



Portable, rugged and instant operation on metallic and ceramic surfaces

# **Surface roughness measurement - the basics**

## **Application**

Surface roughness testers are used when visual and feel comparisons are just not sufficient. The user-friendly instruments belonging to the TR series determine reliable and quantitative roughness parameters.

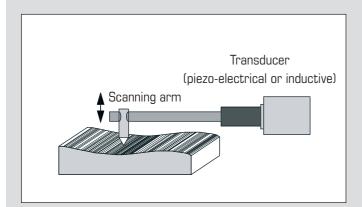
Some typical inspection applications are

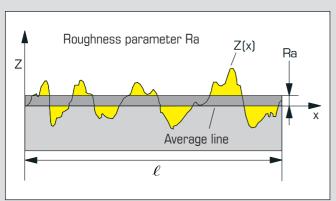
- shot-blasted surfaces,
- machined components (e.g. turning, milling or grinding).

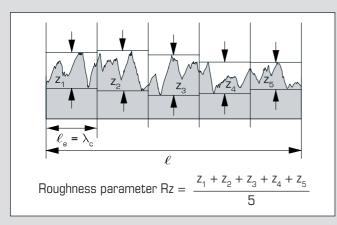
In addition to this, a roughness measurement enables conclusions to be made about slip resistance, e.g. of ceramic tiles.

# Background: roughness parameters Ra and Rz

The roughness parameters Ra and Rz are the most widely used throughout the world for roughness inspection (refer to DIN EN ISO 4287). Determination of both parameters is recommended for reliable evaluation of a roughness profile. Ra and Rz cannot be converted into each other: each value must be individually acquired and calculated by the tester. More comfortable instruments do this in only one measurement sequence; otherwise two consecutive measurement sequences are needed.







## Mechanical determination of roughness parameters

The figure on the left shows the principle for scanning the surface profile. The piezo-electrical transducer is used for simpler tasks and the inductive transducer for more demanding ones.

#### Ra - the mathematical average value for roughness

Ra is the generally recognized parameter and the one mostly used internationally. The average roughness value is the mathematical average of the absolute profile deviations within the scanning path. Ra is preferably used in order to evaluate gradual surface changes. For example, this is the case with grinding when the grinder becomes less effective. However, different profile forms cannot be detected using the Ra value. The measured numerical value for Ra is always smaller than that of the Rz value determined on the same roughness profile due to the calculation formula.

### Rz - the determined roughness

The determined roughness depth Rz is the mathematical average from the largest individual roughness depths  $z_{_{\rm n}}$  from a number of individual measurement paths  $\ell_{_{\rm e}}=\lambda_{_{\rm c}}.$  Averaging of the largest roughness depths of measurement paths directly adjacent to each other weakens the influence of individual peaks and ridges. The complete path  $\ell$  is the sum of the individual measurement paths.

# The TR series – universal Surface Roughness Testers

#### One series - three versions

The three versions TR-100, TR-110 and TR-200 are precision Surface Roughness Testers developed for workshop and laboratory. They are especially ideal for mobile operation due to their compact, sturdy design.

The instruments **TR-100** and **TR-110** are sufficient for simple test tasks. Both are designed for the quick acquisition of roughness parameters Ra and Rz. They are preferably used in workshops and for mobile operations, therefore both these instruments do not have interfaces for data transfer to a PC.

The **TR-200** is the instrument suitable for more demanding test tasks due to its extensive range of functions. In addition to the basic functions, the TR-200 enables testing of many critical applications.

With its high accuracy, more measurement parameters and the RS232 data interface, it meets the highest demands for workshops and laboratories.

# The basic instrument and the version with more built-in operational ease

The Surface Roughness Testers TR-100 and TR-110 use a piezo-electrical transducer with a diamond tip. This automatically scans the roughness profile of the surface. The deflection of the diamond tip generates a voltage in the piezo-electrical transducer. The instrument then digitizes this voltage and converts it into the roughness parameters Ra and Rz.



#### TR-100 - the basic instrument

The portable Surface Roughness Tester **TR-100** was designed for practical use in the workshop. This instrument determines roughness parameters Ra and Rz.

Before testing you select the parameters, either Ra or Rz, and set the cut-off length. The instrument is then positioned and the measurement started. A double tone sounds after a few seconds and the measurement value (Ra or Rz) is displayed. Any calibration which may be necessary is simply made using the keypad. The corresponding roughness standard is included in the standard delivery package.



Surface Roughness Tester TR-110

# TR-110 - more operational ease

The latest state of the art portable Surface Roughness Tester **TR-110** operates similar to the TR-100. However, in order to determine both parameters (Ra and Rz) it is only necessary to scan the surface once.

An integrated sleeve can be slid over the sensor tip in order to protect it during periods of non-use. In addition to this, an automatic 1.5 minute cut-off function protects the lithium-ion battery against unnecessary discharge.

# TR-200 - the top instrument version with graphics display

The **TR-200** works with an inductive transducer having a diamond tip, similar to the pick-up of a record player. Voltages are generated when the sensor is deflected and are converted into the different roughness parameters by the instrument electronic system as well as being used for profile presentation.

The Surface Roughness Tester TR-200 is designed for practical use in the workshop as well as for universal measurement tasks in the laboratory.

It enables measurement of nearly all roughness characteristics. The measured surface profile can be presented on the display in addition to the 13 different characteristics. The RS232 interface on the instrument enables transfer of all characteristics and surface profile to the printer **TA-220** (option)

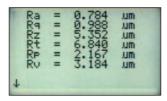


Ra 0.784µm

LTH:2.5\*5mm STD:ISO

RAN:±80µm FIL:RC

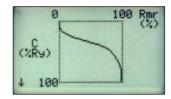
Display with Ra indication



Display showing all roughness parameters



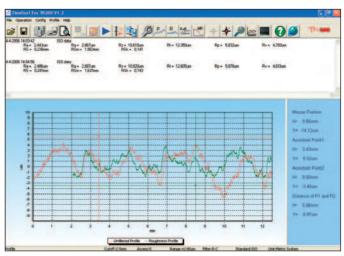
Profile display



Material ratio curve

Characteristics and profile presentation can be documented on a PC using the data evaluation program **TimeSurf**. This program is a practical accessory especially for monitoring and documentation of series products. The user-friendly operation can be either made by menu prompting on the instrument or with TimeSurf on a PC.

If the measurement data can be directly allocated to the components you will then be able to quickly print and attach them.



Profile display with roughness parameters in the program TimeSurf

# Surface Roughness Tester TR-200 with extensive range of accessories



Standard (spare) measurement sensor



50 mm extension for measuring sensor



Ra/Rz reference plate with DKD certificate



Portable printer TA-220



Interface cable for PC/printer



TimeSurf software for data transfer and management



Measurement support, including holder, for stationary measurements with the TR-200, base plate made of granite



Sturdy transport and storage case with TR-200 and standard accessories

# Technical specifications TR-100/TR-110

Roughness parameters Ra and Rz

Units of measure  $\mu$ m/ $\mu$ inch, switchable Measurement range \* Ra: 0.05 to 15.0  $\mu$ m

Rz: 0.1 to 50 µm

Cut-off length 0.25 mm, 0.8 mm or 2.5 mm,

switchable

Filter RC

Functions signal tone (Start/Test/Ready)

additionally on TR-110:

protection sleeve for sensor tip, automatic switch-off after 1.5 minutes,

backlight

Calibration with keyboard and attached

roughness standard

Scan path 6 mm Scan speed 1 mm/s

Measurement tolerance Class 3 according to DIN 4772

Measurement principle piezo electrical scanning system

Sensor tip diamond, radius  $5 \mu m$ 

Ambient temperature 0 to 40 °C

Voltage supply TR-100: 3.6 V NiMH battery

TR-110: 3 V Li-lon battery, charge indicator

Battery charger 220 VAC/9 VDC,

it is possible to charge and carry out measurements at the same time

Dimensions TR-100: 125 mm  $\times$  73 mm  $\times$  26 mm

TR-110:  $102 \text{ mm} \times 70 \text{ mm} \times 22 \text{ mm}$ 

Weight TR-100: 200 g

TR-110: 180 g

## Standard delivery package TR-100/TR-110

Surface Roughness Tester TR-100 or TR-110, each with integrated sensor, roughness standard (Ra), battery charger 220 V 50 Hz, transport and storage case, operating manual, manufacturer's certificate

### **Optional accessories**

Ra/Rz reference plate with DKD certificate (ca. Ra = 5  $\mu$ m, ca. Rz = 21  $\mu$ m)

#### Standard delivery package TR-200

Surface Roughness Tester TR-200, sensor, protection for sensor, roughness standard (Ra), adapter for stepped measurements, charger 220 V 50 Hz, screwdriver, transport and storage case, operating manual, manufacturer's certificate

#### **Optional accessories**

Standard (spare) sensor, 50 mm sensor extension dia. 10 mm, Ra/Rz reference plate with DKD certificate (ca. Ra = 5  $\mu m$ , ca. Rz = 21  $\mu m$ ), portable printer TA-220, interface cable for PC/printer, TimeSurf software for data transfer and management, measurement support including holder for stationary measurements with base plate made of granite (70 mm  $\times$  400 mm  $\times$  250 mm)

# Technical specifications TR-200

Roughness parameters Ra, Rz, Rq, Rt, Rp, Rmax, Rm, R3z,

S, Sm, Sk, Tp, Pc

Profile unfiltered primary file (P-profile)

roughness profile (R-profile) material ratio curve (Tp-curve)

Profile enlargement Vv: 200 times to 20.000 times

Vh: 20 times, 50 times

Standards according to ISO, DIN, JIS, ANSI

(selected in the menu)

Class of accuracy Class 2 according to DIN 4772

Units of measure  $\mu$ m/ $\mu$ inch, switchable Measurement resolution  $0.001~\mu$ m/ $0.04~\mu$ inch

Display 50 mm  $\times$  30 mm, 128  $\times$  64 dot matrix

with backlight

Display features display of sensor tip position, battery

charge level, roughness parameters and profiles, LCD brightness (adjustable)

Functions printout (parameters are configurable),

automatic switch-off (Auto-Off) after 5 minutes with data storage, calibration via software for each

cut-off length

Display languages English, German, French, Italian,

Spanish, Dutch

Output interface RS232, direct connection to printer

TA-220 or PC

Measurement range Ra, Rq: 0.01 μm to 16 μm

Rz, Rp, Rt, R3z:  $0.02 \mu m$  to  $160 \mu m$  \*\* Sm, S:  $2 \mu m$  to  $4000 \mu m$  Tp: 1 % to 100 % (% Ry) \*\* maximum deflection of the sensor tip

Cut-off length 0.25 mm, 0.8 mm or 2,5 mm,

switchable

Evaluation length I<sub>n</sub> 1 to 5 cut-off lengths

Scan length 1 to 5 cut-off lengths + 2 cut-off lengths

Digital filter RC, PC-RC, Gauss, D-P

Sensor/ standard version TS-100, inductive,

measurement principle diamond tip, radius 5 μm

Bores holes from 6.0 mm, depth 15 mm (TS-100)

Voltage supply Li-lon battery, 1000 mAh (for > 3000 measurements)

Battery charger 220 V, 50 Hz Ambient temperature  $5 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$  to 40  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

Dimensions 141 mm  $\times$  56 mm  $\times$  48 mm

(without sensor)

Weight 440 g



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<sup>\*</sup> According to DIN EN ISO 4288, the cut-off length of 2.5 mm is only recommended for surfaces whose Ra value does not exceed 10 µm.