Air Probes* for Checking Internal Diameters

* Air probes are also referred to as air plug gages or air spindles by some manufacturers.

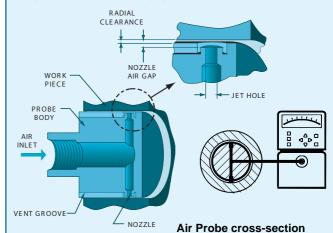
Air probes with body diameters from .044"(1.1 mm) to 6.26"(160 mm) are supplied from Western's stock of semifinished gages. Review the selection criteria on this page and see pages 18 & 20 for dimensional data.



Custom Air Gages with Slot Jets can inspect smaller features than those inspected with round jets. 2.78 mm diameter air probe with .30 mm wide slot is shown above.

Air probe features

The illustration below shows the construction of a typical air probe. The probe comprises a hardened steel body in which air passages are drilled to two or more gaging nozzles. The body is precision ground to slip into the bore at the low limit of the product tolerance; note the nozzle tips are recessed a small amount below the probe body as shown in the magnified view of the air gage nozzle.



By recessing the air nozzles below the probe body, the measurement is made non-contact so that wear does not directly affect the accuracy of the gage. The air flow purges the gaging surface of contaminants thus making air gage measurements highly repeatable. The probes opposed nozzle design creates a "differential" type of measurement that is independent of how the probe is positioned radially within the test bore -- *i.e.* radial movement causing an increase in air flow in one nozzle is offset by a corresponding decrease in flow in the opposing nozzle. These features are key factors in attaining fast-accurate gaging with unskilled operators.

Application considerations -- When selecting an air probe, the jet locations should be checked, bearing in mind that the measurement occurs where the air exits the gaging nozzle. The air jet must be completely covered by the workpiece plus some additional margin -- consider a land width that's twice the jet hole diameter to be about the minimum required for satisfactory gaging. Also note that the probe will not measure closer to the hole bottom than the leading edge of the jet hole. Specifying a super blind style will allow measurement closer to the bottom; but be aware that the nose end of the probe wears more rapidly than the rest of the body so the best gage life is obtained with thru-hole style probes.

AIR RINGS and C-GAGES for EXTERNAL DIAMETERS

Single master vs Dual master systems

Accurate dimensional measurement requires readouts and gaging members that are calibrated with known standards. Both single and dual master methods of calibration are widely used for air gage systems. The selection of one over the other involves trading off the flexibility and accuracy of the dual master system versus the ease of set up and economy using the single master system. Properly applied, both systems provide acceptable levels of accuracy.

The dual master system user calibrates the readout by observing that the span displayed by the readout corresponds to the span between the minimum and maximum setting masters. This method sets the combined sensitivity of all the components of the gaging system at one time. The sensitivities of components such as flow restrictors, amplifiers, pressure indicators and gaging nozzles, as well as pressure drops in air lines, are included in one overall calibration; thus stringent control of individual components is not necessary to obtain accurate overall results using a dual master system.

The single master system requires controlling the sensitivities of both the gage readout and the air gage member at the factory prior to shipment. The sensitivity of the air gage readout is verified using master orifices that simulate air flow to the gage nozzles; and the gaging member sensitivity is controlled by precise finishing of the gaging nozzles with verification using factory setting masters. Ease of set up is the principal advantage of readouts configured for single master operation, though significant cost savings may be obtained also in large gage sizes by eliminating the cost of a second master.

Single master system accuracy. An allowance must be made for possible scaling errors in both the comparator and the gaging member of the single master system. The effect of scaling error increases in direct proportion to the span between the master and the point of measurement. For instance, if a measurement is made .0002" from the mastered dimension, a scale factor error of 5% would cause an error of 5% of the .0002" span or .000010"; if the span were extended to .001". this error would become .000050". An error allowance of 5% is a reasonable assumption considering that inaccuracies of manufacture and stability with age must be allowed for in both the gaging member and the comparator. For most applications, this is an acceptable level of accuracy. Users should be aware, however, that the use of a master that is well outside of the tolerance zone may lead to unacceptable errors in some applications.

Air Ring Gages

Air Ring styles Center-jet style air rings have gaging nozzles near the center of the body. Shoulder-jet style have jets near the leading edge of the bore. For both air rings and air probes, the best wear life is obtained by using thru-hole or center-jet styles when the application permits.





Shoulder type 3-Jet Air Ring

Center Jet type 2-Jet Air Ring

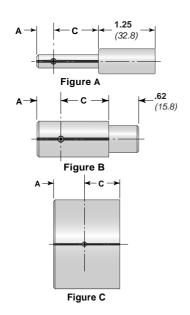
2 & 3 Jet Air Rings Air ring gages are often made with more than two interconnected air nozzles. Three-jet air rings are commonly specified when centerless ground parts are to be inspected. They will detect three lobe out-of-round conditions prevalent in centerless ground parts that are not detectable with two-point gaging methods (see illustration below). Adding additional jets provides direct display of average diameters.



Air C-Gages provide side access making them a convenient means to measure shaft O.D.'s while the workpiece is mounted on a grinder. Western's C-Gages feature carbide back stops and Kevlar reinforced nylon bumpers that prevent marking parts.

See pages 22 & 23 for specifications and order codes for Air Ring Gage, C-Gages & Accessories

Air Probe Dimensional Data - Dual Master - Series 10 - 50



Body clearances

Clearances for series 10 thru 50 air gage members are referenced to the maximum material condition of the feature to be inspected. Determine the body size of an air probe by subtracting the clearance value shown in the adjacent table from the minimum part size. For air ring gages, add the value shown to the maximum part size.

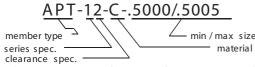
Clearance recommendations

Low clearance . . Class 1 -- for the highest accuracy applications such as select fitting of valve spools and sleeves where finishing tolerance is less than .00016" (4.1 µm).

Standard clearance . . Class 2 -- best for most applications. Members are furnished to this specification when no other specification is given.

Extra clearance . . Class 3 -- for applications requiring extra gaging range such as grinding and honing operations where sizing information is required before the final size is obtained.

Sample order code for Dual master air probes



(Air Probe Thru - Spec 12 - Chrome - Range)

AIR PROBE DIMENSIONAL DATA, Series 10, 40, & 50

Air probe body dimensions (inches / millimeters): Size Dimension A								
above -incl.	APT	APB	APS	Dim. C	Fitting	Figure		
. 059073 1.50 - 1.85	. 190 4.83	.080 2.03	.050 1.27	.625 15.88	#10-32 UNF	A		
. 073120 1.85 - 3.05	.190 4.83	.080 2.03	.050 1.27	.625 15.88	#10-32 UNF	Α		
.120183 3. <i>05 - 4.65</i>	.250 6.35	.085 2.16	.065 1.65	.750 19.05	.25-28 UNF	Α		
. 183300 4.65 - 7.62	.375 9.53	.095 2.41	.075 1.91	1.000 25.40	.25-28UNF	Α		
.300485 7.62 - 12.32	.440 11.18	.095 2.41	.075 1.91	1.000 25.40	#10-32 UNF	В		
. 485860 12.32 - 21.84	.500 12.70	.095 2.41	.075 1.91	1.000 25.40	.25-28 UNF	В		
.860 - 2.510 21.84 - 63.75	.750 19.05	.095 2.41	.075 1.91	1.000 <i>25.40</i>	.50-20 UNF	В		
2.510 - 5.865 63.75 - 148.97	.875 22.23	.105 2.67	.085 2.16	1.000 <i>25.40</i>	.50-20 UNF	С		
5.865 - 8.260 148.97 - 209.80	1.062 26.97	.125 3.17	.105 2.67	1.000 25.40	.50-20 UNF	С		

Air probe body clearances (inches / micrometers):

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Size above - incl.	Cle 1	earance cla	ass 3
. 059120 1.50 - 3.05	.00015 3.81	.0003 7.62	.0006 15.24
. 120183 3.05 - 4.65	.00015 3.81	.0004 10.16	.0008 20.32
.183540 4.65 - 13.72	. 0002 5.08	.0005 12.70	. 0010 25.40
.540 - 1.510 13.72 - 38.35	.0003 7.62	.0006 15.24	. 0012 30.48
1.510 - 3.010 38.35 - 76.45	.0004 10.16	.0008 20.32	.0014 35.56
3.010 - 4.510 76.45 - 114.55	.0005 12.62	.0009 22.86	.0018 <i>45.7</i> 2
4.510 - 6.510 114.55 - 165.40	.0007 17.78	. 0012 30.48	.0022 55.88

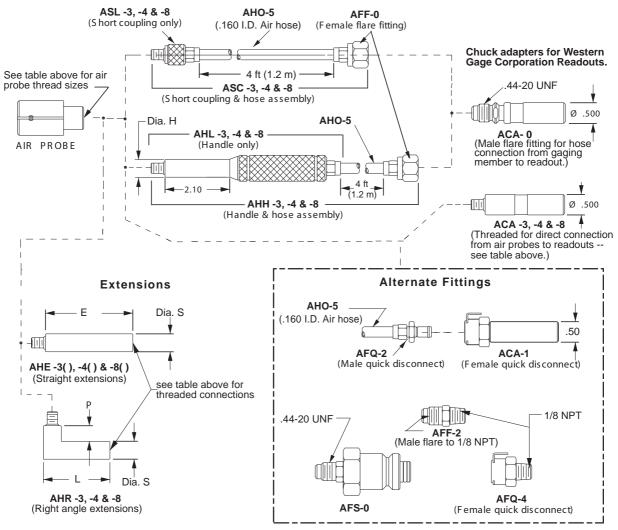
Standard jet diameters (inches / millimeters):

Size	Serie	s#
above-incl.	10 & 50	40
. 059073 1.50185	. 018 "	NA NA
. 073120	. 023"	NA
.185 - 3.05	.058	NA
. 120183	.042"	NA
3.05 - 4.65	1.07	NA
.183323	.047"	NA
4.65 - 8.20	1.19	NA
.323 - 9.26	.050"	.078 "
8.20 - 235.4	1.27	1.98

See pages 26 & 27 for more detail on specifying air probes

Accessories for Air Probe - Dual Master - Series 10 thru 50

AIR GAGE SIZE ABOVE-INCL	DASH NO.	THRE AD S IZE	HANDLE Dia. H	(EXTENSI Dia. S	ON DIMEN	NS IONS) P	(EXTENSION DIM E = 4 in.	PART NO.S) DIM E = 6 in.
.059120	-3	.19-32 UNF	.287"	.312"	1.62"	.38"	AHE-34	AHE-36
.120300	-4	.25-28 UNF	.437"	.437"	1.62"	.38"	AHE-44	AHE-46
.300485	-3	.19-32 UNF	.287"	.312"	1.62"	.38"	AHE-34	AHE-36
.485860	-4	.25-28 UNF	.437"	.437"	1.62"	.38"	AHE-44	AHE-46
.860-UP	-8	.50-20 UNF	.812"	.750"	1.75"	.25"	AHE-84	AHE-86



AIR PROBE ACCESSORIES, SERIES	10 THRU 50	
AHH-3 Handle & hose19-32 UNF AHH-4 Handle & hose25-28 UNF AHH-8 Handle & hose50-20 UNF AHL- 3 Handle only19-32 UNF AHL- 4 Handle only25-28 UNF AHL- 8 Handle only50-20 UNF AS C-3 Short coupl'g & hose19-32 UNF AS C-4 Short coupl'g & hose25-28 UNF AS C-8 Short coupl'g & hose50-20 UNF AS L-3 Short coupling only19-32 UNF AS L-3 Short coupling only19-32 UNF AS L-4 Short coupling only25-28 UNF AS L-8 Short coupling only50-20 UNF	AHE-34 Extension, 4 in19-32 UNF AHE-36 Extension, 6 in19-32 UNF AHE-44 Extension, 4 in25-28 UNF AHE-46 Extension, 6 in25-28 UNF AHE-84 Extension, 4 in50-20 UNF AHE-86 Extension, 6 in50-20 UNF AHR-3 Rt. Angle adapter19-32 UNF AHR-4 Rt. Angle adapter25-28 UNF AHR-8 Rt. Angle adapter50-20 UNF COMPARATOR FITTINGS ACA-0 Chuck adapter male flare ACA-1 Chuck adapter19-32 UNF	ACA-4 Chuck adapter

Air Probe Dimensional Data-Single Master - series 60 - 80

AIR PROBE DIMENSIONAL DATA, Series 60, 70, & 80

Air probe body dimensions	(inches / millimeters):
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Size above -incl.	Dii APT	mensio APB	n A APS	Dim. C	Figure	Available Series
. 059073 1.50 - 1.85	.190 4.83	.080 2.03	.050 1.27	.625 15.88	Α	70
. 073120 1.85 - 3.05	.190 4.83	.080 2.03	.050 <i>1.27</i>	.625 15.88	Α	70
. 12018 3.05 - 4.65	.250 6.35	.085 2.16	.065 1.65	.750 19.05	Α	60 & 70
. 183300 4.65 - 7.62	.375 9.53	.095 2.41	.075 1.91	1.000 <i>25.40</i>	Α	60 & 70
. 300485 7.62 - 12.32	.440 11.18	.095 2.41	.075 1.91	1.000 <i>25.40</i>	Α	.60, 70 & 8
. 485860 12.32 - 21.84	.500 12.70	.095 2.41	.075 1.91	1.000 <i>25.40</i>	В	.60, 70 & 80
.860 - 2.510 21.84 - 63.75	.750 19.05	.095 2.41	.075 1.91	1.000 25.40	В	60, 70 & 80
2.510 - 5.865 63.75 - 148.97	.875 22.23	.105 2.67	.085 2.16	1.000 25.40	С	60, 70 & 80
5.865 - 8.260 148.97 - 209.80	1.062 26.97	.125 3.17	.105 2.67	1.000 <i>25.40</i>	С	60 & 80

Air probe body clearances (inches / micrometers):

Size	Clearance class					
above - incl.	1	2	3	4	5	
.059120	.00015	.0003	.0004			
1.503.05	3.81	7.62	10.16			
.120183	.00015	.0003	.0004	.0006	.0010	
3.054.65	3.81	7.62	10.16	15.24	25.40	
.183246	.00015	.0003	.0005	.0008	.0018	
4.65 - 6.25	3.81	7.62	12.70	20.32	45.72	
.246300	.0002	.0004	.0006	.0010	.0022	
6.25 - 7.62	5.08	10.16	15.24	25.40	55.88	
.300485	.0002	.0004	.0006	.0012	.0026	
7.62 - 12.32	5.08	10.16	15.24	30.48	66.04	
.485540	.0003	.0004	.0007	.0014	.0030	
12.32 - 13.72	7.62	10.16	17.78	35.56	76.20	
.540 - 1.510	.0003	.0004	.0008	.0016	.0030	
13.72 - 38.35	7.62	10.16	20.32	40.64	76.20	
1.510 - 3.010		.0005	.0009	.0018	.0030	
38.35 <i>- 76.4</i> 5		12.70	22.86	45.72	76.20	
3.010 - 4.510		.0006	.0010	.0020	.0030	
76.45 - 114.55		15.24	25.40	50.80	76.20	
4.510 - 6.510			.0012	.0022	.0034	
114.55 - 165.40			30.48	55.88	86.36	

Jet data & fittings:

Series	Jet dia.	Fitting
60	.048	.375-32 UNEF
70	.023	.281-40 UNS
80	.094	.375-32 UNEF

¹ Ser. 60 not available in sizes below .120" (3.05mm).

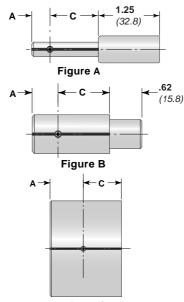


Figure C

Clearance recommendations Series 60 thru 80

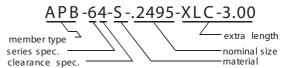
Clearance values for single mastered gaging members are referenced to the nominal master sizes. Users should pick clearances that allow the probe to enter the workpieces at their maximum material condition, and at the same time, not have excessive clearance at the minimum material condition. To determine the body size of a single master air probe, subtract the clearance value shown from the nominal master ring. For air ring gages, add the value shown to the nominal setting master.

Guide lines for clearances are as follows:

Product tolerance WGC specs. .00001"-.00012" (.2μ - 3μm) 62, 71 .00012"- .0004" (3μ - 10μm) 63, 72 .0004" - .0020" (10μ - 50μm) 64, 73 .0020" - .0040" (50μ -100μm) 65

Best accuracy will always be obtained with single mastered gages by mastering near the middle of the product tolerance.

Sample order code for Single master air probes



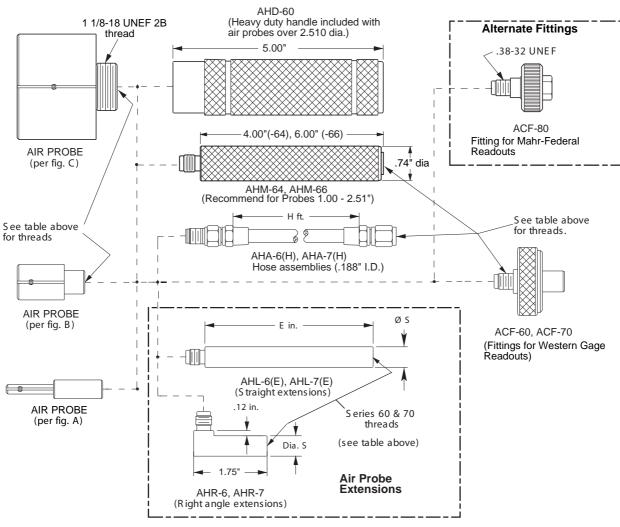
(Air Probe Blind - Spec 64 - Steel - Range - Extra Long dim. C = 3.00")

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² Ser. 80 not available in sizes below .360" (9.14mm).

Accessories for Air Probes - single Master - series 60 thru 80

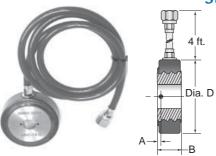
AIR GAGE	THREAD	Ø S	(HOSE ASSY	PART NO.S)	(PROBE I	EXTENTION PAF	RT NO.S)
SERIES	SIZE		DIM H = 3 ft.	DIM H = 5 ft.	DIM E = 2 in.	DIM E = 4 in.	DIM E = 6 in.
60	.38-32 UNEF	.485"	AHA-63	AHA-65	AHL-62	AHL-64	AHL-66
70	.28-40 UNS	.360"	AHA-73		AHL-72	AHL-74	
80	.38-32 UNEF	.485"	AHA-63	AHA-65	AHL-62	AHL-64	AHL-66



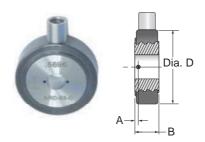
	AIR PROBE ACCESSORIES SERIES 60 THRU 80						
AHA-63 AHA-65 AHA-66 AHA-73 AHL-62 AHL-64 AHL-66 AHL-72 AHL-74 AHD-60 AHM-64 AHM-66	Hose ass'y, 6 ft38-32 UNEF Hose ass'y, 3 ft28-40 UNS Handle/ext., 2 in x .38-32 UNEF Handle/ext., 4 in x .38-32 UNEF Handle/ext., 6 in x .38-32 UNEF Handle/ext., 2 in x .28-40 UNS Handle/ext., 4 in x .28-40 UNS Heavy duty handle 6" x Ø 1.20"	ACF-60 ACF-70	Rt. Angle adapter, .38-32 UNEF Rt. Angle adapter, .28-40 UNS PARTS O-ring kit for series 60, 10 pcs O-ring kit for series 70, 10 pcs UT FITTINGS Fitting, use on: Milli Check, Micro Air - Ser.60 Fitting, use on: Milli Check, Micro Air - Ser.70 Fitting, use on Mahr-Federal Readouts				

Air Ring Gage Dimensional Data - Single & Dual master

See page 27 for Air Ring Gage order codes







Series 60 - 80 (Order hose separately -- see pg 21)

Dual Master Air Ring Dimensional data, Series 10 thru 50 Air ring gage body dimensions (inches / millimeters):

Size	Di	mension	n A			
above -incl	ARC	ARS	ARX	Dim. B	Dia. D	
. 061070* 1.55 - 1.78	.250 6.35	1.91		.500 12.70	1.73 43.94	
.070183 1.78 - 4.65	.281 7.14	.075 1.91		.562 14.27	1.73 43.94	
. 183300 4.65 - 7.62	.281 7.14	.095 2.41	.080 2.03	.562 14.27	1.85 46.99	
.300760 7.62 - 19.30	.375 9.53	.095 2.41	.080 2.03	.750 19.05	2.31 58.67	
.760 - 1.760 19.30 - 44.70	.500 12.70	.125 3.18	.085 2.16	1.000 25.40	3.31 84.07	
1.760 - 3.010 44.70 - 76.45	.560 14.22	.125 3.18	.085 2.16	1.120 28.45	4.62 117.35	
3.010 - 4.000 76.45 - 101.60	.625 15.88	.135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	5.87 149.10	
4.000 - 4.875 101.60 - 123.83	.625 15.88	.135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	6.87 174.50	
4.875 - 5.750 123.83 - 146.05	.625 15.88	.135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	7.87 199.90	
5.750 - 6.625 146.05- 168.28	.625 15.88	. 135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	8.87 225.50	
6.625 - 7.500 168.28- 190.50	.625 15.88	. 135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	9.87 250.70	

Series 10, 40 & 50 fittings: Air ring gages are furnished with 4 ft $\,$ (1.22 mm) hoses with .44-20 female flare fittings.

Single Master Air Ring Dimensional data, Series 60 thru 70

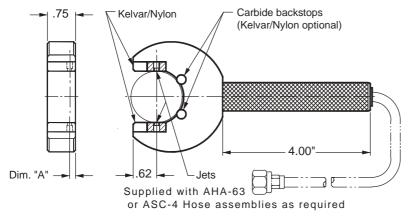
Air ring gage body dimensions (inches / millimeters):
Size Dimension A

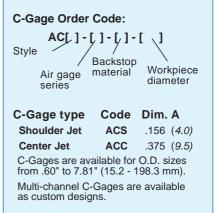
Size	וווט	iension i	A			
above -incl	ARC	ARS	ARX	Dim. B	Dia. D	
. 183300 4.65 - 7.62	.281 7.14	.095 2.41	.080 2.03	.562 14.27	1.85 46.99	
. 300760 7.62 - 19.30	. 375 9.53	.095 2.41	.080 2.03	.750 19.05	2.31 58.67	
.760 - 1.760 19.30 - 44.70	.500 12.70	.125 3.18	.085 2.16	1.000 <i>25.40</i>	3.31 84.07	
1.760 - 3.010 44.70 - 76.45	.560 14.22	. 125 3.18	.085 2.16	1.120 28.45	4.62 117.35	
3.010 - 4.000 76.45 - 101.60	.625 15.88	. 135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	5.87 149.10	
4.000 - 4.875 101.60 - 123.83	.625 15.88	. 135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	6.87 174.50	
4.875 - 5.750 123.83 - 146.05	.625 15.88	. 135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	7.87 199.90	
5.750 - 6.625 146.05 - 158.75	.625 15.88	. 135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	8.87 225.50	
6.625 - 7.500 168.28- 190.50	.625 15.88	. 135 3.43	.090 2.29	1.250 31.75	9.87 250.70	

Fittings:

Series: 60 & 80 .375-32 UNEF fitting (order hose separately). Series: 70 .281-40 UNS fitting (order hose separately).

Air C-Gage Dimensional Data - Single & Dual Master

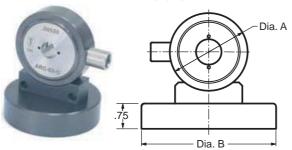




^{*} Air ring sizes .061 to .183 are available in 3 jet, carbide only.

Accessories for Air Ring Gages - Single & Dual Master

Base stands for air ring gages

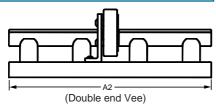


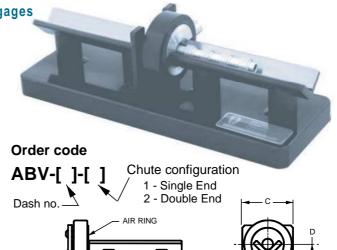
Order codes for base stands						
Code	Range	Dia. A	Dia. B			
ABA-0	.120183 (.3.05 - 4.65 mm)	1.73"	2.94"			
ABA-1	.183300 (4.65 - 7.62 mm)	1.85	2.94			
ABA-2	.300760 (7.62 - 19.30 mm)	2.31	3.94			
ABA-3	.760 - 1.760 (19.30 - 44.70 mm)	???	5.94			
ABA-4	1.760 -3.010 (44.70 - 76.45 mm)	4.63	5.94			
Requires factory drilled mounting holes in the air ring housing.						

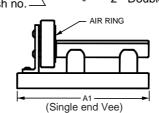
Vee type Guide Chutes for air ring gages

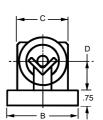
Air Ring Gage Guide Chutes provide convenient means of gaging long parts with interrupted external diameters such as valve spools. Chutes can be ordered as single end or double end .

Dash	Gaging	Dimensions				
No.	Range	A 1	A2	В	С	D
-1	.183300	5.66	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.09
-2	.300760	6.74	10.00	3.50	3.00	1.60
-3	.760-1.760	7.87	12.00	4.00	3.50	2.46
4	1.760-2.312	9.13	14.00	5.00	4.13	2.65
Requires factory modification of air ring housing.						





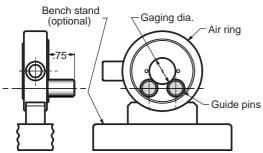


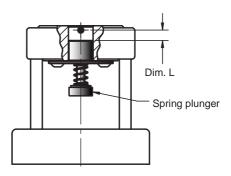


Guide pins & backstops



Guide pins can be added to an air ring gage to guide short parts. Consult factory for this modification.





Plunger backstops facilitate inspection of short parts such as bearing races. Factory installation is required, specify Dim. L when ordering the air ring gage. Base stand with standoffs is optional.