GMS1100™
Gypsum Board Dimensional Measurement System

- Thickness and taper profile, width, edge profile and edge angle measurement
- Feedback for mixer operators improves process and product quality
- Out of tolerance alarms
- Can integrate with other process machinery
- Increased yield – quick pay back
The GMS1100 not only measures thickness, width and edge profiles. Taper depth/height and length are measured and calculated according to both European, American or customer specific standards. Shoulders and grooves will be found and edge lifts will be calculated. All types of edge profiles, straight or curved, will be displayed with edge angles and edge cupping/bow calculated. All profiles are displayed and compared against tolerance limits set in the products database. Numeric values selectable mm/inch. Forming plate bolts pattern will be marked out in thickness graph.

What the system measures

- Doppler length gauges at knife and/or after dryer for improved length measurement and board shrinkage calculation
- An additional width measurement can be added to the system at delivery, or retrofitted
- Movement compensation option to give detailed and accurate taper profiles in lines with conveyor vibrations
- Head control/slurry height measurement gauge
- Additional operators licenses. Up to 10 licenses possible to display measurements in multiple plant locations
- Service contracts with annual visits and special benefits
Gypsum board dimensional tolerances control

The GMS1100 can be said to be an “industry standard” system since it has been installed in most of the gypsum board production plants around the world. The in-line control of gypsum board dimensions is a useful tool for improvement of both the product quality and the production process, enabling waste and energy reduction.

The GMS1100 uses the latest laser technology, with state-of-the-art sensors developed by LIMAB specifically for the gypsum industry. Both high speed single point and 2D sensors are used. We have also designed laser sensor mounting stands, to fit into most gypsum board production lines. These stands are mechanically and temperature stable, which together with the high precision sensors provides true board profiles.

GMS1100 continuously measures the board thickness profiles across the board, including the taper profiles, taper width and height on both board sides, grooves and shoulders are also presented, the board width, the complete edge profiles with the edge angles calculated.

The easy to use Windows based software has an extensive set of functions, continuously developed and improved under the 15+ years since the first GMS1100 system was presented. Measurements are displayed in real time, both numerical and graphical, including trend graphs. The system will instantly alarm, on screen and with digital signals, when out of tolerance conditions occur. The system has an easily editable product library, which also can be shared by our Surface Inspection System FalconEye. All relevant board data can be printed on request and logged as text files or in SQL databases.

GMS1100 can be integrated with other process machinery equipment eg. Doppler length measurement gauges. It can also be used for communication and presentation of data, to or from the GMS1100, with various interfaces and protocols, like TCP/IP and OPC. VPN-connection for remote service and software upgrades is prepared for.

Calibration tools

All measurement systems need calibration to give maximum accuracy. Included in the GMS1100 delivery are calibration units, for both thickness and width calibration. Together with the system calibration software they make calibration quick and easy. The system sensors and mounting stands are very temperature stable so calibrations need not to be done more frequently than during the normal maintenance operations.
Technical specifications

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Board thickness     1-30mm (0,2-1,2")
Board width     400-1500mm (23-60")
Board length     1000-5000mm (40-200")
Line speed ≤250m/min (800´/min)
Ambient temperature 0-40°C (32-104°F)

Thickness measurement:
Resolution 0,01mm
Taper width, typical ±3mm
Taper depth/height ±0,5mm
Accuracy ±0,1mm
Sampling rate 2000Hz

Width and edge profile measurement:
Resolution 0,1mm
Accuracy ±0,3mm
Angle resolution 0,1°
Sampling rate (full edge profiles) 750Hz
Edge profile resolution 80 points/profile

PC (subject to new technology upgrades):
Operating system WindowsXP/Windows 7
Processor Core i5
Working memory 2GB
Hard disc 2x250GB, RAID 1
Screen 21,5” Flat screen
Interfaces Ethernet TCP/IP
OPC
VPN-connection (remote diagnostics/software upgrades)
Digital I/O for alarms

PC cabinet (other housing solutions possible)
Size 2000x600x600mm
Protection class IP55

We reserve the right to introduce modifications without prior notice

LIMAB has since its foundation in 1979 been dedicated to the design and manufacture of non-contact in-process measurement and inspection systems. Today LIMAB supply all of the major gypsum companies world-wide with inspection systems and have installations in more than 180 gypsum sites. We have in house design, production, service and sales with regional offices in key markets. LIMAB provide innovative solutions for on-line dimensional measurement and surface inspection.