

**Color Waveform  
Ultrasonic Thickness Gauge  
UM-5 Series  
Operating Manual**

**YUSHI INSTRUMENTS**

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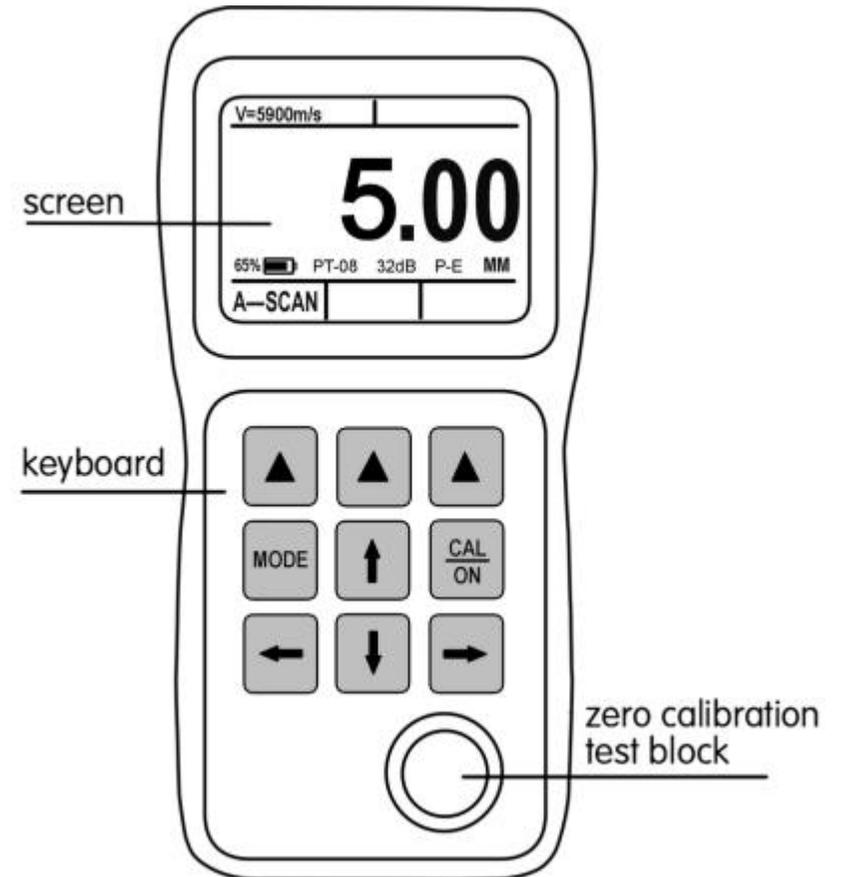
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# 1. General Introduction

UM-5 series ultrasonic thickness gauge adopts 2.4 inch color 320\*240 dot matrix LCD screen. Launch the ultrasonic through one side of the test material, measure the digitized thickness real-timely, without cutting the object. As a ultraminiature measuring gauge, is researched and developed by our company according to the ultrasonic measuring theory. The features include fast , non-destruction and precise measuring. In addition, A/B-scan waveform display is available by showing the echoes, which enables the more extensive measure range, more precise result and very little measurement error and finally makes the measuring processes more controllable.

UM-5 series ultrasonic thickness gauge, as the essential NDT instrument, can be widely applied in the detecting fields like manufacturing, metal processing, aerospace,railway traffic,chemical industry, commercial inspecting and so on. It can not only precisely measure various kinds of panels and processing components but also monitors the thickness minus of tubes and pressure vessels in the manufacturing instruments after corrosion.

## 1.1Construction of The Gauge



## 1.2 Standard Configurations

NAME	NUMBER
THICKNESS GAUGE	1
PROBE	1
PROBE CABLE	1
ALKALINE BATTERY	2
RUBBER SHEATH	1
COUPLANT BOTTLE	1
CARRYING CASE	1
OPERATING MANUAL	1
USB CABLE	1(ONLY UM-5DL)
SOFTWARE CD	1(ONLY UM-5DL)

## 1.3 Optional Configurations

HIGH-TEMPERATURE PROBE	CAST IRON PROBE
SMALL PROBE	MINI PROBE
PROBE CABLE	STEP CALIBERATION BLOCK
RUBBER SHEATH	STORAGE OPTION(ONLY UM-5)

## Probe and Measuring Range

Probe Type	Frequency (MHZ)	Contact Area Diameter	Measuring Range (in the Steel)	Allowable Contact Temperature
Cast Iron Probe ZT-12	2	17mm	(4.0~508.0)mm	(-10~60)°C
Standard Probe PT-08	5	11mm	(0.8~100.0)mm	(-10~60)°C
Standard Probe TC510	5	13.5mm	(1.2~200.0)mm	(-10~70)°C
Composite Crystal Probe TC550	5	13.5mm	(1.2~200.0)mm	(-10~70)°C
Small Tube Probe PT-06	7.5	8.7mm	(0.8~30.0)mm	(-10~60)°C
Miniature Probe PT-04	10	7.0mm	(0.7~12.0)mm	(-10~60)°C
High-Temperature Probe GT-12	5	15mm	(4.0~80.0)mm	480°C below

## 1.4 Specifications

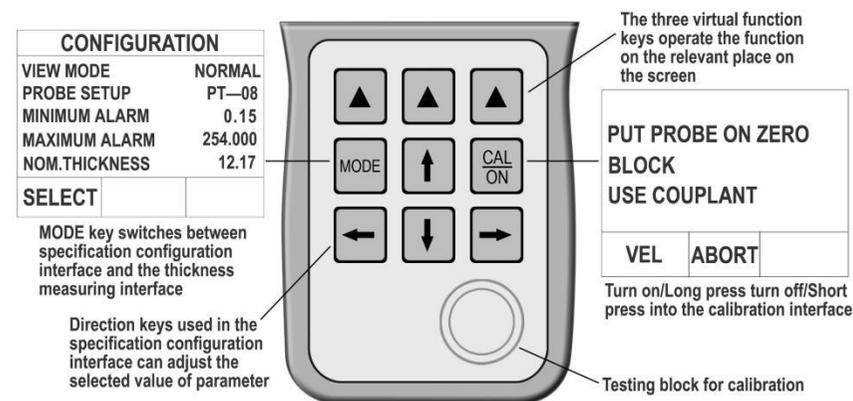
Display Type	2.4" color 320 × 240 dot-matrix LCD screen
Operating Principle	Ultrasonic pulse echo and echo-echo method with dual element transducer
Measuring Range	0.5mm to 508mm(0.025" to 20.00"), depending on material, probe and surface condition
Measuring Resolution	Selectable 0.01/0.1mm(0.001"/0.01")
Measuring Error	±0.05mm (H<10mm) ± (0.5%H+0.01)mm (H≥10mm) Note: H is the thickness of the measured object
Measuring Limits of Tube (Steel)	Φ20mm×3.0mm(PT-08 probe) Φ15mm×2.0mm(PT-06 probe) The measuring error is within ±0.1mm
Units	Inch or Millimeter
Rectify Modes	RF+, RF-, HALF+, HALF-, FULL
Display Mode	Thickness Value, Min. / Max. capture, DIFF/RR%, A-Scan, B-Scan
V-Path Correction	Automatic, compensate the non-linearity of dual element probe
Update Rate	Selectable 4Hz, 8Hz, 16Hz
Material Velocity Range	500 to 9999m/s (0.0197 to 0.3937in/us)
Languages	Selectable Chinese, English, Germany, French, Japanese, etc.
Alarm Settings	Minimum and Maximum alarms. Dynamic waveform color change on alarm
Power supply	Two 1.5V AA batteries, 24 hours standby time
Instrument Shut-off	Optional Automatic shutdown or manual shutdown after no operation for 5, 10, or 20 minutes
Operating Temperature	-10°C to +50°C (+10°F to +120°F), special requirements up to -20°C
Size	153mm × 76mm × 37mm(H × W × D)
Weight	280g including batteries
Warranty	1 year

## 1.5 Main Functions

1. Parameter configuration interface is simple and easy to operate.
2. Adjustable Live A-scan waveform display, control of Gain, Blanking, Gate, Range and Delay etc.
3. Time-based B-scan function, displays a cross section of the test piece, for observing the underside outline of the workpiece.
4. Numerical view, display thickness values with big digit.
5. Thickness alarm: programmable High-Low alarm set point with dynamic change thickness value's color.
6. Limit value mode: catching the minimum and maximum values when measuring.
7. Difference mode: getting the difference between the actual value and the normal value as well as the percentage of difference value and normal value.
8. Selectable units of mm and inch.
9. Optional resolution:  $\times.\times\times$  mm /  $\times.\times$  mm;  $\times.\times\times\times$  inch /  $\times.\times\times$  inch.
10. Optional waveform style: outline mode or fill mode
11. Optional rectification mode: RF+, RF-, full wave, half +, half -
12. Language: Chinese, English, German, French, and Japanese, multi-languages available.
13. Approx. battery life: 24hours.
14. Great capacity data storage function: Stores 100,000 thickness values & 1000 waveforms (only UM-5DL).
15. Measure the net thickness of the workpiece through the coating layer (only UM-5D & UM-5DL).

## 2. Keyboard Functions

There are 9 keys on the keyboard totally, including 3 virtual function keys (  ), four direction keys (     ), two specialized function keys (   ). See the following illustration (2.1)



2.1 KEYBOARD FUNCTION ILLUSTRATION

## 3. Measuring Thickness

### 3.1 Instrument Calibration

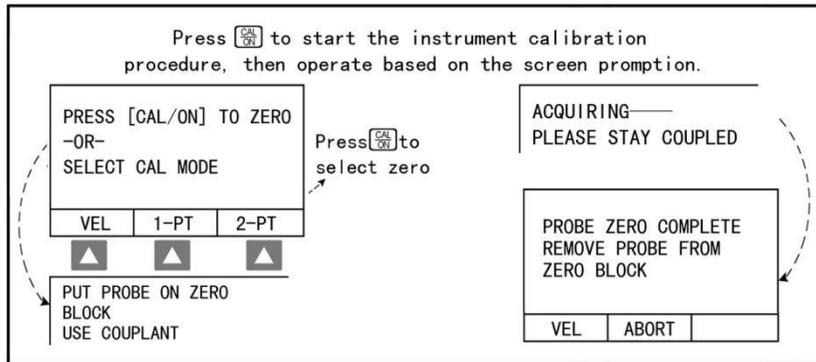
Before using UM-5 series, the instrument and probe must be calibrated. Purpose of calibration is performing probe zero procedure and obtain the sound velocity of the material being tested. And it's important to set up the correct probe model firstly before the calibrating process. UM-5 series' calibration divided in to the following:

1. Probe zero procedure: Use the zero block on the instrument to set up the probe zero procedure.
2. One point calibration: Use the zero block on the instrument to set up the probe zero procedure first, then obtain the velocity from the test block of known thickness.
3. Two point calibrations: Calibrate the probe zero and the velocity of test block from two known thickness and same material standard blocks.

4. Dual Echo calibration: Calibrate the velocity from the test block of known thickness.

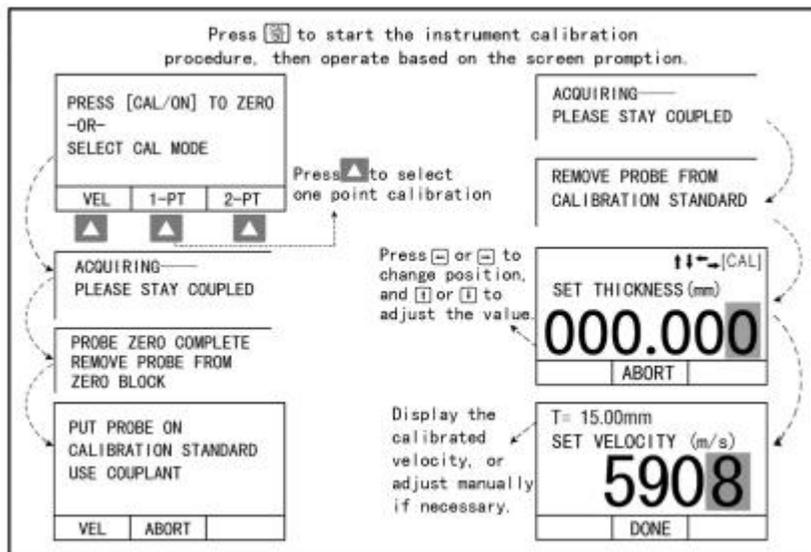
5. Setting the velocity manually: If the material velocity is known, for example the velocity of steel is 5900m/s. The sound velocity can be setting manually.

### 3.1.1 Probe zero calibration

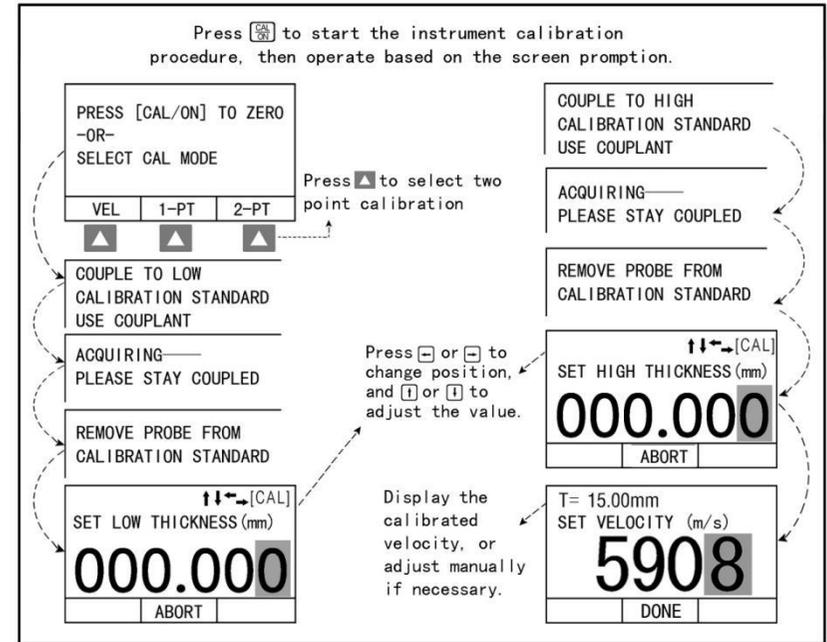


Note: The calibration result is 4.00mm, only under the sound velocity of 5900m/S.

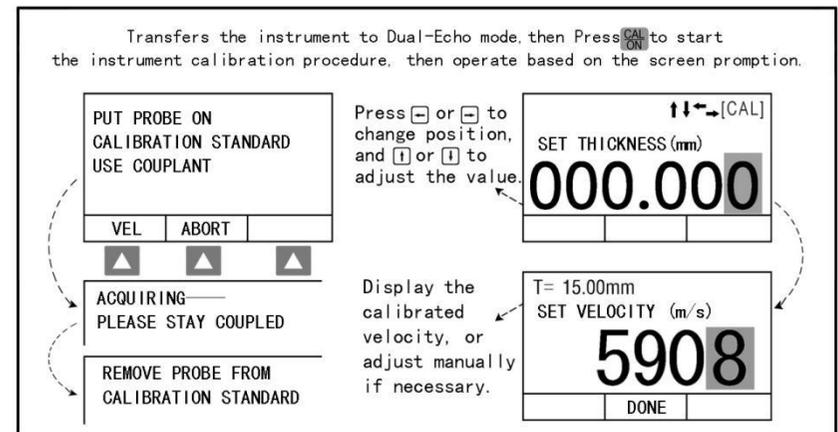
### 3.1.2 One point calibration



### 3.1.3 Two point calibration



### 3.1.4 Dual Echo calibration



### 3.1.5 Velocity adjusting steps

the present thickness T= 20.02mm

set velocity SET VELOCITY (m/s) 5900

DONE

1. press **CAL ON** to enter the calibration interface
2. press the relevant **▲** to adjust the velocity
3. press the direction keys to adjust the velocity value
4. press the DONE relevant **▲** to save the velocity and return to the measuring interface

### 3.1 Velocity adjusting steps

Attention 1: Measure the standard block before the calibration, to ensure that the current setting of instrument parameters can measure the standard test block correctly.

Attention 2: Probe zero calibration, one point calibration and two point calibration are suitable for single echo mode, dual echo calibration is suitable for dual echo mode.

## 3.2 Preset Other Specifications

Press **MODE** to enter the specification configuration interface, which including many specification adjusting options like **FILE NUMBER**, **MEASURING MODE**, **VIEW MODE**, **PROBE SETUP**, **MINIMUM ALARM**, **MAXIMUM ALARM**, **NORMAL THICKNESS**, **THE MINIMUM OF B SCAN**, **THE MAXIMUM OF B SCAN**, **RECTIFICATION**, **RECTIFICATION WAVEFORM**, **RESOLUTION**, **UPDATE RATE**, **LANGUAGE**, **UNITS**, **AUTO POWER DOWN**, **ERASE ALL FILES** AND **DEFAULT SETUP**. See the following figure:

CONFIGURATION	
※ GRID FILE	001
※ MEASURE MODE	P-E
VIEW MODE	NORMAL
PROBE SETUP	TC510
MINIMUM ALARM	0.15
MAXIMUM ALARM	254.00
NOM.THICKNESS	12.70
BSCAN MINIMUM	0.00
BSCAN MINIMUM	25.40
RECTIFICATION	RF+
RECT WAVEFORM	FILLED
RESOLUTION	X.XX
UPDATE RATE	4HZ
LANGUAGE	CHINESE
UNITS	IMPERIAL
AUTO POWER DOWN	10MINUTES
※ ERASE ALL FILES	
DEFAULT SETUP	
SELECT	OPEN
	EMPTY

1. Press **MODE** to display configuration interface
  2. Press select relevant **▲** to activate parameter
  3. Press these two keyboards to locate the specification that need to adjust
  4. Press the above four direction keyboards to adjust specification
  5. Press **RETURN/DONE** relevant **▲** to finish specification setting
  6. ※ mark option just applicable UM-5D/UM-5DL
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### 3.2 SPECIFICATION ADJUSTING STEPS

**FILE NUMBER** – Select the current file. Total 400 files, and each file could save 252 thickness values or waveforms.

**MEASUREMENT MODE** - Single echo and dual-echo mode. Single-echo mode is used for common measurement; dual-echo mode is used for through coating function.

**VIEW MODE**: normal mode, difference mode and limit scanning mode.

**PROBE SETUP**: selectable many probe models, including:

- TC510 (standard probe)
- TC550 (composite crystal probe)
- PT-08(standard probe)
- PT-06(small tube probe)
- PT-04(miniature probe)
- GT-12(high-temperature probe)
- ZT-12 (cast iron probe)
- NULL(Other probes)

**MINIMUM ALARM:** Set the minimum thickness alarm value, range of 0.15-635mm. The result will be displayed in red if the actual thickness is less than the minimum value preset.

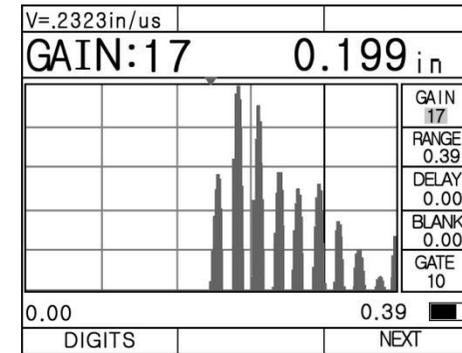
**MAXIMUM ALARM:** Set the maximum thickness alarm value, range of 0.15-635mm. The result will be displayed in red if the actual thickness is more than the maximum value preset.

**NORMAL THICKNESS:** Set the normal thickness, range of 0.15-635mm. The real concrete application will be introduced in the DIFFERENCE MODE.

**MINIMUM OF B SCAN:** Set the minimum thickness of the B scan.

**MAXIMUM OF B SCAN:** Set the maximum thickness of the B scan.

**RECTIFICATION MODE:** RF+, full wave, half -, half +, RF-. RF describes the complete echo waveform; full wave indicates the half + echo and the overturned half - echo; half - means putting off the half + echo and turn the half - over to +; half + means putting off the half - echo and only left the half + echo. RF- indicates the phase waveform of RF+.



### 3.3 HALF-WAVE POSITIVE

**RECTIFICATION WAVEFORM:** outline mode and filled mode.

**RESOLUTION:** Set the decimal digits of the measurement result. Metric of  $\times.\times$  and  $\times.\times\times$  and imperial of  $\times.\times\times$  and  $\times.\times\times\times$ .

**UPDATE RATE:** Update the rate of measurement result. Optional 4Hz, 8Hz and 16Hz.

**LANGUAGE:** Chinese/English/German/French/Japanese languages are available

**UINTS:** Selectable units of mm/inch.

**AUTO POWER DOWN:** The instrument automatically shuts down after a certain period of time without operation, which can be 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 20 minutes or manual shut down only.

**DELETE ALL FILES –** Empty the thickness readings and waveform of all files.

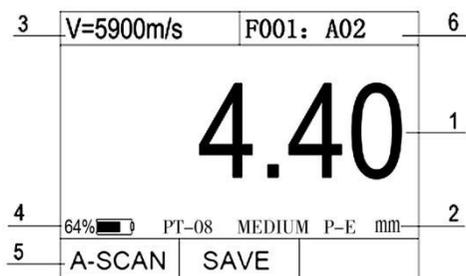
**DEFAULT SET UP –** Set all parameters to their factory default value.

### 3.3 Normal Mode

UM-5 series have three measuring interface: normal mode, A-scan interface, B-scan interface. And there are three display modes of normal interface: Thickness value mode, difference/rate-of-reduction measurement mode, MAX./MIN. measurement mode. Select in the “VIEW MODE” of CONFIGURATION.

**ATTENTION:** When the probe and the object are not completely coupled, the font in the various interfaces are in GREEN, when properly coupled, they are displayed in WHITE color and when the either the upper or lower limited are exceeded, the front are displayed in RED color.

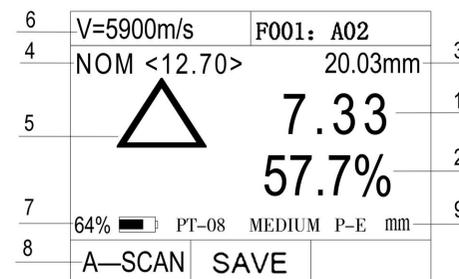
**THICKNESS VALUE MODE:** the default interface. This interface mainly shows the present thickness value with large digits.



3.5 NORMAL MODE INTERFACE

1—the present thickness value 2—probe types, gain degree, single-echo, measuring units 3—material velocity 4—battery power display 5—A—scan interface

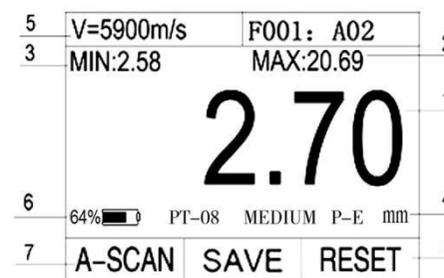
**DIFFERENCE/RATE-OF-REDUCTION MODE:** The interface displays the difference (difference between measured and nominal thickness) and reduction (difference as a percentage of nominal thickness), as well as the current measured and nominal thickness values. Before using this mode, presetting the nominal thickness is needed. The method can be taken according to chapter 3.2



3.6 DIFFERENCE MODE INTERFACE

1—the difference between the nominal value and the measured value 2—the ratio between the difference and the nominal value 3—the currently measured thickness value 4—the nominal value 5—difference signal 6—material velocity 7—battery power 8—A—scan interface 9 -- probe type, gain degree, single echo, measurement unit

**LIMITS VALUE SCANNING MODE:** This mode allows the user to catch the real-time maximum and minimum thicknesses when test the thickness of material continuously. It shows the minimum and maximum values during the testing as well as the currently thickness. Press the RESET relevant to get the limits when measuring the thickness.

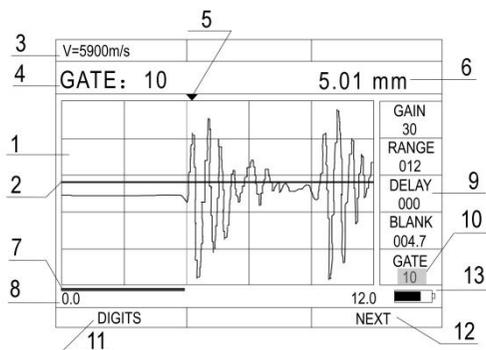


3.7 LIMITS VALUE MODE INTERFACE

1—the current measured value 2—the maximum value 3—the minimum value 4—unit 5—material velocity 6—battery power 7—A—scan interface 8—reset

### 3.4 A-scan Interface Mode

In this mode, users could view the current thickness value and the A-scan waveform at the same time. The right side of the interface is the specification adjusting area, in which the specifications can be adjusted and finally solve various difficult and complicated thickness measuring applications to the capacity.



3.8 -SCAN INTERFACE MODE

1 — waveform display area    2 — gate    3 — material velocity    4 — the magnifying selected specification    5 — measuring point (the first point of intersection between the waveform and the gate)    6 — the present thickness value    7 — the blank confines    8 — the beginning coordinate on the screen    9 — the specification adjusting area    10 — the selected specification    11 — large digits mode    12 — specification selection    13 — battery power

Attention: when the probe and the object are not complete coupled, the font in the various interfaces are in GREEN, while if they coupled well, in WHITE color and when the either the upper or lower limited are exceed, the font and waveforms are displayed in RED color.

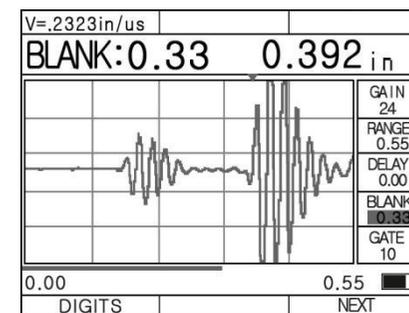
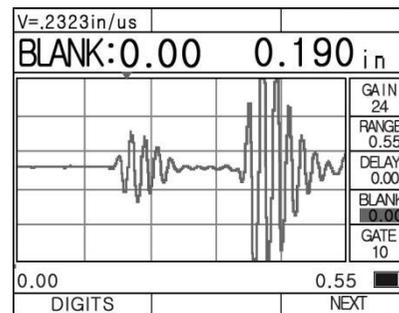
In the A-scan interface, press the bottom right button NEXT  to highlight the value to be adjusted. Then press the direction keys to adjust the values. Up and down keys are used for small increments, while left and right for large increments.

**GAIN** — Adjust the amplification of echo signal by instrument to allow manual increase or decrease in dB. This function is very useful for the testing of attenuation materials (like metal cast).

**RANGE** — Adjust the range of waveform that the screen displays. The waveform can be compressed or spread visually and it's invisible if the display range is set incorrectly and the echo waveform is beyond the display area, however, the testing value can also be read correctly.

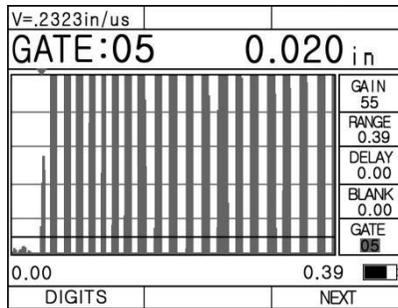
**DELAY** — Adjust the starting position of the waveform on the screen. The waveform will move horizontally adjusting this value, and it's invisible if the delay is set incorrectly and the echo waveform is beyond the display area, however, the testing value can also be read correctly.

**BLANK** — Hide the unnecessary and useless clutter in front of the main waves. The red line on the bottom of the screen shows the blank confines. The adjusting blank confines are the present range confines. In the real testing, wrong measurement due to the material may exist, such as near surface serious corrosion, AL material, inside defects, uneven component, lamination structure and so on. While adjusting the gain or gate can solve part of the problem, but only blank function can avoid the mistake when those clutter echoes are higher than the bottom echoes.



3.9 The waveform before blanking    3.10 omit the front noise waves by blanking

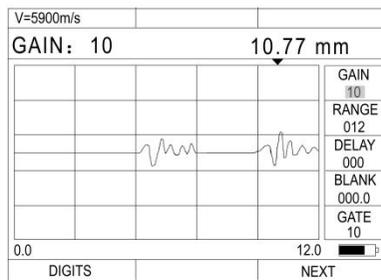
**GATE**—adjusting the height of the gate. Only when the waveform is higher than the gate, the gauge can take the echo and show the value. Attention: this will only show when the GATE specification is highlighted. The first intersection point between the waveform and gate is pointed by a red arrow, which can help judging whether the thickness value is correct (the red arrow should point the front of the first bottom echo if correctly tested).



3.11 waveform of the 0.02in sheet by PT04

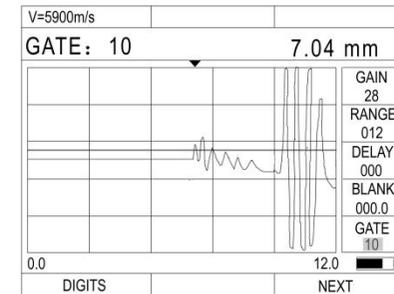
### 3.5 Real Cases Analysis of A-Scan

1. When measuring the thickness, it's possible that that over small gains prevent the precise results. As showed in the following figure, the thickness of the testing object is about 5mm, but as for the very small gain, the measuring result is 10.77mm as the first echo has not broken the gate and the gate locates the second echo automatically. This is obviously an incorrect result, and customer can pull up the echo by enhancing the gain setting to make the first echo brake through the gate to achieve the correct measurement.



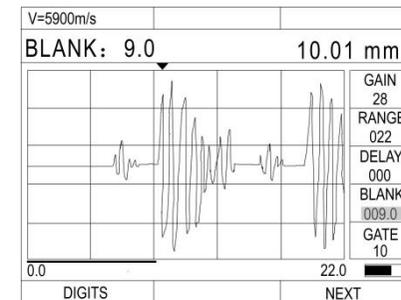
3.12 REAL CASE 1

2. There are some defects in the testing object, and the gate locks the defect echoes. As showed in the following figure, the thickness of the testing object is about 10mm, but as there are obvious defects (the defect echoes are showed on the display) and the gate locks the defect echoes which have broken the gate, thus, the testing result shown is the thickness of the defect area. The right measurement can be realized by adjusting the gate setting above the defect echoes.



3.13 REAL CASE 2

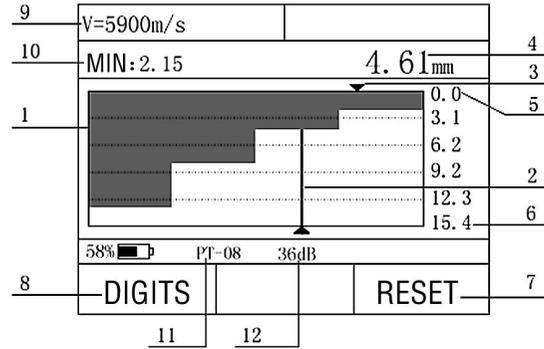
3. If there are some surface faults in the testing object and the gate locks the defect echoes, the measuring result will be the thickness of the defect area. In this condition, the customer can use the BLANK function to get the correct testing result. As showed in the following figure, the line on the bottom of the screen, which we use to shield the defect echoes, indicates the blank confines and makes the gate not catch the echoes within the blank confines, thus, the right thickness value is acquired.



3.14 REAL CASE 3

### 3.6 Operation of B-scan Interface

#### 3.6.1 B-scan Display



3.15 B scan interface diagram

1-B-scan image display 2-White pointer 3-Red triangle (display the min. thickness value) 4-The thickness value of the pointer position 5-The minimum thickness value in B-scan 6-The maximum thickness value in B-scan 7-Erasing the current B-scan images and measurements 8-Enter the numerical measurement interface 9-Sound velocity 10-The minimum thickness value on the B-Scan image 11.Parameter display area 12.Gain value

#### 3.6.2 Introduction of B-Scan

UM-5 Series thickness gauge has time-base B-scan function. Move the probe along the workpiece surface, then the cross-sectional profile of the workpiece display, use for observe the underside contour of the workpiece.

When remove the probe from workpiece, it could be automatically capture a minimum value of the B-scan image, and indicate the position of the minimum by a red triangle. The thickness value of any point in the B-scan image can be viewed by moving the white pointer.

### 3.7 Dual-echo (Thru-coating) Mode

Having coating or paint layer on the surface of the workpiece, it will bring considerable error to the measurement results. UM-5D and UM-5DL have the echo-echo measurement method, which can accurately measure the actual thickness of the substrate under the workpiece coating without grinding the coating and other processes that destroy the workpiece surface. This function is achieved by measuring two successive bottom echoes of the substrate.

Press **MODE** into parameter configuration interface, set the measurement mode to dual-echo and press **MODE** again back to thickness measurement interface. And then user can measure the thickness through coating.

#### 3.7.1 A-scan Interface in Dual-echo Mode

The menu options on the right side have changed of A-scan interface under echo-echo mode, added E-blanking option, and canceled GATE option. The blue strips area indicate the length of echo-blanking when measuring, the waveform above the blue strips is invalid. See following figure 3.16.

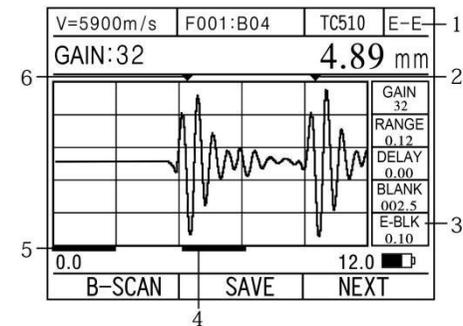


Figure 3.16 A-scan interface in dual-echo mode

1. identification of dual-echo measurement mode 2. Blue arrow indicate the secondary echo 3. E-blanking 4. Blue line: the length of echo-blanking 5. Red line: the length of initial-blanking 6. Red arrow indicate the first echo Blanking in the dual-echo mode:

1. Initial-blanking: red blanking line indicated on the screen, starting at zero, so named initial blanking. Waveform with the scope of red strip is invalid, for omitted the clutter between the starting point and an echo.

2. E-blanking (echo-blanking): blue blanking line indicated on the screen, only appearance when success measuring. Starting at the first echo measurement point, so named echo-blanking. Waveform within the scope of blue stripe is invalid, for omitted the clutter between the first echo and secondary echo.

**NOTE:** This instrument is not require zero calibration in the dual-echo measurement mode. For zero calibration, please enter the single-echo measurement mode.

## 4. Data Storage Function

UM-5DL adopts the storage mode of microgrid format(the follow Figure4.1), it can save one hundred thousand thickness values and one thousand A/B-scan waveforms, waveforms and thickness values can be mixed stored in the same file.The measurement data files can be transferred from the instrument to a PC via USB communication generate EXCEL or TXT format files.With powerful Data View PC software, Data statistics, analysis, archiving, printing reports and other operations.

### 4.1 Thickness Value and Waveform Storage

1	001	A	B	C
2	01	1.50	---	---
	02	2.00	---	---
	03	8.00	---	---
	04	12.00	---	---
	05	18.50	---	---
5	RETURN	SAVE	REMOVE	

Figure 4.1 GRID FORMAT STORAGE MODE

- 1—storage file name 2—line serial number 3—column serial number
- 4—data in stored 5—back to the previous menu 6—save the current thickness value 7—delete the selected data 8— The current cell selected

Whether it is in the interface of thickness value, A-scan or B-scan, the current measured thickness values will be stored for short press SAVE, and the current waveform will be stored for long press SAVE for 3 seconds. A-scan waveform will be stored in the A-scan interface, and B-scan image will be stored in the B-scan interface.

## 4.2 Browsing The Stored Data

In the parameter configuration interface, select the "File Number" parameter and press the "Open" key to open the current grid storage file. The thickness value is intuitively displayed in the grid. A-scan waveform and B-scan waveform are represented by ASCAN and BSCAN respectively. After selecting the waveform cell with the highlighted rectangular box, press  to view the stored waveform.

## 5. Measurement Applying Skills

### 5.1 Measuring Error Prevention

#### 1. MATERIAL INFLUENCE

In many materials like nonmetal or plastic, the change of velocity is obvious, thus, the accuracy of measuring is influenced. If the material of the object is not isotropic, the velocity varies in different directions. In this condition, the preset velocity should be the average value among the testing range. The average value is obtained by measuring reference blocks whose velocity is comparable to the average velocity of the block to be tested.

#### 2. ULTRA-THIN MATERIAL

When the thickness of the testing object is below the minimum value of the probe limit, the result may be incorrect, when necessary, the minimum limit thickness can be measured by the test block comparison method.

When testing ultra-thin materials, sometimes “double refraction” happens, which is a kind of incorrect result and the result is twice of the real one. Another incorrect result called “pulse envelope, cycle jump”, which means that the testing result is higher than the real one. In order to prevent this kind of error, when testing the object with the appropriate thickness as the minimum limit and judgment is available, customer should pay attention to the waveform displayed and adjust the gain or use blank function.

### 3. SURFACE CLEANING INFLUENCE

Before measuring, all the dust, dirt and corrosion should be cleaned and the cover like paint should be removed.

### 4. ROUGHNESS INFLUENCE

The extremely rough surface may arouse measuring error or even no reading, therefore, the surface of the material should be smooth before measuring through polishing, filing, grinding or using high-viscosity couplant.

### 5. SURFACE OF THE ROUGH MACHINE PROCESSING

The regular slugs after rough machine processing (such as lathing or planning) on the surface of the work-piece may also arouse measuring errors. Except for the compensation methods mentioned above in 4, adjusting the angle between and sound insulating wall (the metal film through the center of the probe bottom) of the probe and the slugs of the material and making them perpendicular or parallel with each other to get the minimum reading as the thickness value is also efficient.

## 5.2 Measuring Methods

### 1. SINGLE-POINT MEASUREMENT

Using the probe to measure a random point on the surface of the object, the reading displayed is the thickness value.

### 2. DOUBLE-POINT MEASUREMENT

Measuring twice at the same spot on the object, and making the probe inclines

90° in the second measurement, the thinner reading is the thickness value.

### 3. MULTIPLE-POINT MEASUREMENT

When the reading is unstable, measuring several times within a circle with a certain point as center and 30mm as diameter, the thinnest reading is the thickness value.

### 4. CONTINUOUS MEASUREMENT

Taking continuous measurements along a specified path at intervals of 5mm or less according to the single measurement method, the thinnest reading is the thickness value.

## 5.3 Pipe Wall Measurement

During the measurement, the probe split surface can be measured along the axis of the pipe or the axis of the vertical pipe. At this time, the reading on the screen will have regular changes, and the minimum value in the reading will be selected as the accurate thickness of the material. If the pipe diameter is large, it should be measured in the direction of the vertical axis. If the pipe diameter is small, two measurement methods along the axis direction and the vertical axis direction are selected, and the minimum value in the reading is taken as the thickness value of the workpiece.



Perpendicular

Parallel

## 5.4 Cast Measurement

It’s difficult to measure cast work-piece because there are some special features of the cast measurement: the rough grain of cast material, the loose structure, and the rough surface measuring status. So there are some tips to follow:

1. Use low frequency probe like ZT-12 in our company.
2. When measuring the non-processing surface of some cast work-piece, high viscosity couplant such as machine oil, grease or water glass is needed.
3. Calibrate the sound velocity with the standard block which shares the same material and same measuring direction with the testing object.

## 6. Care and Maintenances

### 6.1 Power Source Inspection

**During the usage of the gauge, the current battery power will be shown on the display, when the battery power is low, the customer should change the batteries promptly so that the measuring accuracy won't be influenced.**

The steps of changing batteries are as follow:

1. Turn off the gauge.
2. Loosen the screws on the back of the units and remove the battery cover.
3. Take out the batteries and replaces with new ones. Pay careful attention to polarity.

**Attention:** The battery should be removed when the instrument is not in use for a long time, because there is weak energy consumption even in the shutdown state. After a long time, the gauge will not be turned on after running out of power.

### 6.2 Considerations

1. Please be cautious of the zero block's getting rust as couplant will be spread on the surface of it when calibrating the gauge. After using, clean the zero block. Avoid dripping sweat on the gauge in high temperature. Some grease spreading on the surface of zero block is useful to avoid rusting if the gauge will be spared for long. Wipe the grease out when reusing.
2. Be sure to avoid any caustic liquid such as alcohol or viscous fluids to prevent corrosion to the cover and the display window, clean with water only.

3. Avoid scratching the surface of the probe. A worn probe will cause unstable readings, probe should be replaced.

### 6.3 Maintenances

Contact with the maintaining department of our company if the following problems appears:

1. Components damage and the gauge fail to measure.
2. The display of the screen is disordered.
3. The measuring error is abnormally big in normal situation.
4. Keyboard operating is disordered or keyboard doesn't work.

As the UM-5 series ultrasonic thickness gauge is high-tech product, the maintaining work should be made by professional operator and please avoid self-acting operations.

### Appendix: Sound Velocities of Common Materials

Material	Sound Velocity	
	Inch/ $\mu$ S	M/s
Aluminum	0.250	6300
Alumina Oxide	0.390	9900
Beryllium	0.510	12900
Boron Carbide	0.430	11000
Brass	0.170	4300
Cadmium	0.110	2800
Copper	0.180	4700
Glass(crown)	0.210	5300
Glycerin	0.075	1900
Gold	0.130	3200
Ice	0.160	4000
Inconel	0.220	5700
Iron	0.230	5900
Iron (cast)	0.180	4600
Lead	0.085	2200
Magnesium	0.230	5800
Mercury	0.057	1400
Molybdenum	0.250	6300
Monel	0.210	5400
Neoprene	0.063	1600
Nickel	0.220	5600
Nylon, 6.6	0.100	2600
Oil (SAE 30)	0.067	1700
Platinum	0.130	3300
Plexiglass	0.110	1700
Polyethylene	0.070	1900
Polystyrene	0.0930	2400
Polyurethane	0.0700	1900
Quartz	0.230	5800
Rubber, Butyl	0.070	1800
Silver	0.140	3600
Steel, Mild	0.233	5900
Steel, Stainless	0.230	5800
Teflon	0.060	1400
Tin	0.130	3300
Titanium	0.240	6100
Tungsten	0.200	5200
Uranium	0.130	3400
Zinc	0.170	4200

Note: The above table is for reference only. For actual sound velocity calibration, refer to section chapter 3.1