

High Frequency Reciprocating Rig Module

High-Precision, Flexible Screening of Lubricating Materials

The High Frequency Reciprocating Rig (HFRR) Module for the UMT TriboLab[™] Mechanical Tester enables a versatile and cost-effective way to screen lubricants and materials at the benchtop scale. Traditionally, the testing of surfaces and lubricants on reciprocating systems, such as engines and linear compressors, has required the use of laboratory-scale tribometers prior to final component tests. Now, with the HFRR Module, samples can be tested economically to rank the performance of lubricants and surfaces under simulated conditions while monitoring small changes in friction. These tests perfectly simulate standard protocols, such as the ASTM D6245-17, allowing researchers and engineers to more easily develop top-performing materials and recipes.

The TriboLab HFRR Module:

- Performs ASTM and other standard tests
- Reduces testing time and improves throughput for a large variety of candidate formulations
- Measures small friction changes along the stroke length
- Monitors and controls temperature changes

Tribology and Mechanical Testing

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Accelerate Comprehensive Lubricant Screening

Equipping UMT TriboLab with the HFRR Module solves many industry requirements that go beyond ASTM and similar protocols, providing high-precision data analysis under the unique conditions for each application. The module delivers high-precision friction data not only as an absolute number, but also allows users to identify small changes happening along the reciprocating stroke. The system's combination of new hardware and software features adds unprecedented flexibility and ease of use, providing both a cost-effective and capability-expanding solution for the accelerated development of lubrication materials.

Perform Reciprocating Tests

To simulate reciprocating systems, one must select the elements that play important roles on the tribological system:

- Material and geometry of the tested samples
- Contact pressure between surfaces controlled by the load, and geometry, and material of the contact surfaces
- Reciprocating frequency and stroke length that will direct the motion and velocity profiles
- Controlled temperature, that will activate tribo-chemical events on the tested surfaces



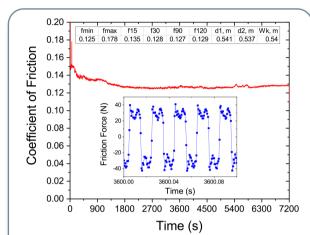
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The UMT TriboLab software allows users complete flexibility in how to analyze the data obtained from a fast reciprocating test. To calculate the COF the user can choose between two methods. The first is a simple method that uses a percentage of the top values of friction in each stroke. The second, more advanced method selects a percentage of points in the middle of the stroke. These and other easy-to-initiate software features give nearly unlimited customization to the tests for any particular application.

Acquire and Analyze Data Quickly and Simply



Friction and wear results of engine oil tested using ball-on-flat testing with the TriboLab HFRR setup under ASTM D6425-17 conditions (350 N, 50 Hz, 1 mm, 120°C, 2 h). Top: Calculated COF using the 10% top points on stroke, with inset showing the high-resolution data of the friction force at ~3600 s.

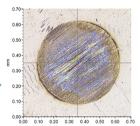


Table shows the COF at 15, 30, 90, and 120 min, and the minimum and maximum COFs, as well as the wear diameter on the ball. Bottom: Wear scar after the test.

UMT TriboLab HFRR Module Specifications

Platform Specifications	See UMT TriboLab brochure
Stroke Length	0.1 mm to 25 mm
Frequency	0 to 60 Hz
Maximum Frequency	50 Hz at 1 mm; 40 Hz at 5 mm; 35 Hz at 10 mm; 30 Hz at 15 mm; 25 Hz at 20 mm; 20 Hz at 25 mm
Maximum Lateral Force	Two versions (450 N and 45 N)
Resolution	0.4 N and 0.04 N
Temperature	Room temperature to 400°C
Load Range	20 N to 2000 N (HFRR-45) 200 N to 2000 N (HFRR-450)