# TE 53 MULTI-PURPOSE FRICTION AND WEAR TESTER



### Description

A bearing housing carries two parallel shafts. The lower shaft carries a flat profile ring or roller and is connected to a d.c. servo motor. The upper shaft is carried in a spherical bearing at one end that permits rotation about the gear contact line and has a floating bearing at the other end. This allows the shaft to pivot freely in the vertical and horizontal axes.

Horizontal movement in the direction perpendicular to the upper shaft axis and is resisted by a strain gauge transducer. This gives measurements of the tangential force in the contact, which is displayed as friction force on the control unit.



Load is applied by applied by low friction pneumatic cylinder, which is manually set using a precision regulator, pressing on the outer race of the floating bearing. A pressure transducer is provided to sense the applied load.

A sealed chamber surrounds the test specimens and incorporates a heater element to maintain the test fluid temperature.



In two roller configuration the upper shaft carries a roller and is driven from the lower shaft through a pair of gears. Six fixed percentage slip ratios are provided. The upper roller is mounted on a self-aligning bearing to achieve full width line contact between the specimens.



In block on ring, crossed cylinder and ball on ring configurations, the upper shaft carries a holder for the fixed specimen and is restrained from rotating. The specimen may be a ball (ball on cylinder test), a block (block on ring test) or a cylinder (crossed cylinder test). A holder for blocks described in ASTM G77 test is included.



Roller and block specimens can be manufactured easily from a variety of materials including metals, plastics, elastomers and ceramics.

### Control and Data Acquisition

Control and data acquisition are implemented via host PC running COMPEND 2020 Windows compatible software, in conjunction with a Phoenix Tribology USB micro-controller interface.

Automatic control is implemented via user programmable test sequences. Manual control is implemented using on screen toggles. Data is stored to hard disc in either .csv or .tsv file formats.

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### **Technical Specifications**

Contact Geometry:

Shaft Centre Distance: Roller Size: Sliding Specimen: Speed Range: Equivalent Velocity: Slide-Roll Ratio Gears: Friction Range: Friction Measurement: Load Range: Load Actuator: Load Control: Load Measurement: Bath Temperature: Heater Power: Temperature Sensor: Interface: Software: Motor:

#### Crossed Cylinder Ball on Cylinder Block on Ring Two Roller 60 mm 60 mm diameter 12.7 mm ball, roller or block 30 to 850 rpm up to 4.7 m/s0.00%, 3.33%, 5.00%, 10.00%, 15.00% & 20.00% 130 N Databeam (strain gauge transducer) 50 to 750 N Pneumatic cylinder Precision pressure regulator Pressure transducer ambient to 150°C 150 W k-type thermocouple USB Serial Link Interface Module COMPEND 2000 Brushless d.c. servo motor - 200 W

#### **Automatically Controlled Parameters**

Rotational Speed Reservoir Temperature Test Duration

Manually	Control	lled	<b>Parameters</b>
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#### **Measured Parameters**

Load

Rotational Speed Load Friction Force Temperature Number of Revolutions Test Duration Sliding Speed Friction Coefficient Sliding Distance

Services Electricity:

220/240V, single phase, 50 Hz, 1.2 kW 110/120 V, single phase, 60 Hz, 1.2 kW