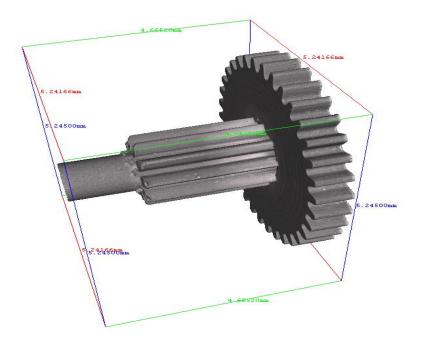
Optical Metrology Application Note

Application:

Micro Gear Measurement



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Bruker Alicona is a leading global supplier of optical metrology solutions based on the principle of Focus Variation.

Focus Variation works on the basis of moving a focal plane over a surface and collecting robust 3D data which can then be used to measure geometric form and surface finish from a single optical sensor.

Measurement processes can be fully automated and provide GD&T measurement capabilities across all industrial & medical sectors.

The systems are in use in Industry, Industrial Research, Universities and production facilities globally.



Introduction

In this application note, we describe the use of Optical Metrology to capture 3D data to allow the measurement of the most common gear tooth parameters.

The metrology system used for this measurement task is the InfiniteFocusG5 plus system fitted with an Advanced Real3D rotation device, shown below in Figure 1.

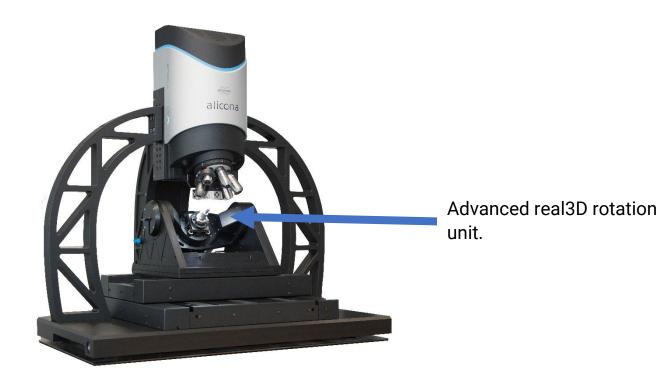


Figure 1

In use the parts to be measured are located in a 3-jaw mounting chuck.

The gear is then scanned to produce a complete high-resolution data set which is then displayed in true colour or in pseudo colour related to height as displayed in Figure 2 below.



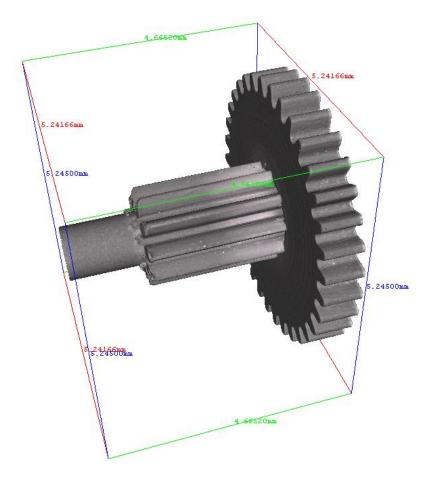
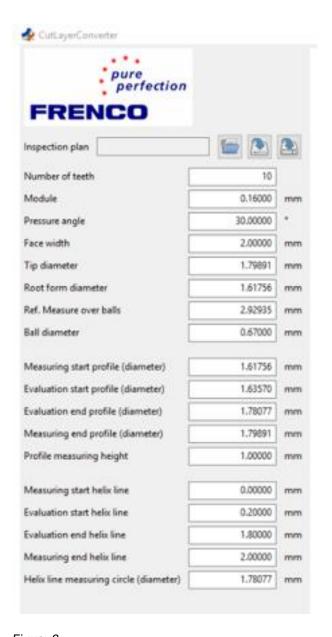


Figure 2

The data can then be used in the Micro Gear Measurement Module Analysis software. This automatically calculates the standard gear parameters required for detailed analysis. This summary result and table are displayed in Figure 3.

The full detailed 14-page report is also displayed below.





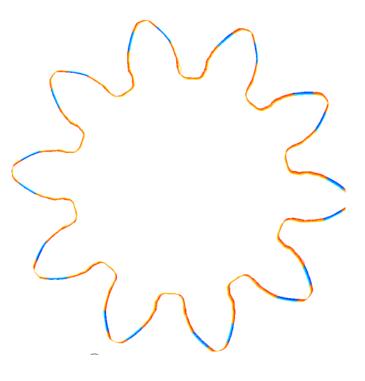


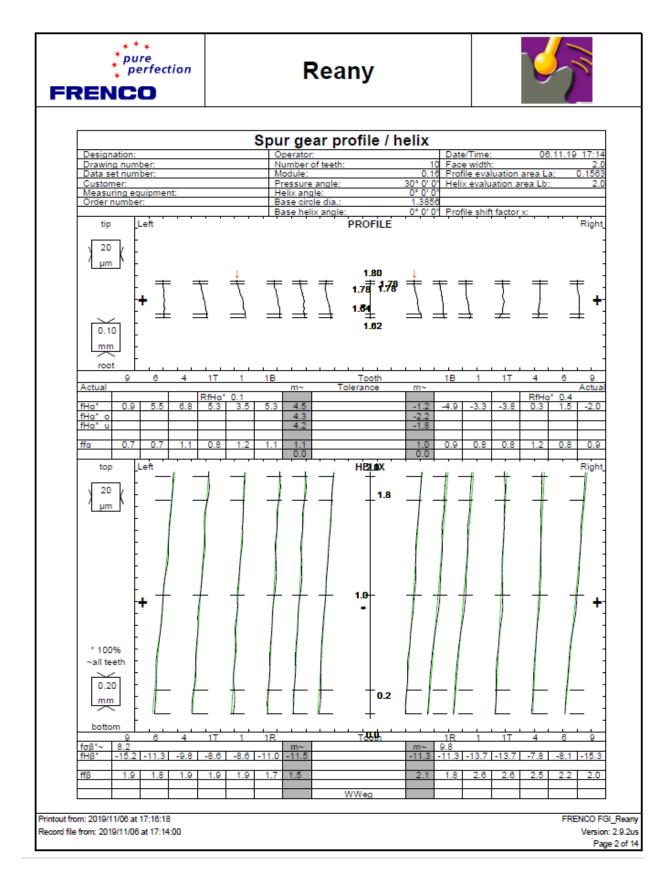
Figure 3



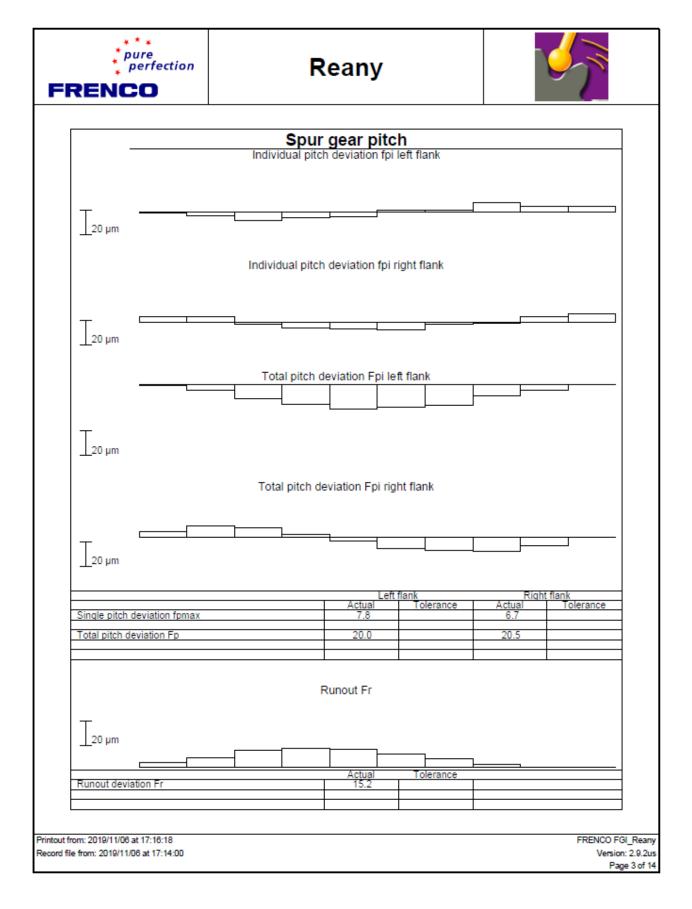
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Method	All teeth measurement		
Gear data			
Number of teeth	10 (External gear)	Module / mm	0.16
Pressure angle / °	30	Helix angle / °	0 (Right)
ace width / mm	2	Major diameter / mm	1.79891
lef. Measure over balls / mm	2.929	Ball diameter / mm	0.67
Reference data		•	·
Measuring start profile / mm	1.61758	Measuring start helix line / mm	0
Evaluation start profile / mm	1.6357	Evaluation start helix line / mm	0.2
Evaluation end profile / mm	1.78077	Evaluation end helix line / mm	1.8
Measuring end profile / mm	1.79891	Measuring end helix line / mm	2
Probe diameter / mm	0		
		Measuring end helix line / mm	2

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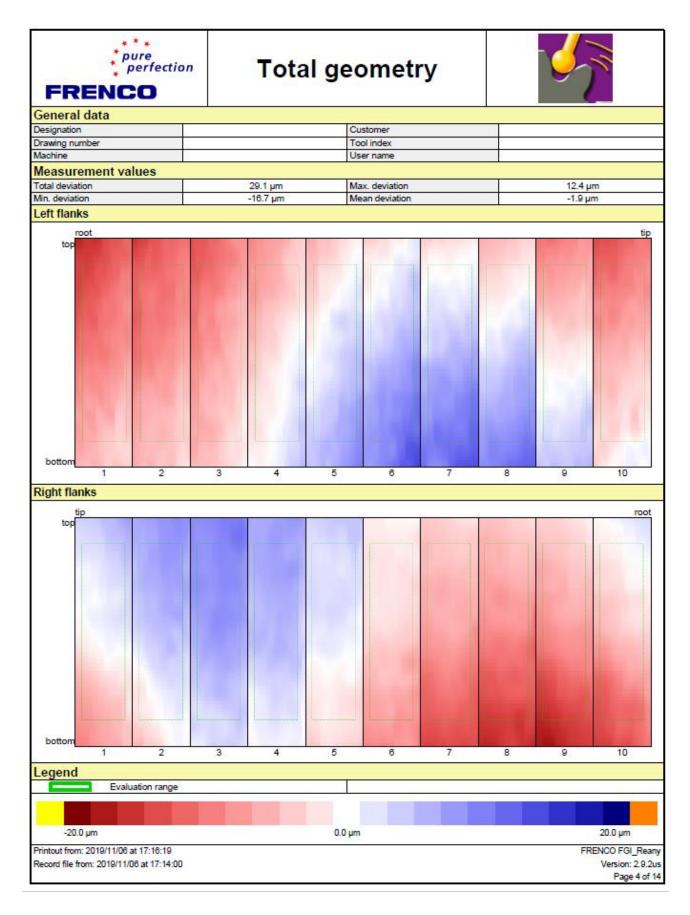




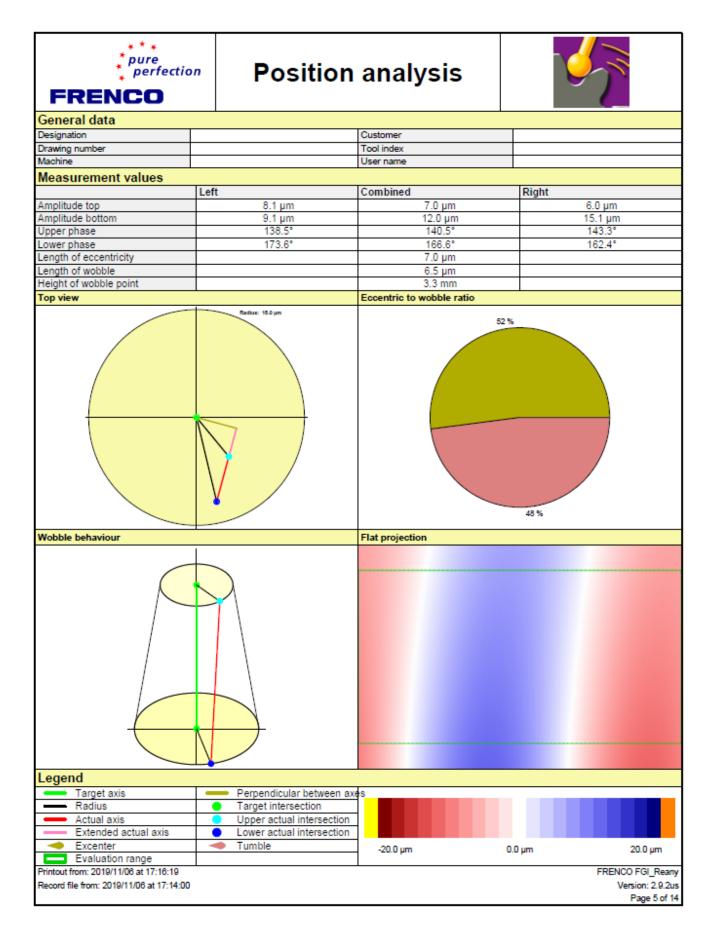




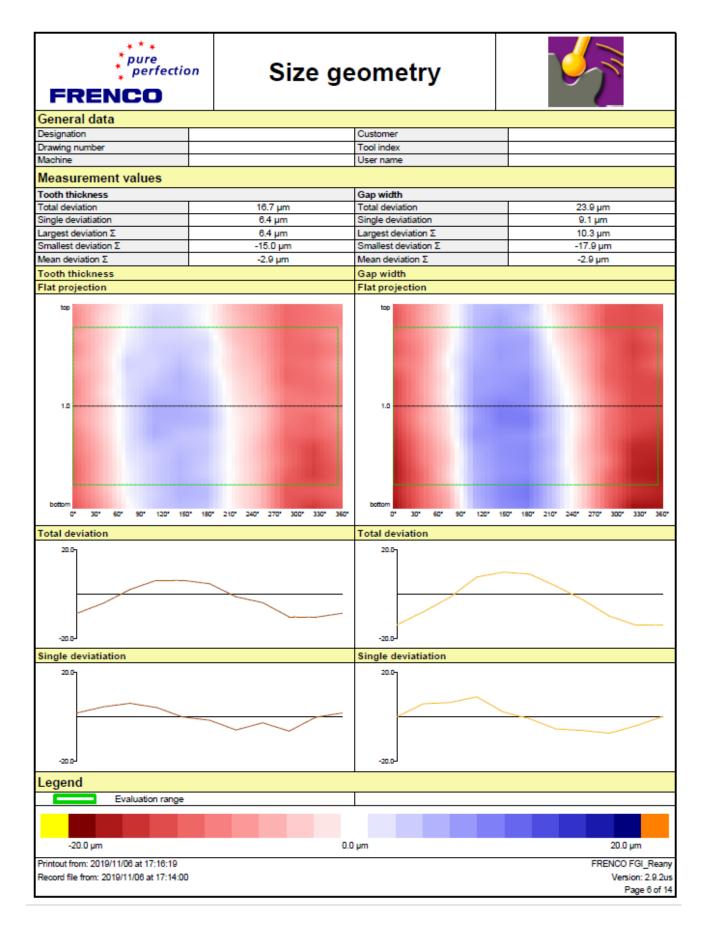




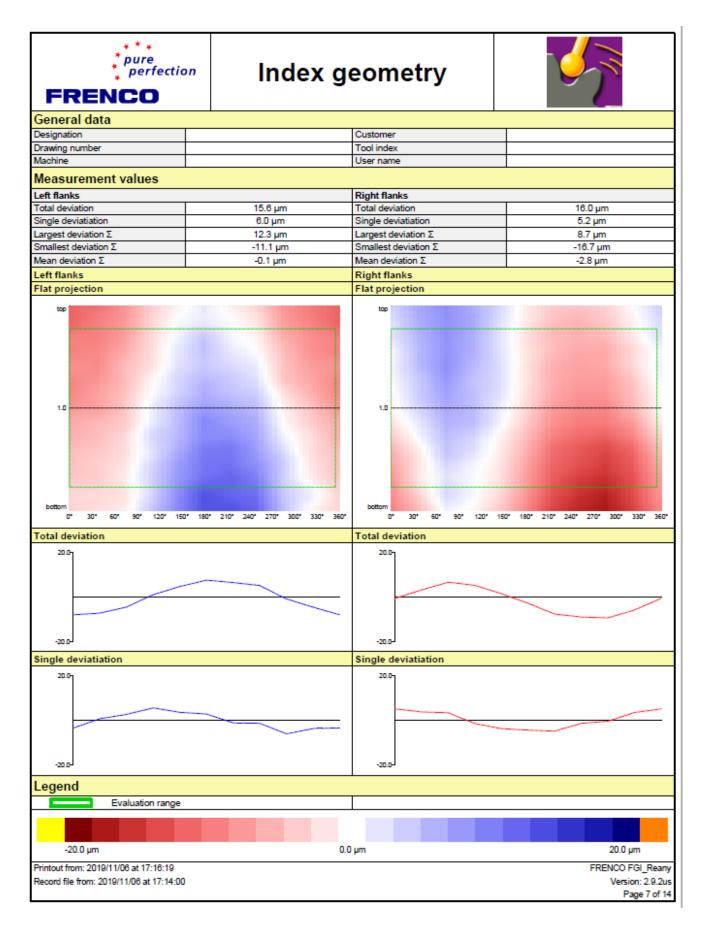




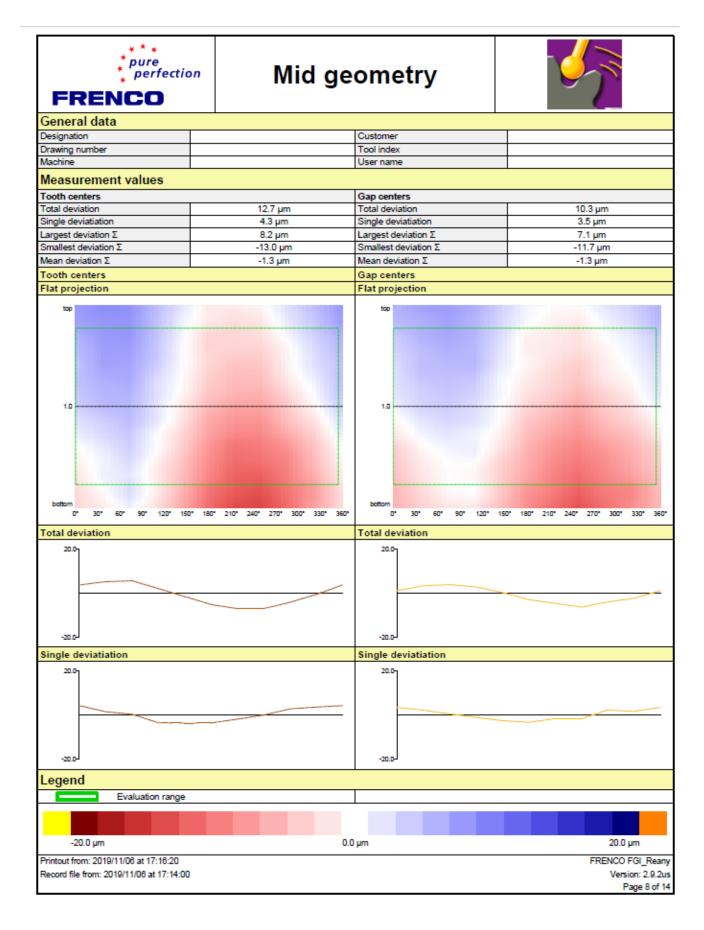




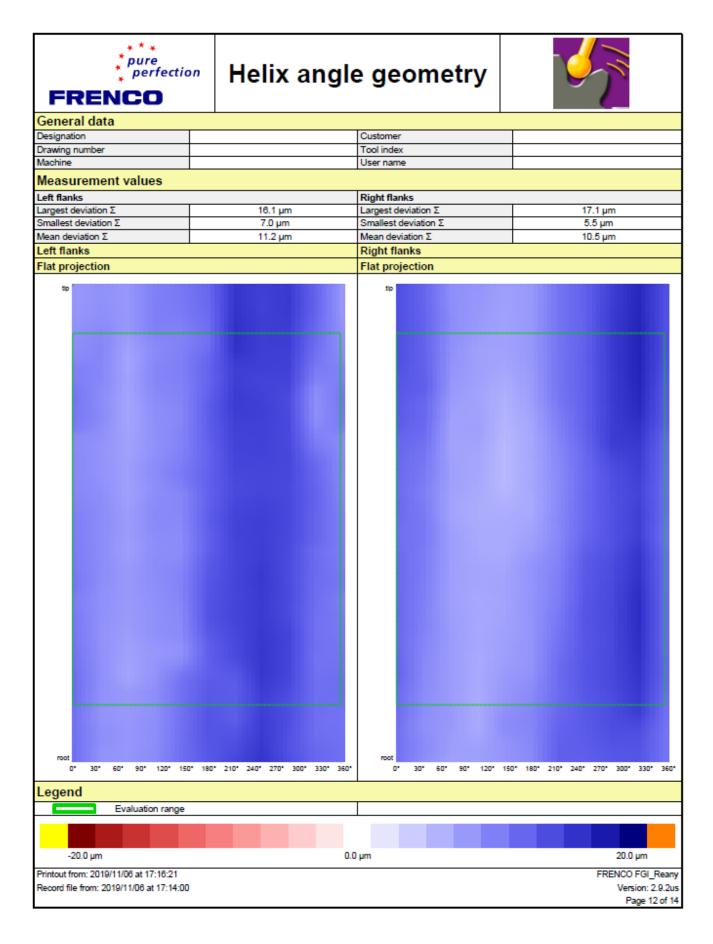




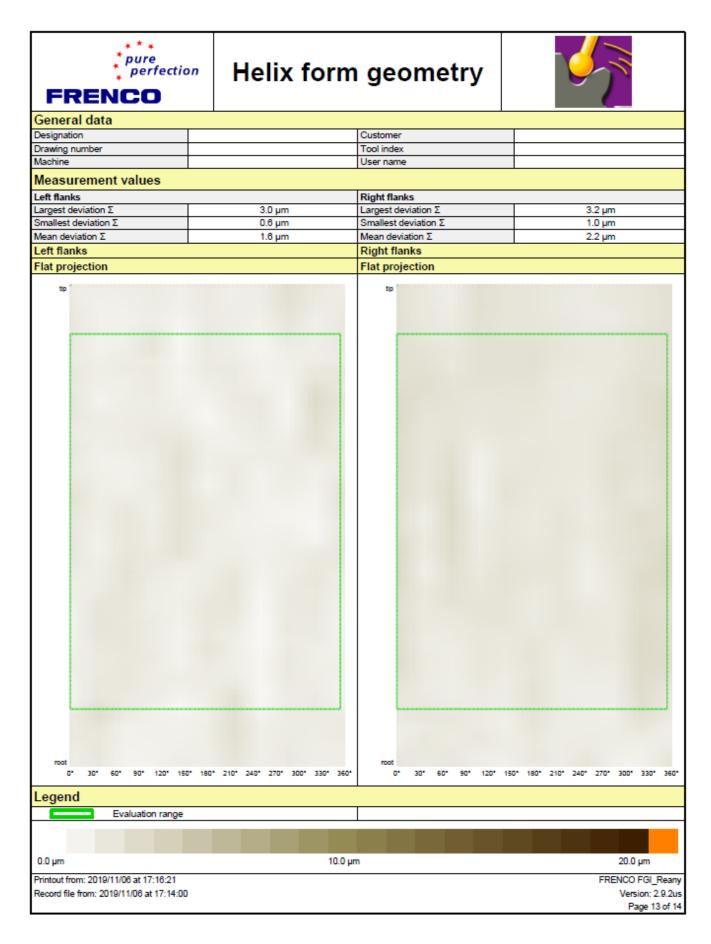




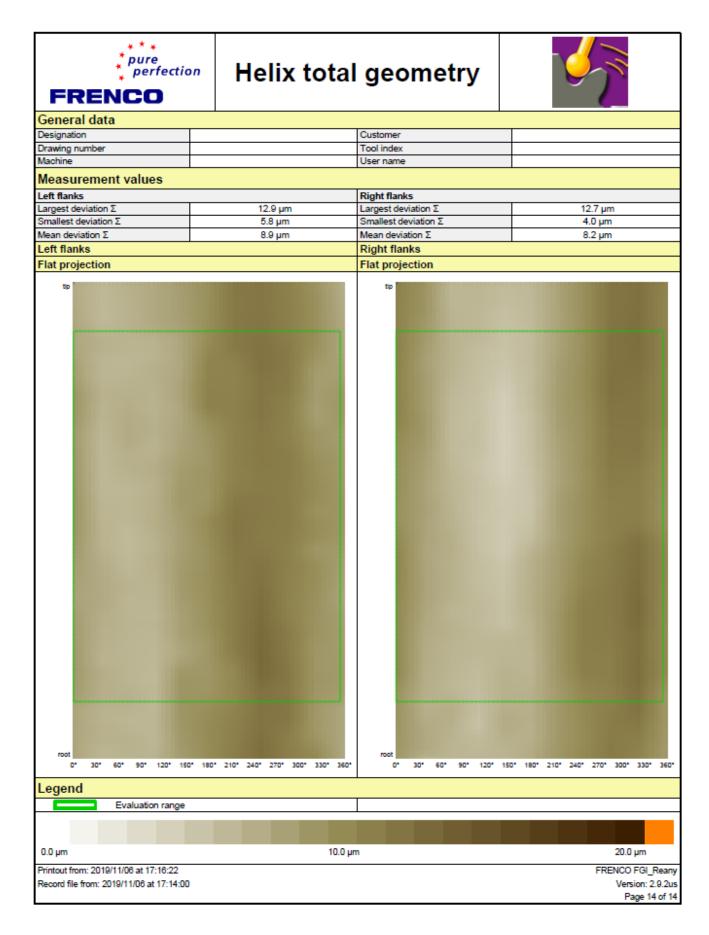














This data can then be used in the Alicona Inspect Professional software to measure the Root Circle Diameter and Tooth Top Diameter as shown in Figure 4.

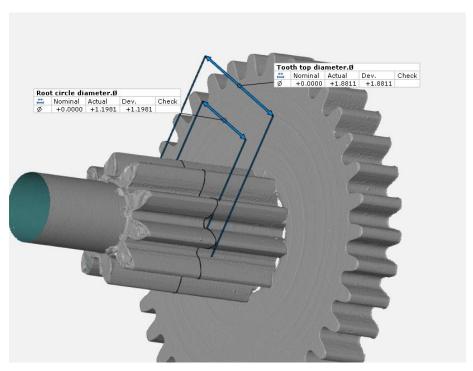


Figure 4

Summary:

It can be seen from this application note that using Optical 3D Metrology provides a unique solution for the measurement of micro gears.

The ability to capture a high-resolution 3D model of the component being measured allows the easy measurement of both form and finish.

The InfiniteFocusG5 plus used for this report is a highly accurate and flexible optical 3D measurement system based on the Focus Variation technology. Using only one sensor, users verify dimensional accuracy surface finish of their components. By means of Vertical Focus Probing, an extension of Focus Variation, vertical surfaces can be probed laterally. Components in high accuracy, with a high vertical resolution and in high repeatability. The robust measurement principle of Focus Variation in combination with a vibration-isolating hardware allows the systems to be used in a manufacturing environment. With an automation interface, InfiniteFocus can also be used for fully automatic measurements in production.