confocalDT // Confocal chromatic measuring system

More Precision
The confocalDT 2421/22 controllers set the industrial standard in precise, confocal measurement technology.

Available as either a single- or a dual-channel version, these measuring systems are a low cost solution especially for serial applications. The active exposure regulation feature in the CCD line is for accurate, fast surface compensation on changing surfaces.

The controller can be operated with any IFS sensor and is available as a standard version for distance measurements or as a multi-peak version for multi-layer thickness measurements. Using a special calculation function, the confocalDT 2422 dual-channel version evaluates both channels. Measurement acquisition is synchronous and can be carried out while exploiting the full measuring rate for both channels.

Due to a user-friendly web interface, no additional software is necessary to configure the controller and the sensors. Data output is via Ethernet, EtherCAT, RS422 or analog output.
### Model Comparison

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<th>Model</th>
<th>IFC2421</th>
<th>IFC2421MP</th>
<th>IFC2422</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Resolution</strong></td>
<td>Ethernet/EtherCAT</td>
<td>1 nm</td>
<td>RS422</td>
<td>18 bit</td>
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<td><strong>Measuring rate</strong></td>
<td>continuously adjustable from 100 Hz to 6.5 kHz</td>
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<td><strong>Linearity</strong></td>
<td>typ. &lt; ± 0.025 % FSO (depends on sensor)</td>
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<td><strong>Multi peak measurement</strong></td>
<td>1 layer</td>
<td>5 layers</td>
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<td><strong>Light source</strong></td>
<td>internal white LED</td>
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<td><strong>No. of characteristic curves</strong></td>
<td>up to 20 characteristic curves for different sensors per channel, selection via table in the menu</td>
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<td><strong>Permissible ambient light</strong></td>
<td>30,000 lx</td>
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<td><strong>Synchronization</strong></td>
<td>yes</td>
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<td><strong>Supply voltage</strong></td>
<td>24 VDC ± 15 %</td>
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<td><strong>Power consumption</strong></td>
<td>approx. 10 W</td>
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<td><strong>Signal input</strong></td>
<td>sync-in / trig-in; 2x encoder (A+, A-, B+, B-, Index)</td>
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<td><strong>Digital interface</strong></td>
<td>Ethernet, EtherCAT, RS422</td>
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<td><strong>Analog output</strong></td>
<td>Current: 4 … 20 mA; voltage: 0 … 10 V (16 bit D/A converter)</td>
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<td><strong>Switching output</strong></td>
<td>Error1-Out, Error2-Out</td>
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<td><strong>Digital output</strong></td>
<td>sync-out</td>
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<td><strong>Connection</strong></td>
<td>optical: pluggable optical fiber via E2000 socket, length 2 m … 50 m, min. bending radius 30 mm</td>
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<td>electrical: 3-pin supply terminal strip: encoder connection (15-pin, HD-sub socket, max. cable length 3 m, 30 m with external encoder supply); RS422 connection socket (8-pin, Sub-D, max. cable length 30 m); 3-pin output terminal strip (max. cable length 30 m); RJ45 socket for Ethernet (out) / EtherCAT (in/out) (max. cable length 100 m)</td>
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<td><strong>Installation</strong></td>
<td>free-standing, DIN rail mounting</td>
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<td><strong>Temperature range</strong></td>
<td>Storage -20 … +70 °C</td>
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<td>Operation +5 … +50 °C</td>
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<td><strong>Shock (DIN-EN 60068-2-29)</strong></td>
<td>15 g / 6 ms in XYZ axis, 1000 shocks each</td>
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<td><strong>Vibration (DIN-EN 60068-2-6)</strong></td>
<td>2 g / 20 … 500 Hz in XYZ axis, 10 cycles each</td>
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<td><strong>Protection class (DIN-EN60529)</strong></td>
<td>IP40</td>
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<td><strong>Material</strong></td>
<td>Aluminum</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Weight</strong></td>
<td>approx. 1.8 kg</td>
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<td>approx. 2.25 kg</td>
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<td><strong>Compatibility</strong></td>
<td>compatible with all confocalDT sensors</td>
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<td><strong>No. of measurement channels</strong></td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td><strong>Control and display elements</strong></td>
<td>multifunction button (two adjustable functions and reset to factory setting after 10 s); 5x LEDs for intensity, range, status and supply voltage</td>
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**IFC2421 controller**

- All electric cables: less installation space
- Fiber-optic sensor cable
- Foot parts are removable

**IFC2422 controller**

- 2 fiber-optic cables
- Foot parts are removable

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FSO = Full Scale Output

1) Illuminant: light bulb

* No loss of intensity and linearity due to two synchronous measurement channels
System design

The confocalDT system consists of:
- Sensor IFS240x
- Controller IFC24xx
- Fiber optic cable C24xx
Customer-specific modifications
Application examples are often found where the standard versions of the sensors and the controllers are performing at their limits. To facilitate such special tasks, it is possible to customize the sensor design and to adjust the controller accordingly. Common requests for modifications include changes in design, mounting options, customized cable lengths and modified measuring ranges.

Possible modifications
- Sensors with connector
- Cable length
- Vacuum suitability up to UHV
- Specific lengths
- Customer-specific mounting options
- Optical filter for ambient light compensation
- Housing material
- Measuring range / Offset distance

Vacuum feed through
- C2405.../Vac (KF or CF flange)
- C2402.../Vac (KF flange)
- IFS24xx/Vac

Controller IFC24xx
Accessories: mounting adapter
MA2402 for sensors 2402

Accessories: mounting adapter
MA2403 for sensors 2403

Accessories: mounting adapter
MA2404-12 for sensors IFS2404-2 / IFS2404/90-2 / IFS2407-0,1

Accessories: mounting adapter
MA2400 for sensors IFS2405 / IFS2406 / IFS2407 (consisting of a mounting block and a mounting ring)
## Accessories

### Software
IFD24xx-Tool
Software demo tool included

### Accessories light source
IFL2422/LE
Lamp module for IFC2422
IFL24x1/LED
Lamp module for IFC24x1
IFL2451/LED(003)
Lamp module for IFC2451(003)

### Cable extension for sensors
CE2402 cable with 2x E2000/APC connectors
CE2402-x
Extension for optical fiber (3 m, 10 m, 13 m, 30 m, 50 m)
CE2402-x/PT
Extension for optical fiber with protection tube for mechanical stress (3 m, 10 m, customer-specific length up to 50 m)

### Cable for IFS2404 sensors
C2404-x
Optical fiber with FC/APC and E2000/APC connectors
Fiber core diameter 20 µm (2 m)

### Cables for IFS2405/IFS2406/2407-0,1 sensors
C2401 cable with FC/APC and E2000/APC connectors
C2401-x
Optical fiber (3 m, 5 m, 10 m, customer-specific length up to 50 m)
C2401/PT-x
Optical fiber with protection tube for mechanical stress (3 m, 5 m, 10 m, customer-specific length up to 50 m)
C2401-x (01)
Optical fiber core diameter 26 µm (3 m, 5 m, 15 m)
C2401-x (10)
Drag-chain suitable optical fiber (3 m, 5 m, 10 m)

C2400 cable with 2x FC/APC connectors
C2400-x
Optical fiber (3 m, 5 m, 10 m, customer-specific length up to 50 m)
C2400/PT-x
Optical fiber with protection tube for mechanical stress (3 m, 5 m, 10 m, customer-specific length up to 50 m)
C2400/PT-x-Vac
Optical fiber with protection tube suitable for use in vacuum (3 m, 5 m, 10 m, customer-specific length up to 50 m)

### Cable for IFS2407/90-0,3 sensors
C2407-x
Optical fiber with DIN connector and E2000/APC (2 m, 5 m)

### Vacuum feed through
C2402/Vac/KF16
Vacuum feed through with optical fiber, 1 channel, vacuum side FC/APC, non-vacuum side E2000/APC, clamping flange KF 16
C2405/Vac/1/KF16
Vacuum feed through on both sides FC/APC socket, 1 channel, clamping flange type KF 16
C2405/Vac/1/CF16
Vacuum feed through on both sides FC/APC socket, 1 channel, flange type CF 16
C2405/Vac/6/CF63
Vacuum feed through FC/APC socket, 6 channels, flange type CF 63

### Other accessories
SC2471-x/USB/IND
Connector cable IFC2451/61/71, 3 m, 10 m, 20 m
SC2471-x/IF2008
Connector cable IFC2451/61/71-IF2008, 3 m, 10 m, 20 m
PS2020
Power supply 24V / 2.5A
EC2471-3/OE
Encoder cable, 3m

### Optical fiber
- **Temperature range:** -50 °C to 90 °C
- **Bending radius:** 30/40 mm

- **Multimode core:** 50 µm / 26 µm / 20 µm
- **Casing:** 125 µm
- **Acrylate:** <250 µm
- **Coating/buffer:** PVC: polyvinyl chloride
- **Strain relief:** PVDF: polyvinylidene fluoride

- **FC/APC standard connector**
- **DIN connector**
- **E2000/APC standard connector**
- **DIN connector**
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