Product Overview
Innovative, Top Quality Measurement Technology
Knowledge, Competence, Experience

Since 1953, FISCHER has created and produced increasingly innovative, powerful and versatile technologies for measuring coating thickness and micro-hardness, as well as for material analysis and testing. Today, FISCHER instruments are used all around the globe – wherever trueness, precision and reliability are essential.

Research and Development

Building leading-edge products requires a strong focus on research and development. All FISCHER products are developed and manufactured in Germany, where one in five employees works in R&D.

Highly qualified specialists – with advanced degrees in physics, chemistry, electronics, engineering and computer science – continually develop new products and processes to meet the ever-changing demands of the market. FISCHER also cooperates closely with universities and research institutes.

“Made in Germany” Quality

Keeping its manufacturing lines largely in-house allows FISCHER to fulfill its customers’ expectations with truly superior products. In FISCHER’s modern, high-tech production facilities, close attention is paid to even the tiniest details in order to ensure consistently high quality. Here, “Made in Germany” is more than just a merchandise mark: It is a point of employee pride and an integral part of the FISCHER philosophy.

Product Assortment

FISCHER instruments cover a comprehensive range of measuring and analysis tasks that are relevant in diverse industries. For each application, the appropriate method is employed for maximum precision and accuracy: whether magnetic induction or eddy current, beta-backscatter, coulometric, microhardness or x-ray fluorescence – FISCHER always has the right technology for the purpose.

Worldwide, FISCHER customers in industry, research and science depend on the reliability and accuracy of these fine instruments. FISCHER rises to this challenge with its rigorous quality standards and relentless development strategy to produce the most technically advanced, yet practical and easy-to-use measuring systems and software on the market.
Whether the coating is painted or electroplated, onto magnetic or non-magnetic materials – you will find the right tool for precise, mobile thickness measurement in FISCHER’s wide assortment of powerful hand-held instruments.

For extra versatility, FISCHER’s stationary multi-measurement systems with network capabilities and modular design can perform material analyses in addition to measuring coating thickness.

Whatever your measurement application needs, and across a wide variety of substrates: With the appropriate FISCHER instruments and probes, you are perfectly equipped for the task at hand!

FISCHER DataCenter Software
The FISCHER DataCenter software significantly enhances the functionality of FISCHER measuring instruments. With just a few keystrokes, measurement data is transferred to a PC where test reports can be created and printed with ease. In addition to a variety of evaluation options, DataCenter provides with the Factory Diagnostic Diagram (FDD) a user-friendly tool for process monitoring. In the DataCenter IP (Inspection Plan) version, inspection plans can be created on a PC and transferred to the FMP100 and FMP150 instruments, enabling graphically-supported user guidance through even complex measuring tasks.
Small, handy and robust: The non-destructive measurement instruments of the MP0 and MP0R series quickly determine coating thicknesses with the degree of precision that one has come to expect from FISCHER. With their two backlit LCDs and wear-resistant probe tips, these compact and lightweight instruments are ideal companions for onsite applications. Geometry and permeability of the specimen exert relatively little influence on the measurement results. In addition, these instruments feature patented conductivity compensation for non-magnetic substrate materials. Whether surfaces are rough or smooth, it can measure even thin coatings precisely.

The instruments operate according to the magnetic induction method (PERMASCOPE, for measurement on ferrous substrates), the eddy current method (ISOSCOPE, for non-ferrous substrates) – or both (DUALSCOPE): Whether aluminium or iron, the substrate material is automatically detected by the DUALSCOPE’s measuring system, which selects the appropriate measurement method.

PERMASCOPE® MP0 with integrated probe for measuring thickness of coatings on steel and iron.

DUALSCOPE® MP0 with integrated probe or cable probe for coating thickness measurements on steel and iron.

Expanding the scope of the MP0 instruments, the MPOR series enables storage of up to 10,000 single readings and offers special modes for measuring corrosion protection coatings according to IMO PSPC and SSPC-PA2 rules. Using the USB interface, the instruments can be connected to a PC and the measurements conveniently evaluated and recorded using FISCHER DataCenter software. The permanently attached cable probe of the FP models makes measuring easy and precise even in hard-to-reach places and on a range of different specimen shapes.

PERMASCOPE® MPOR and MPOR-FP with integrated probe or cable probe for coating thickness measurements on steel and iron.

DUALSCOPE® MPOR and MPOR-FP with integrated probe or cable probe for coating thickness measurements on virtually all metal substrates.

ISOSCOPE® MPOR with integrated probe designed specifically for high-precision measurements of thin coatings on virtually all non-ferrous metals.

DUALSCOPE® MPORH-FP with cable probe, designed specifically for measurements of thicker metal or protective coatings on steel and iron.
Due to their interchangeable probes, the handheld instruments of the FMP family are well suited for performing non-destructive coating thickness measurements through magnetic induction (DELTASCOPE), eddy current (ISOSCOPE) or both (DUALSCOPE).

The instruments’ modular design allows individual assembly of the appropriate measurement system for the respective measuring task. Besides differently equipped instruments, numerous high-precision probes are also available.

**DELTASCOPE® FMP10 and FMP30** for coating thickness measurements on steel and iron.

**ISOSCOPE® FMP10 and FMP30** designed specifically for high-precision measurements of thin coatings on virtually all non-ferrous metals.

**DUALSCOPE® FMP20 and FMP40** for coating thickness measurements on virtually all metal substrates.

**FMP10 and FMP20** are entry-level models for professional mobile measurement technology, ideal for spot checks and control measurements.

They are easy to operate and have a rugged housing with a large, high-contrast graphics display and a USB interface, through which the measured values can be evaluated and recorded using the convenient FISCHER DataCenter software on a PC.

**FMP30 and FMP40** also offer various strategies for measurement capture, more memory for storing numerous, customer-specific measuring applications and up to 20,000 readings, as well as Bluetooth® data transfer. Extensive graphical and statistical evaluation capabilities make them well suited for complex measuring applications. In addition, measurements can be made according to IMO PSPC, SSPC-PA2, QUALANOD and QUALICOAT rules, which are pre-stored in the instrument.
The DUALSCOPE® FMP100 and FMP150 instruments are particularly powerful and user-friendly tools for mastering diverse measurement challenges. They can handle demanding and frequently changing measuring applications because they function with both magnetic induction and eddy current methods and have a wide range of high-precision probes. Equipped with Windows™ CE operating system with a graphical user interface, a high-resolution touchscreen display, a large memory for several thousand measuring applications and extensive evaluation and statistical functions, they are the perfect solution for professional coating thickness measurements. Whether used in automotive, electroplating or anodising applications, or to test heavy duty corrosion protection or fine coatings, these instruments meet the highest standards for precision and trueness in all situations.

With the optionally available inspection plan software, FISCHER DataCenter IP, these professional measuring instruments turn into multi-functional data terminals. Individual test plans created on a PC can be processed step-by-step on the instrument with the help of visually-aided operator guidance and then evaluated conveniently at the PC.

The DUALSCOPE® FMP150 also includes a third measurement principle, the magnetic method, which makes it possible to take precise measurements of thick, non-magnetic but conductive coatings on steel and iron, as well as nickel coatings on nonferrous metals. Thus, it is particularly well suited for measurements on gravure cylinders: The chrome and copper coatings are measured in one step but displayed separately.
PHASCOPE® PMP10
Primarily used in the electroplating and PCB industry for quality control of metal coatings on various substrate materials, the PMP10 can precisely measure the thickness of nickel, zinc or copper coatings on steel, despite very rough surfaces, as well as the copper coatings on printed circuit boards – even in PCB through-holes. The PMP10 Duplex was specifically developed for the automotive industry to measure duplex coatings (e.g. paint/zinc on steel): Both values are acquired in one measurement procedure and displayed separately. It can also measure paint coatings on aluminium.

COULOSCOPE® CMS®
CMS instruments quickly measure nearly all metallic coatings – even multi-coatings – on any substrate material, with high precision. They work by de-plating using the coulometric method. Due to their ease of use and menu-based user interface, they are ideal for production monitoring in the electroplating industry or for incoming inspection of finished parts.

The CMS® STEP is used for standard-conforming STEP test measurements of individual coatings and potential differences, e.g. for quality control of multi-layer nickel coatings.

STEP (Simultaneous Thickness and Electrochemical Potential determination) is a method for simultaneously measuring individual coating thicknesses and determining electrochemical potential differences between the individual layers of a nickel coating system. The coating thickness is measured according to the coulometric method; the potential profile is recorded using an AgCl-coated silver reference electrode.

SR-SCOPE® RMP30-S: Cu on printed circuit board
PHASCOPE® PMP10: Zn/Fe with a rough surface
COULOSCOPE® CMS STEP: Cr/Ni/Cu/ABS
**FISCHERSCOPE® MMS®**
The first generation multi-measurement system for non-destructive coating thickness measurements and material testing. As required, the MMS can be equipped with different test modules and corresponding probes and is thus suitable for use in a wide variety of applications.

Depending on the configuration, it can measure coating thicknesses, electrical conductivity and ferrite content. The following measurement methods are available: Eddy current, magnetic or magnetic induction, as well as the electrical resistance method.

Configured as the MMS PCB, this instrument is outfitted specifically for determining copper and other electro-plated coatings on PC-boards.

Using the BETASCOPE® module, which employs the beta backscatter method, the thicknesses of organic and metallic coatings can be measured on various substrate materials – in fact, coatings consisting of practically any material on any substrate – as long as there is a difference of at least five atomic numbers between them. With the appropriate probe, even soft layers on metallic substrates can be measured, such as oils and lubricating films, foils and fabrics, and nano or organic coatings.

**FISCHERSCOPE® MMS® PC2**
The second generation multi-measurement system with integrated Windows™ CE and network capability features a large, high-resolution colour touchscreen as well as LAN and USB ports. It is ideally suited for non-destructive, high-precision coating thickness measurements and material testing.

The modular design of the MMS PC2 allows for individual instrument configurations and can be retrofitted at any time. Numerous modules and probes are available for this purpose. As is the case with the MMS, various measurement methods can be employed. Thicknesses of almost all coating materials on metals can be measured, including metallic coatings on electrically non-conducting materials.

It is also possible to determine the electric conductivity of non-ferrous metals and the ferrite content in austenitic or duplex steel.

The versatile MMS PC2 can be used in incoming inspection, in final inspection or in production. Integrated into the manufacturing process, the MMS PC2 offers extensive measurement data presentation capabilities as well as the FISCHER FDD software for continuous quality and process monitoring. Automated measurement runs can be set up easily because it can directly control a motor-driven support stand or an XY-stage.
Coating Thickness Measurement and Material Analysis

Whether for high-precision coating thickness measurements or exact material analysis, the broad assortment of FISCHER X-ray fluorescence measurement systems has the optimal instrument for any application. In addition to many innovations and patents, the FISCHERSCOPE X-RAY product line integrates more than 30 years of experience and continued development.

Determining single or multiple coatings on the smallest structures or on large components, trace analysis according to RoHS, testing of jewellery and gold or inline measurements in continuous production – FISCHERSCOPE X-RAY instruments can do it all. In the laboratory as on the factory floor.

And the intelligence controlling these instruments is called WinFTM®. It not only makes operation easy, it sets the standard in functional diversity and precision.
FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY XUL® and XULM®
The XUL-series instruments are compact X-ray fluorescence systems for coating thickness measurements and material analysis. Because the X-ray source and detector are underneath the measurement chamber, samples are simply positioned directly on the support table.

Despite their compact dimensions, the XUL instruments feature a large-volume measurement chamber and are ideal for testing electroplated parts such as screws, bolts or nuts or for measuring decorative coatings. The metal content of electroplating baths can also be analysed quickly and easily.

The XULM is designed for measurements on small structures. Equipped with a micro-focus tube and automatically changeable apertures and multiple filters, it is particularly well suited for measurements on delicate parts such as plugs, contacts and wires as well as for manual measurements on PC-boards.

FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY XAN®
The user-friendly X-ray fluorescence measurement systems of the XAN series are perfect for material analysis in business and production, research and development.

Special XAN instruments optimised for the requirements of the gold and jewellery industries allow fast, non-destructive tests for authenticity and can accurately determine the exact gold content. Detailed analyses of gold and precious metal alloys are straightforward.

Equipped with a silicon drift detector, the XAN 150 instruments can analyse thin coatings, complex alloys and the composition of powders, liquids and dust – which is why they are ubiquitous in laboratories and testing institutes, as well as in precious metal refineries and customs offices. The instruments’ excellent repeatability precision allows for accuracies comparable to cupellation.
**FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY XDL® and XDLM®**

The instruments of the XDL series are equipped with proportional counter tube detectors and are used in quality assurance, incoming inspections and production monitoring. They are also suited for measurements on large specimens with complex shapes due to the easily accessible measurement chamber. The XDL instruments can be equipped with simple support devices or various XY-stages and a Z-axis, and therefore can also be used for automated batch testing.

Typical applications are measurements of electroplating coatings as well as functional coatings in the electronics and semiconductor industries. XDL instruments can also quickly and precisely measure corrosion protection or decorative coatings such as chrome on nickel/copper. In addition, the composition of galvanic baths can be analysed.

The XDLM, with its micro-focus tube, is ideal for measurements on very small structures such as coatings on plug contacts and other electronic components.

**FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY XDAL®**

The XDAL measurement systems with silicon PIN detectors and micro-focus tubes provide reliable analysis results and coating thickness readings even for small concentrations and thin coatings. They are used in incoming goods inspection, production monitoring and in research and development. XDAL instruments are equipped with exchangeable apertures and filters and a fast, programmable XY-stage. This allows for automatic travel to defined measurement positions and automated batch measurements.

Typical applications for the XDAL include the analysis of hard material coatings, for example on drills and cutters, material analyses of alloys, and the measurement of very thin coatings in the electronics and semiconductor industries. Also "high reliability" examinations in aerospace technology or testing electronic products for RoHS compliance – for example, determining the lead content in solder layers – is possible with the XDAL.
FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY XDV®-SDD
The XDV-SDD is designed to meet the highest demands in coating thickness measurement and material analysis. With its modern silicon drift detector it is particularly suited for the non-destructive determination of coatings with thicknesses of just a few nanometres and for precise trace analysis. It is ideal for measurements on PC-boards and electronic components according to RoHS and WEEE requirements, for the determination of complex multi-coating systems, as well as for measurements of electroplated or vapour-deposited coatings in the electronics and semiconductor industries. The phosphorus content in electroless nickel coatings can also be determined with the XDV-SDD.

In order to create ideal excitation conditions for every measurement, the XDV-SDD features electrically interchangeable apertures and six primary filters. It is universally applicable and, due to its fast, programmable XY-stage, also suitable for automated measurements, e.g. in quality control.

FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY XDV®-μ
The XDV-μ is equipped with innovative polycapillary X-ray optics to focus the X-rays, enabling both very small measurement spots and high excitation intensity. Thus, the XDV-μ is particularly well suited for the measurement of thin coatings and analysis on structures smaller than 100 μm. The silicon drift detector guarantees highly accurate analysis as well as good detection sensitivity. Reliable positioning and a razor-sharp presentation of even the smallest measurement spots are possible due to the high-resolution video optics.

The XDV-μ is perfect for high-precision measurements of coating systems on printed circuit boards, lead frames, thin wires and wafers, as well as for material analysis on small structures and components in the electronics and semiconductor industries. It is used mainly for research and development tasks in the laboratory, but also excels in production monitoring, for process qualification, and quality assurance.
**FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY XUV® 773**

The X-ray fluorescence measurement system XUV 773 is equipped with a large measurement chamber that can be evacuated. Together with the large-area silicon drift detector, it can detect fluorescence radiation with low energy down to about 1 keV. This enables in particular measurements of the elements sodium and magnesium, as well as the L-radiation of zinc, copper and nickel. Its large apertures – and subsequently high count rates – enable very low detection limits and very small coefficients of repeatability, thus achieving greater accuracy.

The XUV is particularly well suited for non-destructive, high-precision analyses of thin coatings and light elements. It can simultaneously detect up to 24 elements in the range from sodium (11) to uranium (92). Analysis can be performed in ambient air, helium or vacuum, so even organic or moist samples can be measured.

Not only is the XUV ideal for research and development, it is also appropriate for process qualification, quality assurance and production optimisation. Typical areas of application include the analysis of functional coatings in the electronics and semiconductor industries: for example, thin aluminium and silicon coatings on wafers. By measuring in vacuum, repeatability precisions of a few nanometres can be achieved for these coatings.

The XUV can also be used for general material analysis, such as in forensic investigations or for identifying trace elements in soil samples, as well as in the photovoltaic industry or for the analysis of gold and jewellery. Analysing the matrix of precious stones makes it possible to determine their type and origin, and therefore their authenticity and value.

**Precious stone:** Matrix Al$_2$O$_3$, SiO$_2$

**Soil samples:** ash, minerals

**Wafer:** Al/Si wafer
FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY for Inline Measurements
These X-ray fluorescence systems for continuous coating thickness measurement and analysis are specifically geared towards quality control in an ongoing manufacturing process.

FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY 4000
Equipped with a fast traversing unit, this series is ideally suited for taking measurements at several locations or when the measuring head needs to travel automatically and precisely.

The FISCHERSCOPE X-RAY 4000 instruments are used mainly in strip electroplating for the measurement on mass-produced and stamped parts. In addition, the hot-dip galvanisation on steel strips and metal coatings on foils can be measured precisely during production.

FISCHERSCOPE® X-RAY 5000
This model series is specifically designed as a flange measuring head for integration into a production line. It allows for continuous, non-destructive inline analysis of alloys and the measurement of very thin coatings and coating systems on objects with large surface area directly in an ongoing manufacturing process. Using a cooled standard flange allows the instrument to be attached to a vacuum chamber, whereby the integrated cooling circuit enables measurements even on hot substrates.

For example, in the photovoltaic industry, the FISCHERSCOPE X-RAY 5000 instruments can determine the thickness and composition of CIGS, CIS, or CdTe coatings on different substrate materials such as glass, metal or plastic. They are also used for the analysis of thin coatings on metal strips and foils as well as for process monitoring at sputter and electroplating plants.
Material Testing

Material failure can have disastrous consequences. For this reason, materials and workmanship must be tested for safety, reliability and longevity.

Whether for determining the quality of weld seams in steel constructions or sealants on anodised façade elements, testing tank coatings or aluminium airplane structures for fatigue – FISCHER’s proven measurement technology is in demand.
FERITSCOPE® FMP30
A compact instrument for standards-compliant, non-destructive determination of the ferrite content in austenitic welded products and in duplex steel. Using the magnetic induction method, ferrite content between 0.1 and 80% Fe or in the ferrite number range from 0.1 to 110 FN can be quickly and easily measured in situ.

ANOTEST® YMP30-S
The YMP30-S is used for testing sealants on anodic coatings on aluminium. It measures the admittance according to standards and, due to its handy design, is ideally suited for onsite applications.

SIGMASCOPE® SMP10
For measuring the electrical conductivity of non-ferrous metals or non-magnetisable metals such as aluminium, copper and stainless steel according to the eddy current method. Moreover, based on the measured conductivity, conclusions can be drawn about the hardness and strength of heat-treated materials. Heat damage and material fatigue can be determined as well.

POROSCOPE® HV40
For finding pores and defects, cracks and inclusions in linings and coatings made of enamel, paint, rubber and bitumen, also in containers made of GFK or other plastics.
The tough demands of modern surface technology – to characterise very hard, very thin or visco-elastic coatings and materials – require correspondingly powerful measurement methods and systems.

The FISCHER microhardness measuring instruments are capable of making quick, precise and effective measurements where classic methods reach their limits – in the nanometre range.
Microhardness Measurement Systems

User-friendly and powerful measurement systems for the precise determination of Martens Hardness according to the load/indentation depth method. In addition, other important materials characteristics such as the Vickers Hardness, the elastic modulus of indentation or the creep behavior can be determined. Main areas of application include paint coatings, electroplated coatings, hard material coatings, polymers, metals and coatings on glass.

FISCHERSCOPE® HM2000

The HM2000 series has a test load range between 0.1 and 2000 mN and a distance resolution of less than 100 pm. A support stand model, the HM2000 S is an entry level instrument for measuring microhardness and is very well suited for easy-to-position specimens. For automated measurement processes, the HM2000 with its programmable XY-stage and motorised Z-axis is the appropriate solution. Systems for vibration absorption and various specimen positioning devices are available for both versions.

PICODENTOR® HM500

The HM500 can determine the Martens Hardness, elastic characteristics and material parameters even in the nanometre range. Its high-precision distance resolution in the picometre range and load generation of just a few micronewtons allow for the characterisation of ultra-thin coatings or surface areas with regard to their mechanical properties.

Very thin coatings on sensors, glass and data carriers, ion-implanted surfaces and matrix effects in alloys are among the typical applications of the HM500. With its high-precision, programmable XY-stage for sample positioning, active vibration absorption table and enclosed test chamber, the HM500 is suitable both for scientific evaluations in the laboratory as well as for process and quality control in manufacturing. To visualise even the tiniest material changes in the nanometre range, the HM500 can be extended with an optional AFM (atomic force microscope).
Probes

For virtually every industrial application there is an appropriate FISCHER probe available. These are high-precision devices tailored to the various measuring applications. After years of continuous development and innovation, the FISCHER probe program now encompasses several hundred probes designed to deliver optimal results with the highest accuracy. Of course, FISCHER also offers comprehensive, expert consulting services to assist you in selecting the appropriate probe for any given measurement application.

FISCHER probes are extremely robust and wear-resistant – they deliver precise measurement results over a long period of time even on hard surfaces and after many measurement cycles. All probes are developed and manufactured in-house according to strict quality standards. Each probe undergoes individual factory calibration to ensure the highest possible degree of trueness.

Special probes have been developed for the eddy current method that can compensate for the influence of curvature on rounded specimens. Furthermore, FISCHER’s patented conductivity compensation – used in all eddy current probes – makes it possible to adjust for different conductivities of the substrate material, e.g. aluminium, eliminating time-consuming onsite calibration on the actual substrate material while simultaneously achieving very high levels of trueness.

Probes for Special Applications
When particularly challenging measuring applications – for which only a customised probe can provide precise measurement results – come up, FISCHER experts can develop (upon request) individual probe designs that offer maximal repeatability precision and trueness.
Accessories
Extensive accessories complement the FISCHER product assortment. Manually and motor-driven support stands, sample holders in a wide variety of designs, protective sleeves for instruments, adapters and much more – everything to facilitate day-to-day use.

Calibration and Certification
In addition, FISCHER offers a wide range of calibration standards for each measurement method. These include, for example, pure element foils, single and dual layer standards as well as complete standard sets for different applications, including standards for measuring ferrite content or conductivity, as well as calibration standards made of different materials for all common coating thickness applications.

FISCHER is able to offer certified, traceable calibration standards since it is approved as a calibration laboratory for mass per unit area measurements by the German Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH [German Accreditation Body] according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2005.
Fischer Worldwide

Anyone striving to succeed in today’s globalised markets must know what their customers need and want. Because we at FISCHER consider ourselves a partner to our customers, we place great emphasis on excellent consultation and close cooperation. This is why the Helmut Fischer Group maintains its worldwide presence through independent companies and qualified distribution partners; there is one near you.

Service
Good service and efficient customer support are just as important to FISCHER as technically advanced and innovative products. For this reason, FISCHER has established a dense and tightly-linked global network of service partners with highly qualified staffs. Offering extensive services such as setup, maintenance, training, calibration service, etc., FISCHER supports you in every respect concerning your instruments and their use. This is how FISCHER guarantees the reliability and precision of its products. Worldwide.

In keeping with our high standards of quality and customer satisfaction, all members of the Helmut Fischer Group are certified according to DIN EN ISO 9000.
Training and Seminars
Because we want you to benefit maximally from our products, FISCHER’s experts are happy to share their application know-how, starting with seminars and training sessions on metrological basics, through the optimal use of the instruments, to expert symposia on special topics.

Application Laboratories
More and more, demanding applications require highly qualified application advice. FISCHER addresses this need through its strategically located Application Laboratories around the world (Germany, Switzerland, China, USA).