

Universal Hardness Testing Machine ZHU/zwickiLine+





Applications

Overall the hardness measuring head covers all hardness tests employing indentation measurement, including:

- Martens hardness HM, instrumented indentation test
- Rockwell hardness scales A to K, N, T, plus HMR5/250
- \bullet Rockwell hardness scales R, L, M, E, K, α
- ball indentation hardness (for plastics)
- Vickers depth measurement HVT
- Brinell depth measurement HBT

Instrumented hardness testing for determination of the Martens hardness HM of metals is standardized in EN ISO 14577-1. The purpose of this standard is to define a universal hardness scale. This scale covers all hardness grades from thermoplastic films to very hard metals, enabling improved comparability of material behavior.

The force-indentation depth curve and different sequences of the loading process allow more comprehensive description of mechanical material properties, including:

- plastic and elastic portions of the indentation energy
- Martens hardness HM
- volume hardness HMs
- indentation hardness H_{iT}
- elastic indentation modulus Eir
- creep behavior
- creep relaxation behavior



Advantages and features

The core components of this precision measuring system are the innovative hardness measuring head, the zwickiLine+ hardness testing machine with stateof-the-art testControl II measurement and control electronics and the intelligent testing software testXpert hardness edition. An add-on unit with measurement optics is optionally available for optical hardness testing methods.

- The combination of a zwickiLine+ with the hardness measuring head and testing software testXpert hardness edition results in an innovative test system with a wide range of applications.
- Universal application with fully automatic test sequence for practically any hardness testing method, regardless of material.
- Automatic display of force-indentation-depth curve regardless of method, for comprehensive materials characterization in instrumented indentation test to ISO 14577.
- Multiple use as a hardness testing machine and/ or as a testing machine for tensile, compression & bending tests.
- High operating comfort with changing test conditions due to fast and precise AC drive and large test area, e.g. for different specimen sizes.
- Versatile result presentation: single and statistical values, graphics, on screen display, and test reports can be varied as required.



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Optics add-on unit

An optics add-on unit has been developed for the hardness measuring head. This unit consists of a measuring microscope with up to four lenses and a linear displacement unit which allows position changes between measuring microscope and load unit, avoiding the need for movement of components under test. The Optics add-on unit for the hardness measuring head is essential for "optical" hardness testing methods (Vickers, Knoop, Brinell).

Optical methods in combination with Optics add-on unit:

- Vickers HV to ISO 6507 / ASTM E384
- Brinell HB to ISO 6506 / ASTM E10
- Knoop HK to ISO 4545 / ASTM E384

This configuration transforms the ZHU2.5/Z2.5 into the most versatile hardness testing machine in the world. As well as the indentation-depth methods referred to above, Vickers, Knoop and Brinell hardness can be performed in accordance with standards using an optical measuring microscope. The combination of Optics add-on unit and hardness measuring head channeled through the intelligence of testXpert gives rise to outstanding characteristics.

In line with the market trend towards increasing automation and reduced operator influence in hardness

testing, the add-on unit with measuring microscope has been motorized. Making the indentation, swiveling the measuring microscope into place and optical measurement of the indentation are all fully automatic operations.

The testXpert Master and Standard Test Programs developed for the hardness measuring head allow Martens hardness testing, together with Rockwell and ball indentation hardness, as well as HVT and HBT. The Master Test Program can be expanded to include Vickers, Knoop and Brinell hardness tests, while hardness traverse tests with automatic indentation measurement and focusing are also possible.

Extended application range

In addition to the classical methods of hardness testing (Vickers, Rockwell, Brinell) and to the instrumented indentation test, the following applications are also possible thanks to zwickiLine+:

- Fully automatic Vickers and Rockwell hardness traverse tests (Jominy end-quench test, Vickers tests on ceramics)
- Ball indentation on plastics
- Cyclic tests on paper or ceramics
- Materials testing in general (e.g. tensile/compression tests)



ZHU/zwickiLine+ with the option second test area



3-point-bending test on plastics



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Technical data

zwickiLine+ hardness testing machines with testControl II

Туре	Z2.5 TN+		
Item No.	1044260		
Test load F _{max}	2.5	kN	
Test area			
Test area height ¹⁾	675	mm	
Test area depth	105	mm	
Test area width	No limitation		
Load frame			
Height	1289	mm	
Width	585	mm	
Depth	707	mm	
Weight, approx. ²⁾	132	kg	
Paint finish	A6-C31, RAL 7021 und RAL 3038		
Ambient temperature	+10 +35	°C	
Relative humidity (non-condensing)	20 90	%	
Average noise level at v_{max} measured in 1 m distance to the front side of machine	64	dB(A)	
Conformity	ISO 9000 and CE		
Drive system			
Driving power	500	W	
Motor	AC servo motor		
Control, set value preselection	Digital		
Crosshead speed $v_{min} \dots v_{max}$	0.0005 3000 ³⁾	mm/min	
Drive travel resolution	0.95	nm	
Positioning repeatability (without reversal of direction)	±2	μm	
Controller	Adaptive		
Cycle time	1000	Hz	
Power input specifications			
Version	1	kW	
Power supply	230	V, 1Ph/N/PE	
Permissible voltage fluctuation	±10	%	
Power consumption (full load), approx.	2.3	kVA	
Power frequency	50/60	Hz	

1) Inclusive add-on unit "Optics". The dimensions of the x-y tables are not considered.

2) based on typical accessories

³⁾ Values apply to machines with closed safety door and closed safety guard in automatic mode and to machines without safety device and/or without safety guard. For machines with the safety door and/or safety guard open, the speed is reduced to 600 mm/min.



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Hardness measuring head

For installation in a hardness testing machine with increased resolution, continuous force application, measurement of force and indentation depth, suitable in principle for all test methods featuring indentation depth measurement, e.g. Martens hardness test (EN ISO 14577-1, macro method)

Item No.	1044205	1044204	
Resolution	0.002	0.002	μm
Test load, max. (Fmax)	0.2	2.5	kN
Upper connection	Ø 20	Ø 20	mm
Lower compression platen	Ø 138	Ø 138	mm
Load cell	0.002 0.2	0.005 2.5	kN
Extensometer, digital	max. 4 mm, increased resolu- tion 0.002 µm	max. 4 mm, increased resolu- tion 0.002 µm	

Required:

- indenter
- sensor foot
- testXpert hardness edition testing software
- 1x INC module for connecting the hardness measuring head to testControl II (Item No. 046637)

Sensor feet for hardness measuring head (1x required)

The various indenters are mounted on the hardness measuring heads via sensor feet. Here you can differentiate between normal and so-called quick-change sensor feet. When using a quick-change sensor feet 1x the quick-change device (item number 320845) is required, which then remains in the hardness measuring head when changing between different indenters. See also the example configuration.

Description	ArticleNumber
Sensor foot for following indenters: Vickers pyramid, Knoop diamond pyramid, Berkovich pyramid, hard metal ball, Ø 1 mm, Ø 2.5 mm, Ø 5 mm, Ø 1/8'' (3.175 mm), Ø 1/16'' (1.5875 mm) and steel ball, Ø 5 mm	318063
Sensor foot for indenter for Rockwell hardness test (diamond, Ø 1/2'', Ø 1/4'')	319410
Quick-change device For the use of quick-change sensor feet	320845
Quick-change sensor foot For use with Vickers, Berkovich and Knoop diamond pyramid indenter, hard metall ball Ø 1 mm, Ø 2.5 mm, Ø 5 mm, Ø 1/8", Ø 1/16" and steel ball Ø 5 mm	320847
Quick-change sensor foot For use with Rockwell indenter (Diamond, Ø 1/2", Ø 1/4")	320849

Indenters

Indenter as per hardness test method	Item No.
Rockwell, with diamond cone, 120°	319408
Rockwell, with hard metal ball, 1/4" (6.35 mm)	320863
Rockwell, with hard metal ball, 1/2" (12.7 mm)	320890
Rockwell, with hard metal ball, 1/8" (3.175 mm)	320861
Rockwell, with hard metal ball, 1/16'' (1.587 mm)	320859
Vickers, with pyramidal diamond point 136°	318061
Knoop, with diamond pyramid to Knoop, 172° 30'/130°	318845



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Indenter as per hardness test method	Item No.
Brinell, with hard metal ball, 1 mm	320900
Brinell, with hard metal ball, 2.5 mm	320896
Brinell, with hard metal ball 5 mm	320894
Ball indentation, with steel ball, 5 mm	320902

"Optics" add-on unit for hardness measuring head

Description	ArticleNumber
"Optics" add-on unit in conjunction with hardness measuring head (testControl II), including manual displacement unit for installation in a zwickiLine+ hardness testing machine. Includes 1.4-megapixel GigE camera, LED illumination (incl. power supply unit, 230 V) and software licenses.	1044206
Required:	
objective lenses	see below
powerful graphics card for optical hardness test methods ¹⁾	075270
"Optics" add-on unit in conjunction with hardness measuring head (testControl II), including motorized displacement unit for installation in a zwickiLine+ hardness testing machine. Includes 1.4-megapixel GigE camera, LED illumination (incl. power supply unit, 230 V) and software licenses.	1044207
Required:	
objective lenses	see below
powerful graphics card for optical hardness test methods ¹⁾	075270
motorized X-Y table	see above
Video adapter (interchangeable; option for "Optics" add-on unit) with low individual magnifica- tion for connecting the GigE camera to hardness measuring microscopes. The field of view shown on the screen is expanded by a factor of approximately 2.	320406

1) Compatibility of the PC card is guaranteed only in conjunction with PCs from ZwickRoell's range with Windows 10. In the case of use of customer's own PC, this must be sent to ZwickRoell in the event of an order.

Item No.	1075268	1075269	1075270	1075271	1075272	
	1010200	10/0200	1010210	1010211	1010212	
Inherent magnification	5:1	10:1	20:1	40 : 1	60 : 1	
Horizontal field of view, max., standard version	1760	880	440	220	147	µm ¹⁾²⁾
Vertical field of view, max., standard version	1320	660	330	165	110	µm ¹⁾²⁾
Resolution, standard version	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.13	µm/ pixels
Horizontal field of view, max., optional version (item no. 320406)	2720	1360	680	340	227	µm ³⁾⁴⁾
Vertical field of view, max., optional version (item no. 320406)	2040	1020	510	255	171	µm ³⁾⁴⁾
Resolution, optional version	2.3	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.2	µm/ pixels

 A video adapter with a high level of inherent magnification is integrated in the standard version in the measurement microscope in front of the GigE camera.

²⁾ The permissible measurement ranges are described in detail in the corresponding standards. For example, according to DIN EN ISO 6507-2, in order to achieve a resolution of 0.2 μ m (d < 40 μ m) or 0.5% of d (d ≥ 40 μ m), a Vickers indentation must equal at least 1/3 of the vertical field of view.



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3) In the optional version an interchangeable video adapter with a low level of inherent magnification can be integrated in the measurement microscope in front of the GigE camera. In contrast to the standard version, it expands the field of view. This is absolutely necessary for the Brinell hardness test.

4) According to DIN EN ISO 6506-1/2, select the degree of load so that 0.24 · D < indentation diameter < 0.6 · D. The remaining indentation diameter is thus within the following limits:</p>

1-mm ball: 0.240 mm < indentation diameter < 0.6 mm

2.5-mm ball: 0.6 mm < indentation diameter < 1.5 mm

5-mm ball: 1.2 mm < indentation diameter < 3 mm

The measurement device should have a scale of 0.5% of d.

Туре	Force, max. (Fmax) [kN]	Table dimen- sions [mm]	Distance of travel [mm]	Included in delivery	Item No.
X-Y table, manually	2.5	130 x 130	25 x 25	Micrometer screws, manual	357720
X-Y table, manually	2.5	130 x 130	25 x 25	Micrometer screwsDigital displayPosition transfer via RS232	357722
X-Y table, manually	0.5	135 x 135	50 x 50	 Micrometer screws 	353448
X-Y table, manually	0.5	135 x 135	25 x 25	Micrometer screwsDigital displayPosition transfer via RS232	353449
X-Y table, motorized	0.5	350 x 192	100 x 50	Control by PC via RS232 interface with testXpert	018130
X-Y table, motorized	0.5	400 x 192	150 x 50	Control by PC via RS232 interface with testXpert	018134
X-Y table, motorized	2.5	350 x 192	100 x 50	Control by PC via RS232 interface with testXpert	016316

X-Y tables (adapter plate required when using X-Y table)

Testing software testXpert® hardness edition

Description	ArticleNumber
testXpert basic program for zwickiLine hardness testers, German	056151
testXpert basic program for zwickiLine hardness testers, English	056153
 Master Test Program for ZHU/zwickiLine hardness testers, German Hardness testing methods using depth measurement: instrumented indentation test to ISO 14577-1, Rockwell hardness to ISO 6508-1, ball inden- tation hardness to ISO 2039-1, methods HVT & HBT (not standardized), with cyclic loading (staircase, steps and constant cycles) Including following options: optical hardness test methods (Vickers, Knoop, Brinell), hardness traverse, auto-measurement, autofocus, X-Y table software integration 	319222
Master Test Program for ZHU/zwickiLine hardness testers, as 319222, English	319224
Master Test Program for ZHU/zwickiLine hardness testers, as 319222, 2nd licence	354634
Master Test Program for ZHU/zwickiLine hardness testers, as 319224, 2nd licence (English)	354832



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Data processing software InspectorX

To simulate stress-strain curves of metals from cyclic indentation tests, the InspectorX software and the stressstrain curve module are required in addition to the testXpert Master test program (and further options).

Description	ArticleNumber
Data processing software InspectorX - Software for the analysis of force indentation depth curves measured with the ZHU/zwicki+ according to ISO 14577 including comprehensive export functions, special analysis and correction functions (<i>available in German or English</i>)	1063064
InspectorX in version 5.3 • Delivery of InspectorX will be in version 5.3	1102288
InspectorX in version 5.14 • Delivery of InspectorX will be in version 5.14	1093308
 Software option materials data base for ZHN Comprehensive collection of materials data about Young's modulus, Poisson's ratio, density, yield strength, tensile strength, thermal expansion and more (over 630 datasets) Suitable for use in InspectorX¹ 	1018405
Stress-Strain-Curve Module - Module for the calculation of stress-strain curves of metals from indentations with spherical indenters and the use of a neural network	1016458

1) Please always add to specification in quotation/order (= 0 Euro)