

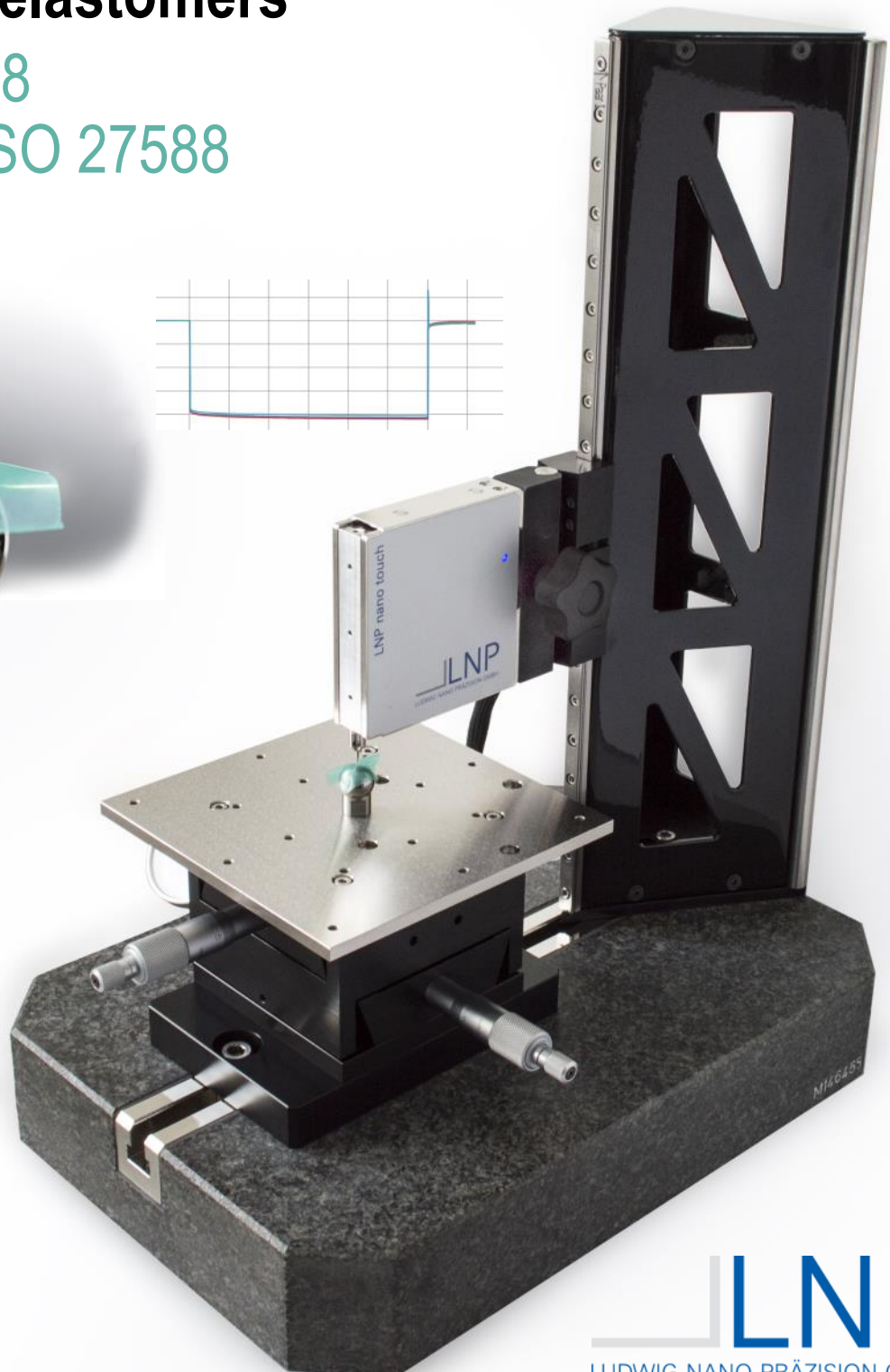
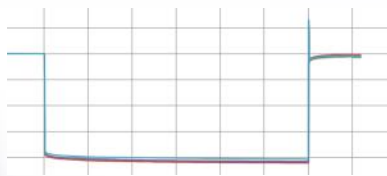
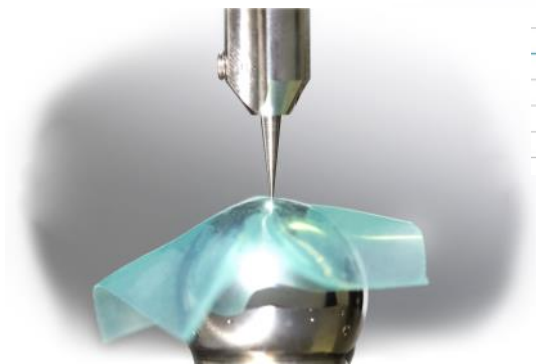
LNP nano touch

The groundbreaking solution for material testing and geometry acquisition

Hardness measurement of rubber and elastomers

IRHD ISO 48

VLRH DIN ISO 27588



- Deterioration
- Adhesion
- Immediate
- Precise
- Fully automated

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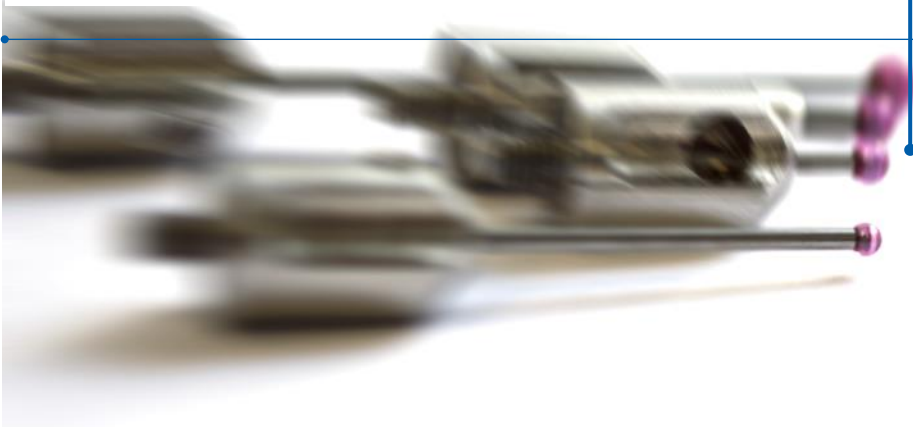
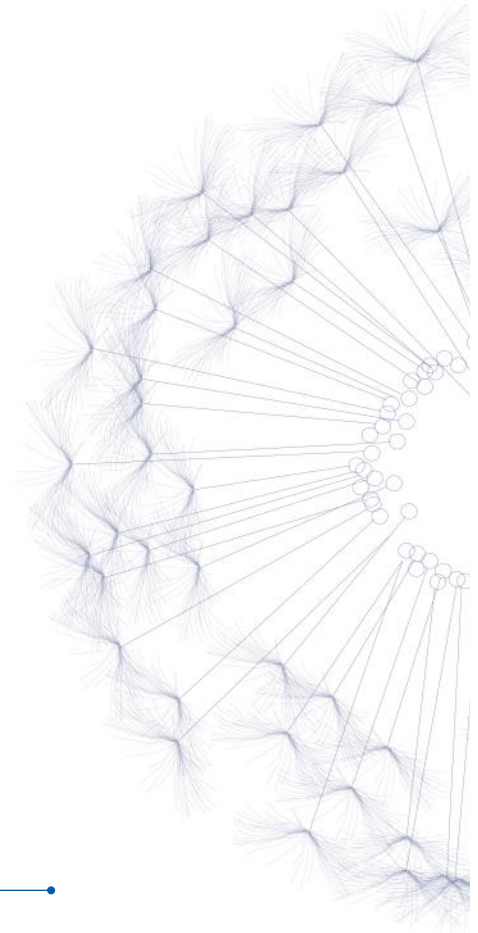


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Article: Methodology (DIK Aktuell december 2013)

Studies of stiffness and adhesion via micro indenters



Contact processes of elastomers with other materials don't only happen on macroscopically, but also microscopically. These microscopical contacts have a high degree of relevance for technological questions, for example the highness of the friction coefficient. To simulate these contacts in a laboratory and to study the material behavior punctually or under defined conditions, micro indenters are used. For this, the German Center for Rubber Technology has the micro indenter "LNP nano touch" by the Ludwig Nano Präzision GmbH available as a loan. This indenter possesses a measuring range from 1nm up to 4mm and a variable measuring force from 0.6 up to 1500mN. The measurements can be operated by either force or distance control. Having interchangeable indenter pins, probings can be performed with a variety of different pin geometries. At the moment the device is used to determine the adhesion properties of elastomers. For this, a probing pin with definite geometry penetrates the elastomer test specimen and then gets removed from the surface again.

The occurring forces and paths the probing pin covers during this process, are continuously recorded. In the contact area between the indenter pin and the elastomer a mechanical cohesion arises during the indentation process from molecular interactions between the two components. This mechanical cohesion ensures that the elastomer material basically sticks to the needle point during the removal of the probing needle, until the needle rapidly yanks off. The measured traction forces during the pull-off movement provide information about the adhesion properties of the elastomer material.

To simulate different contact processes, this form of measurement can be performed with a variety of probing needle geometries and indentation and removal speeds. Furthermore the local deformation of the material can be examined in detail, by the combination of the indenter measurement with photogrammetric methods.

Article: Microhardness measurement directly on the workpiece (Materialkompass 2/2013)



Mikrohärtemessung direkt am Werkstück



Die Messung der Mikrohärt (IRHD M) ist ein wichtiges Instrument zur Bestimmung der Materialeigenschaften von Elastomeren. Bei herkömmlichen Testgeräten ist es bei größeren Produkten meist nötig kleine Probstücke aus dem fertigen Werkstück zu schneiden oder extra Prüfplatten herzustellen, um messen zu können.

Mit dem LNP nano touch hat die Ludwig Nano Präzision GmbH einen innovativen Messanalyzer entwickelt, mit dem es erstmals möglich ist, zerstörungsfreie Mikro IRHD-Kugeldruckhärtemessungen an gummielastischen Materialien mit einem tragbaren Gerät direkt im Herstellungsprozess durchzuführen. Im Gegensatz zu konventionellen Härtemessern wird die Ringkraft auf das Werkstück nicht durch einen spindelgetriebenen Tisch erzeugt, sondern mittels eines Andruckadapters, so dass das Messmittel direkt auf die Probe, also beispielsweise auf Plattenmaterial oder auf der Walze, aufgesetzt werden kann.

Die einzelnen Messungen inklusive des Antastens der Oberfläche erfolgen dann auf Knopfdruck vollautomatisch und normgerecht. Anhand der Daten können weitere Informationen z.B. über das Fließen des Materials oder eventuelles Rückfedern bei der instantanen Aufbringung der Messkraft gewonnen werden. Auch die Bestimmung des E-Moduls nach Scott ist Teil der Messdatenanalyse. Der LNP nano touch verfügt über eine äußerst kompakte und leichte Bauweise und ist aufgrund der patentierten, reibungslosen Führung des Messbolzens hochpräzise. Die Kraftanregung geschieht elektromagnetisch, so dass die Messkraft stufenlos variiert werden kann. Die auf diese Art generierten Kraftwerte sind deutlich genauer als bei konventionellen per Feder- oder Gewichtskraft betriebenen Messgeräten.

Die freie Variation der Kraftwerte, die sowohl dynamisch als auch konstant aufgebracht werden können, erlaubt eine Vielzahl an weiteren Messmethoden. Ohne den Mikro IRHD-Andruckadapter können mit dem LNP nano touch unter anderem auch Biegemodulmessungen an Mikro-Kunststoffproben durchgeführt werden oder die Adhäsion von Klebeschichten oder Gummioberflächen gemessen werden. Außerdem ist die Bestimmung des E-Moduls nach Scott an Gummiprodukten wie z.B. O-Ringen möglich, bei denen eine Mikro IRHD-Messung aufgrund der Bauform nicht normgerecht durchführbar ist.

Die Wegmessung über ein Inkrementalskalensystem geschieht mit höchster Auflösung von wenigen Nanometern, so dass auch kleinste Veränderungen der Eindringtiefe verlässlich detektiert werden können. Im Vergleich zu handelsüblichen Härtemessgeräten ist die Genauigkeit der IRHD-Messungen mit dem LNP nano touch um mehr als einen Faktor zehn besser.

Das Mikro IRHD-Messgerät ist Teil eines modularen Systems, zu dem neben einer manuellen auch eine motorisierte Z-Säule oder ein Fünfachsenkreuztisch mit Messuhr gehören.

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The measurement of microhardness (IRHD M) is an important instrument for the determination of material properties of elastomers. With bigger products, customary testing devices need to have small samples cut out of the finished workpiece, or special test plates have to be produced to be able to take measurements. The LNP nano touch is an innovative measurement sensor developed by the Ludwig Nano Präzision GmbH. For the first time it allows the user to non-destructively measure micro IRHD indentation hardness on rubber elastic materials with a portable device directly during the production process. Contrary to conventional hardness measurement devices, the circular force towards the work piece is not generated by a spindle driven table, but by using a contact pressure adapter. Therefore the measurement equipment can be placed directly on the sample.

The different measurements, including the probing of the surface, result fully automatically and conforming to standards at only the click of a button. Using the resulting data, additional information can be obtained, for example about the flow of the material or possible springback of the instant appliance of the measuring force. The determination of the E-modulus after Scott is also part of the measuring data analysis. Designed in a compact and light manner and because of its patented frictionless bearing of the measuring bolt the LNP nano touch works with very high precision. Because of the force being created electromagnetically the measuring force is continuously adjustable. The resulting force value is notably more precise than conventional springloaded or weight force operated measuring devices.

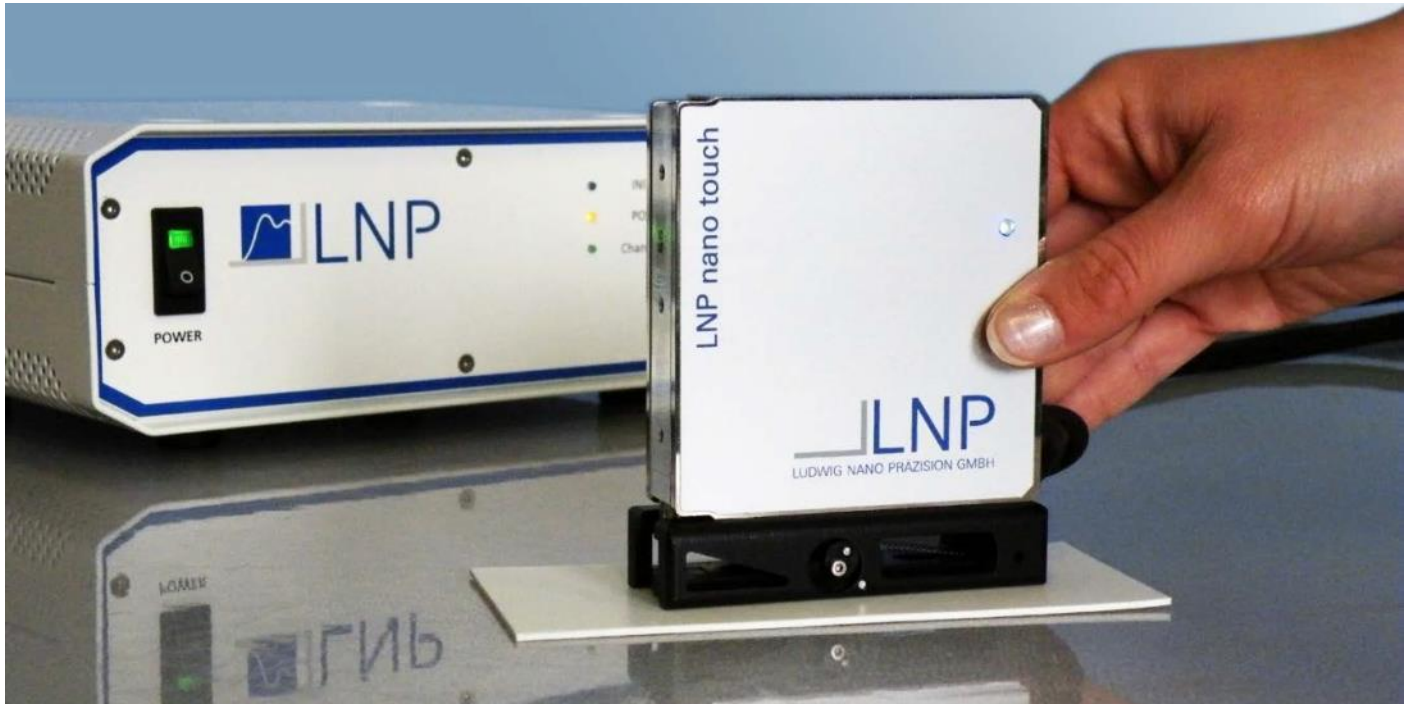
A variety of measuring methods is possible, due to the free variation of force values that can be applied dynamically or constantly. Even without the micro IRHD contact pressure adapter, the LNP nano touch can measure the Young's modulus (bending) on micro plastic samples and also adhesion of adhesive layers or rubber surfaces. Furthermore the determination of the E-modulus after Scott on rubber products like o-rings is possible, even though micro IRHD measurements cannot be carried out according to standard due to the design of the product.

The displacement measurement via an incremental scale system allows very high resolution of only a few nanometers and as a result even the smallest change of the penetration depth can be reliably detected. Compared to customary hardness measurement devices, the accuracy of the IRHD measurements with the LNP nano touch is more than a factor of ten better.

The micro IRHD measurement device is part of a modular system, which consists of a manual and also a motorized z-pillar or a five axis cross table with dial gauge.

The LNP nano touch

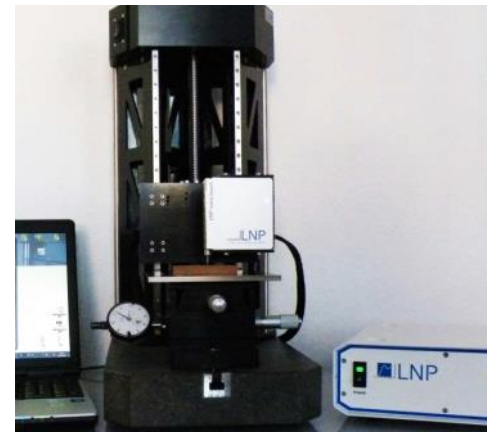
Measure a huge variety of geometric and material properties with the force sensor LNP nano touch!



Free measurement conforming to standards of IRHD and VLRH on even and slab workpieces

Highest modularity with additional equipment

- Motor-driven and manual z-stand, mobile measurement directly on the workpiece
- Motor-driven and manual cross-tables, USB camera and measuring microscope
- Extensive parts holder program: angular adjustable parallel vices, gauge block holders, support rings for O-rings, contact lenses, ...
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Motorised z stand

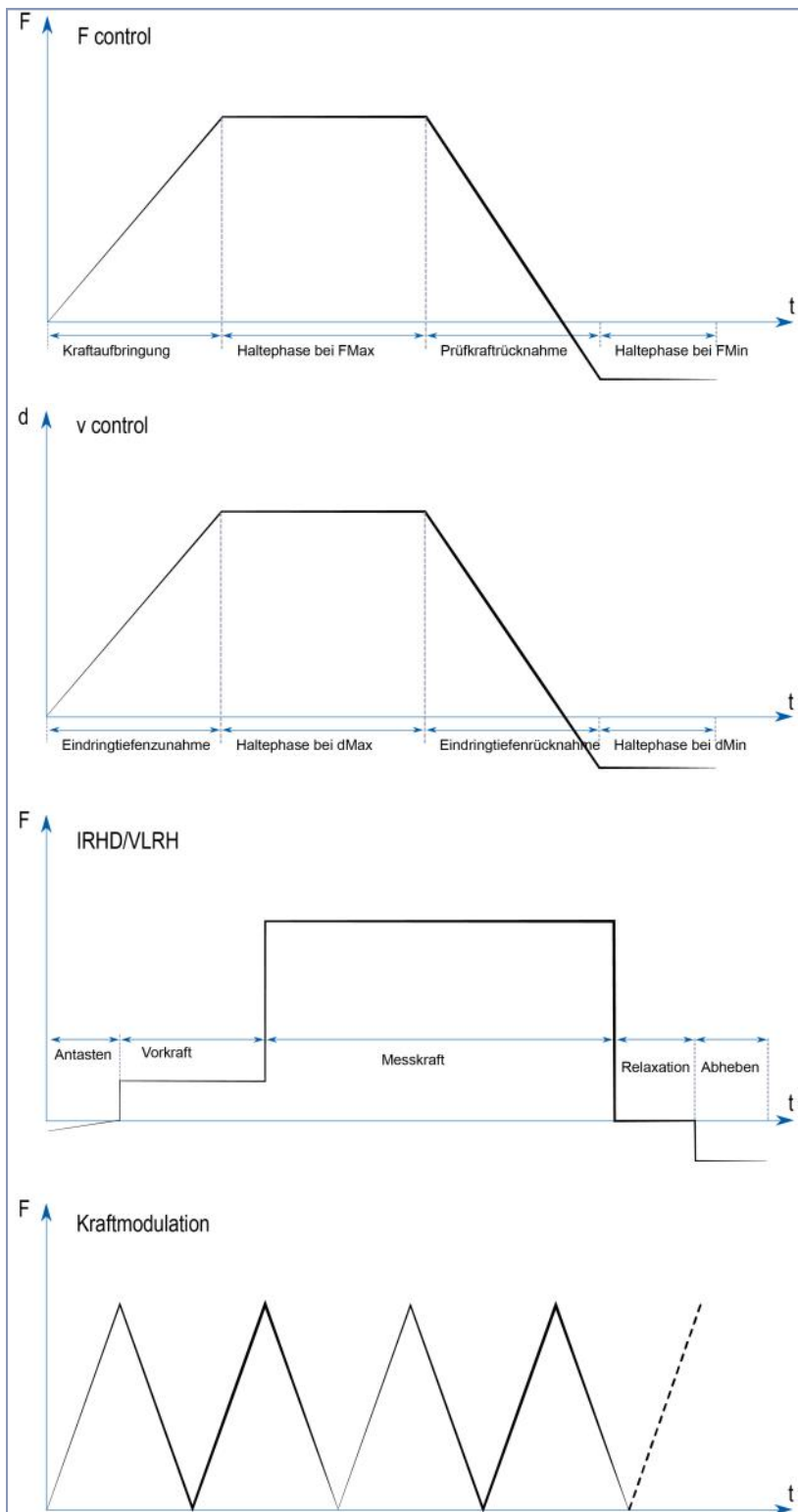
Operationally reliable::

- Fully automated measurements and self-calibration
- Operational safety due to automatic self-test before every measurement
- Dirt repellent and fatigue resistant
- Temperature control
- Modular construction – Exchange of the indenter by the user
- A variety of probe tip geometries available

Future-proof PC connection

- USB (RS232 on request)
- MS-Desktop based software, export of measured data into MS Excel
- Desktop or Laptop PC with Win7 64Bit and Office 2010/2013

Configurable measurements - graphs



Configurable measurements for the following parameters:

F control

- Size and length of probing force interval of load application / unload
- Position / duration of maintaining phase
- Number of repetitions

v control

- Speed of the probe tip movement
- Position / duration of maintaining phase
- **Number of repetitions**

Constant

- Measurement time
- Probing force

IRHD

- our probing forces with corresponding measurement time

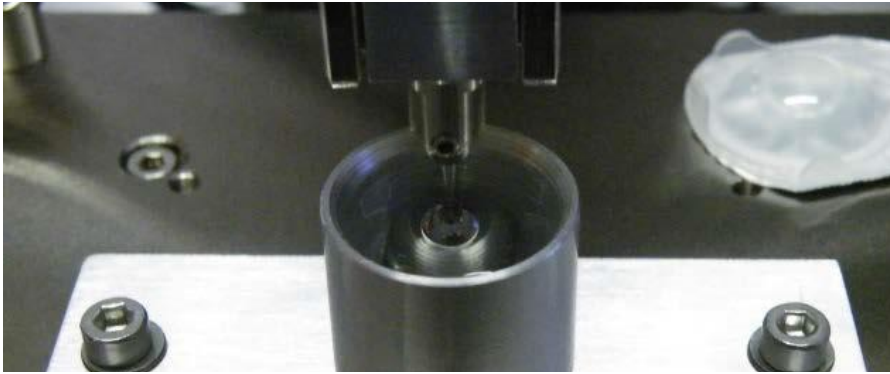
Variable

- Maximal measurement force
- Size and length of probing force interval
- **Number of repetitions**

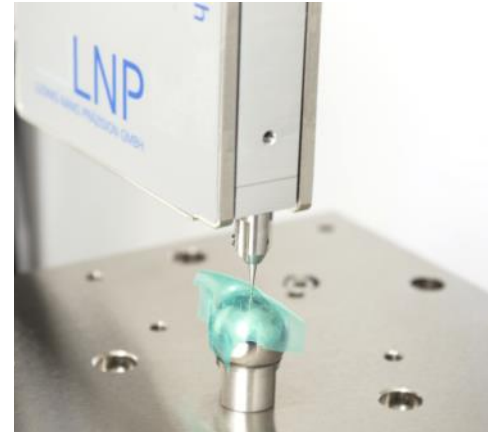
IRHD M and VLRH with the LNP nano touch

(DIN ISO 48, ISO 48, ASTM D 1415, BS 903: Part A26; VLRH DIN ISO 27588)

Application examples



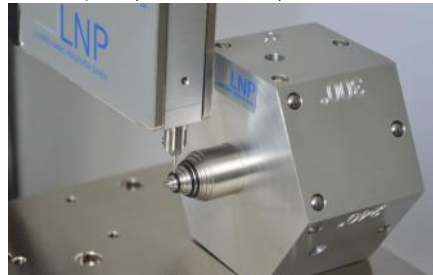
Young's modulus and hardness of thin layers (contact lenses)



*Young's modulus and hardness of thin layers
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Young's modulus and hardness of free-form surfaces



IRHD measurement on o-rings

IRHD M (ISO 48)

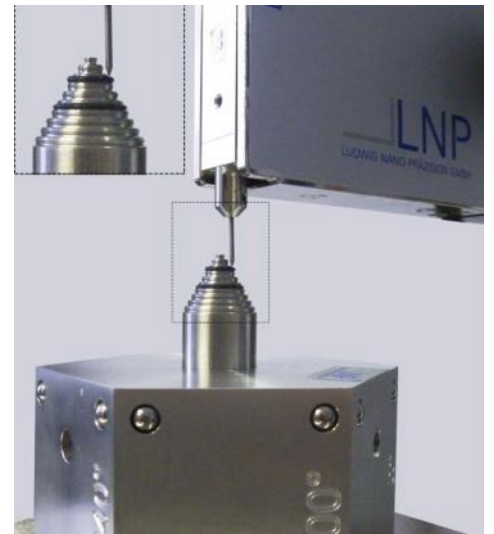
- Directly on the workpiece
- On thin layers
- Including penetration and relaxation



Free measurement of cylindrical workpieces, eg tires



Measurement of IRHD and VLRH with ring adapter on the stand at standard test



Free measurement of o-rings (radial and front)

The innovative force sensor of the LNP nano touch makes a measurement of IRHD M and VLRH possible in an unprecedented quality – on the measuring column or directly on the workpiece.

IRHD M M and VLRH with the LNP nano touch

(DIN ISO 48, ISO 48, ASTM D 1415, BS 903: Part A26; VLRH according to DIN ISO 27588)

- **According to standard:**
The LNP nano touch fulfils the in DIN ISO 48 set testing requirements.
- **Quick adaptation:**
You only need one measurement device for IRHD M and VLRH.
- **Precision:**
Due to the electromagnetic force generation and optical distance measurement you will get high-precision measurement data.
- **E-Modulus:**
In addition to the degree of hardness you also get information about the E-modulus of the material.
- **Detailed:**
You not only get the degree of hardness and the E-modulus, but also information about the penetration characteristics and the relaxation of the material.
- **Mobile:**
The compact LNP nano touch can be placed directly on top of the workpiece. You don't need to cut out samples of your product or produce special samples.
- **Thin layers :**
The LNP nano touch is able to vary the measurement force, which means you can also determine E-modulus and degree of hardness on thinner layers than the standard usually allows.
- **O-Rings:**
With smaller probe tip radius, the LNP O-ringholder and without ring support the E-modulus and the degree of hardness can be determined radially and on the face side.
- **Production monitoring**
The data can be saved in a meta evaluation and statistically examined. An export to Access- and Q-DAS-databases is possible.



Soon:

Temperature dependency

Measure the degree of hardness and E-modulus of your sample under temperatures from 5°C to 100°C .

Soon:

Aging measurements

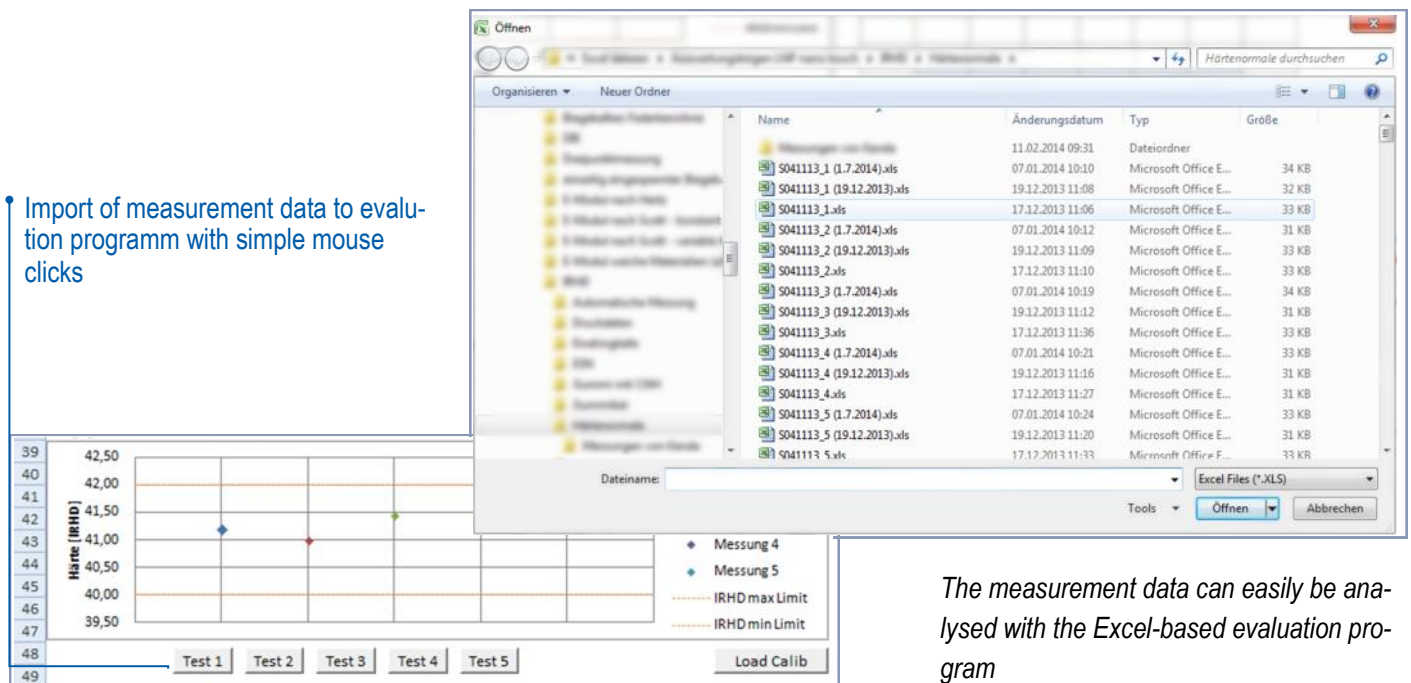
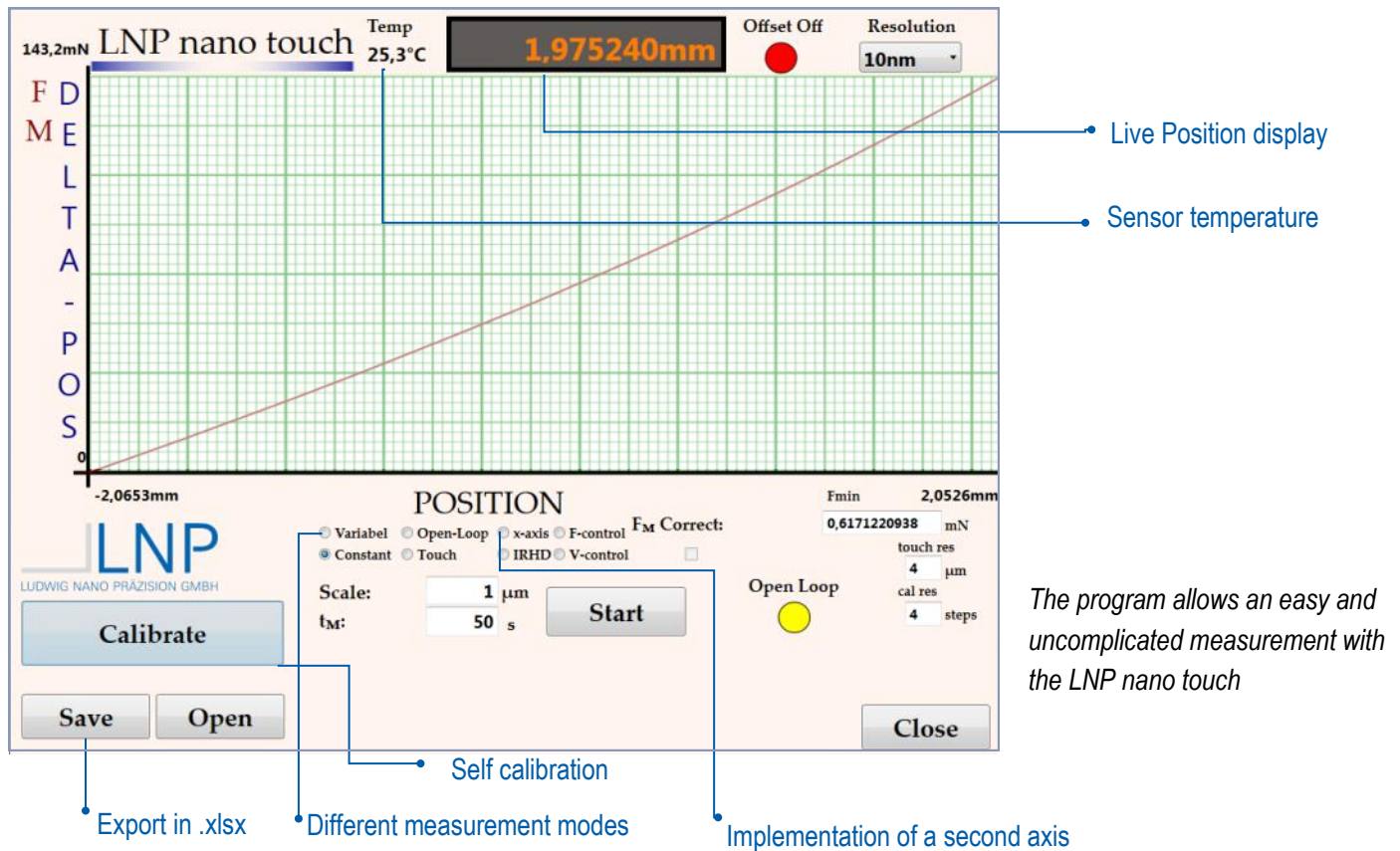
Measure the ageing behavior of your elastomers.

Soon:

Shore 00 und Shore 000



A high-performance evaluation program



Technical data about the IRHD measurement

Volume in mm	H x W x D: 89 x 85 x 20
Weight	600 g
Resolution	Up to 1 nm (Standard 10 nm)
Measurement force	0,6 mN – 1400 mN
Measurement force resolution	0,6 mN
Range	4 mm
Linearity: way:	< 200 mN
Linearity: force	0 - 500 N < 0,3 %



Advantages

- Frictionless bearing
- Compact build
- Optical displacement measurement
- Variable measuring force
- Highest resolution both in distance and force
- Measuring force stays constant, even if you move the tip
- Free positioning in 3D space
- Fully automated probing of work-piece surface

High-performance evaluation program for IRHD

- Future-proof as based on MS Excel
- Intuitive and according to standard
- Export to a PDF measurement protocol and a meta evaluation for statistical overview of your production
- Adjustable tolerance limit for quick identification of outliers

IRHD

- Visualisation of the whole measurement progress
- Zoom function for investigation of load and relaxation behavior
- Evaluation also for measurements with varied parameters (probing tip radius, force) or without support rings
- Selectable tip geometries (radius)
- E-modulus according to Scott and Hertz

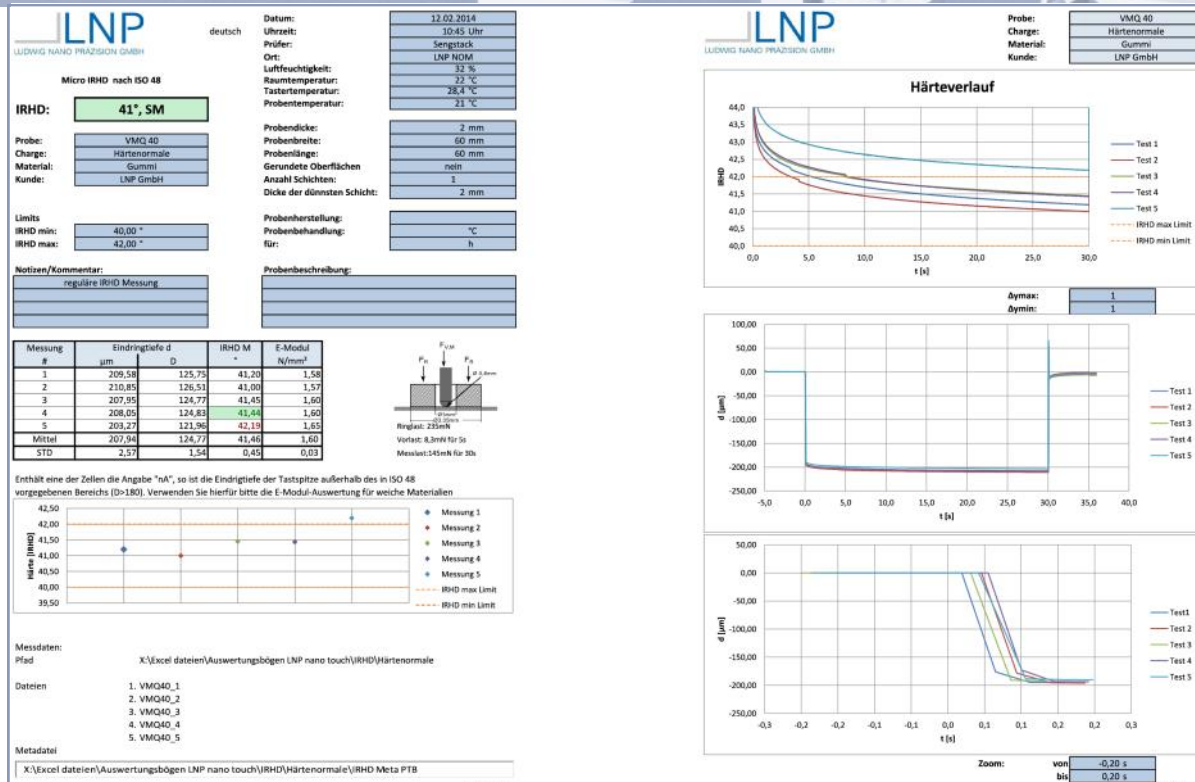
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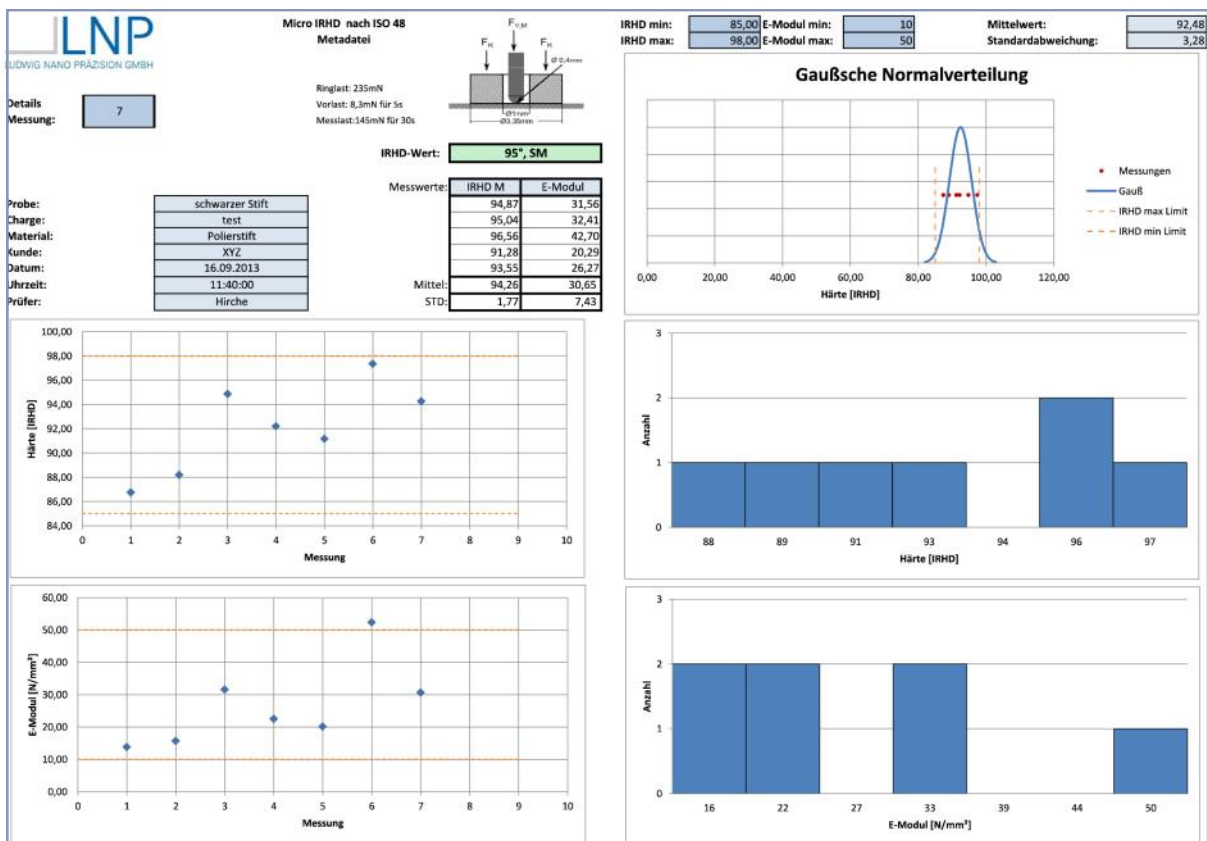
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Examples of use for IRHD and Meta evaluations



IRHD
evaluation



Meta IRHD
evaluation

Accessories for the LNP nano touch

Upgrade your LNP nano touch on with our wide range of accessories!



Manual Stand with T-Notch



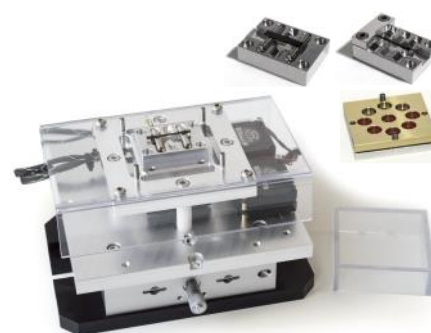
*Manual Stand with
flat granit plate*



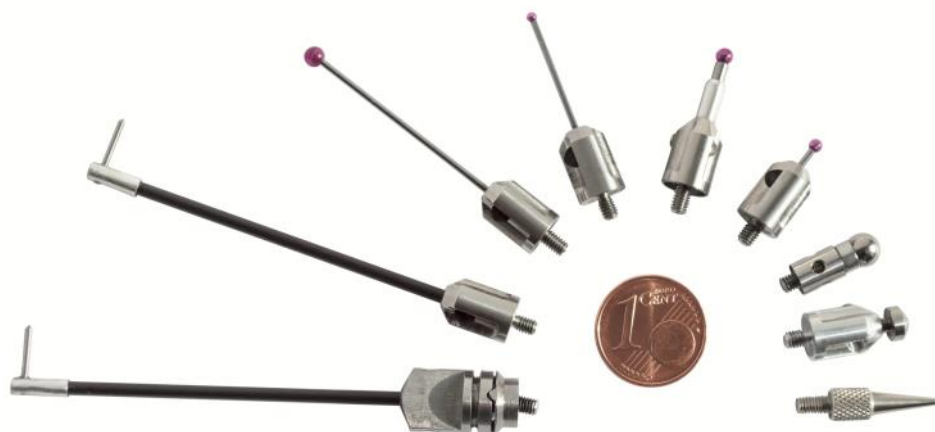
Cross tables 25 mm x 25 mm, 6 mm x 6 mm



O-Ring-Holders and Parallel vices



*Tempering table with changable holders
for different work pieces*



LNP nano touch Tips: hardness tips according to Berkovich and Vickers, ruby tips, diamant tips, hard metall tips



*PTB-certified standard
samples*

