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#### **Technical Data**

Substrate
Iron or steel Fe-probe

QuaNix<sup>®</sup>4500 includes:

Non-magnetic metals, e.g. aluminum, zinc, copper, brass

copper, brass NFe-Probe

Measuring range Fe 0 - 3000  $\mu$ m or 0.00 - 120 mil NFe 0 - 2000  $\mu$ m or 0.00 - 80 mil

Resolution  $\begin{array}{cccc} Range \ 0-999 \ \mu m; & 1 \ \mu m \\ Range \ \geq 1 \ mm & ; & 0.01 \ mm \\ resp. & 0.01 \ mil \ up \ to \ 9.99 \ mil \\ \end{array}$ 

0.1 mil from 10 to 99.9 mil 1 mil from 100 to 120 mil

Accuracy +/-  $(2 \mu m + 3\%^*)$ resp. +/-  $(0.08 mil + 3 \%^*)$ (\*) of reading

Minimum curvature convex 5 mm (0.02")

concave 25 mm (1") Minimum substrate

thickness Fe 0.20 mm (8 mil)
NFe 0.05 mm (2 mil)
Temperature range

 Storage
 -10°C to 60°C (14°F to 140°F)

 Operation
 0°C to 60°C (32°F to 140°F)

Probe One-point One-point 2 batteries AA alkaline

Dimensions ca. 100 x 62 x 27 mm (3.9" x 2.4" x 1.1")

Weight ca. 100 g (3.5 oz) incl. batteries

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#### General

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As with all precision instruments large temperature variations can influence the measuring result. Please avoid direct solar irradiation and temperature shocks.

Due to the physical measuring principles the measurements can be influenced by strong electromagnetic fields. Please stay away from e.g. transformers, high voltage lines or discharge sources. Do not take measurements on magnetized parts. Magnetic fields can affect the Femeasurements. Strong electromagnetic radiation can affect the NFemeasurements.

The housing is resistant against most solvents. Use a soft damp cloth to clean the housing.

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## Change of Batteries

The battery compartment is on the rear side of the gauge. The battery should be exchanged when the "BAT"-sign appears on the right side of the display. Additional readings can still be taken even with the "BAT"-indication before the gauge shuts off.

**Note!** Empty batteries should be disposed of properly. If possible, please use the appropriate method.

## Change of Unit µm/mil

Display of the readings is factory preset to the unit which is common for the user (generally in  $\mu$ m). To change the unit from  $\mu$ m to mil or vice versa, place the gauge on any surface or simply take a measurement. While holding it placed, press the button for at least 3 seconds. The display will switch from one unit to the other.

## Zero-Adjustment

A new zero-adjustment is required when using the gauge for the first time, working with different materials, and after inserting a new battery. Place the gauge on one of the zero plates in the case. For the Fe-probe please take the steel plate; for the NFe-probe take the aluminum plate, when you want to measure on aluminum; or use a suitable uncoated Fe- or NFe-substrate. Please make sure the probe is placed perpendicular and evenly on the surface of the zero plate or on your uncoated substrate. If the value indicated is not within the basic tolerance, the gauge should be adjusted as follows:

Place the gauge on the zero plate (substrate). Then press the button once. On the display a control number appears and a beep sounds. Then lift off the gauge at least 10 cm (4 inches) from the zero plate (substrate). A beep sounds and another control number appears. Now the zero-adjustment is completed.

When repeating measurements on the same spot, the reading may not always be 0  $\mu m$  or 0.00 mil, as the surface roughness, dirt, scratches etc. might cause variances.

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## Handling

Place the gauge evenly on the object to be tested. The reading is immediately shown on the display accompanied by a beep. Simultaneously you will also receive the information, which measuring method, Fe or NFe, is presently used in the gauge (important for gauges with Dual-Probe).

If the gauge was placed incorrectly or lifted off before termination of the measurement, or when being zeroed on a non-metallic substrate, an error message "Err" is displayed. Readings that exceed the measuring range are indicated by the message "IIFI" (infinite).

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Resolution

Minimum object size

Accuracy

Minimum curvature convex

concave Minimum substrate thickness

Temperature range Storage Operation Probe

Power supply Dimensions ca.

Weight ca.

Fe-probe

NFe-Probe

resp.

resp.

Fe

NFe

0 - 3000 µm or 0.00 - 120 mil 0 - 2000 µm or 0.00 - 80 mil Range 0 - 999 µm: 1 µm

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0.01 mil up to 9.99 mil 0.2 mil from 10 to 99.9 mil 1 mil from 100 to 120 mil +/- (2 um + 3%\*)

+/- (2 µm + 3%) +/- (0.08 mil + 3 %\*) (\*) of reading

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