

Quality control  
test instruments



## EXPERTS IN MEASUREMENT

Helping manufacturers increase efficiency and product quality with accurate measurement instrumentation.

For over 35 years, Rhopoint has been assisting customers in a wide variety of industries globally to produce consistent materials, free from defects.



Accurate measurements



Reduce waste



Consistent quality



Increase production

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# Introduction



## About Rhopoint Instruments Ltd.

Rhopoint Instruments Ltd. is a UK based manufacturer of test equipment primarily focused on the measurement of appearance and surface quality.

Rhopoint Instruments, a subsidiary of Rhopoint Holdings, was founded in 1986 as a manufacturer of glossmeters. Since this time, the range has developed and grown to test not just gloss but many other parameters of total surface quality.

Revolutionary new measurement metrics of Reflected Image Quality (RIQ) and Rspec have been designed and developed by Rhopoint Instruments.

These metrics have redefined the way that manufacturers in every industry sector are quantifying orange peel in surface finishes.

### Gloss, Haze, DOI & Opacity



Keeping the finish of your coatings consistent

### Transparency Measurement



Characterise the transparency of material

### Liquid Coating Testing



Test instruments for testing paints and liquid coatings



## About Rhopoint Americas Inc.

Rhopoint Americas Inc. was established in 2018 to provide a dedicated service to customers located in North, Central and South Americas. Headquartered in Troy, Michigan, Rhopoint Americas is ideally situated to offer support to the automotive and coatings industry sectors.

Carrying comprehensive local stock of the appearance testing instruments manufactured by Rhopoint Instruments Ltd., Rhopoint Americas offers online ordering for all instruments in the range at manufacturer's direct pricing. Free next day shipping is offered within the USA for all hand-held instruments.



## About Rhopoint Instruments GmbH

Rhopoint Instruments GmbH was established in 2022 to provide a dedicated service to customers located in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the rest of mainland Europe.

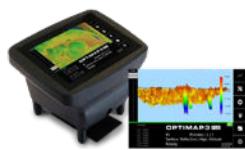
Our staff have an expertise in all industry sectors from plastic films to automotive, Rhopoint Instruments GmbH is able to provide excellent technical assistance to our customer base.

### Packaging Test Instruments



Keeping production efficient and consistent

### Surface & Appearance Analysis



Characterisation of common surface irregularities





# GLOSS, REFLECTANCE HAZE, DOI & OPACITY

Instruments for measuring  
appearance quality

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# Rhopoint IQ

## Gloss, Haze and Orange Peel

RHOPOINT 



- Multi-angle Glossmeter
- Reflectance Hazemeter
- Distinctness of Image Meter (DOI)
- Reflected Image Quality
- Rspec

### Measures haze and orange peel effectively

Using patented technology, the Rhopoint IQ provides a unique solution for the measurement of haze and orange peel.

Although visible to the naked eye, they are not detected by a standard glossmeter.

By measuring the quality of the reflected image it is the only hand held instrument that truly profiles how light is reflected from a surface.

### Rapid and detailed analysis

In one quick and easy operation, the IQ not only measures gloss at three angles but also measures haze, DOI (distinctness of image) and Rspec (specular reflectance) providing a detailed analysis of the image forming quality of the surface.

### Applications



Paints &  
Coatings



Yacht  
coatings



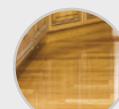
Metal  
polishers



Polished  
stone



Smart phone &  
screen covers



Wood  
coatings



Automotive  
re-finish



Printing  
ink



Automotive



Aerospace

### Standards:

- DIN EN ISO 2813
- JIS Z 8741
- ASTM D523
- ISO 7668
- ASTM D2457
- ASTM E430
- DIN 67530

# Rhopoint IQ Flex 20

## Gloss, Haze and Orange Peel of small surfaces



- Measurement of small and curved surfaces
- DOI / RIQ Meter, (quantify orange peel)
- Hazemeter (reflectance haze)
- Custom adaptors for use on non-flat surfaces

### Accurate measurement

The Rhopoint IQ FLEX 20 brings gloss, haze and distinctness of image measurement to a new format. It is specifically designed for small areas and curved surfaces that cannot be accurately measured with traditional glossmeters.

### Easily customisable

The Rhopoint IQ FLEX 20 can be customised with magnetically attached adaptor plates. These can be easily interchanged for different applications and provide reduced measurement areas as low as 2mm.

To increase the repeatability of curved surface measurement, alternative adaptor plates can be designed for specific samples.

### Applications



Automotive exterior



Automotive interior



Cosmetics



PVC



Smart phones,  
tablets & laptops



Yacht  
manufacturers



Polished metals



Curved surfaces



# Novo-Curve

60° bench glossmeter

RHOPOINT  
NOVO-CURVE 



- Benchtop glossmeter
- Measures at 60°, suitable for all gloss levels
- Measures curved surfaces
- Measures small surfaces

#### Easily measure curved and small areas

The Novo-Curve™ is a unique bench top instrument designed for the gloss measurement of curved surfaces and small areas that are difficult to measure with standard glossmeters.

The large sample platform allows hands free measurement by simply placing the item over the measuring aperture. Four adjustable jigging posts are also available to provide consistency in sample positioning.

Statistical data is stored internally in the instrument memory and can be either viewed on screen or by downloading to PC using the Novo-Soft software supplied.

#### Applications



Plastic parts



Banknotes



Automotive



Dental research



Furniture



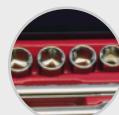
Food products



Ceramics



Medical



Electroplating



Confectionery



Coins



Paints & Coatings

# Novo-Gloss

Glossmeters for a variety of surface finishes

RHOPOINT  
NOVO-GLOSS 



- 60, 45, 20/60/85 and 20/60/85 with haze variants
- Intuitive interface requires minimal training to operate and interpret results
- Simple data transfer

## Test across a variety of gloss levels

Single, dual and trigloss glossmeters are high specification hand held instruments for measuring gloss.

Gloss is an aspect of the visual perception of objects that is as important as colour when considering the psychological impact of products on a consumer. Maintaining consistent gloss levels on every product or across different batches of a product is vital for manufacturers seeking maximum appeal of their finished goods.

The advanced features of the instrument include user definable batches for more efficient measurement of multiple samples, direct data input via bluetooth into Microsoft Excel and pass/fail for easy identification of non-conformances.

## Standards

ISO 2813 | ASTM D523 | ISO 7668 | ASTM D2457  
DIN 67530 | JIS Z 8741

## Applications



Automotive



Aerospace



Yacht  
coatings



Smart phone &  
screen covers



Furniture



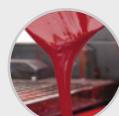
Metal  
polishers



Polished  
stone



Wood  
coatings



Printing  
ink



Paints and  
coatings



Detailing



Textile

# Novo-Gloss Flex 60

Measures low gloss curved and small surfaces



- Ultra lightweight remote measuring head
- Suitable for ultra low gloss finishes
- For curved and hard to reach surfaces

#### Increased control of surface finish

Designed specifically to measure the gloss of surfaces that cannot be measured using traditional glossmeters, the Novo-Gloss Flex 60 Glossmeter combines the functionality and reporting of an advanced glossmeter with an ultra lightweight remote measuring head.

The Novo-Gloss Flex 60 has been designed specifically to measure low gloss surfaces. It features an additional measuring scale with a resolution 10 times greater than standard glossmeters. This increased resolution gives a far superior level of control of surface finish.

The Novo-Gloss Flex 60 complies to ISO 2813 and ASTM D523. Measurements are made with the instrument are compatible with traditional glossmeters complying to these standards.

#### Applications



Curved plastic parts



Automotive interior trim



Plastics industry



Furniture



# Novo-Shade Duo+

Measure shade, opacity and cleanliness

RHOPOINT  
**NOVO-SHADE DUO+**



- Measure opacity (hiding power)
- Suitable for measuring coatings or plastic films
- Measures shade on grayscale

## The Novo-Shade Duo+ combines 3 measuring instruments

The Novo-Shade Duo+ is a versatile solution for reflectometry measurement. Its standard configured geometry of 45°/0° allows objective measurements of the shade or opacity of a surface.

**Shade:** In shade mode, applications include the measurement of colour fading in textiles and plastics, shade of paints, inks and coatings, chalking of paint, efficiency of detergents and bleaching agents and the whiteness of recycled paper.

**Opacity:** Whilst in opacity mode, applications include the measurement of the hiding power of paints, inks and coatings, transparency of plastic films and opacity of paper. Its in-built automatic calibration ensures accurate measurements are guaranteed every time the instrument is used.

**Cleanliness:** Measures the cleanliness and oxidisation of metal surfaces.

## Applications

### Shade



Shade of paints,  
inks & coatings



Chalking  
of paint



Efficiency of  
detergents &  
bleaching agents



Whiteness of  
recycled paper

### Opacity



Transparency of  
plastic film



Opacity  
of paper



Hiding power of  
paints, inks &  
coatings



Cleanliness and  
Oxidisation on  
Metal Surfaces



# TRANSPARENCY MEASUREMENT

Characterise the  
transparency of material

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# Rhopoint ID

Imaging transmission appearance meter

RHOPOINT **iD**



- Measures haze, transmission, sharpness in contact and at a distance
- Suitable for sheeted material up to 300 $\mu$ m thickness and small-size rigid plastics that cannot be measured with a standard ASTM D1003 hazemeter

Rhopoint ID uses a high resolution camera to capture images of a target viewed through the test material. Imaging techniques are used to directly quantify the appearance quality of the sample.



High Sharpness  
(S = 98.71%)



Medium-High  
Sharpness  
(S = 76.34%)



Medium-Low  
Sharpness  
(S = 49.62%)



Low Sharpness  
(S = 18.02%)

## Applications



Films



Display films



PET bottles



Windscreens



Mobile phones



Rigid plastics



Recycled  
materials



Liquids, Gels  
& Pastes



Tubes  
& Pipes



Blister  
packaging



# Rhopoint ID-Inline

Advanced & Complete Analysis of  
Transparent Appearance

**RHOPOINT**  
MEASURE WHAT YOU CAN SEE  
ID  
IN-LINE

NEW In-line measurement version



- Camera-based system
- Quantify product transparency with parameters that are highly correlated to human perception
- Short or long focal distance versions available to suit customer production line

Flexible software allows single or multiple ID sensors to be combined with compatible measurement devices and tabulated in the Rhopoint ID laboratory software.

Suitable for:

#### **Large sheets of material**

The IDTX sensor can be built into a large bespoke measurement station allowing large sheets of plastic or glass to be measured easily

#### **3D objects**

3D objects such as visors or transparent trays that are too large to be easily measured on the bench-top ID can be measured using a bespoke inspection station

#### Applications



Films



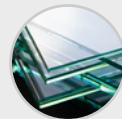
Windscreens



Cast or  
extruded films



Large sheets  
of material



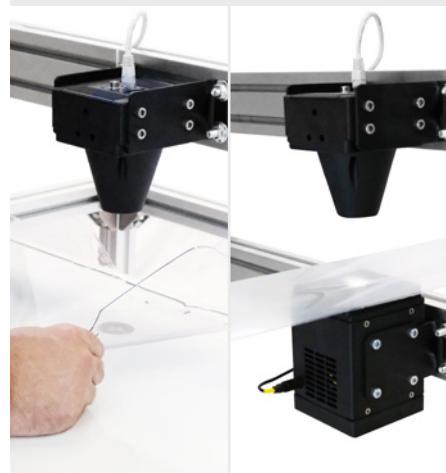
Glass sheets



3D objects



Tubes  
& pipes



# Rhopoint Novo-Haze TX

Measures total transmission and haze



- Measures haze and total transmission to ASTM D1003 (CIE C)
- Traditional sphere hazemeter
- Simple and easy to use

#### Minimal test time, maximum accuracy

The instrument features an intuitive user friendly interface which minimises the test time and makes it an ideal choice for both QC and R&D.

Uncompromising design, high quality materials make the Novo-Haze TX the ideal choice for any laboratory or QA environment.

At 50% of the price of the market leader for ASTM D1003 (CIE C) measuring instrument, the Rhopoint Novo-Haze TX represents huge savings without compromising measurement accuracy.

#### Examples

Viewed through material with **low haze**



Viewed through material with **higher haze**





## LIQUID COATING TESTING

Test instruments for testing  
paints and liquid coatings

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# Minimum Film Forming Temperature Instrument

Determines the MFFT of latex, emulsions and adhesives

RHOPOINT  
MFFT-90



- Paints and coatings
- Adhesives
- Touch screen display
- Industry standard instrument

## Tests minimum film forming temperatures

The Rhopoint MFFT is used to determine the minimum film forming temperature and white point in paint and coatings such as water based coatings, polymer dispersions, synthetic latexes and emulsion.

The MFFT also tests adhesive temperature optimisation in such areas as coalescence of water-borne adhesives and minimum temperature for epoxy resin cure.

## Easy to use design

The new MFFT benefits from an easy to use touch screen interface, digital MFFT temperature calculation and output to handy results labels. These additions to the trusted Rhopoint MFFT make the instrument easy to operate with improved certainty results.

## Applications



Resins



Adhesives



Paints & Coatings



Optional chiller / water recirculation unit to regulate the incoming water supply temperature and reduce costs



# Flow Cups

Measure viscosity and flow time



- Aluminium body
- Stainless steel orifice
- Variety of flow times
- Afnor | BS | ISO | DIN | Frikmar standards
- Measure viscosity and record flow time precisely

This precision engineered range of standardised flow cups allow the measurement of the kinematic viscosity of paints, varnishes and other newtonian liquids by recording the flow time of the product through the cup.

## Precision engineered

Manufactured from high grade aluminium alloy and fitted with stainless steel orifices (specification dependant) the flow cups are easy to clean and durable.

A high quality internal surface finish for optimum accuracy and performance is obtained using the latest computerised machining process.

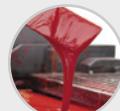
## Applications



Paint



Varnish



Printing ink



Adhesives

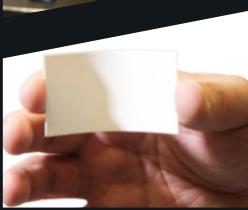




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# Crease & Board Stiffness Tester

Predict Packaging Performance



- Board stiffness
- Crease recovery
- Crease to board stiffness ratio

## Improves packaging efficiency

Board stiffness test and crease resistance testing are important parameters that help determine maximum conversion and packaging speeds, they can also be related to the final dimensional stability of the finished product.

The Hanatek Crease & Board Stiffness Tester (CBT1) gives board manufacturers, printers and packing companies the ability to predict the 'runability' of a sample board or finished carton.

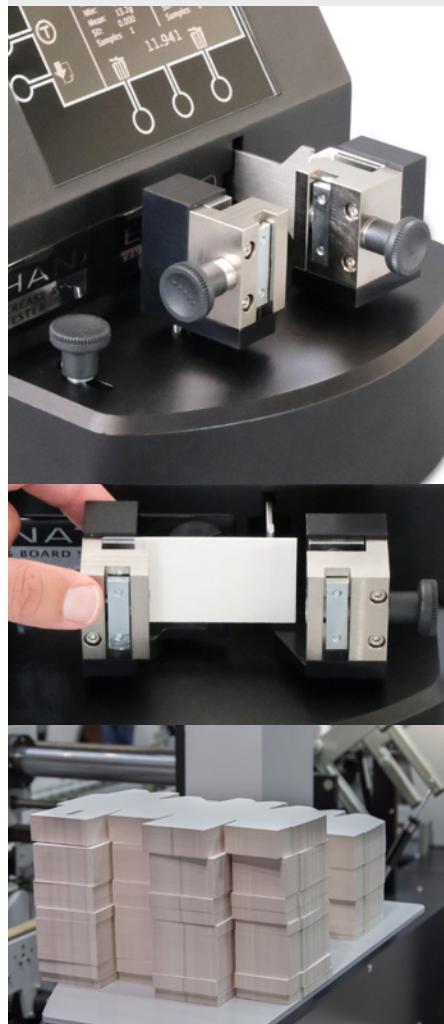
## Applications



Printed carton board



Unprinted carton board



# Carton Force Analyser

Increase the running speed  
of carton packaging



- Measures all the forces required to erect and fill cartons
- Crease resistance (spring-back), board stiffness, carton opening force, crease opening force
- Variable sample sizes and small crease testing including HL

**Eliminate rejections, reduce waste and increase the running speed**

The Hanatek Carton Force Analyser (CFA) measures the forces that limit the running speed of folding box board packaging.

By measuring the stiffness of the substrate and crease bending resistance, the user can optimise cartons for faster running and packaging speeds.

The instrument allows individual creases to be analysed identifying problem areas in packaging design or manufacture.

## Applications



Printed carton board



Unprinted carton board



Bending Moment



Board Stiffness



Ratio of Crease to Board Stiffness



Crease Recovery Stiffness



Crease Folding Force



Crease Opening Force



Carton Opening Force



Relative Crease Strength



Geometrical Stiffness



Crease/Board Analyse



Folding Factor

# Carton Crease Proofer

## Production quality crease samples

HANATEK **CCP**



- Determine optimum crease settings
- Check substrate suitability
- Check ink & coating flexibility

**Indicates how a finished carton will run on an automated glueing, filling or packaging line**

The Hanatek Carton Crease Proofer (CCP) allows the user to produce production quality crease samples without committing valuable machine time. The instrument can assist in checking ink and coating flexibility.

The CCP comes complete with commercially produced rules and dies which are identical to those used on a full sized cut and crease machine.

### Control substrate quality

Important substrate properties can be easily compared before printing and converting.

### Check for coating cracking

Produce production quality creases and predict carton run-ability using a Hanatek crease and board stiffness tester.

## Applications



Printed carton board



Unprinted carton board



# Rhopoint Friction Tester

## Precise Coefficient of Friction (COF) Tester



- Static and dynamic coefficient of friction
- Compliant to ASTM D1894 and ISO 8295
- Unique sled placement system for repeatable testing

### Repeatable measurements

The Rhopoint Friction Tester (RFT) produces detailed fingerprints of new substrates, coatings and production samples. These characteristics can be saved and compared at any time allowing the manufacturer to specify the optimum surface finish for any packaging process.

It allows the user to measure and store the full force curve which graphically illustrates the frictional characteristics in addition to providing the static and dynamic COF values.

### Applications



Printed packaging



Foil packaging



Plastic film



Printed paper



Leather



Textiles



Cartons



Labels



Paper



Detachable heated bed



Box closing force



Block test



Friction test



Peel testing



Tear testing

# Melt Flow Indexer

**Accurate instrument.  
Repeatable measurements**

**HANATEK** MELT FLOW INDEXER MFI



- Precise MFI Measurement to ISO1133 and ASTM D1238
- Tri-zone temperature control / monitoring
- User interchangeable barrel core
- Operator Safe – automatic cleaning cycle

Understanding melt flow is a key indicator for producers, processors and converters of plastic materials as it dictates the temperatures and pressures required to manufacture consistent quality products.

## How to calculate melt flow rate

Testing is performed using a melt flow indexer in accordance to either ASTM D1238 (melt flow rates of thermoplastics by extrusion plastometer) or ISO 1133 (determination of the melt mass-flow rate and melt volume flow rate of thermoplastics). The instrument features a tri-zone barrel heating and control.

Stable and accurate temperature is maintained across the entire barrel length ensuring exact compliance to all international standards.

## Applications



Resin production



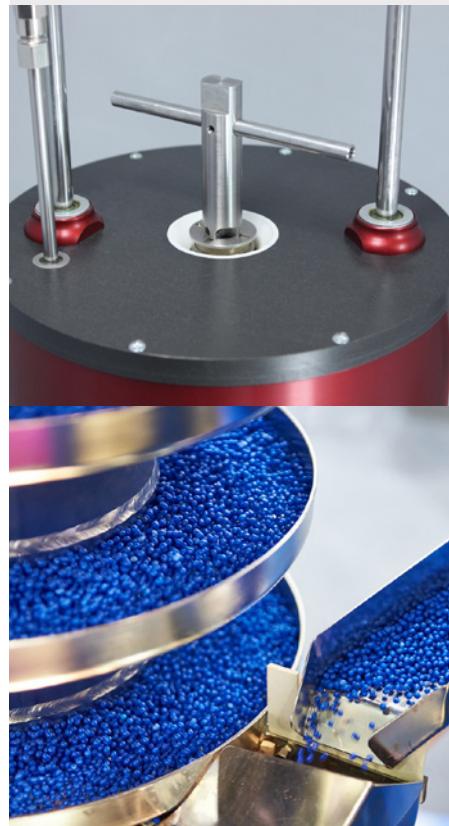
Extrusions



Film manufacturing



Injection moulding



# Rub & Abrasion Tester

Durability of inks, coatings, printed cartons and films, and labels

HANATEK  
RUB & ABRASION TESTER



- Assess coating & substrate suitability
- Test the rub resistance of printed material to BS3110
- Optional test: solvent resistance/wet rub test
- Optional test: scratch / abrasion testing

Designed to increase the efficiency and repeatability of rub proof testing, this comparative test works by abrading a printed sample against a reference material under known conditions.

The results can be used to identify alternative substrates, better ink and coating formulations for the suitability of finished cartons, films, printed books, magazines and promotional materials.

The Hanatek Rub & Abrasion Tester (RT4) can be programmed for the required number of cycles, enabling it to be run concurrently with other laboratory tests.

Optional test attachments offer the ability to conduct tests under harsher conditions and can be used to check the solvent resistance or the cure of UV inks.

## Applications



Barcode labels



Printed cartons



Security printing



Holograms



Films



Newspaper



Magazines



Printing inks



Printed packaging



# Universal Sample Cutter

Cuts variety of materials



- Configurable for multiple test types e.g. friction, grammage, rub
- Suitable for film, paper, foils etc.
- Same accuracy independent of operator
- Repeatable, time saving

The Hanatek Universal Sample Cutter (USC) has been designed for the simple cutting of samples for the packaging laboratory.

## Time

Save valuable time by preparing multiple samples simultaneously.

## Cost Effective

The USC uses interchangeable dies to suit different test types. Simply purchase a new die for the test type required.

## Safety

Increase operator safety – no knives required.

## Applications



Unprinted carton board



Printed packaging



Non-woven



Labels



Paper



Foils



Tissue paper



Plastic film



Tobacco packaging



Flexible packaging

## Standard Dies

We have standard dies available to cut samples for most test types including:

- Friction
- Tensile
- Grammage
- O2 permeability
- CO2 permeability
- WVTR
- Rub resistance
- Carton crease
- Carton stiffness
- & more

# Film Shrink Tester

Measures the effect of temperature on plastic.



- Determines quality of cast and blown films
- Measures unrestrained film shrinkage
- Simple laboratory test

Film shrinkage is important to industry as blown films are often heat treated to form protective packaging for perishable food or manufactured products.

The Hanatek Film Shrink Tester (FST) is used to measure the effect of temperature on plastic films.

## Fast efficient testing

Fast and accurate hotplate control allows a film shrink test to be performed in minutes.

## Easy determination of percentage film shrink

The easy to read, back lit scale allows percentage shrink to be easily determined.

## Applications



Stretch film



Blown film



Shrink wrap



# Precision Thickness Gauge

Precisely measures the thickness of a variety of substrates

HANATEK  
PRECISION THICKNESS GAUGE  
FT3



- Repeatability of better than 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$
- Factory configured to a choice of international standard
- User programmable number of readings, dwell time and down speed

Accurate and repeatable thickness measurements can improve product quality whilst controlling the costs associated with raw material usage.

Physical test parameters of the Hanatek thickness gauge can be factory configured according to international standards or customer requirements. The high accuracy of the instrument is achieved by controlling these key factors:

- Momentum and profile of measurement probe
- Measurement pressure
- Measurement dwell time

The instrument is linearised throughout its measurement range using multi point calibration

Flatness of measurement head/anvil <0.2 $\mu\text{m}$ , Typical parallelism <1 $\mu\text{m}$

## Applications



Carton board



Paper



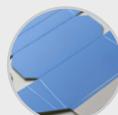
Plastic film



Adhesive tape



Flexible packaging



Laminated packaging



Foil packaging



Labels



Textiles



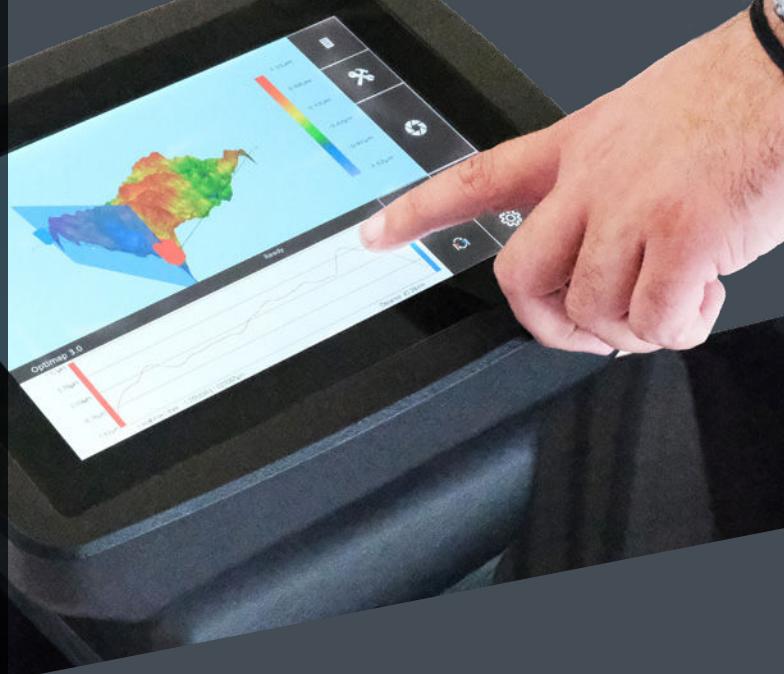
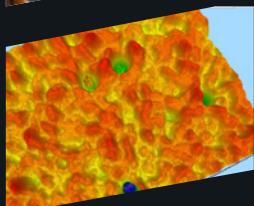
Non-Woven



Geomembrane



Tissue paper



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# Rhopoint TAMS®

(Total Appearance Measurement System)



- NEW metrics for paint appearance measurements
- Suitable for raw materials, e-coats, primers, top coat and clear coat
- Characterization of common surface irregularities including defects, waviness and roughness

#### Instrumental analysis of surface appearance, roughness and waviness in the automotive painting process

The Rhopoint TAMS® is a product jointly developed by Rhopoint Instruments and Volkswagen AG. A beautiful smooth finish is a key aim when painting a vehicle.

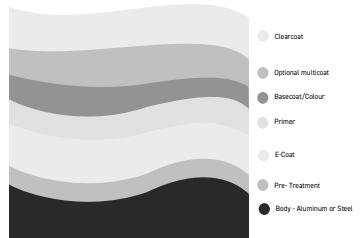
The quality of this finish is determined by the surface roughness & waviness of the raw material to be painted and the effectiveness of each subsequent coating process as well as any polishing or sanding operations.

The Rhopoint TAMS® can measure and map surfaces at all stages of paint processes from raw material to final topcoat.

This innovative device has many of the advantages of the high-resolution analytical tools combined with the portability and accessibility of a hand held device.

## Applications

### Vehicle Coatings



The Rhopoint TAMS® can be used at each stage of the coating process.



Low Contrast



High Contrast



Low Sharpness



High Sharpness



# Optimap 3 PSD

Complete surface analysis

**OPTIMAP 3 PSD**



- Map and measure surface finish
- Large area measurement
- Suitable for substrates from composite material to top coat

## Powerful quality control

On-screen functionality includes cross-sectional viewing allowing detection and characterisation of common surface irregularities including defects and waviness. In quality control, inferior surface evaluation methods are still commonplace.

## Accurate and fast data

Many methods are subjective, time consuming and lack definition. Modern consumers demand high quality products with surface finishes that are homogeneous and free from defects. The Optimap 3 provides a unique solution to these measurement challenges providing quantifiable data for improved production control.

## Applications



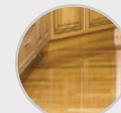
Automotive



Displays



Aerospace



Furniture



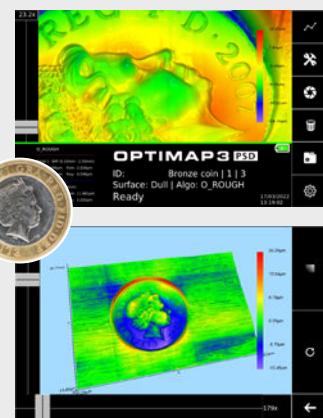
Plastics & composites



Paints & coatings



Yacht coatings



# RoboTAMS

## Automated Total Appearance Measurement System



- The new standard for paint appearance measurement
- Non-contact measurements
- TAMS measurement sensor integrates fully into an inline inspection process

### Measuring automotive paint finishes

The Rhopoint TAMS provides measurement data that closely correlates to human perception, is easier to understand and communicate.

TAMS measurement sensor integrates fully into an inline inspection process and is designed for top coat evaluation as part of the production line or offline measurement cell. The sensor is able to capture high resolution maps of surfaces and has the possibility to measure e-coat and raw materials.

This innovative new technology models the human perception of surface appearance quality, providing new parameters that revolutionise the understanding and communication of visual appearance information.





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