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METROLOGY FOR ENGINE COMPONENTS

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Mahr knows the metrology requirements for combustion engines. Combustion engines are today, and will remain so in the foreseeable future, the principal power source for motor vehicles. Ongoing developments in the materials for individual components as well as the continual improvement in production processes have led to engines that are 20% lighter than those produced in the 1980’s but with significantly longer service lives. The maintenance intervals have increased by a factor of 2 to 3 during this same period. Improvements in injection technology as well as optimization of the combustion chamber have led to an improvement in performance while reducing fuel consumption.

The requirements and challenges for metrology have grown right along with all these new developments.

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Mahr delivers your metrology solutions for engine block, cylinder head, crankshaft, camshaft, connecting rod, piston, valve, etc. with products from length metrology, form metrology, surface and contour metrology, shaft metrology, and gear metrology.

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Always one step ahead with Mahr. Technology development in combustion engines places ever increasing demands on the quality of the engine components. Better fuel mileage, lower emissions and reduced noise are only a few of the required characteristics. These developments in engine technology create the need to develop suitable metrology solutions to meet the requirements of producing these components.

Mahr has been meeting these challenges head-on for decades. The products have been recognized with many patents and awards. The continuously increasing population of our machines on the market also demonstrates the confidence of our customers. Mahr has kept up with the trend of metrology moving from the laboratory onto the shop floor with many innovative solutions. CNC-based contour and surface measuring stations are used by many well-known customers on the shop floor. Robust and high precision are not contradictions but rather demands of the marketplace. Mahr form measuring systems already set the world class reference with tactile sensors. Now with the use of optical sensors, these systems, which already had a resolution in the nanometer range, have been further optimized.

Mahr invests about 7% of sales in research and development. New technologies and trends are constantly becoming part of new products. Optical sensor systems and the wireless connections (Bluetooth) are current examples of this.

Choose the innovative and confident partner; choose Mahr Metrology to measure your engine parts.
Measuring task

**Cylinder crankcase**

This is the heart of the combustion engine drivetrain. Optimal performance of the piston in the cylinder and the associated demands on the **dimensional accuracy, form and surface quality of the cylinder bore** are of critical importance in order to meet the steadily increasing demands on fuel consumption and emissions.

The quality of the **dimensional characteristics, form, and surface quality** in the crankshaft bore are essential contributors to the performance of the crankshaft at dynamic load in engine speeds of 0 to about 5000 rpm.

The **flatness and surface quality of the deck face** are further critical inspection characteristics.

**Surface structure cylinder surface**

- Measuring tasks on engine blocks

More information on the cylinder crankcase and its dimensions.
Measuring tasks on cylinder heads

The valves need to be guided perfectly in the valve guide bore. Diameter, roundness and surface condition in master gage quality have to be assured.

The contour, roundness and surface quality of the valve seat guarantee the necessary sealing in the operation of the valve.

Similar to the crankshaft bore, the dimensional characteristics, form, and surface quality of the camshaft bore in the cylinder head need to be verified.

The flatness and surface quality of the deck face are further critical inspection characteristics.
Measuring tasks on crankshafts

The most important element in the dynamic conversion of linear motion into rotary motion is the crankshaft. Because of high dynamic forces, the accuracy of critical geometries such as keyways and counterweights must be checked.

Dimensional accuracy, form, location, and surface quality of the pin and main bearings are essential requirements.

The dimensional accuracy of the fillet radii between the thrust face and pin bearing ensure operation without failure due to the high forces generated by the eccentric design. Contour and surface quality must be controlled.
Measuring tasks on camshafts

The motion of the valve is controlled by the camshaft.

Trouble-free operation is ensured by controlling the length and diameter dimensions as well as parameters of form, location and surface finish.

The cam profile as well as the surface quality of the cam (avoidance of chatter marks) are further critical characteristics which contribute to the important function of the camshaft.

Measuring of the gear geometry of the drive gear
Measuring tasks

**Valve**

The valve is inserted in the valve bore of the cylinder head. The stroke of the valve is controlled by the camshaft to control the timing of the inlet and outlet valves.

**Valve head / seal face:**
- Roughness/contour: Parameter Rz, Wt, Rk, Rpk, Rvk
- Angle, fillet radius

**Shaft**
- Roughness: Parameter Rz, Wt, Rk, Rpk, Rvk
- Form: Straightness, roundness, cylindrical form
- Length: Diameter

**Valve seat**
- Roughness/contour: Parameter: Pt, Rz
- Apex angle, fillet radius
- Form: Roundness, radial run-out, angle, coaxiality, cone form

**Connecting rod**

The connecting rod is the mechanical linkage between the piston and the crankshaft. It transforms the linear motion of the piston into the rotational motion of the crankshaft.

The connecting rod undergoes enormous dynamic forces. The quality of the large and small "eyes" is of critical importance.

Important characteristics are: diameter, eye-to-eye axis center distance, form and location of the bore as well as the surface finish of the bearing. In some cases the thread geometry of the assembly of the end cap is verified as well.

**Roughness/contour**
- Parameter Rz, Wt, Rk, Rpk, Rvk
- Thread geometry

**Form**
- Roundness, straightness, parallelism, perpendicularity, sector roundness, bend and twist

**Length**
- Diameter, axial center distance between bores
Measuring tasks

### Piston

Several areas must be measured and several characteristics evaluated on the piston:

**Skirt profile**
- Roughness/contour: Parameter Rz, Wt, Rk, Rpk, Rvk
- Form: Measurement of ovality, Measurement of meridian form

**Ring groove**
- Roughness: Parameter Rz, Ra, Rk, Rpk, Rvk
- Form: Angle to the profile and the reference point, Total angle of the upper and lower edge, Straightness of the groove edges

**Wrist pin bore**
- Roughness: Parameter Rz, Wt, Rk, Rpk, Rvk
- Form: Measurement of bore form (linear and radial), Alignment / squareness

### Piston ring

Piston rings are metallic gaskets which seal the combustion chamber from the crank case and support the heat conduction from the piston to the cylinder wall. They also regulate the oil consumption of the engine especially through the oil control ring.

The piston rings are the contact elements between piston and cylinder. They are located in the ring groove.

The following features are measured on piston rings:

**Roughness/contour**
- Parameter Rz, Ra
- Angle, radii, distances of the piston ring contour

**Length**
- Diameter, radial section thickness, axial height of the ring, groove width

**Form**
- Roundness
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