

Wear comparison testing between UltraScanning diamond styli versus standard ruby equivalent

- The UltraScanning range has been specifically developed for use within metrology applications that require a hardwearing stylus and for extreme measurement applications.
- The principal advantage of the diamond-coated spheres is that they will maintain their roundness and will not suffer material "pick up" or premature wear when scanning abrasive materials or soft surfaces.



## The test set-up.

- The test was conducted to prove the wear resistance.
- UltraScanning was compared to the industry standard ruby material stylus.
- For comparison a material was chosen with very similar properties and one of the hardest, strongest ceramic materials available: silicon carbide.
- Also a testpiece with extremely rough surfaces finish of 16 Ra (comparable to abrasive paper 80 grade) was chosen.
- The test was executed with highy recognized scanning systems in metrology.

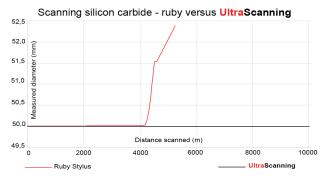
## The test method.

- 1) Each stylus was calibrated and
- 2) then put through a series of 25 metre scans at a speed of 25 mm/sec followed by
- 3) 2 calibration checks to measure for potential wear.

## The result.

The standard ruby material stylus first started to exhibit wear at approximately 3.500 metres.

The **UltraScanning** stylus was tested through approximately 10.000 metres with no deterioration in calibration performance and no visible marking or wear.





Optical comparison of the tested styli (left ruby, right UltraScanning) Clearly visible: The UltraScanning ball has absolutely no wear.