

Veeco Introduces ContourGT-K0 Surface Metrology System

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Cost-Effective, Easy-to-Use 3D Optical Profiler for Research & Production

Plainview, NY, May 26, 2010 -- Veeco Instruments Inc. (Nasdaq: VECO), a leading global provider of precision instrumentation and metrology solutions for scientific and industrial markets, today announced a new low-cost member of its ContourGT™ family of non-contact, 3D optical surface profilers. The [ContourGT-K0 Surface Metrology System](#) combines streamlined architecture and functionality with significantly improved measurement and computing hardware and software, making it the industry's most advanced and easiest-to-use low-cost, 3D optical surface profiler.

"With its intuitive user interface and improved throughput capabilities, our ContourGT product line is being very well received by our industrial and research customers," said Mark R. Munch, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Veeco Metrology & Instrumentation. "By adding the low-cost K0 version, we have brought top metrology performance and ease-of-use to the more cost-sensitive QA/QC production and R&D applications, including precision machining, medical, printing, high-brightness LED and solar."

Ross Q. Smith, Vice President and General Manager, Veeco Optical Industrial Metrology, added, "As the precision manufacturing industry pursues ever tightening tolerances and quality assurance criteria, we see a rapidly growing market for simple-to-operate, high-performance, yet low-cost, non-contact, quantitative 3D surface profilers that can replace traditional, 2D contact-based systems. The ContourGT-K0 epitomizes this combination, and we expect it to be the industry's benchmark in this category."

About ContourGT-K0

The tabletop ContourGT-K0 is the entry-level model of the ContourGT product line, which includes a range of profilers designed to meet the technical requirements and budgets for virtually every type of production and R&D precision surface metrology application. The systems utilize patented, higher brightness dual-LED illumination combined with superior vertical resolution to provide greatly improved sensitivity and stability, enabling precision non-contact 3D surface metrology in difficult applications and environments that are challenging for other white light interferometry systems. The entire ContourGT Family also features Veeco's new Vision64™ Operation and Analysis Software and the industry's most intuitive, modular user interface to deliver user-level-customization capabilities for the widest possible range of surface profiling metrology applications. For more information about the ContourGT-K0 or other ContourGT models or to schedule a demo, please visit www.veeco.com/ContourGT, email metrologyinfo@veeco.com, or call +1 (520) 741-1044.

About Veeco

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