ULTRASCAN SERIES

Ultrasonic wall & concentricity measurement systems with unmatched precision and performance for plastic tube production

► Increase production efficiencies and reduce material costs by better controlling product wall thickness and concentricity

► Produce the highest quality products in less time with maximum precision, multi-point measurements

► Eliminate operator error with advanced “Snap Technology” automatic set-up, search, and tracking capabilities

► Maximize productivity with simple-to-operate system
UltraScan Measurement System

Most Powerful and Advanced Ultrasonic Solution in the World

1. The **UltraScan gauge** consists of a fixture holding multiple ultrasonic transducers around the tube. Each transducer generates an ultrasonic signal that is capable of measuring one layer or multiple layers of the tube.

2. The **Ultrasonic Intelligence Module** interfaces to the ultrasonic transducers and analyzes the signals in a Digital Signal Processor (DSP) to perform and communicate the measurements. The UltraScan DSP, the ultrasonic intelligence module, is the most powerful and advanced system of its kind in the world, and is the key to providing the user with a very robust and easy-to-use ultrasonic system.

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**UltraScan Wall & Concentricity Measurement Principle**

UltraScan DSP sends an electrical drive pulse and the transducers convert that energy into an ultrasonic sound wave.

Echoes are sent back to the ultrasonic transducers from the walls of the tube and the transducers convert that energy into an electrical waveform. With **multi-layer tubes**, an echo occurs at each layer and therefore each layer can be measured individually.

The UltraScan DSP calculates the wall thickness as:

$$\text{Wall} = \frac{(\Delta t \times s)}{2}$$

$$\Delta t = \text{time between echoes}$$

$$s = \text{speed of sound through the material}$$

1The Beta LaserMike DataPro 3000 and 5000 controllers provide a feature that allows the UltraScan DSP to determine the speed of sound through the material on line.

**Multi-Point Wall & Concentricity**

Using multiple transducers provides full measurement of the product. This allows the calculation of concentricity and the determination of the minimum and maximum wall thickness.

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**Communications**

UltraScan gauges provide flexible communications integration to UltraScan DSP with RS-232, DeviceNet, CANopen, and Profibus.

Measured by Commitment
A range of UltraScan gauges are available to cover various tube diameter and wall thickness sizes. An optional Thin Wall algorithm is available that is capable of measuring 0.025 mm (0.001 in.) wall thickness on tubes as small as 0.250 mm (0.010 in.). Gauges can support multiple transducer types and are capable of measuring multiple layers. Application support is available to help you select the appropriate transducer type for your application.

### Specifications (all models):
- Wall measurement accuracy to ±0.001 mm (±0.000040 in.)
- Concentricity accuracy to ±0.1%

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*Larger gauges available upon request.

¹Maximum wall thickness is dependent on type of material.

**UltraScan Gauge Models**

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**Measured by Commitment**
Unique Ultrasonic Technology

Snap Technology

So simple, it's always being used.

All ultrasonic measurement systems require some form of setup of the ultrasonic waveform. The measurement system must know the proper echoes and positions in the waveform to trigger on and measure from, and the user must set this up.

But the UltraScan DSP, with its unique and powerful patented Snap Technology, is the world’s only ultrasonic system that is capable of completely setting up its own ultrasonic waveforms instantly and automatically. The intelligence of Snap Technology provides fully automatic ultrasonic measurement with:

► Auto-search
► Auto-setup
► Auto-tracking

Auto-Search: UltraScan DSP finds the echoes and sets a “window” around them.

Auto-Setup: UltraScan DSP interprets the ultrasonic waveform and identifies the proper echoes.

Auto-Tracking: UltraScan DSP locks onto the proper echoes and tracks them as the product moves.

Highest Achievable Ultrasonic Accuracy

Since each ultrasonic transducer is set up individually, other ultrasonic systems have the potential to introduce error in the measurements due to the human error created by manual setup. And when conditions of the product or the process change, the fixed manual setup does not adapt the signal processing with the changes. But when the measurements are set up automatically with Snap Technology, it ensures that the setup is the same across all transducers. And when conditions of the product or the process change, the auto setup instantly adapts the signal processing with the changes.

This continuous and automatic setup of all transducers ensures maximum consistency across each transducer, providing higher accuracy of average wall and concentricity measurements.

Gauge 1: Manual waveform setup

The four on-line wall measurements show some inconsistency (caused by differences in the manual waveform setup of the 4 transducers).

Gauge 2: Automatic waveform setup

The four on-line wall measurements all follow the wall changes precisely the same, due to Snap Technology’s automatic setup and tracking software.

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Advanced Ultrasonic Options

High-Speed Tolerance Checking

Detection and notification of short-term wall variations

Ultrasonic systems are often implemented in tube extrusion lines to monitor and correct gradual changes in the wall thickness. Short-term variations in wall thickness are often missed when the ultrasonic system is averaging data and monitoring for periodic changes. But UltraScan systems are capable of taking approximately 2,000 wall measurements per second, depending on diameter and thickness, and have an advanced feature for High-Speed Tolerance Checking. The UltraScan DSP checks each scan of each transducer and compares the measurement against wall tolerances. This high-speed checking of tolerances is designed to catch short-term wall variation on each individual layer of the tube.

Once a high-speed tolerance error is found, the UltraScan DSP sends a signal to indicate that an error has occurred.

OD Ultrasonic Measurement

The UltraScan OD Option provides fast, easy-to-understand information about the outer diameter of the hot tube. Working hand-in-hand with this advanced software option, UltraScan produces the optimum transducer echoes to create a high-precision OD measurement. UltraScan OD shortens the delay time and gives you more control over measurements. UltraScan OD also provides a cost-effective alternative for adding Laser OD scanning capabilities to our system, enabling you to handle a range of OD measurement applications from small-to-large size tubes.

UltraView Diagnostic Software

With the UltraView software, you can configure the Beta LaserMike UltraScan DSP module to communicate with a PC via RS-232 to perform diagnostics and troubleshooting.

UltraView Web Server Solution

With the UltraView Web Server solution, the Beta LaserMike UltraScan DSP module is connected to a fanless, robust web server PC. This solution enables you to easily view the UltraScan page that visualizes the tube cross-section without the need for programming. All critical functions, such as calibration and diagnostics, can be performed via the UltraView Web Server screen. The web server does not include hardware I/O options. Use the Profibus interface on the DSP and independently connected to your PLC controller to create fault tolerances, status signals, or perform data logging.

Beta LaserMike Process Control & Data Management System

Integrate the UltraScan gauges with the Beta LaserMike InControl™ process controller to accurately manage the production process every step of the way for quality results.
Applications

UltraScan is a proven performer in a wide range of industrial tube applications, such as:

► Automotive
► Consumer
► Heat Shrink
► Irrigation
► Medical Micro
► Sanitary
► Technical
► And other tube applications

Customer Story:

Leading Plastics R&D Center
A. Schulman is a leading R&D center in Kerpen, Germany and international supplier of high-performances plastic compounds, master batches, standard plastics thermoplastic elastomers, and specialty powders. These materials are used in a wide range of industrial products and processes.

One important new product is the pioneering and cost-effective Schulatube plastic tube system, designed particularly for the automotive industries, which requires the extremely precise measurement of the thickness and diameter of the layered tube.

With the move towards smaller and more fuel-efficient cars, vehicle manufacturers are looking for plastics with much higher resistance to both heat and pressure.

A. Schulman uses a Beta LaserMike UltraScan 1025 with DSP “Snap Technology” at the trough on its extrusion line to accurately measure the wall thickness and concentricity of engineered multi-layered tubes to ensure greater quality control, better productivity, and less waste. “Beta LaserMike measurement systems have enabled us to develop a leading-edge, high-pressure tubing system that meets the demanding requirements of our customers.”

Measured by Commitment
The UltraScan gauge can be combined with the Beta LaserMike AccuScan diameter and ovality gauge, LN lump and neckdown detector, LaserSpeed length and speed gauge, and InControl process controller and integrated into your production line for a complete measurement system solution. You can also add the OD measurement option to UltraScan for effective diameter functionality. The result is high-precision dimensional monitoring at all points in your process for the production of superior quality tube products and significant manufacturing savings.
Precision Measurement & Control Solutions

The Beta LaserMike line of measurement and control solutions from NDC Technologies is designed to increase productivity, improve product quality, and reduce manufacturing costs. These solutions provide in-process dimensional monitoring, control, and sample/part inspection of products such as wire and cable, fiber optics, metals, rubber and plastic, flat rolled goods, tube and pipe, and other manufactured goods. Every system is backed by NDC’s world-class service and support organization. With offices around the globe, we’re committed to serving your unique measurement application needs.