Outside micrometer

Objectives: At the end of this lesson you shall be able to
- **name the parts of an outside micrometer**
- **state the functions of the main parts of an outside micrometer.**

A micrometer is a precision instrument used to measure a job, generally within an accuracy of 0.01 mm.

Micrometers used to take the outside measurements are known as outside micrometers. (Fig 1)

The parts of a micrometer are listed here.

Frame

The frame is made of drop-forged steel or malleable cast iron. All other parts of the micrometer are attached to this.

Barrel/Sleeve

The barrel or sleeve is fixed to the frame. The datum line and graduations are marked on this.

Thimble

On the bevelled surface of the thimble also, the graduation is marked. The spindle is attached to this.

Spindle

One end of the spindle is the measuring face. The other end is threaded and passes through a nut. The threaded mechanism allows for the forward and backward movement of the spindle.

Anvil

The anvil is one of the measuring faces which is fitted on the micrometer frame. It is made of alloy steel and finished to a perfectly flat surface.

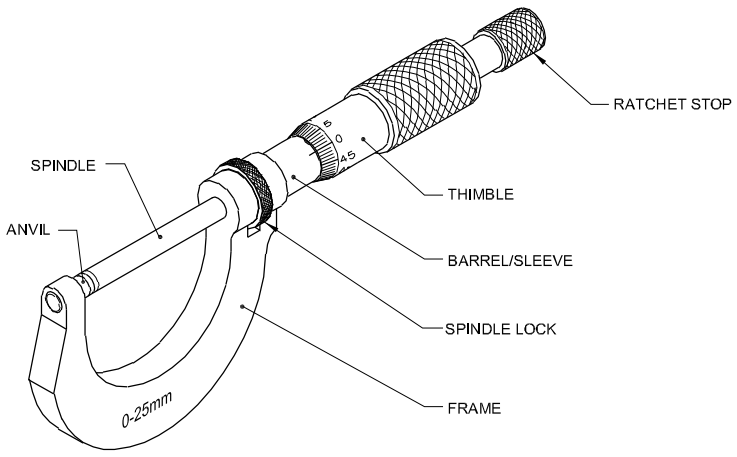
Spindle lock nut

The spindle lock nut is used to lock the spindle at a desired position.

Ratchet stop

The ratchet stop ensures a uniform pressure between the measuring surfaces.

Fig 1



Graduations of metric outside micrometer

Objectives: At the end of this lesson you shall be able to
- **state the principle of a micrometer**
- **determine the least count of an outside micrometer.**

Working principle

The micrometer works on the principle of screw and nut. The longitudinal movement of the spindle during one rotation is equal to the pitch of the screw. The movement of the spindle to the distance of the pitch or its fractions can be accurately measured on the barrel and thimble.

Graduations (Fig 1)

In metric micrometers the pitch of the spindle thread is 0.5 mm.

Thereby, in one rotation of the thimble, the spindle advances by 0.5 mm.

On the barrel a 25 mm long datum line is marked. This line is further graduated to millimetres and half millimetres (i.e. 1 mm & 0.5 mm). The graduations are numbered as 0, 5, 10, 15, 20 & 25 mm.

The circumference of the bevel edge of the thimble is graduated into 50 divisions and marked 0-5-10-15 ..... 45-50 in a clockwise direction.

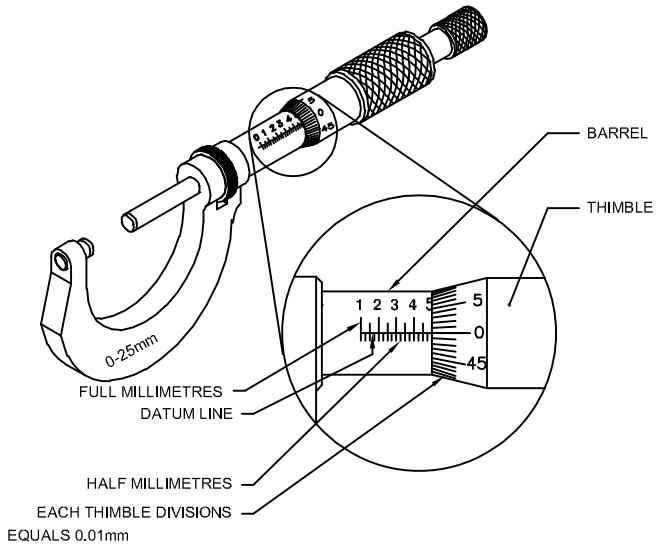
The distance moved by the spindle during one rotation of the thimble is 0.5 mm.

Movement of one division of the thimble = 0.5 x 1/50

= 0.01 mm

Accuracy or least count of a metric outside micrometer is 0.01 mm.

Fig 1



OUTSIDE MICROMETER

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Reading dimensions with outside micrometer

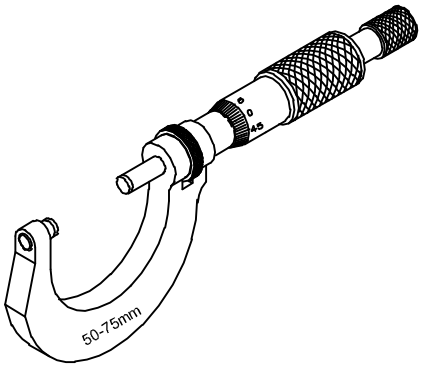
Objectives: At the end of this lesson you shall be able to
- **select the required range of a micrometer**
- **read micrometer measurements.**

Ranges of outside micrometer

Outside micrometers are available in ranges of 0 to 25 mm, 25 to 50 mm, 50 to 75 mm, 75 to 100 mm, 100 to 125 mm and 125 to 150 mm.

For all ranges of micrometers, the graduations marked on the barrel is only 0-25 mm. (Fig 1)

Fig 1



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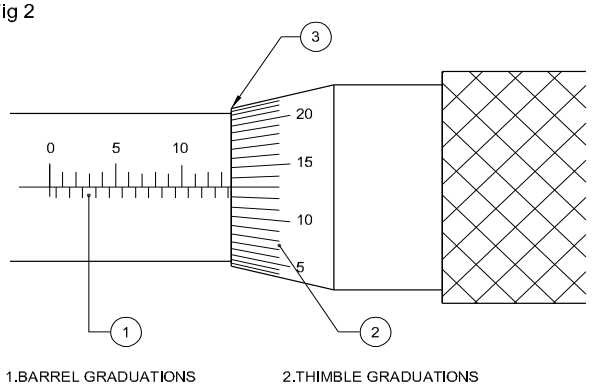
Reading micrometer measurements

How to read a measurement with an outside micrometer? (Fig 2)

Fig 2



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First note the minimum range of the outside micrometer. While measuring with a 50 to 75 mm micrometer, note it as 50 mm.

Then read the barrel graduations. Read the value of the visible lines on the left of the thimble edge.

13.00 mm (Main divison reading on barral)

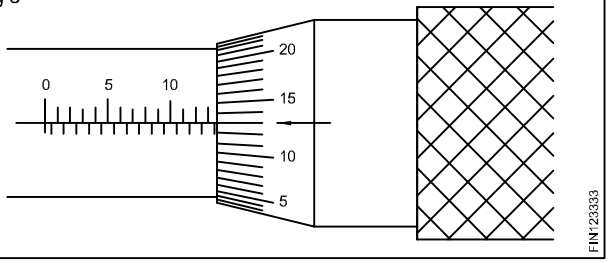
+ 00.50 mm (Sub division reading on barral)

13.50 mm (Main division + sub - division value)

Next read the thimble graduations.

Read the thimble graduations in line with the barrel datum line, 13th div. (Fig 3)

Fig 3



Multiply this value with 0.01 mm (least count).

13 x 0.01 mm = 0.13 mm.

Add

Minimum range	50.00 mm
Barrel reading	13.50 mm
Thimble reading	00.13 mm
Total	63.63 mm

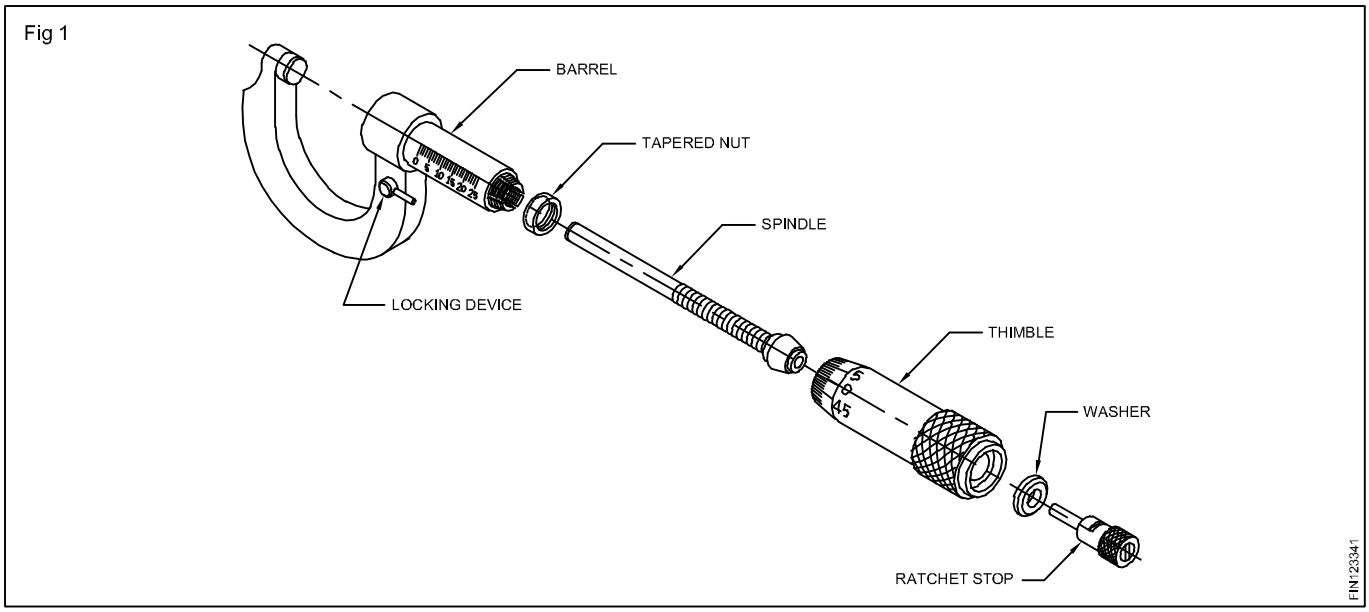
The micrometer reading is 63.63 mm.

Constructional features of outside micrometer

Objectives: At the end of this lesson you shall be able to
- **name the internal parts of a micrometer**
- **state the functions of the various parts of a micrometer**
- **state the precautions to be observed while dismantling and assembling micrometers.**

In order to dismantle and carry out cleaning or adjustment of a micrometer, it is essential to know the functions of its various parts. (Fig 1)

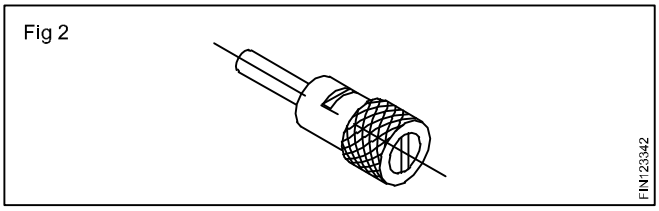
Fig 1



Ratchet stop (Fig 2)

This is a device fitted on micrometers to ensure uniform pressure between the measuring face of the micrometer while measuring.

Fig 2

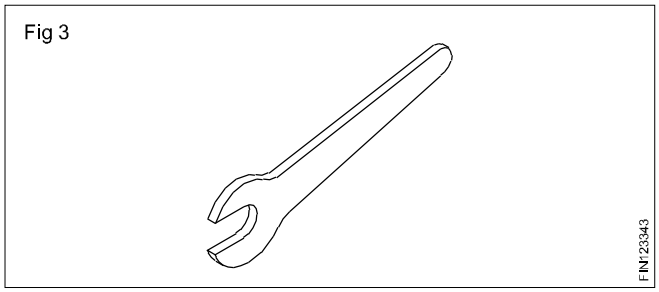


The ratchet stop will slip beyond certain pressure, thus preventing further advancement of the spindle when excessive pressure is used.

This is mounted on the thimble of the micrometer, and it connects with the spindle when assembled.

A special spanner is provided along with the micrometer for fixing and removing the ratchet stop. (Fig 3)

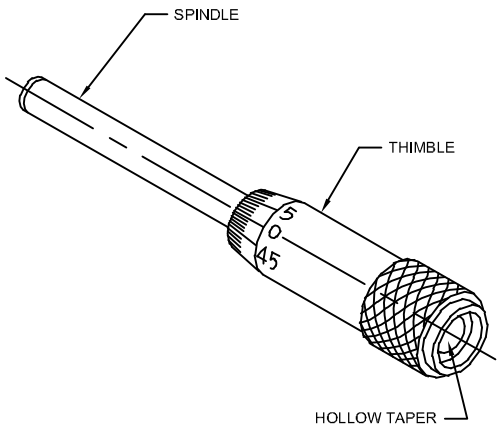
Fig 3



Thimble

The thimble has a hollow taper (Fig 4) to match with the taper nose fitted on the spindle.

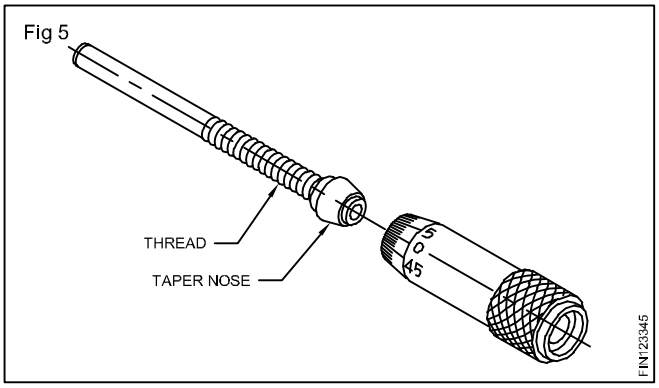
Fig 4



Spindle

One end of the spindle forms the measuring face. The other end of the spindle is threaded, the tapered nose is fitted on it. (Fig 5)

Fig 5



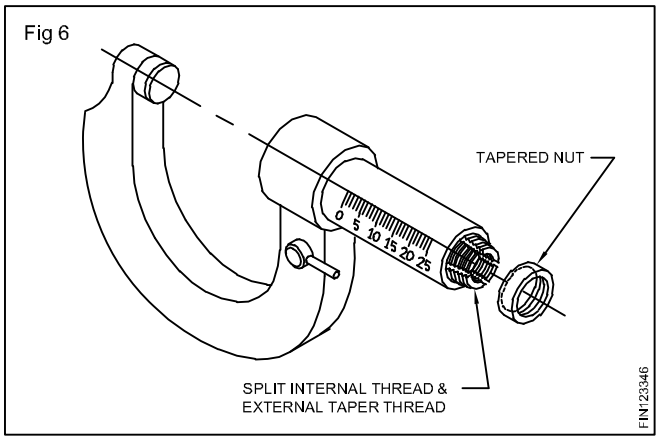
The taper nose is very accurately finished for axial alignment and it also permits postioning of the thimble in any required place during the adjustment of zero error.

The spindle passes through a split internal thread (Fig 6) which forms part of the barrel. The outer portion of this split internal thread has tapered external threads. A taper threaded nut is fitted on this.

Tightening and loosening of this nut enables the spilt internal thread to close or open. This permits the wear adjustmet. in the mating threads.

A special spanner is provided for this purpose. (Fig 7)

Fig 6



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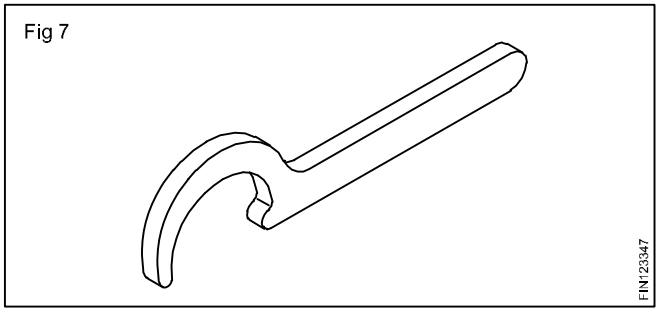


The locking device provided on the spindle is to arrest the movement of the spindle after taking the measurement.

Preacautions while dismantilng micrometers

Avoid touching the measuring faces with bare fingers as

it might cause rusting.

Protect the the components of the micrometer free from dust while dismantling and assembling.

Use carbon tetrachloride for cleaning the parts after dismantling.

While assembling - apply a few drops of thin oil.

Do not use metallic surface for placing the parts after dismantling. An enamelled tray is preferable.

Apply a thin coating of oil when placing the micrometer back after the adjustment.

Avoid frequent dismatling and assembling.

Inside micrometer

Objectives : At the end of this lesson you shall be able to
- **list the purposes of an inside micrometer**
- **identify the parts of an inside micrometer**
- **state the safety precautions to be followed while using an inside micrometer.**

An inside micrometer is a precision measuring instrument which measures with an accuracy of 0.01mm.

Purpose

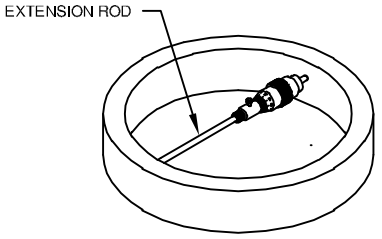
An inside micrometer is used to measure the diameter of holes. (Fig 1)

To measure the distance between internal parallel surfaces like slots (Fig 2)

Parts (Fig 3)

The following are the parts of an inside micrometer

Fig 1



MEASURING A LARGE BORE USING AN INSIDE MICROMETER WITH AN EXTENSION ROD FITTED

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Fig 2

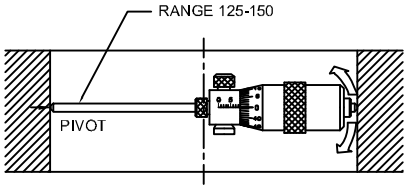

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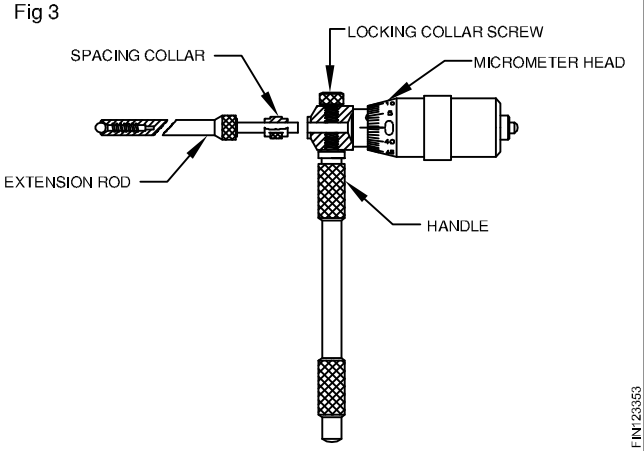
Fig 3



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Micrometer head: It consists a sleeve, a thimble, an anvil and locking screw for extension rods.

Extension rod: This is fitted in the hole provided in the barrel of the micrometer head. It provides another measuring surface. It is available in different sizes.

Locking Screw It is used to lock the extension rods.

Handle It is fitted in the threaded hole provided in the micrometer head. It is used to hold the micrometer assembly while measuring deep bores.

Spacing collar It is added to the extension rod for additional length. It is available in different sizes.

The range of inside micrometer

Using the different sizes of extension rods and spacing collars the following ranges of measurement can be taken

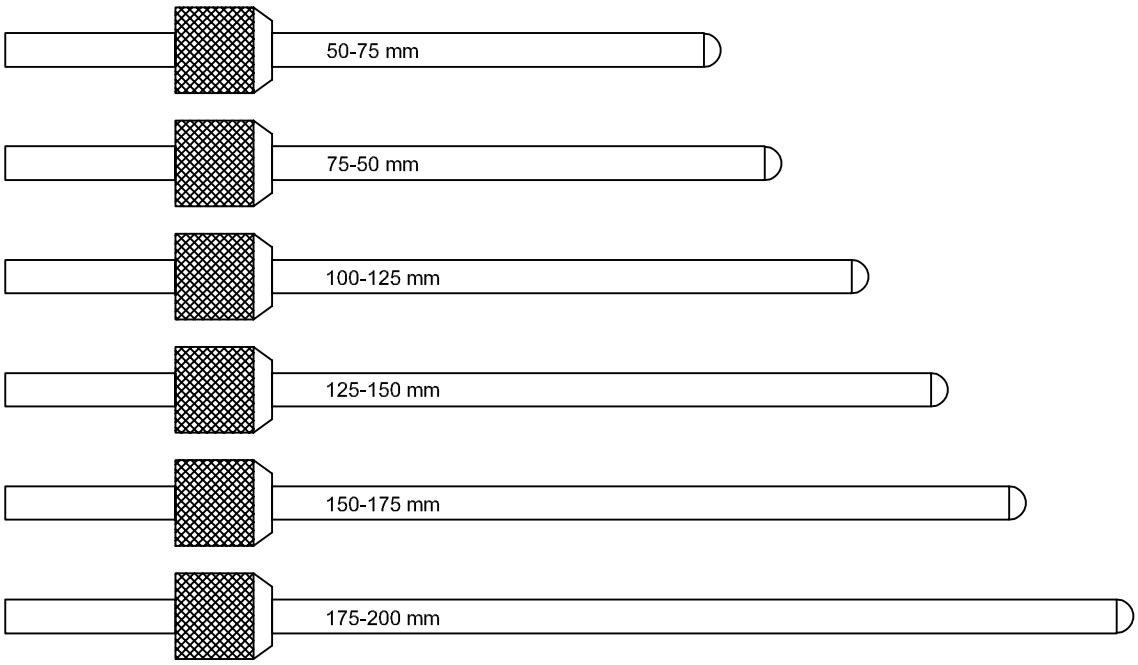
25-50mm, 50-200mm, 50-300mm, 200-500mm,200-1000mm

Inside micrometer

Ranges of extension rod for (50 - 200mm) Inside micrometer

Checking parallelism of surfaces of deep bores

Fig 6



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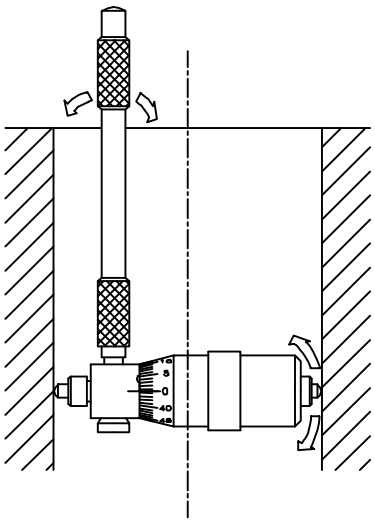
An extended handle can be used while measuring deep bores. (Fig 4) for checking the parallelism of surfaces of the bore.

Find out the readings at 2 or 3 places i.e. one reading at

Fig 4



USING AN EXTENDED HANDLE WHEN MEASURING THE BORE

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the top, another reading at the middle and the third reading at the bottom of the bore. If all the three readings are the same, then the surfaces of the bore are parallel. Any variation in the readings shows an error in the bore.

Precautions

Ensure that the extension rod/spacing collar are fitted correctly.

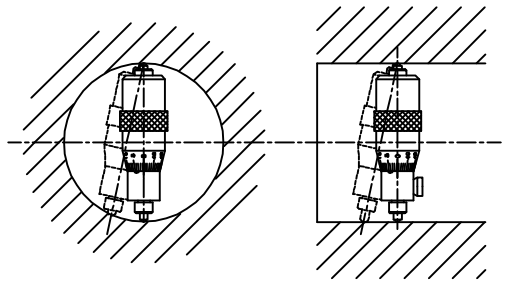
Check the 'O" setting of the inside micrometer with an outside micrometer.

Ensure that the measuring faces are perpendicular to the axis, and the handle parallel to the axis of the above.

When measuring bores the micrometer must be set for the largest value. While measuring between flat surfaces, the micrometer should be set for the smallest value. (Fig 5)

Ensure that the wall surfaces of the bore are free from burrs, oil etc. before using an inside micrometer. Set the inside micrometer in the bore to the correct FEEL. Do not drag or force the inside micrometer in the bore.

Fig 5



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Depth micrometer

Objectives: At the end of this lesson you shall be able to
- **name the parts of a depth micrometer**
- **state the constructional features of a depth micrometer**
- **read depth micrometer measurements.**

Constructional features

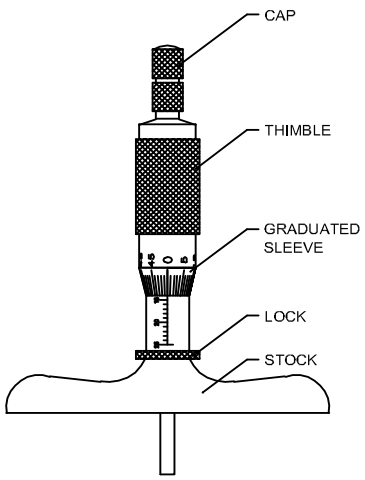
The depth micrometer consists of a stock on which a graduated sleeve is fitted.

The other end of the sleeve is threaded with a 0.5 mm pitch `V' thread.

A thimble which is internally threaded to the same pitch and form, mates with the threaded sleeve and slides over it.

The other end of the thimble has an external step machined and threaded to accommodate a thimble cap. (Fig 1)

Fig 1



DEPTH MICROMETER

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A set of extension rods is generally supplied. On each of them the range of sizes that can be measured with that rod, is engraved as 0-25, 25-50, 50-75, 75-100, 100-125 and 125-150.

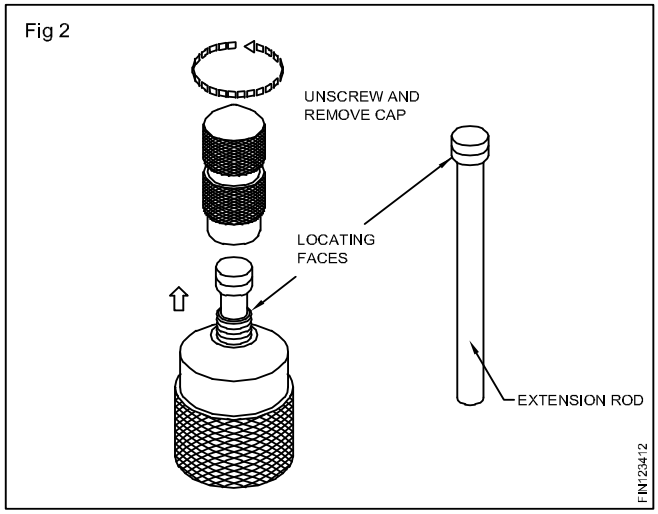
These extension rods can be inserted inside the thimble and the sleeve.

The extension rods have a collar-head which helps the rod to be held firmly. (Fig 2)

The measuring faces of the stock and the rods are hardened, tempered and ground. The measuring face of the stock is perfectly machined flat.

The extension rods may be removed and replaced according to the size of depth to be measured.

Fig 2



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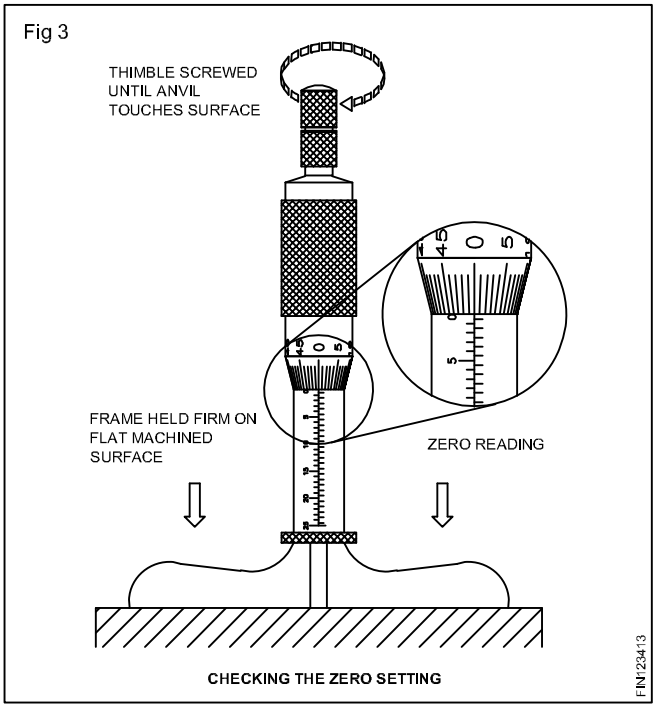
Graduation and least count

On the sleeve a datum line is marked for a length of 25 mm. This is divided into 25 equal parts and graduated,each line representing one millimetre. Each fifth line is drawn a little longer and numbered. Each line representing 1 mm is further subdivided into two equal parts. Hence each sub-division represents 0.5 mm. (Fig 3)

Fig 3



CHECKING THE ZERO SETTING

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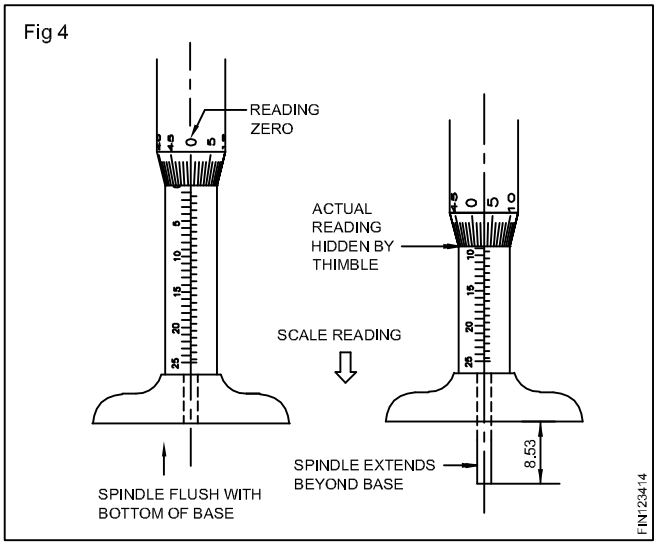
The graduations are numbered in the reverse direction, to that marked on an outside micrometer.

The zero graduation of the sleeve is on the top and the 25 mm graduation near the stock.

The bevel edge of the thimble is also graduated. The circumference is equally divided into 50 equal parts and every 5th division line is drawn a little longer and numbered. The numbering is in the reverse direction and increases from 0, 5,10,15, 25, 30, 35, 40,45 and 50 (0). (Fig 4)

Fig 4



The advancement of the extension rod for one full turn of the thimble is one pitch which is 0.5 mm.

Therefore, the advancement of the extension rod for one division movement of the thimble will be equal to 0.5 / 50 = 0.01 mm.

This will be the smallest measurement that can be taken with this instrument, and so, this is the accuracy of this instrument.

Reading of depth micrometer

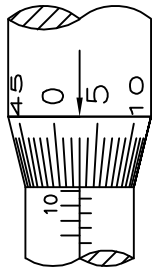
Barrel reading (1 mm division)	=	8 x 1 mm	= 8.00 mm
Sub division (0.5 mm division)	=	1 x 0.5 mm	= 0.50 mm
Thimble reading	=	3 x 0.01 mm	= 0.03 mm
(Thimble division x L.C) Total reading			= 8.53 mm

In barrel reading main division and sub division have been hidden covered by thimble

Uses of depth micrometer

- Depth micrometers are special micrometers used to measure
- the depth of holes.
- the depth of grooves and recesses
- the heights of shoulders or projections.

Fig 5



Digital micrometers

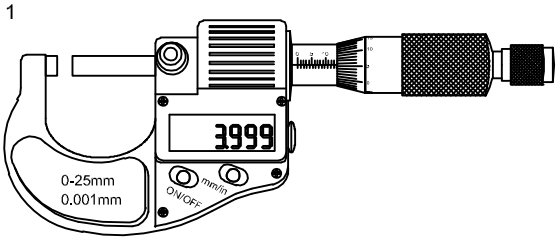
Objectives: At the end of this lesson you shall be able to
- **state the uses of digital micrometer**
- **list the parts of digital micrometer**
- **read the reading from LED display and thimble and barrel**
- **brief the maintenance, maintenance of digital micrometers.**

Digital micrometers is one of the simplest and most widely used measuring equipment in any manufacturing industry. Its simplicity and the versatile nature make Digital Micrometers so popular. Different kinds of Digital Micrometers available in the market.

Feature of digital micrometers (Fig 1)

- LCD displays measuring data and makes direct read out with resolution of 0.001mm.
- Origin setting mm/inch conversion, switch for absolute and incremental measurement.
- Carbide tipped measuring faces.
- Ratchet ensures invariable measurement and accurate repeatable reading

Fig 1



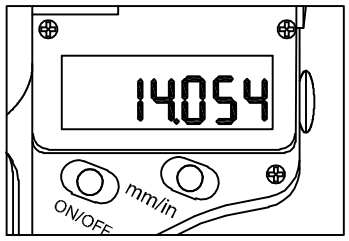
Accuracy of digital micrometers

Digital micrometers provide 10 times more precision and accuracy : 0.00005 inches or 0.001mm resolution, with 0.0001 inches or 0.001mm accuracy.

Reading of the digital micrometer

The digital micrometers are provided with high precision reading with LCD display. The reading is 14.054 mm as shown in Fig 2.

Fig 2



READING OF THE DIGITAL MICROMETERS

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Reading also by reading the marks on the sleeve and the thimble. Usually, the reading from the large LCD display for the digital micrometer because the digital reading is more accurate. The reading on the sleeve and the thimble is just for reference. Read the markings on the sleeve and the thimble, firstly, read the point which the thimble stops at it on the right of the sleeve (It is 14mm here, because each line above the centre long line represents 1mm while each line below the centre long line represent 0.5mm) (Fig 3)

Secondly, read the markings on the thimble, It is between 5 and 6, So you need to estimate the reading. (It is 0.054mm for each line here represents 0.001mm). At last, add all the reading up : 14mm + 0.054 mm = 14.054mm. So the total reading is 14.054mm.

Maintenance of a digital micrometers

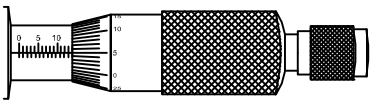
Never apply voltage (e.g. engraving with an electric pen) on any part of the Digital Micrometers for fear of damaging the circuit.

Press the ON/OFF button to shut the power when the Digital Micrometers stands idle; take out the battery if it stands idle for a long time.

As for the battery, abnormal display (digit flashing or even no display) shows a flat battery. Thus you should push the battery cover as the arrow directing and then replace with a new one. Please note that the positive side must face out If the battery bought from market dosen't work well (the power may wear down because of the long-term storage or the battery's automatic discharge and etc.) Please do not hesitate to contact the supplier.

Flashing display shows dead battery. If this is the case please replace the battery at once. No displace shows poor contact of a battery or short circuit of both poles of the battery. Please check and adjust pole flakes and battery insulator cover. In case water enters the battery cover, open the cover immediately and blow the inside of the battery cover at a temperature of not more than 40°C till it gets dry.

Fig 3



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