

Gage Fixtures Roundup

A directory of these essential metrology accessories

The world of metrology can be slick and sexy, with large-part inspection devices priced in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, or simple and mundane, with inexpensive gages designed to take quick measurements of thousands of parts. Although the CMMs, height gages, surface measurement gages and the hundreds of other metrology tools get all the attention, the fixtures that hold the devices or parts in place are just as important to ensure accurate measurements.

Walk onto any shop floor and you'll inevitably see gage fixtures holding down the fort. Like the metrology tools they support, these fixtures can be pricey or cheap, simple or complex. Selecting the right fixture is just as important as selecting the right gage for the measurement task.

Some gage manufacturers supply the fixtures needed to hold their devices, some work with fixture suppliers and some let their customers purchase fixtures on their own. And don't forget the quality technicians who cobble together custom fixtures themselves.

To help you in your quest for the perfect gage fixture, *Quality Digest* has assembled a directory of gage fixture suppliers. Some of the companies listed sell their fixtures only with the inspection devices they sell; others custom design fixtures for anyone.

As with all *Quality Digest* directories, this guide is in no way meant to endorse or exclude any particular organization. We suggest that you use this directory as a starting point in your research. Talk to your gage suppliers. Surf the Net. See what your suppliers and vendors are using.

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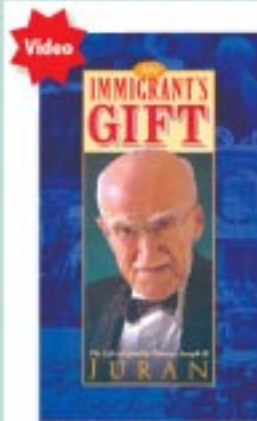
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