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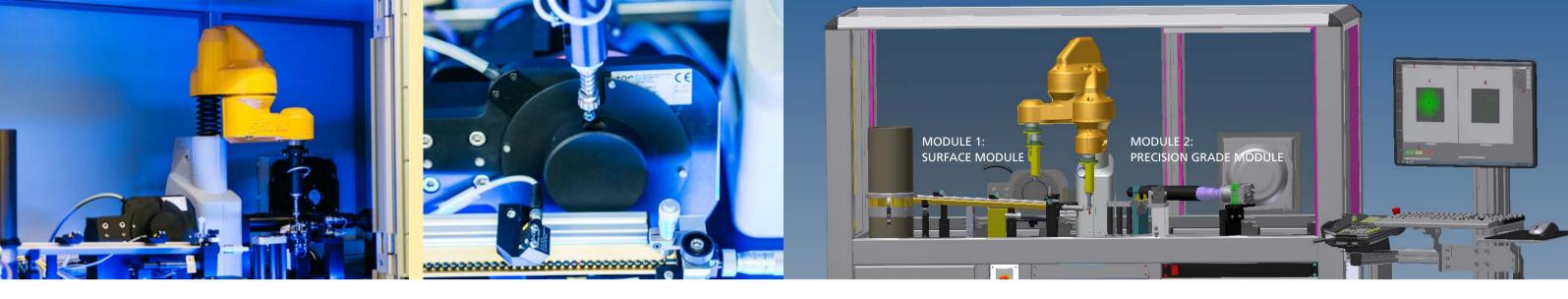
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CERAMIC BALL CHECK SYSTEM – CBCS

Fully automated quality check of surface and roundness of ceramic bearing balls





CBCS – CERAMIC BALL CHECK SYSTEM

highest accuracy and fully automated. The most common termine the precision grade up to G3. material of ceramic bearing balls used is silicon nitride. Balls made from this material are hard, up to Rc78, and have a very To detect surface defects and precision grade of ceramic ball, smooth surface. Because of their hardness, corrosion and heat two separated modules are used. resistance, such bearing balls are well applicable in harsh environment as sea water application or steam turbines. To ensure MODULE 1: SURFACE MODULE the reliability of such bearing balls a quality check of surface

Camera inspection with high resolution smoothness and absolute roundness is essential.

The CBCS proofs the zero defect production and smoothness of the surface (no cracks, scratches and flakes) of the ceramic balls MODULE 2: PRECISION GRADE MODULE and the accuracy of roundness according the precision grades

Camera inspection with high resolution up to 0.8

µm listed in JIS B 1501.

The ceramic ball check system CBCS is designed to check the The CBCS is designed to check ceramic balls with dimensions quality of surface and roundness of ceramic bearing balls with from 1/8" (3.175 mm) to 3/8" (9.525 mm) and is able to de-

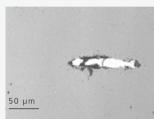
- Special illumination to detect all kinds of defects
- Software package to analyse spheres

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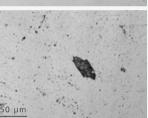
DIFFERENT MODULES

MODULE 1: SURFACE MODULE - SURFACE DEFECTS

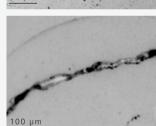
- dimension: 1/8" 3/8" (3.175 mm 9.525 mm)
- resolution: 2 μm -> 0.8 μm (pixel interlacing)
- 100% surface check (adjustable)
- automated ball guiding
- check time: 3 10s (adjustable)
- assignable defects: cracks, scratches, flakes



Defect 1 - Scratch

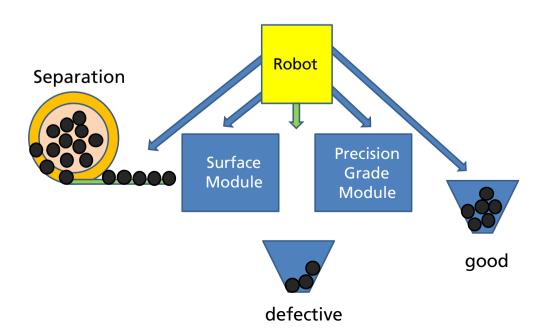


Defect 2 - Flakes



Defect 3 - Cracks

PRINCIPLE



MODULE 2: PRECISION GRADE MODULE - SHAPE DEVIATION

- dimension: 1/8" 3/8" (3.175 mm 9.525 mm)
- resolution: 2 μm -> 0.8 μm (pixel interlacing)
- up to 10 position check full ball check (adjustable)
- automated ball guiding
- check time: 3 10s (adjustable)
- assignable precision grades: G3, G5, G10

