

# MATERIAL THICKNESS GAUGES

# **Model MTG and MTG-DX**



OPERATING MANUAL

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Models MTG and MTG-DX benchtop contact thickness gauges accurately and conveniently perform geometric dimensional testing (thickness measurement) on rubber, fabrics, foams, tapes/films and a wide assortment of other soft materials. They employs specified presser foot (feeler) of a specific diameter/area, combined with a predetermined mass (weight) as noted in the ASTM D 3767 standard.

The MTG Model is supplied with a unique air damping feature which ensures that the presser foot descends at the same rate for each test. This eliminates human error resulting in superior repeatability. If required, the rate of descent can be user-adjusted.

For those requiring data output for recording and quality documentation purposes, a serial output cable and Windows-based software program is optionally available.

The MTG-DX model is supplied without the air dampener option.

#### 2.0 UNPACKING AND SET-UP

Your MTG system is packaged completely assembled and tested at our plant to ensure a quality product. However, there are some basic steps that must be performed before using your MTG for the first time.

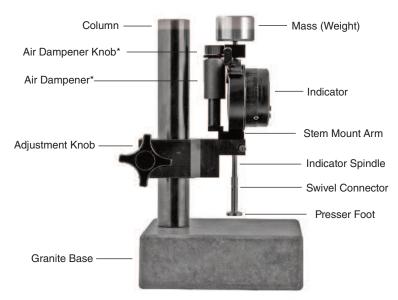
- Carefully unpack the MTG or MTG-DX. Take special care when lifting to support the unit from the granite base when unpacking and whenever moving the unit.
- If additional presser feet and weights (mass) have been ordered be sure to also unpack those items, which are wrapped separately.
- After the unit is unpacked, it can be cleaned with alcohol, WITH EXCEPTION OF THE ELECTRONIC INDICATOR.
- 4. The MTG or MTG-DX should then be placed on a clean, flat vibration-free surface for use.

#### 3.0 INSTALLING BATTERIES

- Using a narrow edge, flathead screwdriver, gently pry under the tab on the left side of the indicator bezel and slide out the battery tray as you turn the indicator face down.
- 2. Insert two CR 2450 Lithium batteries (3V) into the tray cavities, positive (+) side up. Now slide the tray back into its slot, taking care that the batteries stay in proper position.



### 4.0 OVERVIEW



\*Air Dampener is not supplied with Model MTG-DX.







Function Keys

#### 5.0 Using the Indicator Function Keys

#### To turn the indicator ON.

 Press and hold the ON/clr key until clr appears on the indicator display, then release.

#### To turn the indicator OFF.

1. Press and release the **OFF/MODE** key.



# To clear the indicator display to zero.

 Press and release ON/clr key until .0000 appears on the display.

#### To turn MAX HOLD on and off.

 Press and release the HOLD key. MAX will appear on the screen when this function is active. Repeat to turn this function off.

# To change the indicator units from inch to millimeter or millimeter to inch.

- Press the IN/MM Key. Each time the key is pressed the units will toggle between Inch (IN) and MM.
- 2. The units indicator will be shown on the right side of the display



#### To turn AUTO OFF on and off

- Press and hold 2ND key.
   2ND appears at the top of display,
- Press and release the OFF/MODE
  key within three seconds to activate
  your selection. An hourglass will
  appear on the left side of the display
  when the AUTO OFF feature is active



**NOTE: AUTO OFF** is activated after 10 minutes of non-use.

# To Clear All Settings And Return To Factory Set Defaults:

- Press the 2ND key.
   2ND icon will appear at the top of the display.
- 2. Press the **ON/clr**.
- 3. Press and release the **IN/MM** key.

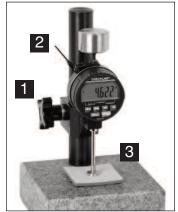
#### 6.0 OPERATING PROCEDURES

The MTG system can be used to check the thickness of rubber and rubber type materials

**Note:** The MTG System is supplied with a 16mm diameter presser foot and 212 gram mass. This configuration is commonly used for measurement of all rubber materials with a hardness of 35 IRHD or below

Optional presser feet and mass combinations are available to check a wide assortment of other material such as: foams, tapes, films, textiles, felts, sheet metal, foils, fabrics, cloth, leather, fiberboard, plywood, paper, etc.

- Use the Adjustment Knob (1)
   to position the Indicator so that the
   the presser foot is resting freely on
   granite base.
- Clear indicator display to zero by pressing and releasing the ON/clr key.
- 3. Use the **Lifting Lever (2)** mechanism to raise the presser foot.
- Place the material to be tested under the Presser Foot (3) and release the lifting lever.



**Note:** Model MTG is supplied with a unique air-damping feature that controls the rate of decent of the presser foot (not supplied with Model MTG-DX). This allows the presser foot to descend at the same rate for each test, thus eliminating human error resulting in superior repeatability.

- 5. If required, the rate of descent can be user-adjusted by carefully turning the knurled knob located at the top of the air dampener (turn clockwise to slow the rate, counter-clockwise to speed up the rate). Care should be taken to not over adjust the dampener by over-rotating the adjustment knob.
- Read and record the thickness of the material immediately after the presser foot makes full contact with the material.

**Note:** The pressure being applied by the instrument has a significant effect on the results obtained. The weight (mass) and presser foot diameter should be specified.

## 6.1 Checking Thick Materials

For checking materials over 1 inch in thickness, use precision ground gage blocks in conjunction with the MTG.

Example: If you are checking a 2 inch thick part you can use a 1 inch gage block positioned under the sample to obtain the thickness values.

The maximum sample height capacity of the MTG is 5 inches.

## 6.2 Data Port

For those requiring data output for recording and quality documentation purposes, a serial output cable and Windows-based software program is optionally available.



Data Port

NOTE:

For complete detailed instructions on operation of the Electronic Indicator, refer to separate Indicator Manual supplied or download from webpage http://www.checkline.com/product/MTG

#### 7.0 ACCESSORIES

The MTG / MTG-DX can be used to check the thickness of rubber and rubber type materials. Use the optional presser feet and mass combinations to check a wide assortment of other materials, such as foams, tapes, films, textiles, felts, sheetmetal, foils, fabrics, cloth, leather, fiberboard, plywood, paper, etc.

For Materials Equal to or Above 35 IRHD

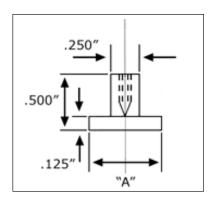
Presser Foot/Mass Combinations						
Foot Model	Foot Dia. (mm)	Mass Model	Mass (g)			
MTG-01-1	10.0	MTG-03-1	176			
MTG-01-2	8.0	MTG-03-2	113			
MTG-01-3	6.3	MTG-03-3	70			
MTG-01-4	6.0	MTG-03-4	63			
MTG-01-5	5.0	MTG-03-5	44			
MTG-01-6	4.0	MTG-03-6	28			
MTG-01-7	3.2	MTG-03-7	18			
MTG-01-8 1	6.0	MTG-03-8	452			
MTG-01-9	25.0	MTG-03-9	1104			

For Materials Below 35 IRHD

Presser Foot/Mass Combinations					
Foot Model	Foot Dia. (mm)	Mass Model	Mass (g)		
MTG-01-1	10.0	MTG-04-1	80		
MTG-01-2	8.0	MTG-04-2	52		
MTG-01-3	6.3	MTG-04-3	32		
MTG-01-4	6.0	MTG-04-4	29		
MTG-01-5	5.0	MTG-04-5	20		
MTG-01-6	4.0	MTG-04-6	13		
MTG-01-7	3.2	MTG-04-7	8		
MTG-01-8 1	6.0	MTG-04-8	212		
MTG-01-9	25.0	MTG-04-9	518		

**Note:** Custom sized presser feet and weights (mass) to fit specific needs or applications are also available.

Optional Presser Foot (Feeler / Anvil)					
Presser Foot	"A" Dim. (mm)				
MTG-01-1	10.0				
MTG-01-2	8.0				
MTG-01-3	6.3				
MTG-01-4	6.0				
MTG-01-5	5.0				
MTG-01-6	4.0				
MTG-01-7	3.2				
MTG-01-8	16.0				
MTG-01-9	25.0				



## 8.0 Specifications and Dimensions

**Certified Electronic Indicator** 

Range 0–1" (0–25mm) Resolution .0001" (0.001mm)

Power CR 2450 Lithium batteries (2)

**Units** Inch or metric. Operator selectable

Data Output RS-232, Mitutoyo (MTI) , BCD

**Certified Granite Base** 6" x 6" x 2" (152.4 x 152.4 x 50.8mm)

Grade AA

Presser Foot 0.63" (16mm)

**System Pressure (MTG)** With Dampener: 51-55 g (depending on

dampener adjustment) without weight or

foot\*

**System Pressure (MTG-DX)** Without Dampener: 16 g without weight or

foot\*

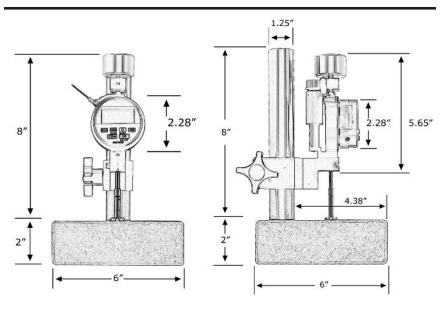
**Mass (Weight)** 6.82 oz (212 g)

Lifting Lever left hand

Maximum Height 5 inches

Warranty 1 year

<sup>\*</sup> Keep in mind when calculating pressure.



#### 9.0 WARRANTY

The manufacturer warrants to the original purchaser that this product is of merchantable quality and confirms in kind and quality with the descriptions and specifications thereof. Product failure or malfunction arising out of any defect in workmanship or material in the product existing at the time of delivery thereof which manifests itself within one year from the sale of such product, shall be remedied by repair or replacement of such product, at the manufacturer's option, except where unauthorized repair, disassembly, tampering, abuse or misapplication has taken place, as determined by the manufacturer. All returns for warranty or non-warranty repairs and/or replacement must be authorized by the manufacturer, in advance, with all repacking and shipping expenses to the address below to be borne by the purchaser.

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