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# Instruction Manual HB & TI

# MANUAL SHORE DUROMETER



Shore A Shore C/ Shore 0 Shore D

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### 1. Features

The hardness of plastics is most commonly measured by the Shore Durometer, using either the **Shore A** or **Shore D** scale. It is the preferred method for measuring rubbers/ elastomers and it's also used for "softer" plastics such as polyolefins, fluoropolymers and vinyls.

**Shore A** scale is used for "softer" rubbers, while **Shore D** scale is used for "harder" ones.

**Shore C/ Shore 0** scale is commonly used for tests with foam rubbers, sponges or microporous plastics.

### Designed in regard to these standards:

- DIN 53505
- ASTM D2240
- ISO 868

### 2. Specifications

	Shore A	Shore C/ 0	Shore D
Model	HBA 100-0	HBC100-0	HBD100-0
Indenter	Konus 35°		Konus 30°
	Durchm.1,3		
Tip		SR2,5mm	
dimension			
Depth of in	0 – 2,5 mm	0 – 2,5 mm	0 – 2,5 mm
dentation			
Test	ca.12,5 N	12,5 N	50 N
pressure			
Measuring	0,55–8,065N	0,55–8,065N	0,55-44,5N
spring			
force			
Display	Skala von	Skala von	Skala von
range	0 – 100	0 - 100	0 – 100
Scale	55 mm	55 mm	55 mm
Diameter			
Weight.net	250g	230g	250g
(gross)	(300g)	(350g)	(300g)
Dimen-	26x62x115	26x62x115	26x62x115
sions	(LxBxH) mm	(LxBxH) mm	(LxBxH) mm
Thread	M7 x 0.5	M7 x 0.5	M7 x 0.5

### 3. Method of measurement

Shore Durometer, like many other hardness testers, measures the depth of indentation in the material created by a given force on a standardized presser foot. The depth is dependant on the hardness of the material, its viscoelastic properties, the shape of the presser foot as well as the duration of the test. Shore durometers allow the measurement of the initial hardness or the indentation hardness after a given period of time.

The basic test requires applying the force in a constant manner without shocks, measuring the hardness (depth of the indentation). If a timed hardness is desired, force is applied for the required time and then the measurement result is to be read.

The tested material should have a thickness of minimum 6.4 mm (0.25 inch).

#### 4. Maintenance

After testing the instrument is to be put back in its packing box. It should not be stored in following environmental conditions: wet or dusty area, oil or chemicals.

### 5. Calibration

First the test plate is to be put on a hard and flat base. The hardness tester is to be located on the test plate by placing the measurement tip into the hole of the test plate.

The instrument is to be adjusted by turning the external ring of the round Display to the setpoint of the test plate.



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# SHORE DUROMETER TEST STAND



Thank you for buying a SAUTER Durometer Test Stand. The ruggedness of this stand will allow many years of use if you will care for an appropriate operation and maintenance.

If there are any queries, wishes or helpful suggestions, do not hesitate to call our service number.

### Instruction

This Test Stand is produced for our Shore hardness testers. Combined with this, tests can be made more stable and accurate. TI-A0 is applied for HB instruments Shore A and 0; TI-D is applied for HB instruments Shore D.

### Structure



### Operation

The Shore durometer has to be fixed on the test stand by the installation pole. The hardness testing block has to be put onto the glass stage. Then the operating handle has to be pressed by poise to place the durometer tip into the hole of the block until the foot of the durometer touches the testing block completely. At this time, the hardness value on the dial should be within  $\pm 1$  of the signed value on the block (side below). If the value is not  $100\pm 1$ , the adjusting nut under the glass stage has to be adjusted to make the value turn to  $100\pm 1$ .

If the durometer is used without hardness block, the operating handle also has to be pressed by poise to place the durometer tip on the glass stage, touching it completely. Here, the hardness value on the dial should be within  $100\pm1$ . If not, it should be adjusted by the adjusting nut under the glass stage to make the value turn to  $100\pm1$ . The testing material has to be put on the glass stage, the

operation handle has to be moved down by force of the designation weight. When the durometer touches the test material completely, the value appears on the dial.

The reading value time of thermoplastic rubber is 15 seconds, vulcanised rubber or other unknown rubbers is 3 seconds. The Shore C model is able to read the value within 1 second after the durometer has touched the material completely.

## Caution

1. This test stand can only be applied for Shore durometers. If it is installed with different durometers, the quality of weight first has to be adjusted according to the requirements.

GB/T531.1-2008 has a rule for the adjustment of total quality as shown below:

Shore A and Shore AO model is  $1^{+0.-1}_{-0}$ kg

Shore D model is  $5^{+0.5}_{0}$  kg.

Shore AM model is 0.25<sup>+0.05</sup>kg

Shore C model is  $1^{+0.1}_{0}$  Kg.(In HG/T2489-2007)

Note: Total quality includes quality of lock screws, designation weight, screw, installation pole and durometer. 2. It has to be applied in environment without shock, the max. pressing speed of the test should not be above 3.2mm/s.

### Maintenance

The test stand had to be cleaned after using it with a smooth cloth to avoid rust.