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## HARDNESS TESTING OF PLASTICS (SHORE)

To determine the hardness of plastics, in 1915 Albert Shore developed an extremely simple process: A pin made of hardened metal and of a defined shape is held by a spring and is then pushed into the test item. Depending on the depth of the penetration, the material tested is either harder or softer. This procedure is described in DIN ISO 48-4.

Currently, there are two types of devices used for this test: Mechanical measuring devices with drag indicator and electronic measuring devices.

Both types of measuring devices can be operated with test stands (such as the SAUTER TI series). With a test stand, measurements can be carried out more consistently and accurately.

At this time, KERN does not calibrate Shore hardness testing instruments. As an alternative, we recommend that the measuring device is operated with a calibrated kit of hardness comparison plates (such as SAUTER AHBA 01).

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NEW



Shore hardness tester with extensive functionality

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Features

- To measure the hardness of plastics through penetration measurement
- **1** Shore A: Rubber, elastomers, neoprene, silicone, vinyl, so plastics, felt, leather and similar material
- **2** Shore D: Plastics, formica, epoxides, plexiglass etc.
- Different measuring modes: Average value, maximum value, chronological sequence
- Limit alarm function, which triggers an audible and visual signal when the value goes below or above the defined limits
- Entering the workpiece number is possible
- Setting the measuring time from 0 to 99 seconds
- Recommended for internal comparison measurement
- **3** Can be attached to the test stands SAUTER TI-HEA (for Shore A), SAUTER TI-HED (for Shore D) to improve the measurement result, see *Accessories*
- Large display with backlight
- Battery status indicator
- USB data interface, as standard
- **4** Delivered in a robust carrying case

Technical data

- Tolerance: 1 % of [Max]
- Overall dimensions W×D×H 153×50×29 mm
- Net weight approx. 0,20 kg
- Internal memory for up to 500 results
- Test force hardness measurement  
SAUTER HEA: 10 N  
SAUTER HED: 50 N
- Diameter of measuring probe: 18 mm
- Material thickness of the sample, min. 6 mm
- Rechargeable battery pack integrated, as standard, operating time up to 20 h without backlight, charging time approx. 3 h

Accessories

- Shore comparison plates for testing and calibration of Shore hardness testing devices. By regular comparisons the measuring accuracy increases significantly
- **5** 7 hardness comparison plates for Shore A, tolerance up to ± 2 HA, SAUTER AHBA-01
- **6** 3 hardness comparison plates for Shore D, tolerance up to ± 2 HD, SAUTER AHBD-01
- Factory calibration of the comparison plates, SAUTER 961-170
- Test stand for HEA 100, SAUTER TI-HEA
- Test stand for HED 100, SAUTER TI-HED

STANDARD

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MEMORY

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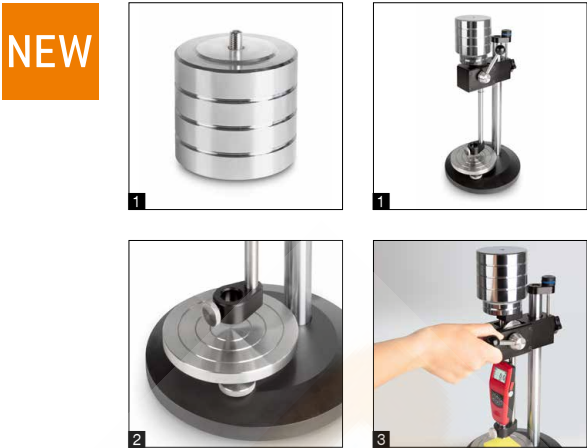
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Model	Hardness scales	Measuring range	Readability
SAUTER		[Max]	[d]
HEA 100	Shore A	100 HA	0,1 HA
HED 100	Shore D	100 HD	0,1 HD

New model



Test stand for hardness testing Shore A and D

Features

- High-quality test stand for Shore hardness testing of plastics in industry and the laboratory
- **1** One test stand for two hardness scales:  
The test stand TI-HEA only requires the additional weight TI-HE to be screwed onto so it is also suitable for Shore D hardness tests, see *Accessories*
- **2** Level adjustment: For the precise levelling of the steel base plate, e.g. for the correction of inhomogeneous test objects
- Robust design enables accurate measuring movements
- **3** Simple handling means that you can achieve repeatable measuring results
- Hardness measuring device is not included with delivery

Technical data

- Maximum stroke length: 20 mm
- Maximum test object height: 50 mm
- Base plate Ø 115 mm

Accessories

- **1** Option Shore D pour TI-HE: Additional weight for TI-HEA test stand, SAUTER TI-HE



Model	Hardness scales	Test force hardness measurement	Overall dimensions W×D×H mm	Net weight approx. kg
SAUTER		N		kg
TI-HED	Shore D	50	200×200×470	10
TI-HEA	Shore A	10	200×200×390	6

New model



Compact handheld durometer with drag indicator

Features

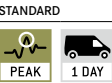
- Typical application: measurement of penetration (Shore)
- Particularly recommended for internal comparison measurement. Standard calibrations e.g. to DIN 48-4 are not possible because of very narrow standard tolerances
- Shore A: Rubber, elastomers, neoprene, silicone, vinyl, so plastics, felt, leather and similar material
- Shore D: Plastics, formica, epoxides, plexiglass etc.
- Shore A0: Foam, sponge etc.
- Max mode: Records the peak value indication by drag pointer
- Can be attached to the test stands SAUTER TI-AC (for Shore A and A0), SAUTER TI-D (for Shore D)
- Delivery in a plastic box
- The measuring tips are not interchangeable

Technical data

- Measuring precision: 3 % of [Max]
- Overall dimensions W×D×H 115×60×25 mm
- Net weight approx. 0,15 kg
- Screws to screw on to the TI: M7 fine thread
- Material thickness of the sample, min. 6 mm

Accessories

- Shore comparison plates for testing and calibration of Shore hardness testing devices. By regular comparisons the measuring accuracy increases significantly:
  - 7 hardness comparison plates for Shore A, tolerance up to ± 2 HA, SAUTER AHBA-01
  - 3 hardness comparison plates for Shore D, tolerance up to ± 2 HD, SAUTER AHBD-01
- Factory calibration of the comparison plates, SAUTER 961-170
- Test stand for HBA, HBO, SAUTER TI-AC
- Test stand for HBD, SAUTER TI-D



Model	Hardness scales	Measuring range	Readability
SAUTER		[Max]	[d]
HBA 100-0	Shore A	100 HA	1 HA
HBO 100-0	Shore A0	100 HA0	1 HA0
HBD 100-0	Shore D	100 HD	1 HD



Professional Shore hardness tester

Features

- To measure the hardness of plastics through penetration measurement
- Particularly recommended for internal comparison measurement. Standard calibrations e.g. to DIN 48-4 are not possible because of very narrow standard tolerances
- Shore A: Rubber, elastomers, neoprene, silicone, vinyl, so plastics, felt, leather and similar material
- Shore 0: foam, sponge
- Shore D: Plastics, formica, epoxides, plexiglass etc.
- Can be attached to the test stands TI-ACL (for Shore A and 0), TI-DL (for Shore D) to improve the measurment result
- Large display with backlight
- Selectable: AUTO-OFF function or continuous operation, battery level indicator
- **1** Delivered in a robust carrying case

Technical data

- Tolerance: 1 % of [Max]
- Overall dimensions W×D×H 125×70×27 mm
- Net weight approx. 0,20 kg
- Transfer via RS-232 to the PC, e.g. to Microsoft Excel®
- Battery operation, batteries standard (2×1.5 V AAA)
- Material thickness of the sample, min. 6 mm

Accessories

- Shore comparison plates for testing and calibration of Shore hardness testing devices. By regular comparisons the measuring accuracy increases significantly
  - 2** 7 hardness comparison plates for Shore A, tolerance up to ± 2 HA, SAUTER AHBA-01
  - 3** 3 hardness comparison plates for Shore D, tolerance up to ± 2 HD, SAUTER AHBD-01
- Factory calibration of the comparison plates, SAUTER 961-170
- Test stand for HDA, HD0, SAUTER TI-ACL
- Test stand for HDD, SAUTER TI-DL
- Data transfer software, interface cable included, SAUTER ATC-01

STANDARD

OPTION

Model	Hardness scales	Measuring range	Readability
SAUTER		[Max]	[d]
HDA 100-1	Shore A	100 HA	0,1 HA
HD0 100-1	Shore 0	100 H0	0,1 H0
HDD 100-1	Shore D	100 HD	0,1 HD





Lever operated test stand for hardness testing with base plate made of glass

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Features

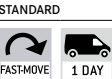
- For Shore hardness testing of plastics, leather etc.
- **1** Glass plate: high measurement accuracy by means of superior hardness of the glass plate
- **2** Mechanical construction: Robust design enables accurate measuring movements
- **3** Level adjustment: For the precise levelling of the base plate, e.g. for the correction of inhomogeneous test objects
- **4** SAUTER TI-DL: with exchangeable longer column for use with digital hardness tester HD
- Hardness tester is not included with delivery

Operation:

1. The SAUTER hardness testing device HB/HD is fitted in a suspended position
  2. The test object is placed on the round testing table right under the durometer measuring tip
  3. By pressing the lever down, the test weight will be released, and this then presses the measuring tip into the test object with its own weight (see test force hardness measurement)
- The accuracy of the displayed result is about 25 % higher than in a manual operated test

Technical data

- Stroke length: 15 mm
- Base plate Ø 75 mm



Model	Hardness scales	Test force hardness measurement	Test object height [Max] mm	Overall dimensions W×D×H mm	Net weight approx. kg
SAUTER		N			
TI-AC	Shore A	10	60	150×200×330	5,0
TI-D	Shore D	50	60	150×200×400	8
TI-ACL	Shore A	10	290	150×200×580	6
TI-DL	Shore D	50	290	150×200×580	9