



## CAM ANALYSIS MACHINE

**VDAS® TM102IV**

Benchtop apparatus and control and instrumentation unit, for studying the dynamic behaviour of different cams and followers and their 'bounce' speed.



SCREENSHOT OF THE VDAS® SOFTWARE



### KEY FEATURES

- Benchtop apparatus to analyse the dynamic characteristics of different cams and followers
- Illustrates cam and follower separation or 'cam bounce' under safe and controlled conditions
- Includes different cams, followers, springs and masses for a wide range of experiments
- Fully interlocked for safety
- Highly visual and audible, perfect for demonstrations
- Includes TecQuipment's VDAS® Onboard to capture data via USB and show live traces (on a computer screen, not included) of the follower movement, even at bounce

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## DESCRIPTION

The TM102IV is a comprehensive machine that allows students to study cams and followers. It shows how they convert rotary to linear motion, and helps students understand their limits of use before the onset of 'bounce'. It also introduces students to key topics of cam terminology such as 'nose', 'flank' and 'dwell'.

The main part of the product has a precision machined heavy steel base which holds a high-torque, direct-drive variable speed motor. The motor shaft connects through a coupling to the main shaft which then passes into the cam test area. Self-aligning, heavy-duty bearings support the shaft which has a substantial flywheel. The flywheel reduces speed variations as the torque demand changes during the cam rotation cycle. The cam under test fits to the end of the main shaft, accurately mounted both axially and radially to ensure repeatability.

The follower fits to the bottom of a vertical shaft running in low-friction linear bearings. TecQuipment include a tool for easy changeover of a choice of two followers. Students may also fit one of a choice of two compression springs and adjust their preload. These add to the mass of the follower and vertical shaft pushing the follower onto the cam face. Students may also add different masses (included) to alter the mass of the follower and thus the force applied to the cam. The selection of springs, followers and cams allow for a wide range of investigations.

Sensors on the main and vertical shafts measure angular position of the cam and vertical position of the follower (displacement or 'cam lift').

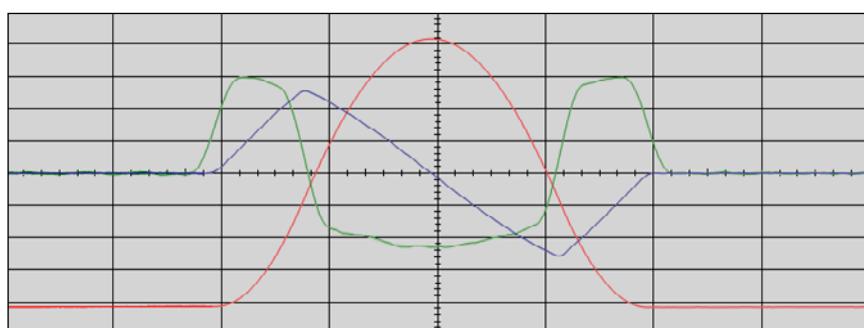
A key point of the design of the machine is safety while still allowing easy use. A fixed guard covers the shaft and flywheel. A hinged protective guard with electromechanical interlocks prevents users from touching any moving parts in the cam test area when in use. The guard opens only under safe conditions to allow students to change the cam, spring and follower.

A control and instrumentation unit allows students to vary the cam speed. This unit amplifies and conditions the signals of follower vertical position (displacement) and cam angular position. It also includes a microprocessor-controlled multiline display of cam speed in revolutions per minute, radians per second and rotational frequency in Hertz.

TecQuipment calibrates the conditioned signals of follower displacement and cam position to work with the Versatile Data Acquisition System, VDAS® Onboard. The unit connects directly to a suitable PC (not supplied) via a USB cable (supplied). VDAS® software produces live displays of the follower displacement against cam rotation. Uniquely, it also calculates and displays live plots of the first two derivatives of displacement: velocity and acceleration. The live plots alongside the characteristic 'bounce' sound allow students to find the speed at the point of cam bounce. They can then compare it to that found from simplified theory.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Comparing actual results with theory for profiles of follower displacement, acceleration and velocity
- Cam bounce speeds for different cam and follower combinations, and comparison of speeds to those predicted by simplified theory
- How spring rate, preload and follower mass affect cam bounce speed



VDAS® SOFTWARE SHOWING LIVE PLOTS OF DISPLACEMENT, VELOCITY AND ACCELERATION FOR CONVEX CAM WITH FLAT FOLLOWER

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## STANDARD FEATURES

- Supplied with comprehensive user guide
- Five-year warranty
- Manufactured in accordance with the latest European Union directives
- ISO9001 certified manufacturer

## ESSENTIAL SERVICES

### BENCH SPACE NEEDED:

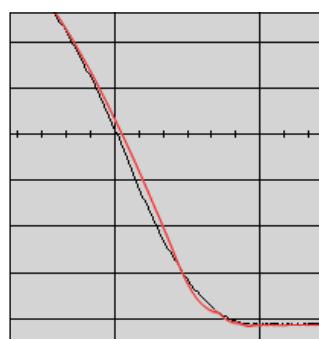
A strong, stable bench of 800 mm front to back and 1000 mm plus space nearby for a suitable PC (not supplied)

### ELECTRICAL SUPPLY: (SPECIFY ON ORDER)

Single Phase, 220 - 240 VAC, 50 / 60 Hz, 1.6 A

OR

Two Phase, 220 - 240 VAC, 50 / 60 Hz, 1.6 A



MAGNIFIED SCREENSHOT OF TRACE, SHOWING A REFERENCE DISPLACEMENT OF THE CAM RESPONSE AGAINST ACTUAL DISPLACEMENT JUST BEYOND BOUNCE SPEED.

## OPERATING CONDITIONS

### OPERATING ENVIRONMENT:

Laboratory environment

### STORAGE TEMPERATURE RANGE:

-25°C to +55°C (when packed for transport)

### OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGE:

+5°C to +40°C

### OPERATING RELATIVE HUMIDITY RANGE:

80% at temperatures < 31°C decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C

## SOUND LEVELS

Normally lower than 70 dB(A). However, during bounce experiments this equipment can produce sound levels greater than 80 dB(A) for a few seconds. TecQuipment recommend that you wear ear defenders if you are to complete all experiments.

## SPECIFICATIONS

TecQuipment is committed to a programme of continuous improvement; hence we reserve the right to alter the design and product specification without prior notice.

### NETT DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS:

Main unit: 360 mm wide x 750 mm front to back x 720 mm high and 100 kg

Control and instrumentation unit: 600 mm x 320 mm x 180 mm and 12.5 kg

Weight of additional parts (cams, masses, springs and tools): 6 kg

### PACKED DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT (TOTAL):

0.5 m<sup>3</sup> and 150 kg

### MASSES AND SPRINGS:

Five x 400 g masses and 2 compression springs

### CAMS:

2 convex (of different shape), 1 concave, 1 tangent

### FOLLOWERS:

1 roller, 1 flat face

### TOOLS:

Spanners and a hexagon tool to fit the cams, springs and followers. Grease to lubricate the cam surface.