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	1/4 Zero Setting	1/9 Measuring Unit		
	2/4 Foil Calibration	1/2 μm		
	3/4 Zero Offset	2/2 mils		
	1/2 Offset setting	2/9 Measuring Mode		
	2/2 Delection of Offset	1/3 Auto FN Ident		
	4/4 Deletion of Calibration	2/3 Ferrous (F)		
	1/1 Works Calibration Activated	3/3 Non-Ferrous (N)		
		3/9 Switch Off Mode		
/4	STATISTICS	1/2 Auto		
	1/5 Print Out of Statistics	2/2 Permanent		
	2/5 Print Out of Measurements	4/9 Backlight		
	3/5 Display of Statistics	1/3 Off		
	4/5 Display of Measurements	2/3 3 Secs		
	5/5 Delection of Statistics	3/3 Permanent		
		5/9 Beeper		
/4	LIMITS	1/2 On		
	1/2 Limit Setting	2/2 Off		
	1/2 Set Lower Limit	6/9 Online Statistics		
	2/2 Set Upper Limit	1/2 Mean & Stad. Dev.		
	2/2 Deletion of Limits	2/2 Max and Min		
		1/9 Welcome lest		
		1/2 OII		
		2/2 UII 8/0 Bower Supply		
		1/2 Pottorios		
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		3/3 Français		
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# **13.0 OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES**



# **Infrared Adapter**



**Data Transfer Software** 

# 2.0 OVERVIEW

2.1	Display		
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LIMIT		Appears if Limit values have been set. If flashing: LIMIT setting begun but not completed.	
AUTO I	FN	Appears when automatic ferrous / non-ferrous measuring mode is active.	
Ferr		Appears when ferrous measuring mode is active.	
Non-Fe	err	Appears when non-ferrous measuring mode is active.	
μm		All measured values given in µm unit.	
mils		All measured values given in mils unit.	

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Minimum Sample Diameter	0.2" <b>(5 mm)</b>
Minimum Substrate Thickness - F	20 mils (0.5 mm)
Minimum Substrate Thickness - NFe	2 mils (50 µm)

# 11.0 RESOLUTION TABLE

# Mils

00.00	– 9.99 mils	0.01 mils
10.00	- 24.98 mils	0.02 mils
25.00	- 49.95 mils	0.05 mils
50.00	- 60 mils	0.1 mils

#### Microns (µm)

0.000	– 999 µm	0.1 µm
100.0	– 249.8 µm	0.2 µm
250.0	– 499.5 µm	0.5 µm
500.0	– 999.0 µm	1.0 µm
1,000	$-$ 1,500 $\mu m$	0.002mm

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A	IR Sensor	Transmits stored measurement data to a PC or printer equipped with an infrared adapter
в	LED Screen	Displays numerical data & operator prompts
С	▲ ▼ Keys	Use to: 1. Scroll through main menu 2. Set calibration 3. Set zero offset 4 Set limit alerts
D	OK Key	<i>Use to:</i> 1. Confirm menu selection 2. Complete setting an action
Е	Power Switch	Turns the gauge on and off
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Minimum Curvature Radius	concave: 0.2" (5mm), convex: 0.12" (3mm)
Substrate Thickness	20 mils (0.5 mm)
Calibration	Factory calibration, zero calibration, foil calibration, <i>Off-set function:</i> addition or subtraction of a constant value
Memory	80 readings
Statistics Program	Number of readings, mean value, standard deviation, maximum and minimum reading of max. 10,000 readings
Set Limits	Adjustable selectable with acoustic alarm
Data Output	Infrared IrDA standard
Operating Temp.	32 °F to 122 °F (0 °C to 50 °C)
Surface Temp.	5 °F to 140 °F (-15 °C to 60 °C )
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Dimensions	4" x 1.9" x .96" (99mm x 48mm x 24mm)
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## Magnetic interference fields:

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- 4. Press OK
- Press the ▼ key to select either permanent on or auto switch off.
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Parity:	none
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# 3.2 Selecting Units of Measure (µm-metric or inch-mils)

- 1. Press ▼ repeatedly until display shows **Options**.
- 2. Press OK. The display shows Measuring Unit.
- 3. Press **OK**. The display shows **µm unit**
- 4. Press **OK** to confirm  $\mu$ **m** as unit of measurement *OR*
- 5. Press  $\blacksquare$  again. The display shows **mils unit**.
- 6. Press **OK** to confirm **mils** as unit of measurement

The selected unit of measure (mils or  $\mu m$ ) will appear on the display, followed by the start screen - - - -.

# 3.3 Backlight

3000PS gauges are equipped with a backlight function to improve the readability of the display in certain lighting conditions. The operator can select permanent on, 3-second on (after each measurement) and off:

- 1. Press the  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  key until **Options** shows on the display.
- 2. Press OK.
- 3. Press the  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  key to scroll to the desired backlight state.
- 4. Press **OK** to confirm your selection.

The selected backlight state will appear on the display briefly, followed by the start screen - - - -.

# 3.4 Beeper

To turn the audible signal on and off:

- 1. Press the  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  key until **Options** shows on the display.
- 2. Press the **OK** key.
- 3. Press the  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  key until **Beepe**r shows on the display.
- 4. Press OK.
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## 3.2 Selecting Units of Measure (µm-metric or inch-mils)

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until display shows **Options**.
- 2. Press OK. The display shows Measuring Unit.
- 3. Press **OK**. The display shows  $\mu m$  unit
- 4. Press **OK** to confirm **µm** as unit of measurement *OR*
- 5. Press ▼ again. The display shows mils unit.
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5. Press the ▼ key to select the on or off states.
6. Press OK to confirm your selection

## 3.5 Manually Setting Measurement Mode (DCFN only)

In some cases, especially with varnish applied to zinc on steel, it is advisable to manually set the measuring mode—F mode (Ferrous) for measurements on steel/iron, N mode (Non-Ferrous) for measurements on non-ferrous metals.

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until display shows **Options**.
- 2. Press OK. Measuring Unit appears on the display.
- 3. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Measuring Mode** appears.
- 4. Press OK. Auto FN Identifications appears.
- Press ▼ repeatedly until either Ferrous (F) or Non-Ferrous (N) or Auto FN appears on the display.
- Press OK to confirm the measurement mode that you want to activate. The display shows - - - - and either Auto FN or Ferr or Non-Ferr.

#### 3.6 Total Reset To Factory Defaults

This procedure deletes all single and statistical values. It also deletes set calibration values and optional items and resets the gauge to the factory default.

- 1. Switch off the gauge
- 2. Press and hold the **ESC** key (item G, page 4). At the same time turn the power back on.
- 3. An acoustic signal will sound and all factory default settings are restored.
- 4. **Release both keys** and the gauge will restart with all factory default settings restored.

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To continue measuring, press **ESC** repeatedly until the start screen with the four dashes - - - - is displayed.

#### To print statistical values:

- 1. Press ▼ repeatedly until **Statistics** appears n display.
- 2. Press OK. Printout Of Statistics appears.
- 3. Point instrument with the IR transmitter (top end face) towards the IR adapter installed on the printer. The distance should be approx. 12" to 20" (*30cm* to *50cm*).
- 4. Press **OK**. The data are transmitted, and **Printing...** will briefly appear, followed by the start screen with the four dashes - -.

To continue measuring, press **ESC** repeatedly until the start screen with the four dashes - - - - is displayed again.

## 6.4 Deletion of statistical values and of single values

- 1. Press ▼ repeatedly until **Statistics** appears on display.
- 2. Press **OK**. **Printout Of Statistics** appears
- 3. Press ▼ repeatedly until **Deletion Of Statistics** appears
- 4. Press **OK**. The statistical values with the single values are deleted. Statistics deleted will briefly appear on the display, then the start screen with the four dashes - - .

#### Quick deletion of statistics and stored readings

- 1. Press **ESC** repeatedly until the start screen with the four dashes - - is again displayed.
- 2. Press ESC until Deleted Statistic? appears on the display.
- 3. Press **ESC** again. **Statistics Deleted** will briefly appear, then the start screen with the four dashes - -.
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- 1. Press **ESC** repeatedly until the start screen with the four dashes - - is again displayed.
- 2. Press ESC until Deleted Statistic? appears on the display.
- 3. Press **ESC** again. **Statistics Deleted** will briefly appear, then the start screen with the four dashes - -.

## 3. Press ▼ until **Display of Single Values** appears.

To continue measuring, press **ESC** repeatedly until the start screen with the four dashes - - - - is displayed.

#### To print single values:

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Statistics** appears on display.
- 2. Press **OK**. **Printout Of Statistics** appears
- 3. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Printout of Single Values**
- appears
  Point instrument with the IR transmitter (top end edge) towards the IR adapter installed on the printer. The distance should be approx. 12" to 20" (30cm to 50cm)
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## 6.3 Display and print statistical values

#### To display statistical values:

- 1. Press ▼ repeatedly until **Statistics** appears on display.
- 2. Press OK. Printout Of Statistics appears.
- 3. Press ▼ repeatedly until **Display Of Statistics** appears.
- Press OK repeatedly. Each time OK is pressed, a different statistical value will be displayed in this order: N, x̄, s, and then N, Max, Min. At the conclusion, Display of Statistics appears again and the sequence of statistics displayed will repeat.

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#### 3. Press ▼ until **Display of Single Values** appears.

To continue measuring, press **ESC** repeatedly until the start screen with the four dashes - - - - is displayed.

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3000PS gauges use two AA alkaline or rechargeable batteries. When battery power becomes low the **Battery Indicator** will flash.



The gauge will continue to operate, but batteries should be replaced as soon as possible When battery power is depleted, the Battery Indicator remains on continuously, indicating that less than 60 seconds of power remain shut down.

#### **Replacing batteries**

- 1. Turn gauge over. Remove the screw on the back using the screwdriver provided.
- Carefully insert the blade of the screwdriver at the points on the casing seam indicated in the photo; apply gentle pressure to loosen the upper ection
- Use your fingers to gently pull the sections of the casing apart
- 4 Insert 2 new AA or rechargeable batteries, matching the positive terminal with the + on the case.
- 5. Carefully replace the cover, reinsert the screw and tighten.



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**NOTE:** Battery exchange should be accomplished within 20 seconds to preserve saved measurement data

#### Using Rechargeable batteries

When using rechargeable batteries, the battery symbol always flashes, because rechargeable batteries provide a lower voltage than non-rechargeable batteries. To eliminate this situation:

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Options** appears on the display.
- 2. Press OK.
- 3. Press ▼ until **Power Supply** appears on the display.
- 4. Press OK.
- Press ▼ until Rechargeable Batteries appears on the display.
- 6. Press OK.

Supply with Rechargeable Batt appears briefly on the screen, followed by - - - . The procedure is complete.

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The 3000PS gauge is provided with online statistics. The statistical values are re-calculated and displayed in the two bottom lines after every measurement. The statistical values calculated by the 3000PS gauges are:



- N: Number of measured values
- x: Average of measured values
- s: Standard deviation
- Max: Maximum single value of the measurement series
- Mi: Minimum single value of the measurement series

**Note:** The DCFN-3000PS can store a total of 80 readings combining the F-mode N.

#### 6.1 Selecting which statistical values will be displayed.

- 1. Press ▼ repeatedly until Options appears on the display
- 2. Press **OK**.
- 3. Press ▼ Until **On-Line Statistics** appears on the display 4. Press **OK**.
- 5. Press  $\checkmark$  to select either Maximum and Minimum or
- Mean and Std Deviation for display,
- 6. Press  $\mathbf{OK}$  to confirm your selection

#### 6.2 Displaying and printing single values

#### To display single values:

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Statistics** appears on display.
- 2. Press **OK**. **Printout of statistics** appears on the display.
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# 5.0 SETTING AUDIBLE LIMIT ALERTS

To monitor your measured values, you can set an upper and a lower limit value. This setting is useful during the measurement, for the evaluation of the measured values later when displaying the single values or for the printout of measured values If the limit value is exceeded or if it's not reached, an audio signal will sound, and a warning note will appear on the display (\_ or \_).

## Setting

- 1. Press ▼ repeatedly until Limits appears on the display
- 2. Press OK. Limits Setting appears on the display.
- 3. Press OK again. Set Lower Limit appears.
- Press ▼ or ▲ repeatedly until the desired lower limit value appears on the display.
- 5. Press OK. Set Upper Limit appears on the display.
- Press ▼ or ▲ repeatedly until the desired upper limit value appears on the display.
- 7. Press **OK**. Limits have been set will appear briefly, then the start screen with - -.

#### Deleting

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Limit s** appears on the display.
- 2. Press OK. Limits Setting appears
- 3. Press ▼ until **Deletion of Limits** appears
- 4. Press **OK**. Limits Deleted appears briefly, followed by the start screen with - -.

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# 4.0 CALIBRATION

#### 4.1 Measuring Using Factory (Works) Calibration

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ . Calibration appears on the display.
- 2. Press **OK**. Zero Setting appears on the display.

#### 4.2 One-point calibration (zero procedure)

This procedure requires an uncoated test object having similar dimensions and material properties to those of the coated object to be measured.

- 1. Press **▼**. **Calibration** appears on the display.
- 2. Press OK. Zero Setting appears.
- 3. Place the Measuring Sensor (item F, page 4) on the test object at a right angle. Press gently and hold until chime sounds, then lift up. Repeat several times.
- 4. Press **OK. Zero has been set** appears briefly on the display, followed by the start screen with the four dashes - -.

You can now carry out the measurement.

#### 4.3 Two-point calibration (using calibration foil)

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#### Setting

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Limits** appears on the display
- 2. Press OK. Limits Setting appears on the display.
- 3. Press OK again. Set Lower Limit appears.
- 4. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  or  $\mathbf{A}$  repeatedly until the desired lower limit value appears on the display.
- 5. Press OK. Set Upper Limit appears on the display.
- Press ▼ or ▲ repeatedly until the desired upper limit value appears on the display.
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#### Deleting

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Limit s** appears on the display.
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## 4.0 CALIBRATION

#### 4.1 Measuring Using Factory (Works) Calibration

- 1. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ . Calibration appears on the display.
- 2. Press **OK**. Zero Setting appears on the display.
- 3. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  repeatedly until **Delete Calibration** appears.
- Press OK. Works Calibration Activated appears briefly, then the start screen with - - - -. You can now carry out the measurement.

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- 1. Carry out a zero procedure (see section 4.2).
- 2. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ . Calibration appears on the display.
- 3. Press OK. Zero Setting appears
- 4. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  again. Foil Calibration appears.
- 5. Press **OK**. Place probe on foil. **Standard** appears.
- 6. Put the measurement foil on the uncoated test object and place the probe repeatedly on the foil.
- 7. Press ▼ or ▲ until the displayed value agrees with the thickness value of the calibration foil.
- 8. Press **OK**. **Calibration has been set** appears briefly, then the start screen with four dashes - - appears.

You can now carry out the measurement

#### 4.4 Zero Offset

In this menu item, a constant positive or negative value can be set. This value is automatically added to the measured value or subtracted from the measured value every time a measurement is carried out. The display then shows the addition or the difference. Moreover, the zero offset setting is always indicated below in the display as a reminder.

This measuring mode is useful when determining the upper coating layer of a multi-layer system. If the lower layer(s) is (are) known and show an adequately uniform thickness, the coating thickness of this (these) layer(s) can be set as a negative offset value. The display then only shows the thickness of the top layer.

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#### Setting Zero Offset Value

- 1. Press **▼. Calibration** appears on the display'
- 2. Press **OK**. Zero Setting appears on the display
- 3. Press ▼ twice. **Zero Offset** appears on the display.
- 4. Press OK. Offsets appears on the display.
- 5. Press OK. Set Offset Value appears on the display.
- 6. Press ▼ or ▲ repeatedly until the required offset value appears on the display.
- 7. Press **OK**. **Offset Has Been Set** appears on the display briefly, followed by the start display with - -.

#### **Deleting Zero Offset Value**

- 1. Press ▼ Calibration appears on the display
- 2. Press OK. Zero Setting appears on the display
- 3. Press  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  twice. **Zero Offset** appears on the display
- 4. Press **OK**. Setting of Offset appears on the display
- 5. Press **▼**. **Deletion of Offset** appears on the display
- 6. Press **OK**. **Offset Deleted** appears briefly, followed by the start display with the four dashes - -.

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