High-Resolution Digimatic Measuring Unit LITEMATIC VL-50-B/50S-B



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Low and constant measuring force of 0.01N, 0.15N, or 1N



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FEATURES

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• Patent registered (Japan), Patent pending (Japan)

Ideal for measuring the thickness or height of a workpiece that can be easily affected by the measuring force

- With a measuring force of only 0.01N, the Litematic is ideal for measuring easily deformed workpieces or high-accuracy components.
- For workpieces for which 0.01N is insufficient, either the 0.15N or 1N model is recommended.
- The spindle is motor-driven and stops when the contact point touches the workpiece. From then on, the maximum, minimum, or difference value can be measured using a constant measuring force.

High-accuracy measurement

 High resolution down to 0.01µm and a wide 50mm measurement range. The use of a low thermal-expansion material for the spindle and ceramic for the measuring table minimizes the effect of temperature variation during use. The unit is rust-free, simplifying maintenance and management.

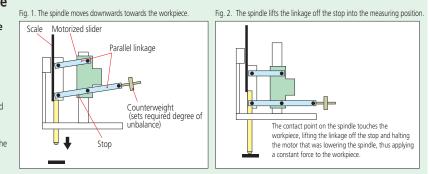


Constant measuring force principle

An unbalanced, parallel-link structure enables the Litematic to offer a low and constant measuring force.

The Litematic's measuring force is not provided by a spring but comes from a structure resembling a balance scale. We call this a "parallel linkage." A motorized slider carrying the linked spindle moves down its guideway while the linkage is supported on a stop, as shown in Fig 1. When the spindle contacts the workpiece (Fig. 2) it moves the linkage up off the stop and the motor is halted. At this point the linkage is now supported by the workpiece, and thus a constant measuring force is applied.





Measurement Applications

Rubber and plastic If the workpiece is soft the risk of indentation may be reduced by replacing the standard contact point with one of larger radius, such as an optional carbide-ball type. Plastic Pubber Pubber Pubber Pubber Pubber Pubber

Precision components

The Litematic can be used as a high-precision displacement gage.

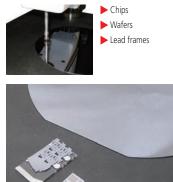


Medical and pharmaceutical products

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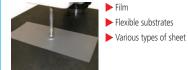






Film and sheet

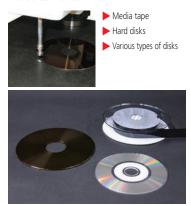
If the workpiece flexes, making accurate measurement impossible, using a type with a larger measuring force or adding a weight to the spindle may be effective.





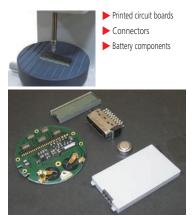
Media discs

For this type of workpiece the smallest measuring force available is recommended.



Electronic components

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FUNCTIONS

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• Control panel/Display Unit



• Rear panel (switches and connectors)

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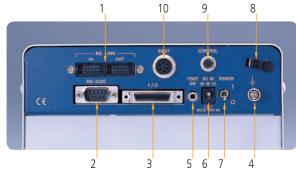
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Key function	
Key	Function
1) Up	Moves the spindle up only while the key is pressed.
2) Down	Moves the spindle down only while the key is pressed. Used to touch the contact point on a workpiece to make a measurement.
3) Rapid Up	Moves the spindle up quickly only while the key is pressed.
4) Rapid Down	Moves the spindle down quickly only while the key is pressed.
5) ZERO	Sets the origin at any position of the spindle. Also, it zero-sets all display values for difference measurements. This key can be used to clear an error.
6) PRESET	Allows the currently displayed value to be set from the keyboard, irrespective of spindle position. Often used in conjunction with gauge blocks.
7) MODE	Selects and sets one of various measurement modes such as MAX/MIN measurement.
8) LIMIT	Enters tolerance limits for tolerance judgment.
9) TEACH	Sets up the position memory.
10) PM1 to Pm3	Moves the spindle to a previously stored position with a single keystroke.

Indicator (LE	D)			
Indicator	Function			
11) GO/NG	Displays the result of a GO/NG judgme	ent.		
12) Sign	Lights to display a minus value.			
13) MAX	Lights in the maximum value mode.	Both light when the measurement is		
14) MIN	Lights in the minimum value mode.	the difference type (MAX - MIN).		
15) WORK	Lights while a workpiece is being mea	Lights while a workpiece is being measured.		
16) T.H.	Lights when a measurement value i completed.	Lights when a measurement value is held after measurement has been completed.		
17) C.T.	memory is active.)	Lights when the user compensation is set to ON. (Lights while the position memory is active.)		
18) UNIT	Lights while the unit of display values	is inch. (Lights in the external HOLD		

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1) Measurement data output connector (OUT)	Outputs measurement data to a Digimatic mini-processor, etc.	
RS-LINK connector (IN/OUT)	Connects multiple devices and can output measurement data from one RS-232 port.	
2) RS-232C connector	For communication with a PC, etc.	
3) External control connector	Used to connect this instrument to an external device for remote control.	
4) GND terminal	_	
5) Foot switch	Foot switch (optional) for controlling measurement operation is connected here.	
6) DC IN	Input connector to receive power from the AC mains adapter.	
7) Power switch	-	
8) AC adapter cord clamp	Prevents AC adapter cord from pulling out.	
9) CONTROL connector: for VL-50S-B only	Gage head connector.	
10) INPUT connector: for VL-50S-B only	Gage head connector.	

SPECIFICATIONS

VL-50-B/50S-B

Order No.		318-221A	318-222A	318-223A	318-226A	318-227A	318-228A	
Model		VL-50-B	VL-50-15-B	VL-50-100-B	VL-50S-B	VL-50S-15-B	VL-50S-100-B	
Measuring Rai	nge ^{*1}	0-50mm (0 - 2 ")						
Resolution (sel	ectable)		0.01	/0.1/1.0µm (.0000005"	05"/.000005"/.00005")			
Display unit			Character h	eight 14mm (.6")/8 dig	its (excluding "minus" si	gn)		
Scale type			4	/4 Photoelectric reflection	on linear encoder			
Stroke			5	1.5mm (2") With stand	ard contact point			
Accuracy at 20)°C ^{*1}		(0	0.5+L/100)µm L = Meas	ured length (mm)			
Accuracy guar temperature ^{*2}				20 ± 1°C	-			
Repeatability ^{*1}				σ = 0.05 μ				
Measuring for	ce ^{*1}	0.01N (approx. 1gf)	0.15N (approx. 15.3gf)	1N (approx. 102gf)	0.01N (approx. 1gf)	0.15N (approx. 15.3gf)	1N (approx. 102gf)	
Spindle feed	Measuring		Approx. 2mm		5"/s) (selectable by parar	neter)		
speed	Quick feed			Approx. 8mm/s	s (.3″/s)			
Standard cont	act point			ø3mm carbid	e ball			
Worktable		ø100 (Ceramic, grooved, replaceable)						
Input		Data can be input with the foot switch						
Output		SPC output						
Power supply		RS-232C output (switching by parameter) 85V to 264VAC (connected to AC adapter)						
Power consum	Intion	Maximum 12W (12V, 1A)						
Main unit mas			19kg (35.2lbs) 6kg (11lbs)					
Standard acce	-	AC adapter: No.3	57651 • Power cord • Grour	nding wire: No.934626	Allen wrench (for repla		ple contact point)	
				Foot switch: 93				
					[Dedicated stand: 95746	50	
		Output connector (with cover): 02ADB440 (for external control)						
		RS-LINK/Digimatic connecting cable (1m): 936937 RS-LINK/Digimatic connecting cable (2m): 965014						
		Recommended interchangeable contact points: the following dial indicator interchangeable contact points are mountable.						
			Part No.: 101118			Measuring force*: Approx 0.02N		
Optional accessories		Part No.: 120059			Measuring force*: Approx 0.03N			
		Part No.: 120060 Measuring force*: Approx 0.06N			0.06N			
		Part No.: 120066 Measuring force*: Approx 0.01N						
		Note: When another contact point that has a flat measuring face is mounted, the contact point requires parallelism adjustment with respect to the table surface. Mounting this contact point should be custom-ordered from Mitutoyo.						
		02AZE375 Measuring force*: Approx 0.01N to 0.96N				N to 0.96N		
		Note:The above VL weight parts are dedicated weight parts for VL-50-B and VL-50S-B. Be careful when setting a measuring force of 1N or greater as this may cause equipment failure.						
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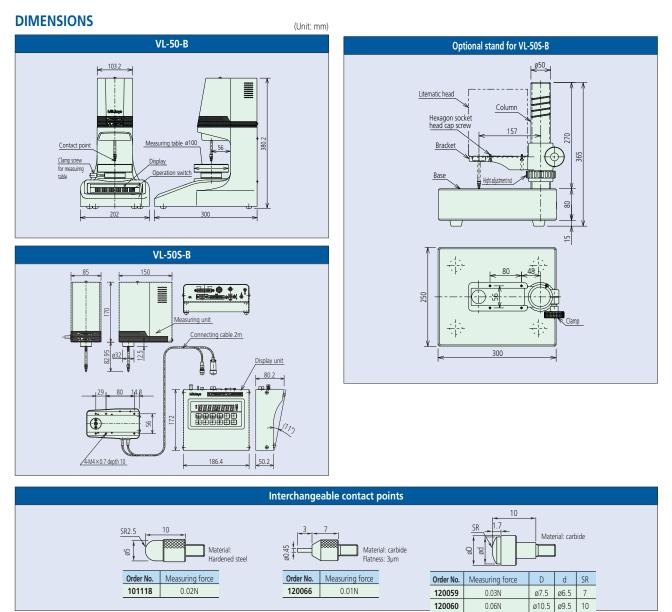
 $^{\star} \ \ \, \text{Additional measuring force that is applied when non-standard contact points or VL weights are used.}$

*1 Using the standard contact point.

*2 Temperature variation must be gradual. The instrument must not be exposed directly to hot or cold drafts.



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Note: When a contact point having a flat measuring surface, other than those described above, is installed, the measuring surface must be adjusted for parallelism with the table surface. This requires a special order.

• Optional weights for the Litematic (No. 02AZE375)

One of the notable characteristics of the Liternatic is its small measuring force (0.01N or 0.15N models). However, depending on the characteristics of the workpiece, it may not be possible to transmit a sufficient measuring force and the contact point may appear suspended. To solve such a problem, optional weights are available that attach to the spindle to achieve the appropriate measuring force without damaging the workpiece.

*Cannot be used with VL-50AH, VL-50-100-B, or VL-50S-100-B

Spindle with an optional weight installed



External appearance of optional weights



Measuring forces generated by weight combinations for 0.01/0.15N models

Measuring	Extension					
VL-50-B/ 50SB	VL-50-15-B/ 50S-15-B	rod	A	В	С	
0.01	0.15					
0.06	0.21	1				
0.16	0.31	1			1	
0.26	0.41	1		1		
0.36	0.51	1		1	1	
0.46	0.61	1	1			
0.56	0.71	1	1		1	
0.66	0.81	1	1	1		
0.76	0.91	1	1	1	1	
0.86	_	1	2			
0.96	_	1	2		1	

Connector terminal Function

1) Applicable plugNo.02ADB440

No.02ADB440 (with cover) Optional accessory

2) Pin assignment

Pin No.	Signal name	Input/Output	Description (purpose)		
1	COM	—	Common terminal to input and output circuits (internally connected to GND)		
2	COM	—	Common terminal to input and output circuits (internally connected to GND)		
3	L1	OUT	Tolerance judgment output terminal		
4	L2	OUT	A related judgment terminal only outputs "L"		
5	L3	OUT	At error occurrence		
6	L4	OUT	L1, L5 = Outputs "L" L2, L3, L4 = Outputs "H"		
7	L5	OUT			
10	NOM	OUT	Outputs "L" in the count mode.		
21	ULIMIT	OUT	Outputs "L" at the top dead point of the spindle.		
22	WORK	OUT	Outputs "L" upon detection of a workpiece.		
25	SET1	IN	Specifies peak selection/motor speed in combination with SET.		
26	SET2	IN	specifies peak selection/motor speed in combination with self.		
			Peak selection: In combination with SET Peak mode SET2 SET1		
28	MODE	IN	Current value H H MAX H L MIN L H TIR L L		
30	UP	IN	Motor control: Specifies a spindle ascent speed along with SET. Speed SET2 SET1 VL508/50-S8 FT1 When changing the spindle speed, stops the spindle once and allows 50ms or more before change. 8mm/s H L 2mm/s L H 1mm/s L L		
31	DN	IN	Motor control: Specifies a spindle ascent speed along with SET. Speed SET2 SET1 VL:50B/50-58 SET2 When changing the spindle speed, stops the spindle once and allows 50ms or more before change. 8mm/s H L 2mm/s L H 1mm/s L L		
32	FSW	IN	Motor control: Same function as that of foot switch.		
34	HOLD	IN	The display value is held during input. At error occurrence the error is cleared at the leading edge of this signal.		
35	P.SET	IN	Executes presetting. Peak clear: The peak value is cleared upon input of the signal during the HOLD signal input in the Peak mode.		
	N.C.	-	Unconnected terminals (8, 9, 11-20, 23, 24, 27, 29, 33 and 36 pin terminals)		

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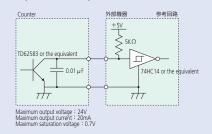
Receptacle 10236-52A2 (3M) or one

(3) Input/output circuit

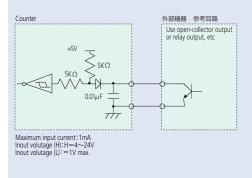
Applicable plug specification 10136-3000VE (3M: Plug) 10336-52AO-008 (3M: Cover)

DX40M-36P DX30M-36-CV (Hirose: Plug) (Hirose: Cover)

1. Output circuit: When the signal goes to "Low," the transistor turns on. (Open collector output)



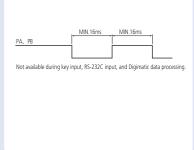
2. Input circuit: When the signal goes to "Low," the input is enabled.



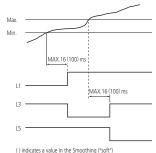
(4) Timing Chart

1. Power On characteristics

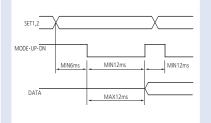




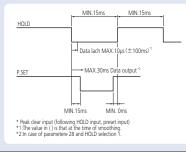
3. Tolerance judgment result output timing



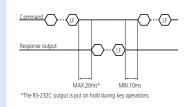
4. Mode/Up/DN timing



5. HOLD, Error clear



6. RS-232C command input and response output



RS-232C data output time

The maximum output time when the all-dataoutput command (GA00CRLF) is used can be calculated using the following formula:

Maximum output time [ms] = counter connection count X 20 + connected channel X 17 (8.5) + 6 (3)

*At a transfer speed of 9,600 bps; figures inside () indicate values [in ms] when the speed is 19,200 bps. (Calculation example) 1 VL unit = MAX43 (31.5) ms (Note: The processing time by the personal computer is not included.)

• RS-232C Communication Function

(1) List of commands		
Command format	Response output	Operation content
GA * * CRLF	G#**, +01234.567CRLF	A display value is output via RS-232C. "** " indicates gage channel numbers 01 to 99 (all channel number to 01 "#" indicates the type of data (N: current value, X: maximum value, M: minimum value, and W: TIR)CRLF stands for carriage return (CR) and line feed (LF).
CN * * CRLF	CH * * CRLF	The display is switched to the current value.
CX * * CRLF	CH * * CRLF	The display is switched to the maximum value.
CM * * CRLF	CH * * CRLF	The display is switched to the minimum value.
CW * * CRLF	CH * * CRLF	The display is switched to the TIR value.
CR ** CRLF	CH * * CRLF	The display is zero-set.
CL **CRLF	CH * * CRLF	The peak value is cleared.
CP ** +01234567CRLF	CH * * CRLF	The preset value is input. Input a preset value and a tolerance limit with a sign and a numeric value of 8 digits without appending a decimal point.
CD * * + 01234567CRLF	CH * * CRLF	Input tolerance limit S1. Perform tolerance setup in the order of CD and CG for 3-step tolerance judgment, and in the order of CD, CE, CF, and CG for 5-step tolerance judgment. An error messege is output if there is a difference in tolerance limit order, or in the number of steps between the setting and data to be sent, or if incorrect data exists. If this is the case, repeat setup from the beginning of the CD command.
CE **,+01234567CRLF	CH * * CRLF	Input tolerance limit 52.
CF **,+01234567CRLF	CH * * CRLF	Input tolerance limit \$3.
CG * * ,+01234567CRLF	CH * * CRLF	Input tolerance limit S4.
CS **CRLF	CH * * CRLF	An error is canceled.
VS **++ \$ CRLF	CH * * CRLF	Spindle control Sign +: Moves up the spindle., -:Moves down the spindle. \$: Speed specification 0: Stop 1: 2mm/s 2: 4mm 3: 8mm/s approx.
VT **,+\$CRLF	CH * * ,#CRLF	Staus of spindle condition In place of #, 0: Normal 1: Upper dead point limit 2: WORK ON Channel number 00 cannot be used.

(2) Pin assignment



 Receptacle specification: D-sub 9-pin (male), inch thread spec.
Applicable plug specification: D-sub 9-pin (female), inch thread spec.
Commercial cable examples: For DOS/N: KRS-d03XF1K (1.5m), Sanwa Supply Corp. For PC-98 series: KRS-423XF1K (1.5m), Sanwa Supply Corp.

Pin No.	Signal name	Input/Output	Definition
2	RXD	IN	Receive data
3	TXD	OUT	Transmit data
4	DTR	OUT	Data terminal ready
5	GND	—	Ground
6	DSR	IN	Data set ready
7	RTS	OUT	Request to send
8	CTS	IN	Clear to send
1, 9	N.C.	—	Unconnected

(3) Communication protocol (EIA RS-232C compatible)

Home position	DTE (terminal) and cross cable are to be used.
Communication method	half-duplex, non-procedural
Baud rate	4800, 9600, 19200bps
Bit configuration	Start bit: 1 Data bits: (7 or 8) ASCII, uppercase Parity bit: None, even or odd Stop bits: 2
Communication condition setup	Set with parameters. See "3.3 List of Parameters".

Digimatic output function

* The number of significant digits in the Digimatic output is 6.

Data transmission to the PC

Input Tool IT-012U No. 264-012-10

Converts the Digimatic output from Litematic into keyboard signals and transfers to the PC.

Connecting cable (No.936937)

Printer

Digimatic mini processor DP-1VR No. 264-504-5A

Prints the Digimatic output from Litematic.

Connecting cable (No.936937)





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