Operational Configuration

Permanent Installations: The TST.1 system is available in three configurations: 1, 2, or 4 heads. Four head system (in diagram below) enables measurement of both sides of sheet, before and after cleaning section.

The TST.1 heads are protected with filtered air in stainless steel cabinets. They may be traversed across the sheet, measuring variability across the sheet.

Temporary Installations: When operating as a remote system the TST.1S is extremely simple to use as a quick measuring or auditing configuration (as older model is shown in the photos below). The basic **TST.18** system can be set-up and taking measurements in less than five minutes if electrical power and a mounting location are readily available.





Prove Before Purchase

Interested to evaluate this cutting-edge system on your process line? Want to see the capability of your cleaning section equipment? There are many options to evaluate your process and equipment with the **TST.1**, including



online demonstrations, auditing plans, and rental packages. We are extremely confident you'll be impressed with the **TST.1** — and impressed with the savings it will provide. Please contact us to discuss tailored proposals for your evaluation of the revolutionary **TST.1**.

> The **TST.1** delivers surface cleanliness from guess-work to know-how. Good Data, Good Decisions

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TolketStarTool is pleased to introduce the redesigned **TST.1**. on-line surface cleanliness monitor system.

The all-new, second generation **TST.1** features enhanced laser technologies and field serviceability.

The **TST.1** quantifies surface contamination (organic or inorganic) on-line, without contacting the surface, and



continuously in-production. Immediately see and quantify cleanliness when cleaning section parameters change. Use statistical process control (SPC) to optimize cleaning section performance, cost-per-ton, and quality.

Improve Quality Yield

Confirm surfaces are adequately clean to accept coatings and emerge from annealing furnaces free of stain - alarm when not. Obtain a record of cleanliness for each coil.

Optimize Cleaning

Instantly monitor, trouble-shoot, and optimize cleaning section performance using the pertinent metric: surface cleanliness. Save money by throttling cleaning sections to meet requirements instead of wasting money operating cleaner sections at excessive duty factors and unnecessary sections or components - particularly when some equipment does not contribute. Obtain immediate feedback on cleaning section changes. Optimize maintenance scheduling. Hold upstream providers accountable. Verify subsection performance. Collect digital data at precise locations on the coil's surface or aggregate of entire coil's surface.

> Manage your cleaning section using data, not guesses. Good Data, Good Decisions

Monitored & Output Monitored & Quantified







Technical Features Summary:

No Risk of Metal Surface Damage

Measures Aggregate of Soil Film Layers & Particulates, including Iron Fines **Resolution Exceeds Capability of Premium Cleaning Sections** Measures Emissive Signal: Not Affected by Optical Properties of the Metal's Surface No Line Speed Limit Large Stand-Off Distance Keeps Equipment Safe [0.8m | 31" nominal - acceptable range 0.4~1.2m | 16"~47"] Deep Depth of Field [+/-5cm | +/-2" typical; greater requires discussion] Compact, Solid-State, Semi-Portable Permanent or Temporary Installations — Set-up in <10 minutes for temporary installation Instrument Head Protected Within Cabinet for Permanent Installation Simple Maintenance: Infrequent and Easy Laser Module, Lens, and Air Filter Changes

Able to Interface with Line Automation, PLC, PC, Analog or Digital

Compatible with Sheet, Long Products, Pipe, Plate, Blanks, or Piece Parts

System Scalable: Before & After Cleaner; One Side of Sheet, or Both Sides

Optional: Sheet Width Scanning Capability

Graphical Interface and The Data:

The TST.1 can operate from any PC or PLC using any industrial communication protocols. For stand-alone, remote configurations the interface is simple. Key controls include detector gain, measurement period, and start/stop.



Introducing Statistical Process Control (SPC) for Cleaning Sections; optimize settings, products, and costs-per-ton, trouble-shoot, understand and predict mean time to failure (MTTF). The TST.1 has shown cleaner performance details never seen before. For example: Differences in cleaning as a function of electrolytic cleaner polarity and current density - Cleanliness variability induced by an imbalanced brushes -Essential or useless brush locations - Influence of wringer rolls - Huge variability of incoming contamination from cold mill; even coils from the same cold mill - Variability across the sheet width - ... etc. ...



TST1



Functional Summary | Laser Ablation Technique

- 1) The **TST.1** emits an infrared **laser pulse** which impacts sheet's surface (Orange Arrows).
- absorbs the laser energy and dissipates heat energy via conduction into its thermal mass.
- bright intense plasma.

The **TST.1** was introduced October 2018 with the Model **S** laser module. The Model **S** features a $\sim 1.5 \, \mu m$ wavelength laser that allows safe use without significant eye protection. The Model X laser module, released Q3-'19, features a high-performance, $\sim 1.1 \ \mu m$ wavelength laser requiring eye-safety measures but operating at a greater pulse frequency & significantly longer operational life expectancy. Laser modules S and X are complementary and interchangeable: S = safer operation, portable between lines.

X = longer life, greater data, and lower operating costs.



Head Cabinet for Permanent Installations:

NEMA-4X (304SS) 61x51x26 cm | 24"x20"x10" (HxW "Sight Tube" 15.2x76.2 cm | 6"x3" Cross-Section





2) Surface contamination absorbs the laser energy. Unable to dissipate the energy, the debris converts into a plasma plume (Red Plume). When metal surface perfectly clean no plasma occurs; the metal's surface

3) When contamination is converted to a plasma, the intensity of that plasma light (Blue Arrows) is measured by a photodetector within the **TST.1** head. The amount of contamination is proportional to the plasma's intensity: Perfectly clean surface generates no plasma. A full hard, cold rolled surface typically generates

4) The **plasma light intensity is processed** digitally by the onboard computer and transmitted to the client.

Measuring Head Dimensions:

′xD)	Length:	53 cm 21"	Width:	43 cm 17"
,	Height:	15 cm 5.9"	Mass:	21 kg 45 lbs