

MultiTest-i

Computer-controlled Test Frames
Tension & Compression Test Solutions



MultiTest-i Range

The Mecmesin MultiTest-i range of test frames sets the standard in computer-controlled testing, operating through the power of Emperor™; easy-to-use yet powerful force testing and analysis software.

Key features:

- Complete range from 2N to 50,000N
- High speed data collection 1000 readings per second
- Auto-loadcell recognition/configuration
- Extremely quiet operation
- IP splashproof membrane control panel with emergency stop button
- Auxiliary 'event' input allows the software to recognise when switch contact is made or broken



Spring testing

Range of capacities

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The MultiTest-i is available in a range of capacities to meet your exact testing requirement, from the entry-level single-column test stands, through to advanced twin-column test frames, which have been specifically designed to test large or high load samples and products. Extended height frames are also available for testing high elasticity materials.





MultiTest 2.5-i



MultiTest 5-i

Flexibility

Intelligent loadcells mounted on the MultiTest-i test frame download test data synchronously at a rate of up to 1000 times a second, directly to a PC via the serial port. This ensures high accuracy of testing particularly where peak loads are being recorded.

Should your testing requirements change, a MultiTest-i can be easily and economically enhanced by using a different loadcell. All Mecmesin-i loadcells are quickly and easily interchangeable - just "plug-and-play."

Mecmesin also offer a wide range of standard grips and fixtures, to hold your specimen. Alternatively, a custom-built fixture can be designed for your specific application.





Intelligent loadcell

Key features: Machine Control

- Run to load, displacement, time or break detection
- Cyclic testing
- Repeat sections of a program
- Intelligent command functions provide limitless test flexibility
- Operator prompt/delay/resume test facility
- Auto-return of crosshead at end of test

intelligent command functions

Key features: Data Acquisition

- Extensive suite of calculations e.g. peak, average, minimum and area
- Real-time graphs with zoom and label function
- Comprehensive Pass/Fail analyses
- Variable arguments for programs and calculations
- Loadcell deflection compensation
- Automatic export to Excel and SPC packages

If you have a tension or compression test, which demands any of these machine control or data acquisition features, one of the easy-to-use MultiTest-i test frames is the cost-effective solution.



Tensile testing



Crush testing

The Power of Emperor™

Emperor™ software has been specifically designed to work with the MultiTest-i range of test frames for ultimate test performance. It combines ease-of-use with powerful programming tools making it ideal for simple, routine analysis on the factory floor and sophisticated test routines in the laboratory.

Tests

- Tension
- Flexure
- Tear

- Compression
- Stiffness
- Friction

Applications

- Elastomers
- Medical devices
- Plastics
- Springs
- Textiles

- Adhesion
- Packaging
- Rubber
- Switches
- Fasteners



Console Mode

Emperor™ has two operating modes - Console mode allows tests to be created very simply by selecting options from radio-buttons and drop-down boxes. A number of pre-configured calculations are available and can be included by simply clicking with the mouse. Console mode is ideal for use on the factory floor by operators who need only minimal training to load and run programs directly from one of the five "Favourite" buttons.



For more complex tests, the power of Emperor's™ Program Testing Mode is available via a simple user interface.

Using the Program Testing Mode, the true power of Emperor[™] software becomes evident. With Emperor[™] software's comprehensive programming and calculation commands, it becomes a simple task to create customised test programs to evaluate the mechanical strength of components, products and materials.

Creating a program

The mode has an intuitive interface, which makes the whole test process easy to manage:

- Setting-up test method
- Running the test
- Making test report
- Storing & exporting data

Toolbars simplify testing by helping operators navigate efficiently to key features.

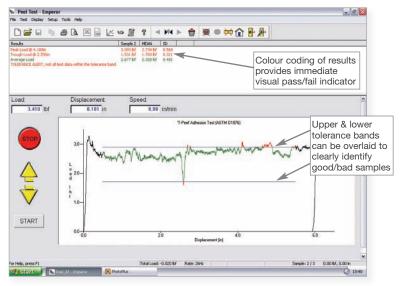


'Report' button

Performing a test

Emperor[™] is supplied with a suite of library test programs for many typical test procedures. Within each test procedure the critical parameters, which determine whether a sample passes or fails, can be automatically detected e.g. peak load, average load, load at a certain displacement.

Test procedures can be initiated by selecting an existing library program or by choosing *your* own particular program from the Test menu. The library programs can be easily customised and tailored to meet specific testing needs and then saved in the testing library and recalled as needed - very useful for multiple sampling testing.



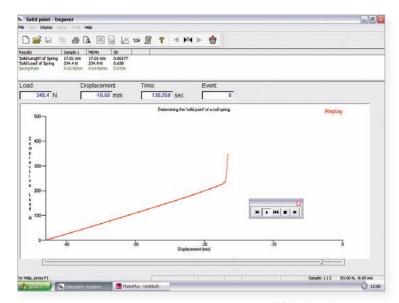
Tolerance band facility

Emperor[™] allows development of test procedures that are best-suited to individual testing needs. An operator can be prompted at any stage of the program to perform a specific action, so that step-by-step test routines become easy for semi-skilled users.

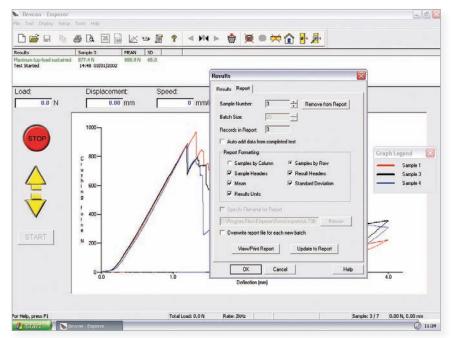
Another useful function is tolerance alerting. By setting up tolerance bands the option exists for detecting any data that do not fall within specification. In this case a "tolerance alert" warning will be flagged up on the results screen. There is also an additional facility for detecting when any particular result does not fall within predefined upper and lower limits.

A 'video replay' facility is included. A toolbar allows the accumulation of test data to be re-displayed in real time. 'Fast-forward' and 'return-to-start' buttons are provided.

A timeline slider can be dragged to a suitable point, thus allowing critical parts of a test to be replayed as many times as necessary.



'Video' replay screen



Data analysis

Emperors[™] software capabilities are exceptional:

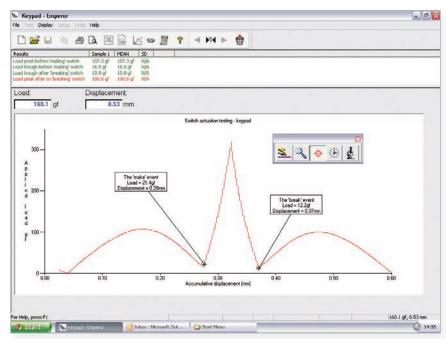
- · reporting, archiving and exporting of data
- fast accurate display & analysis of tension/compression data
- · option to display test results graphically
- graphical interrogation enables calculations to be reviewed and changed

Reporting dialog box

Results can be easily manipulated, stored and exported to other software packages such as Microsoft® Excel for trend analysis and reporting, if required.

Emperor[™] also benefits from a multi-level zooming facility, with timeline function allowing you to home-in on a portion of the curve which is of particular interest.

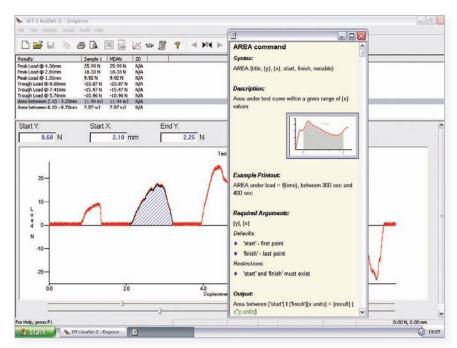
Signals from external devices can also be incorporated into Emperor™via an 'event' input facility. A switch can, for example, be connected to this port and the state ('open' or 'closed') of this switch can be monitored - ideal for quantifying the 'feel' of buttons, control levers and other switches.



Cursor drop facility

Ease-of-use

Emperor[™] software is easy and intuitive to use. However, if required, there is a comprehensive Help system built into all aspects of the software and this is never more than a few clicks away. Once the Help system is opened, information can be found using a comprehensive index, a table of contents, text search facility and glossary of terms.



Review and 'fine-tune' calculations screen (+ Help facility)

The software sets new standards for flexibility and user-friendliness. For example, a comprehensive de-bugging facility enables messages, variables and graphs to be viewed on a real-time or step-by-step basis, so that the test process can be easily refined. Emperor[™] also has an electronic notes function to enable test identification, user ID, batch, date and time information to be recorded.



High-capacity load testing

The MultiTest-i range of test frames combined with the power of Emperor[™], offers a comprehensive solution to product, component or materials testing needs. The twin-column MultiTest 10-i, 25-i and 50-i enables significantly larger-sized or high-load samples and products to be tested, while still fulfilling the requirements for ease-of-use in a production or quality laboratory environment.

Specifications

MultiTest-i		0.5	1	2.5	5	10	25	50		
TEST FRAME										
Rated capacity	N kgf lbf	500 50 110	1000 100 220	2500 250 550	5000 500 1100	10000 1000 2200	25000 2500 5500	50000 5000 11000		
Number of ballscrews		1	1	1	1	2	2	2		
Speed range	mm/min	1 - 1000	1 - 1000	1 - 1000*	1 - 500	1 - 1000	1 - 1000**	1 - 400***		
	in/min	0.04 - 40	0.04 - 40	0.04 - 40	0.04 - 20	0.04 - 40	0.04 - 40	0.04 - 15		
Crosshead speed accuracy		±0.1% of indicated speed								
Distance between columns		-	-	-	-	400mm (15.7")	400mm (15.7")	420mm (16.5")		
Throat depth****		67mm (2.6")	67mm (2.6")	67mm (2.6")	95mm (3.7")	-	-	-		
Vertical daylight*****		1359mm (53.5")	1159mm (45.6")	590mm (23.2")	710mm (28.0")	1180mm (46.5")	1140mm (44.9")	1330mm (52.4")		
Height		1710mm (67.3")	1510mm (59.4")	941mm (37")	1082mm (42.6")	1500mm (59.1")	1500mm (59.1")	1931mm (76")		
Width		290mm (11.4")	290mm (11.4")	290mm (11.4")	328mm (12.9")	826mm (32.5")	826mm (32.5")	864mm (34")		
Depth		414mm (16.3")	414mm (16.3")	414mm (16.3")	526mm (20.7")	512mm (20.2")	542mm (21.3")	572mm (22.5")		
Weight		38kg (84lbs)	36kg (79lbs)	22kg (49lbs)	38kg (84lbs)	110kg (243lbs)	140kg (309lbs)	285kg (628lbs)		
Maximum power requirement		120 watts	200 watts	250 watts	150 watts	400 watts	450 watts	450 watts		
Voltage		230V AC 50Hz or 110V AC 60Hz								
LOAD MEASUREMENT										
Available loadcell ranges	N	2 to 50000 (14 models)								
kgf		0.2 to 5000 (14 models)								
	lbf			0.45 to 11000 (14 models)						
Loadcell measurement accuracy		±0.1% of full scale for loadcells from 2 to 2500N								
		±0.2% of full scale for loadcells from 5000 to 50000N								
Loadcell measurement resolution		1:6500								
DISPLACEMENT										
Crosshead travel*****		1200mm (47.3")	1000mm (39.4")	500mm (19.7")	590mm (23.2")	960mm (37.8")	950mm (37.4")	1100mm (43.3")		
Position control resolution		±0.01mm (±0.0004")								
SOFTWARE										
Digital display of load/length/speed		Yes								
Communication with test stand		Via RS232 port or USB port (converter supplied)								
Computer requirements		10/		Mb available HD, CD-ROM plus available RS232 port/USB port						
Operating system (OS)		Compatible OS installed as listed; Windows® 2000, XP & 7								
Sampling rate		Selectable from 1000Hz, 500Hz, 100Hz, 50Hz and 10Hz								
Secondary input		Event Input (switch), Digital control I/O Ports								
Data output		LPT1 (Printer port), RS232 Port (direct or via USB/Network converter in ASCII format)								
		ASCII file (Export to spreadsheet, SPC package etc)								
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^{* 2.5}kN - above 2kN, the recommended maximum speed is 750mm/min (30in/min)

Note: See Technical Datasheet 431-343 for dimension drawings

Common Specifications

Operating temperature 10 - 35°C (50 - 95°F)

Humidity range Normal industry and laboratory conditions

Compensation for system movement Yes
Loadholding Yes
Graphical representation Yes

Output of test results to PC/Printer/Datalogger

Yes - includes auto-export to Microsoft™ Excel

and via USB/Network Ports or Wireless Network RS232 via USB/Network converter in ASCII format

Communication with PLC/Digital Control Interface

Yes - via programmable digital ports

6 Inputs + 6 Outputs

Options

Column gaiter Safety guard

available upon request

Mecmesin reserves the right to alter equipment specifications without prior notice.

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^{** 25}kN - above 10kN, the recommended maximum speed is 500mm/min (20in/min)

 $^{^{\}star\star\star}$ 50kN - above 25kN, the recommended maximum speed is 250mm/min (10in/min)

^{****} Measured on centre line of loadcell

^{*****} Measured without loadcell or grips

Mecmesin Motorised Test Frames Overview

Load	Potentiometer-controlled	Touch Screen Console	Computer-controlled
Rating			
0.5kN	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 1200mm	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 1200mm	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 1200mm
1kN	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 1000mm	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 1000mm	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 1000mm
2.5kN	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min* Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 330mm	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min* Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 500mm	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min* Throat Depth: 67mm Travel: 500mm
5kN		Speed Range: 1-500mm/min Throat Depth: 95mm Travel: 600mm	Speed Range: 1-500mm/min Throat Depth: 95mm Travel: 600mm
10kN		Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min Width between Columns: 400mm Travel: 960mm	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min Width between Columns: 400mm Travel: 960mm
25kN		Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min** Width between Columns: 400mm Travel: 950mm	Speed Range: 1-1000mm/min** Width between Columns: 400mm Travel: 950mm
50kN	_	Speed Range: 1-400mm/min*** Width between Columns: 420mm Travel: 1100mm	Speed Range: 1-400mm/min*** Width between Columns: 420mm Travel: 1100mm

^{* 2.5}kN - recommended maximum speed when testing above 2kN is 750mm/min (30in/min)

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^{*** 50}kN - recommended maximum speed when testing above 25kN is 250mm/min (10in/min)

Applications

The MultiTest-i range of motorised test stands can be used for a number of applications:



Packaging testing

- Compressive testing
- Deformation testing
- Extension testing
- Materials testing
- Medical device testing



Textile testing



Materials testing



Compressive testing



Spring testing



- Tensile testing • Textile testing
- Top-load testing



Extension testing

Mecmesin's range of testing equipment has been successfully used in a number of different industry sectors including:



For further information and case studies regarding applications or products please visit our website: www.mecmesin.com or call: +44 (0) 1403 799979

Testimonials

"We purchased the MultiTest 10-i to test 80% of the springs, which we have in our railcars. The system is very easy-to-use and the program is convenient to test. Also the support of A&D Korea was very positive."

S C Yoon

Seoul Metropolitan Railway Transit Corporation

"In the absence of an 'industry standard' measurement for the performance of our product, it was necessary to develop our own. It was only by modifying 'off the shelf' equipment that we were able to arrive at the perfect solution. Mecmesin offered total, cost-effective support throughout this process. I have, and will continue to recommend them to others."

S. Checkley

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Calibration, Service & Repair

Offering a prompt service, our calibration, service & repair centre is able to deal with all your force & torque testing equipment and gauges from Mecmesin and other manufacturers. All gauges and loadcells are supplied with calibration certificates traceable to UK National Standards to meet ISO requirements.



On-site calibration



In-house calibration

Support Services

- Comprehensive international network of distributors
- 24 month warranty
- Website support
- · Calibration, service & repair centre
- On-site installation and training
- Grips & accessories
- Application support



Over 30 Years Experience in Force & Torque Technology

Formed in 1977, Mecmesin Limited is today widely regarded as a leader in force and torque technology for quality control testing in design and production. The Mecmesin brand stands for excellent levels of performance and reliability, guaranteeing high quality results. Quality control managers, designers and engineers working on production lines and in research laboratories worldwide rely upon Mecmesin force & torque measurement systems for a range of quality control testing applications, which is almost limitless.

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