TACTILE PRESSURE AND FORCE MEASUREMENT SOLUTIONS

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Tekscan[®]

ABOUT TEKSCAN



- Privately held company, established in 1987
- Over 100 employees with global representation
- All manufacturing is done in Boston, MA at our ISO 13485 certified facility
- Innovation: We invest 14% of revenue on R&D & innovation
- Growth
 - Tekscan has earned a ranking on the Inc. 5000, the business magazine's annual listing of the fastest-growing private companies in America
- Solid financial ground/no debt
 - Choosing Tekscan as your business partner, is a smart and solid investment





EXPERTISE

- Tekscan has subject-matter experts in R&D, manufacturing, application engineering, as well as in biomechanics and dentistry
- We have a large team of mechanical designers, software engineers & electrical engineers with a proven track record of exceptional results





MANUFACTURING, PRODUCT DESIGN, FORTUNE 500, ACADEMIA WHERE YOU WILL FIND US



BUSINESS UNITS





DENTAL – IMPROVED DENTAL CARE

- Dentistry's only digital occlusal analysis system
- Reveals the level and timing of force on individual teeth and the occlusal stability of the overall bite
- Brings objectivity to articulating paper
- Used in all facets of dentistry

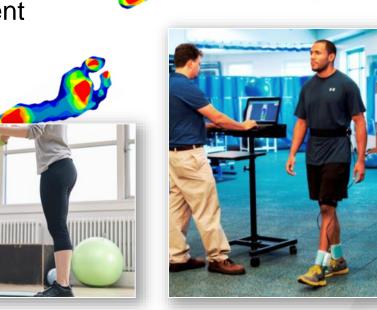


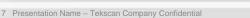


MEDICAL – IMPROVED CLINICAL & RESEARCH EVALUATIONS

Tekscan technology is widely used in the medical field to measure:

- Gait analysis
- Balance & stability assessment
- Pressure offloading for wounds/ulcers
- Clinical seat & cushion assessment





TEST & MEASUREMENT – PROVIDING INSIGHT

Pressure Mapping

- Data you can't get anywhere else by accurately measuring and analyzing interface pressure between two surfaces
- Automotive, ergonomics, electrical components/semiconductors, printing/packaging, tire, web/converting

Force Sensing

- FlexiForce sensors economically measure load and force between two surfaces utilizing a minimally invasive form factor
- Control & diagnostic tools

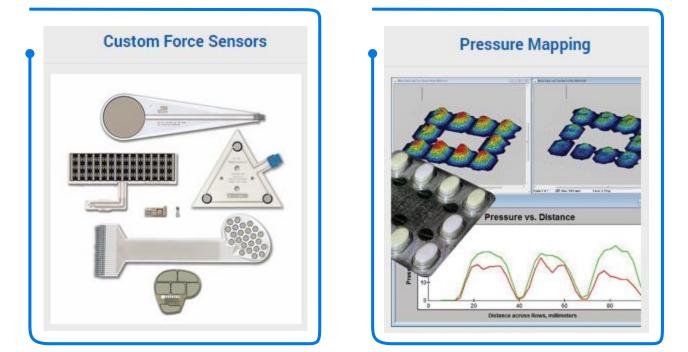








EMBEDDED SENSING – INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS



MEDICAL DEVICES, INDUSTRIAL CONTROLS, ROBOTICS, SPORTS AND FITNESS, MACHINE SETUP & CONSUMER ELECTRONICS



PRESSURE MAPPING

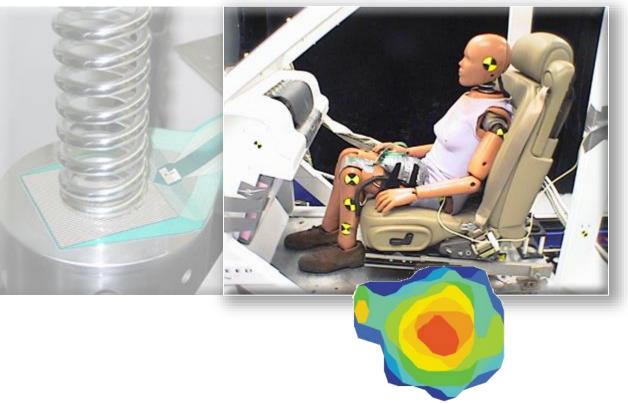


Test & Measurement

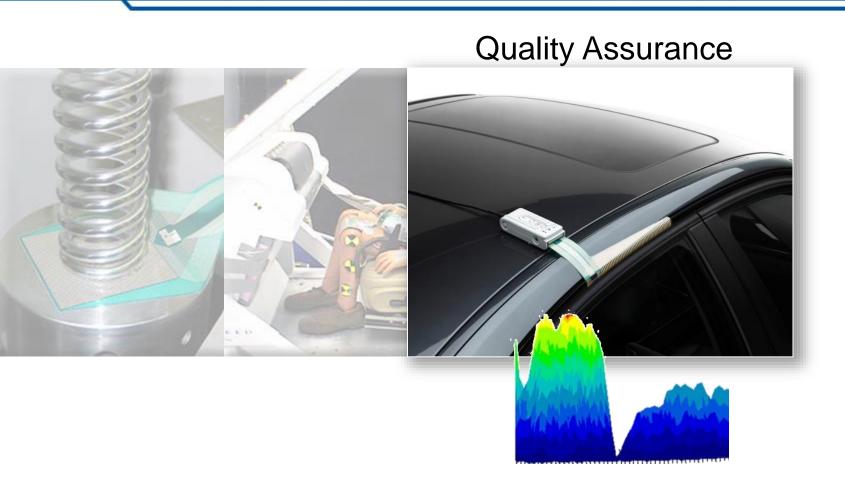




Research & Development









Machine Setup C Toksen ?



Integrated Pressure Mapping Technology





PRESSURE MAPPING IN R&D

Optimize product development:



Prototyping



Ergonomics and comfort



Verifying material selection



Examining snap fits on parts or seal on connectors



Competitive benchmarking



Analyzing drop testing impacts



Improving & validating the finite element analysis model

Improve manufacturing procedures:



Standardizing alignment of parts



Quality control/ quality review



Confirming success of a procedural adjustment

Confirming an

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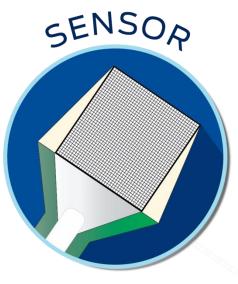
operational cost



Testing precision of robot manufacturing



SYSTEM COMPONENTS



- Minimal invasiveness
- High resolution
- Thin & flexible



- Scans thousands of sensing points within each sensor
- Instant data relay to PC via USB or WiFi



- Display pressure distribution data in multiple formats for superior analysis
- Display pressure data graphs in 2D & 3D
- Capture peak pressures and center of force in real time
- Allow for video playback of pressure data



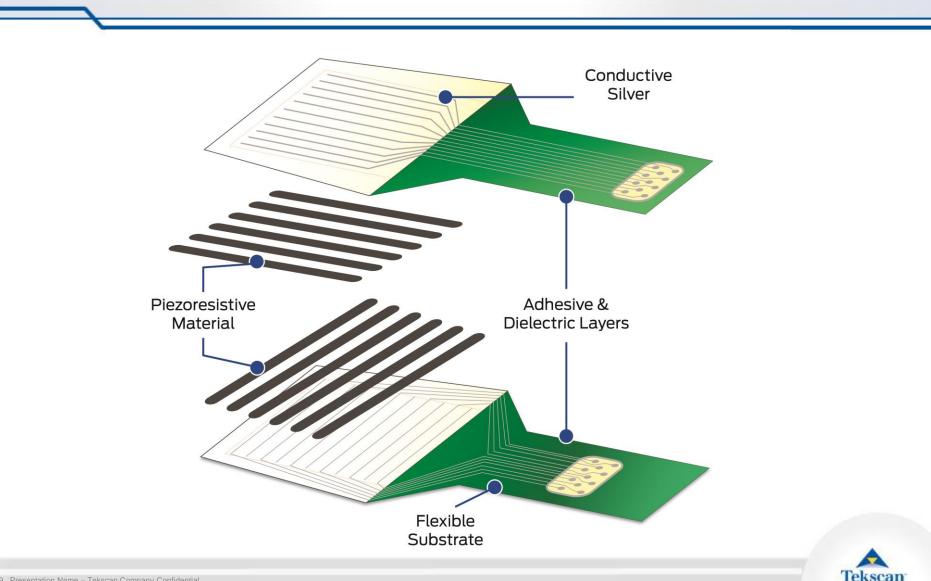
SENSORS

- Flexible, thin film tactile pressure sensors
 - Available in different sizes, shapes, resolutions, temperature ratings, and pressure ranges
- High spatial resolution
- Range of sensing areas
- Consistent & repeatable data
- High-temperature sensors
- Custom sensors





SENSOR CONSTRUCTION



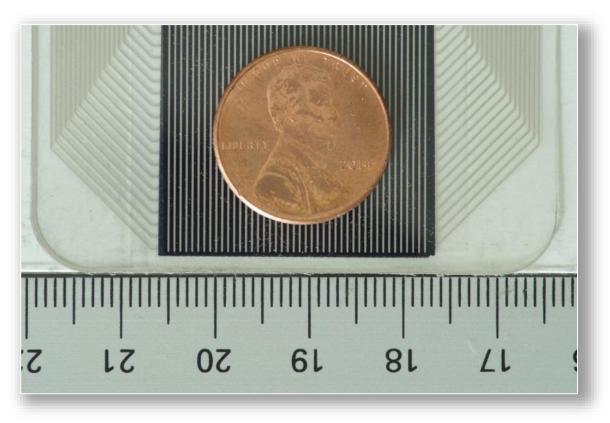
PAPER-THIN & FLEXIBLE





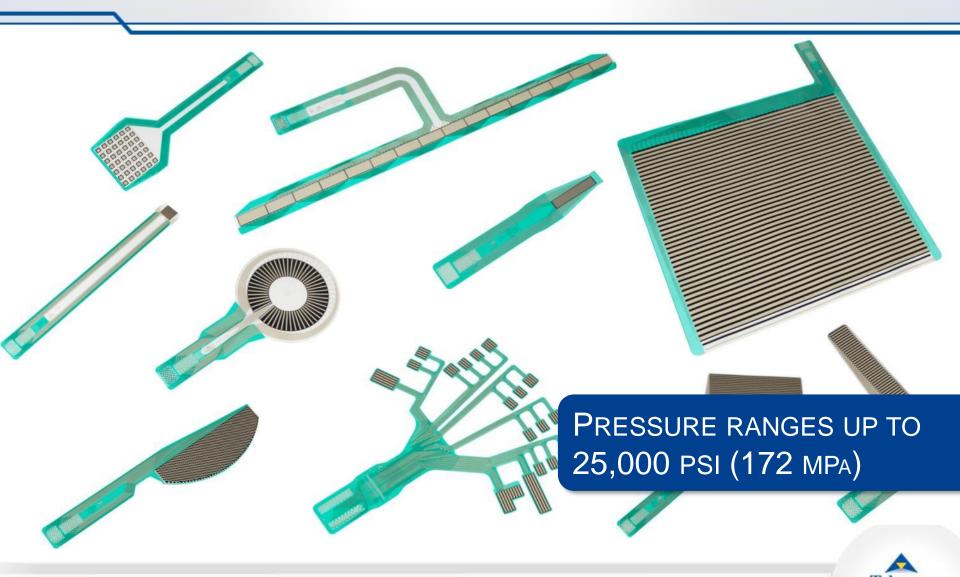
HIGH SPATIAL (X,Y) RESOLUTION

- Up to 248 sensing elements/cm² (1,600 sensing elements/in²)
- Element spacing (pitch) as narrow as 0.64 mm (0.025 in.)

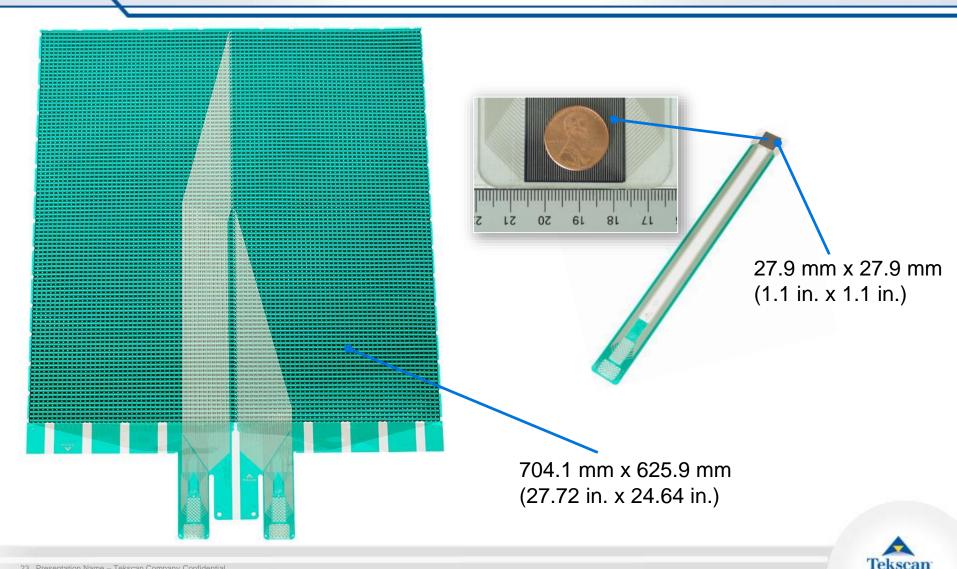




VARIETY OF SENSOR CONFIGURATIONS

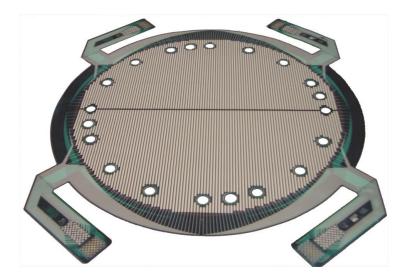


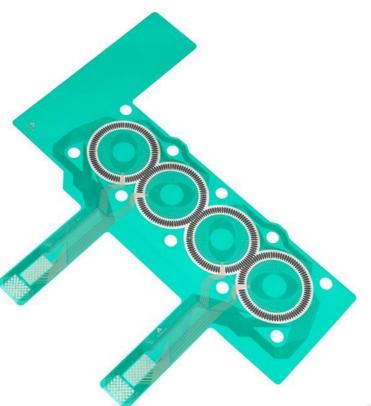
RANGE OF SENSING AREAS



CUSTOM SENSORS

 Fully customized sensors can be manufactured to meet any application







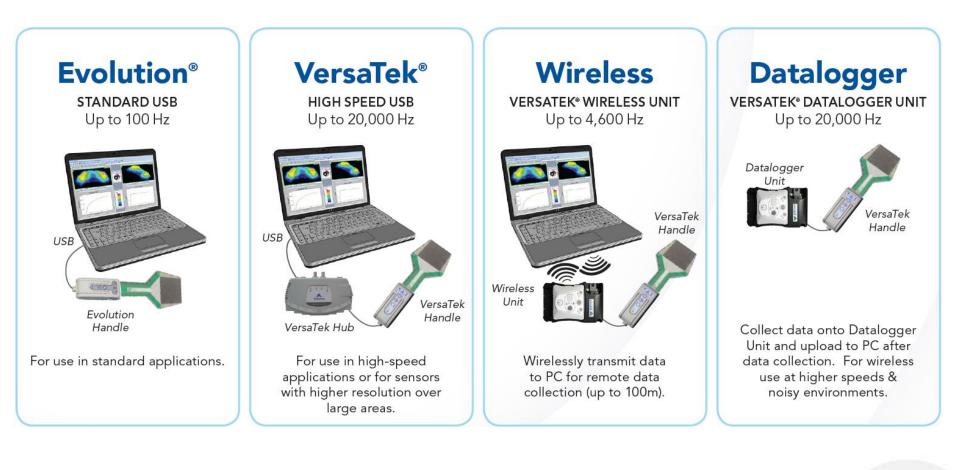
DATA ACQUISITION ELECTRONICS

- Obtain pressure data by scanning the sensing elements within each sensor
 - Up to 1,600,000 sensing elements/sec, 20,000 frames/sec
- Data is instantly relayed to the software on a PC via USB cable





CONFIGURATIONS

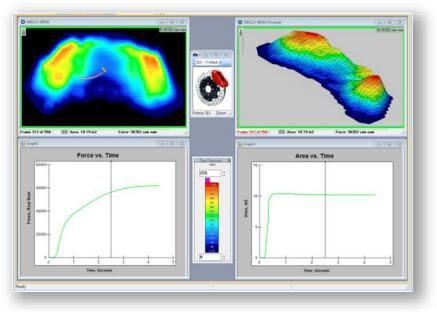




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Key Features

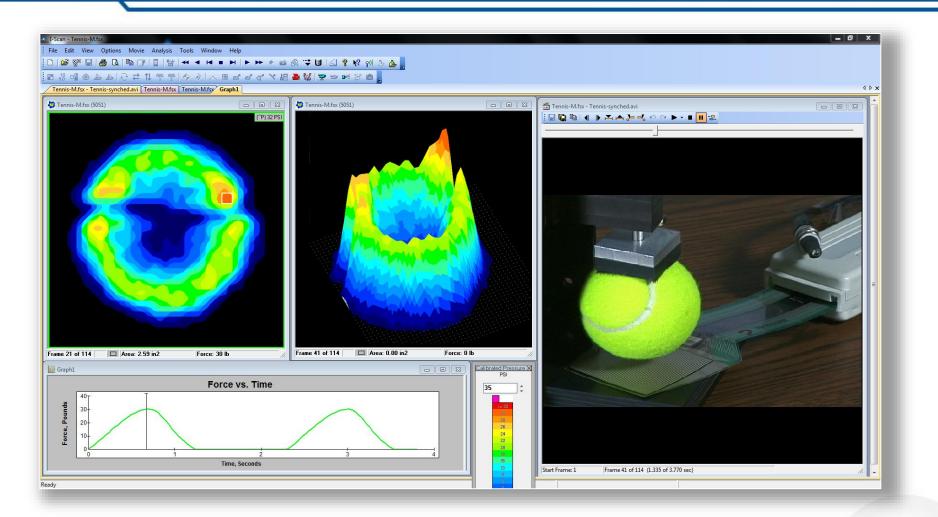
- 2D, 3D, and contour pressure image views
- Graphing & data analysis (pressure, force, & area)
- View data as an integrated Microsoft Excel table
- View and compare multiple test results simultaneously
- Display peak pressures & center of force
- Export data to ASCII or AVI files



Data and imagery of the pressure distribution display in real time with the ability to record, play back, and save

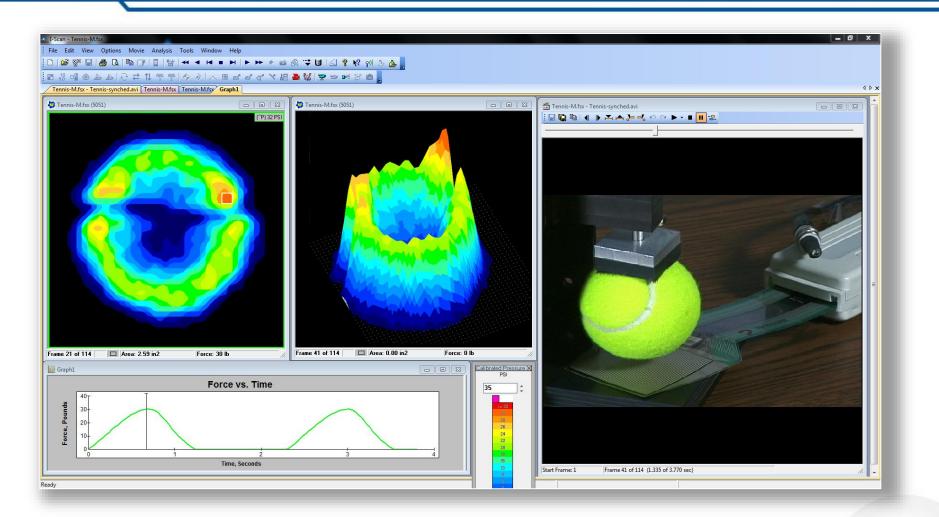


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SOFTWARE CAPABILITIES

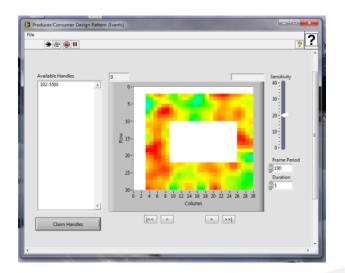
Custom Software

 Tekscan's software development team can create a customized UI to display pressure mapping in a windows environment

Software Development Kit (SDK)

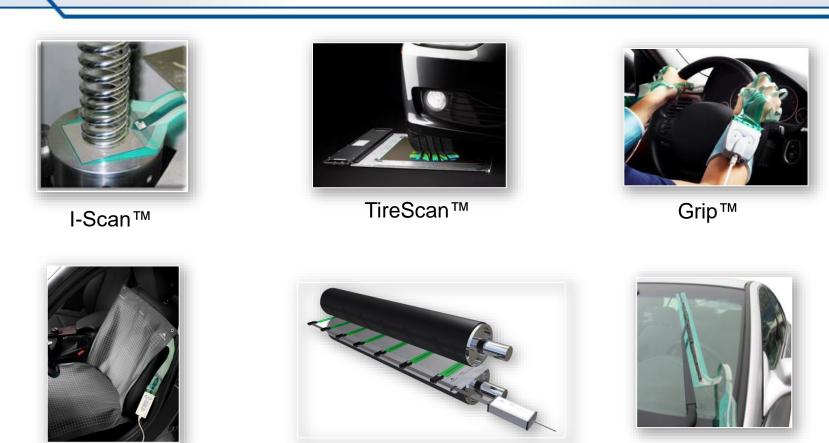
 Application Programming Interface (API), which allows you to access the functionality of Tekscan's pressure mapping system for integration with your equipment and software. The function calls provide direct communication with Tekscan electronics.







System Offerings



NPAT™

Wiper™

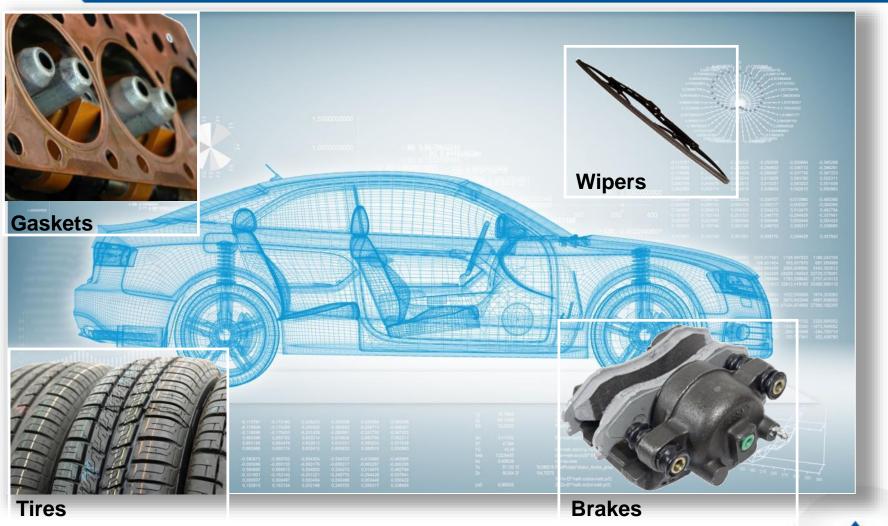


BPMS™

APPLICATIONS

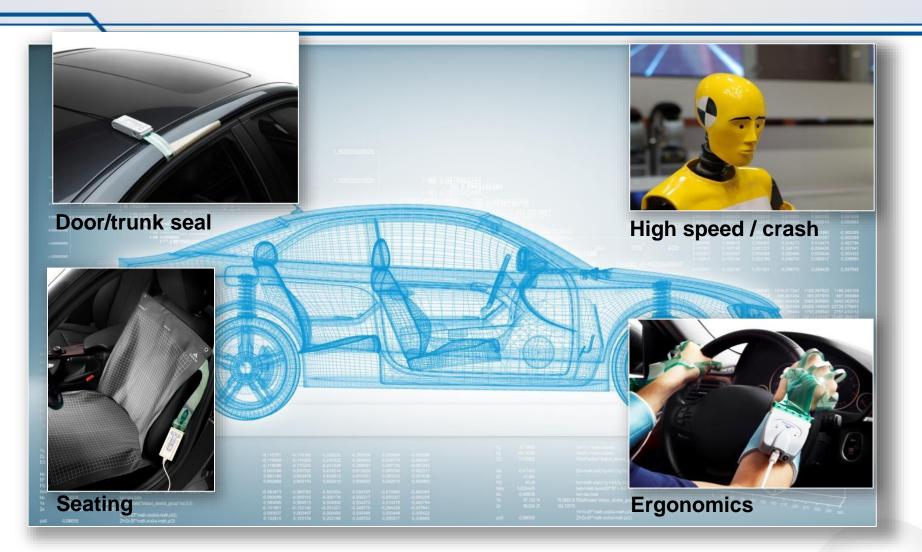


AUTOMOTIVE APPLICATIONS



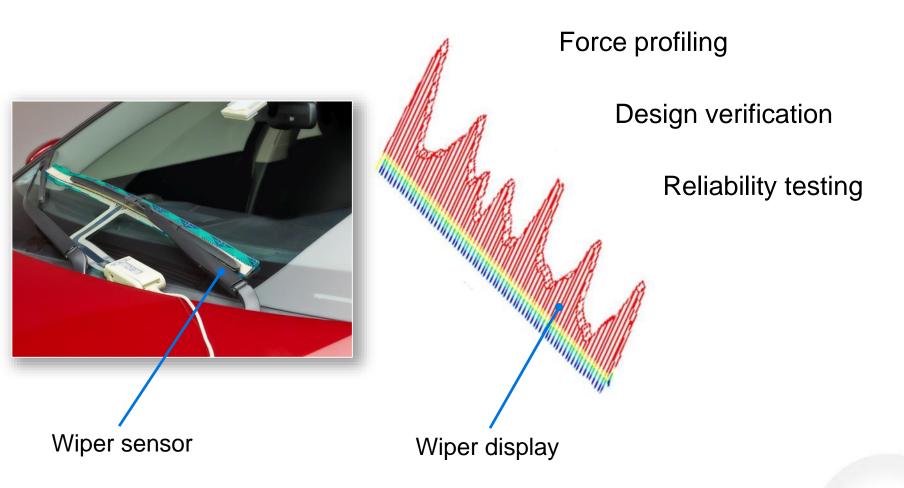


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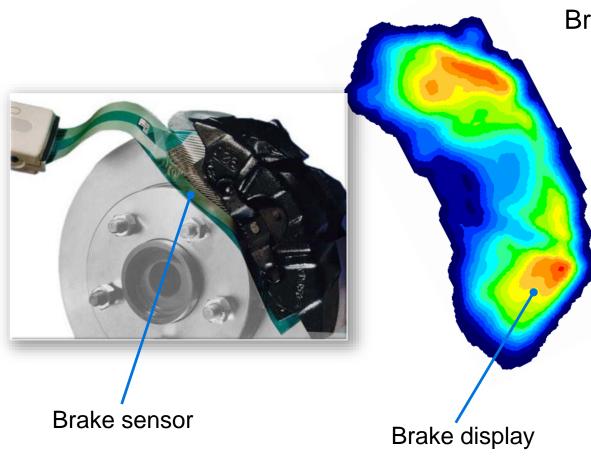


WINDSHIELD WIPER BLADE FORCE PROFILE





BRAKE PRESSURE PATTERNS



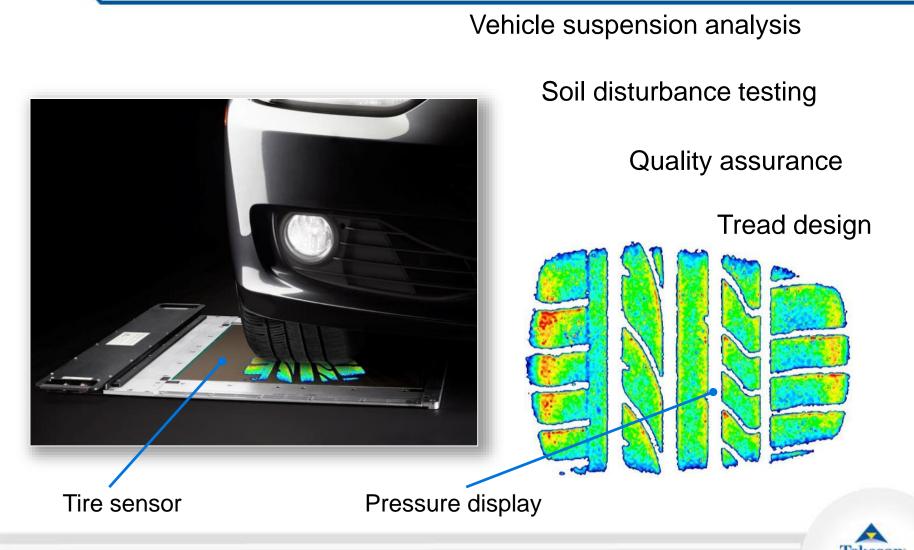
Brake design

Wear patterns

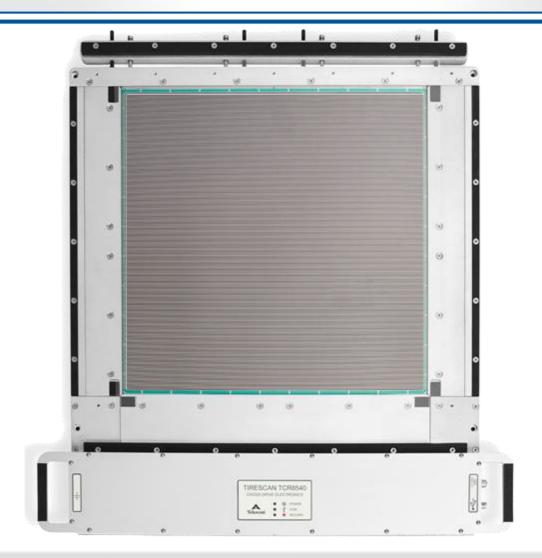
Vibration testing



TIRE FOOTPRINT ANALYSIS

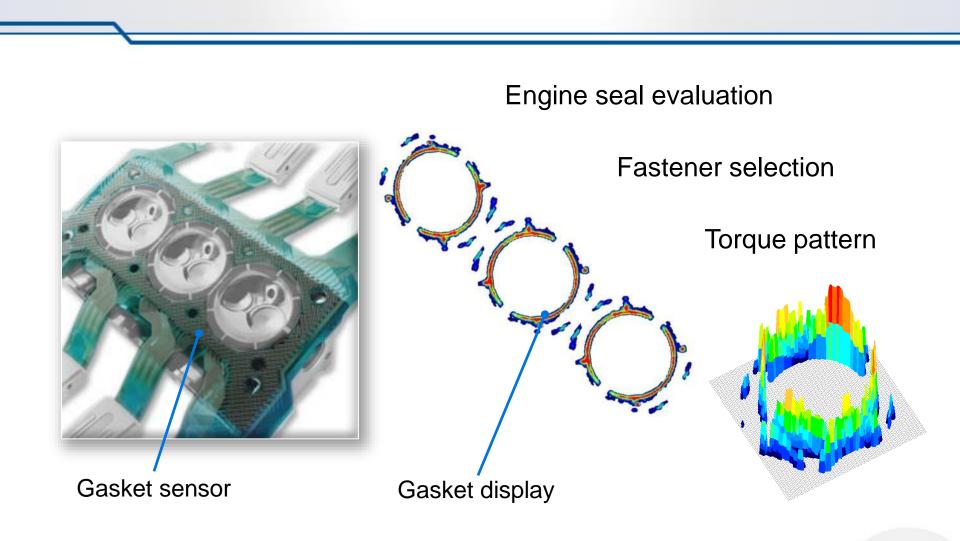


TIRE FOOTPRINT ANALYSIS





GASKET DESIGN

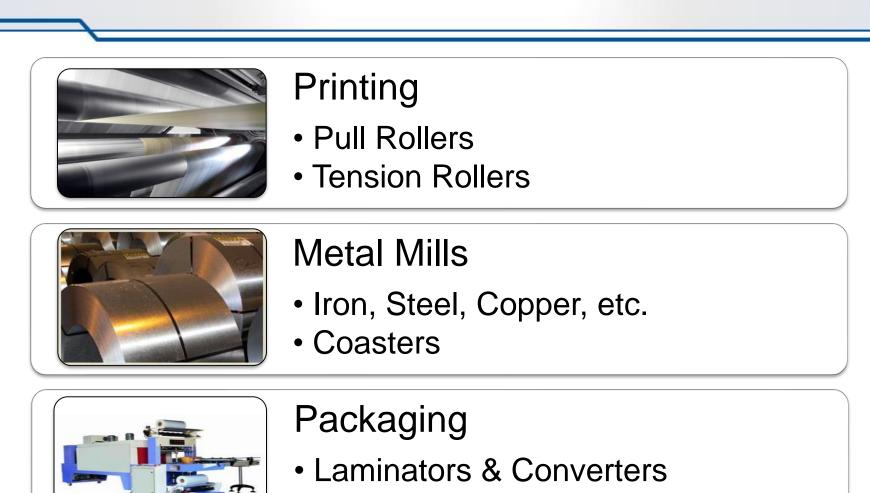








NIP/ROLLER APPLICATIONS



• Die Press

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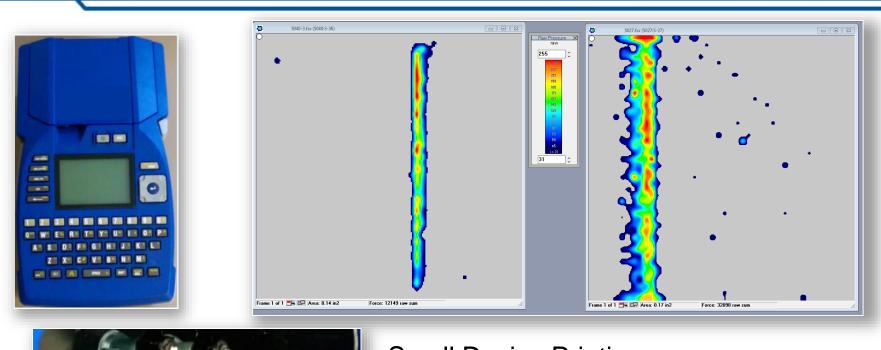


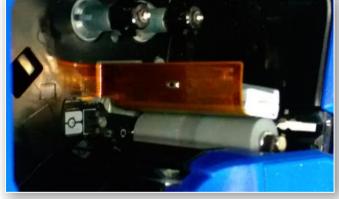
- Misalignment
- Crowns
- Diameter Variations (wear)
- Deflections
- Machine Comparison
- Calibration

MACHINE SETUP / QUALITY CONTROL



NIP/ROLLER APPLICATIONS





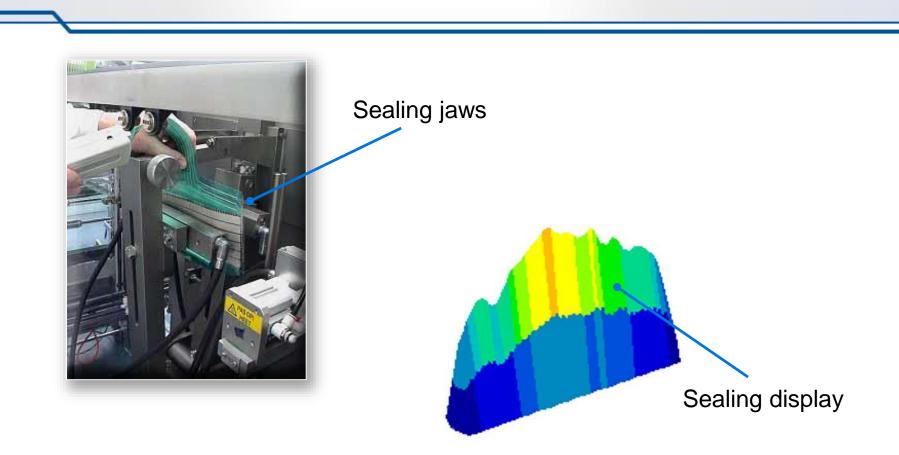
Small Device Printing



SEALING & PACKAGING



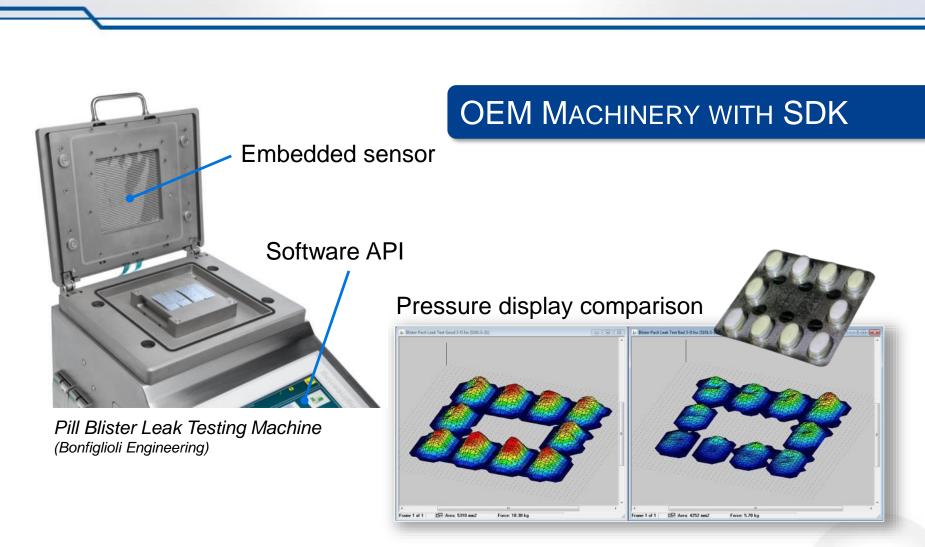
SEALING & PACKAGING APPLICATIONS



VERIFY MACHINE ALIGNMENT



SEALING & PACKAGING APPLICATIONS





ERGONOMIC



SEATING APPLICATIONS







ERGONOMIC/GRIP APPLICATIONS



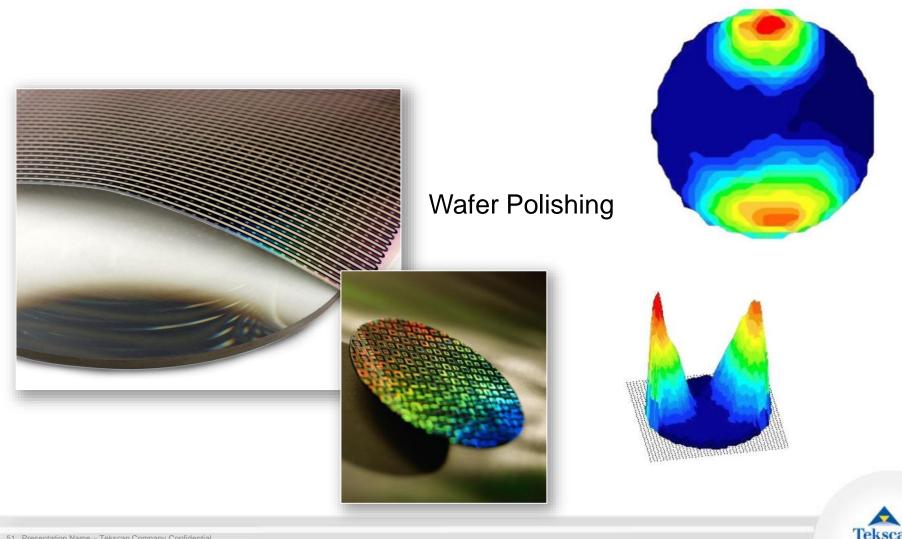




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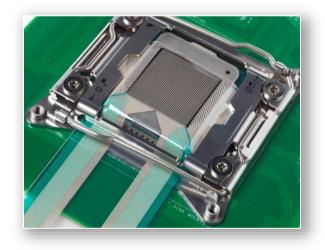


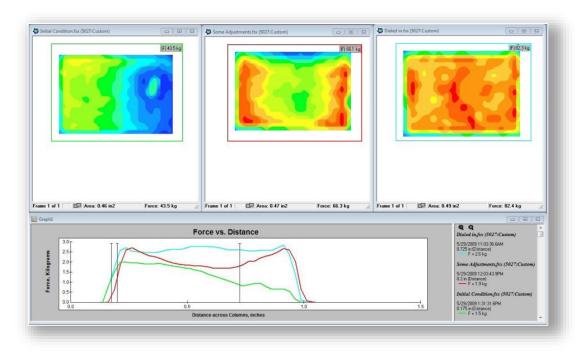
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Precision Clamping – Heat Sink Mounting

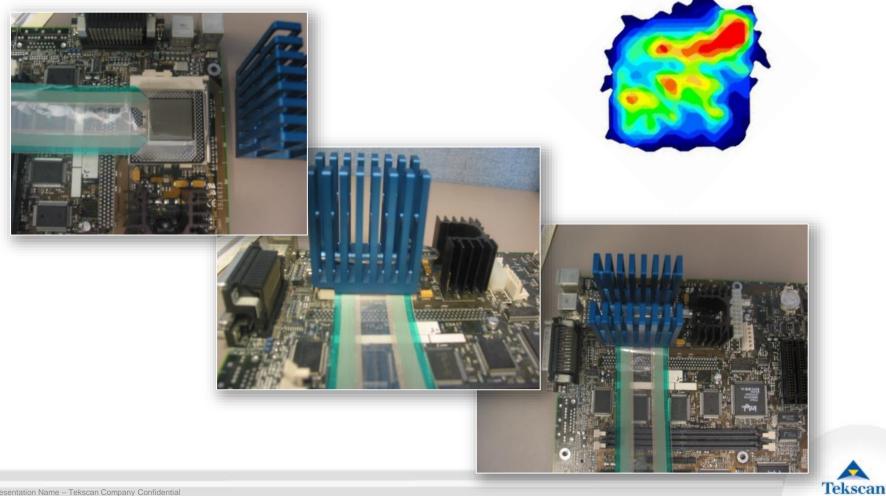






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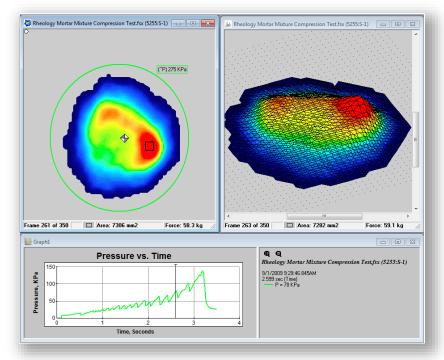
CIVIL/GEOTECHNICAL



CIVIL/GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS

Construction Material Testing





Rheology: mortar mixture compression test



CIVIL/GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS



Flat-jack test

Other tests:

- Seismic activity on building structures
- Landslide impact testing
- Above ground activity on buried structures (ex: pipeline components)
- Flat-jack test pressure inside a wall



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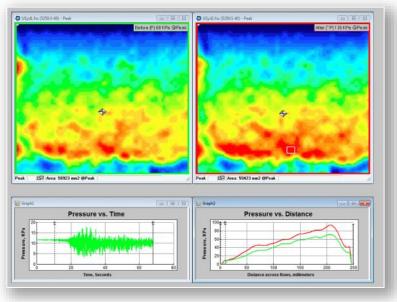
Soil Impact/Compaction Testing

ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCE



Sensor buried 100mm below surface

STRUCTURAL INFLUENCE



Sensor buried vertically against tank wall



APPLICATION EXPERIENCE

- Experienced sales engineers
- Extensive engineering team
- Passion for sensor technology
- Investment in research





VALIDATING THE TECHNOLOGY: R&D TO FULL INTEGRATION



ROADMAP TO AN INTEGRATED MACHINE DESIGN



Integrating Pressure Mapping Technology can help OEM machine developers **enhance customer loyalty** and be viewed as a **innovation leader in their market**.

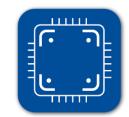


IDEAL INDUSTRIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR INTEGRATION

Noteworthy industries











ASSEMBLY

- Noteworthy applications
 - Ultrasonic welding
 - Tool & die
 - Bar sealing

- Molding
- Thermoforming
- Nip rolls & laminating

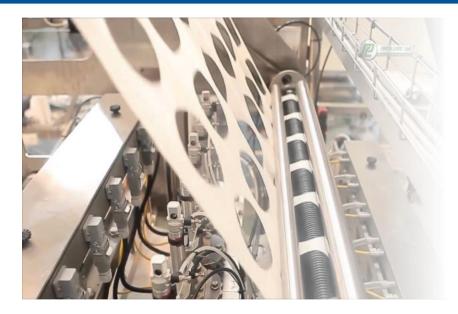


EMBEDDED PRESSURE MAPPING CONCEPTS



ULTRASONIC WELDING: CONTACT LENS PACKAGING SOLUTION

- Problem: Misaligned seals in contact lens packaging can result in saline solution leaks
- <u>Solution</u>: Embedding pressure mapping technology into machine UI ensures proper seal bond run-after-run
 - Improved yields
 - Reduced defects



- Single serve packaging
- Toy manufacturing
- Any form, fill, and seal application



SEALING BAR: THE STREAMLINED PACKAGING SOLUTION

- Problem: Inconsistent packaging seals on food products can lead to failed inspections and product recalls
- <u>Solution</u>: Embedding pressure mapping technology with high-temperature sensors results in a bettercontrolled sealing process
 - Better quality & protected product
 - Improved consumer trust

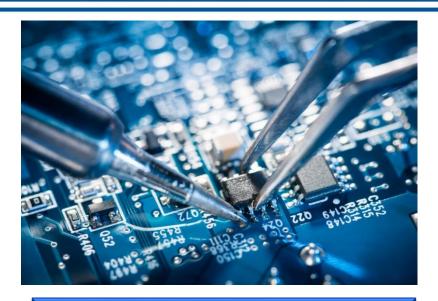


- Medical supplies
- Cereal bags
- Toothpaste
- Coffee bags



ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLY: THE PICK AND PLACE SOLUTION

- <u>Problem:</u> Proper component placement and pressure distribution is crucial in robotic assembly
- <u>Solution:</u> Embedding pressure mapping technology verifies robots are interfacing with boards properly and at the correct amount of force
 - Lowered risk of product damage during production
 - Ensured product stability and consistency

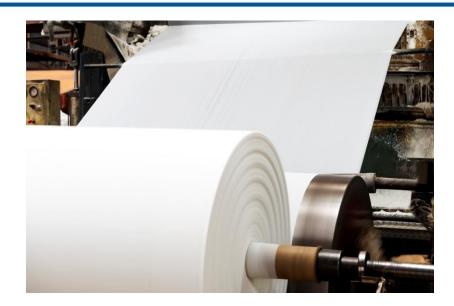


- Robotic chip placement
- Probe card testing
- Heat sinks
- Wafer polishing
- Chemical machine polishing (CMP)



NIP ALIGNMENT: THE ROLL MISALIGNMENT SOLUTION

- Problem: Roll misalignment can be an expensive burden on a production run
- <u>Solution</u>: Embedding pressure mapping technology can instantly tell the user specifically where rolls should be adjusted to improve throughput
 - Increased yields and reduced waste
 - Reduced downtime for routine setup procedures



- Paper printing
- Laminating
- Textiles
- Packaging
- Converting



RESOURCES

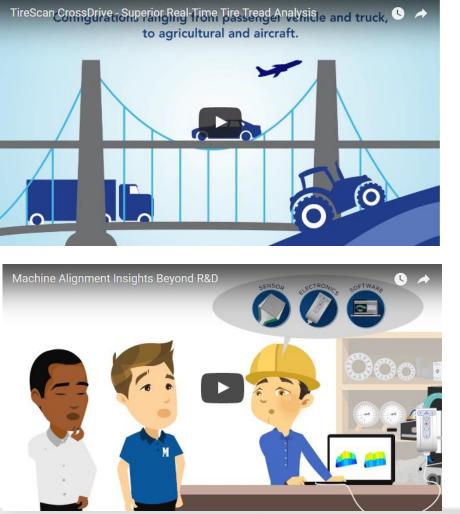


EBOOKS & WHITEPAPER

- <u>Comparison of Interface Pressure Measurement</u>
- Gaining the Competitive Edge in the Automotive Industry
- <u>Geotechnical Engineering</u>
- Ensure & Verify Nip Roll Uniformity
- Embed Confidence Into Your Machine
- Pressure Mapping for the Packaging Industry
- Pressure Mapping as a Research & Development Tool
- Insight into Semiconductor Quality Manufacturing



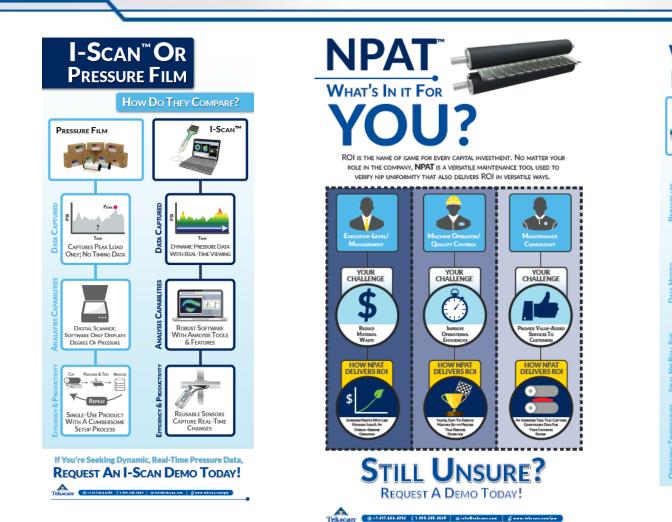
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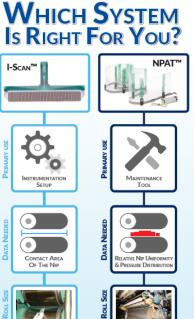






INFOGRAPHICS









SMALLER ROLLS

>450 MM (18 IN)



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PRICELESS INSIGHTS

"...WITHIN FIVE MINUTES WE WERE WATCHING A LIVE OUTPUT FROM OUR SYSTEM AND OUR JAWS HIT THE FLOOR...THE TEKSCAN SYSTEM PAID FOR ITSELF IN THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES. WE GOT ALMOST PRICELESS INFORMATION FROM IT."

Dave Otto Former Senior Research Engineer Dupont



THANK YOU!



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