

TauroX[®]

TAPPING TORQUE TEST SYSTEM from MICROTAP USA, INC.

Rapid and Relevant Lubricant Testing

Lubricant quality is the main goal of all metalworking fluids but one of the most persistent challenges is to improve product performance in the laboratory. Tribology equipment often uses time-consuming procedures and costly test pieces depending on simulations rather than actual metalworking operations.

Tauro LT-120 from **Microtap USA** overcomes these issues to provide researchers with test procedures that are economical to use, rapid to perform, and easy to analyze. The net result is that product modifications, manufacturing quality and competitive products can quickly be measured.

Precise Measurement

The **LT-120** features many improvements compared to other tapping torque testers. The synchronous servo motor delivers seventy percent higher power with extremely smooth running performance at both high and low speeds. Torque is measured every millisecond giving rapid response and control. Vertical displacement of the tap is measured directly rather than estimated and is repeatable to 0.1 mm. Speed is regulated precisely at values as low as 50 rpm compared to 300 rpm and above. Test pieces have up to 70 or more holes to avoid sample variability during testing. The **X-Y autotable** indexes with an accuracy of 30 microns to avoid misalignment from hole to hole.

Advanced Reporting Capabilities

Data is output to an external PC by Ethernet. The TauroLink software controls the tap speed and torque limit while collecting and analyzing run data. Repeat runs are automatically averaged and displayed. Results can be exported as image files for presentations or Excel compatible csv files for further analysis. The software license covers multiple installations.



State the Art Technology

Large color display with clear menus and prompts for rapid setup. Separate procedures optimized for cutting and form tapping. Torque, tap depth and speed are continuously monitored. Separate processors for improved control and data collection. One processor controls table positioning while a second controls the depth and a third controls tap speed and torque. Control is very fast with the torque measured constantly to stop the drive before a tap is broken or a work-piece is damaged.

Tauro LT-120**Tapping Unit**

Description	Torque monitored tapping machine with continuous feedback to avoid tap or work-piece damage
Tap sizes	M2 – M12 (aluminum), M2 – M10 (stainless steel)
Torque range	0.30 – 12 Nm
RPM range	50 – 2,400 rpm (continuously adjustable)
Spindle travel	90/80 mm (3.54/3.15 in)
Depth accuracy	0.1 mm (0.004 in)
Spindle height adjust	Base to tool holder 70 – 415 mm (2.8 x 16.3 in)
Automatic Spindle Feed	Pneumatic cylinder, 60-80 psig
Operation	Menu driven or PC controlled
Color LCD Unit	4.3" TFT
Digital IO	3 inputs, 10 outputs
Built-in Languages	English, German (others available upon request)
Units	Thread depth: mm; Torque: N-m
Control programs	Thread cutting, thread forming, rethreading
Rotation	Right or left hand switchable
Reversal program	Variable speed
Other	Triggered relays for external control
Construction	Cable connected modules for tapping unit, control and display
Dimensions	Machine: 390 x 450 x 882 mm (15.3 x 17.7 x 34.7 in) Controller: 220 x 400 x 400 mm (8.7 x 15.7 x 15.7 in)
Power requirements	230 V ±10%, 1.1kW, 1 phase, 48-62 Hz

X-Y autotable

Description	Two axis, point-point linear table with automatic position control for efficient multi-test evaluations; includes table, fixtures, stepper motor drives, PLC and pendant
Pendant Control	Four line LCD and keypad for operator control
Positioning accuracy	30 microns
Repeatability	1.3 microns
Table dimensions	18" x 8"
Table range	12" x 4"
Fixtures	14" x 2" test bars
External control module	14" x 12" x 6"
Power requirements	100 – 240 VAC, 2 amp, single phase

Tauro Link Software

Description	Program for tapping unit control, data acquisition, analysis, presentation and export
Tapping unit control	Remote control of tapping unit including torque limits and rpm
Data acquisition	Torque and tap travel data with 1 ms sampling rate
Data analysis	Maximum, standard deviation and mean torque for each run or multiple runs calculated; mean torque curves plotted against each other for multiple evaluations; bar graph comparisons of different groups of runs
Data presentation	Torque curve vs. tap depth curve automatically plotted for each run; mean curves from multiple test runs compared on a separate graph
Data storage	Data stored in Tauro tdg files which can be exported to bmp or Excel compatible files
System requirements	Intel Pentium 3 or equal with 1 GHz - 1 GB RAM - 100 MB hard disk - Windows 7, 8, 10

Supplies

Test bars	Standard bars are 14"x 2"x ½" with 69 to 120 through holes for M6 cutting or forming tap. Standard bars include aluminum (6061, 319, 356, 380), steel (1018, 1045, 4140), stainless (303, 304, 316), plus titanium, Inconel, copper, CGI, and cast iron. Special orders are accommodated.
Taps and holders	Microtap USA, Inc. is an authorized distributor for YMW, Emuge and others.

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