In addition to the measurement and analysis of filament tension forces, the calculation of coefficients of friction becomes more and more important in textile practice.

The strive for higher manufacturing speeds, the constantly growing demands on the quality of the products and new production processes all require exact knowledge of the fibre characteristics.

The friction behaviour of fibers and yarns is to be considered as a key parameter in many processes.

Exact knowledge and control of the behaviour of fibers and yarns is of major importance for filament manufacturers and textile machine producers.

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- \( \mu \)-Meter
- Filament take-off device
- Data collection and analysis system

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Description

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The opposite drawing shows a schematic presentation of a measuring arrangement typical for determination of friction coefficients. The test yarn is pulled over a friction body at a certain speed and a certain angle. The tensile force is measured before and behind this friction body. The friction coefficient is calculated from the Eyelwein formula.

\[ \mu = \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \frac{F_2}{F_1} \]

\( \mu \) ..... friction coefficient
\( F_1 \) ....input tensile force
\( F_2 \) ....output tensile force
\( \alpha \) .... angle of contact

Application examples:
- friction values of thread guide devices
- stick-slip measurements
- friction coefficients of filaments
- analyzing the uniformity of surface preparations
- continuous measurement of friction coefficients over yarn length
- measurement series to determine the concentration of the finish or sizing
- thread/thread measurements
- examinations of dust and friction generated dust

Optional:
- electronically controlled friction body heating
- take-off device for stick-slip measurement
- extended filament / filament measurement
- angle adjusted adapter for filament / filament measurement
- preparation nozzle
- version for sewing yarns

Technical data:
- speed range: 0 - 300 m/min
- tensile force: max. 200 cN (higher on request)
- power supply: 230 / 115 V AC, approx. 100 W
- dimensions
  W x H x D (mm): 534 x 297 x 400
- weight: approx. 20 kg

Measuring methods:
- yarn / ceramic friction
- yarn / steel friction
- yarn / glass friction
  with different surface conditions

Software:
- based on Windows operating software
- numerical and graphical information
- friction value, \( F_1, F_2 \) tensile forces, take-off speed
- standard statistics (mean, max, min, std, CV)
- FFT-analysis
- reporting
- generates files for editing and further processing of data with other programs, e.g.
  MS Excel

Technical data and pictures are subject to change!