

Point autofocus probe

Non-contact 3D measuring instrument

NH Series

Highest-end model with 1nm resolution [Applications]

Shape measurement, inspection of aspherical lenses, light guide plates, molds, etc.

NH-3SPs

Measuring range (X, Y, Z) = $150 \times 150 \times 10$ mm Z = 130 mm (Optional) Resolution(X, Y, Z) = $0.01 \times 0.01 \times 0.001$ µm





Standard model which offers excellent functions and high-cost-performance

NH-3Ns

Measuring range (X, Y, Z) = $150 \times 150 \times 10$ mm Z = 110 mm (Optional) Resolution (X, Y, Z) = $0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.01$ µm

Perfect solution for quality control of semiconductor products [Applications] 8-inch wafer, lead frame, etc.

NH-4Ns

Measuring range (X, Y, Z) = $250 \times 200 \times 10$ mm Z = 110 mm (Optional) Resolution (X, Y, Z) = $0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.01$ μ m

Awards

The METI Minister's Prize

The Fifth Monozukuri Nippon Grand Award

Excellent Product Award

JSME

The 10th Excellent New Technologies and Products
Award for small and medium-sized enterprises

The Resona Foundation and Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun, Ltd.

The Technical Achievement in Production Processing / Working Machines

JSME

Largest model with gate-type structure [Applications] Large and heavy precision molds

NH-5Ns

Measuring range (X, Y, Z) = $300 \times 400 \times 10$ mm Z = 130 mm (Optional) Resolution (X, Y, Z) = $0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.01$ µm





Excellent model for measuring forms and evaluating optical characteristics

NH-3MAs

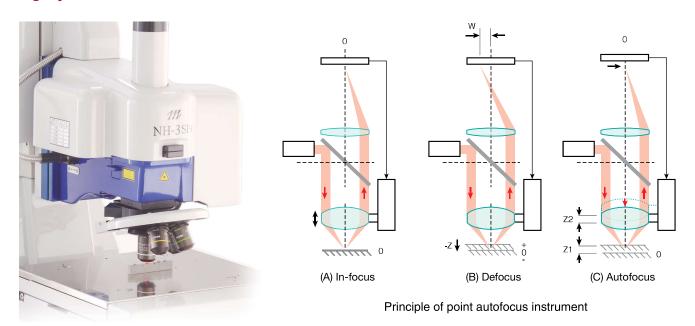
Measuring range (X, Y, Z) = $100 \times 100 \times 10$ mm Resolution (X, Y, Z) = $0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.01$ µm

ISO-approved measurement method

ISO 25178-605

Areal surface texture - non-contact 3D measuring instrument (point autofocus probe)

Measurement principle comformed to the ISO standard (ISO 25178-605) offers highly reliable data.



The NH Series consists of an autofocus laser beam microscope (AF microscope) and a high precision XY scanning stage. In the figure above, the laser beam incorporated in the AF microscope passes through the objective (indicated by the red line) and forms a laser spot on the surface of the workpiece as a "probe". The reflected laser beam from the workpiece surface passes through the objective again and forms an image on the autofocus sensor (AF sensor). The AF sensor detects the laser spot displacement in real time and adjusts the AF microscope back to the in-focus position. This measuring method, point autofocus profiling, is immune to the surface colors and reflectivity as the AF sensor detects the position of the laser spot. In addition to the conventional index measurement mode, the scan autofocus measurement mode provides high speed measurement and high precision measurement.

ISO standards for areal surface texture measurement

The autofocus method adopted into the NH series is based on a measurement principle that was proposed to ISO by a project team led by Mitaka Kohki in the domestic ISO committee. The method was named as "Point autofocus profiling" in 2008 and was officially standardized as ISO 25178-605 (Point autofocus probe) in February 2014.

■ Classification of areal surface texture measurement methods in ISO Standards

ISO 25178-6: Classification of methods for measuring surface texture

-601 : Nominal characteristics of contact (stylus) instruments

-602: Nominal characteristics of non-contact (confocal chromatic probe) instruments

-603: Nominal characteristics of non-contact (phase-shifting interferometric microscopy) instruments

-604: Nominal characteristics of non-contact (coherence scanning interferometry) instruments

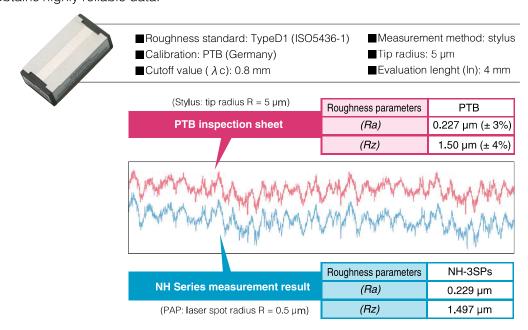
-605: Nominal characteristics of non-contact (point autofocus probe) instruments

-606: Nominal characteristics of non-contact (focus variation) instruments

-607: Nominal characteristics of non-contact (confocal microscopy) instruments

High correlation with international standards for roughness measurement

Point autofocus profiling (PAP) has a high correlation with roughness standards for stylus instruments and obtains highly reliable data.

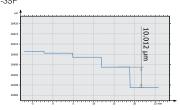


Measurement precision with different standards

Step height standards

■ Step master (Mitutoyo)
Specification: (10 ± 1.5) µm Measurement result: 10.012 µm
*Measuring instrument: NH-3SP





■ Step height standards (VLSI Standards)

Specification: (1.779 \pm 0.011) μm $\,$ Measurement result: 1.788 μm *Measuring instrument: NH-3SP

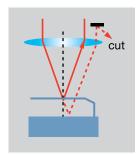


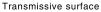


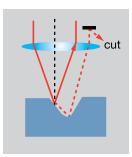
Unique optical system and measurement methods

Autofocus optical sytem cuts ghost and stray light

The autofocus optical system cuts out unnecessary light to achieve targetted measurement.





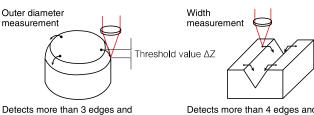


Secondary reflection of a Vee-groove

Edge detection function that measures xy coordinates of step heights

Many non-contact size measuring instruments use CCD cameras to detect edges by setting an image gradient as a threshold*. On the other hand, NH Series measures forms and detects edges of a workpiece by setting the ΔZ from the surface height as a threshold. Hence, NH Series is immune to color and reflectance ratio of a surface and capable of measuring a large area in high precision. This function is essential for measuring dimensions of high precision, high density and enlarging semiconductor products and optical devices.

*Image processing software (Optional) offers this function



Detects more than 3 edges and measures each radius and the central coordinate

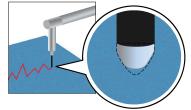
Detects more than 4 edges and measures each width and crossing angle

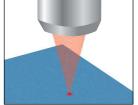
Perfect solution for measuring all kinds of surface

[Key features] -

No damage with non-contact measurement

The laser probe (non-contact probe) offers "no stylus wear" which leads to non-destructive measurement of a workpiece surface. Repetitive form and areal surface texture measurements of a costly precision mold can be easily done.



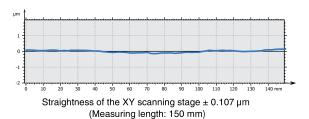


Damage to a stylus and workpieces

1 µm laser beam spot

Large measuring area and high precision measurement

The laser probe with a radius of 0.5 µm and the precision XY scanning stage directly measure an area of several tens of millimeters down to the sub-micrometer level (measuring range: $XYZ = 150 \times 150 \times 10 \text{ mm}$, scale resolution: XY = 0.01 μ m, Z = 0.001 μ m (model: NH-3SPs))

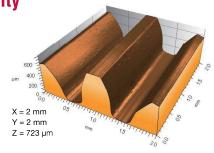


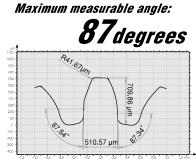
Flatness of the XY scanning stage: 0.437 µm

(Measuring area: 150 × 150 mm)

Excellent angle tracking capability

The highly sensitive autofocus sensor captures low levels of light reflected from the workpiece surface, allowing for the direct precision measurement of steep angles and step heights.





Small diameter gear (module 0.3)

No influence of surface colors / reflectance

NH Series directly measures various types and materials of surfaces, such as coated glass with very low reflectance (approximately 0.5 %), mirror surfaces with reflectance of 90 % or greater, plastics, rubber, paper, thin films, etc.



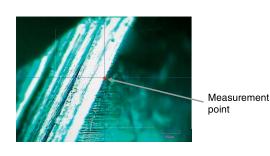




Live camera image of the measurement point

The built-in CCD camera offers a live view of the laser beam spot. Image processing function* offers edge detection and circle measurement.

* Optional

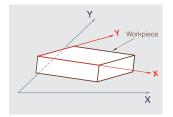


topography in high precision

[Measurement functions] -

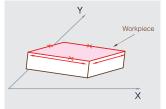
Spatial coordinates Auxiliary functions

NH Series has various spatial coordinate construction functions to assist workpiece-oriented measurement. These auxiliary functions offer pinpoint measurements for efficient quality control.



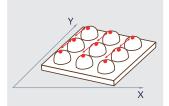
Alignment

Converts the absolute coordinate system of the instrument into the relative coordinate system of the workpice.



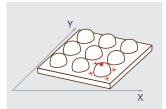
Reference plane creation

Creates a reference plane by measuring more than 3 heights (max. 300 points). Flatness can be calculated by measuring more than 10 heights.



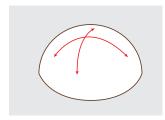
Point measurement

Measures heights of any line in an equal pitch. [Application] Waviness and warpage measurements of a lead frame.



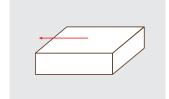
Height measurement

Obtains multi-points around the specified height position for a height measurement and calculates the average, max. and min. values. [Application] Max. height measurement of BGA.



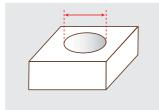
Curve

Measures the curvature either by measuring heights on two specified circles or cross measurement.



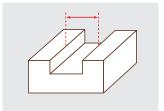
Edge

Detects an edge by setting a threshold value.



Circle

Detects the center point and the radius of a circle, a circular cylinder or a hole.



Width

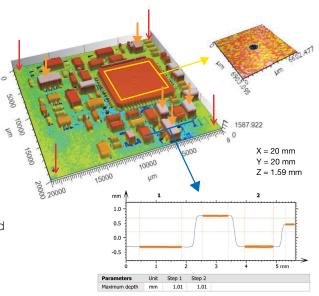
Measures a width of a groove or a rectangular parallelepiped by defining two lines for specifying the width.

Application example

Macro measurement

Macro measurement offers automatic measurement and evaluation by linking image processing function*, spacial coordinate function and specified point measurment function of the point autofocus probe.

- 1 Align the workpiece at the specified position
- Measure the specified area for warpage evaluation
- Measure the specified length for step height evaluation and carry out PASS / FAIL tests
- 4 Measure the heights of the specified positions



NH Series solves various measurement problems

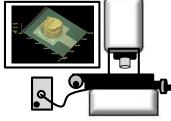
[Comparison with other measurement methods]

The stylus scratches the workpiece surface

- △ Cannot measure soft and sticky workpiece
- Cannot accurately set the measurement position
- △ Stylus wears out

The measurement range is its filed of view

Problem with laser microscope



- Patching is necessary for large area measurement
- △ Cannot program automatic measurement

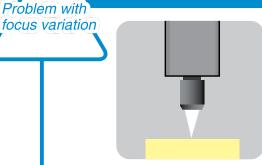
Unable to measure large form changes

Problem with interferometry

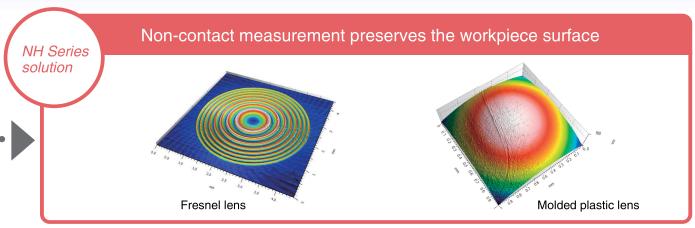


- △ Cannot measure slopes
- △ Only measures within the field of view
- △ Cannot measure warpage in the order of several millimeters

Unable to measure mirror surface



- Cannot meausre surface roughness of mirror-finished surfaces
- Surface treatments are necessary for transparant workpiece



Stage movable range is the measuring range which directly measures a large area

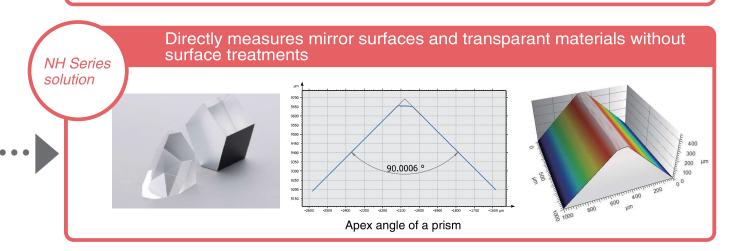
NH Series solution

Array lens: pitch 5 mm

Stage movable range is the measuring range which directly measures a large area

Pitch evaluation in the large area

NH Series solution Easily measures steep slopes and rough surfaces Contour reference material (EDM)

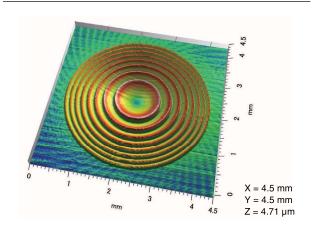


Perfect solution for measuring all kinds of surface

[Measurement examples] -

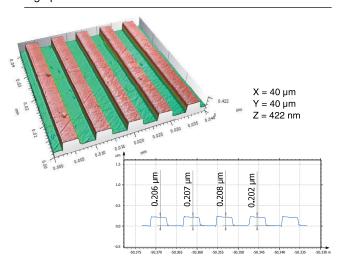
Fresnel lens

Precision measurment of transparant steep slopes



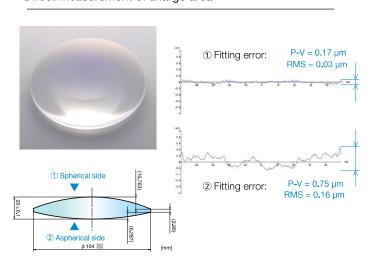
Grating

High speed measurement of sub-micrometer grooves in high precision



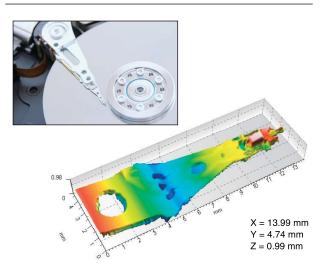
Large aspherical lens

Direct measurement of a large area



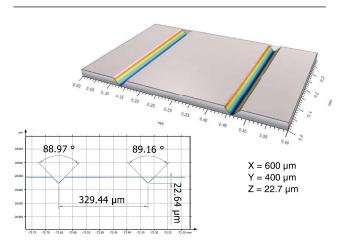
HDD head suspension

Waviness and warpage of delicate parts



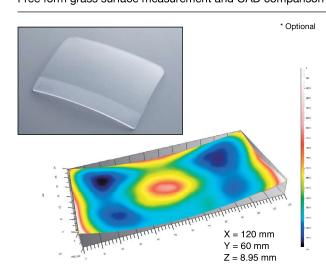
Light guide panel

Vee-groove measurement of an optical component



HUD glass

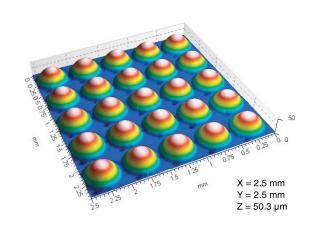
Free form grass surface measurement and CAD comparison*



topography

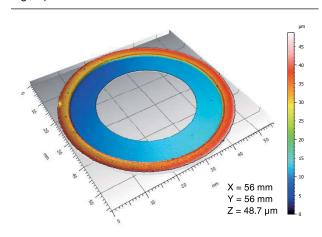
Microlens arrays

Precisely tracks irregular lens surface



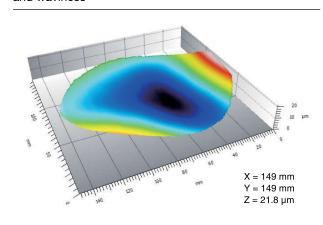
Dicing blade warpage

Doughnut measurement (mask measurement) offers automatic high-speed measurement



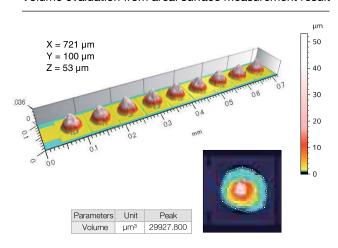
Warpage and waviness of wafer

High speed measurement of the entire warpage and waviness



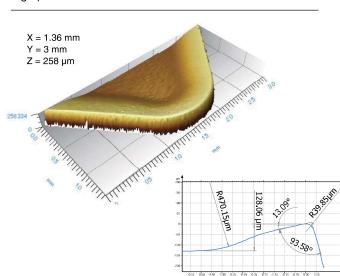
BGA volume

Volume evaluation from areal surface measurement result



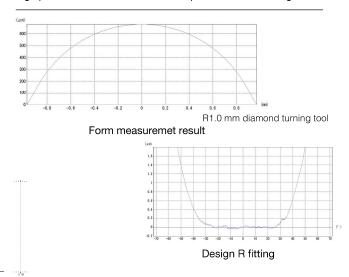
Tip of turning tool

High precision measurment of the entire form and fine area



Diamond round cuttin tool

High precision measurement and comparison with the design values

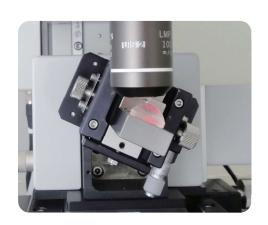


Rotation stage mechanisms

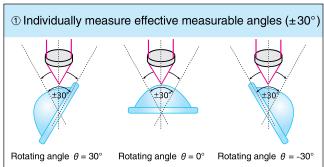
High NA aspheric surface measuring device (SE stage)

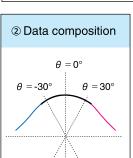
Stitching measurement technology enables sub-micrometer measurement of aspherical lens with the inclination angle greater than 60 degrees

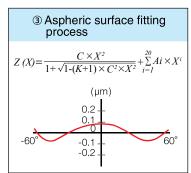
NH series offers precision measurements with absolute accuracy of less than $\pm 0.1~\mu m$ at the inclination angle within $\pm 30^{\circ}$. For any high NA aspherical lens with the inclination angle greater than $\pm 30^{\circ}$, stitching measurement technology described in the figure below offers high-precision measurements up to $\pm 90^{\circ}$.



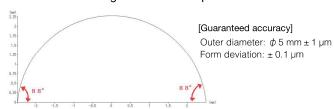
How to measure an inclination angle greater than ±30°







Evaluation result of a glass reference sphere



Best R fitting error ($\pm 0.04 \mu m$)



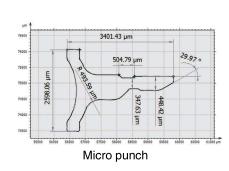
[Applications]

- Cell phone camera lens
- Digital camera lens
- DVD pickup lens
- Condenser lens
- Ball lens
- Microlens arrays
- Nose profile (tip) measurement of diamond cutting tool
- Optical fiber tip radius measurement
- Endoscope lens
- Aspherical lens molding dies

Entire circumference measuring device (EL stage) Non-destructive, 360-degree contour and roughness measurements

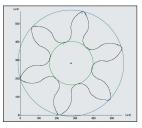
The precision elevation stage (EL stage) does not require centering of a workpiece for 360-degree entire circumference measurements. EL stage is a powerful tool for contour measurements of precision gears, punches for precision press dies, roundness measurements of ball lenses, surface roughness measurements of specific parts and quality control of precision parts.





Measurement examples

- Precision gears
- Polished shafts
- Contour measurement of punches for precision press dies
- Roundness measurement of ball lenses



Precision gear

Image processing software

MitakaImager

Clear image with good repeatability

The high speed and high precision laser autofocus quickly obtains clear images with good repeatability. Precision size measurements can be done simultaneously.

(repeatability of line width measurement $3\sigma = 0.01 \mu m$)*

Precision measurement

By linking the linear scale values of the XY scanning stage with the image coordinate values via Mitaka Imager, NH Series offers precision measurement in the entire movable range.

Applications of detected and evaluated data

Enhanced automatic measurement

Mitaka Imager enhances teaching macro function of NH software:

- 1. Apply the gravity center positions of circle patterns obtained through particle detection function and / or the pattern position obtained through pattern maching function for reference points in alignment function
- 2. Quickly move the XY scanning stage to these detected positions

Mitaka Imager is equipped with various dynamic link functions.

Every image processing measurement data can be saved in CSV file format. Commercially available spread sheet software (MS Excel) easily loads the measurement data for statistical processing, generating reports, etc.

Particle detection

Particle detection measures positions, areas, widths, heights, circumferences and numbers of particles. The obtained data can be used for moving the XY scanning stage to the detected particles and for creating the alignment.



Circle measurement

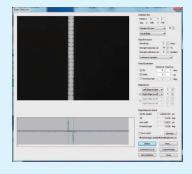
Circle measurement offers inside and outside diameter at any Z positions in high precision and calculates position of center, radius, roundness and area. Also, by linking with the XY linear scalve values, a workpiece with a large diameter (out of field-of-view measurement) can be measured in high precision without lowering the magnification.



Edge detection

Edge detection measures line widths, groove widths, central coordinate, inclination, etc.

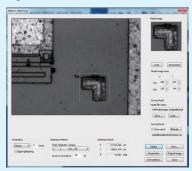
[Applications] Widths and heights of optical waveguide, gap measurement of various magnetic heads, width and depth measurements of vee-grooves, pattern widths of LCD and PDP, etc.



Pattern matching

Pattern matching registers and detects alignment markers, various patterns as model images. Also, it measures the inclination of the workpiece from the center of gravity of the detected patterns and automatically detects measurement position. This function is effective for extracting the target patterns from images with low gradation and irregular luminance.

[Application] Position displacement measurement of an optical element package.



Microlens array form measuring and ———optical characteristic evaluation instrument

NH-3MAs

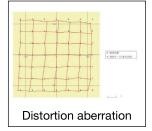
High precision image processing offers optical characteristics evaluations

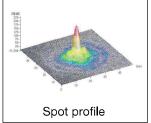
Functions

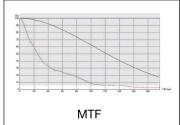
- Effective focal length
- Back focus
- Transmittance
- Focal position
- Focal depth
- MTF

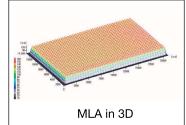
Automatically measures microlens arrays (MLA)



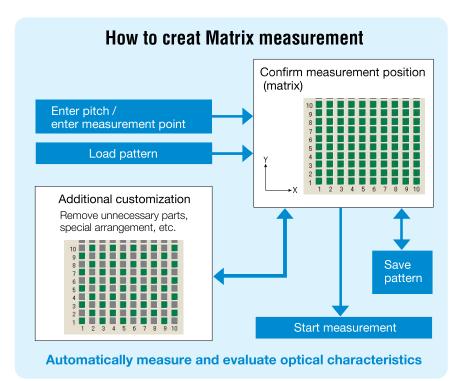


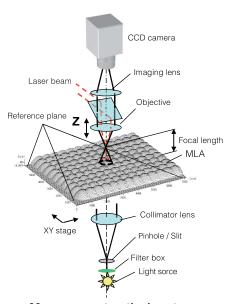






The right figure shows the measurement optical system. The focused image (the pinhole slit image) of the paralle laser beam is enlarged by the microscope lens and is captured by the CCD camera. The image processing evaluates this captured image on its optical characteristics. The specialized matrix measurement sofware offers automatic measurement of MLA by registering the array patterns.





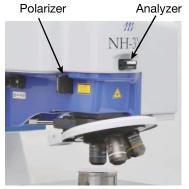
Measurement optical system

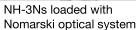
Measurement example

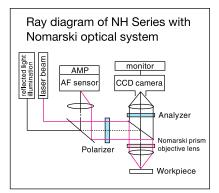
- MLA for LCD projector
- MLA and molds for optical communication systems
- Fly eye lens and molds
- Rod lens arrays
- CCD on chip lens
- Planar microlens for optical integrated circuit

Nomarski interference contrast observation

NH microscope can load Nomarski interference contrast optical system. Nomarski optical system visualizes angstrom-level surface roughness and scratches that normal bright-field optical systems cannot visualize, and offers immediate quantitative measurements of roughness and step heights.







	Control part	Pariphary		
	Central part	Periphery		
BF reflected light illumination image				
Nomarski image				

Custom-made modules

Mitaka offers perfect solutions for special needs

Thermostatic chamber

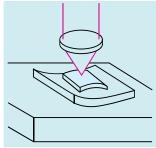
High precision measurement of a workpiece surface deformed by temperature change

NH Series offers quantitative analysis of thermal deformation of a workpiece surface in micrometer level by simply adding the precision thermostatic chamber (ceramic heater type / air heater type) on to its base plate. The thermostatic chamber continues to be active and well accepted in heat distortion measurement of precision pressed parts, environmental test of electronic componets and various research fields.

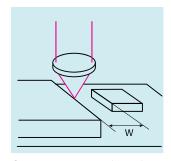


Thermostatic chamber (ceramic heater type)

Applications



Warpage of a semiconductor device due to thermal stress



Size measurement of a surface mounting component under high temeprature environment

Custom-made stages

Wafer holder

Precision wafer holder (air chuck type) specially designed for NH Series



Automatic θ stage

Enhances the operability of measurement and offers easy setup of workpieces



Porous vacuum stage

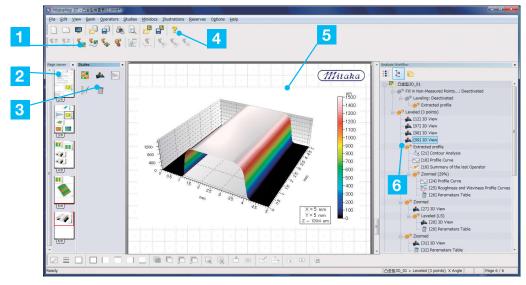
Snugly holds thin and delicate workpieces (i.e. thin film)



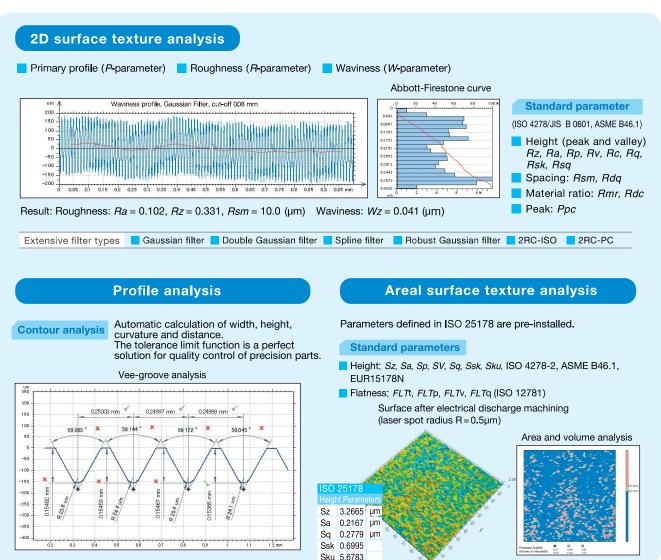
3D Surface Texture Analysis Software

MitakaMap

Interactive and user-friendly software complete with powerful online help. Advanced analysis is carried out by applying straightforward operations to measurement data.

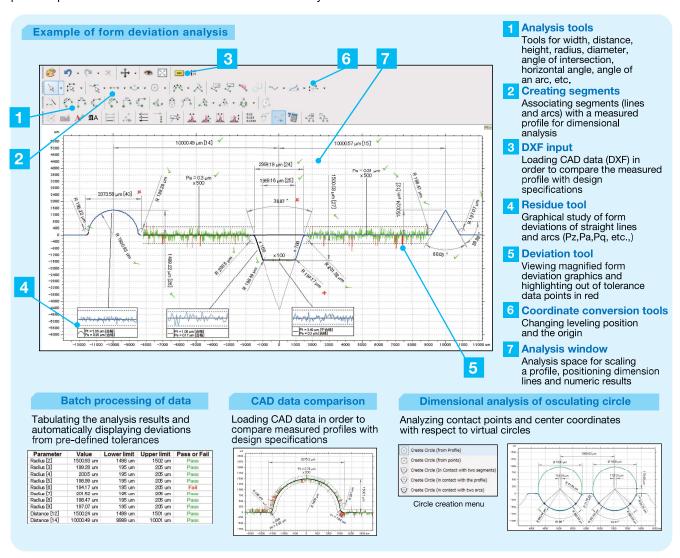


- 1 Minidocs
 - Automatic analysis by insertion of pre-defined sequences of analysis steps
- Page viewer
 Fast navigation to every
- page in the analysis report
- 3 Studies
 Icons for analytical studies
 applicable to the selected
 data set
- 4 Online help
 Detailed descriptions of all studies and operators
- 5 Document page
 Current page in the analysis
- Analysis workflow
 Tree view of all analysis
 steps in the report



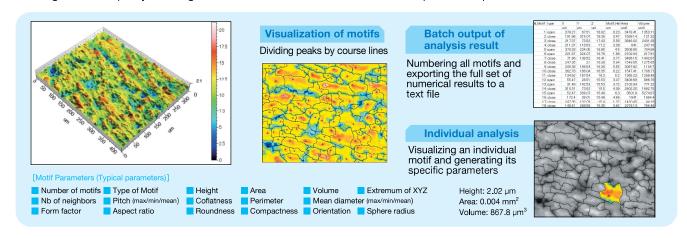
Advanced Contour Module

Additional operators and studies for Contour Analysis (standard) and Advanced Contour Analysis (optional module) provide powerful dimensional and form deviation analysis



Motifs Analysis

Dividing surface asperity into ridge and course lines in order to extract local peaks and pits for detailed surface observations



Specifications

[Standard]

Specificaitons	Model	NH-3SPs	NH-3Ns	NH-4Ns	NH-5Ns	NH-3MAs			
Microscope	Observation optical system	Infinity-corrected (f = 180 mm)	Infinity-corrected (f = 100 mm)	Infinity-corrected (f = 100 mm)	Infinity-corrected (f = 180 mm)	Infinity-corrected (f = 180 mm)			
	Objective lens	10 × (NA = 0.3, WD = 11 mm) 20 × (NA = 0.4, WD = 12 mm) 50 × (NA = 0.5, WD = 10.6 mm) 100 × (NA = 0.8, WD = 3.4 mm)							
	Revolving nosepiece	Motorized quintuple							
	CCD camera	380,000-pixel color CCD camera (optional: 1,450,000-pixel color CCD camera, black/white CCD camera, etc.)							
	Illumination	BF Reflected light illumination device							
Measuring range	X	150 mm	150 mm	250 mm	300 mm	100 mm			
	Υ	150 mm	150 mm	200 mm	400 mm	100 mm			
	Z	120 mm	100 mm	100 mm	120 mm	100 mm			
	AF*1		10 mm (optional: 15 mm, 20 mm)						
Positioning resolution	X	0.01 μm							
	Υ	0 . 01 μm	0 .1 μm						
	Z1 (AF)	0 . 001 μm	0.01 μm						
	Z2 (Positioning)	0.1 μm							
Accuracy	X, Y scales	(0.5 + 2.5 L / 1000) μm	(2 + 4L / 1000) μm						
(L=length(mm))	Z1 (AF) scale	(0.1 + 0.3 L / 10) μm	(0.3 + 0.5L / 10) μm						
	Z2 (Positioning) no scale	(3 + L / 10) μm							
	Z2 (Positioning) with scale	(1 + 2 L / 120) µm	(2 + 3 L / 100) μm	(2 + 3 L / 100) μm	(2 + 3 L / 120) μm	(2 + 3 L / 100) µm			
Measurement repeatability (AF)		$\sigma=0.01~\mu m$	σ =0,03 μ m						
Autofocus	Laser spot diameter	100 x: approx. 1 µm 50 x: approx. 2 µm 20 x: approx. 4 µm 10 x: approx. 15 µm							
	Laser	Ser	emiconductor laser O/P:1 mW (MAX) Wavelength: 635 nm Class 2 IEC 60825-1:2014						
Other	Base plate size (W × D)	284 × 240 mm	244 × 240 mm	364 × 244 mm	400 × 480 mm	244 × 240 mm			
	Max. workpiece height	125 mm	105 mm	105 mm	120 mm	105 mm			
	Max. workpiece weight		12 kg 100 kg						
	Instrument size (W × D × H)*2	1550 × 920 × 1610 mm	1550 × 900 × 1400 mm	1660×970×1400 mm	2100×1420×1720 mm	1550 × 900 × 1400 mm			
	Instrument weight	320 kg	210 kg	250 kg	1500 kg	220 kg			
	Power consumption		700W(100V7A)		1 kW (100V10A)	700 W (100V7A)			
Special vibration isolator		Air spring (pressure supply: 5 kgf / cm²)							
Control unit	XY scanning stage con-	ontrol unit, control computer, PC rack							
Standard software	Alignment function, reference plane creation function, height measurement, 2D / 3D measurements and evaluation, roughness measurement, point measurement, 2D size evaluation, teaching macro funciton (creation and execution), image capture (380,000-pixel)								

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Specificaitons	Model	NH-3Ns	NH-3MAs	NH-3SP	NH-4Ns	NH-5Ns			
Hardware	Transmission stage and light device	0	•	0	0	_			
	Rotation stage	0	0	0	0	0			
Safety measures	Thermostatic cover	0	0	•	0	0			
	Emergency stop button	0	0	•	0	•			
	Interlock mechanism	0	0	0	0	0			
Software	Aspherical form evaluation	0	0	0	0	0			
	Optical flat correction	0	0	•	0	0			
	Optical characteristic evaluation	○*3	•	○*3	○*3	_			
	Image processing (Mitaka Imager)*4	0	●380,000 pixel	0	0	0			
Special software	Vector evaluation, 3D dividing evaluation, matrix measurement, flyeye lens measurement, 3D mask measurement, drawing print-out, BAR creation, form deviation evaluation, coplanarity evaluation, image evaluation (SurgtopEye / WinROOF / DynamicEye), MitakaMap, focus depth measurement*5 MTF evaluation*5								
Other	Objective lenses (5x, 50x: NA = 0.35, W.D. = 18 mm, 100x: NA = 0.95 W.D. = 0.35 mm, etc.), wafer holder, 6-inch automatic θ stage, magnification optical system (f = 180 mm), Nomarski optics, thermostatic chamber, infrared transmission observation, printer								

- $\star 1~$ AF in the above table refers to "autofocus" axis. AF axis has a linear scale.
- *2 Instrument size includes the PC rack.
- $\star 3 \quad \text{Transmission stage and light device} \, / \, 380,\!000\text{-pixel image processing software are necessary}.$
- *4 Either 380,000-pixel / 1,450,000-pixcel must be selected for Mitaka Imager (Imaging processing software). (Different CCD camera for different pixels) (Image capture software is included as standard software)
- $\star 5$ $\,$ The special software for NH-3MAs and optical characteristic evaluation.

Outline drawing Unit: mm

NH-3Ns, NH-4Ns, NH-3MAs

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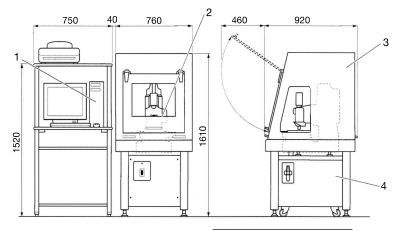
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 900

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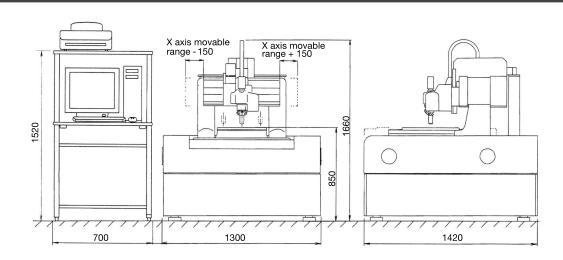
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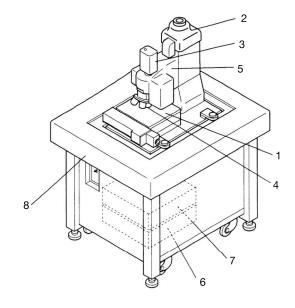


- 1 Control computer
 - 2 Main body
- 3 Thermostatic cover
- 4 Air spring vibration isolator

NH-5Ns



NH-3Ns · System diagram



1 Motorized XY scanning stage
2 Z axis stage
3 CCD camera
4 Objective lenses
5 AF microscope
6 XYZ stage driver
7 AF controller
8 Special vibration isolator





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