

Lineup of Contact Angle Meters

Digest Information



Static / Dynamic Contact Angle Surface / Interfacial Tension Surface Free Energy Adhesive Energy The contact angle is an easy measurement method to determine the wettability of a solid substrate by a liquid. The liquid will form a drop shape when depositing a droplet onto a solid substrate. The point where the solid, liquid, and vapor meet is called the three-face point and determines the contact angle. The contact angle is also an indicator of wettability, dependent on the combination of solid substrate and liquid and the environment.

Contact angle measurements are reliable valuation techniques in various industrial fields. KYOWA is a leading manufacturer with an extensive range of contact angle meters with models from special-purpose to multi-purpose to meet multiple application demands in research & development and quality control.

Selected measurement methods of KYOWA's contact angle meters

Sessile drop method

After automatic droplet deposition recognition, automated contact angle measurements, either static or as a time function. Depending on the model, high-speed image capture with a maximum of 2700fps is possible.

Applications: Initial spreading, absorbing property, the effect of surface-active agents

Extension/contraction method

Advancing/Receding angles are measured by increasing and decreasing the volume of a captive droplet. The optional automatic dispenser system is required to ensure reliable measurements for the volume change's smooth and precise dynamic motion.

Applications: Coating property, repellency, characterization of droplet hysteresis

Surface free energy analysis of solids

The surface free energies of solids and their polar and dispersive components are determined through contact angle measurements of at least two different liquids. Different theories according to OWRK, Owens-Wendt, Kaelble-Uy, Kitazaki-Hata, Wu, acid-base, Zisman, interaction analysis (work of adhesion, interfacial free energy), Young-Dupré, and Zisman are available. The surface free energy analysis of liquids is also possible. An optional surface free energy kit with five probe liquids and needles is available. *Applications:* Adhesive properties, characterization of surface modification, evaluation of hydrophilicity/hydrophobicity

Surface/interfacial tension of liquids

The optional pendant drop kit allows for measuring liquids' surface and interfacial tension using the pendant drop method. The advantages compared to the conventional Wilhelmy plate method and du Noüy ring method are as follows:

- Measurement with a small liquid amount (less than 1mL)
- High-temperature control, such as molten polymer applications
- Suitable for liquids whose surfaces change quickly after exposure to air

Sliding method (determination of roll-off-angle and hysteresis)

Advancing/receding angles are measured using an external stage, tilting the entire measuring instrument. The angle at which a droplet starts sliding from the solid surface is determined as the sliding or roll-off angle. At the same time, the software analyzes the adhesive energy between the droplet and the solid surface. The optional sliding method kit is required.

Applications: Repellency/hydrophobicity, characterization of droplet hysteresis

<u> Dynamic sliding method</u>

Characterization of the speed and acceleration of droplets rolling off an inclined solid surface set at a specific angle with the help of a particular add-on module. *Applications:* Repellency/hydrophobicity, characterization of droplet hysteresis

Further functions of the FAMAS analysis software

- Automatic recognition of droplet deposition
- Real-time droplet volume monitoring
- Live image & focusing aid
- Threshold level adjustment
- > Data chart & variable data
- > Movie converter









DropMaster series – multi-purpose models



Manual sample stage in XY-axis, software-controlled droplet deposition, and 2700fps high-speed camera





Manual sample stage in XY-axis, manual droplet deposition, and 2700fps high-speed camera





Manual sample stage in XZ-axis, manual droplet deposition, and Manual sample stage in Z-axis, manual droplet deposition, and 30fps camera 60fps camera

Measurement Methods (standard or with optional accessories)



Sessile drop method - static mode

Sessile drop method - dynamic as a function of time

Advancing & receding angles

Surface free energy analysis



Pendant drop method - interfacial tension measurement

Sliding method - roll-off angle

Dynamic sliding method - roll-off speed & acceleration

Product Comparison

Product Comparison ST: standard OP: option NA: not available						
	DMo-902	DMo-702	DMo-602	DMo-502	DMs-401	DMe-211Plus
Maximum image capture rate	2700fps	2700fps	2700fps	2700fps	60fps OP (2700fps)	30fps
Optical system	manual focus with 3-step zoom	manual focus with fixed zoom				
Sample stage size	150x150mm	150x150mm	150x150mm	150x150mm	150x100mm	160x100mm
Stage travel axes	motorized X, Y, and rotation	motorized X manual Y	manual X, Y	manual X, Y	manual X, Z	manual Z
Droplet deposition	motorized	motorized	motorized	manual	manual	manual
Automatic dispenser	ST	ST	ST	ST	OP	NA
Sliding method	OP	OP	OP	OP	OP	NA
Tempcontrolled stage	NA	OP	OP	OP	OP	NA
Tempcontrolled dispenser	NA	OP	OP	OP	OP	NA
Instrument dimensions (W*D*H)	297*544*249mm	297*544*249mm	297*544*249mm	297*544*249mm	294*461*288mm	170*346*283mm
Instrument weight	about 10kg	about 9kg	about 9kg	about 8kg	about 6kg	about 2 kg

DropMaster series - wafer & disk samples of diameter up to 300mm





Software-controlled stage in X and rotation axis, softwarecontrolled droplet deposition, and 2700fps high-speed camera



Manual sample stage in X and rotation axis, manual droplet deposition, and 2700fps high-speed camera

Software-controlled stage in X, manual rotation axis, softwarecontrolled droplet deposition, and 2700fps high-speed camera

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Contact Angle Meters – special-purpose models



Non-contact measurements of contact angles on flat panel displays such as LCD, LED, OLED, and silicon wafer.

Dynamic contact angle using the Wilhelmy plate method & powder contact angle using the Washburn method.

Separate brochures for each model with more detailed information are available.

For detailed information, please get in touch with our sales partner or us directly at +81-48-483-2629 or overseas-sales@face-kyowa.co.jp.

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