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DIGITAL BLOCK GAUGE USER LEAFLET

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2.0: Safety Summary

Terms in this Handbook

WARNING statements identify conditions or practices that could result in personal injury or loss of life.

CAUTION statements identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to the equipment or other property.

Symbols in this manual



This symbol indicates where applicable cautionary or other information is to be found.

WARNINGS:

Do not operate in an explosive atmosphere

To avoid explosion, do not operate this equipment in an explosive atmosphere.

Air Pressure

Under no circumstances should the recommended maximum overpressure of 7 bar be exceeded when using pneumatics with the Block Gauge.

NOTES:

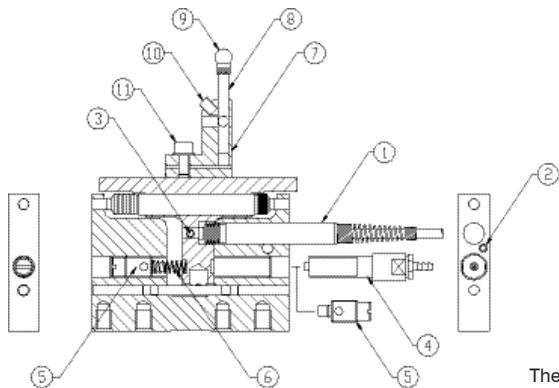
This equipment contains no user serviceable parts

This equipment must be returned to your original supplier for all servicing and repair.

Low Voltage

This equipment operates at below the SELV and is therefore outside the scope of the Low Voltage Directive.

3.0: Introduction



Key

- 1 Sensor
- 2 Sensor Grub Screw
- 3 Sensor Grub Screw
- 4 Pneumatic Actuator
- 5 Spring Holder
- 6 Spring
- 7 Tool Holder - 5 Way
- 8 Tip Carrier - M2.5 Thread
- 9 Tip - Replaceable
- 10 Tip Carrier Grub Screw
- 11 Caphead Screw

The Block Gauge family makes precision measurements of bores and cavities a simple and reliable process. The use of these devices is ideal in applications where space is limited and where the use of axial probes is not possible.

4.0: Care of the Block Gauge

The Block Gauge is a rugged parallel motion Universal Gauge designed to withstand the rigours of an industrial manufacturing environment. However, care should be taken during installation to avoid dropping the Block Gauge or subjecting it to severe shock loads.

In order to avoid damage to the linear bearings, it is important not to exceed the specified torque setting (1.5 to 2 Nm) of the fixing screw (11) when adjusting the tool holder (7).

The contact tip (9) should be fitted to the tip carrier (8) and tightened before the tip carrier is fitted to the tool holder. Tip carriers are available in 20 mm, 30 mm and 40 mm versions and 4 mm & 6 mm ϕ .

5.0: Mechanical Installation

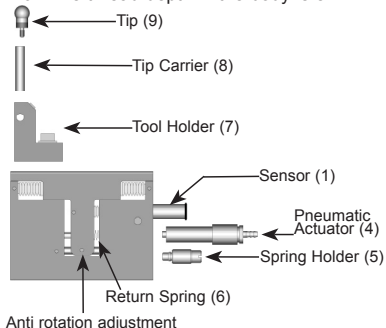
First establish the orientation in which the Block Gauge will be used. The choice of return spring (6) and its position depends on the orientation of the gauge and should be made after the tool holder (7) and contact tip (9) have been fitted. A set of return springs (for different measurement forces) are included with each gauge.

It may be easier to set contact tip forces as close as possible to operating forces before the Block Gauge is installed onto a machine or fixture. Final adjustments may then be made after installation. Final adjustment of the spring force is made by winding the spring holder (5) in or out. (section 6.3)

When fitting a pneumatic actuator (4), ensure that the threads in the Block Gauge and the actuator are clean. In order to avoid damage to the actuator or the Block Gauge, it is important not to exceed the specified air pressure.

When mounting the Block Gauge in a fixture, care must be taken not to drop the gauge or apply excessive shocks which may degrade performance.

It should be secured by using the fixing screws at the base of the Block Gauge. The fixing screws are M6. The thread depth in the body is 8 mm.



CAUTION

The pneumatic Block Gauge works at a higher air pressure than pneumatic Gauging Probes. In order to avoid damage to Gauging Probes when used in conjunction with Block Gauges, it is important that separate regulators are used for each product.

5.0: Mechanical Installation (continued)

5.1: Tip Installation/Replacement

To avoid placing strain on the tool holder (7) and the Block Gauge frame, the tip carrier (8) should be removed from the tool holder before fitting or removing a tip (9).

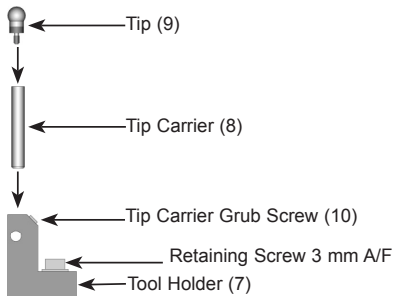
The Block Gauge tool holder allows the Block Gauge tip and tip carrier to be mounted in one of three different planes for maximum flexibility.

Tip Removal

1. Loosen the 2 mm A/F tip carrier grub screw (10) which holds the tip carrier (8) in place.
2. Remove the tip carrier from the tool holder (7).
3. Unscrew the tip (9) from the end of the tip carrier.

Tip Installation

1. Screw the tip (9) into the tip carrier (8).
2. Position the tip carrier in the tool holder (7).
3. Tighten the 2 mm A/F tip carrier grub screw (10). Take care not to overtighten it.



5.0: Mechanical Installation (continued)

5.2: Tool Holder Installation/Adjustment

The tool holder is infinitely adjustable along the industry standard dovetail fitting on the Block Gauge frame. This dovetail fitting ensures that the gauge is rigid yet easy to install and adjust.

Tool Holder Adjustment

1. Loosen the caphead screw (11) located on the tool holder (7) using a 3 mm Allen key.
2. Slide the tool holder to the required position.
3. Tighten the screw.



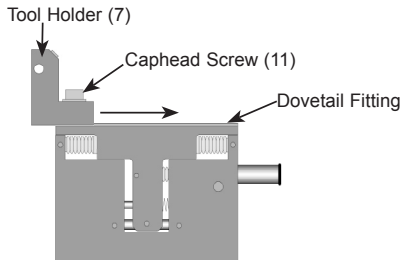
CAUTION

In order to avoid damage to the linear bearings, it is important not to exceed the specification for the torque setting (1.5 to 2 Nm) of the fixing screw when adjusting the tool holder.

Tool Holder Installation

To remove the tool holder (7), loosen the caphead screw (11) located on the tool holder using a 3 mm Allen key. Slide the tool holder off the dovetail.

To re-install the tool holder, simply slide it over the dovetail joint to the required position and then tighten the caphead screw.

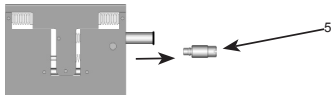


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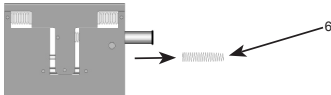
5.3: Spring Installation/Adjustment

The choice of spring return and its position depends on the orientation of the gauge and should be made after the tool holder and contact tip have been fitted. (See section 5). A set of four return springs are included with each gauge.

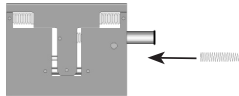
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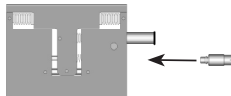
2. Remove the spring (6) if installed.



3. Select an appropriate spring, and insert this into the frame.



4. Insert the screw holder back into the Block Gauge frame and screw in.

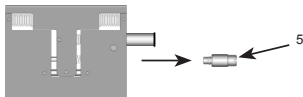


5. Final adjustment to the spring force is made by winding the spring holder in or out using a flat blade screwdriver.

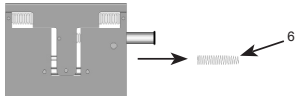
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5.4: Pneumatic Actuator Installation

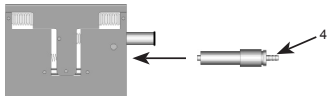
1. Unscrew and remove the spring holder (5).



2. Remove the spring (6) if it is installed.



3. Install a spring and spring holder opposite to where the pneumatic actuator is to be installed (section 6.3).
4. Insert the pneumatic actuator (4) and screw until tight. Do not overtighten.



To maximise the working life of the Block Gauge, the air supply should be both clean and dry for continual reliable operation. The air should have a maximum relative humidity of 60% RH and be filtered to better than 5 μm particle size.

When fitting a pneumatic actuator, ensure that threads in the Block Gauge and the actuator are clean. In order to avoid damage to the actuator or the Block Gauge, it is important not to exceed the specification for air pressure.



CAUTION

The pneumatic Block Gauge works at a higher air pressure than pneumatic gauging probes. In order to avoid damage to gauging probes when used in conjunction with Block Gauges, it is important that separate air pressure regulators are used for each product type.

6.0: Specification - See Orbit3 Catalogue

For instruction on using Orbit3 see the Orbit3 System Manual supplied on the Orbit3 Support Pack for Windows CD

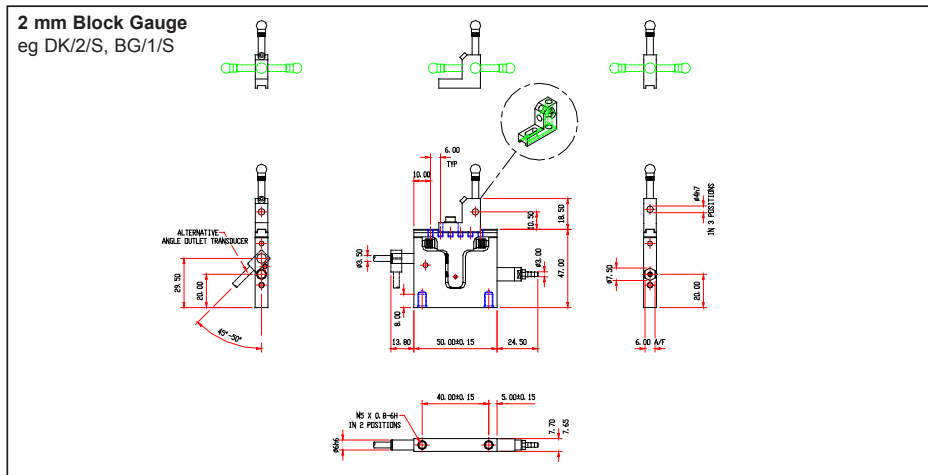
Accuracies are through the gauge centreline.

(1) Accuracy includes both linearity and sensitivity errors (D is the distance from setting master).

(2) Maximum tip force is 3.5 N. A selection of springs can be supplied for attitude and dead weight compensation. Care should be taken as the probe performance (accuracy and repeatability) may degrade at high tip forces.

7.0: Outline Drawings

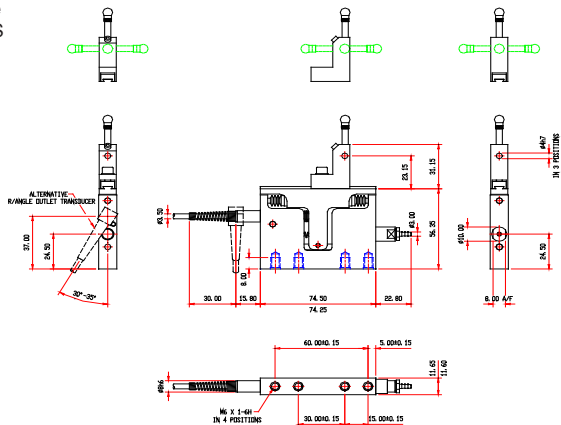
7.1: Mechanical Drawings



7.0: Outline Drawings (continued)

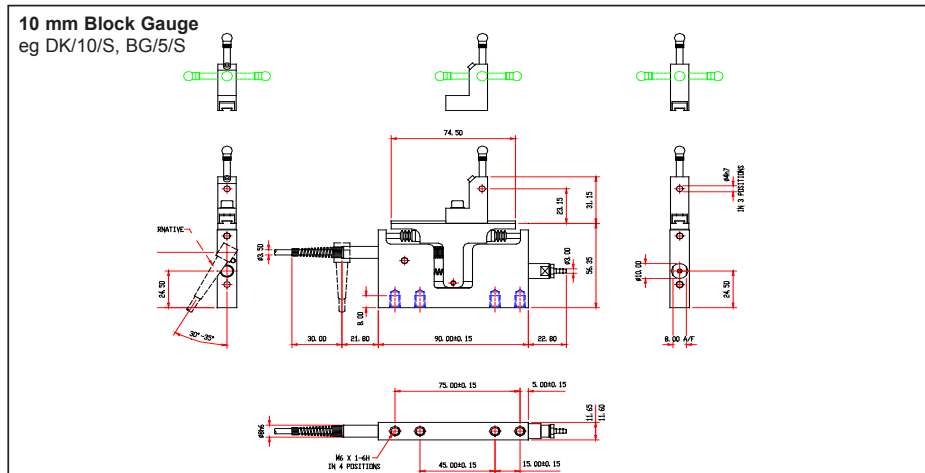
7.1: Mechanical Drawings

5 mm Block Gauge
eg DK/5/S, BG/2.5/S



7.0: Outline Drawings (continued)

7.1: Mechanical Drawings



7.0: Outline Drawings (continued)

7.2: Configuration Drawing

