Strainoptics roller-wave gauges are used for measuring roller wave in accordance with ASTM Test Method C1651, Glass Association of North America (GANA), and other accepted test methods. Measured peak-to-valley depth and wave length values are used to calculate optical distortion using a simple equation or supplied Excel software. Strainoptics offers four high-quality roller-wave models with flat-bottom or three-point contact surfaces.

**RWG-I and RWG-M Flat-Bottom Gauges**

These gauges feature a flat, Delrin-coated bottom surface and dial indicator in inch (RWG-I) or metric (RWG-M) versions. They directly measure peak-to-valley depth (W) of the roller wave. The gauge is used with a measuring tape to determine (L) the roller wave length (the distance between two consecutive lowest or highest gauge readings).

**RWG-DF Digital Flat-Bottom Gauges**

Otherwise identical to the RWG-I/M flat-bottom gauges, the RWG-DF offers a digital indicator for easy read-out of peak and valley measurements.

**RWG-D Digital Roller-Wave Gauge**

The RWG-D Digital Roller-Wave Gauge features a non-wearing, three-point contact bottom surface and digital indicator readout with a metric resolution of 0.01 mm or an inch resolution of 0.0005 in. The contact point spacing is adjustable to the length of the peak-to-peak roller wave distance for more accurate, repeatable results. A high-sensitivity model (RWG-D-HS) is available for applications requiring high distortion sensitivity (1 mdpt). An optional input tool is available for direct entry of values into a PC spreadsheet or program.

**RWG-USB Input Tool and Remote Cable for Direct-to-PC Data Entry**

This accessory allows automatic direct entry of measured roller wave data into Excel or other spreadsheet programs using button on digital indicator or on remote cable. Works with RWG-D or RWG-DF gauges. Includes Excel software for easy compliance with new ASTM C1651, “Standard Test Method for Measurement of Roll Wave Optical Distortion in Heat-Treated Flat Glass.”

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What Are Roller Waves?

Roller waves are repetitive, periodic waves typically observed in horizontally tempered glass. They can cause distortion of reflected images in architectural glass.

Roller waves result from the glass heat-treating process and occur when the glass reaches a quasi-viscous state as it moves along rollers in a tempering furnace. Some of the factors influencing roller wave include roller bed flatness, roller eccentricity, hot roller run-out, and sag between rollers.

Roller-Wave Gauge Specifications

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*Specify RWG-I (Inches) or RWG-M (Millimeters)

Strainoptics manufactures a variety of specialized instrumentation for quality control of flat glass products. Instruments range from portable devices to fully automated, PC-based systems. The Strainoptics GASP® (Grazing Angle Surface Polarimeter) measures surface stress to determine if glass is properly heat-strengthened or fully tempered in accordance with ASTM C-1048 and C-1279.