

GRINDOMETERS – FINENESS OF GRIND GAUGES

VF2110, VF2111, VF2112, VF2113

MANUAL

1 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Precision instrument to determine particle size and fineness of many materials like paints, lacquers, pigments, filler, chocolate etc.. Most TQC Grindometers have double grooves with graded slopes graduated in three different parameters: Microns, NS (Hegman) and PCU (North). Gauge and beveled scraper are made of hardened stainless steel and have an accuracy of 2 μ m.

**2 SPECIFICATIONS AND ARTICLE NUMBERS**

Base : 175 x 60 x 12mm with 120mm groove length
Tolerance: $\pm 2\mu$ m
Stainless steel

Scraper: 75 x 38 x 8mm
shaped to be hold easily
Stainless steel

VF2110 Grindometer FM15/2 Din-Iso
Range: 0-15 micron, 10-8,5 PCU, 8-6,8 Hegman
Graduation: 1,5 micron
Double groove

VF2112 Grindometer FM50/2 Din-Iso
Range: 0-50 Micron, 10-5 PCU, (north), 8-4 Hegman (NS)
Graduation: 5 micron
Double groove

VF2111 Grindometer FM25/2 Din-Iso
Range: 0-25 Micron, 10-7,5 PCU, (north), 8-6 Hegman (NS)
Graduation: 2,5 micron
Double groove

VF2113 Grindometer FM100/2 Din-Iso
Range: 0-100 Micron, 10-0 PCU, (north),
8-0 Hegman (NS)
Graduation: 10 micron
Double groove

3 STANDARDS

Look up the appropriate standard for a correct execution of the test.
ASTM D 1210, ASTM D 1316, JIS K 5600-2-5, ISO 1524, DIN EN 21524, BS 3900-C6

4 TAKING A READING

When using the gauge, take care of not to damage the surface of the gauge or the edges of the scraper. Ensure the surface of gauge and edge of the scraper is clean from material residue, oil, etc. Perform a preliminary test to determine the size of gauge most suitable for the fineness of grind characteristics of the material being tested.

1. Place the gauge on a flat, horizontal and non-slip surface, with the zero mark on the scale closest to the user.
2. Place a suitable amount of the material in the deep end of each groove.
3. Place the scraper on the surface of the gauge behind the material. Use both hands to hold the scraper as shown in **Picture 1**.
4. Pull the scraper along the length of the gauge at a constant speed and apply sufficient downward pressure to clean excess material from the edges of the gauge. This operation takes approx. 1 to 2 seconds.

**Picture 1**

5. View the drawn out material within the next 3 seconds. This avoids inaccurate testing due to evaporation of the material. The material should be viewed at right angles to the length of the groove and at an angle of 20° to 30° with the surface of the gauge.
6. Find a band across the grooves of 3mm wide which contains 5 to 10 particles of the material as shown in **Picture 2**. Read the position of the upper limit of this band on the scale and record this value.
7. Use a suitable solvent to clean the gauge and also the scraper.
8. Perform 2 more tests and calculate the average value of the results. The average value is the fineness of grind of the material.

**Picture 2.**

5 MAINTENANCE

- Always clean the instrument after use with a suitable solvent.
- Never clean the instrument by any mechanical means such as a wire brush or abrasive paper. This may cause, just like the use of aggressive cleaning agents, permanent damage.
- The instruments have to be protected from rust when it is not in use. Rust can appear on the instrument when it is used only occasionally and when it is been handled by a user with sweaty hands.
- Always dry the instrument and scraper after use to protect against rust, and apply a thin layer of oil to the surface of the instrument and scraper before storage.
- Always store the instrument in its pouch when not in use.
- Check regularly whether the gauge and the scraper are worn or damaged.
- Always dry the instrument and scraper after use to protect against rust, and apply a thin layer of preservation oil to the surface of the instrument and scraper before storage.

6 DISCLAIMER

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