



Instruction Manual

Remote Contact Assembly (RCA)



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Do not use this instrument in any manner inconsistent with these operating instructions or under any conditions that exceed the environmental specifications stated.

WARNING: Making measurements in direct contact with rotating equipment can be dangerous. Keep all loose clothing and hair away from exposed moving machinery. Keep the hand holding the RCA well behind the front flange of the Remote Contact Assembly. Properly replace all the machinery guards after completing measurement. Do not use for rotation greater than 20,000 RPM. Not designed for continuous operation.



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1.0 OVERVIEW

The RCA is an accessory for measuring contact RPM, linear speeds or totalizing lengths. It needs to be plugged into a tachometer to be functional. It is supplied with two rubber contact tips (one concave and one convex) and a 10 cm linear wheel. An optional 12-inch linear wheel is available. When used with the **Monarch Pocket Laser Tach 200**, the unit outputs 12 pulses per revolution (PPR). The maximum operating range of the RCA is 20,000 RPM when used with a contact tip and 12,000 RPM when used with a linear wheel.

2.0 PREPARATION FOR MEASUREMENT

The RCA plugs into the 3.5 mm stereo input jack of the tachometer. Refer to the tachometer's operating instructions on how to set up the tachometer for contact measurement of speed, rate, or totalization.



2.1 Connection Detail

Connector pinouts are shown in Figure 1.

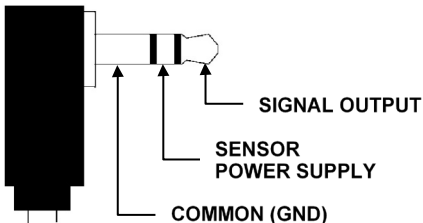
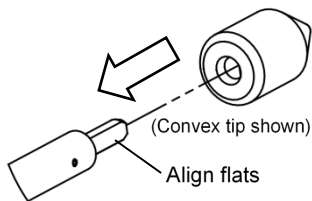


Figure 1 RCA Output Connector - Connection Detail

3.0 ROTATIONAL SPEED MEASUREMENTS

To measure rotational speed (RPM), select either a convex or concave rubber contact tip appropriate for the measurement to be made and install it firmly on the shaft of the RCA. Note that the shaft has a flat surface that must align with the flat in the rubber contact tips. The pointed convex (conical) tip is used for moderate to large diameter shafts that are equipped with a turned center, while the concave (inverted conical) tip is used on smaller diameter shafts. The circumference of the concave tip is 1.0 inch [2.54 cm].

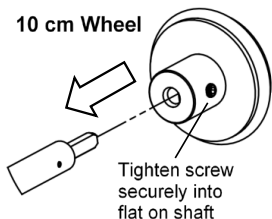


To make a measurement, start the rotating equipment and carefully move the contact tip against the center on the end of the rotating shaft. Keep the hand holding the RCA well behind the back edge of the front flange of the RCA. Use only a moderate amount of pressure to keep the rubber tip in contact with the rotating shaft.

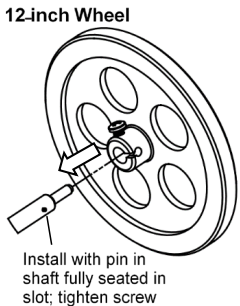
4.0 LINEAR MEASUREMENTS

Surface speed linear rate measurements are made with the Linear Speed Wheels which can read both directions of movement.

The 10 cm Linear Speed Wheel must be pushed back onto the shaft, aligning the flats. Secure it in position by firmly tightening the small machine screw on the wheel.



The optional 12-inch wheel also has a slot that must engage with the pin in the RCA shaft and a locking screw which must be tightened.



WARNING: Do not attempt to use either Linear Speed Wheel if the securing screw is not tight.

To measure a linear surface speed and/or total length such as a moving belt, roll or web, first select the Rate (Linear Contact) or Total mode on the tachometer and set the wheel size [10 cm or 12 in.]. Hold the RCA at a right angle (90 degrees) to the direction of movement and gently contact the rubber edge of the wheel against the belt or top surface of the object to be measured. For accurate results, be sure that the wheel edge

is held perpendicular (at 90°) to both the measurement plane and the direction of travel. Only a very moderate amount of pressure is required. Excess pressure can load the RCA shaft causing an erroneous reading and eventual wear in the bearings of the RCA.

5.0 ACCESSORIES

The RCA includes two rubber contact tips (concave and convex) and a 10 cm linear contact wheel.

Linear Contact Wheel [12 inches]

PN: 6580-011



Replacement Rubber Tips

Replacement rubber concave, convex tips
and 10 cm wheel

PN: 6580-010



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