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1/2 Plastic components for vehicle interiors or foils and pipes can be tested contact-free and non-destructively using terahertz measurement technology.

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ENGINEERING PLASTICS NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING USING TERAHERTZ MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES

The testing of plastic components makes high demands on the selected test procedure. Terahertz measurement techniques allow measurements on the surface and in the bulk material. Terahertz measurements are contact-free and do not require any additional coupling medium, thus avoiding the not-uncommon problem of residue removal. In contrast to contact-free X-ray techniques, terahertz measurement techniques achieve better image contrast with these materials — and present no health risks.

Variations in thickness, defects, cavities, inclusions and pores can be reliably and clearly detected using terahertz measurement technology.

The system

- Robust design with long-term stability
- Can easily be tailored to the

measuring task

 User-friendly operator and analysis interface

The benefits

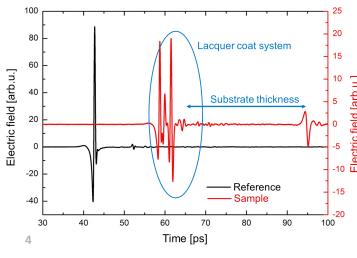
- Contact-free: the specimen does not come into contact with any coupling medium
- Specimens with internal cavities can be analyzed
- Inspection of metal/plastic combinations
- Measurement in transmission and reflection configuration
- Simple integration of compact measurement modules into existing production and quality systems

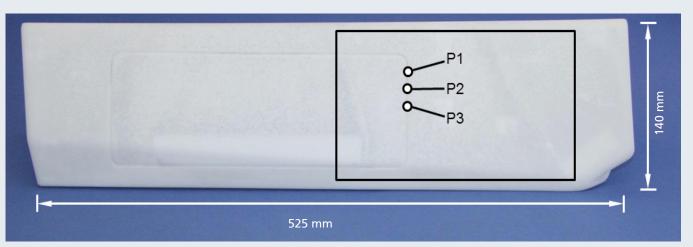
Radiation protection

Radiation harmless to health

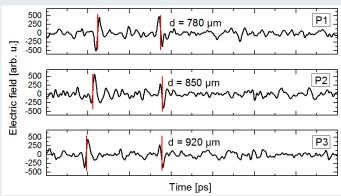




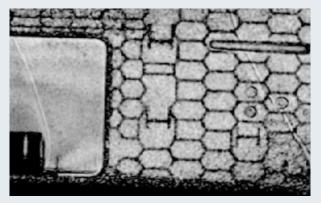




Airbag cover as an example of engineering plastics.



Different thicknesses of the predetermined breaking point of an airbag cover can be measured.



Airbag cover: material thickness fluctuations and defects verifiable inside the component.

Inspection of plastic components

Detection of

- inhomogeneities
- cracks
- cavities and defects in the bulk material

Measuring the thickness of

- plastic components
- coatings on plastics

Our offer

- Consultation on technology and application aspects
- Initial tests free measurements in our application lab
- Feasibility studies technically and economically
- Measuring studies for industry and research
- Development from single components to individual complete systems

- Equipment rent for limited-period tasks
- Measurements on customer's site –
 with mobile systems on any large objects

3/4 Tracking down defects: multi-layered system on plastic can be measured.