

## FORMTRACER AVANT SERIES

Contour and Surface Roughness Measuring Systems





Go above and beyond.

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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 measurements of both contour and surface roughness.

Endowed with "speed" enabling higher measurement efficiency, "operability" with automation and a wide variety of features, and "expandability" allowing the upgrade to a complex system by integrating a detector, this revolutionary measuring system defies conventional thinking.

This is the Real One.







## CONTRACER



Contour

Continuous upper/lower surface measurement, combined with an adjustable measurement feature\*, enables the continuous measurement of upper and lower surface contour, including the effective diameter of screw-threads. The variable measuring force feature\* eliminates the need to adjust the measuring force by switching weights or adjusting orientation. Mounting a contour detector also reduces workpiece handling and expands the Z1-axis (detector stroke) measurement range to greatly improve the efficiency of contour measurement.

\* Only when mounting the contour detector C-4500





## SURFTEST



Surface roughness

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

The 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 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, and large-sized base instruments as standard.





## 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

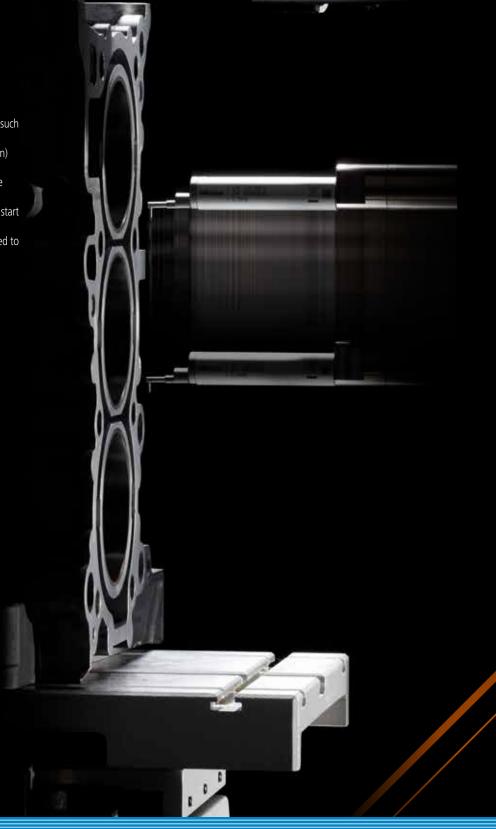
This is the large-sized model with the maximum-size base and column. It can efficiently measure heavy and/or long workpieces.



# HIGH-SPEED

## "Speed-up" greatly reduces measurement time

FORMTRACER Avant Series boasts best-in-class drive speed, such as fast movement of drive unit and column, stroke (retraction) speed-up, etc. To meet the needs of the speed up on surface roughness measurements, the positioning distance from the start of the measurement to the start of data acquisition is reduced to a minimum, while on contour measurement, the time from touch-down on a workpiece to the start of measurement is shortened. In the end, total measurement time is drastically reduced to improve measurement efficiency.

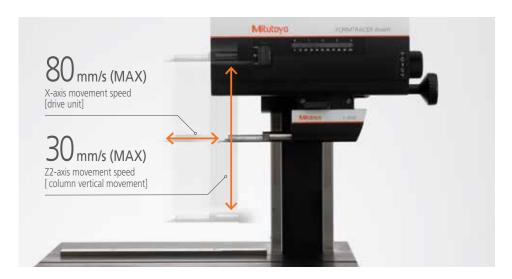




## Best-in-class high-speed driving

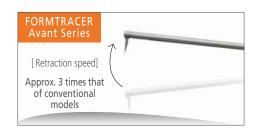
## High-speed driving drastically reduces the measurement time





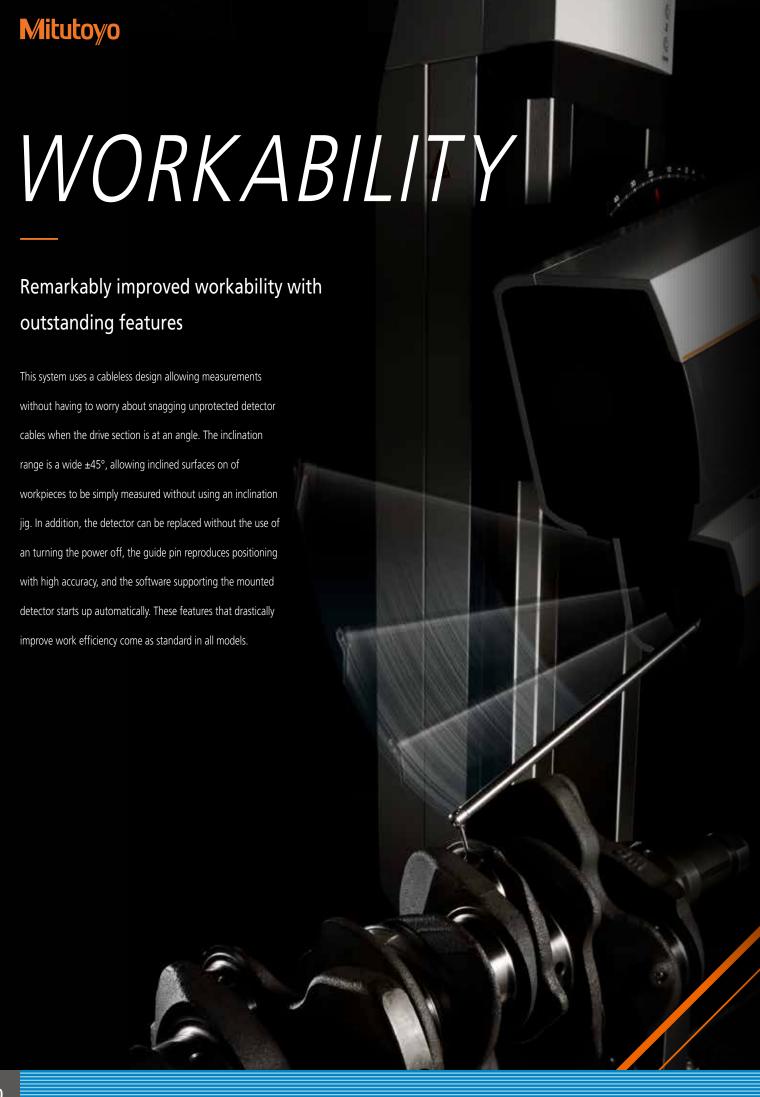
X-axis (drive unit): 80 mm/s (MAX) Z2-axis (column vertical movement): 30 mm/s (MAX) Speed-up of the movement enables reduction of the total measurement time.

## Reduction of the total measurement time



The stroke (retraction) speed is improved to approx. three times that of conventional models; whereas, the speed of the stylus lowering to touch a workpiece becomes slower as a safety consideration.





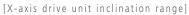


## X-axis inclinable drive unit





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

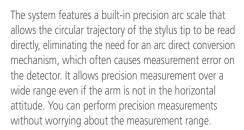








### Arc scale





### 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 clamper) greatly helps to reduce the replacement time by approximately 30 seconds when compared to a conventional model. Furthermore, positioning using the guide pin improves reproductivity when replacing detectors and allows efficient operation of the automatic measuring program.







# WORKABILITY

Optimized measurement features depending on characteristics of workpieces

The upper/lower surface continuous measurement feature, performing control of measurement direction and measuring force by double-sided styli and software, remarkably improves the measurement range. The stylus-drop detection feature immediately stops operation if the stylus drops suddenly, thus preventing damage to the stylus during continuous cut-out measurements without having to rely on a conventional mechanical stop. 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 the 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, processes from the setup all the way to the measurement can be automated thanks to optional automatic measurement accessories.

## Stylus drop detection feature



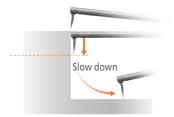


Detects sudden drop of the stylus from a measurement surface and stops the measurement operation; while simultaneously controlling the dropping rate to avoid damage to styli.

Note: When mounting contour detector C-4500

Detecting a sudden

drop



## 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 the need of mechanical stoppers.



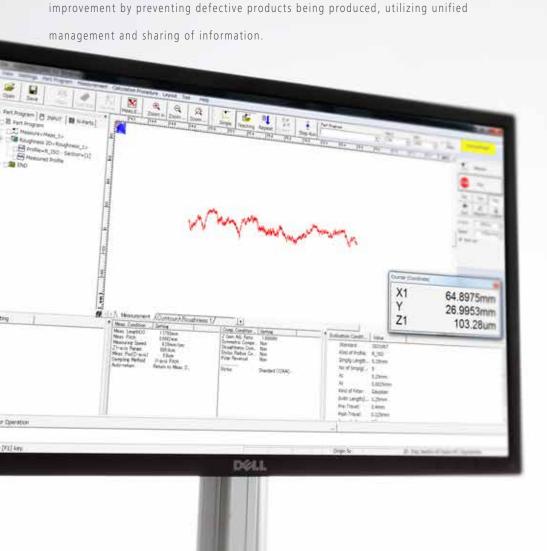


# SOFTWARE

Backup for the unified management and sharing of measurement data, and visualization of 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 creation. 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 realization of quality



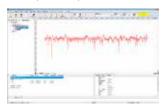






## <Surface property analysis program>

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

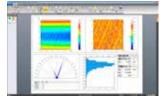
## MCubeMap

## <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.



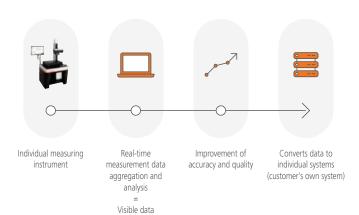


An example of 3D analysis

## 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.





# DESIGN

## A balance of form and functional beauty with no compromise on detail

Visual beauty, functional rationality, and reliable measurement accuracy — we seek product design endowed with all of these. A perfect harmony of modern design with no compromise on detail or functionality, thus providing both operability and innovation.



## Mitutoyo

- 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.
- 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.
- Improved operability thanks to added new features, such as the override control for adjusting the driving speed in real-time, and part program key that assists the creation of part programs.
- 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.







# OPTIONS

## 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 all the way to evaluation. This is possible 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

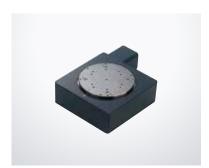
Enables efficient, automatic measurement of multiple aligned workpieces and multiple points on a single surface.



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 $\mid$ $\theta$ 1-axis table $\mid$ 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. (\* 01-axis mounting plate

<Option: 12AAE630> is required when directly installing on the base of the FORMTRACER

Avant.)

Displacement: 360° Resolution: 0.004° Maximum load: 12 kg Rotational speed:

Max 10°/s Mass: 7 kg





#### Rotary table | $\theta$ 2-axis unit | 178-078

You can measure multiple points on a cylindrical workpiece and automate front/ rear-side measurement.

(\*  $\theta$ 2-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: ±2° Maximum load: 7 kg

Table dimensions: 130×100 mm

Mass: 3.5 kg





## Drive unit DAT unit | 178-050

This optional unit supports the 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:  $\pm 1.5^{\circ}$ 

**Mass:** 6.7 kg

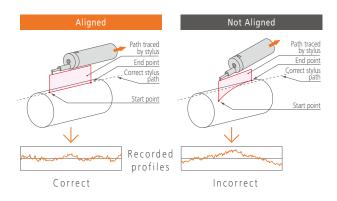


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### 3-axis adjustment table | 178-047



This table helps make 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 that isn't necessarily parallel 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: Ø1 - Ø36 mm Inner jaws ID: Ø16 - Ø69 mm Outer jaws OD: Ø25 - Ø79 mm **Dimensions (D×H):** 

Ø118×41 mm **Mass:** 1.2 kg

## Micro-chuck | 211-031



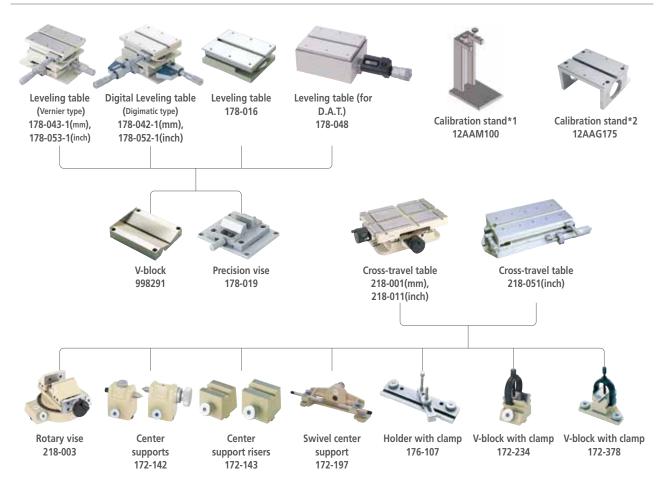
This chuck is suitable for clamping extra-small diameter workpieces (Ø1 mm or less), which cannot be retained with the centering chuck.

## Holding range: OD: Ø0.2 - Ø1.5 mm Dimensions (D×H):

Ø107×48.5 mm **Mass:** 0.6 kg



#### Table and fixture systems



### **Desktop type vibration isolators**

## Manually charged pneumatic type\*3



**Automatically charged** pneumatic type\*3 178-025



**Automatically charged** pneumatic type\*4 178-115



#### Stand for desktop type

178-023-1 and 178-025 External size (W×D×H): 640×470×660 mm

**Mass:** 25 kg 178-024



## Desk type vibration isolators

Desk type\*3 (Stand integrated type, air system) 178-188



Example combination: with side table but no monitor arm (tester and PC not included)

Desk type\*4 (Stand integrated type, air system) 178-189



Example combination: with monitor arm but no side table\*6 (tester and PC not included)

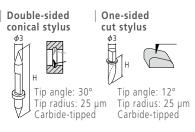
- $^{*1} \ \ \text{Required for calibrating upward measurement of FTA-} \\ ^{**}\text{C3000/} \\ ^{**}\text{D3000 series. (Contour measurement)} \\$
- \*2 Required for calibrating in bulk by mounting straight arm / small-hole stylus arm without using cross-travel table and Y-axis table. (Contour measurement)
- \*3 For models with a product code that ends in S4, S8, 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.





unit: mm

Stylus name	Stylus No.	Order No.	Application arm No.	H (mm)
Double-sided	SPHW-56	12AAM095*2	12AAM095*2 AB-31, AB-37	
conical stylus*1	SPHW-66	12AAM096	AB-31, AB-37	32
	SPHW-76	12AAM097	AB-31, AB-37	48
One-sided cut stylus	SPH-51	354882	AB-31, AB-37	6
	SPH-61	354883	AB-31, AB-37	12
	SPH-71	354884*2 *3	AB-31, AB-37	20
	SPH-81	354885	AB-31, AB-37	30
	SPH-91	354886	AB-31, AB-37	42
Intersecting cut stylus	SPH-52	354887	AB-31, AB-37	6
	SPH-62	354888	AB-31, AB-37	12
	SPH-72	354889	AB-31, AB-37	20
	SPH-82	354890	AB-31, AB-37	30
	SPH-92	354891	AB-31, AB-37	42
Cone stylus	SPH-53	354892	AB-31, AB-37	6
Tip angle 30° Sapphire tipped	SPH-63	354893	AB-31, AB-37	12
	SPH-73	354894	AB-31, AB-37	20
	SPH-83	354895	AB-31, AB-37	30
	SPH-93	354896	AB-31, AB-37	42
Cone stylus	SPH-56	12AAA566	AB-31, AB-37	6
Tip angle 30° Carbide-tipped	SPH-66	12AAA567	AB-31, AB-37	12
	SPH-76	12AAA568	AB-31, AB-37	20
	SPH-86	12AAA569	AB-31, AB-37	30
	SPH-96	12AAA570	AB-31, AB-37	42
Cone stylus	SPH-57	12AAE865	AB-31, AB-37	6
Tip angle 20° Carbide-tipped	SPH-67	12AAE866	AB-31, AB-37	12
	SPH-77	12AAE867	AB-31, AB-37	20
	SPH-87	12AAE868	AB-31, AB-37	30
	SPH-97	12AAE869	AB-31, AB-37	42
Cone stylus Tip angle 50° Diamond tipped	SPH-79	355129	AB-31, AB-37	20
Knife edge stylus	SPH-54	354897	AB-31, AB-37	6
	SPH-64	354898	AB-31, AB-37	12
	SPH-74	354899	AB-31, AB-37	20
	SPH-84	354900	AB-31, AB-37	30
	SPH-94	354901	AB-31, AB-37	42
Ball stylus	SPH-55	354902	AB-31, AB-37	6
	SPH-65	354903	AB-31, AB-37	12
	SPH-75	354904	AB-31, AB-37	20
	SPH-85	354905	AB-31, AB-37	30
	SPH-95	354906	AB-31, AB-37	42
Small hole stylus	SPH-41	12AAM104	AB-33	2
	SPH-42	12AAM105	AB-33	4
	SPH-43	12AAM106	AB-33	6.5



### Intersecting cut stylus











Tip angle: 30° (SPH-79: 50°) Tip radius: 25 μm Sapphire or Carbide-tipped (SPH-79:Diamond tipped)

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

#### | Knife edge stylus | Ball stylus

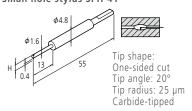




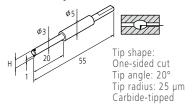


Ball dia: 1 mm Carbide-tipped

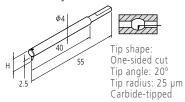
## | Small hole stylus SPH-41



## | Small hole stylus SPH-42



#### Small hole stylus SPH-43



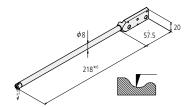


## For contour measurement | Arms

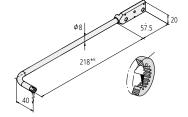
Arm name	Arm No.	Parts No.	Applicable stylus No.		
Straight arm	AB-31*4	12AAM101	SPH-5*, 6*, 7*, 8*, 9*, SPHW*5 - 56, 66, 76		
Eccentric arm	AB-37	12AAQ762	SPH-5*, 6*, 7*, 8*, 9*, SPHW*5 - 56, 66, 76		
Small-hole arm	AB-33	12AAM103	SPH-41, 42, 43		

unit: mm

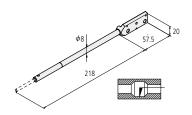
Straight arm AB-31







## Small-hole arm AB-33



## lacksquare For contour measurement $\mid$ Arm stylus (comprising an arm and stylus)

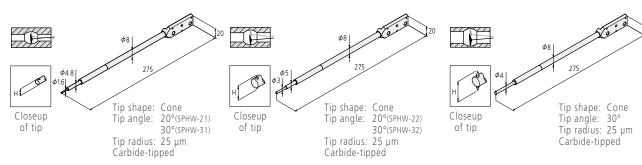
Arm stylus name	Stylus No.	Parts No.	H (mm)	
Double-sided small hole arm stylus*7	SPHW-21	12AAT469	2.4	
	SPHW-22	12AAT470	5	
	SPHW-31	12AAM108	2.4	
	SPHW-32	12AAM109	5	
	SPHW-33	12AAM110	9	

unit: mm

Double-sided small hole arm stylus SPHW-21/31

Double-sided small hole arm stylus SPHW-22/32

Double-sided small hole arm stylus SPHW-33



<sup>\*1</sup> Stylus for contour detector C-4500. \*2 Standard accessory of FTA-\*\*C4000/D4000 series. \*3 Standard accessory of FTA-\*\*C3000/D3000 series.

<sup>\*4</sup> Standard accessory of FTA-\*\*C3000/C4000/D3000/D4000 series. \*5 Stylus for FTA-\*\*C4000/D4000 series. \*6 One-sided cut stylus SPH-71 (standard accessory) mounting.

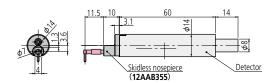
<sup>\*7</sup> Arm Stylus for FTA-\*\*C4000/D4000 series.





## For Surface Roughness Measuring | Detectors

unit: mm



Order No.	Measuring force	
178-396-2	0.75 mN	Detectors that comply with ISO 3274
178-397-2	4 mN	Detectors that comply with previous standards for general use.



## For Surface Roughness Measuring | Extension rods

Extension rod 50 12AAG202 Extension length 50 mm

Extension rod 100 12AAG203 Extension length 100 mm

Note: No more than one extension rod can be connected

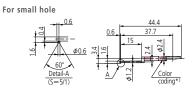


## For Surface Roughness Measuring | Styli

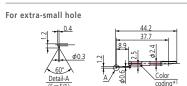
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Standard stylus Detail-A

**12AAE882** (1 µm) 12AAE924 (1 µm)\*1 **12AAC731** (2 μm)  $\textbf{12AAB403} \hspace{0.1cm} (5 \hspace{0.1cm} \mu m) \textbf{*1}$ 12AAB415 (10 µm)\*1 12AAE883 (250 µm)\*4 (): Tip radius



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

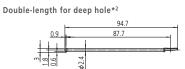


**12AAC733** (2 μm) 12AAB405 (5 µm)\*1 12AAB417 (10 µm)\*1 (): Tip radius

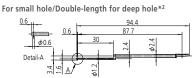




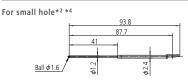
**12AAC734** (2 μm) 12AAB406 (5 µm)\*1 **12AAB418** (10 μm)\*1 (): Tip radius



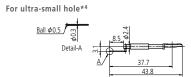
**12AAE898** (2 μm) 12AAE914 (5 µm)\*1 (): Tip radius



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



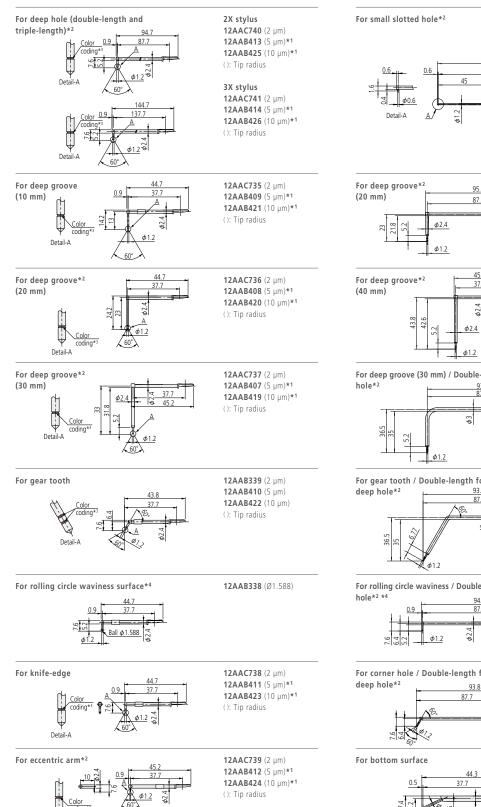
**12AAE884** (Ø1.6 mm)



**12AAJ662** (Ø0.5 mm)



unit: mm



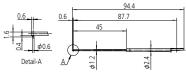
- \*1 Tip angle 90°
- \*2 For downward-facing measurement only.

Detail-A

*3	Tip radius	1 μm	2 µm	5 μm	10 µm	250 μm
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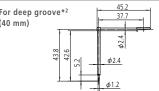
- \*4 Used for calibration, a standard step gauge (178-611, option) is also required

**12AAE938** (2 µm) 12AAE940 (5 µm)\*1

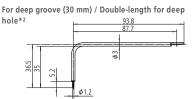




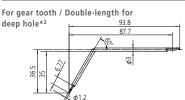
**12AAE893** (2 μm) 12AAE909 (5 µm)\*1 (): Tip radius



**12AAE895** (2 μm) 12AAE911 (5 µm)\*1 (): Tip radius



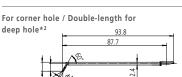
**12AAE894** (2 μm) 12AAE910 (5 µm)\*1 (): Tip radius



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



**12AAE886** (250 μm)



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



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

<sup>\*</sup> Customized interchangeable styli are available upon request, please contact any Mitutoyo office for more information.



## APPLICATION

## Efficient precision measurement for practically any workpiece

The 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 control box allows the rapid creation of programs, and the contour sensor allows immediate measurement by creating a measurement-ready state once the sensor contacts a workpiece.

Furthermore, this series features stylus-up speed three times faster than conventional models, with each axis movement being faster too.

By combining these elements into a single system, efficient and accurate measurements can be executed.

## PET bottle contour 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 gauges, 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

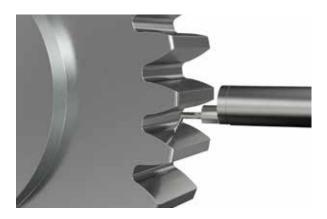




If the pull-top groove is too shallow, the pull-top cannot be opened, and if it is too deep, it will be opened easily, resulting in leakage during transportation due to vibration or shock. The groove dimensions of products can be efficiently controlled for measured where high accuracy is required.

## 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.

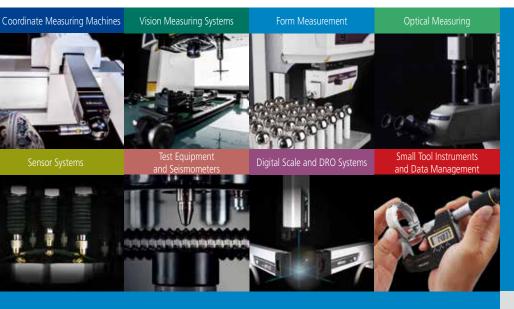
## Surface roughness test for tablet molds





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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