



PACKAGING

Industrial control solutions



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KEP TECHNOLOGIES

THE PACKAGING INDUSTRY

The packaging industry is constantly evolving. New designs, new materials and new manufacturing methods are constantly driving innovation. Dimensional measurement and aspect control play an essential role in the packaging industry, where precision and accuracy are paramount to guarantee product quality and ensure the smooth running of manufacturing processes.

Packaging must comply with defined lengths, widths, heights, thicknesses and other geometric specifications in order to achieve the required properties: rigidity, strength, ability to be stacked, stored efficiently and handled automatically, etc.

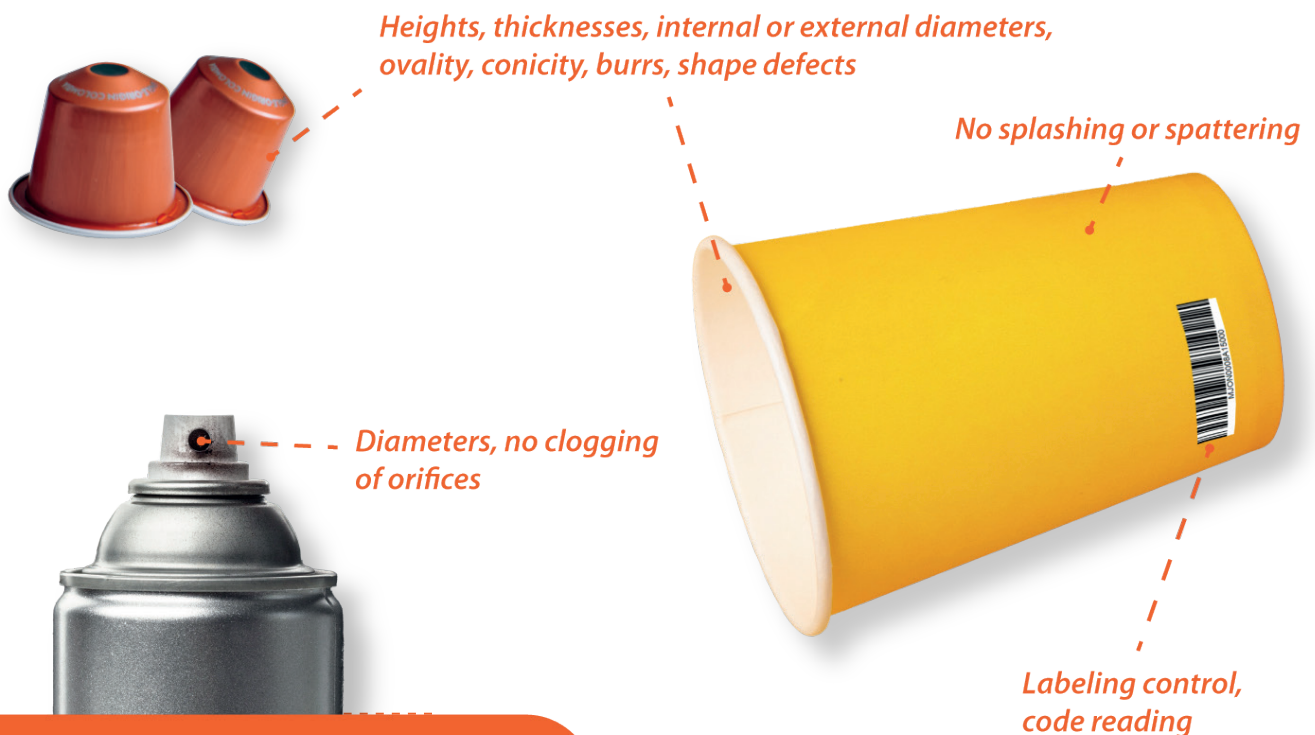
In addition, some food and beverage, pharmaceutical and cosmetic packaging must also meet strict dimensional specifications to ensure optimum distribution of their contents to the consumer.

One of the main objectives of dimensional measurement in the packaging industry is therefore to ensure that packaging products comply with these specifications and predetermined tolerances.

These measures can be applied not only to primary packaging (in direct contact with the food, drug or cosmetic product) for retail sale, but also to secondary packaging containing several primary packaging units.

Our Setsmart solutions are optimized for complex dimensional controls, ensuring 100% reliability and repeatability on the quality of the packaging you produce.

TYPES OF CONTROLS



Types of materials tested:

Plastics (by thermoforming or injection molding), aluminum, etc.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL

KEP Technologies is a full solution provider. With **SETSMART** we offer a range of advanced standard and customized industrial control solutions with end-to-end project management, as required.

We are confident that with KEP Technologies you will find a dedicated industrial control solution with the performance needed to accurately control your parts and assemblies production.

This being the case no matter which of the hydrogen cycle's step you may work in.

THE KEP TECHNOLOGIES ADVANTAGE

Each Setsmart solution incorporates three essential elements to ensure the best Industrial Control for Smart Industry - Smart Control, Measurement Versatility and Quality Results. We know that solutions providing these benefits will deliver the highest value to our customers

SMART CONTROL With various options for automation, statistical data analysis, feedback loops for manufacturing machines.

MEASUREMENT VERSATILITY With one solution : multiple specifications controlled on one part and multiple types of parts can be controlled.

QUALITY RESULTS High accuracy and high precision transducers to meet and surpass your control requirements.



OUR TECHNOLOGIES

VISION

We apply machine vision technologies to the production control of your parts. They integrate a selection of cameras, lighting systems, and image processing software for a fast, reliable and traceable control.

These technologies are versatile because they allow for checking dimensions, proper assembly and inspecting the external appearance of parts. They are applicable to various parts, even with complex shapes or made of flexible or even fragile materials.

See INSPEX OUT.

TACTILE

Tactile sensors have excellent performance with accuracies down to sub-micron levels. They are easy to combine to measure multiple dimensions and check geometries. They are also ideally suited for integration into automated machines.

We work with you to select the sensors that meet your cost and performance criteria. The selection is mainly based on the tolerance on the measured dimension, the mechanical resistance of the part's material, and the accessibility of the control point on the part.

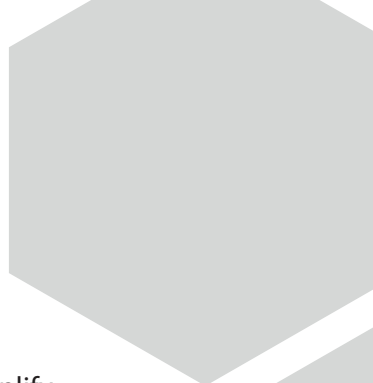
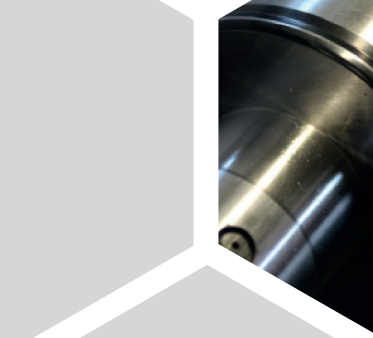
See METRIX OD, and GEO.

SOFTWARE & AI

Our software collects large amounts of data, analyzes results, automates measurements and controls, and generates reliable and sophisticated reports.

They can integrate image analysis for object recognition, mathematical models to simplify the development of reliable supervision protocols, and alert systems when a part is out of specification. They can launch automatic corrective actions for the manufacturing of subsequent parts.

See all solutions except METRIX ONE.





PNEUMATIC

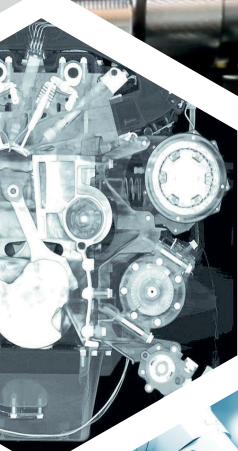
Pneumatic measurement uses a proven technology to control various dimensions on mechanical parts. It can be used to measure outside diameters (using an air ring) or inside diameters (using an air plug).

But by using various other sensors, it can also be used to control geometric parameters: straightness, coaxiality, flatness, etc.
See METRIX ONE, ID, OD, GEO and FILM.



X-RAYS

Industrial X-ray inspection methods allow the inspection of the internal structure of an assembled object. An X-ray source coupled with a detector and a camera provide an internal view of the part to be inspected.




Then the image processing software checks the conformity of various control points: dimensions, assembly, absence of foreign bodies, cracks, pores, etc. A radiological protection system of the users is also always integrated.
See INSPEX IN.



AUTOMATION

Manual measuring systems are very easy to use and generate measurements independent of the operator. But we also offer automated systems integrated to your production line.



Depending on the required control cycle and on the parts to be controlled, we can integrate various automatisms (linear movement, rotation, elevators, etc.), robots (cartesian, 6 axis, with various types of grippers), or cobots.

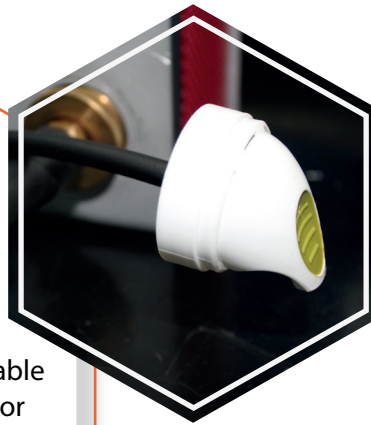
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INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS TO ENSURE THE RELIABILITY OF YOUR PRODUCTION

PNEUMATIC MEASUREMENT

*Control of orifice diameters,
absence of clogging*

This method, which uses air flow, is suitable for fast, precise control of spray actuator orifices or nozzles. It can be applied to all types of surfaces, matt or glossy, whatever their color.



TACTILE MEASUREMENT

*Controls of thickness, dimensions
and geometry*

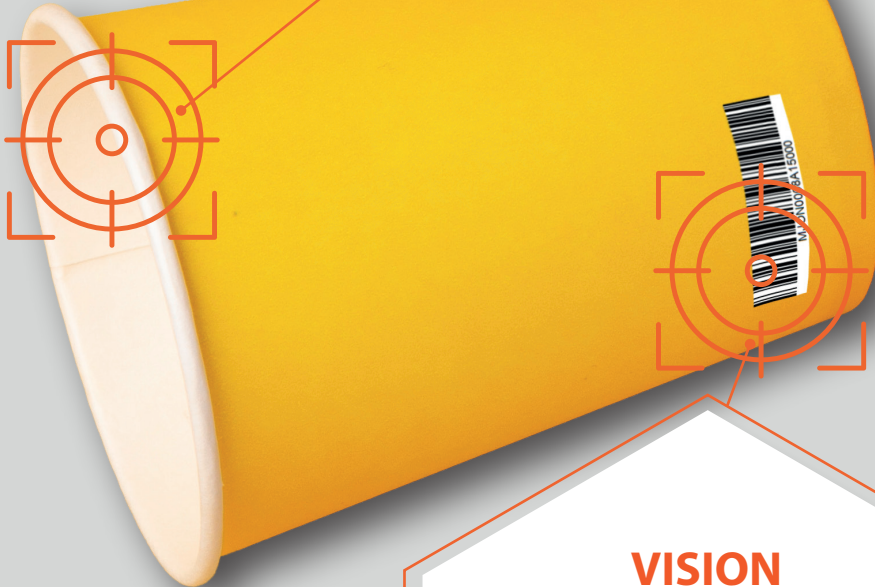
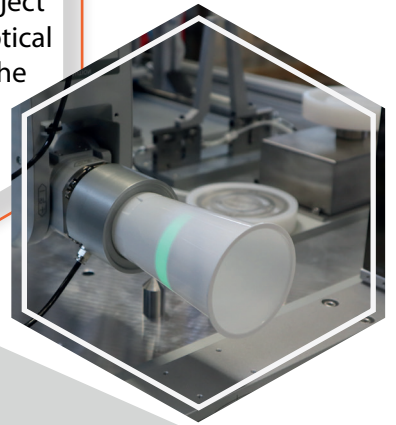
It uses highly accurate probes to measure even very small surfaces. Measurements are accurate and repeatable. This technology is particularly well-suited to automation, making it ideal for mass production control.

DIMENSIONAL CONTROL OF PACKAGING PRODUCTS

OPTICAL MICROMETERS

*Controls for external dimensions:
diameters, conicity, etc.*

In an optical micrometer, the measured object is placed between an illuminator and an optical sensor. An image of the shadow cast by the object is digitally processed to determine its external dimensions. Measurement is fast and non-contact.



VISION INSPECTION

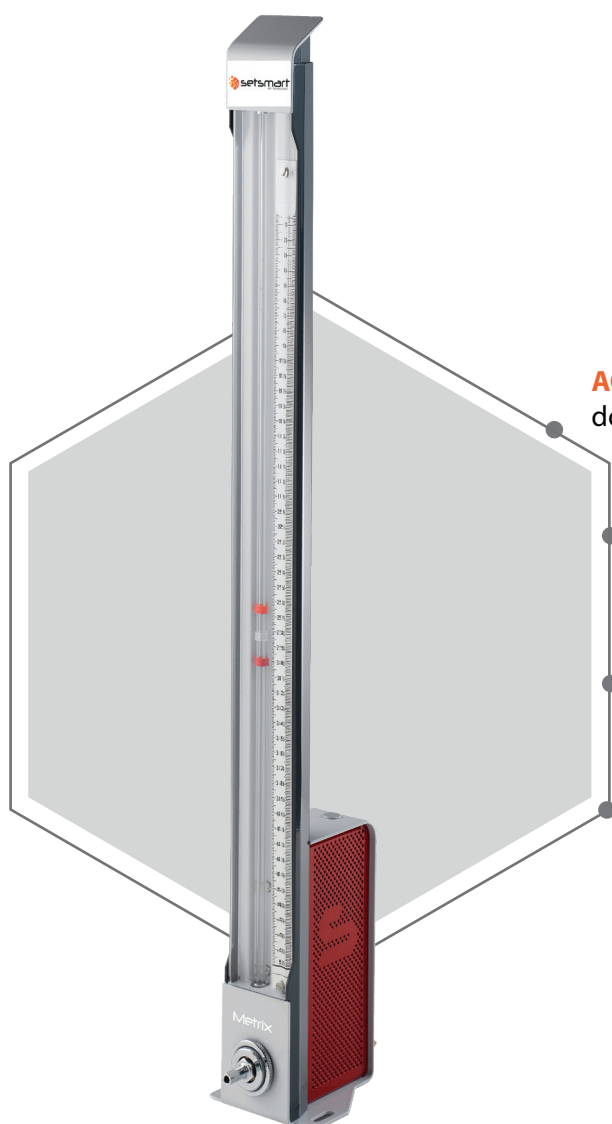
Labeling, no-spatter, code reading controls

An image of the object is taken by a specialized sensor. Control is then performed using image processing software, which detects the presence of an element (label, splash) on the surface of the part, or reads the mark code.



METRIX ONE

YOUR ACCESSIBLE SOLUTION FOR PNEUMATIC DIMENSION CONTROL



ACCURATE AND PRECISE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS

down to micrometers or better, and low R&R

FAST AND EASY CONTROL

quick testing (within seconds), independent of the operator's skills

MATERIAL-FRIENDLY CONTROL

with contactless pneumatic sensors that preserve the material's integrity

MADE-TO-MEASURE ANYWHERE

Installation possible in any work environment

METRIX ONE FOR SMALL APERTURES

Measurable diameter	0.2 to 3 mm (others on request)
Measurement uncertainty	± 10 to $\pm 150 \mu\text{m}^*$

METRIX ONE FOR LARGER DIMENSIONS

Measurable dimension	2 to 300 mm
Measurement uncertainty	± 0.1 to $\pm 3 \mu\text{m}^{**}$
Controllable tolerance interval	15 to 200 μm

GENERAL

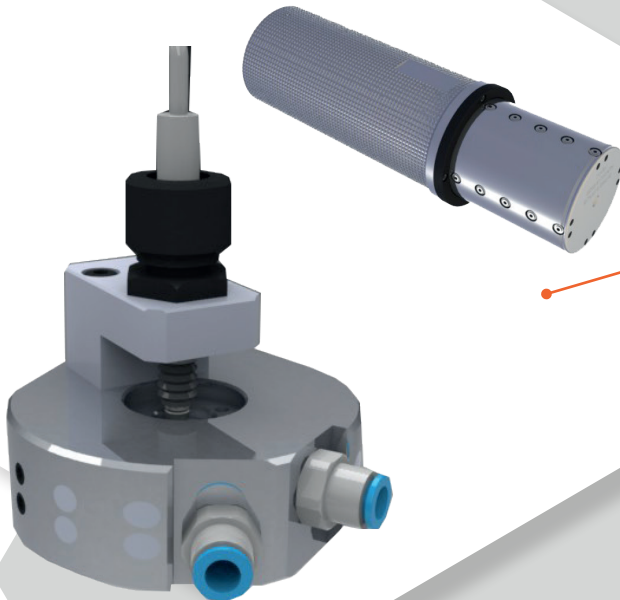
Dimensions of the base column (H / D / L)	730 / 112 / 96 mm
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* Depends on the measured diameter and on the calibrant's dimension uncertainty

** Depends on the tolerance interval to be controlled, and on the calibrant's dimension uncertainty

DIMENSIONAL CONTROL

NON-CONTACT TECHNOLOGY



A **specific measuring tool** is applied to the part to be checked (ring, plug).

The controlled dimension is represented by a height of liquid, read on a graduated ruler.

This height is compared to the height read for a part of ideal size (standard), and the part is accepted if the height difference is within the defined tolerance interval.



METRIX OD

FOR PRECISE OUTER DIAMETER CONTROL



ACCURATE AND PRECISE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS

down to micrometers or better, and low R&R

FAST AND EASY CONTROL

quick testing (within seconds), independent of the operator's skills

ULTRA HIGH PRECISION

with contact (tactile) transducers, also allowing for more measurement points over a smaller area

PRESERVATION OF THE CONTROLLED PART'S INTEGRITY

with contactless pneumatic sensors, that can also be used for online continuous control

UNATTENDED OPERATION

with automation, allowing operators to focus on value-added work

CONTACTLESS

Technology	Pneumatic
Measurement uncertainty – moving part	+/- 5 μm or better
Measurement uncertainty – static part	+/-0.1 to +/-3 μm *

CONTACT

Technology	LVDT
Tactile transducers resolution	0.1 μm
Measurement uncertainty – static part	+/- 5 μm or better

GENERAL

Type of control	Diameter, Concentricity and more on request
Measurement cycle time	Within seconds

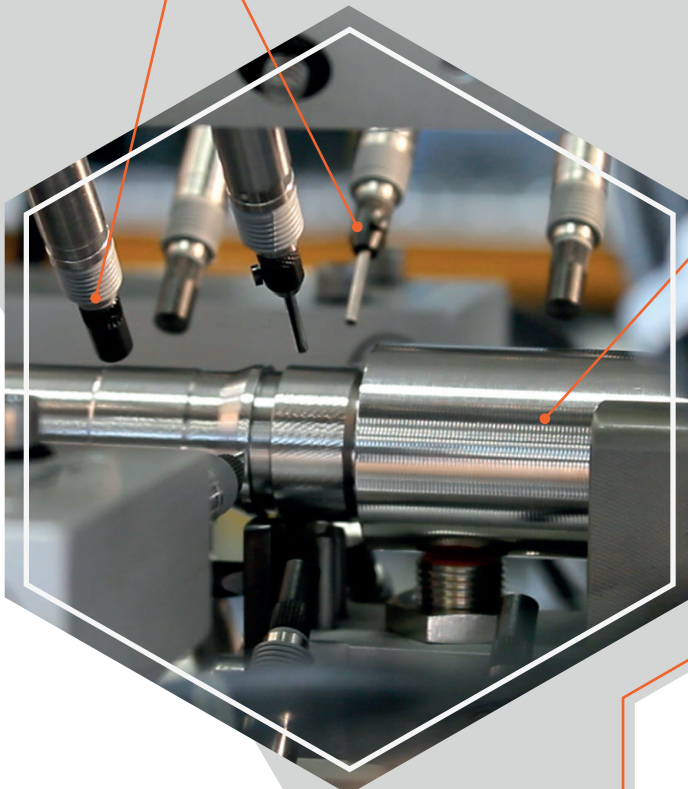
* Depends on the tolerance interval to be controlled, and on the standard part's dimension uncertainty

OUTER DIAMETER CONTROL

TACTILE & NON-CONTACT TECHNOLOGIES

Various contact or contactless measurement transducers are used to fit your control requirements in terms of accuracy, density of measurement points, or parts robustness. Contactless transducers allow for online control, on continuously moving parts.

Positioning the controlled part is achieved by **automated systems**, making the use and measurements of METRIX OD user-independent.



Software provides information for quick decisions (good /bad / unclear) and more detailed analysis (e.g. parts profiles, statistics).

METRIX ID

FOR THE MOST DEMANDING INNER DIAMETER CONTROL



ACCURATE AND PRECISE DIAMETER MEASUREMENTS

Down to micrometers or better, and low R&R

VERSATILE MEASUREMENT

Adaptable to parts of varying diameters, shapes, and control depths. One base unit can be connected to various sensors for multiple measurements.

FAST AND EASY CONTROL

Quick testing (within seconds), independent of the operator's skills

MADE-TO-MEASURE ANYWHERE

Installation possible in any work environment

METRIX ID FOR SMALL APERTURES

Measurable diameter	0.2 to 3 mm (others on request)
Measurement uncertainty	+/-10 to +/-150 μm^*

METRIX ID FOR LARGER BORES OR TUBES

Measurable diameter	2 to 300 mm
Measurement uncertainty	+/-0.1 to +/-3 μm^{**}
Controllable tolerance interval	15 to 200 μm

GENERAL

Type of control	Diameter, Conicity, Ovalization
Measurement cycle time	Within seconds
Dimensions of the base unit (H / D / L)	330 / 185 / 95 mm

* Depends on the measured diameter and on the calibrant's dimension uncertainty

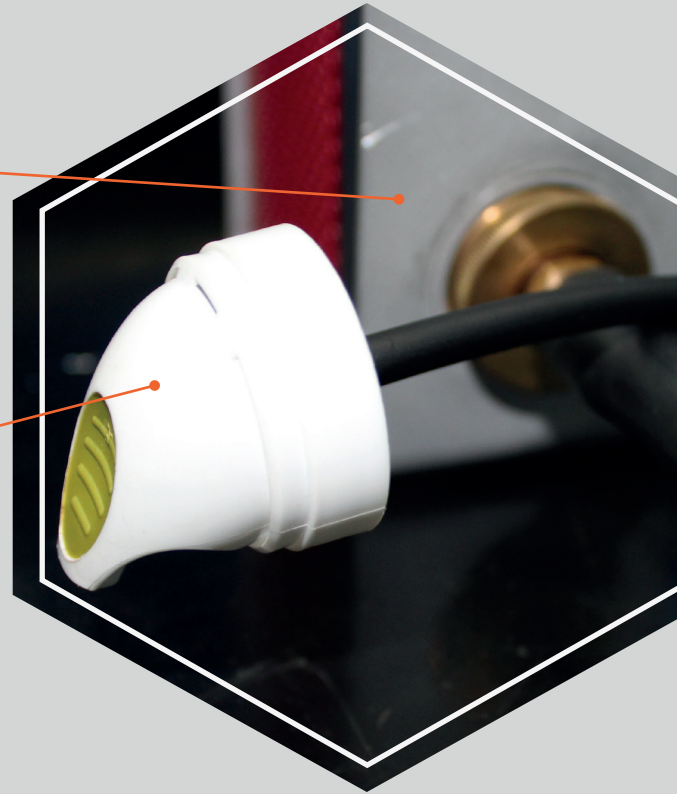
** Depends on the tolerance interval to be controlled, and the standard part's dimension uncertainty

INNER DIAMETER CONTROL

TACTILE OR NON-CONTACT TECHNOLOGIES

The base unit provides compressed air to the sensor and **compares the measurement** with the calibrated value.

Sensors for small apertures
(like spray nozzles) are directly connected on the part to be controlled.



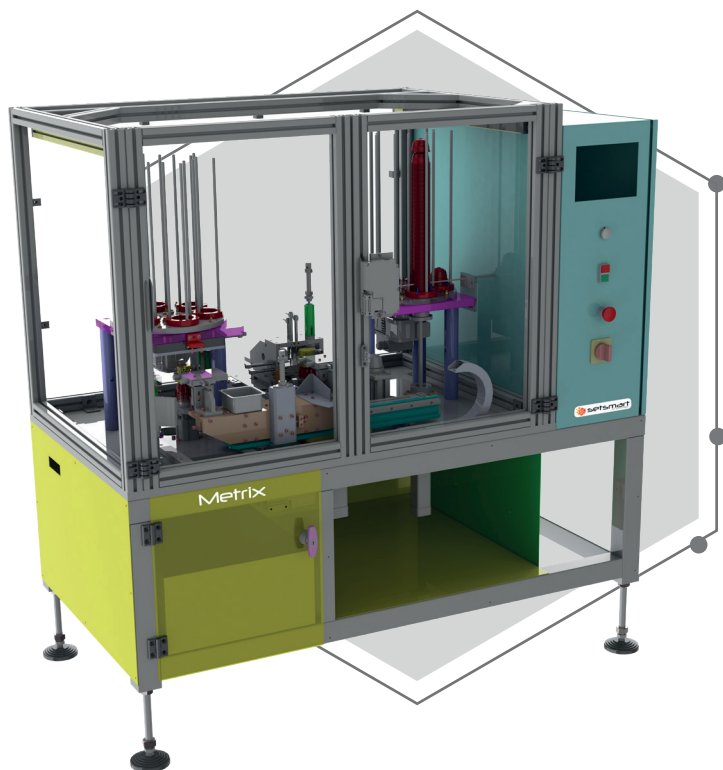
Sensors for larger bores or tubes are inserted in the controlled part, at a set depth.
Their diameters and lengths depend on the controlled part.

They bear two or more control points to **check more than one diameter and detect defects like conicity or ovalization.**

Software provides simple information (good / bad / unclear) and statistical analysis.

METRIX GEO

YOUR VERSATILE SHAPE CONTROL SOLUTION



VERSATILE SHAPE AND GEOMETRY MEASUREMENTS

- Of straightness, perpendicularity, parallelism, roundness, coaxiality, concentricity, depths of grooves, etc
- Of various types of objects : the number and positions of sensors are tailored to the part's design

ACCURATE AND PRECISE CONTROL

Based on contact (tactile) transducers, contactless pneumatic transducers or a combination of both

OPTION FOR UNATTENDED OPERATION

With automation, allowing operators to focus on value-added work

CONTACTLESS

Technology	Pneumatic
Measurement uncertainty	+/- 5 μ m or better*

CONTACT

Technology	LVDT
Tactile transducers resolution	0.1 μ m
Measurement uncertainty	+/- 5 μ m or better*

GENERAL

Type of control	Straightness, perpendicularity, parallelism, roundness, coaxiality, concentricity, depths of grooves, etc
Measurement cycle time	Within seconds

* Depends on the part controlled, and on the calibrant's dimension uncertainty

SHAPE DEFECT CONTROL

TACTILE, NON-CONTACT OR LASER TECHNOLOGIES

Contact transducers provide ultra high precision measurements. They allow for many measuring points within a small area.

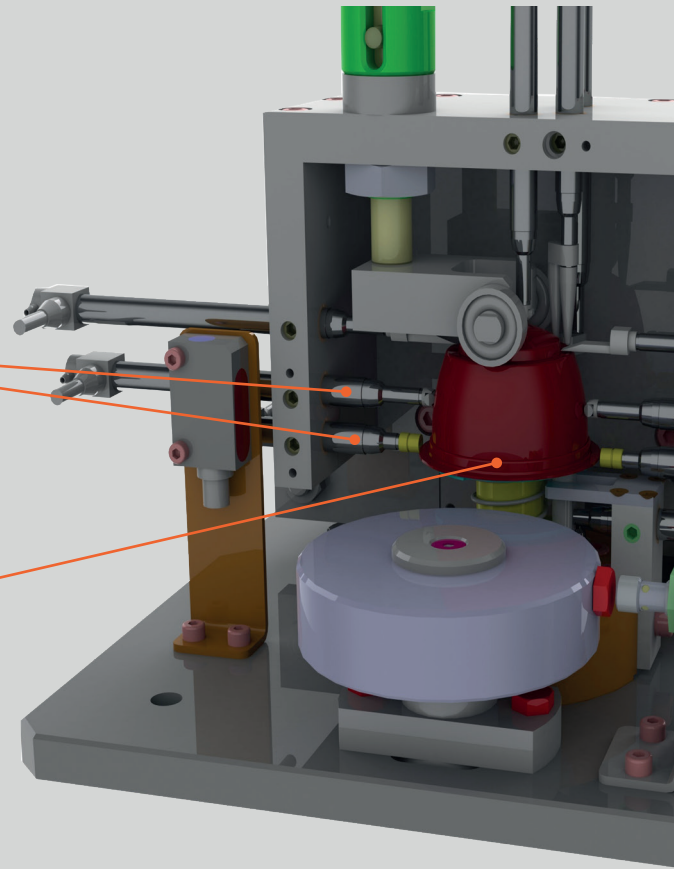
Unlike optical methods, they can **measure parts regardless of their color or surface condition.**

The controlled part is placed on a rotating stand. If sensors detect a fluctuation of it's diameter, the part is deformed.

The loading, measurement, unloading, marking and sorting **of the part can be automated.**

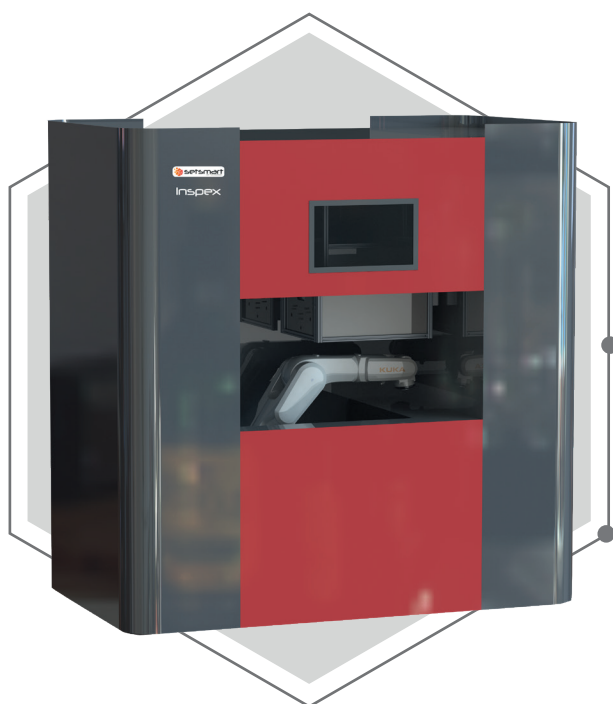
Contactless pneumatic transducers can be used to **control outside shapes (with air rings) or inside shapes (with air plugs).**

The air plug shown here controls the coaxiality of two bores.



INSPEX OUT

VERSATILE INSPECTION SOLUTION BY INDUSTRIAL VISION



VERSATILE CONTROL

- Surface defects (cracks, scratches, deformation, etc), incorrect assemblies (absence or wrong positioning of screws, connectors, etc), finish (color, burr, etc), dimensions, foreign objects
- On mono or multi-material parts and systems of various sizes and shapes

FAST AND EASY INSPECTION

- Achieved in a few seconds, user independent
- Non-destructive, non-intrusive, adapted to online control

AUTOMATION OPTIONS

Loading and unloading of parts, camera angles, sorting and marking, etc

PERFORMANCE

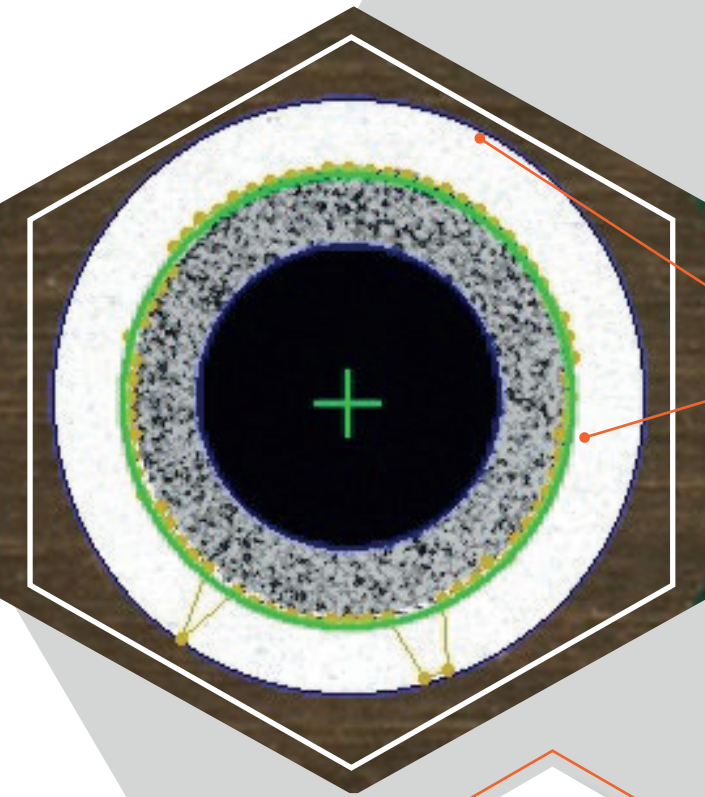
Imaging system*	Frame 1*	Frame 2*
	CMOS 3000x2208 pixel monochromatic camera	CMOS 640x480 pixel monochromatic camera
	Up to 5 frames per second	Up to 60 frames per second
	Focal length 25mm	Focal length 12mm
	Aperture F/1.4 to F/22	Aperture F/1.4 to F/16
Measurement uncertainty - dimensions**	0.25 mm	
Measurement uncertainty - area**	0.9 mm ²	
Cycle time	Within seconds	
GENERAL		
Dimensions in mm* (H / D / L)	1940 / 1150 / 1884	

*Typical values, can be tailored to your control requirements

**Guideline values, depend on the controlled part

INSPECTION BY VISION

VISION OR LASER TECHNOLOGIES



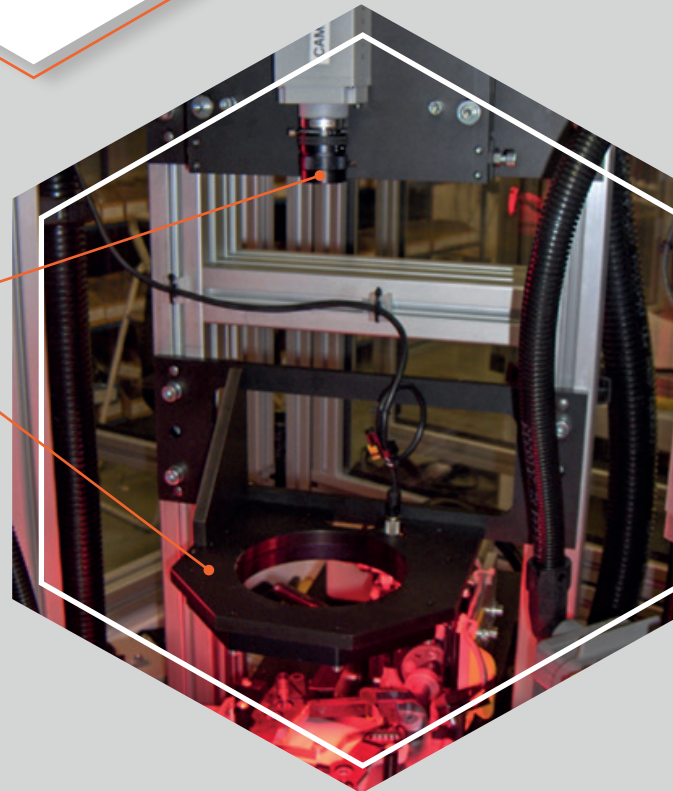
Several inspection points (regions of interest) **are automatically treated** for measurements or detection.

They are identified by comparing the part's picture with a compliant parts' photo library.

Parts handling is automated using robots, conveyors, etc. They can be automatically sorted based on the inspection results.

Vision technologies (cameras, lighting) are selected and combined **to obtain the best picture for the part's control.**
Several pictures can be shot by several cameras, or by placing the part at different angles in front of one camera.

One machine's software and robot can handle several parts, with a possibility of automated identification of the part.





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