

# BEKK SMOOTHNESS TESTER

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The **Automatic Bekk Smoothness Tester** is a micro-processor controlled instrument for the determination of smoothness of paper and board according to the Bekk Method.

This air leak smoothness test is useful for very smooth surfaces, for example, coated label papers, coated free sheet, or other very smooth papers. Test results generated with the Bekk tester have shown excellent correlation with print smoothness evaluations using offset ink. Likewise, Bekk results have shown good agreement with subjective evaluations of low angle illuminated surface photomicrographs. Surface integrity is particularly important for printing papers. The surface fibers must be sufficiently bonded to those beneath the surface and the coating bond to the fiber matrix must be sound.

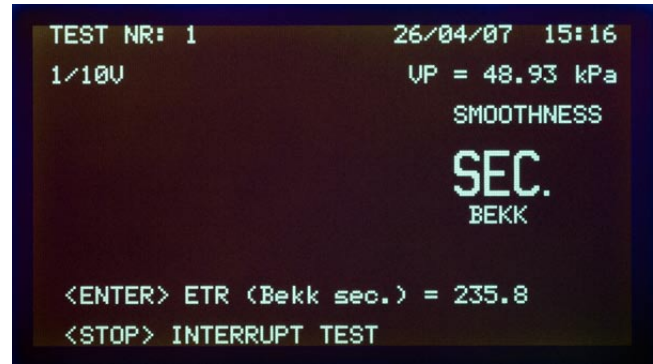
An innovative new feature is the Estimated Test Result. It was implemented to save the operator time when setting up a new test series and choosing the pressure interval and volume setting but also to save the operator time when doing a quick single test to see what the value of the paper approximate will be. The ETR value is calculated after the test has been started (50.66 kPa) based on the rate of rise of pressure. After 10 seconds the ETR value is displayed. During the test the ETR value is constantly re-calculated and updated until the ETR value at 48.00 kPa is the same as the final test result.

### Features

- Open throat design enables large samples to be conveniently tested for rapid set-up and test
- Menu-driven software
- Air volumes 1/1 and 1/10th volume air receiver speeds up testing for smoother paper
- Pressure intervals 50.66-48.00 and 50.66-29.33 kPa
- Estimated Test Result: 10 seconds after start of test an ETR value is displayed, this represents the expected result at test completion
- Calibration adjustment using Paper tabs
- System check to check if the vacuum system is airtight
- Lists statistics on screen
- Multi-language standard
- RS-232 C serial data output
- Porosity Test Option
- Applications in Paper, Board
- Meets ISO 5627, TAPPI T-479, DIN 53107



▲ **Bekk Head closeup**



▲ **Display Screen**

## Specifications

Model Single Head Model	58-05-00
Estimated Test Result	Approx. 10 seconds
Menu Selectable	Air volumes, Pressure interval
Data collection	RS-232 C serial data output
Display	Large black & white liquid crystal graphic high-contrast
Calibrations	using Paper tabs
Pressure Interval	50.66-48.00 and 50.66-29.33 kPa
Range	0-99,000

## Physical Specifications

Dimensions W X D X H	390 mm x 530 mm x 415 mm (15.5 in x 21 in x 16.5 in)
Weight	51 kg (113 lb.)
Electrical	110VAC, 60 Hz, 150VA or 220VAC, 50Hz, 150 VA
Air	600 kPa (instrument quality)
Alternative Language Options	French, German, Spanish or Finnish

## Standards

ISO 5627	Paper and board -- Determination of smoothness (Bekk method)
TAPPI T-479	Smoothness of Paper (Bekk Method)
DIN 53107	Paper and board roughness/smoothness

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