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## PHASED-ARRAY INSPECTION SYSTEM SONOAIR AIR-COUPLED NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING

MADE IN GERMANY



### **ONE STEP AHEAD**

Air-coupled ultrasonic testing is mainly used in process control in production chains and is perfectly suited for testing materials and structures composed of composites (laminates and sandwich structures), ceramics,

concrete, glass, polymers (plastics), wood and metal. Thus, a wide range of inspection tasks e.g. interface detection, bonding characterization, inhomogeneity detection or the detection of internal discontinuities and inclusions can be covered.

In addition, impurities and damage to materials and test pieces are prevented in the production process, thus eliminating costly cleaning steps. Ultimately, this is accompanied by an increase in effectiveness and quality. For highly attenuating materials, the performance of the system is critical. The ultrasonic sensors, the scanning area and the system settings should be flexibly adapted to the test task and the material.

These high expectations are met with the new and modular testing system **SONOAIR**. With the **world's first air-coupled phased -array inspection system** you are one step ahead.

## **INDUSTRIES**

Aerospace
Ship building
Automobile
Wind turbine construction
etc.







## **MEASUREMENT METHODS**

#### TRANSMISSION

Probes are placed on both sides of the test object



**PITCH CATCH** Probes are placed at the same side of the test object



## **COMPONENTS: SCANNER, RACK AND SOFTWARE**



AIR-COUPLED TESTING Inspection of highly attenuating materials



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MODULAR CONCEPT Upgradeable and adaptable system due to the modular concept



AIR-COUPLED PROBES High resolution due to the use of focusing transducers



UP TO 4 CHANNELS Up to 4 transmitter and receiver channels with freely configurable square wave burst transmitters and low noise receiving amplifiers

## WORLD'S FIRST PHASED-ARRAY AIR-COUPLED INSPECTION SYSTEM



#### SOFTWARE

Display of measurement results as A-, B-, C- or D-Scan

Repositioning of measurement gates after the inspection

Storage of the complete A-scans for every measurement point during the testing process (optional)

Individual signal processing algorithms e.g. for filters (optional)



#### TRAINING

Offered in cooperation with the expert for air-coupled ultrasonic testing Forschungszentrum Ultraschall FZ-U (research center for ultrasonics)

With theoretical lectures and practical demonstrations the training sessions provide a profound introduction into the subject. Participants also have the opportunity to bring along their own material samples in order to inspect them with experts.

Contact: www.fz-u.de



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## **APPLICATIONS: MATERIALS, COMPOUNDS AND STRUCTURES**













## DIDN'T FIND YOUR APPLICATION? CONTACT US!

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- CFRP
- 📕 GFRP
- Honey Comb Structures
- Laminates
- Thin Metal Bonds



- Concrete
  - Rubber
  - Foams
- Wood

## We conduct feasibility studies!















## **TECHNICAL DATA**

GENERAL DATA			
19" unit consisting of	PC with Windows and software; Digitizer 16 Bit, 100 MS/s; Transmitter unit; Receiver unit		
Operating temperature	5 to 40 °C		
Network interface	1 GBit/s LAN		
Protection class	IP20		
Standards	IEC 61010, IEC 60204		
TRANSMITTER			
Number of channels	Unlimited		
Pulse height of the output signals	Up to 400 V (optional up to 800 V)		
Frequency range	35 to 750 kHz		
Maximum power	2 kW (400 V), 4 KW (800 V)		
Square wave burst transmitter	Freely configurable (the pulse width can be selected individually for every square wave pulse of the burst)		
RECEIVER			

Unlimited

1 nV/√Hz

SCANNER			
Scanning area (X x Y x Z)	500 x 500 x 160 mm		
Positioning accuracy	20 µm		
Scanning increment	Minimum 50 μm		
PROBES			
SONOSCAN CF series with robust stainless steel housing			
Frequency range	50 kHz to 400 kHz		
Relative sensitivity	Up to -30 dB		
Resolution	Up to 2 mm		
Focusing	Permanent focus with shaped lens or electronically adaptable focus with		

#### SOFTWARE

Easy to operate and intuitive graphic user interface

Separate windows for parametrization of the system components (transmitter, receiver, scanner)

multi channel Fresnel zone design

Individual screen layout

Storing of complete A-scans for every measurement point during the testing process

Repositioning of the gates after the measurement

Individual signal processing algorithms e.g. for filters

Display of the test results as A-, B-, C- or D-Scan

Storing and documentation of complete data sets

## **EXAMPLE OF MEASUREMENT RESULT**

25 to 650 kHz (optional up to 3 MHz)

0 to 120 dB, 0.5 dB increment



fax

web

C-Scan and D-Scan of honey comb structure with impact damages

Frequency: 200 KHz

#### SALES & SUPPORT

Number of channels

**Frequency range** 

Gain

Noise

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