Not able to perform a test that you wish you could?

Transform Older Testing Machines with Today’s Technology

Materials testing machines were initially manufactured in the United States in the 1800s and many older machines are still in use today. Often, the equipment remains functional decades after initial purchase, thereby returning the initial investment back to the owner. This is a testament to the ingenuity and craftsmanship of our American engineers and workers.

However, older machines should be upgraded to benefit from newer innovations and capabilities. The replacement costs for older mechanical testing machines can be in the tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars. At ADMET, we have worked with thousands of professionals at retrofitting their materials testing systems across sixty countries on six continents.

Upgrade Your Materials Testing Machines with ADMET’s Retrofit Service

Some certification services may indicate high standards that outdated machines do not have and some manufacturers or engineers feel forced to purchase completely new equipment. However, this is not necessary, as ADMET staff can provide the accessories and add-ons needed to accomplish the test procedures at substantial cost savings for the end-user. This may be in the form of software, digital controllers, environmental baths, grips/fixtures, or extensometers.

The make or model of the testing machine - whether made in the United States or abroad, designed for static or fatigue testing, or powered by an electric servo motor or hydraulic power unit - will not affect the retrofit process in any consequential way. Any testing system can be upgraded with ADMET’s retrofit service.

Retrofits Save Money

To expand upon a point mentioned previously, by retrofitting an older machine the owner will gain clear cost benefits over the purchase of a new system. The reason for this is because the most expensive and durable part of a new system is the load frame. By keeping that old load frame in place and merely adding digital controllers and Windows-based software, you expand functionality with minimal investment.

A retrofit costs between $1,500 for the integration of a simple digital indicator to $35,000 for a new servo-hydraulic power unit with a Windows-based materials testing system. Since a brand new 200,000 lb capacity universal materials testing machine costs between $250,000 to $300,000, a retrofit will save more than $200,000 for a company. A smaller 60,000 lb. machine would cost $70,000 to $85,000 to replace. In this scenario, a retrofit would save between $30,000 to $40,000 for the customer.
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ADMET Controllers and Indicators

By pairing an older system with an ADMET controller or indicator, the functionality of the system is transformed, such as a new range of testing, the production of metrics and calculations and the output of essential reports. Our advanced PC-based MTESTQuattro® software incorporates a wide array of reporting, data acquisition, analysis and control. Alternatively, ADMET offers the eP2 Digital Controller, a standalone touch panel unit, for quality and process control measurements.

Adding indicators to a materials testing system can also provide the option to measure and record peak load. ADMET can pair the GaugeBuster 2 or Pi indicator with a load cell or pressure transducer to determine the live peak load/stress of a sample. In addition, ADMET can upgrade a system with a new servo motor, actuator, load cell or pressure transducer as well as convert the system to full closed-loop automatic control.

MTESTQuattro® - A full featured pc-based materials testing controller with software for manual or servo equipped machines.

MTESTQuattro® Test Report from a Tensile Pull on a Metal Sample.

MTESTQuattro® dynamic test waveform.

eP2 Digital Controller
GaugeSafe Data Exchange Program

Digital Indicator Retrofits - Update your existing manually operated testing machine with an ADMET Gauge Buster 2 or Pi Peak Load Digital Indicator to increase the accuracy of your results and perform tests that were previously not possible.
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Retrofits Meet New Standards
Testing requirements of major organizations such as ASTM, ASME, AASHTO, ISO, DIN, JIS, and others undergo regular changes and continuous revisions as materials science and its applications evolve. Machines that were designed decades ago may not have the correct capabilities to conduct the test and produce the data required by current and future standards.

ADMET addresses this problem by combining modern transducers, electronics, software, and full servo control with an older system. Retrofits enable users to conduct more sophisticated tests using better control of the testing machine and more thorough reporting.

For instance, Dexter Axle upgraded its Riehle electro-mechanical testing machine at its manufacturing plant, located in Fremont, Indiana, to perform modulus tests on rubber cords used in its Torflex axle system.

“Before the upgrade, I was using the manual system,” James Bryan, Dexter Axle quality technician, said. “It was very difficult to accurately control the different speeds. Our results were all over the map and I had no confidence in the results. Now we get results that we can rely on and we can easily transfer them to our statistical quality control system or to a spreadsheet.”

Retrofit Options

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<td>Upgrade static and fatigue based hydraulic testing machines with a new ADMET hydraulic power unit or incorporate an ADMET servo-manifold into the existing hydraulic power unit.</td>
<td>MTESTQuattro: full featured pc-based system for quality control and research. Provides cyclic and static testing capabilities. Generate comprehensive test reports according to ASTM/ISO test standards.</td>
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<td>Upgrade static and fatigue based electro-mechanical testing machines with new servo motors and amplifiers.</td>
<td>eP2 Digital Controller: standalone push-button controller well suited for repetitive quality control testing.</td>
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<td>Install a new ADMET controller with software on existing servo equipped hydraulic and electromechanical testers.</td>
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<td>Data Acquisition Upgrades for Manually Controlled Machines</td>
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Above: Retrofit of an Instron Electromechanical UTM; Servo Hydraulic Console for Baldwin Testing Machine.

Left: MTESTQuattro® retrofit of Tinius Olsen 60K Std L.
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Accessories

Heated fluid baths are offered to facilitate testing in vitro. Environmental chambers are available for testing at sub-zero or elevated temperatures. Custom fixturing specific to an ASTM or ISO specification is also available. Both contact and non-contacting extensometers can be provided for improved strain measurement. In addition, ADMET offers a full line of standard grips and fixtures which can be viewed from our online catalog at www.ADMET.com.

Service and Calibration

Training and Service - ADMET testing machines are configured and simplified for customers’ needs as well as easy to install and utilize. We provide introductory online training along with on-site training and installation. A retrofit from ADMET can be quickly installed at the customer’s site in one to three days. In addition, we offer phone and e-mail support throughout the lifetime of a system.

Calibration - Customers can setup calibration contracts with ADMET or a private third party. All services meet ISO/IEC Guide 17025

Partial List of Organizations that have benefitted from an ADMET Retrofit


ADMET Retrofits have been installed on the following testing machine makes

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Increase the accuracy and capability of your testing machine.

Give us a call at 800-667-3220 to find out how much we can save you over the cost of a new machine; or fill out the following two pages and fax to 781-769-0884. We will promptly contact you to discuss your retrofit project.

Testing Machine Retrofit Evaluation Form
Fax (4) pages to: ADMET at 781-769-0884
Rev. A1

Section 1.0
Name: ____________________________ Phone: ______________ Fax: ______________
Company: _________________________ E-mail: __________________________
Address1: __________________________________________________________________
Address2: __________________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________ State: _________ Zip Code: ______________

Type of Retrofit:

a) Keep current machine controls and add a Digital Indicator or MTESTQuattro
b) Update machine to servo control and add a Digital Indicator or MTESTQuattro

Complete Sections 2.0, 4.0 and 5.0 if you have a hydraulic testing machine.

Complete Sections 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 if you have an electromechanical testing machine.

Use the hydraulic and electromechanical testing machine diagrams on the following pages to help you determine the type of testing machine.

Section 2.0 - Hydraulic Testing Machine (fill out Section 3 for electromechanical machine)

Manufacturer: ___________________________ Model#: ___________________________ Age: ____________
Serial Number: ___________________________ Machine Capacity: ___________________________
Piston Diameter: ________________________ Piston Stroke: _____________________________
Is the hydraulic console fixed to the machine?: ( ) yes ( ) no
Is the machine currently servo controlled?: ( ) yes ( ) no
Does the machine use hydraulic grips?: ( ) yes ( ) no
Does the machine have a transducer to measure piston position?: ( ) yes ( ) no
    If yes: Manufacturer: ___________________________ Model#: ___________________________
Does the machine have an electric motor to move the crosshead?: ( ) yes ( ) no
    If yes: Manufacturer: ___________________________ Model#: ___________________________
Motor: Voltage: __________________ Current: __________________ Horsepower: ____________

Complete Sections 4 and 5 on following pages prior to faxing.
Section 3.0 Electromechanical Testing Machines

Fill out Section 2 for hydraulic machine.

Manufacturer: __________________________ Model#: __________________________ Age: _____________

Serial Number: __________________________ Machine Capacity: __________________________

Speed Range(s): __________________________ How many gear ratios on the machine: _____________

Motor Manufacturer: __________________________ Motor Model#: __________________________

Motor Ratings: Voltage: _____________ Current: _____________ Horsepower: _____________

Motor Tachometer: ( ) yes ( ) no

Type: Analog: ________ Encoder: _____________

Motor Amplifier Mfg: __________________________ Motor Amplifier Model#: __________________________

How does the machine measure the position of the crosshead?

( ) Motor Encoder ( ) Crosshead Encoder ( ) Crosshead Potentiometer ( ) Screw Drive Encoder

Manufacturer: __________________________ Model#: __________________________
Section 4.0
Functions present on control panel (check all that apply)

- ( ) ON/OFF
- ( ) E-Stop
- ( ) Up/Down Jog
- ( ) Load Cell Select
- ( ) Auto/Manual
- ( ) Speed Potentiometer
- ( ) Other:

What Power is available in your facility?

- ( ) 120 VAC 1ph
- ( ) 220 VAC 1 ph
- ( ) 208 VAC 3 ph
- ( ) 220 VAC 3 ph
- ( ) 440 VAC 3 ph

Is the machine in good working order or is something damaged?:

Other Information:

Section 5.0 Transducers and Test Methods

Load Measuring Transducers

What type of transducer is used to measure force? ( ) Pressure Transducer
( ) Load Cell

Transducer 1: Manufacturer: ______________________ Model#: __________________ Capacity: ___________

Transducer 2: Manufacturer: ______________________ Model#: __________________ Capacity: ___________

Transducer 3: Manufacturer: ______________________ Model#: __________________ Capacity: ___________

Transducer 4: Manufacturer: ______________________ Model#: __________________ Capacity: ___________

Strain Measuring Transducers (Extensometers)

Transducer 1: Manufacturer: ______________________ Model#: __________________ Gage: _____ Range: _____

Transducer 2: Manufacturer: ______________________ Model#: __________________ Gage: _____ Range: _____

Transducer 3: Manufacturer: ______________________ Model#: __________________ Gage: _____ Range: _____

Transducer 4: Manufacturer: ______________________ Model#: __________________ Gage: _____ Range: _____

Test Procedures

Types of materials being tested:

ASTM/DIN/etc. specifications being followed:

Other specialized test procedures:

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