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## RMP600 high accuracy machine probe

# An unrivalled combination of flexibility and accuracy

The RMP600 is Renishaw's latest addition to its range of spindle probes for inspection, successfully combining patented **Rengage™** strain gauge technology with the unique frequency hopping radio transmission system from the RMP60.

These unparalleled features make the RMP600 the most **flexible** and **high precision** machine tool probe in the world.

Rengage<sup>TM</sup> technology, the combination of a patented sensing mechanism and new electronics processing, delivers sub-micron **3D performance** to allow probing of complex geometry. It achieves this with no compromises in terms of overall robustness; the resistance to shock is as high with this very sensitive probe as with Renishaw's other market leading probes.

The RMP600 is only the second probe in the world to use frequency hopping spread spectrum (FHSS) transmission; the first being the extremely successful RMP60.

Unlike conventional radio transmissions, the RMP600's transmission system does not use a dedicated radio channel. Instead, the probe and receiver 'hop' together through a sequence of frequencies, enabling multiple probe systems and other industrial equipment to co-exist in confidence. Paired with a RMI receiver, the RMP600's signals are transmitted over long distances with a negligible chance of interference.

The 2.4 GHz frequency band is compliant with radio regulations in the EU, USA, Japan, Canada, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand.

Highly sensitive probes can suffer from false triggers due to high speed movement and shock. The risk of this has been eliminated in RMP600 by using solid state accelerometers within the probe, making it as flexible as Renishaw's RMP60.

# Innovations

## Rengage™ technology

Using strain gauges, the probe is able to detect very low contact forces, resulting in less bending of the stylus, less pretravel, and greater accuracy. Additional benefits of this are;

- Increased stylus lengths can be supported without a decrease in probe performance.
- Excellent 3D performance which allows probing of contoured surfaces whilst maintaining very high accuracy.

## Frequency hopping spread spectrum transmission

FHSS transmission for probes means that once partnered, the RMP600 and RMI hop frequencies together to provide reliable communications. Radio "turn on" is available via an M-code signal.

## Acceleration and motion detection

The RMP600 utilizes accelerometers to detect shock and motion to assess whether stylus forces are due to valid triggers or high speed acceleration

## Multiple probe mode

Multiple probe mode is available on RMP600 to allow the use of many different probes with the same RMI receiver. \*

## **Key benefits**

## Simple set up

Unlike fixed frequency systems, with the RMP600 there is no need to allocate a specific radio channel. Once installed, reliable communications are assured within the industrial environment.

## Compact and robust

The RMP600 is ideal for machines of all sizes and can access surfaces cut with short tools. Its robust stainless steel body makes it suited to the harshest machine environments.

## Ideal for retrofit

The RMP600 has the same functionality and practicality as the RMP60, therefore it is 100% compatible, the only difference being increased accuracy.

The RMI (a combined antenna and interface) can be positioned anywhere near the machine, resulting in a fast installation. The RMP600 system is ideal for retrofitting to machines with no previous probing or as an upgrade.



<sup>\*</sup> No radio turn on in multiple probe mode.

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## **Specification**

Principal applications Workpiece measurement and job set-up

on medium to large horizontal, vertical and gantry machining centres, 5 axis machines, twin spindle machines and vertical turret lathes

**Territory** EU, USA, Japan, Canada, Switzerland,

Australia and New Zealand.

Transmission type Frequency hopping spread spectrum

radio (FHSS)

Radio frequency 2400 - 2483.5 MHz

Turn ON control Radio 'M' code, spin, shank switch

Turn OFF control Radio 'M' code, time out, spin, shank switch

**Operating range** Up to 15 m **Shanks** Various

Interface/receiver RMI combined interface and receiver unit

**Sense directions** Omni-directional:  $\pm X$ ,  $\pm Y$ , +Z

**Uni-directional repeatability** 0.25 μm (0.000010 in) – (50 mm stylus length)\*

0.35 µm (0.000014 in) – (100 mm stylus length)

**2D lobing in X,Y**  $\pm$  0.25 µm (50 mm stylus length)\*

 $\pm$  0.25 µm (100 mm stylus length)  $\pm$  1.00 µm (50 mm stylus length)\*  $\pm$  1.75 µm (100 mm stylus length)

Trigger speed range 10 mm/min to 1 m/min

Stylus trigger force

3D Lobing in X, Y, Z

XY plane 0.3 N, 30 gf (1.05 ozf) max § + Z direction 4.67 N, 467 gf (16.47 ozf) max §

Stylus overtravel force

XY plane 3.5N, 350 gf (12.34 ozf) max +Z direction 4.9N, 490 gf (17.28 ozf) †

Maximum spin speed 1000 r/min

Stylus overtravel

XY plane ± 15°

+ Z direction 11 mm (0.43 in)

Max recommended stylus 200 mm, 5.91 in

length

Test conditions

Stylus length 50 mm, 1.97 in

Stylus velocity 480 mm/min, 18.90 in/min

Battery quantity and type 2 x AA type alkaline or Lithium Thionyl

Chloride

Battery life maximum

stand by (radio) 195 days 5% usage 85 days continuous life 170 hours

Sealing IPX8 (BS 5490, IEC 529) 1 atmosphere

- \* Performance specification is for a test velocity of 240 mm/min (9.45 in/min) with a 50 mm carbon fibre stylus.
- § Performance specification is for a test velocity of 30 mm/min (1.18 in/min) with a 50 mm stylus.
- † Stylus overtravel force in + Z direction occurs 7 to 8 µm after the trigger point and rises by 1 N/mm, 100 gf/mm (89.59 oz/in) until the machine tool stops.

## More information

Details of the RMP600, RMI and accessories can be found at www.renishaw.com/RMP600



RMP600 probe



RMP600 probe inspecting a component, with RMI receiver / interface in the background

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