

CONTACT PROBES 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 FEINMETALL satisfies the demand in this market and is a real driving force in the wire harness testing technology.

WIRE HARNESS TEST



Presence test

The presence test is necessary to check if all needed parts were mounted on the wire harness. For example, the clips to fix the harness on the chassis or secondary locks, which are locking the connector. For these test applications different switch probe types are used. FEINMETALL offers a wide range of ball switch probes, NO or NC switch probes, pneumatic switch probes or Off-On-Off switch probes, depending on the requirement.



Position test

For the position test step probes are used. They allow the testing of the correct terminal position inside of the connector housing.

If a terminal is not mounted correctly, the plate of the step probe blocks at the housing. As a result, the probe does not create an electrical contact.



Continuity test

For a standard continuity test mainly threaded and twist proof probes are used to ensure a secure seat in the receptacle even if vibrations or unintentional side forces occur.

In addition, their function is to check three basic errors: open wires, shorts between wires or miswires.



Push back test

Push back probes have a very high spring force to test if the connector terminals are mounted correctly. If so, they will withstand the pressure and compress the probe.

Through this, a switch function will get activated and the correct mounting is confirmed. Push back probes combine mechanical and electrical tests within one probe.



Connector test

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Standard switch probes (NO / NC)



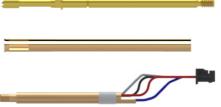
Standard switch probes are available as plug-in and threaded versions. The switch function can work as an opener or as a closer. Standard switch probes are available in various diameters and lengths.

Switch probes with Off-On-Off function



The special switch probes with an Off-On-Off function allow realizing more precise position tests of components or connector elements with little effort. While common switch probes only have one switch point after a specific travel, the special switch probes have two integrated switch points at a certain distance.

Position sensor system (PSS)



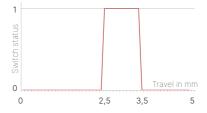
The position sensor system has been developed to enable an exact measurement of the travel of the plunger additionally to contacting the test item.

The system has a modular design and consists of a contact probe, a receptacle and a sensor element with an integrated potentiometer.

Switch characteristic

Switch Characteristic (NO)

Switch Characteristic (OFF-ON-OFF)



Measurement (PSS)



PRESENCE TEST WITH SWITCH PROBES

PRESENCE TEST

Switch probes for backward assembly or potential-free



Switch probes for backward assembly have been designed for applications with a difficult frontal access of the probes. Potential-free switch probes have a galvanically isolated switch circuit. This allows building short-circuit-proof fixtures or modules with separate electrical circuits.



Pneumatic switch probes

The pneumatic switch probe has been developed for a mechanical and lateral detecting of a DUT at limited space. The pneumatic movement of the plunger and the integrated switch function enables testing of the correct position of a DUT. Additionally, the switch function works according to an Off-On-Off principle and allows a more precise presence test.



Switch probes with ball head

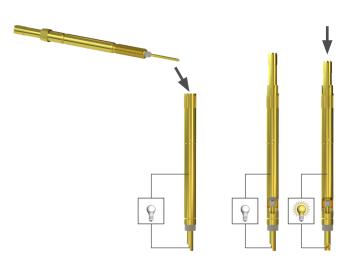
Switch probes with a ball head have a rolling ball as contact element which makes them tolerant against lateral forces and avoids scratches at the contact surface. The most common application is the lateral presence test of connector housings in test modules.

Combi receptacles - a solderless replacement of switch probes

Combi receptacles allow a quick and solderless replacement of switch probes or kelvin probes (plug-in and threaded versions) without disassembly of the module or fixture. Secure connections of both signal circuits (inner and outer conductor) are realized by contact elements within the receptacle.

Advantages of the combi receptacle

- Solderless replacement of switch probes and kelvin probes
- Prevention of incorrect wirings in case of maintenance
- Saving of time and expenses for maintenance
- Height adaptability of switch probes with the probe thread and pressure marks in the receptacle



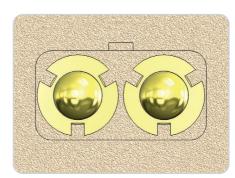


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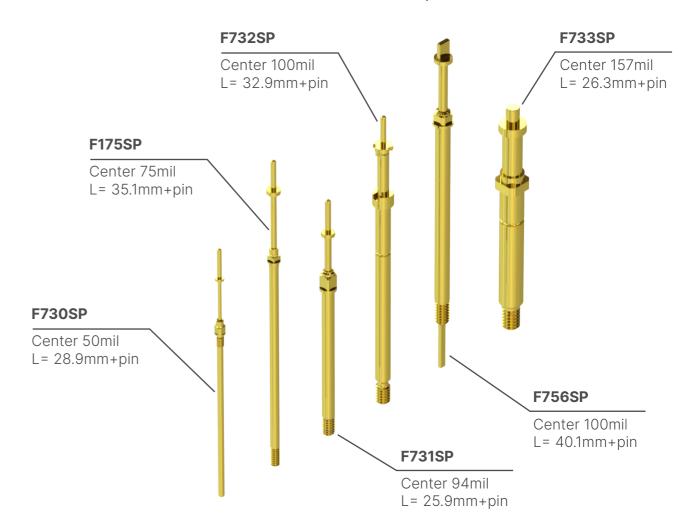


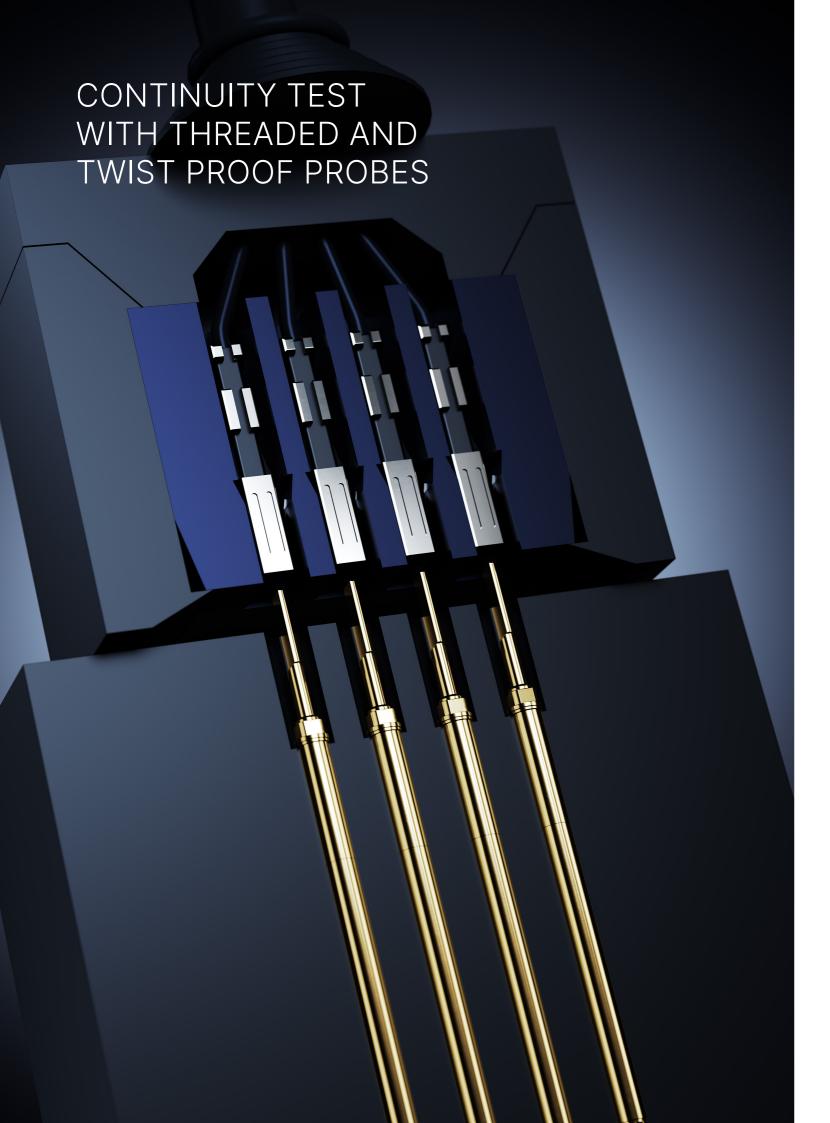
Innovative sloted step probes

For step probes with oversized plates (plate diameter larger than probe diameter or wrench size), FEINMETALL has developed a 3-point-tool that allows mounting the probes even at very small centers. But also in other applications with limited space this tool can be a good alternative to the standard tool.

Overview step probes

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CONTINUITY TEST

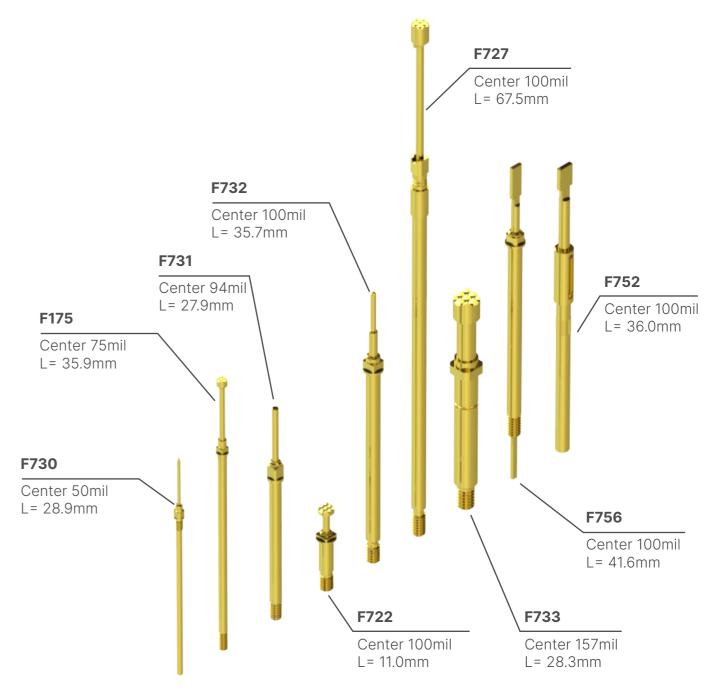


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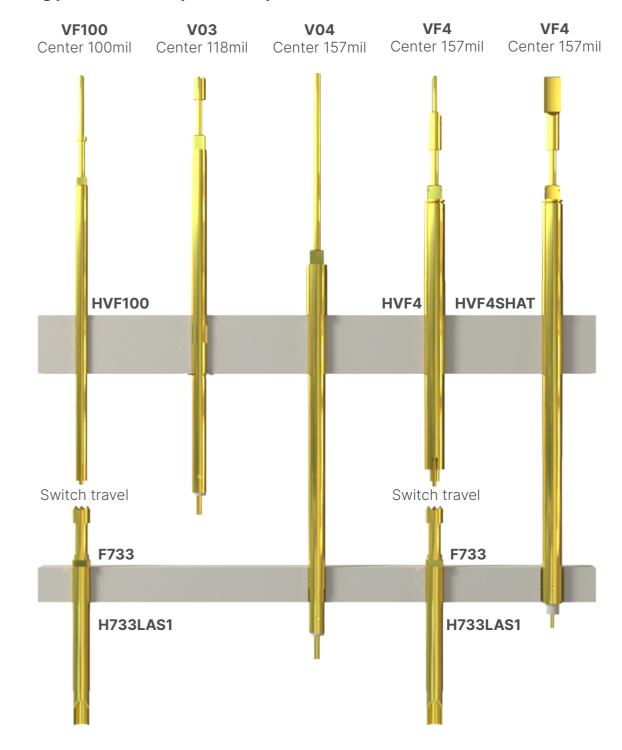


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Mounting possibilities for push back probes





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Coaxial probes



Coaxially designed contact probes with an inner and an outer conductor can be used for two main application fields. It is possible to measure low resistances with the Kelvin method (4-wire measurement) by feeding the current in the outer conductor and measuring the voltage at the inner conductor. The second use is the continuity or high voltage test of standard connectors such as FAKRA, HFM or Mate-AX.



Radio frequency probes

Automotive connectors are used in a huge variety of electronic hardware in the automotive industry to transmit data-signals. Examples are Control Units, infotainment- and assistant systems, antennas and cable-assemblys. To verify the function of these components Feinmetall offers unique and innovative RF-probes for contacting the connectors.

High voltage probes



FEINMETALL high-voltage contacts were developed for contacting e-mobility plugs and sockets in the automotive sector. The probes are used for contacting pin, socket & shield contacts under high voltage conditions up to 5000V DC and combine several test possibilities in one probe.

Technical design and application

- High voltage test
- Parallel contact for kelvin measurement
- Presence test of the finger protection cap
- Airtight for leak test





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