

Characterization of Nonwoven and Textile Material Properties



Main Features

- In-line monitoring of nonwoven and textile material properties
- Process optimization
- Yield maximization
- Statistical quality evaluations

Key Benefits

- Seamless integration with EasyInspect
- Uses visible light, avoids Beta or X-ray radiation
- 100% coverage of the material

Monitoring of

- Grammage
- Formation in CD and MD direction:
 - Cloudiness
 - Streakiness
 - Ripples
- Coating thickness
- Porosity
- Permeability

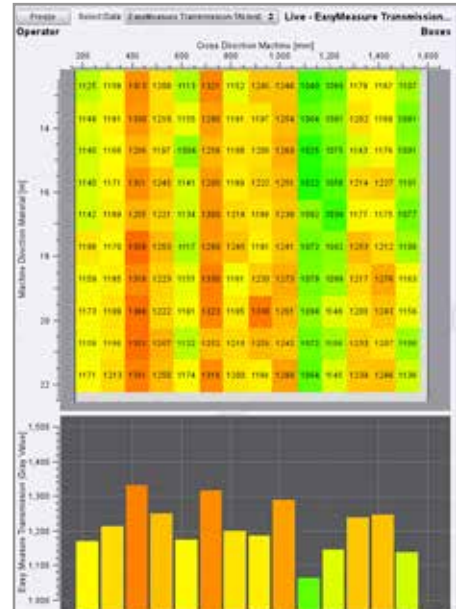


EasyMeasure for overall characterization of material properties

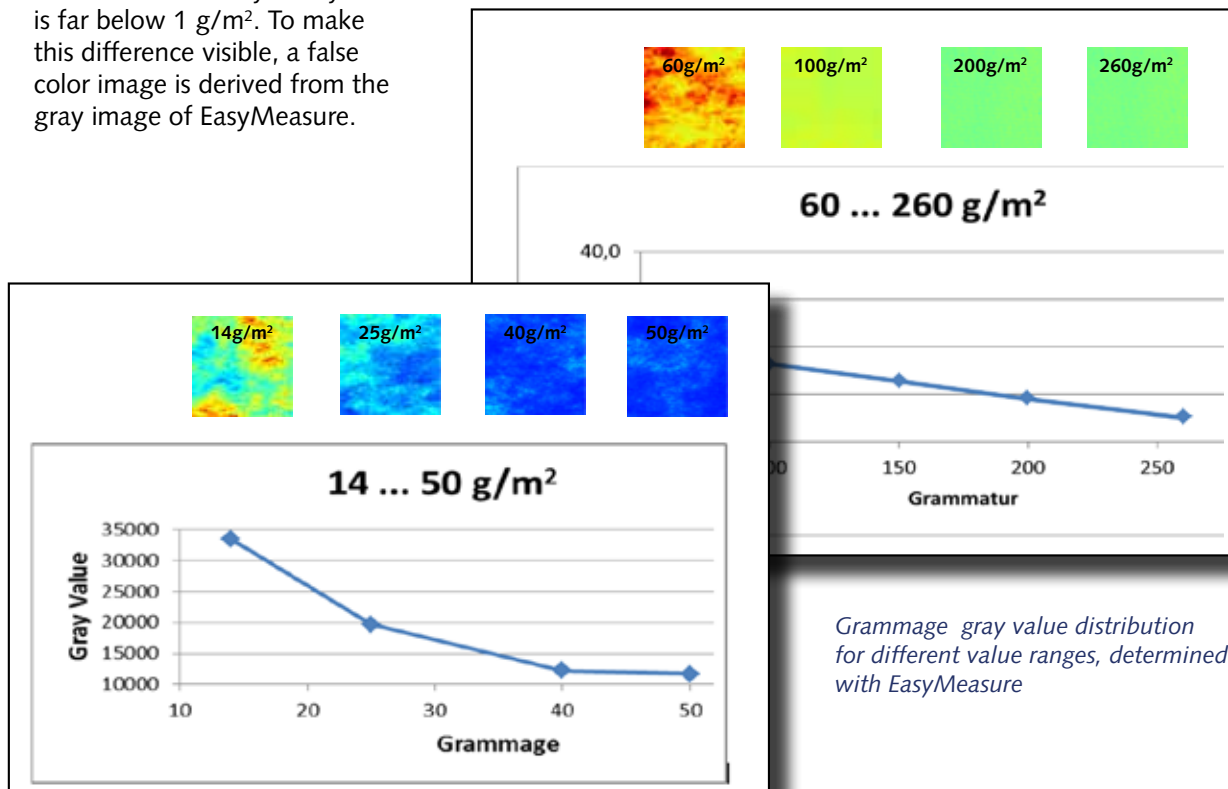
Dr. Schenk offers all-in-one quality assurance and process control systems for the production of nonwoven and textile materials. EasyMeasure can be combined with the surface inspection system EasyInspect. This offers for the first time multiple material property monitoring tasks, such as grammage or density, together with versatile defect detection in a single system.

Grammage characterization

Grammage is a crucial characteristic in nonwoven materials. The EasyMeasure camera system can clearly identify variations in grammage values. The amount of light transmitted through the material results in optical density, which correlates directly to the material thickness or grammage respectively. With a gray value resolution of 2^{16} steps EasyMeasure can differentiate these properties in more than 50,000 levels. Based on this capability the resolution for the grammage values monitored by the system is far below 1 g/m^2 . To make this difference visible, a false color image is derived from the gray image of EasyMeasure.



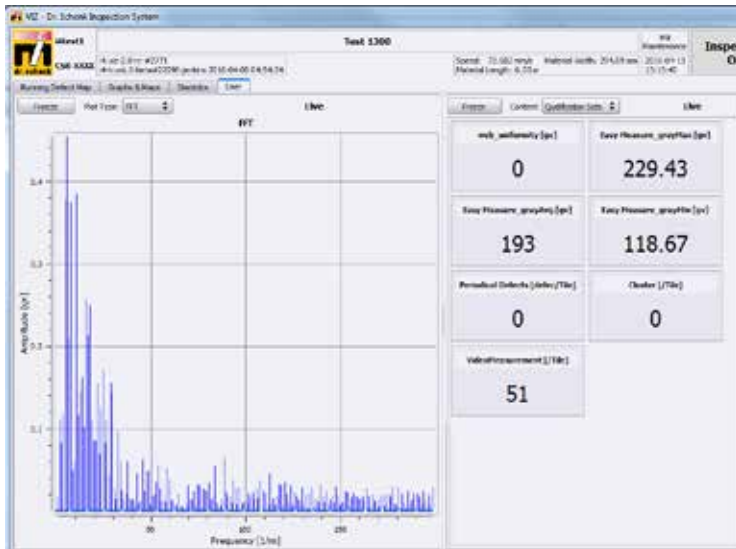
Visualization of material properties in EasyMeasure



Grammage gray value distribution for different value ranges, determined with EasyMeasure

Material Property Characterization

Formation: 100% monitoring of web uniformity, cloudiness and web edges

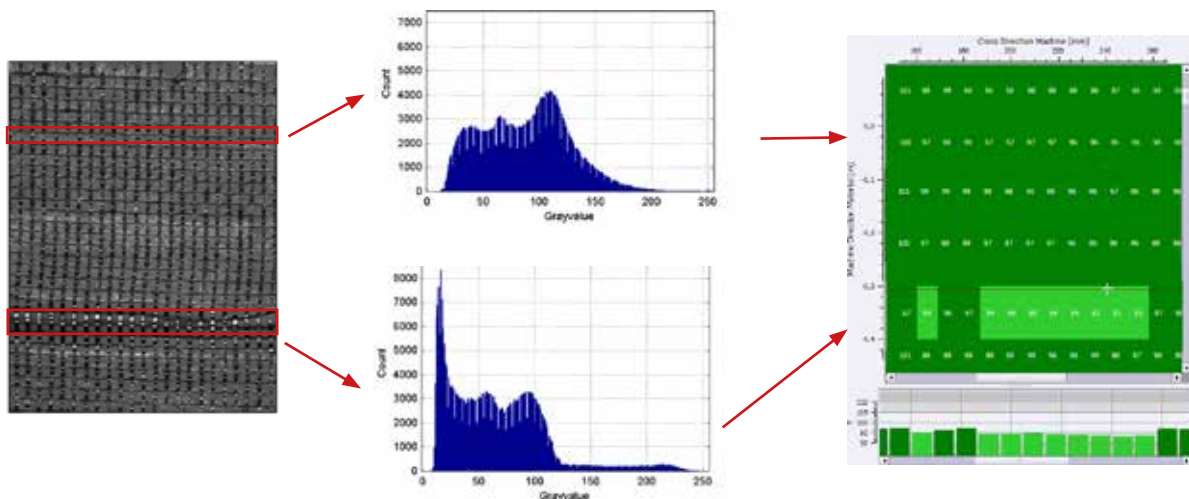


The uniformity in fiber distribution has a strong influence on the nonwoven web performance. This includes more cosmetic properties such as cloudiness, but also functional properties such as web thickness specifying the stability of a nonwoven material.

Acceptable and non-acceptable levels of formation patterns, cloudiness and inhomogeneities can be defined and evaluated in EasyMeasure. The results are displayed by values in dashboard windows allowing a fast and easy supervision by the operator.

Unique material monitoring for technical textiles

The structured formation of textiles makes it difficult to distinguish between regular brightness variations (meshes) and variations caused by material inhomogeneities. EasyMeasure contains the Histogram evaluation by which statistic gray value distributions in user-defined tiles can reliably be detected and differentiated from regular material.



Histogram distribution for good material (top) and misaligned meshes (bottom). The histogram values are then applied to the tiles, and show where the material is outside the specification.

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