

## COATING THICKNESS GAUGE

### Coat Measurer F+N

This Coating Thickness Gauge is small in size, light in weight, easy to carry, it is convenient to use and operate. Its ruggedness will allow many years of use if proper operating techniques are followed. Please read the following instructions carefully and always keep this manual within easy reach.

## 1. FEATURES

- \* It meets the standard of ISO2178. Suitable for the laboratory and for use in harsh field conditions.
- \* The F probes measure the thickness of non-magnetic materials (e.g. paint, plastic, porcelain enamel, copper, zinc, aluminium, chrome etc.) on magnetic materials (e.g. iron, nickel etc.). often used to measure the thickness of galvanizing layer, lacquer layer, porcelain enamel layer, phosphide layer, copper tile, aluminium tile, some alloy tile, paper etc.
- \* The N probes measure the thickness of non-magnetic coatings on non-magnetic metals. It is used on anodizing, varnish, paint, enamel, plastic coatings, powder, etc. applied to aluminum, brass, non-magnetic stainless steel, etc.
- \* Automatic substrate recognition.

- \* Manual or automatic shut down.
- \* Two measurement mode: Single and Continuous
- \* Wide measuring range and high resolution.
- \* Metric/Imperial conversion.
- \* Digital display gives exact reading with no guessing or errors.
- \* Can communicate with PC computer for statistics and printing by the optional cable and the software for RS-232C interface.

## 2. SPECIFICATIONS

- Display : LCD display with backlight  
Range : 0~1250  $\mu\text{m}$ /0~50mil  
Resolution : 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  (0~99.9 $\mu\text{m}$ )  
1  $\mu\text{m}$  (over 100 $\mu\text{m}$ )  
Accuracy :  $\pm 1\sim 3\%$  or  $\pm 2.5\mu\text{m}$  or 0.1mil (Whichever is the greater)  
Operating condition : Temp, 0~50°C  
Humidity <80%

Power supply: 4x1.5v (UM-4 Battery)  
Size : 145x65x25mm  
Weight : about 145g  
(not including batteries)

Standard Configuration :

1. Host
2. Probe
3. Carrying case
4. Operation manual
5. Calibration foils
6. Substrate (Iron)
7. Substrate (Aluminium)

Optional Accessories :

1. Cable & software for RS-232C
2. Bluetooth

## 3. FRONT PANEL DESCRIPTIONS



- 3-1 Jack for RS232C interface
- 3-2 Display
- 3-3 S/C Key (Single/Continuous)
- 3-4  $\mu\text{m}/\text{mil}$  conversion key (shortcut key)
- 3-5 Power key (multi functional)
- 3-6 Battery Compartment/Cover
- 3-7 Plus Key
- 3-8 Minus Key
- 3-9 Zero Key
- 3-10 Probes

## 4. MEASURING PROCEDURE

- 4.1 Plug in the probe.
- 4.2 Press the "Power key" to switch on the gauge and "0" displays on the display. The gauge will restore the state of last operation. The gauge can recognize the probe. It self with a

- symbol "Fe" or "Nfe" indicating on the Display.
- 4.3 Place the probe onto a coating layer to be measured. The reading on the Display is the thickness of the coating layer. The reading can be corrected by pressing the "plus key" or "minus key" while the probe is away from the substrate or the measured body.
- 4.4 To take the next measurement, just lift the probe to more than 1 centimeter and then repeat the step 4.3.
- 4.5 If suspecting the accuracy of measurement, you should calibrate the gauge before taking the measurements. For the calibration procedures, please refer to the calibration part 5.
- 4.6 The gauge can be switched off by pressing the "Power key". On the other side, the gauge will power itself off about 50 seconds after the last operation.

4.7 To change the measurement unit “um” or “mil” .

A. Depressing the shortcut key.

B. Depressing Power key and not releasing it till “UNIT” on the Display and then pressing “Zero” key. It is about 7 seconds from starting depressing “Power” key.

4.8 To change measurement mode from the single to continuous or vice versa, Just depressing the “ S/C key”. “Power key” and not releasing it till “SC” on the Display and then pressing “Zero key”. The symbol “(↔)” represents the continuous mode and “S” represents single mode. It is about 9 seconds from starting depressing “Power key”.

### **5. CALIBRATION**

#### **5.1 Zero adjustment**

Zero calibration for “Fe” and “NFe” should be carried out separately. Take

respectively. Please follow procedures below to restore factory settings.

8.2.1 Please note the symbol on the display is “Fe” or “Nfe”. If “Fe” is on the display, the operation below is restoring the factory setting for “Fe” type. and If “ NFe ” is on the display, the operation below is restoring the factory setting for “Nfe” type.

8.2.2 Depress Power key and not release it till “CAL” appears on the Display. It is about 5 seconds from starting depressing Power key.

8.2.3 when F:H or nF:H is on Display, lift the probe to more than 5 centimeters. Then press the “Zero key” again and the gauge return to measurement state. The factory setting is restored. Remember, to restore factory setting should be done within 6 seconds at every stage. Or the gauge will quit itself and restoration is invalid.

the iron substrate if “Fe” on the Display and take the aluminium substrate if “NFe” on the Display. Place the probe on the substrate steadily. Press the zero key and “0” will be on the Display before lifting the probe. If pressing the “ZERO key” but the probe is not placed on the substrate or an uncoated standard, the zero calibration is invalid.

5.2 Select an appropriate calibration foil according to your measurement range.

5.3 Place the standard foil selected onto the substrate or the uncoated standard.

5.4 Place the sensor mildly onto the standard foil and lift. The reading on the display is the value measured.

The displayed reading can be corrected by pressing the plus key or minus key while the probe is away

### **10. Notes**

10.1 Settings includes restoring factory setting, unit setting, S/C setting, which should be done within 6 seconds at every stage. or the gauge will quit itself and keep its status before.

10.2 It is strongly recommended that no changes should be made to the value of Ln (controlled by power key, It takes about 11 seconds from starting depressing Power key. Its value can be changed by plus/minus key after displaying Ln and releasing the power key. Store its value and quit by pressing Zero key.) which will seriously affect the accuracy. Its value can be adjusted by professional persons only under the cases of replacing a new probe or making the gauge more accurate. Generally, the larger the value of Ln the smaller the reading on a same thickness. A little variation of value of Ln will cause a great change in

from the substrate or the measured body.

5.5 Repeat step 5.4 until the result is correct.

### **6. BATTERY REPLACEMENT**

6.1 When it is necessary to replace the battery, the battery symbol “ ” will appear on the Display.

6.2 Slide the Battery Cover away from the instrument and remove the batteries.

6.3 Install the batteries (4x1.5v UM-4) correctly into the case.

6.4 If the instrument is not to be used for any extended period, remove batteries.

### **7. CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1 In order to weaken the influence of the measured material on the accuracy of measurement, it is recommended that the calibrations should be done on the uncoated

reading at high end (e.g. at 500um/ 20mil). The rules to adjust the value of Ln are as follow:

A. Reading at low end can be adjusted to the exact value by the plus or minus key.

B. To enlarge the Ln if readings at low end (e.g. at 50 um) is ok but reading at high end (e.g. at 432um) is too large. On the contrary, to decrease the Ln if reading at low end (e.g. at 51 um) is ok but reading at high end (e.g. at 432 um) is too small.

C. Repeat procedures from A to B till the readings on the every standard foil are satisfying the accuracy.

material to be measured

7.2 Probes will eventually wear. Probe life will depend on the number of measurements taken and how abrasive the coating is. Replacement of a probe can be fitted by qualified persons only.

### **8. RESTORE FACTORY SETTINGS**

8.1 When to restore?

It is recommended to restore factory settings in the one of following cases.

A. The gauge does not measure any more.

B. Measurement accuracy is degraded caused by the abraded probe or by environmental conditions changed greatly.

C. Replacement of a new probe.

8.2 How to restore”

Restore factory settings includes “Fe” setting and “NFe” setting. You can restore one of them or both of them