PRODUCT PORTFOLIO CONTACT PROBES

CONTACT PROBES FOR PCB TEST

CONTACT PROBES FOR WIRE HARNESS TEST

HIGH CURRENT PROBES COAXIAL PROBES

FINE PITCH PROBES BATTERY CONTACTS
ABOUT FEINMETALL

Practical Contact Probe Solutions
We are your partner for the secure contacting of electric and electronic devices for testing PCBs or wire harnesses, for wafer tests in the semiconductor industry or in products that demand low ware, releasable and reliable electrical contacts. As an independent mid-size company with about 500 employees worldwide, we do everything to make our customers successful.

Competence and Innovation In-house
Since many years FEINMETALL represents a high level of innovation. Especially the development and manufacturing of spring contact probes, special contact solutions and wafer probe cards in one company are a wide basis for our competence in precision technology and micro-mechanics. This combination is unique at the market and represents “German Technology” at its best.

Quality
Quality thinking controls all process steps at FEINMETALL. From product development and construction up to serial manufacturing and delivery - all operation steps are perfectly aligned. This leads to a maximum reliability of our products.

NEW Application Specific Contact Probe Catalogs
FEINMETALL offers a wide range of contact probes for the electric, electronic and automotive industry as well as for applications in medical technology, in telecommunications, in semiconductor test and in battery cell manufacturing.

The four new application specific catalogs show the best practice solutions for your needs.
Why Contact Probes?
Spring contact probes are used for a reliable low-wear contacting of electric and electronic devices. Typical applications are PCB test, wire harness and connector test or the use as charging and battery contacts of cordless electronic devices. Contact probes are available in a large variety of tip styles, dimensions and spring forces, some even with additional integrated functions.

With Know-how from the Idea to the Final Contact Probe

**Research and development**
New material and technology studies and examination of new ideas

**Prototype manufacturing**
Quick manufacturing of first prototype

**Volume production**
Manufacturing of larger quantities by automated mounting

**Construction**
Design of new contact probes in CAD

**Customer project**
New product ideas are often generated because of our close cooperation with customers

**Test and approval of the prototype**
Customer testing of the prototype, initial sample test report, final approval

**Delivery from stock**
Comprehensive stock concept for global delivery
Practical Contacting Solutions for Wire Harness Test
As market leader, FEINMETALL offers a wide range of special contact probes and accessories for the design of test modules. With innovative and cost-effective solutions, we satisfy the demands of this market and build up a driving force for the wire harness testing technology.

Threaded Probes
- Secure seat of the probes even when exposed to vibrations
- Great variety of centers, lengths and tip styles
- For continuity test of wire harnesses
- Simple mounting of probes by appropriate tools

Step Probes
- For position test of contacts within connector cavities
- Specific dimensions for individual connectors
- More than 300 versions available
- Innovative tools for mounting probes in a limited space

Probes for Position Test
- Switch probes for presence test of components or connector elements
- Function as opener or closer
- Optional with rolling ball as contact element
- Switch probes with two switch points (off-on-off)
- Exact position measurement with position sensor systems

Push Back Probes
- High spring forces for push back test ("terminal push out")
- Twist proof spade tip styles
- Different switch concepts possible: switch function in the probe, in the receptacle or by a second level
Contact Probes for Wire Harness Test

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The whole product portfolio as well as corresponding step files for implementation in your CAD system are available on our homepage www.feinmetall.com
Contact Solutions for Testing PCBs

Contact probes for PCB testing are very much standardized. They are commodities and need to be replaced on a regular basis. However, also in these applications we are facing a lot of special challenges and requirements that need very special solutions.

Special Challenges and Solutions

- Compensation of different heights of the DUT (device under test) by contact probes of different lengths and travels
- Implementation of dual stage fixtures by well combinable standard and long travel probes
- Contacting of lead free soldered boards by special probe series “Progressive Series”
- Penetration of OSP coatings on PCBs by using contact probes with special characteristics
- Contacting of standard interfaces with a great variety of test connectors
- Presence and position tests by using contact probes with integrated switch function

Contact Probes for ICT / FCT (In-Circuit & Functional Test)

- For standard centers 50 mil, 75 mil and 100 mil
- For fine pitches of e.g. 30 mil and 40 mil
- Great variety of tip styles, spring forces and further centers
- Insulation caps for verification of sufficient pin lengths

Interface Probes

- Tester specific standardized probes and pins
- For test systems ATG, Genrad, Luther&Mälzer, Digitaltest, Teradyne, Scorpion etc.
- Probes with sensor plates for TestJet or FrameScan

Accessories for Test Fixtures

- Pre-assembled interface blocks
- Test connectors with appropriate floating holder for contacting USB, HDMI or RJ interfaces
- Board markers
Progressive Series
Contacting lead-free soldered pads or strongly contaminated or oxidized boards is a challenging task, because contaminations are difficult to penetrate and they tend to stick on the probe tips. Both leads to a reduced electrical connection to the test item. For these challenges, a special contact probe series with the following advantages has been developed:

1. **Functional coating**
   “Progressive Coating” for a reduction of contaminations of the probe tips and for a 3-fold higher hardness.

2. **Aggressiveness of contact tips**
   For a reliable penetration of contamination or oxide layers, different sharp tip styles are available.

3. **Higher preload**
   Optimization of the force-travel diagram to reach a higher force at the beginning of the contacting process and still the same force at nominal travel.

**Contacting of PCBs with Typical Spring Contact Probes (Dual Stage Fixture)**

- Great variety of tip styles for certain contacting tasks (for Pads, Vias, Pins etc.)
- Mounting of probes in mounting plate (e.g. with wire-wrap-posts)
- Well combinable standard and long travel probes for dual stage fixtures
- Progressive series probes for contacting at difficult conditions
- Contact probes with insulation caps for contacting component pins

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Contact Probes for High Currents, Kelvin and Radio Frequency Measurement

High currents and high frequencies are application areas with a strong growth. This leads to a high level of specific and complex challenges. Solutions for these requirements demand long-term experience, optimal customer cooperation and a strong focus on research and development.

High Current Probes
- Specific probe design with low ohmic resistance
- Optimized contact to the DUT
- Contacting of power-pins, high current interfaces etc.
- High current contacting of flat blade connectors
- Applications in burn-in test and functional test

Coaxial High Current Probes
- For 4-wire measurement according to the Kelvin method
- Suitable for high currents up to 300 A continuous current
- Floated mounting for adaption to the DUT
- Application in high volume production of batteries and accumulator cells

Coaxial Kelvin Probes
- For 4-wire measurement according to the Kelvin method
- Suitable for applications with limited space
- Even for small centers down to 87 mil
- Application in measuring very low resistances

Coaxial Radio Frequency Probes
- Contacting of standard RF connectors
- For Fakra, HSD and mini coax connectors
- For SMA, SMB, SMC connectors
- For contacting of small SMD switch connectors
- For contacting directly on the PCB
HIGH CURRENT AND COAXIAL CONTACT PROBES

High Current Probes with Split Plunger
are designed to optimize the contact between plunger and barrel as soon as they are pushed in. The result is an optimized current flow through the barrel, with a minimized current flow through the spring.

High Current Probes with Continuous Plunger
have the lowest internal resistance and therefore allow the highest currents.

High Current Probes for Specific Applications
have been developed for certain requirements, e.g. for high current contacting of flat blade connectors.

Coaxial High Current Probes
are suitable for 4-wire measurements with very high currents. They are frequently used for charging and discharging of batteries and accumulator cells.

Radio Frequency Probes for Various Applications
SMD mini coax and SMD switch connectors
are used on PCBs as RF interfaces. To contact these FEINMETALL provides different types of RF probes (e.g. HF66).

Connectors
In various telecommunications, consumer electronics and automotive applications different standard connectors like SMA, SMB, SMC, HSD are used. FEINMETALL offers different probe series for contacting these connectors (e.g. HF60, HF19, HF66).

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Contact Probes for Fine Pitches, Low Heights or for Direct Soldering

A common and always challenging task is contacting electric and electronic components at limited available space. This could be either a contacting task at very small centers or a non-test application built in products (e.g. for charging of cordless devices).

Special Challenges for Manufacturing of Very Fine Structures (Fine Pitch Probes)

- New manufacturing methods like e.g. electro-forming allow very small diameters
- Plungers made of palladium-alloys for constant, low contact resistances and long life cycles
- Special automatic assembly machines with overpressure reduce contaminations of probes
- Packaging of fine pitch probes in fix packing units under clean room conditions to avoid contamination

Fine Pitch Probes

- For centers smaller than 50 mil
- Minimum center down to 0,3 mm / 12 mil
- Double plunger probe for mounting in mounting plates (test heads)
- Application in front-end and back-end test

Short Travel Probes

- For applications at limited available space
- For contacting higher components
- Spring travel usually below 3 mm
- Use also in non-test applications, e.g. as interface between two devices (signal and power transmission)

Battery Contacts

- As charging contact for direct soldering into or onto a PCB
- Use in non-test applications, e.g. charging stations for cordless devices
- For products with low-wear releasable electrical connections
- Currently shortest probe with a length of 2,7 mm
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Our sales offices are perfectly connected to the markets and work in close cooperation with our customers. Most important for us is a high quality - regarding our products as well as regarding our customer support.

Our strengths

→ Native-speaking contacts in many countries enable ideal communication
→ Application engineers take care of customer projects
→ Active key account management provides customer specific know-how
→ Teamwork of product managers and local sales engineers facilitate innovative and customized solutions
→ Periodic technical trainings make sure that sales teams have a high level of competence
→ Technical key customer trainings enhances know-how transfer to end users

These strengths have already resulted in many successful and innovative projects. FEINMETALL is rated as preferred supplier for many notable companies. Our strong customer support is your advantage.