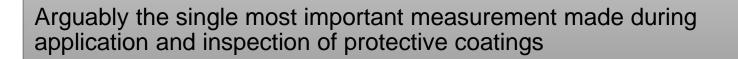
# Coating Thickness Gages







## Why Measure Coating Thickness?



Affects the appearance and performance of the coating system:

Color
Gloss
Adhesion
Flexibility
Hardness
Impact resistance

Helps control material costs, manage application efficiency, maintain finish quality and ensure compliance with contract specifications



### **Principles of Operation**



DeFelsko uses three principles of operation to measure dry film thickness on different substrates: Magnetic: Ferrous (magnetic) metal substrates (steel, iron)

Eddy Current: Non-ferrous metals substrates (aluminum, titanium)

**Ultrasonic:** Non-metals (plastic, wood, concrete)

## **Coating Thickness Solutions from DeFelsko**



PosiPen

DeFelsko The Measure of Quality



PosiTest F



**PosiTest DFT** 



PosiTector 6000



**PosiTector 200** 



#### **Mechanical Coating Thickness Gauges -**PosiTest<sup>®</sup> & PosiPen<sup>®</sup>

- Magnetic 'Pull off' type gages for ferrous metals
- Measure the force required to pull a magnet away from the coating
  - $\checkmark$  It is easier to pull the magnet away from thick coatings, as magnetic attraction decreases with distance



#### **Selling points**

- No electronics or batteries ideal for flammable environments or underwater use
- Inexpensive, rugged, and portable ideal for situations where quality goals require only a few readings
- Do not require any calibration adjustment
- Rugged and simple to operate



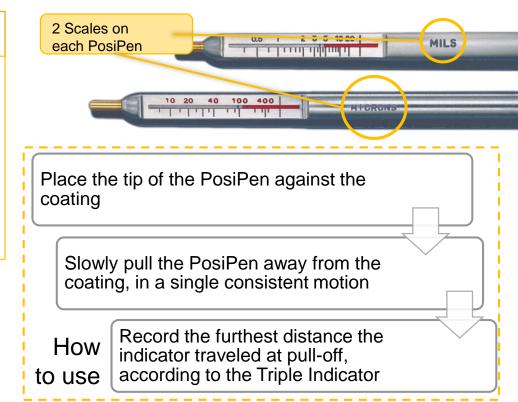






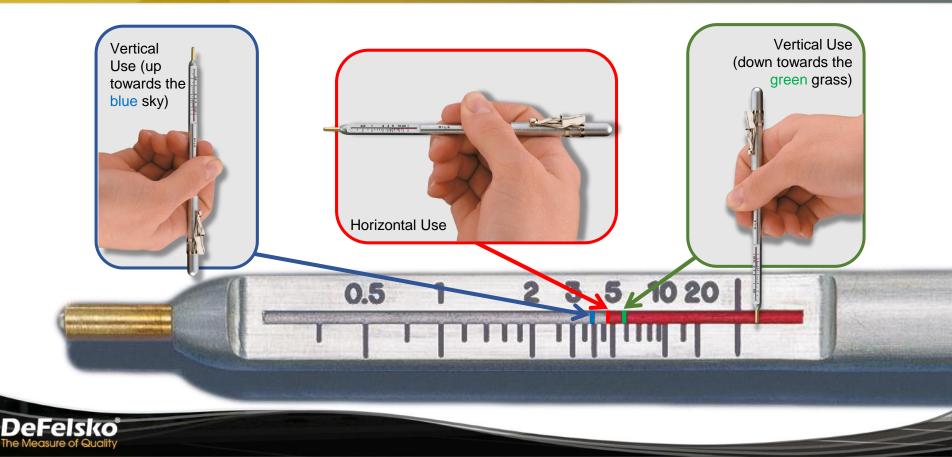
#### Selling points

- Ideal for small, hot or hard-to-reach surfaces
- ± 10% accuracy
- Best option to measure extremely small parts and challenging geometries
- Ideal for spot checks fits in a shirt pocket
- Metric and Imperial scales on opposing sides





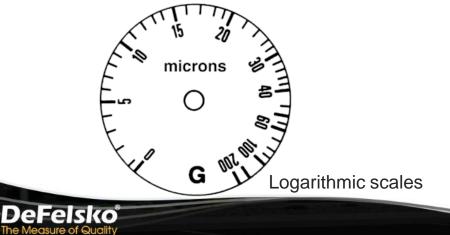
#### **PosiPen<sup>®</sup> Triple Indicator : Compensates for Gravity**







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Model	Scale	Common Applications	AT WE
PosiTest F PosiTest FM	0 - 2000 µm 0 – 80 mils	Hot dip galvanizing, hard chrome metalizing, paint, enamel, plastic coatings on steel	
PosiTest G PosiTest GM	0 - 200 µm 0 – 8 mils	Electroplating, thin paint films, phosphating on steel	



#### Selling points

- Simple
- ± 5% accuracy
- Go / No-go button
- No electronics or batteries
  - ideal for explosive and underwater environments

#### **PosiTest**<sup>®</sup>



#### Two ways to use

Conventional mode

Rotate the dial counterclockwise

Press the button to place the magnet against the surface

Slowly rotate the dial clockwise in a single motion

Record the position of the indicator at pull-off

Go/ No-Go Mode

Rotate the dial to the required coating thickness

GM

Press the button to place the magnet against the surface

- If the magnet 'sticks', the coating is less than the required thickness.
- If the magnet fails to 'stick', the coating is equal to or greater than the required thickness





# **PosiTest DFT**

**Coating Thickness on Metals** 

Festing & Measuring Everything

### **PosiTest®DFT**

- An economical choice that retains the uncompromising quality of DeFelsko inspection instruments
- Features advanced PosiTector 6000 probe technology
   See PosiTector 6000 section for dot
  - See PosiTector 6000 section for details
- Ideal for entry-level users, including: Powder coaters, Paint Applicators, Coating inspectors, Automotive professionals



### **PosiTest®DFT**





#### **Selling points**

- PosiTector 6000 probe technology in a simple, economical platform
  - ±3% accuracy (PosiTector 6000: ±1%)
- No calibration adjustment required for most applications
  - Measures accurately out of the box
- Handy RESET feature to restore factory settings and calibration
- Uses a single AAA battery
- Two year warranty
- Included hard-shell storage case and calibration certificate



### **The PosiTector Platform**



## **The PosiTector Platform**

- All PosiTector probes fit onto all gage bodies complete interchangeability
- The <u>probe</u> is factory calibrated and the calibration is stored inside the probe, not the gage body
- More economical for customers who want more than one probe (kits), or who want to upgrade
- Extensive, growing, probe selection:
- ✓ PosiTector 6000- Coating Thickness on Metals
- ✓ **PosiTector 200-** Coating Thickness on non-Metals
- ✓ PosiTector UTG- Wall/ Material Thickness
- ✓ PosiTector DPM- Environmental Conditions
- ✓ PosiTector IRT- Infrared Thermometer



✓ **PosiTector RTR-** Replica Tape Surface Profile

**Probe Interchangeability** 

- ✓ PosiTector SPG- Surface Profile Gage
- ✓ **PosiTector SHD-** Shore Hardness Durometer
- ✓ **PosiTector BHI-** Barcol Hardness Impressor
- ✓ **PosiTector SST-** Soluble Salt Contamination



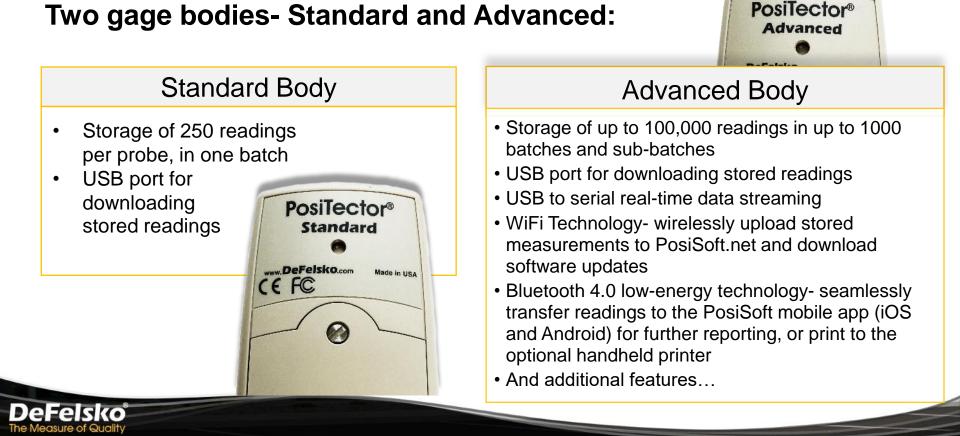
#### **The PosiTector Platform**

- Built tough! Made from solvent, acid, and oil resistant plastics
- Sealed to IP65 standard- splash resistant and dustproof









#### The PosiTector Platform- Standard vs Advanced

### The PosiTector Platform- Advanced Body

#### Additional Advanced Gage Body Features

- Live, on-screen charting and batch summary display
- Batch annotationcreate meaningful <u>batch names</u> and enter <u>notes</u> using a familiar on-screen QWERTY keyboard



• Probe-specific additional features

For example, for the PosiTector 6000:

- Scan mode- take continuous readings without lifting the probe
- SSPC PA2 & PSPC 90/10 features- easily analyze large areas using statistical methods
- Multiple stored calibration adjustments



#### **The PosiTector Platform- SmartLink**

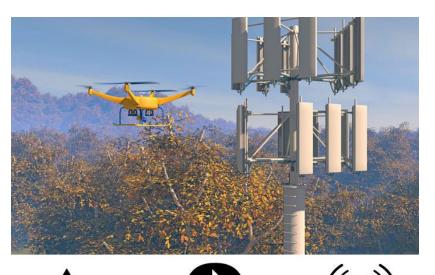
- PosiTector SmartLink and free mobile app turn your cell phone or tablet into a virtual PosiTector gauge
  - Auto-pairing Bluetooth Low Energy connection works up to 10m away
- Every reading is transmitted to your smart device
- Accepts most PosiTector 6000, DPM, SPG, and RTR probes
- Capture images with your device's camera, and annotate using drawings tools
- Create professional, custom PDF reports quickly and easily
- AutoSync mode instantly backs up every reading to the cloud no account required!





# **PosiTector – Drone/Robotic Integration**

- PosiTector Advanced models integrate with thirdparty software, drones, ROVs, PLCs, and robotic devices using several industry-standard communication protocols:
  - USB Keyboard mode
  - WiFi Streaming
  - Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> Low Energy Streaming
  - USB Serial Streaming
  - FTP Auto Log
  - Wifi Server Mode







#### **PosiTector 6000**

#### **Coating Thickness on Metals**



#### **PosiTector**<sup>®</sup> 6000 – History

The 6<sup>th</sup> generation of PosiTector 6000, building upon decades of experience in coating thickness measurement





## PosiTector<sup>®</sup> 6000 – Overview

A wide selection of fully interchangeable ferrous, non-ferrous and combination probes ideal for different shapes and thickness ranges



- High accuracy
  - Tight, small areas
- Highly abrasive coatings
- Up to 63.5mm coating thickness
- Up to 250°C surface temperature
- All probes feature <u>Fast and</u> <u>Scan mode</u>



### **PosiTector**<sup>®</sup> 6000 – Overview



#### **Underwater Coating Thickness Measurement**



All **PosiTector** *6000* regular separate probes are suitable for underwater measurement and are available with extended cable lengths up to 75 meters / 250 feet.





### PosiTector<sup>®</sup> 6000 – Overview

Ideal for measuring coating thickness on underwater pipes, ships, bulkheads, offshore oil rigs or anywhere extended reach is required.

Maximum cable lengths vary depending on probe type...

- **F** (ferrous) (FS, FRS, FTS, FTRS) up to 250 ft (75 m)
- N (non-ferrous) (NS, NAS, NRS) up to 50 ft (15 m)
- **FN** (ferrous/non-ferrous) (FNS, FNRS, FNDS) up to 50 ft (15 m)

Extended cable lengths are also available for ferrous micro probes (F0S, F45S, F90S) and FKS probes (thick coatings) – up to 50 ft (15 m).

**Note:** Micro probes and FKS probes do not support underwater usage ~ 2 week lead time for extended probes



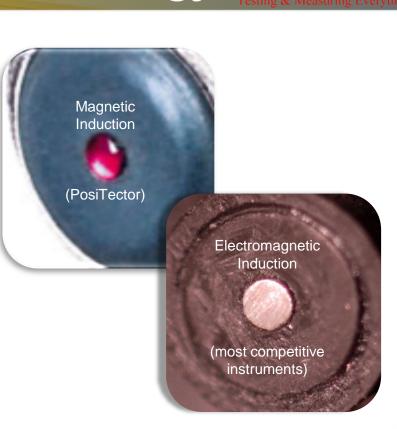


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SUO	Standard	F1	FS1	FRS1		FXS1 <sup>1</sup>		F0S1	F45S1	F90S1	F90ES1	FT1	FTS1	FTRS1	FHXS1 <sup>1, 2</sup>	FKS1	FJS1	FLS1	
FERROUS	Advanced	F3	FS3	FRS3		FXS3 <sup>1</sup>		F0S3	F45S3	F90S3	F90ES3	FT3	FTS3	FTRS3	FHXS3 <sup>1, 2</sup>	FKS3	FJS3	FLS3	
NON-FERROUS	Standard	N1	NS1	NRS1			NAS1	N0S1	N45S1	N90S1						NKS1			
NON-FE	Advanced	N3	NS3	NRS3			NAS3	N0S3	N45S3	N90S3						NKS3			
COMBINATION	Standard	FN1	FNS1	FNRS1	FNDS1 <sup>3</sup>								FNTS1						FNGS1 <sup>₄</sup>
COMBI	Advanced	FN3	FNS3	FNRS3	FNDS3 <sup>3</sup>								FNTS3						FNGS3 <sup>4</sup>
Range		0–60 mils 0–1500 μm			0–80 mils 0–2000 µm	<ul> <li>I serve a serve a serve a serve a serve a break horse</li> </ul>					0–250 mils 0–6 mm		0—400 mils 0—10,000 µm	0–500 mils 0–13 mm		0–1.5 in. 0–38 mm	0–2.5 in. 0–63.5 mm		
Accuracy <sup>5</sup>		±(0.05 mil + 1%) 0-2 mils ±(0.1 mil + 1%) >2 mils				±(0.02 mil + 1%) 0-4 mils ±(0.1 mil + 3%) >4 mils				±(0.5 mil + 1%) 0-100 mils ±(0.5 mil + 3%) >100 mils			±(0.1 mil + 3%)	±(1 mil + 3%)	±(0.01 in. + 3%)				
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Matching DeFelsko Calibration Standards		STDS1 STDA1 STDS4			STDS4	STDS2 STDA2				STDP1			STDP7	STDP5	STDP2	S	TDP8		

Ferrous probes measure non-magnetic coatings on ferrous metals. Non-Ferrous probes measure non-conductive coatings on non-ferrous metals. 1) FXS/FHXS Xtreme probe series with Alumina wear face and braided cable — ideal for rough or hot surfaces up to 250° C (500° F). 2) FHXS probe measures non-conductive coatings on steel only. 3) See website for full FNDS probe accuracy information. 4) FNGS probe measures non-conductive coatings on steel only. 3) See website for full FNDS probe accuracy information. 4) FNGS probe measures non-conductive coatings on steel only. 3) See website for full FNDS probe accuracy information. 4) FNGS probe measures non-conductive coatings on steel only. 3) See website for full FNDS probe accuracy information. 4) FNGS probe measures non-conductive coatings on all metals. 5) Accuracies are stated as a fixed value plus a percentage of the gage's actual reading.

#### PosiTector<sup>®</sup> 6000 – Probe Technology

- The most common PosiTector 6000 probes use industry leading Magnetic Induction probe technology
- Relies on a permanent rare-earth magnet and hall (magnetism) sensor protected by a wear-resistant ruby
  - Versus electromagnetic induction, which relies on a thin coil of wire around a soft metal rod
  - Most competitors use electromagnetic induction- much cheaper to build



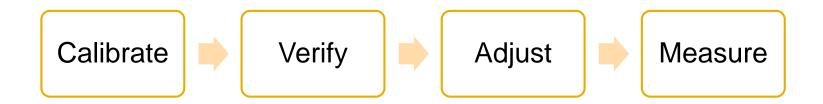
# PosiTector<sup>®</sup> 6000 – Probe Technology

#### Advantages

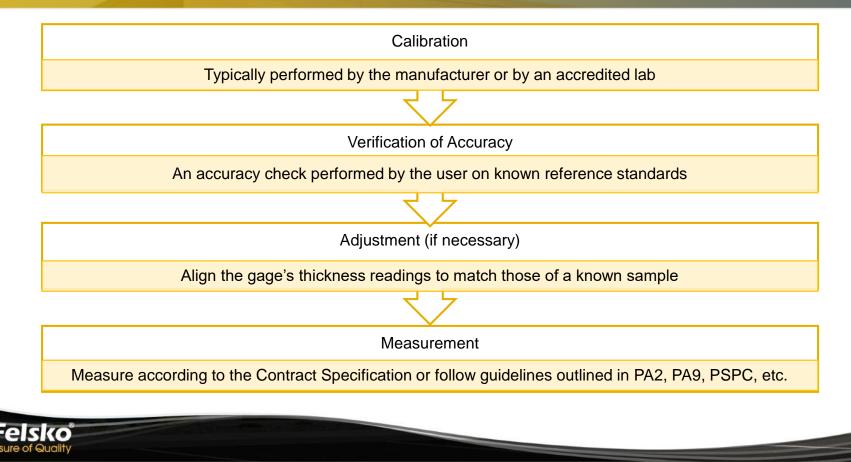
- Probe reads in-tolerance throughout its entire rangeout of the box!
- Probe tip doesn't wear- no calibration 'drift' over time
  - 'Reset' feature restores factory calibration- even after extended use
- No calibration adjustment for most applications
  - No more 2-point adjustments!
- · Longer-lasting probes don't 'wear out'
- Readings are more accurate, but slightly less precise



For best accuracy, ASTM D7091 and SSPC PA2 define the following four operational steps for all coating thickness gages.







#### 1. Calibration

The Measure of Qualit

"Calibration of coating thickness gages is performed by the equipment manufacturer, an authorized agent, or by an certified calibration laboratory in a controlled environment using a documented process." ASTM D7091



Probe Serial No: 141646

Manufacturer: DeFebko Corporation

Note: Probe serial # on connector

certifies that the instrument met published specifications of

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DeFelsko Corporation 802 Proctor Avenue Optensburg, New York 13669-2205 USA

Date of Calibration: February 2, 2010

Reading

Temperature: 23 ± 5°C

Certificate of Calibration Certificate Number: 10-210189

Model: PosiTector 6000 FNS Probe Relative Humidity: Up to 95%

This coaring thickness instrument was calibrated to manufacturer's specifications according to procedure MP 2530 using Thickness Reference Standards calibrated by an accredited laboratory and traceable to NIST or

Cherry Libere Technist DeFelda Corporation operates under Management Procedures intended to implement the requirements of 180 9001, 180 10012, rad Advision SNRSE, 2540-1. This document

0-50 microns ± (1.0 microns + 1% of reading) >50 microns = (2.0 microns + 1% of reading) Calibration interval will vary based on usage, handling and storage conditions. This certific a

PTB through certificates 3659 PTB 02, 66 PTB 03, 67 PTB 03, 4945 DKD-K 402303 05-09 and 01758 DKD-K 400305 05-05

Nomenclature: Coating Thickness Instrument Laboratory Environmen

2. Verification of Accuracy

An accuracy check performed by the user on known reference standards covering the expected range of coating thickness. The process is intended to verify that the gage is functioning as expected.





3. Adjustment – Why?

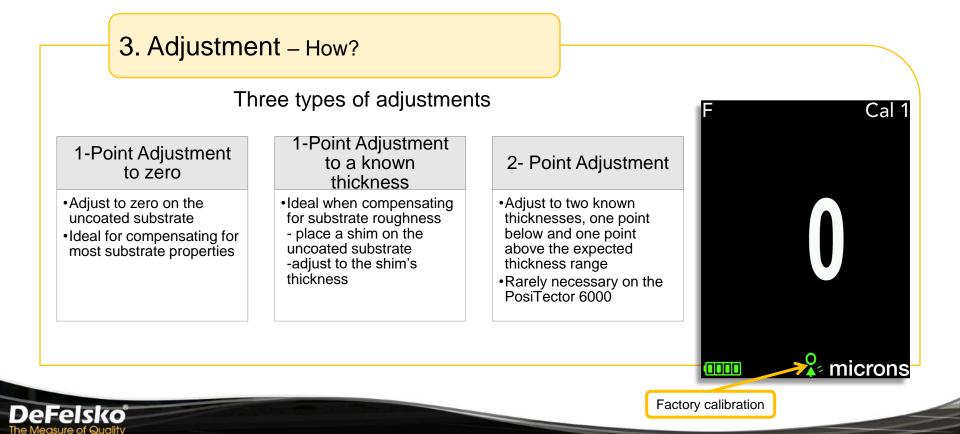
The Measure of Quality

To compensate for the effects of properties of the substrate roughness • shape composition Substrate • mass Surface www.www.www Smooth Surface **Rough Surface** Effective Magnetic Surface

3. Adjustment – When?

When the gage does not read "0" on the uncoated part or does not read the thickness of a shim placed over the customer's uncoated substrate.



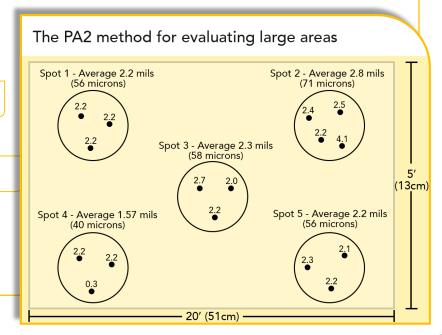


4. Measure – 3 approaches

- 1. Take a single reading
- 2. Calculate the average of several readings
- · Statistics mode

3. Analyze a larger area using a statistical approach

- PA2 Mode (Advanced models only)
  - See <u>defelsko.com/PA2</u>
- 90/10 Mode (Advanced models only)
  - See <u>defelsko.com/9010</u>





Stainless Steel & Partially Magnetic Substrates

- Partially magnetic substrates can be challenging, since the weak magnetic field makes the probe 'seem' further away from the substrate than it is
- The PosiTector 6000 FN probe is uniquely able to measure on most grades of Stainless Steel
  - Why? There is a permanent magnet inside the probe, and N-Lock mode

#### • How to measure:

Check Zero on the uncoated part, and perform a Zero adjustment if necessary. If the instrument measures zero consistently, inspect with confidence. If there is no consistent zero, turn on N-lock mode. Then measure zero, and perform a zero adjustment if necessary. If the instrument measures zero consistently, inspect with confidence.



# **PosiTector**<sup>®</sup> 6000 – FNDS Duplex Probe



- A duplex system of galvanizing and polymer coating has been found to provide excellent corrosion resistance, and to exceed the lifespan of either coating used alone
- The PosiTector 6000 FNDS probe simultaneously measures the individual thicknesses of zinc and paint in a duplex coating system with a single reading
  - $\checkmark$  Ideal for measuring hot-dip, electro, and zinc spray galvanizing
- When taken out of duplex mode, can be used as a conventional ferrous/non-ferrous instrument
- Scan mode- take continuous readings without lifting the probe



#### **New Product: Telescopic Probe Extender**

# Redesigned-Lightweight device extends the reach of DFT probes





# New Product: PosiTector 6000 F90ES



### **New PosiTector 6000 FJS**

#### For Thick Protective Coatings on Steel

- Ideal for measuring thick epoxies, rubbers, fireproofing and other thick protective coatings applied to steel.
- Lightweight, ergonomic design 66% smaller than comparable probes
- Electro-magnetic probe is less susceptible to the effects of substrate roughness, curvature, material, and alloy



#### **New Redesigned PosiTector 6000 FXS Xtreme**

For Hot Surfaces & Rugged Applications

- Now able to measure on hot surfaces up to 250° C (500° F)
- New braided stainless steel cable
- Increased measuring range 0 2000 µm (80 mil)
- Wear-resistant probe face, ideal for scanning applications and rough coatings
- Fast measurement speed 100+ readings per minute (200+ readings per minute in scan mode, Advanced models only)



#### **New S4 Certified Coated Metal Plate Standard**

New **S4 Standard** (STDS4) features four epoxy-coated steel plates with nominal coating thicknesses of 0, 75, 1000, and 1900  $\mu$ m (0, 30, 40, and 75 mils) mounted in a protective binder.



range of  $0 - 2000 \,\mu\text{m} (0 - 80 \,\text{mil})$ 



## **New PosiSoft Prompted Batch Mode**

#### Prompted Batch Mode for PosiSoft

- Create pre-defined batches in PosiSoft Desktop with onscreen text and image prompts for each reading, then upload to PosiTector 6000 gages.
- Ideal for ensuring a consistent measurement pattern for repetitive jobs or when specific measurement locations are required
- Create and store multiple templates for different jobs
- Create. Upload. Measure.





#### **PosiTector**<sup>®</sup> 6000 – Competitive Advantages





#### **PosiTector 200**

#### Coating Thickness on Non-Metals

Testing & Measuring Everything

#### PosiTector<sup>®</sup> 200 – History



For nearly 25 years, DeFelsko has been the market leader in Ultrasonic coating thickness measurement



First Generation PosiTector 100 (1993) Primarily Intended for thicker coatings on concrete and wood

Defeisico The Measure of Quality Second Generation PosiTector 100 (1999) Individual layer thicknesses, thinner coatings Third Generation PosiTector 200 (2003) Simpler to operate, more affordable Fourth Generation PosiTector 200 (2006) More advanced capabilities, graphing Fifth Generation PosiTector 200 (2012) Probe interchangeability

# PosiTector<sup>®</sup> 200 – Overview

Ideal for measuring up to three layers of coatings on concrete, wood, plastic, and more

- Proven non-destructive technique conforms to ASTM D6132, ISO 2808 and SSPC-PA9
- Ready to measure- no adjustment required to measure most coatings
- Measures the total thickness of the coating system, or up to three individual layer thicknesses in a multi-layer system (Advanced models only)
- Features a graphical readout, useful for troubleshooting challenging applications (Advanced models only)



#### **PosiTector**<sup>®</sup> 200 – Probes

Testing & Measuring Everything

- Three probe models available for a variety of applications
- Consider range AND typical applications- probes use different frequencies designed for different applications.

Select from a variety of measurement ranges											
Probes	200B	200C	200D								
Typical Applications	Polymer coatings on wood, plastic, etc.	Coatings on concrete, fiberglass, etc.	Thick, soft coatings such as polyurea, asphaltic neoprene, very thick polymers, etc.								
Measurement Range	13 – 1000 μm 0.5 – 40 mils	50 – 3800 µm 2 – 150 mils	50 – 7600 μm 2 – 300 mils								
Accuracy	+/- (2 µm + 3% of reading) +/- (0.1 mil + 3% of reading)		+/- (20 μm + 3% of reading) +/- (1 mil + 3% of reading)								
Minimum layer Thickness	13 µm 0.5 mil	50 μm 2 mil	500 μm 20 mil								



#### **PosiTector® 200 – The Principle of Measurement**

Reads the largest "echo" within user-specified range

Dominant echo is usually the coating/substrate interface



### **PosiTector**<sup>®</sup> 200 – Multiple Layers



Set the instrument to read the number of anticipated layers

Each layer thickness is reported along with a total thickness

		ector®
Layer1	II LO Hi 13	
Layer2	Layer 1	
Layer3	Layer 2	
Substrate	Layer 3	∑ microns
		merons

#### **PosiTector® 200 –** Application Note: Surface Roughness



For performance or aesthetics, many coatings are designed to have a rough surface finish

The loudest echo sometimes comes from the surface roughness

Solution: Change the lowrange value to ignore that echo



#### PosiTector 200 – Application Note: Non-Homogeneous Coatings

Non-homogeneous coating **cannot** be measured because of the presence of large, solid particles.

Homogeneous coating **can** be measured.

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#### PosiTector<sup>®</sup> 200 – Application Note: Coatings on Metals

Testing & Measuring Everything

- In general, the PosiTector 200 is not ideal for metal substrates
  - There are no test methods for the ultrasonic measurement of coatings on metal substrates
  - PosiTector 6000 probes are less expensive, designed for the application, and don't require couplant
- For a single layer of coating on metal substrates, the PosiTector 200 generally works well
  - The PosiTector 200 coating thickness standards have metal substrates
- Multiple layer applications are challenging- the loud echo off the metal substrate 'overwhelms' the smaller echoes between the layers, making them unreadable.
  - Application dependent
  - Increased minimum layer thickness of > 125  $\mu$ m (4.9 mils)

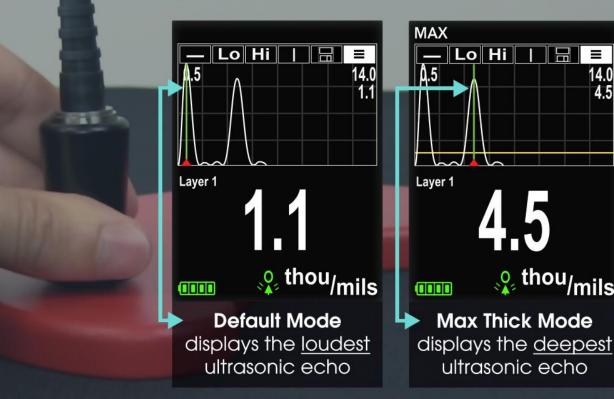


### **New – Max Thick Mode**



Ideal for ignoring unwanted surface echoes and eliminates the need to adjust the Lo Range when measuring rough coatings

Defelsko



#### **Instructional Demo**





#### **Quick Start**

- 1. Remove the protective rubber cap from the probe
- 2. Power-up the Gage by pressing the center navigation button
- 3. Zero the probe
- 4. Verify accuracy and adjust if necessary
- 5. Apply couplant to the surface of the part
- 6. Measure the part

#### **Instructional Demo – Max Thick Mode**



- 1. Reset Gage: Menu -> Setup -> Reset
- 2. Zero the probe: Menu -> Cal Settings -> Zero
- 3. Enable Graphics: Menu -> Setup -> Graphics
- Max Thick Mode: Menu -> Setup -> Max Thick Mode
- 5. Exit Menu
- 6. Apply couplant, measure
- 7. Increase Low Range:
  - 1. Use up and down to highlight "Lo"
  - 2. Press the (+) button to increase Low Range
- 8. Apply couplant, measure

### **PosiTector**<sup>®</sup> 200 – Selling Points

No equal- some competitive attempts, but none feature the range, resolution, ease of use, or multi-layer capability of the PosiTector 200

PosiTector Platform	Included Certificate of Calibration Traceable to NIST	Full two year warranty on body <b>and probe</b>		DeFelsko service- quick shipping, recalibration, and repair
<ul> <li>Fully interchangeable probes</li> <li>Often, competitive 'interchangeable' probes require specific body models</li> <li>Free software, and USB, WiFi, and Bluetooth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>More than a 'Certificate of Accuracy'- contains measurements from the probe on traceable standards</li> <li>An extra charge (and delay) from most competitors</li> </ul>	Many competitors offer a much shorter warranty on the probe- the most important part	and a state of the	Postector Cetificate of Calibration Postector

