



OMEGA-RT-60/150 Rockwell Hardness Tester

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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Equipment Type: Rockwell Hardness Tester

Model: **OMEGA-RT-60/150**

Electrical Requirements : 110 or 220 Volts (single-phase)

Frequency: 50/60 Hz

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Please read this instruction manual carefully and follow all installation, operating and safety guidelines.

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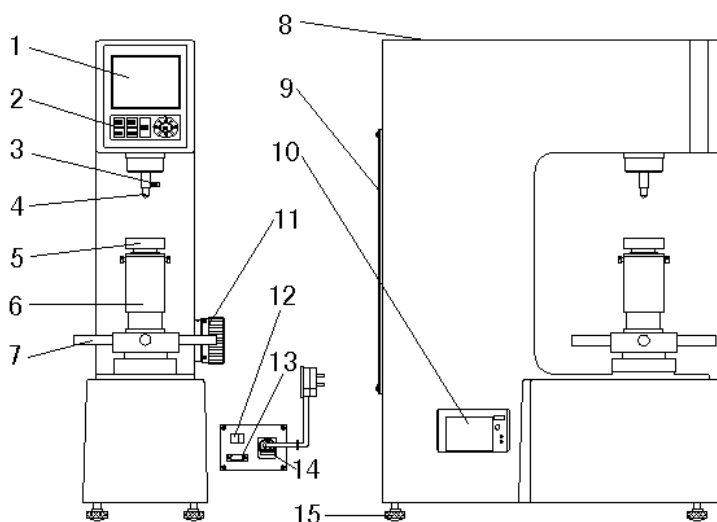
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1.0 Product Description

1.1 General Description

1. LED screen
2. Operating keys
3. Indenter fastening screw
4. Indenter
5. Anvil
6. Up and Down lead screw
7. Screw adjustment wheel
8. Upper cover
9. Back cover
10. Printer
11. Weight adjustment knob
12. Power switch
13. Power cord
14. RS232 connector
15. Leveling feet



The OMEGA-RT-60/150 Rockwell hardness tester is designed to evaluate metallographic specimen hardness.

The OMEGA-RT-60/150 Rockwell hardness tester has a load ranging from 60 kg to 150 kg.

1.2 Technical Specifications

Electrical specifications:	110 or 220V single-phase (50/60 Hz)
Test forces:	Rockwell 60 kg 100 kg 150 kg
Dwell time of test force:	2-60 seconds
Max. height of specimen:	175 mm (7-inches)
Distance from indentation: center to frame	165 mm (6.5-inches)
Weight:	Approx. 175 lbs (80 kg)
Dimensions (WxHxD):	Approx. 21" x 8.5" x 30.5" (525 mm x 210 mm x 770 mm)
Working temperature:	70° - 85°F (23 - 28°C)

2.0 Unpacking, Shipping and Installation

2.1 Unpacking

Unit is delivered in a box. Unpack and check for completeness of parts.

Measures WxHxD: 26"x15"x36" (660x380x915 mm)

Weight: Approximately 200 lbs (90 kg)

2.2 Shipping

When moving box, lift from bottom.



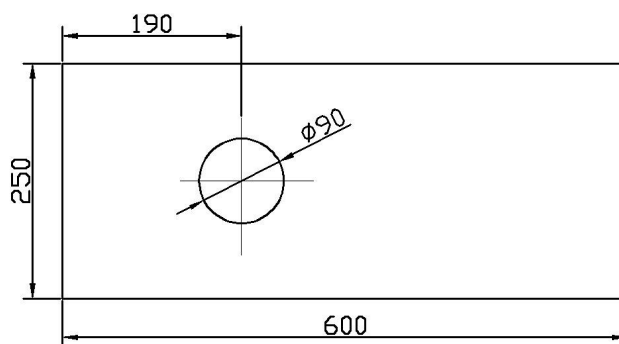
! Caution: Heavy equipment. Take care to avoid bodily injury.

2.3 Installation



Install unit carefully! Improper installation voids warranty.

The **OMEGA-RT-60/150** should be placed on a flat stable vibration free surface. If high samples are to be tested so that the up / down lead screw is lowered significantly, a hole will need to be made in the table (see drawing for specifications - mm)



2.3.1 Install leveling feet



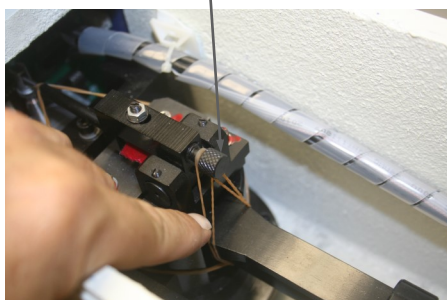
Attach four
leveling feet

2.3.2 Remove shipping securing tie downs

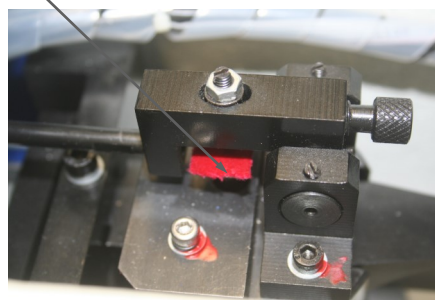
Open top and back covers
-Remove ties



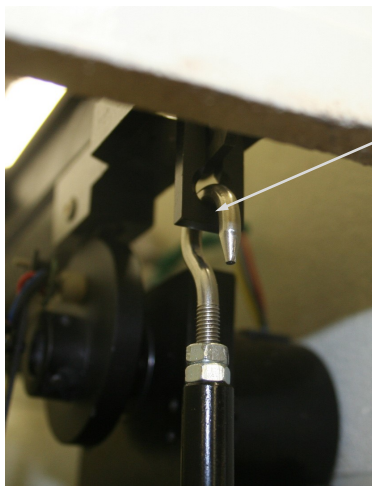
Remove rubber band



Remove felt pad

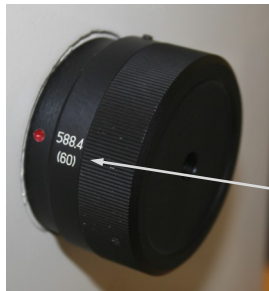
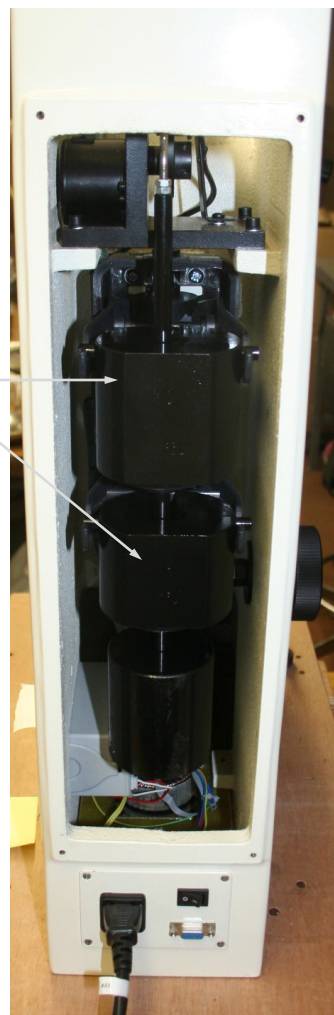


2.3.3 Installing weight stack

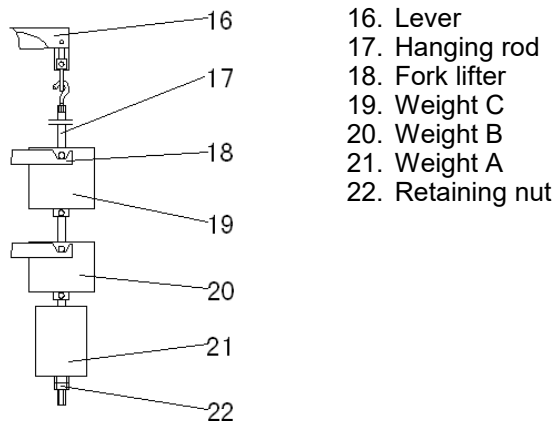


Hang weight stack holder onto loading beam

Load weights onto holder so that the pegs on the weight are aligned with the forks on the holder



Test the load stack to verify that the weights are being lifted or that they hang freely depending on the load set on the control knob



Test force for respective weights

Scale	Test Force (N)	Graduated value on Load-Change hand wheel	Weight
HRA	588.4 (60 kg)	588.4 (60)	Hanging rod + Weight A
HRB	980-7 (100 kg)	980-7 (100)	Hanging rod + Weight A + Weight B
HRC	1471 (150 kg)	1471 (150)	Hanging rod + Weight A + Weight B + Weight C

2.3.4 Installing Anvil Stage



Insert anvil into up/down
screw feed



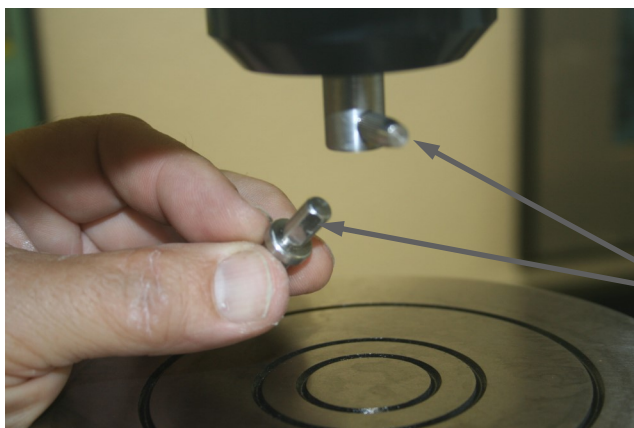
Raise cover and
tighten thumb
screws

2.3.5 Leveling unit

Place bubble level on
stage and adjust feet
height to level the unit



2.3.6 Inserting Indenter



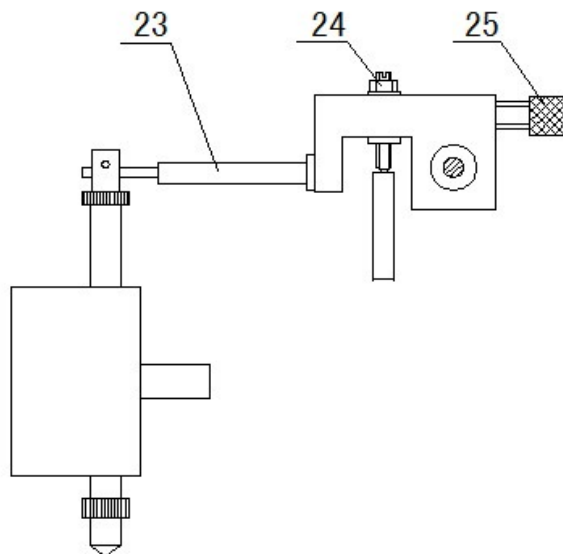
Align flat end of indenter
shank with the holding
screw



After loading indenter - run a sample indent to
properly set the indenter

2.3.7 Calibration

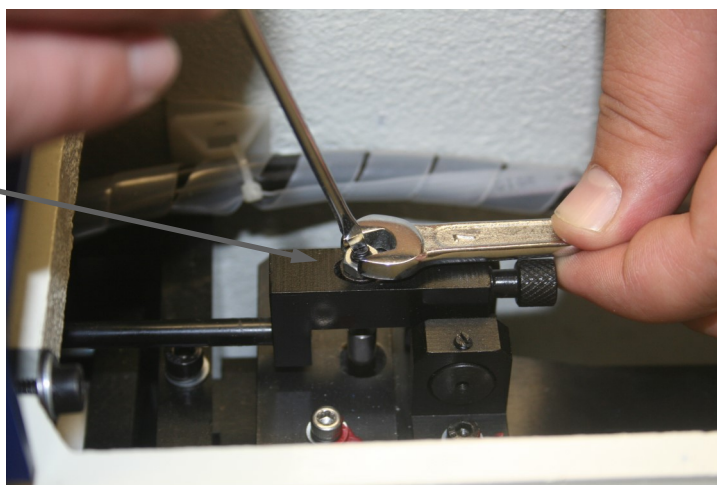
- 23. Connecting rod
- 24. Adjustment screw
- 25. Fine tuning adjustment knob



To calibrate to test blocks -
hold screw in place at (24)
and loosen nut, adjust
screw (25)

Values reading low - adjust
screw clockwise

Values reading high - adjust
screw counter-clockwise

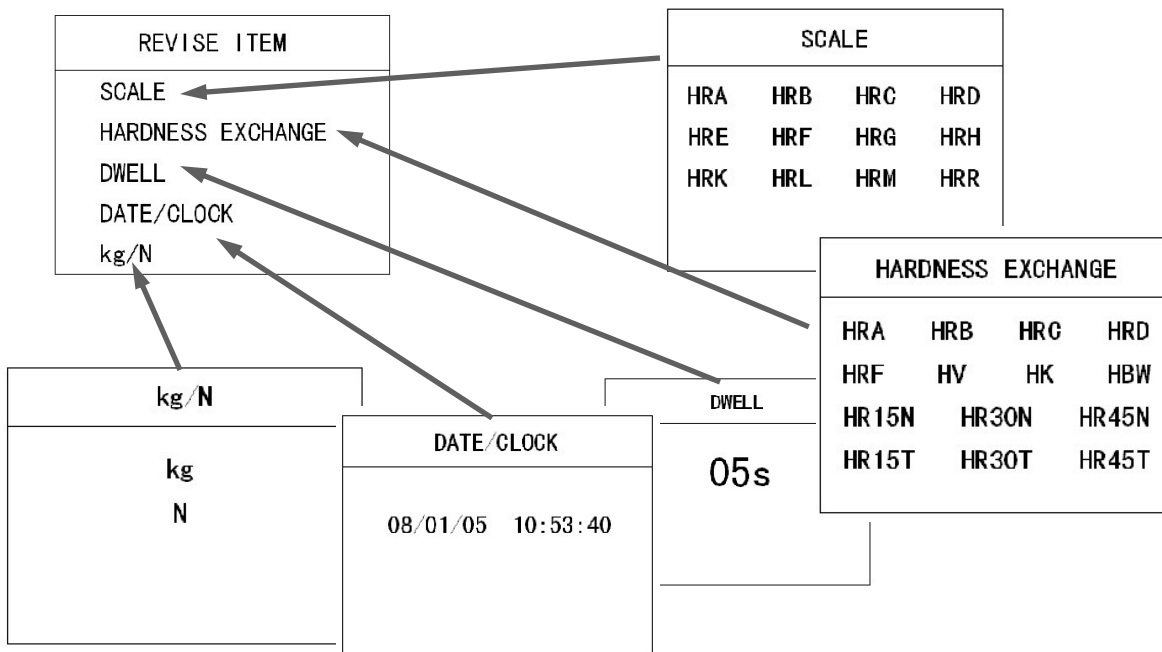


Scales	Hardness Range of the Standard Hardness Blocks	Max. Tolerance of Displaying Value
HRA	(20~75)HRA	±2HRA
	(>75~88)HRA	±1.5HRA
HRB	(20~45)HRB	±4HRB
	(>45~80)HRB	±3HRB
	(>80~100)HRB	±2HRB
HRC	(20~70)HRC	±1.5HRC
HRD	(40~70)HRD	±2HRD
	(>70~77)HRD	±1.5HRD
	(>90~100)HRE	±2HRE
HRF	(60~90)HRF	±3HRF
	(>90~100)HRF	±2HRF
HRG	(30~50)HRG	±6HRG
	(>50~75)HRG	±4.5HRG
	(>75~94)HRG	±3HRG
HRH	(80~100)HRH	±2HRH
HRK	(40~60)HRK	±4HRK
	(>60~80)HRK	±3HRK
	(>80~100)HRK	±2HRK
HRE	(70~90)HRE	±2.5HRE
HRL	(100~120)HRL	±1.2HRL
HRM	(85~110)HRM	±1.5HRM
HRR	(114~125)HRR	±1.2HRR

2.3.8 Key Pad Functions

REVI

Review Key to change the scale, conversion, dwell, date and force units.





Zero's value



Delete the present measured hardness value



Prints hardness value, average value, range, number of tests, date



Display Key - Displays hardness, range, time , up to 12 values



Confirmation Key - Press to enter data



Up and Down cursor control



Left and Right cursor control

2.3.8.1 Main Screen

	0.0 HRC		Hardness value
	HCG	HR15N	Conversion Hardness value
Dwell time at full force	DWELL 05S	ID: DIA	Indenter type
Test number	NO: 06	F: 150kg	Test Force
Date	08/ 01/ 05	10:54:35	Time

2.3.8.2 Display Screen

HRC			
01	063.6		
02	063.6		
03	063.9		
04	063.7		
05	063.7		
06	063.4		
Max. hardness value	MAX 063.9	AV 063.7	Average Hardness value
Min. hardness value	MIN 063.4	R 000.5	Max and Min. Range

3.0 Safety Guidelines

3.1 Warning Sign

! This sign points to special safety features on the machine.

3.2 Safety Precautions

! Careful attention to this instruction manual and the recommended safety guidelines is essential for the safe operation of the **OMEGA-RT-60/150**.

! Proper operator training is required for operation of the **OMEGA-RT-60/150**. Any unauthorized mechanical and electrical change, as well as improper operation, voids all warranty claims. All service issues need to be reported to the manufacturer / supplier.

! Operate unit as specified in this manual.

! Disconnect power before opening unit.

! Lower stage to avoid damaging indenter or lens when not in use.

! Cover unit with dust cover when not in use to eliminate dust contamination.

3.3 Emergency Statement

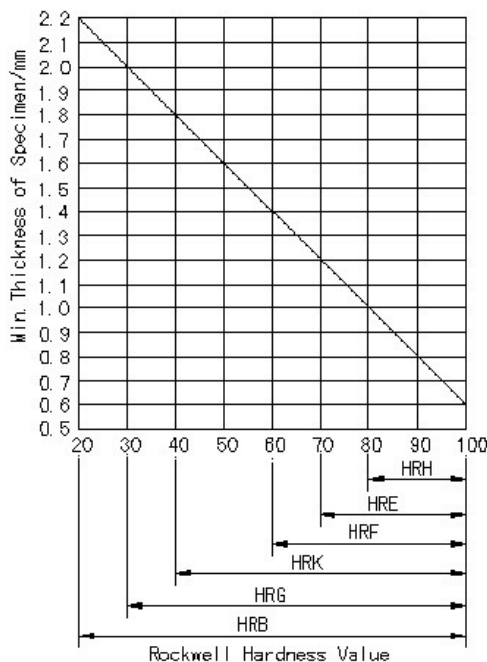
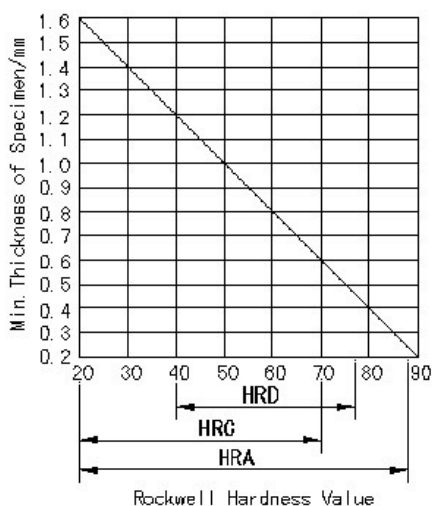
Always follow proper operational guidelines and avoid contact with lubricants and abrasives.

4.0 Operation

STEPS FOR OMEGA-RT-60/150 OPERATION IN BRIEF

(Please see explanation of important points on next pages before proceeding)

1. Mount the sample so it is flat on the stage. For non-parallel mounts a leveling vice is recommended (optional)
 - Sample should be clean
 - Minimum thickness should be 10X the depth of the indentation
 - Do not test samples in a metallographic mounts
 - Sample must be secured so it does not move during loading, otherwise the indenter can be damaged



- 2.
3. Select appropriate load and indenter (see following table).

PRECAUTIONS

4.0 Operation (continued)

Scale	Indenter Type	Initial Test Force	Total Test Force (N)	Application
HRA	Diamond Indenter	98.07 N (10 kg)	588.4 (60 kg)	Hard alloys, carbide steel, surface quenched steel, carburized steel plate
HRD			980.7 (100 kg)	Steel sheet, surface quenched steel
HRC			1471 (150 kg)	Quenched steel, tempered steel, hard cast iron
HRF	Ball Indenter ϕ1.5875mm (1/16 inch)		588.4 (60 kg)	Cast iron, aluminum, magnesium alloy, bearing alloy, annealed copper alloy, mild steel sheet
HRB			980.7 (100 kg)	Mild steel, aluminum alloy, copper alloy, malleable cast iron, annealed steel
HRG			1471 (150 kg)	Phosphor bronze, beryllium bronze, malleable cast iron
HRH	Ball Indenter ϕ3.175mm (1/8 inch)		588.4 (60 kg)	Aluminum, zinc, lead, etc
HRK			980.7 (100 kg)	Bearing alloy, tin, hard plastics and other soft materials
HRE			1471 (150 kg)	
HRL	Ball Indenter ϕ12.7mm (1/2 inch)		588.4 (60 kg)	
HRM			980.7 (100 kg)	
HRR			1471 (150 kg)	

4.0 Operation (continued)

4. Rotate Hand Wheel clockwise to move sample into indenter

-Continue to turn wheel slowly to apply the initial test load (approx. 580-610 hardness on the display).

-When the buzzer is sounded allow stop adding the initial load and let the servo motor apply the test force for the preset Dwell time (If the initial load is too fast or over 610 the buzzer will produce a long sound indicating an error in the measurement. For this situation lower the sample and move the sample to a new location and then re-apply the initial test)

IMPT: Do not rotate the hand wheel or move the specimen during the operation as this may damage the instrument.

5. Turn rotating wheel counter-clockwise to lower the sample. Move the sample to the second test location.

-NOTE: the first measurement is done to set the indenter and is not included in the data

6. To print, remove load or back off sample from indenter and press "PRT" to print the output

Clamp the sample properly on the self-leveling vice. This will make the sample exactly perpendicular to the indenter.

Important : This is very important as a tilted sample can damage the indenter. it is also very important to have a flat specimen. A rounded specimen will have varying height as it moves and can touch and damage the indenter.

Important : Take utmost care to insure that the sample or the leveling vice does not touch the indenter as this may damage the indenter

5.0 Maintenance

5.1 Introduction

The **OMEGA-RT-60/150** requires very minimal maintenance. However, to increase the life of the Rockwell Hardness tester, it is suggested that the unit be covered when not in use.

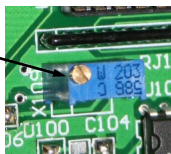
5.2 Cleaning outside cabinet

The cabinet should be cleaned occasionally with a moistened cloth. Do not use any chemicals or cleaning abrasives.

6.0 Trouble Shooting

Phenomenon	Possible Causes	Method Used
LCD does not turn on	1. No power 2. The fuse is blown.	1. Check the power cable. 2. Change the fuse.
When the tester is on, the keys do not work	The instrument is not in working state.	When the tester is turned on, wait until the instrument returns to the working state.
The Up / Down Lead Screw is hard to move	The space between the Up / Down Lead Screws are blocked by the thread ends or dirt	Remove the protecting cover for the Up / Down Lead Screw and clean the screw threads
The deviation of the displaying hardness value is too great.	1. The indenter is damaged 2. The Weights are not installed in order. 3. The tester is not placed in the horizontal level and the weights are touching the inside wall of instrument body. 4. The total test force or the indenter are not correct. 5. The protecting cover of Up/ Down Lead Screw is too high over the supporting plane of the Testing Table	1. Change the diamond indenter or the ball indenter. 2. Install the weights properly 3. Level the tester 4. Choose the appropriate testing force and indenter 5. Lower the protecting cover and clean the Up and Down Lead Screw.
LCD hard to read	1. LCD display brightness not set properly	1. Adjust blue pod adjustment on back of LCD panel (see below)

Adjust brightness for LCD display with small screw on blue pod



7.0 Hardness Testing Basic

Hardness Testing provides useful information, which can be correlated to tensile strength, wear resistance, ductility, and other physical characteristics of the material. Hardness testing is therefore useful for monitoring quality control and for aiding in the materials selection process.

ROCKWELL HARDNESS

Rockwell hardness (HR) is an indentation hardness test that is determined with a spheroconical penetrator, or hard steel ball, that is forced into the specimen surface. The test is accomplished by bringing the specimen into contact with the penetrator and allowing the penetrator to be slowly forced into the specimen surface by a series of weights acting through a system of levers. After the load is released, a dial pointer or LED screen indicates the hardness number.

Typical Applications:

- Quality control for metal heat treatment
- Materials receiving inspection
- Evaluation of welds in steels and other metal alloys
- Failure analysis

Standard Rockwell testing is at 60, 100 and 150 kg loads and Superficial Rockwell testing is at 15, 30 and 45 kg loads.

BRINELL HARDNESS

To determine a Brinell hardness number (BHN), a 10 mm diameter steel ball is typically used as an indenter with a 3,000 kgf (29 kN) force. For softer materials, a smaller force is used; for harder materials, a tungsten carbide ball is used. The BHN can also be converted into the ultimate tensile strength (UTS), although the relationship is dependent on the material, and therefore is only an empirically based value.

VICKERS HARDNESS

The Vickers test is often easier to use than other hardness tests since the required calculations are independent of the size of the indenter, and the indenter can be used for all materials irrespective of hardness. The Vickers test can be used for all metals and has one of the widest scales among hardness tests. The unit of hardness given by the test is known as the Vickers Pyramid Number (HV) or Diamond Pyramid Hardness (DPH).

MICROHARDNESS

Microhardness testers are both mechanical and optical measuring tools. The indent is produced by

applying a known load to the specimen and then measuring the size of the appropriate diagonals either optically or with image analysis software.

Microhardness is primarily determined with either a Knoop or Vickers indenter under test loads in the range of 1 to 2000 gram-force. Microhardness is used to measure the hardness of specific phases, small particles, and for brittle materials.

Knoop hardness (HK) number is based on the size of the indent that a rhombic-based, pyramidal diamond indenter produces under a known applied load. The HK number is calculated by dividing the applied load (kilogram-force) by the projected area of the indentation (square millimeters).

The Vickers hardness (HV) number is obtained by dividing the applied load in kilogram-force by the surface area of the indentation. The area of the indentation produced from the Vickers square-based pyramidal diamond is determined by the mean distance between the two diagonals of the indentation.