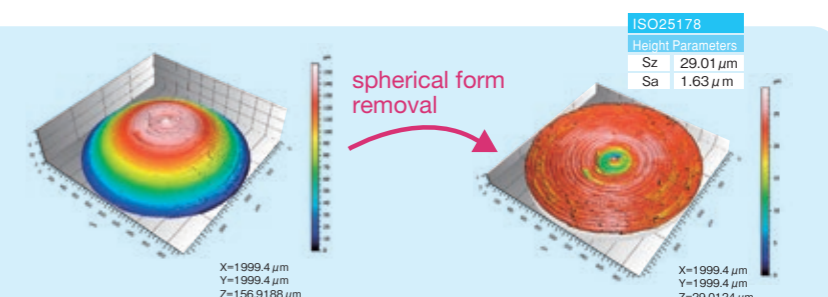
The multi-function measurements offer roughness, form and surface texture measurements.

MLP-3 is a multi-function measuring instrument and offers roughness, form and surface texture measurements and evaluations in one system. Its measurement method is fully conformed with ISO 25178: Geometrical product specifications (GPS) - Surface texture: Areal (see Pg.10). It also offers surface texture evaluations by removing the forms from the 3D measurement data (see below). For gear profile and evaluation, the optional software, dedicated to gear evaluation, is available (see Pg.12).



application example

processing error of a semispherical surface



CASE 4

Cutting tool measurement

Problem Cutting edge and form measurements

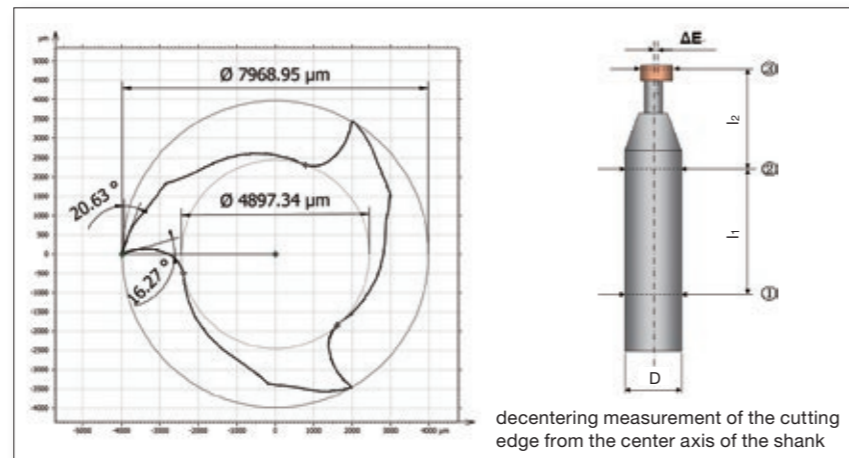
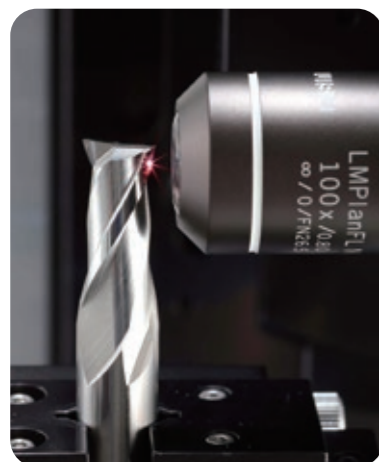
Tool measuring instruments in general cannot measure the form of the cutting edge and the web thickness of cutting tools. Laser microscopes may be able to measure the cutting edge of a tool, but it only offers to evaluate the tip of the cutting edge.



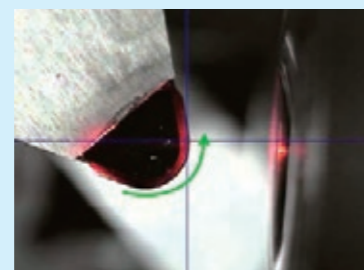
Solution

The multi-function measurements offer the entire form measurement of the cutting tool and its cutting edge in detail.

MLP-3 measures the rake face of an end mill, which tends to be a dead angle, in detail and evaluates the web thickness of the end mill, which determines the strength of cutting tools. It also measures its cutting edge as well. In addition, MLP-3 quantitatively evaluates the decentering of the cutting edge from the center axis of its shank by measuring the center of the shank.



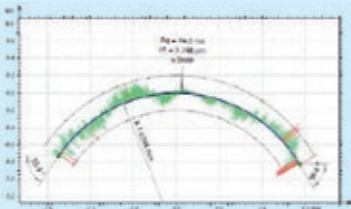
application example
ultra-precision processing tools



diamond round turning tool

size and profile tolerance evaluations

total height of raw profile: Pt=0.298μm
root-mean-square deviation of the raw profile: Pq=0.044μm



CASE 5

Fitting comparison with submicron accuracy

Problem Unable to measure inner / outer contours

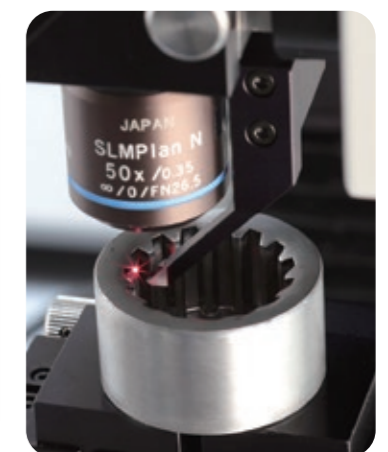
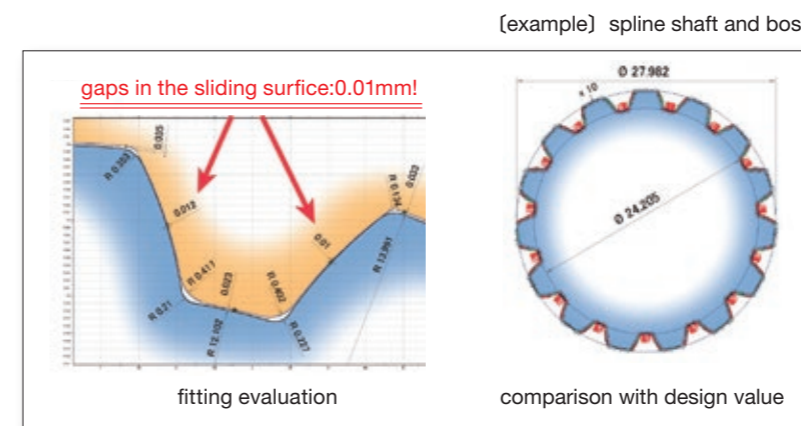
3D laser microscopes are popular to measure forms in submicron level, however, their measuring ranges are limited. It is not easy to measure a large area with submicron accuracy. In addition, they cannot measure inner / outer forms of the entire workpiece.



Solution

MLP-3 directly measures inner / outer contours in a large area with submicron accuracy.

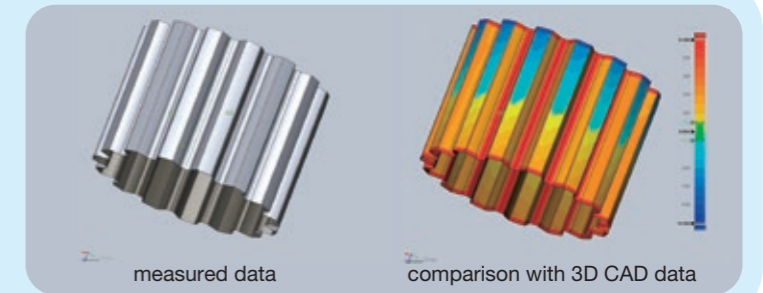
MLP-3 evaluates the entire form of the workpiece with submicron accuracy if it fits within the measuring range. The inner diameter measuring module (optional) measures the inner and outer focus of two gears and offers fitting evaluation and CAD comparison, shown in the example below. The standard evaluation software (see Pg.11) visualizes the deviation between two measured profiles and profile-design values (i.e. DXF data). Furthermore, the 3D CAD comparison / evaluation software (optional) visualizes surface deviation between a measured profile and its 3D design values.



additional benefit

3D CAD comparison

optional software



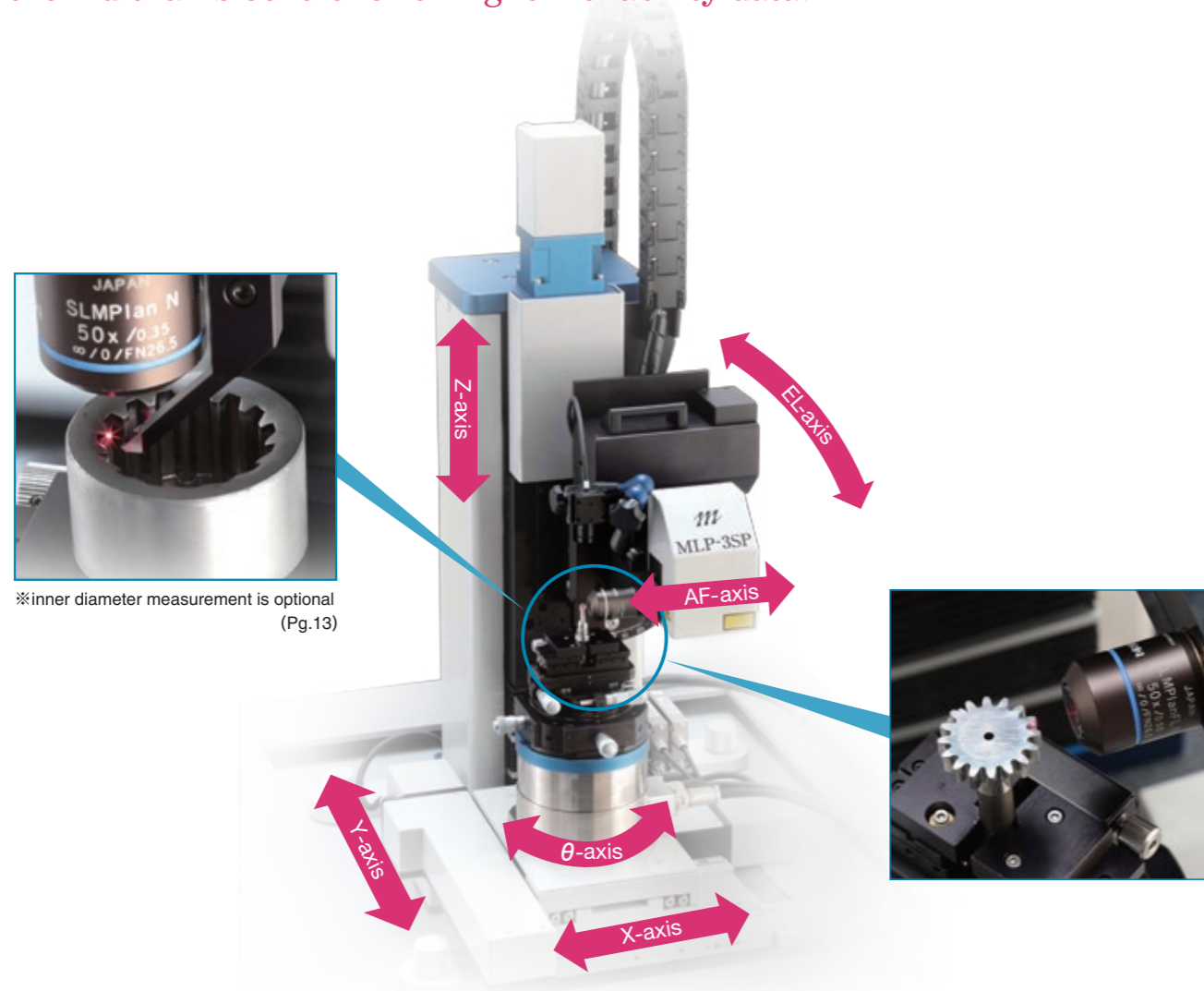
ISO-approved measurement method

the Fifth Monozukuri Nippon Grand Award
Winner of the METI Minister's Award

The Japan Society for Precision Engineering Award
Winner of Technology Award

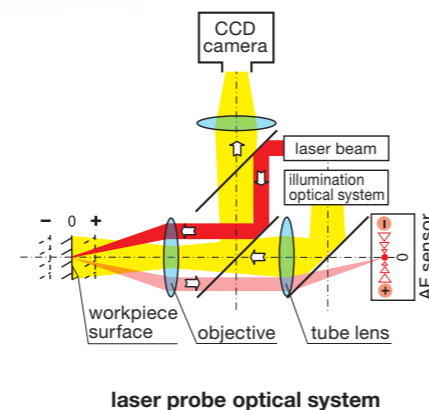
ISO25178-605 3D surface texture - non-contact measuring instrument (point autofocus probe)

The measurement principle fully conformed with the ISO Standards and the multi-axis control offer higher-reliability data.



※inner diameter measurement is optional (Pg.13)

The laser beam from the optical system reflects on a workpiece surface and its scattering light is captured by the objective to form a laser spot on the Autofocus (AF) sensor. The laser spot is positioned at the center of the AF sensor when the workpiece surface is in focus. The laser spot position displaces upward or downward when the workpiece surface is out of focus. The AF sensor detects the laser spot displacement and feeds back the information to the AF mechanism in order to adjust the objective back to the in-focus position. The workpiece is controlled in three axes (X, Y, and θ) and the laser probe is controlled in two axes (AF and Z) axes. This control mechanism offers profile measurements of various kinds of workpieces by obtaining each coordinate value at each in-focus point.



laser probe optical system

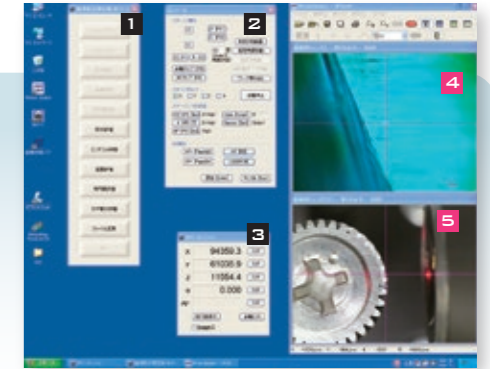
Measurement and evaluation functions

Measurement software

The built-in CCD camera offers user-friendly operation by visualizing the measurement point.

- 1 measurement / evaluation menu
- 2 console
- 3 counter

MitakaViewer 4 microscope image 5 upper camera view

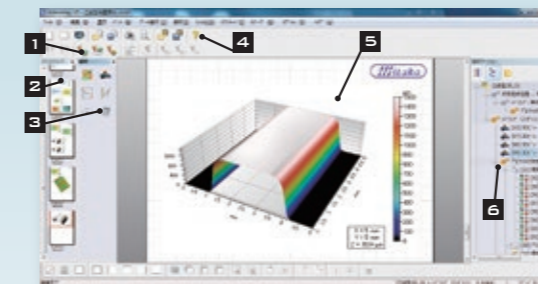


3D Surface texture analysis software*

MitakaMap ST

standard for MLP-3

Interactive and user-friendly software complete with powerful online help. Advanced analysis is carried out by applying straightforward operations to measurement data.



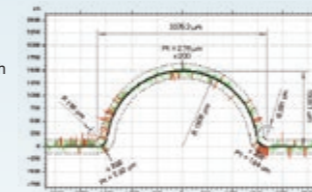
- 1 **Minidocs**
Automatic analysis by insertion of pre-defined sequences of analysis steps
- 2 **Page viewer**
Fast navigation to every page in the analysis report
- 3 **Studies**
Icons for analytical studies applicable to the selected data set
- 4 **Online help**
Detailed descriptions of all studies and operations
- 5 **Document page**
Current page in the analysis report
- 6 **Analysis workflow**
Tree view of all analysis steps in the report

Areal surface texture analysis Parameters defined in ISO 25178 are pre-installed

Standard parameters ■ Height : Sz, Sa, Sp, Sv, Sq, Ssk, Sku, ISO 4287-2, ASME B46.1, EUR15178N
■ Flatness : FLTl, FLTp, FLTv, FLTq (ISO12781)

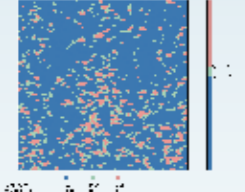
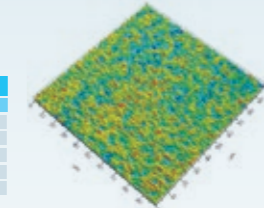
CAD data comparison

Loading CAD data in order to compare measured profiles with design specifications



Surface after electrical discharge machining (laser spot radius R=0.5 μ m)

ISO25178	
Height Parameters	
Sz	3.2665 μ m
Sa	0.2167 μ m
Sq	0.2779 μ m
Ssk	0.6995
Sku	5.6783

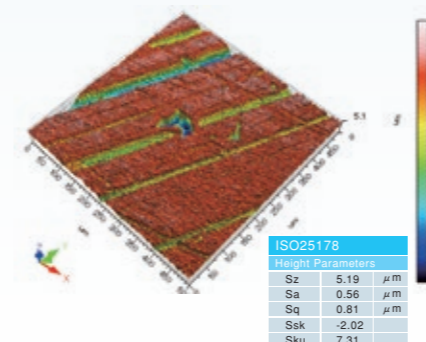


MitakaMap XT Expert

standard for MLP-3SP

MitakaMap XT is available as an upgrade to MitakaMap ST (standard software) and contains parameters for specialized applications.

Worn metal surface



Additional functions

- 2D advanced surface texture analysis**
 - ISO, JIS and other 2D parameters (ten point height of the roughness) profile (Rz jis), etc.
 - Frequency spectrum (FFT) analysis
 - Fractal analysis
 - Morphological filtering
- 2D automotive analysis**
 - R&W motifs analysis (ISO 12085)
 - Graphical study of Rk parameters (ISO 13565)
 - Rk profile
- 3D advanced surface texture analysis**
 - All the 3D parameters defined in ISO 25178 (Height, Functional, Spatial, Hybrid, Functional (volume) Parameters)
 - Graphical study of Sk parameters
 - Graphical study of volume parameters
 - Peak distribution
 - Frequency spectrum (FFT) analysis
 - Averaged power spectrum density
 - Fractal analysis
 - Measurement of wrinkle
 - Vectorization of the micro-valleys network
 - Texture direction, isotropy

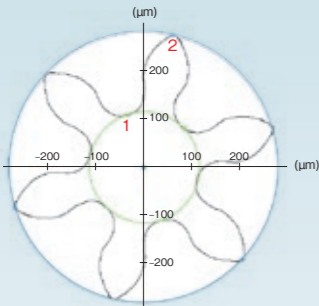
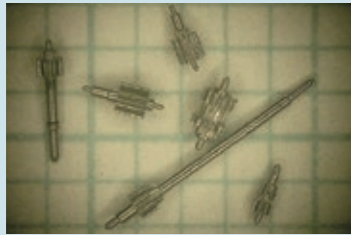
* The Advanced Contour Analysis is included.

Gear measurement and evaluation

MLP-3 measures contours of small-diameter gears, that contact measuring instruments cannot measure.

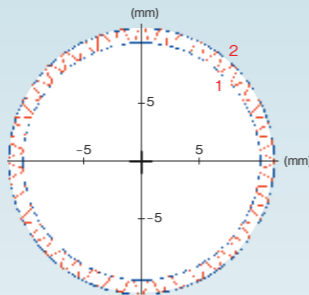
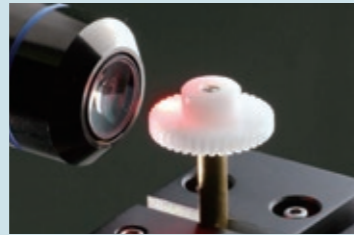
MLP-3 can measure the entire contours of small-diameter gears and small modules with its 1μm laser spot diameter. The user-friendly gear measurement software offers easy measurement setup by simply entering the gear specifications and specifying measurement positions.

micro gear
m=0.06 d=0.36



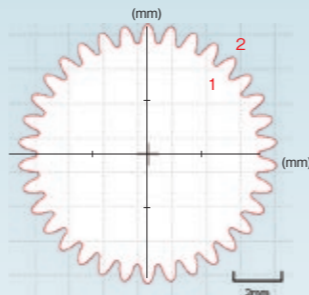
1: root diameter 234 μm
2: tip diameter 575 μm

plastic gear
m=0.5 d=20



1: root diameter 18.729 mm
2: tip diameter 20.971 mm

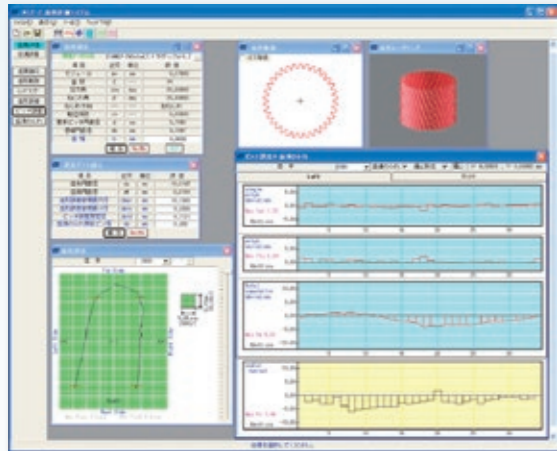
precision grinded gear
m=0.27 d=9.18



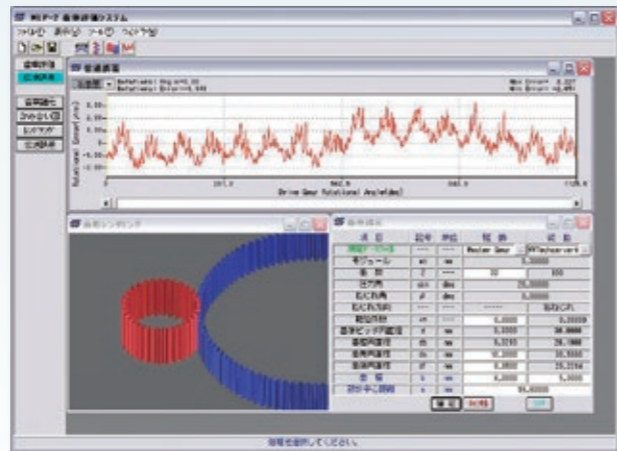
1: root diameter 8.910 mm
2: tip diameter 10.315 mm

Easy-to-use gear evaluation software

Gear evaluation software is conformed with ISO Standards and carries out the simulation of meshing gears and transmission errors with simple operations. It helps produce high-precision gears and manage quality control.



gear evaluation: profile deviation, pitch deviation, runout



transmission error / mesh simulation

Inner diameter measurement and evaluation

2 types of modules

fixed mirror type

- φ1~8mm doughnut hole measurement
- perfect for through hole measurement

φ2mm ring gauge measurement (fixed mirror type)

result: roundness 1.02 μm

objective type

- over φ8mm doughnut hole measurement
- perfect for through and non-through holes
- complex form measurement (select either R-θ or polygon)
- evaluation of both inner and outer forms in the same coordinate system

inner and outer diameter measurement of a bearing (objective type)

evaluation of roundness and irregularities in thickness
inner roundness = 2.74 μm outer roundness = 1.04 μm

Roundness measurement and evaluation

World first roundness measurement of a φ20μm glass sphere

Roundness and diameter can be measured simultaneously. A perfect solution for development and quality control of microparts

φ20 μm glass sphere

roundness: 0.065 μm
diameter: φ20.74 μm

φ100 μm gold wire

roundness: 0.91 μm
diameter: φ99.78 μm

MLP-3 Standard model

A perfect solution for measuring and evaluating various workpieces

■ [MitakaMap ST] [Advanced Contour Analysis] [3D measuring software] are included as standard equipment

[MLP-3] specification

Axes	X axis	Y axis	Z axis	AF(R) axis	AZ(θ) axis
Measuring range	120mm	120mm	130mm	40mm	360°
Positioning resolution	0.1 μ m	0.1 μ m	0.1 μ m	0.01 μ m	0.0002°
Scale	Glass Scale	Glass Scale	Pulse	Glass Scale	Glass Scale
Accuracy	(2+20L/1000) μ m	(2+20L/1000) μ m	(4+100L/1000) μ m	(2+20L/1000) μ m	\pm 0.02/360°

L: length (mm)

Laser probe

Objective	100X (WD = 3.4mm) Color CCD camera
Laser output	1mW (Max.) λ =635nm Class 2 Spot diameter 1 μ m (with 100X)
Tilting mechanism	EL axis (manually operated) : 0 ~ 90° Laser beam axis (manually operated) : 45 ~ -90°

Workpiece size

Cylinder	smaller than ϕ 80mm (option : ϕ 120mm)
Minimum diameter	ϕ 0.02mm

Standard software

MitakaMapST+ Advanced Contour Analysis
Image capture (MitakaViewer)
Measuring software

Personal computer for controller / evaluation

OS	Windows 7 19-inch monitor minimum
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Utilities

Power consumption	AC100V(5A)
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Accessories

Reference sphere	1 piece
Workpiece holder	1 set
Rubber type vibration isolator	
Dust proof cover	

Options

Hardware	Software
1) 50X objective (WD=10.6 or 18mm)	Gear measurement / evaluation
2) Z axis linear scale	Tool edge form evaluation
3) Motorized EL axis	Roundness measurement / evaluation
4) XY alignment stage	Inner diameter measurement
5) XY tilt adjustment stage	3D CAD comparative evaluation



MLP-3SP High-end model with high resolution

Z axis linear scale, XY alignment stage and XY tilt adjustment stage are included as standard equipment

■ [MitakaMap XT] is included as standard equipment. A perfect solution for R&D and specialized applications

[MLP-3SP] specification

Axes	X axis	Y axis	Z axis	AF(R) axis	AZ(θ) axis
Measuring range	120mm	120mm	130mm	40mm	360°
Positioning resolution	0.01 μ m	0.01 μ m	0.01 μ m	0.001 μ m	0.0002°
Scale	Glass Scale	Glass Scale	Glass Scale	Glass Scale	Glass Scale
Accuracy	(2+20L/1000) μ m	(2+20L/1000) μ m	(2+20L/1000) μ m	(2+20L/1000) μ m	\pm 0.01/360°

L: length (mm)

Laser probe

Objective	100X (WD = 3.4mm) Color CCD camera
Laser output	1mW (Max.) λ =635nm Class 2 Spot diameter 1 μ m (with 100X)
Tilting mechanism	EL axis (manually operated) : 0 ~ 90° Laser beam axis (manually operated) : 45 ~ -90°

Workpiece size

Cylinder	smaller than ϕ 80mm (option : ϕ 120mm)
Minimum diameter	ϕ 0.02mm

Standard software

MitakaMapXT+ Advanced Contour Analysis
Image capture (MitakaViewer)
Measuring software

Standard hardware

Z axis linear scale
XY alignment stage
XY tilt adjustment stage

Personal computer for controller / evaluation

OS	Windows 7 19-inch monitor minimum
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Utilities

Power consumption	AC100V(5A)
Pressure supply for vibration isolator	over 4kgf/cm ² (air hosediameter for pressure supply: ϕ 6mm)

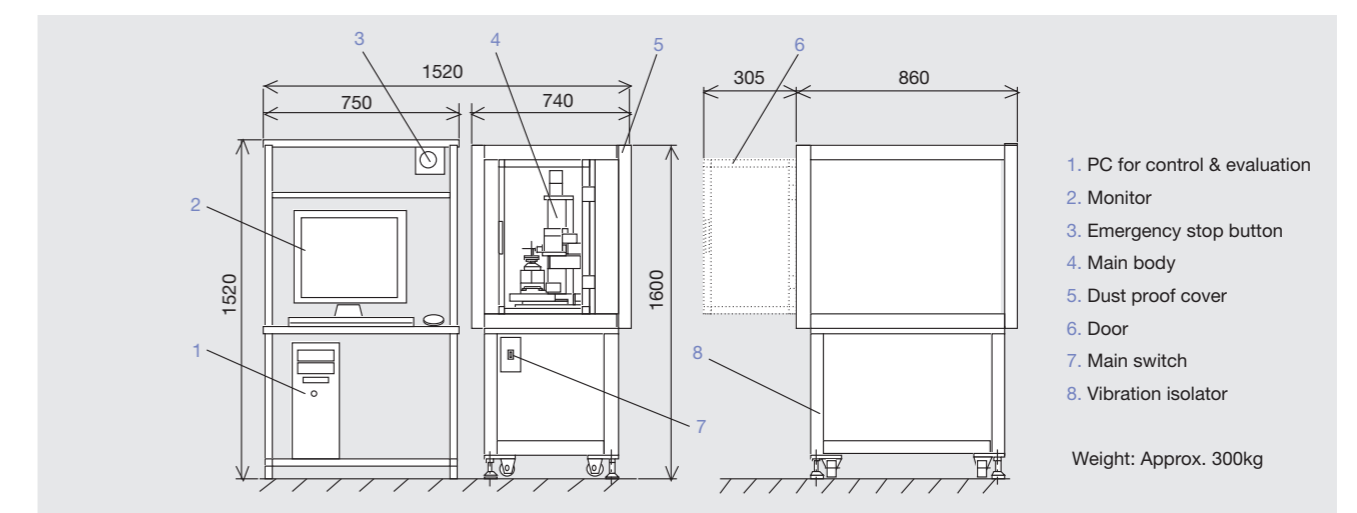
Accessories

Reference sphere	1 piece
Workpiece holder	1 set
Air spring vibration isolator	
Dust proof cover	

Options

Hardware	Software
1) 50X objective (WD=10.6 or 18mm)	Gear measurement / evaluation
2) Motorized EL axis	Tool edge form evaluation
	Roundness measurement / evaluation
	Inner diameter measurement
	3D CAD comparative evaluation

Outline drawing [for MLP-3 and MLP-3SP]



Weight: Approx. 300kg